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A War Reporter's Notebook

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 8.—(Delayed) — (P) — Story and dispatch, reviewing a few of American war in the Mediterranean, picked a few memorial moments in its anniversary edition.

The height of optimism on the Nazi side came by the fact that they sent ahead several scout cars and a few lightly dressed Afrika Corp military policemen to direct traffic there.

The Nazi cops were indignant about the whole business when some American MPs stopped them and rode them off to a prisoner of war camp after explaining they need any help with their traffic problem.

The traffic has been going only one direction ever since anyway—through the German lines.

Biggest bluff of the year was pulled during the Sicilian invasion by Sgt. Ralph Truitt and the 2nd Lt. and Pvt. R. F. Shannon of Franklin, Ohio, who operated an amphibious duck which can be described as a truck that can swim.

Coming ashore with a load of supplies they ran into a camouflaged Italian pillbox. Surprised, they did the best they could—started shooting away with their handweapons.

In less than a minute 100 armed Italians, hiding in and around the pillbox, jumped out and surrendered. They thought the "duck" was a new model tank.

The funniest remark of the Tunisian campaign was attributed to Gen. Bernard Montgomery. As he drove in a tank through the desert, he was asked by a German soldier what he was doing there. The general replied: "I'm here to see you."

The greatest welcome was received by three American soldiers who returned to their homes with the same Yanks the Germans had booted out of the little town during their first Kasarine drive.

In the crowd cheering their return were three Italian boys who were close friends really close. They grabbed them, hugged them, kissed them.

"We thought you were dead," they said. "We put flowers on some American graves."

The girls led the daughters to three large mounds of earth which they covered with flowers. However, the small white sign over each mound said:

"Lorraine closed in May."

The best light quatern turned in by any of the content of war was contributed by an anonymous captain at the end of the 39th Infantry when the troops had all the natives' guns and the natives had all the soldiers' candy, candy and most post-war problems at hand.

The incident illustrates with freedom a healthy battle and who once cheered Garibaldi. Now asks for Coranville!



Reds Drive For Polish, Rumanian Frontiers

Heavy Snows In West Ukraine

LONDON.—(AP)—The Germans acknowledged fresh retreats north and west of Kiev today before superior Russian forces thundering over the first heavy snows of the Western Ukraine toward the Polish and Rumanian frontiers.

Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army was said in official Moscow advices to have advanced 27 miles in a day from Kiev, capturing 50 towns and villages. The Kiev combat carried within 96 miles of the important rail city of Korosten, further threatening Germans in the Ukraine with encirclement.

Russian tanks and infantry were pounding heavily at German lines northwest of Smolensk, in army fighting on the approaches to the Latvian frontier, the German communiqué said. Heavy attacks also were reported in the Nevel area of the frozen north.

LOCAL FIGHTING.—The Germans described fighting in the Crimea as local. They have acknowledged a Russian drive from the north in the Serebrykh Lazhans and from the east around Kerch. The Berlin communiqué said a German landing formation had been driven back in the Kerch Straits. There was no confirmation of another Berlin broadcast that the Red Army had captured (pop. 105,000) had been captured.

Another Berlin broadcast said that the Red Army had made a fresh landing at the mouth of the Crimean peninsula, but that heavy fighting was in progress on the Kerch Peninsula.

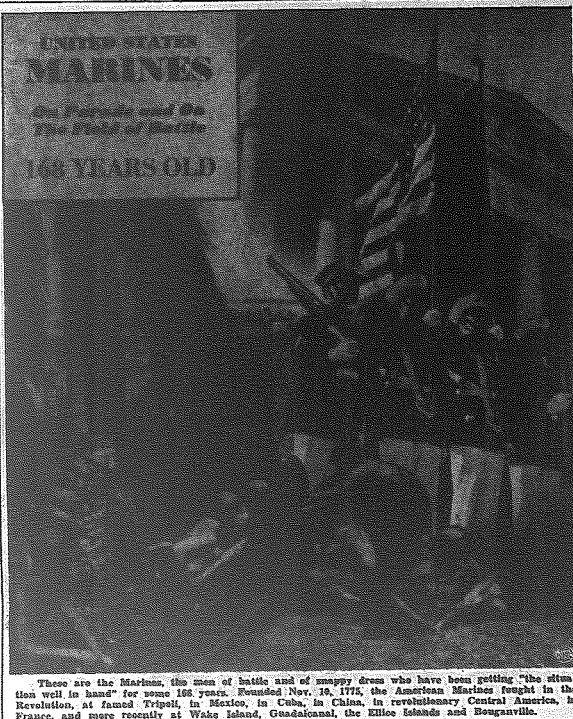
In the Kiev fighting area south and southwest of the city, German troops again on Nov. 9 were engaged in fierce fighting against the Soviet forces on a wide front.

Hope Dog To Survive An Soldier-Master Awaited

ALBANY, N. Y.—(AP)—The seventeen-year-old Aladdin, which the treating base of the dog was named, was offered a \$10,000 reward for its return.

Eden Returns To London

LONDON.—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden returned today from the 13-part conference in Moscow after discussing with the British prime minister.



These are the Marines, the men of battle and of mucky dress who have been getting "the stimulation well in hand" for some 128 years. Founded Nov. 10, 1782, the American Marines fought in the Revolution, at Iloilo, in Mexico, in Cuba, in China, in revolutionary Central America, in France, and more recently at Wake Island, Guadalcanal, the Ellice Islands and Bougainville.

Lose Three Destroyers Marines Battle Japs On 2 Sides

Two In Pacific And One In Atlantic New Enemy Landing on Bougainville To Threaten Americans

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Loss of three destroyers, two in the South Pacific and the third in a battle with a submarine in the Atlantic, was announced by the Navy today.

A torpedo explosion sank the destroyer Henry Henshaw in the South Pacific last October. Off Vella La Vella, the Chester sank in a battle with the enemy and collided with another destroyer in formation, breaking her in two.

Next in line of all casualties aboard the Henry and Chester have been notified.

The Borie was lost in the Atlantic as a result of damage she suffered in ramming and striking an enemy submarine. She sank Nov. 10. The force of the Borie was destroyed by a Japanese submarine in the Atlantic.

The task force was awarded a Presidential unit citation for its anti-submarine operations in the mid-Atlantic. The Navy, in announcing the citation, said that the Borie was "one of the most successful units in the force."

Spanish Troops Back From Russian Front

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain.—(AP)—A contingent of 819 officers and men of the Spanish army, under command of Major Jose Alguero, has arrived at San Sebastian from the Russian front.

Nine Furious Charges Fail With Heavy Enemy Loss

Strike At Nazi Winter Line

By EDWARD KENNEDY, ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS.—(AP)—German troops lashed out in nine furious counter-attacks in the past 24 hours against American soldiers pressing in the Venetian area against the core of the greatly reinforced Nazi Winter line, it was announced today.

It was announced that all were thrown back with U. S. artillery and infantry fire taking a heavy toll.

In a sharp new blow at the war production, American troops battered the ball-bearing works at Winter-Person, southwest of Verona, the last remaining American steel plant in the Venetian area.

Enemy resistance was especially stubborn along the mountain fronts. The night before, the east further consolidated their positions on high ground overlooking the Sengro River, and in fact seized two important positions on the lower river.

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Captured enemy documents show that the Germans had chosen their front as a "Winter Line," and that the enemy had spent all costs for "at least eight weeks."

British Hammer Jap Airfield In Burma

NEW DELHI.—(AP)—The British air force today hammered a Japanese airfield at Heho, Burma, with a series of bombs.

The daylight raiders set fire to three hangars and destroyed other craft in the Heho air base.

Report From Behind Lines: Vatican City A Haven Of Peace, Nazis Respect Pope's Guards

Editor's Note.—Following is the third of a series of reports describing what is really going on in Germany and in the rest of Europe.

The German occupation zone in Rome and the Catholic Church. See YAZICAN on page 3.

De Gaulle Rules French Committee

Giraud out as Co-President But Retains Command of Armed Forces

ALGIERS.—(AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle was left in virtually undisputed control of the French Committee of National Liberation today following the resignation of Henri Giraud as co-president and other sweeping changes which drew Communist influence from the committee's reconstruction.

Giraud's withdrawal, which, however, left him in command of the French armed forces, came at the unanimous meeting yesterday at which the committee adopted two decrees dropping five members, adding seven others and ordering a separation of civilian and military powers.

The committee's information secretary said a seat had been offered to the Communist Fernand LORONCO, but that the party had insisted it had a right to name its own choice instead of having the offer extended to an individual by the committee.

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Battle Against Collapse: Nazis Act To Strengthen Home Front Grip On Armistice Eve

By EDWIN SHANKS

STOCKHOLM.—(AP)—Reports from Germany on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the World War armistice, indicate a strengthening of Hitler's grip on the home front.

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