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MALTA CAN TAKE IT.

The colourful island of Malta which in other times was a happy hunting ground for holiday cruises and ocean going liners, is now gallantly living up to Disraeli's description - "the little Military nothense". Her streets now echo to the terrific gunfire put up by the anti-aircraft defenses, and the scream and crash of bombs, as Italian and German aircraft attack the mighty atom of the Mediterranean. Headquarters of the British Mediterranean Fleet, Malta is a powerful strong hold and is giving a magnificent account of herself. Up to the present the British dependency has stoutly withstood well over 500 air raids.

From their shelters (many hewn out of solid rock), the heroic Maltese emerge to survey the wreckage of their houses and buildings. This is Culture according to the Beast of Berlin and the Jackal of Rome.

The ninety-five square mile Island Fortress has suffered much, but she can take and, by heaven, she can hit back.

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