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IT'S "MIDDY AWFUL" IN ITALY

Here is the answer to the arm-chair critics who ask: "Why is the advance so slow in Italy?".....These Italian roads, difficult even in dry weather, become almost impassable after the torrential rains which have turned them into seas of glutinous, treacherous mud.

Allied troops are being halted, not by the enemy, but by one of nature's forces of resistance....Lorries with vital supplies for the front have to plough their way through slush sometimes over three feet in depth, while guns and limbers become bogged and, in spite of all efforts, cannot get through to support the infantry.

The task of keeping the roads open is a heart and back-breaking struggle. New surfaces have to be improvised..... Another difficulty that had to be overcome was the transportation of the sick and wounded. The rough wooden sledge was constructed to make the journey bearable for the injured man, and less exhausting for the others.

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