

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, GARIGLIANO FRONT, April 21---When a patrol is inching its way into enemy territory up here and Jerry discovers it and opens fire, the patrol leader orders his men to take cover and return fire and calls for help from the artillery.

Now the artillery is a mile or two or three back, usually tucked in behind a hill; completely out of sight and sound of the infantry. But the patrol leader's call is answered, nevertheless, and in a minute or less high explosive and smoke shells are pouring into the kraut positions and our patrol can withdraw in comparative safety.

It's an old story to the artillerymen, of course, but it's always a bit of a miracle to the footsoldiers, especially when our shells drop right out in front of them, just as ordered by phone or flare.

Precision bombing from the air is new and novel and wonderful indeed, but bold and foolhardy would be the commander who called for support from the air if the enemy were closer than a thousand yards from his own troops, ~~KK~~ particularly in wooded country. But ~~KK~~ No CO up here thinks twice before asking for <sup>support</sup> ~~artillery~~ fire a hundred yards out front from guns miles back and hidden. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

How do they do it? Let us follow a firing mission through from start to finish. It won't be support fire, but fire on a selected target - ~~XXX~~ it all works the same.

Way out in front of the infantry with only two one-man listening posts between ~~KK~~ him and Jerry is a forward observer for B Battery of the ---th Field Artillery, ---th Division. His OP (observation post) is on the second floor of a wrecked and supposedly abandoned ~~XXXXXXXX~~