

To-day the town of Cassino in Southern Italy has been rebuilt; and to the famous Abbey known as Monte Cassino comes the President of Italy; reviving memories of ten years ago, when town and monastery were a battleground; where hundreds who died, are now remembered in a stone memorial.

In 1944 this Benedictine ~~Monastery~~ Abbey of the sixth century, was the target for more than four hundred tons of bombs. And the arguments that raged at that time were no less bitter than the battle; should this ancient pile be destroyed, whatever the needs of war? The answer was that the enemy was shielding behind the Abbey's ancient ~~walls~~ walls; and the lives of Allied soldiers, were ~~deemed~~ more sacred than ~~the~~ ^a historic place.

In 1954, a procession through the town marks the restoration of a landmark that stood for hundreds of years, only to be destroyed in virtually one day of modern war. ^{forceful} A/~~powerful~~ reminder, of the power that men wield ~~in~~ in modern times --- for good or evil