

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

THE BUGLE BLOWS 2 MILES FROM THE FRONT

By HENRY C. BOYLE
An American bomber base in the West Indies... (Delayed)—V-Mail in wide-spread use by the troops because it is supposed to get to its destination more quickly, but it is also the most cursed invention of the war.

Boyle and impersonal. "It just does not seem like a letter from home." It also results in some funny complications. For example, almost every day the wife of Sgt. Robert E. Smith of St. Louis, writes him three V-Mail letters, containing the news from her to him, but sometimes all the pages do not arrive on the same day.

That is why the sergeant at present is sorely puzzled. Page two of his wife's most recent letter begins "I was telling you in my page number 1. I missed my left arm for \$720." Unfortunately, page number one has not arrived. "I can hardly wait until it gets here," Smith said. "I can't figure why she wanted to pay for arms for \$720 anyway. I should think she would insure her right arm. She's right handed."

This is the second time the sergeant's letters from home have had a continued in the next chapter. A page from one of his See REPORTER'S on page 4

Fight Meat Rationing

WASHINGTON—A Congressional action to force a temporary suspension of all meat rationing has been introduced by Senator Thomas E. Watson, Republican, Idaho, on the ground that a current surplus, particularly of pork, is clogging trade channels.

A Senate resolution drafted by Thomas declared that packing house storage facilities are so taxed that "packers and slaughterers have been unable to dispose of surplus meat in order to provide source for new supplies with the result that large quantities of such products have been destroyed or allowed to spoil."

The resolution offered after Government agencies turned down informal Congressional suggestions for a pork rationing holiday, would limit the quantity of meat that can be rationed to the amount of the War Food Administration and the Price Administration, which would be distributed, and that surplus quantities are available for the change of new supplies.

The Office of Price Administration has consistently opposed rationing holidays in excess of a three-day later this year.

Harry Hopkins in Naval Hospital

WASHINGTON—Harry L. Hopkins, intimate friend and adviser of President Roosevelt in the field of international affairs from Florida.

White House officials said he entered the hospital with what was a severe cold, and since had developed a temperature and chills. The aid he is receiving would be there for some time.

Viereck Conviction Is Confirmed by Court

WASHINGTON—A conviction of German spy Viereck, who was sentenced last July to serve from one to five years for violation of the Espionage Act, was affirmed today by the United States Court of Appeals.

The court found that Viereck was "properly convicted and sentenced" by the district court. Viereck had registered under the act but had failed to give details of his activities to the FBI, which he represented the Foreign Office of the German Reich.

New "Sergeant York" Captures 19 German Soldiers Singlehanded

By KENNETH L. DIXON
WITH THE AEP ON THE ITALIAN FRONT... (Pr. Billy Miller, 21, first talking doghouse from Pozzoli, Italy, bounding in German lines, tenant and eighteen enlisted men, all believing they were surrounded and they started them to be handed to captivity across 60 yards of No Man's Land.

Move Deep In Defenses Of Cassino

British Cross Peccia River
By JOSEPH E. DYNAN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGERIS (AP)—Fifth Army forces bit deeper today into the tough defense belt of Cassino with American doughboys plunging forward in a two-mile advance northeast of the stronghold and the British crossing the Peccia River and firmly holding a bridgehead to the southwest of the town.

In a thrust from Mount Maio the Yanks battered their way through strong opposition and captured the 2,400-foot peak of Cassino Verchio overlooking the road from fallen San Vittore to Cassino.

Despite intense artillery fire, the British clung to the bridgehead they forced across the Peccia west of Mount Maggiore near the western end of the ten-mile defensive front of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army.

Chiefs were also occupied either heights preparatory to an assault directly on Cassino itself, CAPTURE MOUNT

American captured 1,500-foot Mount Chiala south of the Cassino road and, further, today they completed occupation of 900-foot Mount Porchia by mopping up German troops entrenched on the mountain's western slopes after tanks had entered actively in the battle.

The Americans thus overtook the village of Cervaro, four miles east of Cassino, both from the north and south.

Their advanced elements were more than 10 miles through the 45-mile axis of fortifications between Cassino and the captured village of San Vittore.

The doughboys who captured Mount Chiala continued their advance in the direction of Cassino supported by fighter-bombers which attacked German positions.

Deep snags in the mountainous sector of the Eighth Army front restricted fighting to patrol actions at the front of the front.

Actually every peak in this mountainous area was heavily blasted with battle, and an American or British flag was flying at the crest of each only at heavy cost.

Field guns snatched their shells at the moment of victory, tumbling and supplanting aircraft round low, but only direct hits were effective in bringing down the solidly-placed Nazi defenses.

The weight of the battle rested heavily on the shoulders of the men and they advanced by plunging through machine-gun fire and mortar shells, and by the Germans from deep trenches and dugouts, one by one.

The hot war still rages. The front yesterday said the Germans had brought up strong reinforcements and were being decimated by attacks without avail against various points of the advancing Fifth Army line.

Marines Resume New Britain Push

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA—(AP)—Bitter ground fighting is raging in northwestern New Britain, with Allied bombers supporting the United States Marines' renewed push to clear the Japanese from the area near Cape Gloucester.

Bombers concentrated 45 tons of explosives on enemy forward positions. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's commandant said today. A headquarters spokesman said the battle was resumed Friday after a hill, and the 16th Commandant reported that the Marines had reached Hill 666 in an advance of a mile and three-quarters.

Hill 666, an artillery observation point, is south of Hill 661, where Marines landed Dec. 26.

Ground patrol clashes also were reported in the hills in the advance area. Marines captured the advance Dec. 26, four days after the invasion began.

Bombers and fighters of the South Pacific Command struck enemy installations at Cape St. George on the southern tip of New Ireland. The target area is across narrow St. George Channel from Rabaul, Japanese stronghold in northeast New Britain.

Stiff enemy interposition of the attack today gave evidence the Japanese will resist desperately any attack that might eventually force a new landing spot for a flanking assault on Rabaul. At least 10 Japanese interceptors were shot down, and probably two others, six of our planes were lost.

Bombers struck also at the protective airbases of Rabaul itself. Liberators bombed Vunakanau airfield in the morning and Australian Bostons pounded Lakunai and Tolera airbases at night.

Neither Japanese nor Allied planes were mentioned, in the case. They spent the night there.

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Small Air Force Forays Made

LONDON—(AP)—Allied air activity against continental targets from British bases over the weekend amounted to small-scale forays and none were announced immediately for last night, although radio alerts in Vichy suggested that that area.

Maintaining the record that has kept Britain's air force busy in Germany every night since the new year, however, RAF Mosquito bombers again attacked the Western Reich Saturday night. Berlin said the ancient city of Aachen was the target.

American heavy bombers have been idle since Friday's strong assault into Southwest Germany which neutral reports described as a "death blow" to chemical plants at Ludwigshafen. The RAF's heavy bombers had been out in force to raid the Baltic port of Strittin.

Men Overseas May Be Sent Shores Ration Free
NEWARK, N. J.—(AP)—Members of the armed forces overseas may now be sent shoes ration free by friends or relatives in this country, says the Office of Price Administration.

Under the new plan, which has been in effect since last August, men in the armed forces may have their shoes rationed.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt instructed the Secretaries of War and Navy today that members of Congress may not serve in the armed forces if they are in the line of duty.

Mr. Roosevelt said in a formal statement that Attorney General Biddle had advised him that the conditions forbid simultaneous service in the armed forces and in Congress.

"As the election of this Congress after war was declared, showed that their constituents believe that their service as legislators was their permanent contribution to the war effort."

Mr. Roosevelt said that the desire of legislators to serve their country under arms was understandable and appreciated, and "does them honor."

Small Couple's Son Is Hefty and Doing Well
DENVER—(AP)—Dwight D. Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower are expecting a son, Dwight D. Eisenhower III, who is expected to be born in the maternity ward at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Robert, 26, four-foot-three inches tall and Mrs. Eisenhower, 34, four-foot-two inches tall and Mrs. Eisenhower, 34, four-foot-two inches tall and Mrs. Eisenhower, 34, four-foot-two inches tall.

Physicians said the baby is in good health and requires special attention. He now weighs four and one-half pounds.

Mr. Eisenhower was married fifteen months ago when both were attending high school at Lincoln. Mrs. Eisenhower is now doing important work on airplanes at Hill Field, Utah, at which job he is also working.

There were a number of pictures taken of the baby. The old ladies are still going so there are many windows full of pictures, but since the turn in the military life the German propaganda is now doing in-creased work on airplanes at Hill Field, Utah, at which job he is also working.

Vatutin's First Army Is Moving On Vinnitsa

Push Deep Into Old Poland
By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW—(AP)—Spearheads of Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army plunged within fifteen miles of the Bug River today, and neared Vinnitsa, rail city on the Bug serving as main control point for German communications to the Dnieper bend.

Other Vatutin units shelling southern Army, advancing to a possible trap for thousands of Germans in the Smola Gap, a Nazi-held zone in the forest extending eastward to the Dnieper River. This southward drive was

LONDON—(AP)—The British radio said today that Soviet units had reached Saraj, rail station 25 miles from the Polish border on the west-south rail link between the Warsaw-Odessa and Warsaw-Brest-Litovsk lines.

Earlier Moscow dispatches had placed the Soviet force first mile east of the town where all would face the SSOC to "ray" on the front. The Soviet units are pushing their way to their main base supply routes.

Further north the Soviets were within five miles of the Polish border, 10 miles inside Old Poland.

Vatutin's western advance guards seized Zhoruzhka, 14 miles from a bend of the Bug River, Zhoruzhka is 20 miles southeast of Vinnitsa.

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