

Africa Convoy Has Rough Trip

American Task Force
Home After Battling
Weather, but Not Subs

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WITH THE ATLANTIC
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A large task force of American warships, flushed with the successful occupation of Western Morocco, has arrived at an eastern port after one of the roughest Atlantic crossings in modern history.

Three severe gales battered the huge convoy during the tortuous journey that began over a month ago when more than 100 ships left the United States on a history-making adventure.

BAD WEATHER

At one time the barometer dipped to 28.92 and the wind rose to more than 50 land miles per hour. Huge waves crashing over the transports caused much minor damage and caused us to slow down on many occasions.

Breakdowns were frequent among the transports, but we patched them all up and made port easily.

In between breaks in the weather successful appendicitis operations were performed aboard two of our ships.

U-BOATS COME CLOSE

Hitler and Mussolini appeared worried about our presence at Casablanca because they sent many of their subs into the area. Some of these U-boats came right up to the harbor boom and some of them did a good job before we pulled out.

These devils of the deep, however, made no attacks on us. Perhaps our sniffing destroyers scared them a bit.

We sailed by happy hunting grounds for U-boats, and again they failed to attack. Then the weather got so bad that we almost forgot about the submarines.

We fueled at sea—a tricky and hazardous task even when the weather is favorable.