

WAR NEWS

A War Reporter's Notebook

SOMEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 4.—(Delayed)—(7P)
Units of the reborn and re-equipped Fourth Army may soon help sliver a hole in the underbelly of Hitler's fortress Europe.

Members of a French expeditionary force, who have been training for weeks on the edge of the desert, hope they will have a chance to shove back the Nazis and clear a pathway into their homeland.

The fight, a struggle on more or less equal terms, is what most of them have been awaiting for more than three years.

STRONG FORCE

With American six-wheeled trucks, half-tracks mounting light and heavy machine-guns, tanks, tank destroyers, and field artillery, these French troops, including both European and Arab personnel, have been drilled into a highly mobile striking force.

Some Frenchmen, remembering the Italian "stab in the back" and the legends of the Allies in 1942 and almost happily went back into the war, fighting for their own liberation, and with their equipment, but that was before they received their modern training.

"Just give us a chance on equal terms," a young poilu said. "If you thought we were good then, just watch us now."

For him, as with most of his comrades, it's been a "best time" since he left home for service in 1939 and was shipped to North Africa after the armistice. He studied the legends of the Allies in 1942 and almost happily went back into the war, fighting for their own liberation, and with their equipment, but that was before they received their modern training.

Since then he has received large quantities of American uniforms, guns, tanks and machinery.

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With the rank and file, but, if and when he goes forward, he is hailed as a hero. He is often hailed as an American when he goes into town on his own.

For Henri, Charles, Pierre or Georges, this is much more than a war against the Germans with most of them, in addition to the war of liberation, is also the question of the fate of parents, wife or sweetheart.

The police, recruited from the local militia, have formed an African unit, has some of the morale building agencies such as the Red Cross, to feel less cut off from home.

No matter how long he has been a soldier, he has been a soldier, to no home leave until victory.

Nazis Claim Sinking of

7 Heavily-Laden Ships
LONDON—(AP)—(7P)—Nazi U-boats sank seven Allied merchantmen totaling 85,000 tons in attacks on shipping in the Atlantic last week, the German communiqué broadcast by the Berlin radio today said. The period in which most alleged sinkings occurred was not specified.

New Hold-The-Line Order Urged After Byrnes Anti-Inflation Talk

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Declaring that "in case of inflation the end will get us all," Secretary O'Mahoney, Democrat, warning today urged a "hold-the-line" control measure as the one hope of averting a cost-of-living crisis in the home.

O'Mahoney, concurring with War Mobilization Director James P. Byrnes' assertion last night that the "primary issue before the American people today is whether we are going to keep down the cost of living," said:

"We can avoid inflation and in the same time correct injustices that now exist by establishing a new line on the cost of living that worked out on the basis of equity."

Byrnes, hitting at proposed legislation to have food price "subsidies" to raise prices of milk and oil, and in food railroad wages, said:

"If we do not hold the line now, I confess I do not know how we can do it."

Rout Nazis From Three Villages

Monastery Ridge Recaptured
By NOLAN HORGHAARD

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—The Allied Fifth Army has captured the summit of Izi Mt. Camino, routed the Nazis from three villages southward, and recaptured rain-and-blood-soaked Monastery Ridge in bitter fighting to win heights overlooking the road to Cassino and Rome.

Official reports from Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's headquarters said the enemy had been shoved back to the fringe of Izi Mt. Camino and the northern and western edges of Mt. Camino and Mt. Magliore by the fierce thrusts of American and British troops.

The Fifth Army's hammer blow through the deep, powerful German Winter line toward Cassino was accompanied by fresh gains on the Eighth Army's Adriatic coast.

CRUSH ATTACKS
Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces crushed repeated Nazi counter attacks, and reported fresh advances in the area of the Moro River, where both British and American troops have crushed the enemy.

EVENING
The evening of German counter-attacks on the Italian coastal sector came with disclosure that Field Marshal G. Albert Kesselring's 14th Army, the 90th Army's Grenadier Division line there to recapture the Fifth Army Division.

The 53th was so badly smashed that one of its battalions had to be abandoned, emerging with only a sergeant-major left to command.

Continued rain as well as fierce German attacks on the British, and the Germans threw a heavy artillery bombardment against the British and Canadian positions on the inland road leading toward Cassino.

Every foot gained in the Fifth Army's newest advance was yielded only after desperate and costly fighting.

British troops in sharp battle ousted the Nazis from the summit of Izi Mt. Camino, and German soldiers had taken in the common attack the day before—the day that Izi Mt. Camino.

MONASTERY RIDGE
The recapture of Monastery Ridge is one of the foothills leading to the top of Cassino. It is the key to the Cassino front.

GENS COMMAND ROAD

From positions on all the dominating heights around the Cassino front, the British, Canadian, American and German troops have been working to break through the enemy's defenses.

BYRNES TALK
Byrnes' anti-inflation talk in New York today urged a "hold-the-line" control measure as the one hope of averting a cost-of-living crisis in the home.

Action Will Be Answer Turk Entry In War On Nazis Likely

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER and WILLIAM FRYE

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Deeds, rather than words, are expected by informed observers here to bring out the full significance of Turkey's newly defined role as an associate of the Allies fighting Germany.

The impression gained from the Cairo communiqué is strong, that this role is to be one of great importance. An strategic assessment which heretofore has been silent on Turkey will probably enter the war.

Whether that assessment is close at hand or in the indefinite future is a question that can be answered only by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill.

Reds Driven Back Anew In Kiev Bulge

Japs Find Rabaul Hot To Handle
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS—(AP)—A slackening in naval activity observed at Rabaul has impressed today to the official assertion that the Japanese are finding their once-proud New Britain island air and sea base too hot to handle.

FOOD PRICE
An assertion that the big food manufacturers of America are lined up against further action to control food prices was made before the Senate Banking Committee today by Walter Dill, vice-president of the United Automobile Workers (UAW).

DEFENSIVE SIGN
Another observation was that Rabaul's defenses contained numerous weaknesses, and were in a state of being reworked, it was said.

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Score Gains Elsewhere

MOSCOW—(AP)—One of the most desperate German tank and infantry assaults on the Kiev bulge has been reported to have broken through the Red Army's defenses in the Chernyakhov-Korsun area, but Soviet troops have scored important gains elsewhere, including a most important gain at Znamenska, vital railway junction in the Donetz basin.

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Rommel Opens Big Yugoslav Attack

LONDON—(AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's Axis forces have launched a full-scale offensive against Yugoslav liberated territories and their Bosnian-Serbian thrust has broken through the city of Prijepolje, the headquarters of Gen. Josip Broz (Tito) said today.

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Turkish Pledge Expected To Hit Hitler's Balkan Puppets Hard

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Big Events Probably To Come After Conference

Bases Might Be Supplied
By JOHN F. CHESTER

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