

MIDDLE EAST CRISIS TESTS OUR LEADERS.

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All eyes are turned on Greece. A Paramount cameraman sends these pictures of British ships unloading war equipment at a Greek port. The vessels were bombed in convoy, but they won through with the war material so urgently needed on this front. Taking a long view the Balkan campaign may not decisively affect the war either way; but aid to Greece is the instinctive British action. We recognise a gallant comrade-in-arms. The Greeks defeated one invader.

(CU SOLDIER) If we can fling back the Germans, Nazi prestige will be deflated: and it is by his prestige that Hitler more than half wins his battles before a shot is fired.

First pictures of the assault of Keren come from Paramount cameraman, up with the advance forces, in the conquest of Eritrea.

Our shells burst among the mountains round the fortress as General Platt launched his final blow, and then the mechanised artillery moved up behind the victorious infantry. Keren stands amid peaks 8,000 feet high, and our army achieved miracles in moving guns and equipment. The enemy blocked the road at many points as he fell back. He also tried to demolish the railway. As he only half did the job Indian troops soon had the line repaired, and the roads cleared. The transport went through.

(GV EQUIPMENT) When the white flag fluttered from the fortress General Platt's army moved in. Keren yielded 15-hundred prisoners. Of the captured booty the least impressive part was the field-guns-mostly old-type weapons, some even without recoil mechanism.

Some of the tanks were disabled - a tribute to good British shooting. From Keren our army rapidly advanced to Asmara, the capital, and Eritrea was conquered. British troops can now be released to fight elsewhere.

With Mr. Eden in Cairo were General Dill, Admiral Cunningham, Air Marshal Longmore and General Wavell.

We look to General Wavell to restore our fortunes.

To Admiral Cunningham, for new triumphs at sea,

General Sir Thomas Blamey is the Australian G.O.C.

Mr. Eden voiced the views of all.
