

BEFORE AND AFTER CRETE.

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These are the first pictures received in London in connection with the action in Crete; on board one of our aircraft-carriers engaged in <sup>attacking</sup> German air bases in Greece. It isn't to be expected that any of us can view these scenes with much enthusiasm; we can only say that as far as the men were concerned they performed their supremely difficult task with skill and courage. For them, no praise can be too high. We all know the story only too well; how the Luftwaffe based on Greek aerodromes was able to attack with hardly any interference from British fighters; it's one of our many setbacks in this war ~~we~~ we can only hope we shall profit by the lesson. It was another evacuation --- and once again we have to thank the Navy for getting so many gallant soldiers away from a hopeless battle. ~~But~~

~~These are the New Zealanders:~~ a tribute to the ~~magnificent efforts~~ <sup>of the New Zealanders</sup> has been paid by the New Zealand Premier, Mr. Peter Fraser. <sup>Yes</sup> Their defence of the island is an immortal story. It must have taken superhuman courage to go on fighting as they did in the face of incessant dive-bombing and machine-gunning from the air. A special word should be said of the Maori troops who fought throughout like the heroes of an ancient legend. To sum up, we have recorded a short speech by Brigadier General Inglis, who took part in the twelve-day action.