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World War: BALKAN THEATRE: Race for Valona

While the British struck on to Tobruch last week, trying to get there before Italy could bring up German help, the amazing Greeks moved northward through snow & cold toward Valona in a race against the Nazi aid promised Italy in Albania. Stukas were already in operation.

In the mountains around Kelcyre and Tepeleni, where Greek troops had been fighting since the fall of Argirocastro to get control of the Valona road, 500 Italian prisoners were taken. Along the coast an Italian armored column was thrown back with heavy losses. At week's end, despite the fear of all-out German support for Italy, the Government in Athens optimistically predicted "an important development in the war."

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