

NEWSPAPER IN THE CAROLINAS

A War Reporter's Notebook

By Hal Boyle

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 30.—(Delayed)—An 80-mile strike is being carried out by the Allies in the mountains north of Venafro, Italy, where rugged terrain has given medical men the most difficult problems in evacuation of battle casualties yet faced them in this theater.

A two-man litter saddle which can hold one man and one horse, and is used by the animal has been devised from captured and salvaged equipment.

Quartermaster technicians made the saddles under the direction of Capt. Robert Reynolds of Knoxville, Ohio, and Capt. Robert L. Kendall of Rome, Ohio, medical officers in charge of a leading station for wounded men.

It sometimes takes ten hours to haul the wounded down the steep slopes of the mountains to the front lines.

For two days one four-man team carried heavy litter back and forth ten miles to the front lines.

"We really had some experience," said Private Norbert Crum of Caldwell, Ohio, who was caught right in the middle.

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Eighth Army Knocks Out Of Line

Fifth's Pressure Increases

By NOLAN NORGAARD
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—Germans are in full retreat from their ponderously fortified Winter line in Italy near the Adriatic, leaving the battlefield littered with dead, wounded and wrecked equipment, Allied Headquarters announced today.

At the same time the Nazis apparently were preparing to abandon Cassino on the Via Cassina, the main island road up a broad valley from Rome.

Spitfire pilots reported heavy German demolitions were taking place at Cassino, approximately 12 miles northwest of the Allied front line.

LONDON.—(AP)—The American Fifth Army has launched large scale attacks in Italy, supported by three destroyers, the Berlin radio.

at Mignano, shortly after fighter-bombers, Warplanes and bombers had pounded the German defenses along the front for three hours.

Sweeping over at ten-minute intervals waves of planes—armed with high explosive bombs in their bombsights—dropped incendiary bombs, incendiary bombs, incendiary bombs, incendiary bombs.

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Bad News For Herr Hitler: Parley Paves Way For Crushing Drive On Nazis During Winter

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A Supreme Allied force to crush Germany before this winter's onset and a most probable subject for discussion by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin in their first three-way grand strategy conference of the war.

The principal requirement of Russian strategy, as understood by the Allies, is to keep the Eastern Front here, in the fact that while the Russians can not undertake large scale operations in the winter, they can still fight in the winter.

Thus if the assault in the West is to be co-ordinated with a smashing drive in the East it must be started before the winter's onset or delayed until summer.

The recent Moscow meeting of Foreign Ministers and some Allied military experts offered a first section for a full exchange of information.

But the powers of decision, as stated in the President, Prime Minister and Marshal, are brought together for the first time in the conference now being held in the President's study at the White House.

That the long-discussed secret meeting may be the prelude to a major Allied drive in the winter was indicated in an Associated Press dispatch from Cairo announcing last night the results of the initial conference of the present historic series, which was held by Mr. Roosevelt, Churchill and their advisers with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek of China and his staff.

This dispatch said it was reported reliably that the British and American staffs engaged in a long argument and discussion on details of a second front.

Cairo Meeting Synchronizes Strategy

Huge Nazi Reserve Forces Attacking

LONDON.—(AP)—Huge forces of German reserves are attacking all along the 600-mile Eastern front in a desperate bid to regain control of vital communications and supply lines and halt the surging Russian drive to the old Polish border, Moscow reported today.

The Russians declared, however, that they were holding their lines against the fierce Nazi onslaughts, and even announced that they had captured the German offensive in the Dnieper bend.

There was no mention in the Russian communique of developments in the Kiev bulge, where the Germans previously had recaptured the rail junctions of Zhitomir and Korosten to reach control of a 45-mile long stretch of the important Leningrad-Odessa railway west of the Dnieper River.

But the intensity of the fighting was heightened, front dispatches to Moscow newspapers indicated, as both sides sought to improve their positions. Edy Curran, Associated Press war correspondent who has just returned to Moscow from the Korosten-Zhitomir-Kiev area, wrote:

"I saw one of the fiercest fights of the war, with both sides expending great quantities of men and machines and fighting in some of the year's coldest weather."

Apparently the Nazis held the advantage in communications, since they were reported to have broken through the Russian lines in bringing up reserves from the west. The Russian offensive, which has been reported by the enemy, most of which is being held in the Dnieper bend, they were further handicapped by muddy bogs back of the front line.

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Seek Early End To War

By RICHARD G. MANSBROOK

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FR, Churchill Reported With Stalin In Iran

Relentless War Against Japan Pledged In Talks With Chiang At Cairo

By JOHN F. CHESTER

CAIRO.—(AP)—The United States agreed on details for a new invasion of Europe and perhaps discussed a strike into the Balkans, it was reported on good authority today, at the epic tri-power conference with Stalin in Iran.

There was a feeling here that big developments would come from the five-day meeting of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, who left for unannounced destinations last Friday after completing their talks.

It is believed that the President and Churchill had gone to Iran to meet Premier Joseph Stalin, and that the President and Churchill had gone to Iran to meet Premier Joseph Stalin, and that the President and Churchill had gone to Iran to meet Premier Joseph Stalin.

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Parley News Row Boils

By WILLIAM FRYE

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The flashing of news about the Churchill-Roosevelt-Chiang conference from European capitals while the American public generally had to wait an official release of the information to the general public, and also noted on the communists' and O.W.I.

DAVIS EXPLAINS
OWI Director Elmer Davis explained, when the rumble developed, that his agency had nothing to do with the White House communique, handed to newsmen 20 minutes ahead of authorized release.

He said that the White House communique was not a statement of the White House, but a statement of the White House.

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Forts Raid Marseille

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Submarine pens and naval building facilities in the harbor, under construction for months and only recently nearing completion, were bombed, the special announcement said.

This was the first attack on the target by Flying Fortresses of the 15th Air Force, but it was the first time in little over a week that the heaviest of this theater has hit German Mediterranean naval bases.

In the first attack, the 15th Air Force caused heavy damage, sinking five German naval vessels, probably sinking five smaller ones, severely damaging two others, and causing damage to docks.

Shipping experts declared this damage today would be of reconnaissance photographs.

Chiang Back In Chungking

CHUNGKING.—(AP)—President and Mrs. Chiang Kai-Shek have returned to Chungking from the North African conference, it was announced officially today.

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U.S. War Craft Lost

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The United States coast aircraft carrier Lico Bay, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the Gulf of Mexico, the Navy announced today.

The total casualties have not yet been disclosed by the Navy. The normal complement of such carriers is 1,000 men.

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An escort carrier is a small one, normally used to escort convoys.

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