SOMEWHERE BELGIUN 0 4010 FUBLISHED by SIGNAL CORPS

## VOLUME V NO. 33

24 JANUALY 1945

## RUSSIA:

MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT MARSHALL KONEV'S FORCES HAVE ESTABLISHED A BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE ODER RIVER IN GERMAN SILESIA. IN WESTERN POLAND MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S THOOPS HAVE CAPTURED BYDGOSZCZ OR BROMBERG. IN EAST PRUSSIA MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKY'S FORCES ARE THREATENING TO CUT OFF ALL THE GERMANS FIGHTING IN THE EASTERN PART OF THAT COUNTRY.

IT IS REPORTED FROM MOSCOW THAT MARSHALL KONEV'S FIRST UKKANIAN ARMY HAS ESTAB-LISHED AT LEAST ONE BRIDGEHE AD ACROSS THE ODER RIVER IN GERMAN SILESIA. THE REDS ARE SHELLING THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN BRESLAU AND OPPEIN. KONEV'S TROOPS NOW FIGHTING ON A LOO MILE FRONT IN SILESIA HAD REACHED THE ODER ON A 35 MILE FRONT NEAR BRESLAU AND HAD TAKEN A TOWN ONLY 15 MILES FROM BRESLAU. AT ONE POINT ALONG THE RIVER THE REDS DROVE 2000 NAZIS TO THE EDGE OF THE RIVER AND THE GERMANS SURPENDERED. ACCOR-DING TO THE GERMANS THE RUSSIANS HAVE REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF OPPEIN AND STREET FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE TOWN OF GLEFWITZ. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEY HAVE SENT ALL AVAILABLE MEN TO THE FRONT IN SILESIA.

IN WESTERN POLAND MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S FORCES HAVE TAKEN THE HEDGEHOG CITY OF BYD-GOSZCZ OR BROMBERG, AFVER OUTFLANKING AND THEN ASSAULTING IT FRONTALLY. TWO GERMAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS HOLDING THE CITY WERE WIPED OUT. ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK HAS NOW SWUNG NORTHWEST AND PUSHED AHEAD 10 MILES TO A POINT 25 MILES FROM EAST PRUSSIA.

MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKYSWHITE RUSSIAN TROOPS DRIVING ACROSS THE MIDDLE OF EAST PRUSSIA AFTER CROSSING INTO EAST PRUSSIA FROM THE SC. TH, WERE LAST NIGHT REPORTED 20 MILES FROM THE BALTIC PORT OF ELBING. IF ROKOSSOVOSKYS' FORCES DRIVE TO THE COAST AT ELEING THEY WILL CUT OFF THE GERMANS FIGHTING IN THE EASTERN PART OF EAST PRUSSIA. ROKOSSOVOSKY'S TROOPS ARE 50 MILES FROM THE BIG PORT OF DANZIG AND HIS FORCES ON THE RIGHT FLANK ARE BUT 50 MILES FROM THOSE OF GENERAL CHERNYAKHOVSKY DRIVING FORWARD IN THE SULWAIKI AREA OF EAST PRUSSIA.

GENERAL CHERNYAKHOVSKY'S THIRD WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY PUSHING TOWARDS KOENIGSBERG HAS FORCED TWO RIVERS AND WAS LAST NIGHT WITHIN 25 MILES OF THE EAST PRUSSIAN CAPITOL. CHERNYAKHOVSKY HAS BROADENED HIS FRONT DOWN TO THE SULWALKI AREA.

## BELGIUM:

LARCE SCALE TROOP MOVEMENTS BY THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED IN WHAT IS LEFT OF THE ARDENNES GAP AND IN GERMANY IN THE AREA OF HANNOVER. AMERICAN AND BRITISH FIGHTER BOMBERS FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY HAMMERING AT GERMAN MILITARY TRAFFIC HEADING OUT OF THE ARDENNES BULGE AND INSIDE GERMAN WHERE HUNDREDS OF TRAINS HAVE BEEN GOING TOWARDS HANNOVER. YESTERDAY 1200 BRITISH FIGHTER BOMBERS ATTACKED MORE THAN 160 TRAINS INSIDE GERMANY DESTROYING SCORES OF ENGINES AND HUNDREDS OF CARS. THE TRAINS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOADED WITH TROOPS. IN THE ARDENNES BULGE RUNDSTEDT IS STILL PULLING HIS TROOPS AND VEHICLES BACK INTO GERMANY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT AND YANK FIGHTER BOMBERS HAVE ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE. YESTERDAY ANOTHER 1000 NAZI VEHICLES WERE DESTROYED INCLUDING 50 TANKS AND ARMORED CARS. THIS MAKES SOME 4000 VEHICLES KNOCKED OUT IN 2 DAYS. THE GERMANS ARE EVIDENTLY TRYING DESPER-ATELY TO MOVE TROOPS ELSEWHERE IN GERMANY AND OUT OF THE ARDENNES BULGE FOR THEY ARE MOVING IN BROAD DAYLIGHT WITHOUT AN AIR COVER.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE RETAKEN THE BATTERED TOWN OF ST VITH. ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE BULGE GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES HAVE MADE GAINS FROM 2-7 MILES ON A 20 MILE FRONT. THIRD ARMY YANKS ARE REPORTED TO BE FIGHTING IN THE TOWN OF VIANDEN ON THE LUXEMBOURG-GERMAN BORDER.

CONTINUED

## PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SIXTH ARMY TROOPS ON THE ISLAND OF LUZON ARE RAPIDLY GLOSING ON THE GROUP OF CLARK AIRFIELDS AND WERE LAST REPORTED 50 MILES FROM MANILA. THE JAPS ARE LEAVING PREPARED DEFENSES AND ARE AVOIDING BATTLE WITH THE AMERICANS. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES HAVE ATTACKED OKINAWA ISLAND BETWEEN FORMOSA AND THE ISLAND OF JAPAN. AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FROM SAIPAN TODAY ATTACKED THE BONIN ISLANDS. ERITISH COMMANDOS HAVE MADE A NEW LANDING ON THE WESTERN COAST OF BURMA NEAR THE PORT OF ANYAB. THIS IS THE FOURTH LANDING ON THE WESTERN COAST OF BURMA IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS.

