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FROM THE SOUTHERN FRONT.

The Battleground of Italy - General Montgomery's Southern front. While the main actions were taking place at Taranto, Naples, Salerno and wherever the Germans were concentrating in force, the invaded Italian 'foot' was being swept by the 5th Army.

A Naval motor launch tow General Montgomery's amphibious vehicle across the Straits. Monty is on his way to set up his Headquarters on the mainland. His pennant flies from the masthead.

Lifting of censorship now enables us to show you further pictures taken at the start of operations on Sicily. Based on security grounds, they reveal part of the ordeal our landing forces went through. There were some grim moments when high flying enemy bombers registered hits on a few of our ships. Newsreel cameras record one of the most spectacular war scenes ever filmed.

Returning to Italy we see how the Luftwaffe tried in vain to dislocate our landings. Heavy anti-aircraft fire spoiling their run-in on the target and causing the bombs to fall wide.

One of our giant landing craft disgorges more British and Canadians. Men who are now sweeping up from the South to come to grips with General Montgomery's old enemy Rommel and his Nazi Divisions in the North. Italy may technically be out of the war, but the war is definitely not out of Italy.