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THE WAR FRONTS

USSR: The Soviet front now lies from the Gulf of Finland to the Southern Ural. New Red Army offensives have been announced in the Leningrad sector, west of Valtari Lake and where Southern White Russia meets the vast Pripiet Marshes. Soviet troops have been launched west and south from Leningrad, opening gaps as much as 25 miles broad in the German line and penetrating up to a dozen miles. Seven Nazi divisions have been driven out of their positions and scores of big gun batteries that for months shelled Leningrad have been taken.

The threat west of Valtari Lake has been killed, 10 miles north of Novoselkiki, and farther out into the eastern communications. South of the Pripiet Marshes Kalkinetski and Meyer have fallen and the Soviets are pressing east and southwest. Nazi units forced into the retreat have been destroyed by this offensive and the one just south of the boggy wasteland are being severely handled by White Russian Genettes. The advance south of the Pripiet is reported starting northwest from the Polish city of Staroy. Further south, Red Army artillery is within range of Brest, another Polish city. Some of the world's most famous fighting has occurred near Valtari Lake—was seen the Germans are trying to penetrate a Onava Winter railroad and rail link between enemy lines in the Dnieper Bend and Poland.

ITALY: With the Fifth Army's American and French allies in toward development of Cassino, so British have opened an offensive along the lower Garigliano River north and northwest of the town. Crossing under tank armor and machine gun fire, the British crossed three north bank highlands, only the one farthest inland adjacent to Cassino, which the Americans took north the week. Working forward steadily ever since, the Americans and French have taken a succession of heights and landmarks they now face Cassino across the Rapido River and control the road running from it to the main north to the main point of the German line. The Rapido is the last natural barrier blocking Cassino and the Allies' Italian line. Eighth Army Canadians are pushed along a 1000-foot front and crossed a small stream near San Tommaso two miles inland from the Adriatic.

AIR WAR: Further details of the Eighth USAAF raids Jan. 11 that led one of the greatest battles to be fought in Europe show details the principal targets to have been fighter plane bases at Ostia, Nettuno, Fregene and Bracciano. A full accounting of losses showed 10 bombers and four fighters shot down, and 152 German planes shot down. A few days later the RAF dropped several of 220 tons of bombs on Bracciano at a night raid. Still another strike at enemy fighter plane production was made by the British's USAAF over based in Italy. It struck the Messerschmitt plant at Klagenfurt in Southern Austria, located in the mountains near the High Alps. The raid was the first that a modified Mustang fighter equipped in the USAAF saw in the European theater. Results show speed and range (it has penetrated to within 100 miles of the base of Berlin) the P-51B principal characteristic in high performance at any altitude. The report is a full-scale Mustang found with a wing, two-cylinder supercharger and delivering 1500 horsepower. External tank accommodations with no 500-pound bombs give the operating range. Armament is four .50 caliber guns.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: Widespread air strikes and substantial damage to Japanese shipping from barges up to large merchantmen is making the Southwest Pacific campaign. Much of the air activity has been directed against such apparently evacuating from the north coast of New Guinea, where the enemy has been single between American advance southeast from Suva and Australian fighting northward along the Hout Peninsula. On New Britain the Marine at Cape Gloucester took 181 400 after a four-day fight. It cost thousands the Borgen they neighborhood. On the north side of the island, at Arawa, the 19th Infantry, composed largely of Asians and New Mexico National Guardsmen, forced the Japs back into 1000 yards.

BURMA: British troops that took Mawlaik here along the coast several miles beyond it weathered the enemy's counter-attacks. They are encountering strong resistance and have beaten off two determined counterattacks.

Multiple training includes learning how to shoot the 10 caliber automatic machine gun from the hip—as at the planning conference, seen normally from the high. Whether anybody has a long-range fire line could do this task with a machine gun has sometimes been a subject for day room debate. The picture gives the answer.

In a great North African airplane hangs these tents of the Quartermaster Corps dig into mountains of discarded clothing and shoes dropped here from training and battle scenes. Their job is to make a record of the equipment used for American troops and what shall be passed on to nearby agencies for the aid of civilian victims of war.

Backwash of battle. Indian refugees, women, one carrying a baby and the others bundles, pass disabled American tanks as they struggle to wade up a road toward the rear.

Italian battlefront. These observers are spying San Vito now open to the heavy fight that took it full on; the Fifth Army another step forward on the way to Cassino.

Continued by Allied Military Government accounts, the Italian enemy's report that he did destroy all of his wheat. ASAC cannot be held, and ordered his men.

Hardly begun, and already done, are these from News of the vanished Hermann Goering Division being brought in by the 1st US Cavalry at Johnson City, Tenn. They sold quarters that they had been at the front line one night before Covid found them behind a rock in Mt. Perch in Italy.

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An American map titled "Newsmap, Monday, January 24, 1944." The map of the Eastern front shows railroads, rivers, pre-war boundaries, battle lines, and points of Soviet attack. A portion of land, stretching from the Soviet Union in to Poland, is highlighted in blue. Printed text and photographs reveal news on multiple fronts. Printed text and drawings on the back describe the look of various German Army uniforms and gear.

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