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LATEST PICTURES FROM THE WESTERN DESERT.

"A lull in the fighting in Egypt". That is the report as we go to Press, but goodness knows if it will be true by the time you see these pictures....However, before the lull there was plenty of activity, and these scenes from our cameraman on the spot, will give you a slight idea of the marvellous spirit of the men, who have forced Rommel back on the defensive. Along the roadside Arabs offered our lads grapes and other fruit. If you've never tasted a grape while driving on a dusty road you have missed one of the exquisite things in life.

Very soon we come to the battlefield. Away in the distance mechanised armies are locked in deadly combat, while our gunners pound away at the enemy's lines in the rear, and paralyse his communications. In this particular sector, British, Australian and New Zealand troops are engaged in driving back Germans and Italians from positions they secured at tremendous cost.

The R.A.F. co-operating with the ground forces achieved successes all along the line. Our air superiority had a marked effect on the state of affairs before the lull.

Plenty of prisoners were taken. This batch fell to the Australians and are the first bag of Ities taken by the Aussies in this area. They're not much of a catch, but they're that number less in the fight. When the Diggers left the Desert they received a warm welcome from the Tommies. Hearty greetings from old pals. If you ever had any doubt as to the spirit of the men out there, these scenes of re-union should satisfy you.