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SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED OFFICER.

British troops seal off the Arab Town in Port Said to search for 2/Lieut. Anthony Moorhouse, the 21-year-old officer of the West Yorkshire Regiment who was kidnapped by the Egyptians. While tanks patrol the streets, infantry search every house. Mr. Moorhouse was responsible for the capture of several Egyptian commandos, and he was questioning a black-marketeer when he was forced into a car at pistol-point.

Patrols enter every door in the Arab Town, whether it is open or locked. Meanwhile, every male Egyptian in the area, from 15 years old upwards, is rounded up for questioning. No one admits having seen the actual kidnaping except a ten-year-old Egyptian boy, but the kidnap car was found abandoned two miles away, and it yielded several clues which may implicate one of these arrested suspects.

The Army doubts whether Mr. Moorhouse can have been smuggled outside the Allied perimeter, though reports has reached the Egyptian Governor of Port Said that he has been taken to the Nile Delta. Within the British-held zone, the search goes on hour by hour. Both the British command, and the Egyptian police in the city, are anxious to prevent the tension developing into an ugly situation; and the British search proves how real that danger is, for among its discoveries are hoards of arms and ammunition.

The Army has demanded Mr. Moorhouse's release. If this demand fails, what can the Army do? Quite a lot. Britain holds over 200 Egyptian prisoners - and there are hints they may have to leave with the withdrawing forces unless Mr. Moorhouse is freed.