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PANTELLARIA ATTACKED.

Bostons and Mitchells of the North African strategic Air Force engaged in the bombing of Pantellaria. Forty-Five square miles of land in the Mediterranean bombed from the air and shelled from the sea. Under concentrated attack, the much boasted Italian fortress formed a frail link in the Axis chain of island bases. Air fields on Musso's Malta are peck marked with bomb craters and Italian defences are in poor shape. Completely cut off by sea, Pantellaria crumbles under the weight of attack.

Its fate became measured in stop press messages which told of its rapid decline. Substance on the island goes up in smoke, as the shadow of invasion puts Italy in a state of nervous tension.