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BATTLE IN ORTONA.

The Adriatic Port of Ortona falls to Canadians of the 8th Army. Tank support is given to the Infantry engaged in mopping up machine gun posts.

The fight for Ortona turned out to be one of the stiffest battles of the whole Mediterranean war. The town itself was reduced to ruins. The Germans had resorted to their favourite trick of concealing innumerable booby traps among the shattered buildings. The Canadians applied all their skill in street and house to house fighting which became so intense that it frequently developed into floor to floor combat.

A six-pounder planted in one of the Streets hammers away at a point of stubborn resistance.

In the midst of all this, Red Cross Orderlies tend the wounded, bringing injured men out of the fierce heat of the Ortona battle. Sherman tanks are sent in. The German delaying action has been crushed, their main force falling back on Pescara.

Step by step the 8th Army (Commanded by General Leeser, General Montgomery's successor,) moves up the map of Italy.