

REPAIRING DEMOLITIONS IN ITALY.

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This is an example of the work the Germans do in a port in Italy before retreating: it is Civitavecchia --- and it is part of the enemy technique in hampering the Allies' advance.

Everywhere this chaos is found --- and it has to be put straight before the benefit of new facilities can be felt. The Allies are superbly equipped with up-to-date machinery --- and their engineers and reconstruction units are working miracles. They have to

Now another side of the war in Italy --- the offensive fighting. P.47 Thunderbolts have bombs and guns --- and they leave an airfield in Italy for a normal day's work.

Peeling off, they hurl their bombs on German communications on a strategic highway.

The bombs have done their work --- and the guns take over against communications on land and water.

For ^{nearly} five years the Allies have fought for air superiority. Now --- given good enough weather --- the Air Forces are beginning where the Luftwaffe left off.

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