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War Reporter's Notebook

By Hal Boyle

Looking back on a year of battle... you find you have reached the same conclusions without realizing it.

General Eisenhower. He has been a superb commander. It is only when you view the allied prejudices that used to be freely used by the British and American officers in unguarded moments that you realize the aim of the General Eisenhower. He has teamed the three big Allied forces well in harness.

Eisenhower is death on any upcropping of friction among Allied officers or men. And they have worked so long and so well together now that you seldom hear of the petty friction against each other that used to be commonplace. When you hear an American soldier wrangling seriously against the British or a Tommy against the Yanks here it is usually a sign that the soldier is fresh from home and hasn't seen any action. After troops have fought side by side they don't refuse each other differences of speech, uniform and drinking preferences. They know we are all in the same boat for a reason and the guy to give hell is the one on the other side of the line.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton has lived up to his peacetime estimate as the toughest, most paradoxical figure in the American Army. He is a toady in some ways to the men around him but more firm with the troops and their officers under him.

Subordinates would rather die taking a hill than to come back alive to face the biting fury of his words for not having taken it. He believes in the first duty of an Army to win and the cost of victory must therefore be paid. He never flinches about that fact and he has always been through it.

But maybe the man above him was much fonder of him than the men below. He never knew them before he sends them out to die or to live. Yet he wept like a child when his young son Dick James was killed by a German bomb. And when he left Tunisia to take over the 7th Army that was to conquer most of Sicily he wept again when he stopped his car and got out to look back at his flowers for Dick's grave.

The advice as well as the most kind counsel flowed in the field for half that dollar is Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley who served with Patton in Tunisia and Sicily. He is thorough, thorough, thrifty of his men's blood and a master tactician. He has the air of a natural personality and of his native Midwestern cornucopia.

He deas his job the way a farmer would—always the same. He has never failed in a battle. I watched him lead the front for more than a year, and I have never heard a soldier say he has been beaten against him. That makes him unique. You will hear of him again.

BEST FIGHTERS It is leading with your chin to try to pick the outstanding unit. I saw them in the field with one high staff officer. The staff officer said his dream of a perfect division could be the 1st Division. The staff officer said that the 1st Division, but when it comes to the infantry it is hard to choose. The 1st Division has the record of courage in Tunisia and Sicily. It has lost more blood and ground over more ground than any other division.

The 34th Division took Hill 609 in Tunisia and that feat will live in the annals of the war in military history. The 8th Division has fought well for half a dozen big traps. The 4th Division, which is sprinkled with Southwest Indians, has come up fast and killed a lot of Germans. The 1st Armored Division fought well in Sicily but never got the chance to strut itself the way the 1st Armored did in its colossal roundup of Germans after the fall of Bizerte.

GREAT AIR WORK The Air Force under Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz has done some great work. It is hard to pick out any special unit to praise. If you put a big word about the heavy duty flying Fortress, the boys at the controls are the best.

Win Parts Of Massico Ridge And Matese Hill

Fifth Army Men Move Forward

By EDWARD KENNEDY. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers—(AP)—The Fifth Army troops battling against fierce enemy opposition have pushed forward to occupy large parts of Massico Ridge and Matese Mountain, two lofty anchorages of the German line in Italy, headquarters announced today.

The gains punched to within artillery range of the communications center of Venafro, and the Garigliano River eighteen miles above the Volturno River's mouth.

Along the Mediterranean coastal area, British elements of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Army advanced four miles, seizing the town of Casanova, high on the slope of Massico Ridge.

The eighth Army on the Adriatic side maintained steady pressure against the Germans, and seized some ground at the southern end of it.

One Allied officer described the advance as "very encouraging," but said the Nazis still were fighting fiercely to hold their mountain line between Massico Ridge to Vasto. They are not retreating, he said, but are being snatched out of strategic points in bitter clashes and at considerable cost to the Allied forces.

ON AIR FRONT On the aerial front, Allied warplanes fanned out in a broad arc of attack yesterday, with U. S. Flying Fortresses pounding rail and shipping targets at Rimini and Ancona on the Adriatic. Eighteen bombers pounded rail and shipping targets at Rimini and Ancona on the Adriatic. Eighteen bombers pounded rail and shipping targets at Rimini and Ancona on the Adriatic.

They took the villages of Santa Croce and Carinola, and finally seized Casanova from the enemy. The town, perched at 3,000 feet altitude, is of utmost strategic importance in efforts to win the whole of the Garigliano River. The ridge dominates the lower Volturno Valley from its southern slope, and the Garigliano River flows from the northern slope.

The Allied commander said Casanova's capture put the road to the sea open for the capture of the whole ridge. It driven off Massico, the German line was broken and the retreat to the Garigliano River.

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Moscow Accord Hailed As Great Blow To Nazis

Allies Stand United; German Hopes For Division Shattered

By JAMES D. WHITE. WASHINGTON—(AP)—The sweeping Moscow agreement was viewed here today as the greatest single blow to German hopes of victory that the war has produced.

The announcement, made simultaneously in Moscow, Leningrad and Washington, was hailed as a significant burst upon the Nazis before they could prepare ready-made propaganda counterblasts.

In a silence which appeared to be a tacit understanding, the Soviet press reported that the joint communiqué.

Urges Adoption Of Connally Motion

Passage of Detailed Formula At This Time Is Opposed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Tamm, Democrat, Delaware, urged the Senate today to adopt without amendment the Connally resolution pledging United States cooperation in maintaining world peace, declaring that a detailed formula for conflict might later prove "more embarrassing than helpful."

"The probability that any human being, or any collection of human beings, could at this stage prepare a treaty of peace that would include all of a plan which would be appropriate at the end of the war is extremely unlikely," he stated.

Senator Tamm had examined the four-page declaration announced yesterday at Moscow and recommended it.

"I find nothing that in any way conflicts with the spirit of the resolution we are considering, do not believe the Senate should shilly shally on the Moscow conference text, and drop its own resolutions."

Senator Lucas, Democrat, Illinois, suggested such a course.

Without the specific commitments of the amendment, Tamm declared, the committee resolution do not specify creation of an organization with power to prevent aggression of such outlaws as Germany, Fascist Italy and Japan.

Flags Wave Over Mines Seized By Government

Lewis Confers With Ickes

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers conferred with U. S. Mine Boss Harold L. Ickes for 45 minutes, this morning.

American flags were raised again over the nation's strike-paralyzed coal workings yesterday following Government seizure for the second time this year.

Neither Lewis nor Ickes was authorized to enter into collective bargaining negotiations with the UMW—would talk immediately after their parley.

In the far-flung fields, where the latest work-stoppage began nearly 100 per cent complete yesterday, the situation marked time as the mine properties went through the transition to Federal control.

PITS OPENED President Roosevelt in ordering the seizure—last night, announced that "every miner who works for the Government" tomorrow morning and that "every miner will be expected to be at his post of duty" at that time.

Yesterday's general walk-out affected an estimated 24,000 jobs. The mine workers' union, while antipathetic toward the Government, has a traditional dislike for the coal areas, in Alabama, where it has a long history of stoppage had its inception there.

As the UMW's Policy Committee reconvened in the capital, there was great concern for realization in the coal areas, in Alabama, where it has a long history of stoppage had its inception there.

West Virginia union officials did not look for a resolution of the strike in that State, a spokesman for one worker group said.

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Advance From Sealed North End Of Area

German Say Soviets Landed in Eastern Crimea North & South of Kerch

LONDON—(AP)—The Germans asserted today that Russian forces had landed in the eastern Crimea north and south of Kerch.

The Germans immediately started a counter attack which annihilated the main part of the Bolsheviks who had landed and compressed the remainder on a narrow space.

Western Caucasus had stood on the Taman peninsula opposite the Crimea across the shallow Kerch Straits for several weeks.

Marines Landed On Bougainville

Jap Naval Squadron Dodges Scrap When U.S. Task Force Seeks Action

SOUTH PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—(AP)—American Marines landed on the Japanese stronghold of Bougainville yesterday while task forces bombarded Buka and Shortland Islands, at either tip of Bougainville, and routed a Japanese naval force.

An enemy squadron of four light cruisers, accompanied by five or six destroyers, headed toward Bougainville Island, but turned and fled when an American task force set out to meet them.

Only slight resistance was encountered by the Marines who bypassed the enemy's strongest defenses. Admiral Halsey's spokesman described the operation as successful.

ADM. WILKINSON COMMANDER The Bougainville operation under command of Rear Admiral Theodore Wilkinson of Rosyth, Va., started shortly after midnight with a half hour bombardment of the Buka airfield.

The women court for more than an hour in the day-long voting. Their ballots assumed importance with the election.

MURDER ON BOUGAINVILLE: Destroyers and Bombers Blast Japs Before Landing On Island

By FRED E. HAMPSON. ADMIRAL A. S. BORNED. BOMBER OVER BOUGAINVILLE. Nov. 1—(Delayed)—Concentrated murder for the Japanese preceded the landing of American Marines today on Bougainville.

Watch Vote For Trends

Heavier Than Expected Balloting Noted

By ASSOCIATED PRESS. Early results from today's off-year elections in seven States, watched by political leaders for trends bearing on 1944 Presidential campaigning, showed heavier-than-expected balloting in some areas.

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Fear U. S. Bombings Of Reich From Russia

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British and Turkish Diplomats Go To Cairo

ANKARA—(AP)—Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Tuggess, British Ambassador in Turkey, and Turkish Foreign Minister Yunus Kemal Bey left for Cairo for discussions with British Foreign Secretary Eden, presumably on the effects for Turkey of the Moscow conference.

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Bomb Damages U. S. Cruiser

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Hit by a German bomb off Salerno, the U. S. Navy destroyer USS Lamson was damaged and some members of her crew were killed and wounded.

The bomb landed atop a gun turret. Flames started by the explosion of the gun turret killed or wounded 25 crew members.

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Danish Prince Escapes Nazis

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31—(Delayed)—Prince Gorm of Denmark, 24-year-old nephew of King Christian, has reached Sweden at night, carrying the country with other British officers following their release from custody by the Germans.

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Weather

Forecast for Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1943. Partly cloudy with light rain in the afternoon. High 50, low 35. Wind light and variable.