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LITTER IN LIBYA

Signs of the hasty retreat by Messrs Rommel and Company. Littering the plains around Libyan Omar, tons of German and Italian Automatic weapons, rifles and guns which have now fallen into our hands. A strange collection ranging from Grenades to a set of chessmen, and a bit of bunting to a biscuit. A man might be able to stomach that, but blimey not this.

A destroyed German Naval Gun is also an interesting souvenir of the voyage across the desert, where many of the passengers are German and Italian Prisoners captured in battle. More litter destined for Prisoner-of-war camps in Egypt.

The railway station at Cairo now echoes to the sound of Nazi and Italian tourists being bundled out of barracks. Passing the Internationally famous Shepherds Hotel, the long column moves on to a safe lock-up.

But besides tidying up the desert we're making an awful mess of a lot of it. The guns of His Majesty's ships had a big share in the destruction of Nazi Columns. Their supply bases were blockaded, and any Axis Ship which ventured out had a poor chance of reaching its destination. The Navy is Master in the Mediterranean.

The Libyan Coastline is no health resort for the Axis. Day and night, bombardments supply plenty of sea shells on the sea shore.

Support from the Sea and support from the air. Senior Service and Junior Service give our victorious armies of the Nile magnificent assistance. The R.A.F. is junior only in age. The smashing blows they are inflicting are heavy, and come with the full force of a strong and able partner in the Battle of Libya.

For the most part the lads in these pictures are ~~the~~ Empire Air-Scheme Trainees, now veterans of war. A fine family of young men from Australia, and South Africa.

This Squadron Leader is an Aussie. As a matter of fact a high percentage of the air teams over there hail from the Commonwealth. A genuine human story concerns the observer, another dinkum Aussie. As the plane is about to set off on a bit of Nazi Strafing, he receives some really handsome news from back home. He's a father of twins, announced like this because there's no code number for Twins. Boy oh boy, Yes, two boys, and two good reasons why the raid is going to be a big success.

Blenheims and Marylands with a fighter escort of Tomahawks off on the job of strafing the liver and lights out of Rommel's Afrika Corps.

Libya has shown us conclusively that, given full support from the air, we can take on any battle with ~~magnificent~~ confidence. In the African achievement we established mastery of the air. We've got to have that mastery on every front.

Total annihilation of the Axis Divisions is our keynote. Britain's men with wings are sharing nobly in that infinitely pleasant duty.