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French Soldiers, At War Continuously Since 1939, Patrol Algeria Nightly

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Marnia, Algeria—The Big Dipper and the Milky Way wink in the moonless black sky. The beaten pathway crunches underfoot. It is like a startled walk on a rocky back pasture in Michigan or Oklahoma.

But the longitude is 4,000 miles to the east. This is a night patrol with the French Army in Algeria. A ny clump of bushes could be the nesting place for a rebel ambush.

The French soldiers are the 22nd Regiment of Colonial Infantry, drawn from France's overseas possessions. They are headquartered at Marnia, seven miles inside the Moroccan border.

The commanding officers of the second battalion is Major Henri Robert, son and grandson of a soldier, graduate of St. Cyr (the French West Point) in 1938. Like most French career officers, he has been fighting ever since.

Continuously At War

France is the only country

in the world to have been at war continuously since 1939—the second world war, then Indo-China, still North Africa.

His battalion covers 70 square miles along the frontier. Its 900 Negroes from French West Africa, 300 French draftees and 200 Vietnamese commandos are spread thinner than the book recommends. But the Algerian campaign does not fit the book to begin with.

Algeria is about the size of France. But there is no front in the Moroccan border.

The first co-educational college in the United States was Oberlin College, (Ohio), which opened its doors to women in 1837.

Five Area Students Named OSC Leaders

Corvallis—Five Oregon State College students from the Medford area have been appointed to serve as leaders for "New Student Week" this fall.

They are Charles E. Caster, Frank D. McCully Jr., and Marianne I. Moore of Medford, and Carol A. Dobrot and Donn R. Johnson of Central Point.

"New Student Week" is held each fall before classes open to give new students an orientation on fields of study and campus activities. Student leaders from the previous year on campus serve as counselors and guides during the week's program.

New Student week is scheduled Sept. 22 to 28 this year. Classes begin Sept. 30.

DISNEY FANS

Springfield, Mass.—Commerce High school students named their favorite TV program in preparation for graduating exercises. The seniors' choice—"The Mickey Mouse Show."

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Chicago—Ben Eason, 35, blind Raleigh, N. C., life insurance salesman, on his impression of Chicago:
"You get the feeling that dirt is hanging from the buildings."

Washington—Assistant Attorney General William F. Thompson, announcing he will fly to Paris to try to obtain the extradition of accused American spy team, George and Jane Zlatovskii:
"I expect to have the opportunity to discuss the matter personally with French officials next week."

Peoria, Ill.—Mrs. Helen Giacomelli, 44, seeking return of the 5-month-old son, whom she signed away for adoption at birth:
"God gave me my baby. He is the last child I can ever have."

Washington—The Library of Congress, reporting that Russia is out-distancing the United States in industrial production:

"It will be up to the United States to demonstrate the progress of which it is capable in partnership with other non-Communist nations, if the Soviet power and influence is to be restrained."

London—Radio Moscow, denying Western reports that three purged Communist Party bosses are being prosecuted and that they are in prison:

"We declare that there is no truth whatsoever in this. The Communist Party is not in the habit of taking petty revenge."

Drilling and equipping an oil well at sea means spending eight or nine times as much as for a well on dry land.

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