

ALL ROADS TO EL ALAMEIN.

Before the battle of Libya dissolved itself into the Battle of Egypt, work on the El Alamein line was pressed forward. Giant excavators were set to work scooping up the desert sand, as the fortified positions were strengthened to call a halt to Rommel's advance. El Alamein, 65 miles from Alexandria, became the focal point of resistance. West of the sorely pressed divisions of our 8th Army, under cover of stubborn rearguard actions, were filtering back. These were men of the gallant 50th who, by a daring manoeuvre, fought their way ^{back} through enemy lines and arrived at their rendezvous practically intact.

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And here is the man upon whom all eyes are turned at this critical period in the Middle East. General Auchinleck assumed command of the Eighth Army, taking up his quarters in a mobile office personally to direct operations. With stubborn and resolute determination to come out fighting for the next round, his men set to work with stout hearts to prepare for the approaching clash of arms. Under a blazing Egyptian sun they toiled, making ready for the battle for El Alamein.

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Column
Here now is some idea of the strength of our supply columns moving on to new positions. All that we lost had to be made good, and more. By splendid co-operation, the R.A.F. sees to it that the enemy does not get the opportunity of interfering with such movements. All the time fighters and patrol planes zoom overhead, sometimes barely skimming the tops of the lorries, while high in the skies squadrons are flying to intercept enemy planes that may be hiding in the clouds. Two way traffic