

# WORLD HEADLINE NEWS

## A War Reporter's Notebook

BY DON WHITENAD  
WITH THE "FLYING JIFF" SQUADRON IN ITALY, Dec. 1 (Delaware) —

A little strip of green grass in the snowed fields and the major pointed to "The Plunge" — a barren, rocky knob which jutted up from the mountain north of Venafro.

"There's where we want the supplies dropped," he said. "You'll see it about 100 feet above the mountain when you see the landing field. Watch the wind direction, because we don't want the parachute to drift into the German lines on the other side of the ridge."

Sgt. Pilot Bill Lynn, 25, of Millbury, Mass., nodded his head.

A narrow strip of grass between the turrets was the landing field for the amazing little "flying jiffs" which are this artillery's eyes for spotting enemy gun concentrations and directing the fire of American guns. Now they are being used to drop supplies in the heavy clouds which fill the mountain peaks.

As we look at "The Plunge" and the other side of the ridge, Sgt. J. T. Walker of Springfield, Ill., shook his head. "Now we've got to wait until we get some visibility."

"The Germans use clouds as a

## Fifth Army Captures Vital Hills

British 8th Army Also Rolls

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — The American Fifth Army, by-passing German strongpoints, has captured new terrain commanding the road to Rome west of Mignano, while the British Eighth Army's drive has carried to the Moro River, ten miles beyond the Sagro, Allied Headquarters announced today.

The Nazis launched strong counter-attacks against American and British infantry storming the heights in bitter hand-to-hand battles, and threw in new reinforcements including mechanized grenadiers against the Eighth Army in desperate attempt to halt the smashing Allied drive.

A flame-throwing tank was captured by the British. Counter-attack west of Venafro was hurled back by the Fifth Army with severe losses.

ROOSEVELT STAYS  
Mr. Gen. Mark W. Clark's headquarters announced that the enemy, who is fighting stubbornly for every inch of ground, had been driven from three more commanding elevations by the American and British troops. Heated fortifications in the area of the rugged slopes of Mount Mignano, British infantry of the Fifth Army are rooting out Nazi defenses in the equally-rough area of Mount Camino.

From their newly-won positions the Allied troops could gaze out across the valley to Cassino and beyond it to the valley which leads northwest into Italy's capital.

In one sector, small units of German armor, including one definitely on the summit of a ridge were cut off by the Allied drive.

British warships, steaming boldly within range of enemy shore batteries, were directed to have supported the Eighth Army's drive up the Adriatic coast in recent days with bombardments of German supply routes, bases and shipping.

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Aerial support of the Allied ground forces was limited by bad weather, but the enemy-held Yugoslav port of Split was bombed yesterday by medium bombers and a formation of Obermarschall's fighters west coast, was hit and left burning.

The British Eighth Army's drive to the Moro River represented a gain of about two and a half miles from the enemy-held Venafro, announced yesterday, and carried the Adriatic offensive to within 100 miles of Pescara.

Allied headquarters said the Nazis had thrown new divisions into the line, but the conference agreed that the Germans have been pushed toward the Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's point in the north.

STALIN, ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL AT TEHRAN—Premier Joseph Stalin (left) of Russia sits with President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States and Prime Minister Winston Churchill (right) of Great Britain on the porch of the Russian Embassy at Tehran, Iran, during their four-day conference at which they drew plans to concentrate the total military might of Russia, the United States and Great Britain on a "relentless" thrust back to guarantee victory over Germany. This is the first of a series of pictures on the historic conference made by U. S. Army 128th Air Force photographers and released by the War Department in Washington. (AP Wirephoto from 128th Air Force.)

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## Big Three In Conference At Teheran

Leaders Agree On Definite Program For Victory And The Peace

By JOHN F. CHESTER and WILLIAM MCGAFFIN  
CAIRO, Egypt — (AP) — President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Joseph Stalin have agreed completely on "the scope and timing of operations" to smash the German army from three sides, an announcement signaled the three statesmen in an epic four-day meeting in Teheran, Iran, and released here today disclosed.

The Allied leaders also charted a peace era in which all nations would be invited to join "a world family of Democratic nations" based on the reaffirmed principles of the Atlantic Charter.

The history-making conference of the heads of the world's most powerful military and political combine was held in the Iranian capital from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, attended also by scores of top-flight military chiefs and diplomats from the United States, Britain and Russia.

It was the largest military peace conference since the end of World War I. The combined British and American general staffs and the Soviet high command met in Cairo, scene of the Nov. 22-26 meeting of the Big Three, with President Roosevelt and the Prime Minister, both staying at the Grand Sharmah Hotel, and Premier Stalin from last Friday through today.

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Parley Well Guarded

By LLOYD STRATON  
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## Reds Menace Rail Center

LONDON — (AP) — Smashing ahead northwest of Prosepek, the Red Army today was driving toward the city, one of the last important German-held rail centers in White Russia, as other British units squashed the Nazi defense line near Zhlobin and Rogachev in the Soviet area.

A Soviet communique said the Red Army hunched back German counter-attacks and swept into the heavily fortified stronghold of Vereshki, behind and behind the front disintegrating, killing of deep Russian penetrations virtually from one end of White Russia to the other, said the communique.

The Germans were beginning to show signs of a lack of resources and of using engineers to clear the way for their tanks in the snow-swept front.

In the south in the Krasnodar area, Soviet units captured several towns which the enemy had developed into hand-to-hand fighting. Large losses were declared inflicted on the Germans.

NAZIS REPULSED  
The communique said the Nazis were continuing to attack the Cherkassy area between Kremenchuk and Kiev, but all their assaults were repulsed.

Germans were killed at one point, the bulletin said, after a tank and infantry ambush was broken back.

The German radio, in a broadcast recorded by Reuters, said the Russian army had been repulsed in the area.

## Hull Hails War Aims Statement

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Cordell Hull today hailed the meeting of the Big Three at Tehran as a "definite step forward for the United States."

The text of Secretary Hull's statement:

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Our Common Policy

LONDON — (AP) — Following the text of the declaration of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin at the conclusion of their Tehran conference:

The President of the United States of America, the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the Premier of the Soviet Union, have met these four days past in this capital of our ally Iran and have shaped and confirmed our common policy. We expressed our determination that our nations shall work together to the end of the peace that will follow.

As to the war, our military staffs have joined in our round table discussions and we have concerted our plans for the defeat of the German foe. We have reached complete agreement as to the scope and timing of operations which will be undertaken from the West, East and South.

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Time Is Fixed For Attack On Europe

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin fixed the time for a secondary assault on the continent from the south.

This "Big Three" agreement on military victory, calling for coordinated attacks on three sides of Hitler's vaunted European fortress, may make it possible to put into operation in less than six months what Roosevelt and Churchill usually have had to allude to in their high strategy discussions.

These are the main points of military implication noted by Washington observers in the Tehran conference, announced following the closely guarded but widely publicized

## Berlin Still In The Dark About What Happened At Conference

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK  
LONDON — (AP) — German radio announcers today made it clear Berlin still was in the dark concerning the nature of the agreements reached at Teheran, although well acquainted with the fact that President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin had met at the Iranian capital.

The first official announcement of decisions reached at the meeting was released at Cairo at 10:30 a. m. Saturday morning in New York by cables at 2:53 p. m. EWT, Saturday. This was for publication at 2 p. m. British Summer Time, Monday 6 p. m. EWT, but despite this haste of the communique, nearly 48 hours in advance, the Germans were still

## Roosevelt Tells American Troops In Iran Of Historic Conference

TEHRAN, Iran, Dec. 2 — (Delaware) — President Roosevelt today told a very special part in winning the war.

Speaking first to a large body of United States soldiers based at Camp Amirabad here, telling them of his meetings with Stalin and Churchill, praising their work here, and wishing them an early return home.

He said he and Stalin and Churchill had made progress in their effort "to plan for a world for us and our children when we would cease to be a necessity. But of course the first thing is to win the war. . . . And all of you who are here and farther south in Iran can always remember you

## Weather

Occasional light rain tonight. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy and mild.

Today's Temperature: 38 to 42.

Forecast: Partly cloudy with light rain tonight.

Additional U. S. Weather Service information on page 14.