RUSSIA

THE WESTWARD SURGE OF THE FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY GROUP UNDER MARSHALL ZHUKOV HAS CONTINUED WITHOUT LETUP. MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ZHUKOV'S DRIVE IS THE MAIN RUSSIAN SALASH TO THE WEST AND SAYS THAT HIS FORCES ARE NOW INSIDE NORTHEASTERN GERMANY ON TWO FRONTs. ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK HAS BROKEN THROUGH THE GERMAN DEFENSES ALONG THE BORDER IN THE AREA OF SCHNEIDERMUHL AND HERE THE RUSSIANS ARE HEADING FOR THE IGAl-BATTLE PORT OF STRITTIN. THE REDS ON THIS SECTOR HAVE STORMED TWO TOWNS ON THE RAIL LINE LEADING TO SCHNEIDERMUHL. THE MAIN NIGHT OF ZHUKOV'S POWER DRIVE HAS HIT THE GERMAN DEFENSES GUARDING THE WAY TO FRANKFURT-ON-ODER, AND BERLIN. HERE IN THE CENTER OF HIS OFFENSIVE, ZHUKOV'S TROOPS HAVE SMASHED TWO GERMAN WATER VILLAGES AND CONTINUED ON TOWARDS THE GERMAN CAPITOL. THE NOIZE RIVER WAS THE FIRST WATER OBSTACLE PASSED AND ALONG THE ODEA RIVER FURTHER WEST, THE RUSSIANS BURST RIGHT THROUGH TWO GERMAN DEFENSE LINES. ALONG THE ODEA THE RUSSIANS CROSSED THEIR CONCRETE FORTS BUT RED ARTILLERY BATTERED THEM TO PIECES. THE GERMANS IN THEIR HASTE TO FULL OUT OF THEIR DEFENSE LINE LEFT 93 GNs AND HUNDREDS OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE BATTLEFIELD. THE RUSSIANS KILLED 4000 GERMANS IN THE BATTLE ALONG THE RIVER. MOSCOW HAS SAIID NOTHING ABOUT WHERE ZHUKOV'S SPEEHEADS ARE NOW BUT BERLIN SAYS THERE IS A GREAT BATTLE RACING AROUND THREE TOWNS IN THE LANDSHOFT AREA, 25 MILES FROM FRANKFURT AND ABOUT 55 MILES FROM BERLIN. IT IS KNOWN THAT MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S LEFT FLANK HAS REACHED THE BANK OF THE RIVER ODER WHERE IT BEGINS TO CURVE WEST TO FRANKFURT. VERY DEEP SNOW MAY SLOW THE RUSSIAN DRIVE BUT IT HAS ALSO ALLOWED THE RUSSIANS IN THAT THE GERMANS SAY THE DEEP SNOW AND ICE ARE HOLDING UP GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS WHO ARE MOVING UP TO THE FRONT. BERLIN HAS CALLED ON CIVILIANS TO SAnd TOY ROADS AND CLEAR HIGHWAYS CLOGGED WITH SNOW.

IN SILESIA MARSHALL KONEV'S TROOPS ARE MOVING TO THE ODER BEYOND KATOWICE. THE GERMANS SAY KONEV'S BULGEHEAD ACROSS THE ODER IS BEING STRADDLED EXPANDED. IN EAST PHUSIA, MARSHALL AKOSSOVSKY'S TROOPS HAVE STORMED WERENEMBURG AND ARE ABRASILY THREATENING DANZIG. GENERAL GHERNYAKHOVSKY'S THIRD WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE ALMOST ENCIRCLED KONIGSBERG AND ARE SHELLING THE LAST ESCAPE ROAD LEADING OUT OF THE CITY.

IN A BROADCAST TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE LAST NIGHT, ADOLPH HITLER SPOKE OF "GERMAN DISTRESS AND SUFFERING", BUT HE CALLED ON THE GERMANS "TO FIGHT ON."

BELGIUM

AMERICAN FIRST AND THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE HEADING AT THE OUTER DEFENSES OF THE SIEGBURG LINE ALONG A 50 MILE SECTOR. AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE FIRST ARMY FRONT, INFRONT AND TANKS HAVE ADVANCED ON BOTH SIDES OF MUNSCHAUL AND AT THE ONE POINT ARE THREE KILOMETERS INSIDE GERMANY AND HAVE TAKEN A STANDING OF VILLAGES. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE AMERICANS ARE ATTACKING IN "CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH" IN THIS AREA TO THE SOUTH OF ST VITH, YANKS OF THE THIRD ARMY HAVE EXTENDED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE OUR RIVER TO 5 MILES LONG AND 1 1/2 MILES DEEP. THE AMERICANS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE TOWN. THE GERMANS ARE BACK ON THE DEFENSE ALL ALONG THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY FRONT. ACTIVITY HERE HAS BEEN CONFINED TO PATHOLLING. IN SOUTHERN ALBEC, FRENCH FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE ACROSS THE COLIBA CANAL AND HAVE OUT ONE OF THE 2 MAIN GERMAN SUPPLY ROUTES FROM THE RHINE.

THE WEATHER WAS POOR FOR FLYING YESTERDAY BUT ALLIED FIGHTER FORMATIONS STRUCK AT RAIL AND MOTOR TRANSPORT IN SOUTHWESTERN GERMANY. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED FIGHTER FORMATIONS APPROACHING NORTHWESTERN GERMANY.
ITALY:

Activity in Italy is still confined to patrolling because of the weather. Allied planes flew some 1,200 sorties yesterday.

PACIFIC:

General MacArthur's troops have made a new surprise landing above the Bataan Peninsula on Luzon. The Americans are already 10 miles inland and only 30 miles from the Sixth Army Force driving on Manila from the north. The Americans landed at two points without any aerial or naval bombardment to cover them. Not a man, ship, nor plane was lost in the landing operations.

American bombers have again attacked the Jap island of Iwo Jima.

GILBERT

By Cpl. N.S. Fireflies

He's sure proud of that stripe!