

beautiful that it is beyond description. Across the northern part of Africa had a chance to see the result of battles fought in Libya, Algiers, Tunisia, & Egypt. From our height could see the entire operation as if looking at a model map. The trail made by trucks and tanks were there and practically unaffected since they were originally made. Transportation highway, ^(no road in the true sense) in the sands and desert stretched as far south as the eye could carry. Wrecked and abandoned material, crashed planes, fortifications, entrenchments and shell craters were always visible. The submerged ships still remained in the harbors and those at ^{Bengazi} ~~Trapani~~ were just exactly as described and pictured in newspapers. With the binoculars trained on the numerous black spots they disclosed tanks which had been hit and blown to pieces, trucks and jeeps torn apart and burned with wheels and fenders lying some distance from the body. The airplanes were more easily picked out because of their size and shape. Most of them were burned but many had just crashed and were still easily identified as to American or German. A common site was a series of bomb craters trailing across an entrenchment or building with many of the crater centrally placed in the area of habitation. On prominent the bombing was terrific. I do not see how they could ever have withstood such punishment. The one single thing that impresses one is the fact that a war is carried on over such an extended area of land - in this case across the entire breadth of Africa from Casablanca to Cairo, nor do you realize the amount of equipment needed and destroyed during such an operation. There was rarely a moment that one could not train the binocular to the south and see a half a dozen or more vehicles and equipment identifiable in the field. A salvage program of both steel and bones waits in this strip of land bordering the Mediterranean. This site of ruthless devastation of human lives and material extended to the very outskirts of Cairo. Over across the desolate sections of the Sahara. It was also on this area that I saw an old mound like formation that would suggest an old civilization. It was placed in the semi desert area between Bengazi and Cairo where shifting sands were respraying