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8th ARMY NEWS.

Generals Montgomery, Brooke and Alexander arrive at New Zealand Divisional Headquarters in Italy. It was great news to learn of the return of the 2nd New Zealand Division to the Empire fold of the 8th Army. Met by General Freyberg the New Zealanders Commander-in-Chief, they inspected a batch of German prisoners which had just been brought in.

General Freyberg introduces his Staff Officers as the party prepares to move on to Canadian Headquarters. The old 8th is a real British stronghold.

Only recently two men from the United Kingdom found their way back into our lines (held by the Indians) after a long stretch of captivity. Wearing borrowed civilian clothes, they are Corporal Cush of Barrow-in-Furness (King's Own Royal Regiment) captured near Tobruk and in enemy hands for 18 months, and Private Restance of Birmingham (No. 6. Commandos) captured in Tunisia and a prisoners for 10 months. They both made good their escape in time for Christmas. When asked what he had eaten when a prisoner Restance replied - "Macaroni and more Macaroni - I've got more pipes inside me than a Cinema Organ".

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Among the destroyers was a Norwegian ship "STORD". Her first action with the enemy - but what was a first. She steamed ahead of the Scharnhorst with three British Destroyers and attacked with torpedoes under the heavy guns of the enemy.

Pictures of all the vessels engaged are not available, but we return to the Cruiser JAMAICA to present pictures of the five torpedo boats who were in at the kill. They share that honour with their contemporaries on other ships. The Flagship DUKE OF YORK. By brilliant leadership Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser set the seal to a great Naval victory. We salute the victor of the Battle of the North Cape.

Slight damage to the Duke of York's masthead was sustained in the action. At a Northern British Port some of the few German survivors are brought ashore. Last quoted figures announce 36 men rescued out of an approximate complement of over fourteen hundred. The remainder went down with their ship.

Gun crews of the DUKE OF YORK. Men who stopped the SCHARNHORST and made her helpless with shattering broadsides. Would that we could pay full tribute to every ship employed. A victory to the crews who fought them and the men who built them.