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## RUSSIAN TROOPS REPORTED WITHIN 47 MILES OF VIENNA

### Other Red Armies Take Baltic Port of Gdynia and Occupy Part of Danzig in Bitter Fighting

London, March 29.—Two Russian armies, hurrying the Germans in north-western Hungary back against the Austrian border, have captured four enemy strongholds and breached the vital Raba River defense line guarding Vienna, now 47 miles away, Moscow announced last night.

With the capture of Gyor and Komarom the Russians cracked the Danube Valley's defenses before the Bratislava Gap, a key to Vienna.

Gdynia Falls.

Other Russian troops far to the north captured the Germans' major Baltic naval base of Gdynia by storm and occupied the western part of nearby Danzig in bitter fighting.

The combined Second and Third Ukrainian armies under Marshals Rodion Y. Malinovsky and Fedor I. Tolbukhin made the drive in Hungary through disintegrating German defenses on a 120-mile front. Scoring gains up to 17 miles, the Russians pushed within 10 miles of the Austrian border.

Striking on a 20-mile-wide sector, the Third Ukrainian Army crossed the Raba, seizing the seven-way road and rail junction city of Czerna, eight miles beyond the river, and the important communications hub of Sarvar, 14 miles east of Szombathely, a major bastion in Vienna's defense system.

Together the two rampaging armies swept up nearly 200 Hungarian cities, towns and hamlets and captured 1,500 Germans. Gyor and Komarom fell to the Second Ukrainian Army, driving westward along the Danube's south bank.

The Russian gains across the canal-laced Hungarian plains constituted the southern arm of a larger operation in which four massive Soviet armies are smashing at the ancient gateway of Bohemia and Moravia and forging a huge pincer on Czechoslovakia and Austria.

The only reference in the Russian communique to operations along the northern arm of the pincers was a statement that Soviet heavy bombers had blasted Noravka-Ostrava, Czechoslovakia's third city guarding an ancient invasion route to Prague and Vienna, 135 miles to the southwest.

The Germans said, however, that powerful Russian tanks, infantry, and artillery teams had succeeded in smashing Nazi defenses before the Moravian gap. Moscow announced Tuesday that Russian units had won positions 14 miles north-east of Moravka-Astrava.

Simultaneously, the Germans declared that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army, striking within Berlin's defensive forefield, had seized the fortress town of Lebus, on the Oder River's west bank five miles north of besieged Frankfurt and 38 miles from the threatened Reich capital.

## WAR IN BRIEF

U. S. First and Third armies smash through central Germany in new gains up to 27 miles, link armored spearheads near Giessen, sweep on to within 209 miles of Berlin.

Soviet troops race to within 47 miles of Vienna, seize fortresses of Komarom and Gyor in full-tilt drive that sent spearheads within 10 miles of Austrian border; Red Army captures Gdynia, clears western half of Danzig.

American Division captures Japanese-wrecked city of Cebu, Philippines' second largest port; carrier planes ranging over the Ryukyus damage more than 17 enemy aircraft; long-range search planes sink four enemy transports off Saigon.

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At the conclusion of this each Patrol held short meetings at the end of which they each gave a stunt or a yell.

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Tonight's meeting is scheduled for seven o'clock sharp at the High School Gym. Scouts are urged by the Scoutmaster to be on time and bring basketball equipment, as this game is to be enjoyed from 8:15 to 8:55 with the troops Junior Leaders presiding.

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## OPA Meeting To Be Held In Greenville Wednesday, April 4

J. B. Kittrell, Chairman of the Pitt County War Price and Rationing Board, Greenville, announces that there will be an OPA meeting in Greenville, April 4, 1945, in the court room at the City Hall, at 8 o'clock, p. m. All merchants who sell men's and boys' apparel and apparel accessories, feminine apparel and apparel accessories, infants' apparel and accessories, footwear, household textile commodities and yard goods, consumer durable goods, bedding, floor coverings, lamps and lamp shades, are requested to attend.

This meeting will be conducted by W. A. Linehan, District Price Executive, Raleigh. He will explain the new retail regulation (MPR 580) covering the items stated above, and will instruct the merchants as to how their pricing charts must be prepared. The Pricing Charts must be completed and two copies filed with the Raleigh District Office on or before April 20, and the merchant is requested to keep a third copy at his place of business.

After May 4, if merchants have not received an acknowledgment from the District Office that their Pricing Charts have been filed, they must discontinue selling all commodities covered by this regulation.

## Rotary Scout Troop Activities

Rotary Boy Scout Troop has been assigned troop number 38 instead of the old number of 25. This number having been assigned to a troop at Harkers Island which is also in the East Carolina Council. All Scouts voiced disapproval of the change but after considering from all sides they realized nothing could be accomplished by being dissatisfied about the matter.

This troop turned out 100 percent for its first test passing hike last Saturday, out by the Golf Course, and every scout passed one or more of the tests. Earlier that morning Patrol Leader Neal Howard, Jr., and Jackie Willis went for their fourteen mile hike reporting many interesting experiences including tired aching feet. These older scouts are trying mighty hard to keep ahead of the younger ones.

A Board of Review is scheduled for Friday afternoon (today) at 4:00 o'clock with Dr. W. M. Willis as chief examiner. It is highly possible that another one will have to be held on Monday as so many fellows are attempting to advance before Charter Night, which is Tuesday. The Court of Honor will be held that night with the troop's sponsors acting as hosts.

At this same time the Scouts will receive their award for test passing and advance to their new rank. They also expect to receive their new registration cards and the troop Scoutmasters expect to receive the Charter for Troop 38 for 1945.

The March 23 meeting was held in the Rotary Room with Senior Patrol Leader Marvin Horton, Jr., presiding, assisted by the Scribe, Cedric Davis.

The opening ceremony was led by Harry Albritton. Personal inspection conducted by the Scoutmasters, followed. Eldon Sturgeon's Good Turn was voted as the outstanding good turn of the week for which he received fifteen extra points on the Personal Inspection.

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## U. S. Fleet Pounds Jap U-Boat Basis

### 19 Enemy Vessels Damaged; Jap Fleet Units Are Reported Attacking Americans

Guam, March 29.—The guns of a giant American battle fleet and the bombs and torpedoes of carrier planes heavily damaged Japanese submarine pens, damaged up to 19 vessels, destroyed 38 enemy planes and spread ruin through military installations of four islands in the Ryukyus Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today, and the attack blazed throughout its sixth day yesterday.

Three destroyers or destroyer escorts, one large and two small cargo ships, one whaler, eight to ten luggers and many smaller craft were damaged. The luggers burned and were wrecks, the whaler was beached and burned.

Twenty-five Japanese airplanes were shot down and 13 destroyed on the ground.

On Okinawa, the main island, and its satellite islets of Amami, Tokuni and Kikai, gun positions, landing craft air fields, warehouses, barracks, trucks and other targets were raked by guns and bombs and torpedoes during the three days ended Tuesday.

Nimitz still remained silent on Japanese report that fierce fighting was in progress on islets just west of Okinawa, 380 miles south of Japan, and that a landing in invasion force on Okinawa itself was imminent.

Japan asserted that warships as well as planes were attacking the American fleet—an implication that some units at least of the shattered imperial fleet had been ordered out in a desperate attempt to fight off an invasion which would put the United States Pacific forces on the doorstep of the Japanese homeland.

Nimitz had announced the destruction Saturday of a complete Japanese convoy of eight ships. The newest bag raised the total destroyed or damaged in the Ryukyus to 25 to 27 in addition to the death and destruction spread throughout land targets.

Nimitz reported that some American naval units had suffered damage under enemy air attack Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The latest triumphs marked a continuation of a sweep by Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's Fifth Fleet which began March 18 against the Japanese island of Kyushu. In that period planes of the fleet have sunk 15 enemy ships, damaged 39 to 43, including 15 to 17 warships hit in the inland sea, and destroyed 649 planes and damaged 176 others. Okinawa Report.

The Japanese radio asserted for the third day that fierce fighting between American invasion forces and Japanese troops was in progress on islets of the Kerama group off Okinawa Island only 380 miles south of the enemy mainland.

Other enemy broadcasts said that a fleet of U. S. carrier planes, striking northward from the battle fleet in the Ryukyus, had attacked Kyushu in southwestern Japan. Later reconnaissance flights were made over the area and it was indicated that a landing on Okinawa Island itself was imminent, Tokyo said.

Another Tokyo broadcast said: "Grim fighting in the Kerama Islands off the Okinawa group is developing feverishly, with our forces entrenched in counter-attacking positions."

"While on Tokoshima the enemy was beaten off in a determined counter-attack, the enemy on Aka seems to have taken ashore further reinforcements Monday."

## New Health Laws Governing Children

The Pitt County Health Officer, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, calls attention to two Public Health Laws enacted by the recent N. C. Legislature, 1945 Session.

Smallpox Vaccination. All children in North Carolina are required to be immunized against smallpox before attending any private, parochial, or public school.

Immunization against whooping cough. All children in North Carolina are required to be immunized against whooping cough before reaching the age of one year. No principal or teacher shall permit any child to enter private, parochial, or public school without a certificate or other acceptable evidence that the child has been immunized against whooping cough.

Dr. Ennett states that the Health Department is now visiting the schools throughout the County making physical examinations and conducting vaccination clinics. In addition, vaccination clinics are held in the Health Department Offices, in Greenville, every Wednesday afternoon and every Saturday morning throughout the year.

## Kiwanis Club Charter And Ladies' Night Outstanding Affair

### Charter Night for the recently organized Kiwanis Club of Farmville was observed at a banquet here on Monday evening, March 26, with the Kiwanis Ladies and representatives of Kiwanis International, the Carolina Kiwanis District and clubs of this division as honored guests.

This outstanding affair, characterized by a spirit of real fellowship and warm cordiality, was held in the High School Gymnasium, which was beautifully decorated with an abundance of spring bloom. Floral arrangements in Easter baskets, bunnies and lighted tapers in pastel shades were attractively used on the tables and sprays of pine and floor baskets of wisteria and spirea on the speaker's table. A turkey dinner was served at seven o'clock, to the 231 attending.

Edwin E. Rawl, vice president of the Greenville Kiwanis Club, which is sponsor for the Farmville Club, presided. The program opened with the singing of "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner", followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag. Rev. E. C. Chamblee, pastor of the Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

W. J. Bundy, past president of the Greenville Club, presented the Hon. George W. Davis, member of the State House of Representatives, who welcomed the guests. Among special guests recognized were Paul Ewell, president of the Farmville Rotary Club, Josh Munden, president of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce, J. H. Moore, superintendent of Farmville Schools, Mayor Bruce Sugg, of Greenville, Raymond Askew of Jacksonville, Marvin Etheridge of Wilson, Frank Remsburg of Goldsboro, Dr. J. M. Barrett, Greenville, and Harold Myrick of Tarboro.

Dr. Charles W. Armstrong of Salisbury, International Trustee, who gave the principal address of the evening, welcomed the New Club into Kiwanis International and talked on the principles of Kiwanis.

He told of the splendid work being done by Kiwanis Clubs in the United States and Canada, giving statistics on War Bonds purchased, cigarettes sent to service men overseas, blood donations given, boys and girls sent to summer camps, victory gardens sponsored and spoke of the assistance of members in scrap collections, defense service boards, all phases of civilian defense and in making talks for the War effort. He challenged the Farmville Club to uphold the splendid record of Kiwanis and charged each Kiwanian present to do everything possible to further the war effort and to see that there is a just and lasting peace for the whole world.

Dr. Armstrong urged that the new club study the needs of the community and fit their efforts into those of other organizations, assist the churches, and in every way strive to make the community continually progressive in every way. He closed his remarks with the reading of the 23rd Psalm.

Carolina Kiwanis District Governor Sam D. Bundy, of Williamston, presented the charter to Dr. Rhoderick T. Williams, president of the Club, who pledged full support of the Farmville Club to the division, the district and to Kiwanis International. Lt. Governor F. A. Hodges presented certificates of membership which were distributed to the forty charter members, by Frank Matur, Kiwanis International Field Representative.

Clubs of the seventh division presented gifts of equipment to the Club, including a guest register, Secretary's kit, Secretary and Treasurer pins, the U. S. Flag and Kiwanis Flag and received orders for a Banner, gavel and gong to be received as soon as available.

A brilliant musical program was presented by Mrs. J. W. Joyner, accompanist for the Farmville Club, Elbert Holmes, chairman of the music committee, and by Charles Fisher of the E. C. T. C. music department and the college ensemble of girls.

Mrs. Joyner sang "A Heart That's Free", by Rossini; "Will You Remember", by Rossini; Mr. Holmes sang "Mother Marches", by Hall, and "The Open Road", by Sticks. Mrs. Joyner and Mr. Holmes rendered "Song of Love" from Blossom Time, as a duet. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Elbert Holmes.

The ensemble presented a group of favorite selections by Victor Herbert. Miss Camille Jernigan was accompanist.

Following the program, Kiwanians and their ladies were invited to the Country Club for dancing.

That girl in San Francisco who married eight husbands in five years, six of them service men, and collected \$4,600 in allotments must have been an escape artist, the way she gets out of the marriage knots. Her theme song is probably "Don't fence me in."

## Farmville Exceeds Red Cross Quota

### Total Collections \$6,071.67 Exceeding Quota by \$881.67

For the third consecutive year, the Farmville Branch of the American Red Cross has come to the close of the annual War Fund Campaign with a substantial margin above the quota allotted it. Our quota was \$5,190.00 and, as will be seen below, the amount contributed to date is \$6,071.67. These are two or three other contributions to be sent in within the next few days. These will be mentioned in the Enterprise of next week. Never did the machinery of any organization run more smoothly than did that of the 1945 War Fund Campaign.

The list of workers is as follows, along with the amount collected by each team—Publicity: Newspaper notices, Mrs. G. A. Rouse; poster distribution, Mrs. J. Y. Monk and Mrs. R. V. Flier; radio talk, Mayor Geo. W. Davis; theatre, James Yates, Manager Paramount Theatre.

Group 1: John B. Lewis, Captain, Mrs. Frank Clifton, Mrs. John King, Mrs. Ben Lang, Mrs. Carroll Oglesby; Walter Jones, J. H. Moore—amount, \$479.85.

Group 2: Mrs. H. N. Howard, Captain, Mrs. Geo. V. Monk, Mrs. E. G. Ruffin, Mrs. Ted Albritton, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. James R. Lang, Mrs. M. E. Dixon—amount, \$578.27.

Group 3: Mrs. M. V. Jones, Captain, Mrs. Frank Allen, Mrs. R. T. Williams, Mrs. Lynn Eason, Mrs. M. V. Horton—amount, \$769.40.

Group 4: R. D. Rouse, Captain, Mrs. George Moore, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Allen, Mrs. R. D. Rouse, J. Y. Monk, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Flanagan—amount, \$633.70.

Group 5: Jack Lewis, Captain, Mrs. A. C. Carraway, B. F. Lewis, W. G. Allen, B. M. Lewis—amount, \$404.25.

Group 6: Mrs. Jesse Moyer, Captain, Jesse Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Arch J. Flanagan, Dal Williams—amount, \$81.00.

Group 7: H. B. Sugg, Captain, Mrs. Mildred Artis, Mrs. M. L. Bloom, Mrs. L. W. Baker, Mrs. M. P. Dupree, Misses H. E. Ligon, Mary Knight, Essie Wiggins, Alice Smith and Ruth Matherson, M. N. Sitzer, C. E. Hagan, J. M. Norville, C. T. Moseley, B. M. Chance, A. J. Sugg, F. H. McNamee—amount, \$308.04.

Special gifts: W. A. Allen, Captain, J. T. Thorne—amount, \$275.00. Merry Matrons Club—amount, \$5.00.

Paramount Theatre collections: Members of the Junior Woman's Club—Mrs. Frank Allen, Captain, Mrs. C. C. Hedgepeth, Mrs. W. H. Duke, Mrs. J. M. Newborn, Mrs. R. C. Copenhaver, Mrs. R. T. Williams, Mrs. L. J. Williford, Mrs. Josh Munden, Mrs. W. A. Allen, Mrs. Fred Moore, Mrs. Elbert Holmes, Mrs. George Farr, Mrs. Richard Harris, Mrs. Curtis Flanagan, Mrs. Stuart Sugg, Mrs. T. S. Ryan, Mrs. Jesse Moyer and Mrs. Hadley Bryan—amount, \$237.66.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all who made this record possible. The men and women who solicited contributions, without exception, spoke of the courteous reception accorded them and of the spirit of generosity noted among those whom they approached. Nearly everyone increased his or her gift and there were not more than half a dozen who gave less than last year. A number of people who were not in when the workers called, met the chairman or others on the street or in the stores and stated that they had missed the collectors but that they certainly wanted to have a part in the great work of the Red Cross. When we express thanks for the efforts, we are obliged to say "Farmville thanks Farmville" — for the whole township turned the trick.

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, Chairman, Farmville Branch, Pitt County Chapter, R. C.

## LOCAL COMMANDER CANCELS CONTROL DRIVE APPOINTED

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, President of the Farmville Woman's Club, has been appointed Commander of the 1945 Drive to solicit contributions for the work of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society, for the town of Farmville. The Drive will take place during the month of April and will be conducted by the various organizations of the town. Last year, Farmville was given honorable mention for its fine cooperation in this great, humane work and it is earnestly hoped that there will be no decline in contributions or assistance in the task. Mrs. Frank Clifton will serve as Chairman of Publicity and other committees will be announced later.

## REMINDER

Waste paper always first Wednesday. Please tie in neat bundles and put on porch to be collected.

"I was born a democrat and will die a democrat" said the candidate. "Hurry up and do it," cried a heckler.

## UNITED STATES ARMIES ARE JOINED FOR PLUNGE TO BERLIN

### FORTS HIT BERLIN

London, March 28.—Four hundred U. S. Flying Fortresses struck armament plants in Berlin today in the fifth major daylight assault this year on the gutted Reich citadel. All "superfluous" residents were ordered by the Germans to flee the dying capital.

The new evacuation plans were broadcast to Berliners by the German radio after the attack, which boosted the total bomb weight hurled on the capital since the start of the war to almost 75,000 tons—more than the Germans have dropped on the whole of England.

While the Berlin raid was in progress, a force of about 500 other British-based American planes raided Hannover.

Targets in the Berlin area included plants in the western Spandau district manufacturing Panther tanks, armored cars and trucks, and at Talkemsee, 15 miles northwest of the heart of Berlin.

Most of the bombing at both Berlin and Hannover was done by instrument as heavy clouds obscured the targets. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered over Berlin.

"Germany may have lost the war, but those flak gunners don't know it," one crewman commented.

## Tribute to Doctors On Doctors Day

Friday, March 30, is the day to pause and pay tribute to those whose work is never ended, those who never measure their work in terms of hours, days, or nights, but answer the call when it comes. They seem almost inhuman in their efforts and tireless vigil in ministering to those who are mentally or physically suffering. Let the nation stop its busy life for a moment on this day and remember the one it depends on to protect that life—the Doctor.

Because you're working all year long to comfort, cheer, and keep folks strong. Because you always give your best. With little thought of self or rest. No greeting could begin to say. How much you're thought of every day.

How much you're wished the special cheer. You give to others all the year. anonymous.

## Final Rites For Mrs. Florence Whitehead

Mrs. Florence Whitehead, 69, of Farmville, died at the home of a sister, Miss Annie Midgette, in Englehard, early Tuesday morning, March 27, after several months of illness.

Funeral services were conducted from Farmville Funeral Home Wednesday morning, at 11:00 o'clock, by Rev. M. Y. Self, Pastor of the Farmville Methodist Episcopal Church. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery here.

A choir composed of Mrs. J. W. Joyner, Miss Nellie Butler, Mrs. Lath Morris, Mrs. W. H. Duke, Miss Frances Howard, Mrs. L. J. Williford, Miss Elvira Tynon, Mrs. Richard Harris and Rev. C. B. Mashburn sang "The Old Rugged Cross," "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Abide With Me."

Mrs. Whitehead was born in Hyde County, April 17, 1875, daughter of the late Benjamin Jackson and Mary Boomer Midgette. She was a member of the Amity Methodist Church, at Englehard.

Since coming to Farmville to make her home, Mrs. Whitehead has made many friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. For 30 years prior to her illness, she served here and in other sections of the State as a nurse.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mack Carraway, of Farmville and Camp Lejeune, and Mrs. Gless Marshall, of Norfolk, Va., a son, Joe G. Swindell, of Middletown; two sisters, Miss Annie Midgette, of Englehard, and Mrs. Robena Armstrong, of Bethesda, Md.; and two brothers, Charles T. Midgette, of New Bern, and B. J. Midgette, of Middletown.

Flower bearers were friends of the family. Active pallbearers were Cecil Johnston, Hal Windsor, Lynn Eason, Jesse Moyer, Capt. Robert H. Baker, and Andy Martin.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral were Miss Annie Midgette, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swindell, Miss Mary Midgette, B. J. Midgette, II, and B. J. Midgette, III, of Englehard; Charlie Midgette and Ralph Midgette, of New Bern.

The Nazis are expecting a miracle victory. The only miracle we can think of that has application to the Nazis is the one where the swine were afflicted with evil spirits and driven into the sea to their own destruction.

## First and Third Linked After Gaining 27 Miles Across Central Reich

Americans Driving Through Reich At Mile-An-Hour Pace. With First Army Only 209 Miles From Berlin; Massive British Tank Formation Drive Across North German Plain

Paris, March 29.—Armored columns of the American First and Third armies, making gains of up to 27 miles across central Germany, joined forces near Giessen yesterday and wheeled northward toward the provincial capital of Kassel, only 165 miles from Berlin.

Powered by the greatest concentration of tanks ever seen in armored warfare, the American drive was plunging through the Reich at a mile-an-hour clip. A partial security blackout clouded its full gains, but at last reports the Yanks was 209 miles from Berlin at Hellhausen, 53 miles south of Kassel.

Sensational Gains. Front reports said the demoralized German soldiers were terrified by the blazing guns of tanks raging through their cities. Even more sensational gains than those already announced were promised with the lifting of the news blackout.

More than 5,000 Allied planes lashed the Germans as they continued to fall back on all fronts. The largest numbers were concentrated in the north, where the bomb-attack line had to be changed every 20 minutes to keep ahead of the British Second Army's ponderous drive grinding across the north German plain toward Muenster.

Behind the American tank spearheads in the area of Giessen was the combined infantry, tank and gun power of three great armies—the U. S. First, Third and Seventh. They were linked on a twisting 175-mile front after the Seventh had ripped 35 miles into the Nazis' southern flank and joined the Third in the Aschaffenburg area.

Tanks and infantry fighting in the rear areas of the three-army front scored victories completely overshadowed by the sensational smashes of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army tanks and the crack Fourth Armored Division of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army.

They cleared the Germans from Hainau and from Aschaffenburg on the Main; captured half of devastated Frankfurt, ninth city of Germany, and pushed into the ancient spa of Wiesbaden.

Linking his four armies, Field Marshal Sir B. L. Montgomery hurled massive tank formations across the Westphalian plain on a 20-mile front. Gains of nine miles in the first 24 hours were reported but his forces, too, were under a security blackout.

Allied pilots said the Germans were fleeing east before the British, who at last reports late Tuesday were more than 20 miles beyond the Rhine and on the roads leading to the Westphalian capital of Muenster, 30 miles away.

(Radio Luxembourg said American spearheads were nearing Muenster, where Allied pilots reported the inhabitants flying white flags from their windows in token of surrender.)

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's American Ninth Army on the British right drove 16 miles into the Ruhr under a partial news blackout, with the German radio reporting advanced columns 33 miles east of the Rhine at the Dortmund-Ems canal.

Front dispatches said the American Ninth Army Lidgehead was powerfully reinforced by armored divisions and that their breakout soon would match the First and Third armies in the speed of their race for Berlin.

The Canadian First Army at the extreme north of the front smashed the German defense line between the Hesel River and the Rhine, capturing Heselburg and driving up to Emmerich.

Surrender To Nazis. The mile-an-hour drive through the heart of Germany by the rampaging First and Third army tanks was striking terror among the demoralized Germans. Two Nazis even surrendered to an American First Army nurse.

## FOOD STAMPS

Washington, March 27.—Five additional Red Stamps for buying meats and fats will become valid April 1, along with five more Blue Coupons for processed foods.

Both sets of the OPA announced today, will be good through July 31. The new Red Stamp in Book Four: R2, L2, M2, N2 and P2. The Blue Stamps, also in Book Four, are: U2, V2, W2 and X2.

BUY WAR BONDS—Have I—Eld