

NEWS

FOR THE ARMY

238th Week of the War — 120th

THE WAR FRONTS

EASTERN FRONT: For the first time since the start of the Russo-German war on June 22, 1941, the Red Army drove the enemy back over a border of the Soviet Union. The Second Ukrainian Army advanced to the Prut River frontier of Rumania on a front more than 50 miles long stretching northwest from Skulyany. This town lies within ten miles of the rail junction of Jassy, inside Rumania. The Berlin radio reported that Red Army units crossed the Prut River and assaulted Jassy.

At the same time it was announced that Soviet troops overwhelmed the German garrison at Nikolaev and struck southwest across the flat country toward Odessa, 75 miles away.

Nikolaev was the enemy's last Black Sea port east of Odessa and a point of great consequence for communication to the region by rail has been practically eliminated. From the north, south and west the town is surrounded by water barriers and the Soviets described the entire district to the east as one mass of trenches surrounded by rows of barbed wire entanglements and saturated with firing points. In the direction from which the town was accessible to tanks the Germans had set up deep anti-tank ditches and laid mine fields.

During this action a crossing of the Bug was made sixty miles north of Nikolaev and this force joined others striking toward Odessa.

Above the middle Dniester River the Red Army was closing a pocket around large enemy forces northeast of

BURMA: Action in Burma moved to broad areas. In the American units were pushing southward aiming at the enemy communications. About 60 miles northeast of this moving down from Sumprabun movement. Below Myitkyina was reported pushing northward.

In the east, along the middle of four Jap columns were pushing in communications center at Imphal with trying to get behind the Allied forces.

In the south British and Indian progress towards the port of Akyab.

During the past week the Japs appeared to be gaining. The first ground was being fought at the edge of heavy fighting was in progress in from Imphal, the capital of Manipal, maintaining pressure despite heavy northward along the road from T were using tanks, several of which

Lt. Gen. Stilwell announced that killed in northern Burma since C

WESTERN EUROPE: H

U against the bases from which the L For two consecutive days heavily Liberators hit airfields in southwest France, hitting nine on March 27

The attacks followed a heavy l the partly rebuilt Krupp works at 2249 tons of bombs were dropped

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An American map titled "Newsmap for the Armed Forces: Monday, April 3, 1944." The map of the Eastern front shows international boundaries, railroads, rivers, the Axis-Soviet boundary as of June 22, 1941, the line of farthest Axis advance in 1941-1942, and the present battle line. The map of the southwest Pacific, near the Admiralty Islands, the St. Matthias Group, New Britain, and New Ireland, shows principal trails, secondary trails, and tramways. Printed text and photographs reveal news on multiple fronts.

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