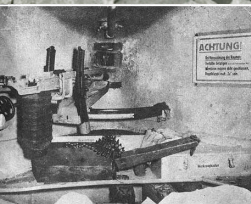


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A pillbox interior. Bellows are used for cooling the gun. Furnishings include a small radio and heater.



U. S. tank hauls away a pillbox which had been dug out of its position along the Gustav line near Cassino.

Pillbox on the Run

One of the additions to German defensive warfare is the portable pillbox. The Nazis used it in Russia and now the Allies are meeting hundreds in Italy. These pillboxes, made out of cast iron, with a top like an inverted kettle, are about five feet wide and some six feet high, but only a six-inch dome and a machine-gun snout can be seen by a soldier attacking them. Each pillbox is manned by two soldiers. To move the pillboxes the Germans tow them away on a special carriage or load them on a truck. Then they can be dug in and surrounded by rubble or earth so that they can be seen from only a few yards away.

