

This was the scene of ~~the~~ devastation, brought about by the earthquake, in the town of Orleansville in Northern Algeria. Approximately a hundred miles from Algiers --- the city was shaken by a violent upheaval during the night; and ~~thru~~ ~~thru~~ though the shock lasted only twelve seconds, scarcely a single building escaped damage. ~~W~~

As always in earthquake disasters, the early estimates of death and injury could only be roughly computed. But it was feared that the death toll must number at least a thousand --- and those injured, many more.

As well as the town itself, villages for several miles around suffered severe damage. In many places, fires broke out to add to the destruction.

Rescue and relief services were quickly organised; and an airlift began to take the injured to Algiers. The matter became all the more urgent because of the danger of flooding from the Fedda River. To add to the distress of Northern Algeria, further earth tremors occurred, a few hours after these ^{grim} pictures were taken.