NAZI RAID ON BARI.

Cemsor clearance now releases these pictures of a damaging raid made by enemy aircraft on the Port of Bari on the Italian Adriatic Coast. A low level night attack which claimed a thousand casualties. The heavy death tolk was caused by the explosion of two ammunition ships hit by German bombs. In all, 17 Allied ships were lost in the disaster. Flames spread through the docks in an uncontrolled blaze. Aviation spirit and high explosives causing one of the worst disasters since Pearl Harbour.

Most of the shipping, whose carge was to supply the 8th Army, was destroyed by two separate blasts from the exploding ammunition ships. Some of the vessels remained burning for a week. The disaster precipated an immediate enquiry into the ineffective defences covering the port.