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ALLIES PUSH ON IN ITALY.

Air Force pictures reveal scenes of devastation in and around the Italian City of BENEVENTO. It was once a strong point in the German line between Naples and the vital airfields of Foggia. Made an important centre of German resistance, BENEVENTO became a battleground for bomb and shell. Many big factories are included in the ruins to which Italians are now returning.

A glance at the shattered railway yards with their tangle of steel before we move into Naples through which rumble reinforcements for the 5th Army. The ornate looking hearse is one of many which have been kept busy in a city which knew many German atrocities.

Nazi wounded are brought back from the front line in company with a number of German prisoners.

Mounted troops of an American division move out for reconnaissance in the hills. Cavalry has come into its own again where motor vehicles cannot operate. In the mountain ridges of the Appennines, Allied artillery prepare the way for another forward move. Small villages in the valleys and along the mountainous spine of Italy often tend to become local points of sharp attack.

Nearly every report coming through from Italy tells of difficulties imposed by the break in the weather. Heavy rains have turned roads into bogs which transport vehicles have churned up. The old P.B.I. falls for it every time. Stone the crows, you can't have a war without mud.

Returning villagers re-enter the ruins of BOJANO. After retiring into the hills to escape the tide of battle which has passed through and over their village, the few war weary inhabitants return to all that bombs shells and German looters have left of their homes. There are many many people in this country who know that it is to see their homes scattered across the road, and wondering if there's any value in a heap of bricks.

The Germans passed this way. There are lots of other towns and villages further North which will suffer the same.