

THE WAR IN TUNISIA.

The opening chapters of the Tunisia Campaign. First pictures to arrive showing the early stages of events in the SEDJENANE-MATEUR front. The one-horse town of SEDJENANE becomes a halting place for Commandos who have seen some stiff fighting in this sector South of Bizerta. A distribution of replacement kit following a lively set-to with a strongly installed enemy.

Back of the line, on the outskirts of Tebourba, special detachments of the Fighting French Commandos, indulge in a little luxury, after an equally luxurious moment when they made good use of some playful weapons - an American Cosh and a rib-tickling raiding knife.

May this commentator be excused if he refers here, at a seemingly appropriate moment, to Herr General Nehring, the Nazi Commander. It is he who has to watch the line, along which the Allied train is travelling. Part of that mountainous track is pitted with slit trenches and machine-gun posts, in which Allied Troops are consolidated. Things look quiet at the moment, but this sector near Mateur was no picnic ground.

We lost a lot of men here during that initial period when the position looked and was serious. It is still reasonable to say that this vital section of North Africa is a tough nut to crack.

It was largely the unpreventable lack of air support which made things shape dangerously like another Crete. Kesselrings fighters and dive-bombers made full use of the aerodromes which we lacked. The R.A.F. strained every nerve to provide that indispensable air umbrella. The gaining of mastery in the air is still very much a major issue in

Tunisia. Along the banks of the River MEDJERBA at MEDJEZ-EL-BAB, anti-aircraft gun posts were constantly called upon to counter the dive-bomber menace.

Three Boston Hedge-hopping their way back to base from a raid on the German positions.

The most gratifying sight to our men was the appearance overhead of "Lightnings" the newest fighters from the Lockheed factories.

There never was any question of let-down, it was sheer hard slogging to even-up the balance of air power.

In the midst of those Rolling hills and valleys a battle for Tebourba is being fought. Tunisia is little smaller than England in size, but so far it is the Northern end on which the eyes of the world are focused.

Will Tunis be destroyed like ancient Carthage?