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MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA

It's a Red Letter day in South African history, for the Director General of war supplies is handing over to the military authorities the first howitzers built entirely in the Union. The guard is changed as the Army takes into its charge guns made by South African craftsmen from South African steel. In the early days of the war it was not intended that the country should make its own guns, but the necessity arose and the workers of the Union home front responded magnificently. All that is best in ingenuity and resourcefulness was put into the work of manufacture, and today the finished article is already in action, as Mussolini's minions know to their cost. History in the making. South African made guns, for the first time, fire South African made shells.