



VOLUME VI NO. 3

5 FEBRUARY 1945

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT SPEARHEADS OF MARSHALL KONEV'S FIRST UKRANIAN ARMY HAD STRUCK OUT FROM SEVERAL BRIDGEHEADS BEYOND THE ODER SOUTH OF BRESLAU AND THAT VERY HEAVY FIGHTING WAS GOING ON THERE. ONE OF KONEV'S SPEARHEADS WAS REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED A TOWN 14 MILES BEYOND THE RIVER. MOSCOW HAS NOT CONFIRMED THIS REPORT BUT RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENTS HINT THAT BIG NEWS WILL SOON BE COMING FROM MARSHALL KONEV'S SECTOR.

MARSHALL GREGORY ZHUKOV'S FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY IS FANNING OUT TOWARDS THE ODER RIVER NORTH OF KUSTRIN AND HAVE TAKEN A TOWN 41 MILES NORTHEAST OF BERLIN. THE RUSSIANS ON THIS FRONT ARE ADVANCING ON A 40 MILE FRONT. ONE OF ZHUKOV'S COLUMNS DROVE AHEAD FOR 12 MILES YESTERDAY AND REACHED A POINT 4 MILES FROM THE ODER. THE RUSSIANS CAUGHT 5000 GERMANS IN A STRIP OF FOREST LAND AND WIPED THEM OUT. THE GERMANS SAY THAT ZHUKOV IS KEEPING UP HIS VIOLENT ATTACKS AIMED AT FRANKFURT AND KUSTRIN AND SAY HIS RIGHT FLANK HAS REACHED A POINT 22 MILES FROM THE BALTIC PORT OF STETTIN.

IN EAST PRUSSIA THE RUSSIANS HAVE THRUST TO THE BAY OF DANZIG NORTHWEST OF KOENIGSBERG TRAPPING THE GERMANS IN THE COASTAL CORRIDOR THERE. THE REDS HAVE CUT THE GERMANS INTO TWO GROUPS THERE AND ARE NOW SPLITTING THEM UP INTO SMALL GROUPS AND WIPING THEM OUT. IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSSIANS, RAF COASTAL COMMAND BOMBERS HAVE MADE A ROUND TRIP OF MORE THAN 1600 MILES TO HIT ENEMY WARSHIPS IN THE AREA NORTHWEST OF THE GULF OF DANZIG.

BELGIUM:

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE GOOD GAINS IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE EAST OF MONSCHAU. THE YANKS YESTERDAY PUSHED 3500 YARDS TO REACH THE SHORE OF A SMALL LAKE. THE AMERICANS MET NO HEAVY OPPOSITION IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING. THE CONCRETE FORTS OF THE SIEGFRIED LINE ARE NOT BEING HELD IN STRENGTH. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, FRENCH AND AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE SPLIT THE COLMAR POCKET IN TWO AND TOOK MORE THAN 2500 PRISONERS IN 24 HOURS. ONE COLUMN HAS REACHED A POINT 9 MILES SOUTH OF COLMAR. AMERICAN TROOPS LAST NIGHT WERE REPORTED TO BE ATTACKING BRELSACH. AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS SOUTHEAST OF ST VITH ARE ABOUT 1½ MILES IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE.

RAF HEAVY BOMBERS LAST NIGHT ATTACKED TWO BENZOL PLANTS IN THE RUHR AND THE RAIL CITY OF BONN. RAF MOSQUITOS WERE OVER WIDE AREAS OF GERMANY LAST NIGHT. THEY ATTACKED RAIL TOWNS IN THE RUHR AND THE RHINELAND AND THE CITIES OF HANNOVER AND MAGDEBURG. ALLIED FIGHTER BOMBERS YESTERDAY HAMMERED TRANSPORT AND A RHINE BRIDGE IN THE COLMAR AREA.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED MANILA AND ARE FIGHTING IN THE HEART OF THE CITY. THE YANKS FREED 3700 INTERNEES IN THE CITY. MOST OF THEM WERE AMERICANS. THE JAPS ARE FALLING BACK BUT ARE FIGHTING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE. THE AMERICANS DROVE INTO THE CITY SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER AN ENCIROCLING MOVEMENT. THE 11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION IS APPROACHING MANILA FROM THE SOUTH.

IN THEIR ATTACK ON KOBE YESTERDAY AMERICAN SUPER FORTS SHOT DOWN OR DAMAGED 42 JAP PLANES WITHOUT LOSS. LIBERATORS BOMBED IWO JIMA ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WHILE NAVY PLANES ATTACKED 3 ISLANDS IN THE KURILES. BRITISH CARRIER PLANES HAVE AGAIN BOMBED JAP OIL TARGETS ON SUMATRA. TOKIO REPORTS THAT ABOUT 3000 AMERICAN TROOPS PLUS TANKS HAVE LANDED ON A LARGE ISLAND IN THE SULU GROUP IN THE PHILIPPINES.

THEY'VE
LOOKS LIKE A MAN THAT I FOUND ON A TREE IN THE SOUTH IS THE ONLY
WANT GOOD LIFE. THE OTHERS OF THE... (mirrored text bleed-through)

GILBERT

BY CPL. N.S. FIRFIRES



N.S. Firfires
309 ENCR. BN.

HE JUST GOT BACK FROM PARIS!

