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THE FIFTH FORGES AHEAD.

Close camera contact with a company of American Rangers in Italy takes us into the wooded hill country round ALTISSIMO, where these hardy men who are capable of living and fighting on the smell of an oiled rag, are engaged in cat and mouse skirmishes and patrol clashes. These Rangers recently probed behind the enemy lines carrying out valuable reconnaissance and inflicting severe dislocation in the German rear.

Mortars of all calibres are admirably suited to this kind of terrain. The Rangers bring their small projectors to bear on the hills which are also being pounded by the heavier three inch mortars of a British infantry battalion.

Following up the bombardment of the hillside, the Rangers rush the heavily pounded Nazi hide outs, and ~~eighteen~~ another few yards of German-held Italy is clipped off the map.

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Another battle of the VOLTURNO RIVER is raging..... This time it's against wind and rain. Blowing at gale force and with the swollen stream whipped into a rushing cataract, the VOLTURNO defies the efforts of American Engineers to keep their pentecost bridges intact. Already two have been swept away, and now its a fight to save the third.

Steel sections have been added to strengthen the bridge, but the rising water is too much for it and away it goes, swept down stream as if made from cardboard.

Just one of those things that make an engineer's life an uneasy one.

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