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WITH BRITISH FORCES IN IRAQ

Road sign in Iraq, the R.A.F. signpost at Habbaniya tells you are nearer Baghdad than London. This hot spot, bordering the flood water of the Euthretes River was the scene of the treacherous attack made by Rashid Ali and his rebels against the aerodrome. Supported by German aircraft, an attempt was made to release the flood waters by blowing up the dyke and so swamp flat plains. Outside Habbaniya Arab soldiers inspect the remains of a rebel supply column bombed by our planes. Soon after the attack on the dyke the Iraqi prisoners are set to work repairing the damage. The Nazi inspired disturbance in Iraq results in us pressing on with all speed to Baghdad. Loyal members of the Iraq Army help to crush the attempted Coup D'Etat by the "Quisling" Rashid Ali. Now with his loyal ministers the Regent of Iraq guards his country against a further stab in the back.