## BARDIA OPENED WAY TO BENGHAZI

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After the Italian garrison had surrendered Bardia RAF pilots had a low-level wiew of the important town they had helped to capture. On the heels of Paramount's report of the fall of the port come these further pictures of the mopping-up. We hasten to asknowledge our debt to the RAF by whose co-operation we receive these pictures in so short a time. Paramount cameraman F.W. Bayliss now sends a further graphic despatch.

Up with an RAF plane outside the town our cameraman saw scores of Italian tanks lying where they had been wrecked. The desert was strewn with enemy transport - some hit by shell-fire, some abandoned when the Italians gave up the fight.

In our last dispatch, our pictures showed thousands upon thousands of prisoners which the captive army continues to swell. From the air it looks like a swarm of bees. We have almost ceased to marvel at the immense number of men General Wavell's army has taken prisoner. As these pictures reach us Derna, the port beyond Tobruk, has fallen and the way is open to Benghazi itself. The toll of prisoners has increased, until effective resistance by Graziani's unfortunate successor would seem out of the question.

(BRIDGE) The unending line crossed a river-bed, dry for the most part of the year, while from the hillsides where they had taken refuge came hundreds of Italian soldiers, hastening to surrender. Their march was nearly at an end. It is out of the question to keep a great army of prisoners in Libya or Egypt so like others captured before them these men were shipped overseas. It speaks volumes for Britain's unassailable command of Mediterranean waters that such an operation was possible. As Bardia has a harbour, one of the few in Libya, the prisoners embarked on the spot.

Wounded captives received all possible care.

(PLANES) There was no rest for the RAF. From their advanced bases the squadrons took off, to drive any remaining enemy aircraft out of the sky.

Far below them British tanks were on the move towards Derna. Quickly as these pictures have come to England the march of events has outpaced them. General Wavell has paid no heed to cautious advisers who besought him to go slow. He knew he had the enemy on the run, and like a great general he knows that it would be folly to give the Italians time to recover.

Behind the tanks march the infantry, spaced out for protection against air attack continuing the long pursuit of their retreating enemy. In a short time General Wavell has converted a hazardous situation into an outstanding triumph. Complete defeat faces the enemy in Libya.