

# Allied Armies Closing In

The Allied offensives along the Rhine are all going well. Gen. Patton's tanks are within 6 miles of Frankfurt while other spearheads have by-passed the city and are drawing near to forces of the 1st Army which has broken out of Riemegen.

Fd. Marshal Montgomery's army group has extended its bridgeheads to a depth of 10 miles and 10,000 prisoners have been taken.

Only 250 miles separates Gen Patton's spearheads from Marshal Koniev's forces.

There are now no fighting Germans on the West of the Rhine from Switzerland to the Netherlands.

The Russian forces are driving on to the Austrian frontier and to Vienna. In the lake Balaton area they have advanced 12 miles and are 35 miles from the Austrian border.

In Czecho-Slovakia, General Malinovsky's army has launched a new drive and he is 60 miles from the frontier. Four German tank divisions have been rushed to meet the new threat.

## NEW LANDINGS

Tokyo radio reports that American troops in 100 barges have been attempting to land at various points on the Lu-chu islands, between Formosa and the Japanese mainland.

An attempt was made on the largest island of Okinawa, which is 300 miles south of Japan proper. These attempts follow on a heavy air and sea bombardment by an American task force in this area.

In South Burma the Japanese are making a strong stand but has been unable to stem the advance of the 14th Army.

## Around the World:

Russia has terminated the 10 year-old treaty of friendship and neutrality with Turkey.

That NZ farmers are alive to the value of keeping up the quality of their livestock is indicated by the increased importation of stud stock from England.

The Admiralty announces that British submarines have sunk or damaged close on 100 enemy ships in Far Eastern waters during recent patrols.

The Prime Minister Mr. Peter Fraser, will represent NZ at the British Empire conference in London next month.

Soccer fans will pay £90,000 to see the League South Cup final at Wembley on April 7.

The new 22,000 lb. bomb will penetrate 15 feet of thick concrete. It is designed for attacks on underground structures.

## CARGO OF HAY DESTROYED

*Over 30,000 bales of NZ hay that was being shipped to Australia has been lost.*

The vessel had barely cleared port before it was found that the cargo had caught fire. Seawater was pumped into the holds and the ship put in at Lyttleton where the local fire brigade was given the task of disposing of the wet hay when it attracted innumerable flies.

## CALLING ALL KIWIS!

ERS library has the following study course books available on:—Petrol engines, carpentry, trade calculations, radio communication, practical English, book-keeping, shorthand, biology, logarithms and trigonometry four-figure math. tables. Also available are AEWS bulletins. Koreros, and technical magazines.

Sufficient books and magazines have been distributed to suit everyone's taste. Readers are requested to exchange material when finished with it, or return their books to the library for re-distribution.

AGRICULTURAL lectures in officers Dining Saloon 14-30 daily (except Sundays).

TUES. "Wool" Major Anderson.

WED: "Lucerne," Sgt. Mahon.

THURS: "Artificial Insemination." L/Cpl. Fallow.

Watch for announcement re YMCA concert Wed. afternoon.

## DO YOU KNOW?

- 1 In what country our numerals originated.
- 2 What the FIFTH wedding anniversary is called.
- 3 By whom "The Canterbury Tales" were written.
- 4 What is a "cadaver."
- 5 Who was the discoverer of Vaccination.
- 6 Of what country are Magyars natives.
- 7 The colours of the flag of the Irish Free State.
- 8 In what year the first successful flight of the TASMAN was made.
- 9 What is a HOWDAH.
- 10 What is meant by "ALPHA" and "OMEGA."

Answers in next issue.