

War Reporter's Notebook

By Don Whitehead

WITH THE U. S. FIFTH ARMY NEAR MIGNANO, Italy, Nov. 14—(Delayed)—(AP)—Rain fell from the gray, sullen sky in a steady, depressing drizzle and low-hanging clouds closed in around the mountain peaks on which American soldiers were fighting today to dislodge the Germans hidden in strong points blasted from solid rock.

The roads to the front were sopping steep of mud. But traffic moved slowly forward with supplies. The days old artillery duelled in the mud.

We splashed up the muddy roadway to a little farmhouse in the shelter of a projecting rock. Ahead loomed Mount Lunga, where the fighting is to be fought to oust the Germans. To the east, the sea was a blue-gray, and the sky was a pale, overcast, three blankets, a shelter hat, a field packet, two pairs of long underwear, combat boots, a pair of wool gloves and a raincoat.

What about the equipment? "Well, said Horton, "every man got an overcoat, three blankets, a shelter hat, a field packet, two pairs of long underwear, combat boots, a pair of wool gloves and a raincoat."

Father Draft Bill Backed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senate and House conferees today cleared the way for quick passage of legislation providing for father draft fathers as the backbone of the draft bill and placing War Manpower Commission Chairman Charles McNinch in charge of the Selective Service System.

Bertrand Russell Gets \$20,000 Award in Suit

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Bertrand Russell, 70-year-old English philosopher and mathematician, has awarded \$20,000 to a \$25,000 breach of contract suit against his erstwhile friend, Dr. Albert C. Barnes, millionaire art collector and head of the Barnes Foundation at near-by Merion, Pa.

Blows To Nip Navy: Allied Bombers Sink Or Damage Better Than 1 Jap Warship Daily

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—(AP)—Allied bombers, constantly searching for Japanese warships in the general area, sank or damaged better than one a day during the northern Solomons offensive.

Blow Struck At Athens In Far South

Germans In New Raid On Britain

By GLADWIN HILL LONDON—(AP)—Bringing Miller's rumparts under attack both in the north and the south, American bombers struck targets in Norway today after another heavy blow at Athens airfields.

The Yugoslavs are flying Liberators given them by the United States Government under leasehold. They operate as a Yugoslav air force under their own command.

Naval Mine Depot Blast Kills Six

By HARRY NASH YORKTOWN, Va.—(AP)—An explosion in a warehouse at the Naval Mine Depot here today killed an estimated six civilian employees and injured between 20 and 30, two of them seriously.

Polish Children Held Hostages

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Germans have seized children as hostages in Poland, the Polish Telegraph Agency reported from London today.

Duke of Gloucester Assigned Australia

LONDON—(AP)—The Duke of Gloucester, one of the British royal family, will become governor general of Australia next July, according to Lord Gowrie, who has held that office for the past seven years.



RUSSIANS CONTINUE DRIVING NAZIS—The Russian Army was reported driving close to Korosten and pressing the Germans south of Rechitoe, after capturing the vital city of Zhitomir.

Nazis Shove Yanks From High Ground

8th Army Wins New Hilltops

By EDWARD KENNEDY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers—(AP)—Two Nazi counterattacks have driven American troops of the Fifth Army from high ground north of Venafro, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Expect Big Decisions

LONDON—(AP)—Military and political decisions—surprising those of the Moscow agreements—for a final victory drive in Europe in 1944, and to secure American-Russian-British post-war partnership for peace, are expected unofficially by London.

Comment On French Rumor

By ASSOCIATED PRESS German radio hinted obscurely today of certain political tendencies in France.

U. S. Bombing Worries Nazis

ISTANBUL—(AP)—As a result of the attack on Sicily Sunday by American bombers, the Germans have protested vigorously to the Bulgarian Government concerning the alleged inefficiency of the city's anti-aircraft defenses.

Tokyo Announces General's Death

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Tokyo radio announced today in a domestic broadcast that Gen. Nobushima Tomiyama, commander of a Japanese army corps on the southern front, had died. How he was killed was not stated.

Seek To Open Way To Germany

Gomel Virtually Isolated As Only One Escape Railway Left Open

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Russian forces drove west of isolated Gomel and Zhitomir today in a great battle to collapse the Nazi center and open an avenue for the eventual invasion of Germany itself.

Greeks Strike For Revenge On Leros

BODRUM, Turkey—(AP)—Fierce Greek Andartes, storming ashore on Leros last Friday to strike the first major Greek blow of revenge against the Nazis, reversed the situation on the besieged Dodecanese Island just as the German assault had about succeeded, refugees arriving here said today.

Seeks Peace In Lebanon

LONDON—(AP)—The French installed Lebanese Government asked storekeepers to reopen their shops today, the Beirut radio said.

Nazis Slay Italians

BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—German troops today carried out a series of mass executions of prisoners captured in the northeast Italian battle.

Last Full Measure Of Devotion Shown

CHICAGO—(AP)—Mrs. Caroline Kurial, who dying devotionally to duty to her crippled husband, died last night after her life in a futile attempt to save her mate.

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Chinese at Outskirts Of Ichang and Tungyung

CHUNGKING—(AP)—The Chinese Communist movement tonight claimed that its forces on the Yangtze Valley front had broken into Japanese lines at many points south of the river and advanced to the outskirts of Ichang and Tungyung.

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