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PICTURE REPORTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST.

No praise can be too high for the men of Army Signals. Lines of communication as they know them mean miles of wire and cables. Slender but vital threads that must be maintained intact all the time during battle. The work of the Royal Corps of Signals forms the pulse of all operations: Work which carries them into the danger zone where frequently lines have to be laid or repaired under heavy shellfire. No dugouts to scurry into when the shells begin to fall - they get on with the job and think about escape afterwards.

Recent successful desert operations between the Army and R.A.F. have been ~~largely~~ largely due to the fine work of the lineamen. Field telephones get busy. A call for immediate air support to cover an infantry attack. A network of inter-communicating telephone channels and radio contact points are working behind this scene, as the fighter planes set off in a swirl of dust.

Zero hour comes and our infantry advance towards the enemy positions through smoke screens.

A combined attack which reaped a rich reward in prisoners. Italian soldiers showing signs of having spent uncomfortable months in the desert. Their capture was brought about in no small measure by the men who maintain communications over the sandy wastes of Egypt.