

NEWSBRIEFS:

The Keys of Gibraltar are handed to the new acting Governor. Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Collins, who replaces General Lord Gort, now Governor of Malta. An inspection of the Rock's defences are naturally early on the Admiral's list of engagements. Certain Military visitors (among them Polish and Free French Generals), are escorted round the fortress' gun-emplacements which, so far as we're concerned) can not come within the range of the camera.

Another change of Command concerns the Free French Navy. With the resignation of Admiral Muselier for reasons of health from the command of the Fighting French Navy, Rear Admiral Auboyneau (lately in charge of Naval Units in the Pacific) becomes the new Naval Chief of the Free French. Admiral Auboyneau is 41, and as Naval Commander in Chief will receive the same loyal support as his predecessor.

And now over to Northern Ireland, where General Brooke, Chief of the Imperial General Staff meets in consultation with General Hartle, chief of the American Expeditionary Force and General Franklin, Commander-in-Chief British Forces in Northern Ireland.

The occasion affords General Brooke an opportunity to see American troops perfecting themselves in their duties. At a signal depot, the General makes a close inspection of a Radio Communication post before continuing his tour in an American "Jeep". A seemingly commonplace meeting of Allied Generals; but who's to say that this same visit is not the start of something out of the ordinary.