

PINTS OF PLASMA PUMPED INTO TOT



GAMELY FIGHTING for his life in a Dallas, Tex., hospital, young Billy Meers has used 227 pints of plasma since September in an effort to cure a kidney disease. Due to the drain on the hospital's plasma supply, the Red Cross might step in to give him a fighting chance. He is shown being fed by his mother. (International Soundphoto)

Brunswick Struck In Heavy RAF Raid

Battered Nazis Pushed Beyond Horyn

Reds Smash Enemy Line In Pripet

Russians Are Within 70 Miles of Kovel, Communications Base

Moscow, Jan. 15—(AP)—Russian troops pursuing a badly disorganized German army over a large sector west of the Horyn river beyond Sarny have driven within 70 miles of the big communications base of Kovel (in old Poland), front dispatches declared today.

To the north, a White Russian army offensive battering into the Pripet marshes toward Pinsk 115 miles away has smashed the backbone of Nazi defenses, Red Star asserted, and General Konstantin Rokossovsky's troops are pouring through the broken enemy lines.

The army newspaper said the German high command vainly had ordered a line held between the Styr and Horyn rivers, but General Nikolai Vatutin's Ukrainian forces battered through and the Germans probably will attempt another big stand in the Styr river running 25 to 35 miles west of the Horyn, or between the Styr and Stobog river, only 20 miles east of Kovel.

Moscow radio said the Nazis did not even have time to blow up or mine bridges.

Soviet units that seized Stepan, 13 miles southeast of Sarny, were driving down behind Rovno, 35 miles south, which was reported becoming badly outflanked.

Rokossovsky's five-day old offensive hammered into the Pripet marshes on a 30-mile front beyond Talmi, Mozyr and Kalinkovichi with extraordinary artillery support after breaking one of the strongest lines the enemy has yet established.

In one seven-mile sector the Germans had built in depth defenses of four trenches, 27 artillery points, 37 heavy machine gun nests and many mortars and mines.

Red Star said Soviet troops have crossed the Ippa river 13 miles west of Kalinkovichi, and ski troops and cavalry dashed after the Germans and added rear areas.

Moscow radio said the Germans appeared bewildered by the stunning Red army blows in the Pripet area. Rumanians were dying in great numbers, it said.

The Russians already had reached Skragolov, 20 miles beyond Mozyr and 115 miles from Pinsk, the industrial river city.

Far Heel Nominated Brigadier General

Washington, Jan. 15—(AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated Brigadier General DeWitt Peck to be a major general and Colonel Gerald C. Thomas to be a Brigadier general in the Marines.

Peck's home is listed as Clayton, New York. Thomas' address is given as 703 Fifth street, Greenville, N. C.

Determination Of Senate To Pass Tax Bill

Washington, Jan. 15—(AP)—With fingers crossed against further delay, the Senate reassembled today determined to act on a remaining revenue feature of the \$2,275,000,000 tax increase bill.

That was the Senate's aim yesterday, too, but it failed to reckon on a series of speeches on matters not at all related to taxation. Consequently, only a few amendments were agreed upon.

One of those would raise the Federal tax on cosmetics and toilet articles to 20 percent. The present rate is 10 percent; the House voted 25 percent.

Several important questions are up today. Senators Lucas (Ill. D.) and Clark (Mo. D.) favor striking out a House provision which would require labor unions, farm cooperatives and other non-profit organizations to file financial returns with the Treasury even though they do not have to pay income taxes.

GLAMOROUS DOUGHBOYS LOSE BALL GAME TO NURSES



"GLAMMER BOYS" is the title the group of American soldiers above gave themselves when they challenged Army nurses in New Guinea to a softball game. Then, to annoy the girls, they dressed themselves in the costumes they're wearing. But they're sorry now—the girls beat them, 3 to 1. The defeated warriors are (l. to r., rear row): Pvt. Will Herman, Fayetteville, N. Y.; Sgt. Francis Connor, Sayre, Pa.; T/5 Donald Van Hoy, Portland, Ore.; T/4 Eddie Medinger, N. Y. C.; Pfc. George Lawless, Splint, Ky.; T/4 Ray Zotti, Chicago; T/3 Frank Loderbauer, Chicago. Front row (l. to r.): T/5 Edward Oederkirk, Bloomington, Ill.; T/3 Robert Driscoll, Toledo, O.; Pvt. Pedro Saliche, Puerto Rico; T/3 Herbert Diehl, Baltimore, Md., and T/3 Edward Stokes, N. Y. C. The "Glammer Boys" look forward to no future in softball. (International)

French Gain Two More Miles



OPENING their sixth new offensive within a month at a point on the upper rim of the Pripet Marshes, indicated on the map, the Red Army is driving against the German White Russian stronghold of Mozyr and seeks to drive the Nazis into a trap in the marshes. South of the Pripets, as shown by arrow, the Reds are well beyond Sarny and further south, German troops are counterattacking near the Bug and putting up a terrific defense of their rail centers. (International)

Nazi Counterattacks Overcome in Fierce Fight Near Cassino.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 15—(AP)—French troops, staying off five German counterattacks in fierce fighting on the right wing of the Fifth Army front in Italy, have pushed forward two more miles toward Cassino, it was announced today, capturing the village of Acquafredda and three important heights in its vicinity.

Pressure by the French forces under General Alphonse Juin was applied over a considerable length after their mountain line in the general area northwest of Cassino and greatly strengthened the flank of Americans driving toward that stronghold 70 miles from Rome.

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Chain Of Jap Island Bases Hit By Allies

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Jan. 15—(AP)—Japanese tropical island bases in an almost unbroken chain of 3,000 miles from Borneo to Bougainville were listed today as having felt the wrath of bombs and bullets from far-ranging Allied planes.

Bomber formations, night patrols and reconnaissance units helped chart one of the most extensive operations reported in several weeks.

From end to end of the long line, General Douglas MacArthur's command told of fires and explosions among such enemy warping facilities as a big oil refinery, a 7,000-ton cargo ship, planes, air-dromes, barges, supply dumps, buildings and bivouacs.

Flying more than 1,000 miles northwest of Australia, Liberators blasted a cracking plant at Borneo on the westernmost end of the operational line. On adjacent Celebes, the Wilhelmshafen area was blasted.

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To Stockpile Excess Paper

Washington, Jan. 15—(AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson says the War Production Board will hold to its plan to stockpile newsprint furnished by Canada in excess of original estimates. Publishing groups had urged abandonment of the policy.

The newsprint involved is an estimated 13,000 tons a month which Canada recently said it can supply this year in excess of previous estimates.

WPA spokesmen said, however, that the stockpile would be much smaller than the Canadian announcement indicated, since much of it would have to be used for grants of additional tonnage in "hardship" cases.

Engineer Killed, Twelve Injured In Train Wreck

Darien, Conn., Jan. 15—(AP)—A locomotive engineer was killed and 12 persons, eight of them passengers, were slightly injured last night in a collision of two New York, New Haven and Hartford railway trains at a station here.

John J. Garrity, 41, of New Haven, engineer on an eight-car dead-head extra train bound for New Haven, was killed when his locomotive telescoped an empty baggage car on the rear end of another train making a regular stop.

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Berlin And Madeburg Also Bombed

1,400 Planes Strike Military Objectives In Northern France

London, Jan. 15—(AP)—American and Allied heavy and medium and light bombers attacked military objectives in northern France with good results yesterday, shooting down 27 enemy planes and losing 16 aircraft, three of them heavy bombers, a joint British and United States communique said today.

London, Jan. 16—(AP)—The RAF threw its full weight into the pre-invasion campaign to exterminate the German air force, burying the central German city of Brunswick under a heavy load of explosives last night as an afterstroke to the American daylight attack last Tuesday when Fortresses and Liberators fought one of the great battles of the war to bomb the Messerschmitt plant.

As this main force was over Brunswick, Mosquito bombers returned again to attack Berlin, and other planes bombed Madeburg, important chemical and war manufacturing city southwest of Berlin, and targets in northern France.

The overnight blow at Nazi defense fighters swung the Allied aerial offensive into a round-the-clock attack again, following by only a few hours a daylong assault on military targets in northern France by strong formations of American Liberators and Flying Fortresses, medium Marauders and Allied medium and light bombers, fighter bombers and swarms of fighters.

Nine enemy craft were destroyed in the daylight raid by 18 American heavy bombers, and 18 more by their escorts and by Allied medium and light bombers and their escorts. Allied losses in yesterday's daylight operations were 16 planes, three of them heavies.

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Washington, Jan. 15—(AP)—The CIO maritime committee, representing all CIO affiliated maritime unions, today promised to take to Congress its fight for inclusion of merchant seamen in any mulling out pay legislation enacted by Congress.

The measure, as approved by the House Military Affairs Committee and which comes up in the House early next week, applies only to members of the armed forces.

Bjorne Halling, executive secretary of the committee, said an effort would be made to amend the bill in the House, and if that failed, the fight would be taken to the Senate.

Halling based his demand for such action on the ground that merchant seamen have performed just as dangerous and important work as the armed services that the re-employment bill will cover.

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Federal War Ballot Advocates Predict Measure's Passage

Service Law Would Slow Father Draft

Washington, Jan. 15—(AP)—The induction of pre-war fathers would be slowed by a national service law because it would provide replacements for non-fathers engaged in essential pursuits, selective service has advised Congress.

To bring the combined strength of the army and navy to 11,000,000 by July 1, some 700,000 men must be granted during the first six months of 1944, in addition to replacements running as high as 100,000 monthly.

A selective service message to Congress said:

"Although at the present time many of the men now occupationally deferred in industry or on the farms are irreplaceable from the standpoint that there are no satisfactory replacements ready and willing to come forward and replace them, the message presented to Congress by the President recommending national service legislation, if acted upon by Congress, would prove the means of making replacements available for many of the non-fathers who are now deferred.

Especially in the Senate there was a growing sentiment to pass a Federal voting law in time for this year's elections.

PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN.

Washington, Jan. 15—(AP)—The War Department announced today the temporary promotion of Stephen Fowler, West Main street, Washington, from first lieutenant to captain.

School Set-Up Much Muddled Despite Laws

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, BY LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—The situation that developed in the State Board of Education when Comptroller Nathan Yelton went to the wars, not only stumped the attorney general and the governor, but it near about stumped the seven Supreme Court justices. They finally came through with an advisory opinion that the comptroller could be given a leave of absence to serve as a captain in the military government branch of the army.

The situation further directs attention to the differences between the amendments to the Constitution that was adopted in 1942 and is now in effect and the one presented to the voters for consideration at the general election next November.

That recalls some of the arguments for and against the amendment adopted last time, and suggests some of the discussion that may develop over the new proposal between now and election time. There would have been none of the difficulty over the comptroller's leave if the amendment to

Work on shifts under construction was interrupted by the disturbance during the second shift last night, but later Spencer said "a majority" of the workers were on the job, and the midnight shift began without incident.

Cotton Close Slightly Lower

New York, Jan. 15—(AP)—Cotton futures closed unchanged to 25 cents a bale lower.

	Open	Close
March	19.33	19.77
July	19.54	19.48
October	19.30	19.22
December (new)	19.06	18.96
December (new)	18.85	18.82

Midling spot 20.64.

Evacuation Of Sofia Ordered

London, Jan. 15—(AP)—The Bulgarian government has ordered immediate total evacuation of Sofia's 300,000 citizens as a result of the heavy Allied air blows against the capital, the German radio announced last night.

Dispatches from Istanbul quoted travelers as saying the center of the city was almost blanketed out by the American-British day and night attacks this week. The German marine headquarters and a hotel housing most of the German army staff, were reported destroyed.

The German broadcast said most of the evacuees would be accommodated in the provinces and added that other large towns in Bulgaria also were to be evacuated.

New Red Offensive On Northern Front, Germany Reports

London, Jan. 15—(AP)—The German high command announced today that Russian forces had launched a new offensive "north of Lake Ilmen."

Lake Ilmen is about 170 miles south of Leningrad on the long dormant northern front.

The announcement was not confirmed by the Russians.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and slightly colder tonight. Mostly cloudy and continued rather cold Sunday.