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## Enemy Armies Staggering under blows from the air.

*THE Tactical Air Force acting in the closest co-operation with the Allied Land Armies, has been striking telling blows against the enemy.*

One force, which has been working ahead of the American columns thrusting into the Saar pocket on the Western Front, flew 7,000 sorties in dawn-to-dusk attacks. Rail transport was the chief objective and in the course of the day the planes accounted for a total of 6,000 freight trucks. This figure also includes a number of locomotives destroyed.

### Mosquitoes' Sting

Berlin continues to hold a high priority on the target list of the RAF. Mosquitoes have given the city one of its most recent poundings. Two of the main rail supply lines from the RUHR have suffered badly through an attack on two vital viaducts. A considerable force went for these targets using 10 ton and 5½ ton bombs,

*An indication of the effect of the prolonged air attacks on German industry is given in a recent official statement that only one of Germany's 20 synthetic oil plants is still operating.*

This systematic destruction still goes on in other objectives. Twelve hundred American heavies, flying from Britain, have attacked aeroplane factories in Southern Germany as well as other industrial targets.

### FRENCH FORCES HUNT THE HUNS.

A special message from Reuters reports steady progress on the Third Army front. Spearheads probing the defences have thrust forward as much as 15 miles in one day, and one of these forces has been reported at a point 14 miles South-West of Mainz.

French forces now have the satisfaction of having completely cleared North-Eastern France from German occupation, and have themselves crossed from Northern Alsace into German territory. They were preceded by armoured forces, and when tanks closing in from the North-West linked up they secured a bag of 2,000 prisoners.

## YOUR PAPER.

TODAY we publish the first issue of "The Highlander," and so another ship's newspaper takes its place among the many troopship publications that have seen the first light of day on the high seas.

New Zealanders are literary minded, more so in lighter mood than on the more serious side, and during the passage of New Zealand troops to and from the war fronts many newsheets and magazines have been produced for the benefit of those who have had limited opportunity in aspiring to literary fame and for the pleasure of those who appreciate Kiwi talent and desire to possess an original souvenir of their voyage.

In "The Highlander" we aim to present to you the main features of world news as well as general items of interest; but it is primarily YOUR paper, intended to record your ship-board activities and your thoughts if you will let us have them—on things past and things to come. Although our space is limited, there is no limit on our interests. The paper can be a worth-while venture, and if you give it staff your constructive support, it will be.

## NO SLACKENING OF RUSSIAN DRIVE IN PRUSSIA.

The great Russian advance in East Prussia shows no slackening in intensity.

Driving on South-West of Koenigsberg, the Soviets have captured 30 more places. The cost to the Germans of their vain defence of the Baltic fort-

ress town of Kolberg is announced by the Russians to have been 8,000 killed and another 6,000 wounded.

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