

ELBA FALLS TO FRENCH COMMANDOS

The British Navy provided transports and escort for the French expedition against the island of Elba.

General Tassigny saw the troops embark. They were drawn from the Colonial regiments that did much to re-establish the military reputation of France when they ~~broke through~~ *routed Kesselring* ~~in Italy~~. Elba lies close to the west coast of Italy.

In enemy hands it menaced allied sea communications.

Its capture was an essential part of ~~the~~ Gen. Alexander's campaign.

~~(thru glass)~~ German batteries opened fire the moment our ships were in range.

(5 St) The batteries silenced, ~~the troops disembarked~~. Elba was quickly conquered, the expedition a triumph of Anglo-French co-operation.