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BY PIPE-LINE TO THE FRONT.

Introduction to this story of how petrol and oil are fed to many mechanised units in the Italian front-line, is to be found in these pictures of the 'out-of-date' method whereby every gallon was slung ashore in drums and tins. This slow and laborious method has now been superseded by a new engineering development. Today as Tankers come alongside, a pipe line is connected from ship to shore and the petrol pumped through to bulk storage which may be many miles distant: from quayside to the front line via a system of pipes and booster pumps capable of transmitting some 700 tons of petrol a day.

The cross-country track which, every time the front advanced, was pushed forward another stage. The life-blood of tanks and vehicles flowing right up to the battle area. An Engineering Construction Company drove the pipe line overland, negotiating streams and rivers in a masterful project which extended at the rate of seven and a half miles a day.

Journey's end for the pipe line we have followed, is a skilfully camouflaged storage tank, where the tanks connect with the tankers.