

4,000 PICKED FRENCH TROOPS IN ATTACK ON INVISIBLE RIFF ARMY

Riff Rebels Attempt To Surprize Enemy During Dust Storm But Are Repulsed After Terrific Infantry And Cavalry Drive

(By JOHN O'BRIEN, United News Staff Correspondent)
OJARA, French Morocco. (By Courier to Fez)—Aug. 17. I watched 4,000 French troops battle an invisible enemy Sunday during a howling, blinding dust storm, that hid the sun and made the battlefield a swirling pall of grit. Through the gritty gloom could be seen the flashes of rifles and the sounds of battle rang sharply in my ears.

"The Skifia post has been relieved," was the brief description given the fighting in the French official communique. That was all it said of the operations, which extended along an eight-mile front, and compelled the French troops to cross the Ouergha four times under Riffian fire from the crags, which commanded the crossing. For two hours the troops were handicapped by the suffocating dust storm.

A column of Senegalese infantry, Algerian cavalry and one white battalion of infantry left Ojara, 80 miles north of Fez, at 3 a. m. in lark darkness. Cigarettes were strictly forbidden. The column advanced through the brush under a high peak, but despite the precautions for concealment, Riffian bullets began whizzing at 4 o'clock. Your correspondent was riding horseback with the colonel's staff, and was just able to perceive lines of infantry and the mule trains 100 yards to the right and left. Then came our first crossing of the Ouergha, which theoretically, is the frontier of the French zone and the Riff.

Sharpshooters Take Toll
It was near daybreak. Riffian sharpshooters were posted on every summit, their rifles spitting constantly. The column was across the river when the sun appeared. The Riffians were clearly visible then.

Mounted French batteries opened up, deluging the mountain with hot metal, while two planes sailed above dropping bombs on the Riffian positions.

The infantry had maneuvered into more open formation, covering a front of two miles as it advanced. Parties of from 50 to 100 were left behind to occupy the Riffians on the peaks, and to guard the return of the infantry. It was dangerous work.

By 7 o'clock the peak overlooking Skifia, a mile and a half distant, was occupied by a convoy advancing from the open plain beneath another burst of artillery fire, which was directed at the peak, where the Riffian snipers were dashing for cover like rabbits.

Riffians Creep Up
The enemy never was more than a quarter of a mile distant. Suddenly the sky blackened. A hurricane of suffocating dust swept up the valley, hiding the sun in darkness, that was pierced only by the flashes of the gun. The Riffians crept closer under cover of the storm.

The colonel's orderly dropped, hit in the forearm, and my horse, nicked in the knee, stumbled and fell as another bullet whizzed a bit overhead.

When the storm had passed, the sweltering troops moved forward in groups, the Riffians galloping a few hundred yards ahead, firing as they fled. Many of the retreating horsemen fell under the hot French fire.

Through glasses I watched a relief battalion enter Skifia, where Senegalese troops had been isolated for a month. These fled out to join the main column.

"Now, remarked the colonel commanding the column, whose name must be omitted because of regulations, "we are going to see the real works."

Skilled Horsemanship
After we crossed the river, the Riffians in the backgrounds, had

Girl Defies Greek Dictator



occupied rocky cliffs, where they intended to wait to catch the returning troops. Twice the returning raiders forded the Ouergha, but were forced back by the Riffian fire, while the French artillery rained shells on the cliffs. The river banks are cliffs 100 feet high. There are no paths. We were forced to give our horses the reins, trusting to their sure footwork. Officers of the Chasseurs Afrique gave an exhibition of horsemanship seldom seen outside of a circus, sliding down boulders and through crevices less than 100 feet wide.

CHILOQUIN
CHILOQUIN, Aug. 17.—A. C. Geinger of the firm of Almeter & Geinger is in Klamath Falls on a business trip.

Sports Done Brown
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The bout was staged before an empty house.

Jack Dempsey still has his title. New York state will be glad to get the battle any time he decides to fight. And the laugh's on the commission.

As Battling Nelson warns: "Never get in an untenable position. You're sure to get socked."

The makeup of the team which will defend the Davis cup for America this year is yet to be chosen, of course. It probably will not be named definitely until after preliminary matches decide whether France or Australia will meet America in the challenge round.

Of course Big Bill Tilden will be the main hope of America. The decision as to the choice of the man to assist Tilden in the singles rests between Vincent Richards and Little Bill Johnston.

Richards, by his decisive victories over both James Anderson and

Gerald Patterson this year, again proved his mastery over these Antipodean stars. It was Little Bill John, however, who checked the aspirations of Rene La Coste, one of France's most feared players in the national tournament last year. Johnston took his match in straight sets. This much can be accepted now. The cup will remain in America another year. Tilden is himself. So is Richards. Little Bill is in better form than he was last year. These three men—at their best—rule the tennis world.

Sad Sam Jones, accused of contributing to the delinquency of the Yankees last year, must find it hard to keep from smiling these days. For little Sam has won a third of the games the former champions have managed to grab by hook or crook this season.

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