Thunderbolts Give Yanks Great Backing at Cherbourg

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A NINTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER BASE IN FRANCE, June 32 (Delayed).— UPI.—If American troops assaulting Cherbourg are to get any closer air support than that they are now enjoying from this Thunderbolt base, they’ll have to widen their foxholes and move the planes right in with them.

Today seven Thunderbolts, roared off from a steel carpet and disappeared into the mid-day haze.

Just 15 minutes later they flashed in for a landing.

Mal. Harvey Case Jr., of Hotel, Tex., reported to the colonel: “We knocked out a bridge, cut a rail line and hit a German bivouac area near St. Lo, and smashed that strongpoint near Cherbourg that has been holding up our troops.

Another said: “We’re here to scramble off for any target they ask for.”

HOW WE GET THE BRIDGES

ALLIED bombing has virtually cut Northern and South-Western France apart, by wrecking every main road and rail bridge across the Seine from its mouth right up to Paris.

This is how it is done...

1. DIVE-BOMBING. Read down at the target at an angle of 45° to 60°.

2. LINE BOMBING. Use the 200 m.p.h. Thunderbolt, now near Cherbourg...