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PLOESTI OIL FIELDS DEVASTATED

American bombers over Ploesti. This is one of the raids which almost completely wiped out the huge oil fields before Rumania finally broke away from Germany. These Axis-made films..... recently seized by the United States 15th Air Force....show the tremendous fires started in the attacks.

German-helmeted firefighters battle vainly against blazes raging for miles, in oil-storage areas and railway marshaling yards. From Ploesti alone came twenty-seven percent of all Axis petroleum products to feed the Nazi war machine. The great air offensive against this vital industrial target cost three hundred aircraft and three thousand American casualties....To-day, Germany is feeling the effect of this drastic curtailment of her oil supplies.

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