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knowledge that we had behind us the Egyptian Army as a solid base for our operations. You need such a solid base when you are fighting, because you feel confident and sure of yourself if you have it; but if you fail to have it, then you are bound to feel restless and insecure."

Both Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden have hailed the important part played by the Egyptian Army during the last war.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

The recent Israeli Embassy statement referred to in your article of Nov. 14, "Israeli Arms Decision Based on United States Strategy," mentions two points that need correction and clarification.

The Israeli Embassy claims in that statement that during the Second World War the Arab countries "took no part in the struggle against Germany." In this respect I may mention that Egypt put at the disposal of the Allies her airports, her harbors and her railroads. Egypt supplied food materials for all Allied troops stationed in that area during the war.

An official letter, addressed in 1942 by the British over-all area commander to the Egyptian Army officer in command of some 8,000 Egyptian troops who were allotted to the defense of the Suez Canal, had this to say: "By your defense of the canal you have made it possible for us to allot to other areas a large number of British troops who would have been retained in this area."

Field Marshal Montgomery, as recently as Oct. 24 of this year, made the following statement: "We entered the battle of Alamein in the full

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