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THURSDAY, March 29 1945.

MAIN GERMAN DEFENCE LINE OF RIVER RHINE BROKEN

General Eisenhower has announced that the main German defence line has been broken by the Allied crossings of the Rhine, but the public must not expect that there will be no further check on the road to Berlin.

The weight of the German resistance is in the North, directed against Fd. Marshal Montgomery's army which is nearest to the vital Ruhr area.

Details of the situation show that there are now seven crossings of the Rhine and each division has gained at least from two to five miles. To date in the whole operation 250,000 German prisoners have been taken.

The King has congratulated Gen. Eisenhower, Fd. Marshal Montgomery and every man in the Allied forces who took part in the Rhine crossings.

New Tank

It is revealed that, if the war lasts much longer, the Allies will be bringing into use a new tank which will be more than a match for the Tiger and the Panther tanks.

Yanks link up

The American 1st and 3rd armies have linked up, and the

first airfield east of the Rhine is now being used by the Allies.

One spearhead of General Patton's army is 59 miles east of the Rhine and another is 56 miles from the river. Gen. Patton controls a 35 mile stretch of the river.

American troops are in the heart of Frankfurt and have overrun the airfield which is the second largest in Germany.

Internal trouble

Serious internal trouble has arisen in the city following the refusal of the local gaulotier to declare Frankfurt an open city.

German resistance everywhere is reported to be weakening, even in the north.

At the southern end of the front the American 7th Army is building up its position North of Mannheim.

Answers to last Quiz in next issue.

Russians Collect 21,000 Prisoners

Russian forces north of lake Balaton are about 32 miles from the Austrian border and about 70 miles from Vienna.

In East Prussia, Soviet troops captured Banska, Bystrica and took over 21,000 prisoners,

The port of Gdynia has been entered and mopping-up operations are going on South-west of Koenigsberg.

A new offensive has begun in Silesia.

If You Know—

LET US HAVE IT

Contributions of verse, stories (short or long) sketches, humour, or any shipboard item of interest for the ship's magazine are still required.

If you know something about the chap eating at your elbow, swinging in the next hammock, or sweating in the next bunk just tell us the facts (politics and scandal barred) and then we'll all know.

Our "Roving Reporter" is still trying to find the name of the officer who put his bed-roll alongside three others on the wrong section of the sun-deck early one evening and returned later to find his bed-not-to-be bordered by three lovelies. For instance, if his name ended in —an we could tell how he picked up his bedding and ran.

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