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THE TUNISIA FRONT.

Prelude to the Battle of the Mareth Line. The restless business of supply; the massing of stores and equipment. The 8th Army prepares for another glorious feat of strength and strategy; another brilliant conquest. Progress is governed by the maintenance of supplies. Behind the spearhead of attack, is the R.A.S.C. filling the dumps with ammunition brought by road and sea; with petrol (thousands upon thousands of gallons) for the tanks and lorries with their insatiable thirst.

Looking after thirsts is a NAAFI job too. (I don't mind if I do)

An anti-tank battery versus a flock of German Mark 3 specials. The gunners were responsible for knocking out five and turning back the others. Here's a direct hit on one of the tanks which credited the gunner with a score of two and a half kills.

The mounting of terrific air support had a decisive effect on the battle. Bostons return from pounding the Mareth Line.

Hull down behind natural cover, 25 pounders mounted on Valentine's supply the answer to the call for more fast moving artillery.

You've seen such men as these before, braving enemy mortar fire to sweep the mines from the path of our advance. To remove these favoured weapons of the Afrika Corps, they call in the Royal Engineers. Brave men who let through their comrades moving forward to prise out the Germans and Italians at the point of the bayonet. The tanks give the Infantry a lift.

The story of these bayonet charges has yet to be fully told, but we're going to show you one which the Gurkhas carried out west of Medinine. These sturdy little hill men went over the top brandishing their deadly kukris. When they got among the enemy the Gurkhas cut them to pieces.

Stuka dive bombers over Metamour. A Luftwaffe attempt to stem the tide.

Here's another job for the engineers. Enemy tanks in which have been knocked out are still valuable; they can be recovered at night and taken back to workshops. Within sight of the enemy, two Sappers make a dash for the tank, carrying explosive charges to blow the German Mark 4 into the nearest salvage dump. Now watch what happens.

Just outside Four Tathouine we meet up with one of the first outposts of the Mareth Line. A concrete and steel blockhouse communicating with the main fortifications West. Part of the African Maginot Line

which proved as short lived as the other French underground fortress did in 1940. The outflanking attack at El Hamma compelled Rommel to beat a hasty retreat from it.

Monty visits the Gurkhas. The old firm has done it again, and all units of the 8th army receive the Commander in Chief's thanks.

Thinking of Rommel's neck, General?