

941 3.45 P.M. 8/11/43 S. V. S. Schmidt
THE RUSSIAN FRONT --- FIRST BATTLE PICTURES FROM THE CAUCASUS.

This is the great Caucasus mountain range in southern Russia where Hitler's armies have been making one of their most desperate thrusts: and where a huge counter-offensive has been mounted by the genius of the Soviet people and their armies and their leaders; in these mountains, they have proved as they proved in Stalingrad, that no hardship is too great for their endurance. ~~The Red Army has lived and fought in conditions that baffle imagination and description: they have withstood the ceaseless battering of what was the mightiest army in the world's history. Now they are driving that army back with stupendous power. This action was before the winter settled in with all its bitterness; but to-day, in incredible cold, the Red Army is striking harder than ever.~~

Not only the Red Army fights in Russia; guerillas --- tough mountaineers --- every one capable of carrying a rifle is carrying it --- and helping to kill Germans.

This is Novorossisk, the Black Sea port, that has been so much in the news. Although the invaders have broken into the town, they have by no means ended resistance.

Some of the men fighting here are Soviet workers from the Maikop oilfields --- And ~~we~~ they retake another strongpoint.

Every waterway is used by Soviet ~~and~~ soldiers, sailors and Marines for attack.

In that hut Rumanians are holding out.

Those who were not killed are taken prisoner --- our first sight of Rumanians in action in this war /

Now to that other frequently-quoted ~~section~~ ^{east} North east of Tuapse / Also on the Black Sea --- further south. Sailors of the Black Sea Fleet are in action here. Many ^{were} the heroic defenders of Sebastopol ~~in action here.~~

Marine units have broken down enemy resistance and proceed to wipe out a whole battalion of Rumanians; ^{like} /all Germany's Allies, Rumanians must share the fate of all who chose to follow Hitler /