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Just a reminder that it is the Navy that has made our operations in Italy possible and keeps guard on the flanks and rear of the Fifth and Eighth Armies. No spectacular actions have come out of the Mediterranean since the Italian Navy was wiped off the account; but the Navy is still there --- organizing and protecting the landings; backing up the armies with coast bombardment.

Now to Corsica; General de Gaulle recently paid a visit to that island which has been liberated from German control; after receiving a bouquet he laid a wreath on Napoleon's monument. General de Gaulle is obviously popular among the people of Corsica.

Back to Cairo --- now happily preserved from fear of German and Italian ~~aggression~~; tattooing has taken the form of showing where its wearer has been. --- ~~and it shows some famous battle grounds~~. And some of the girls in Cairo who are doing a war job out there have caught the craze in a somewhat milder form.

Also in Cairo is a cycling club founded by a sergeant who used to be a cycling club enthusiast at home. Back at the base on leave from the desert, it's a favourite form of recreation to ride out and see the sphinx. Why it should be necessary to go and see the sphinx on a bike no one knows; she won't be changing her address.

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