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AT SEA

WEDNESDAY, April 11 1945.

OUR 8th ARMY AGAIN Unleashed For Further HEAVY FIGHTING

The 8th Army is into the ring for the last round.

Preceded by an intense bombardment by 650 Fortresses and Liberators, as well as by a large force of medium bombers and fighters, the 8th have crossed the river Senio north of the main highway.

The river barrier was a formidable one and heavy fighting is now going on over minefields and flooded canals.

This offensive ends the big period during which this good fighting force has been employed in a holding role and which has not been an easy part and staff officials pay a tribute to its value in occupying the attention of large German forces.

On the 5th Army front, our forces are now about 25 miles from the naval base of Spezia.

Western Front

British spearheads are five miles from Bremen. American forces are also closing on the city and a hard fight is expected as the city is heavily garrisoned by crack German units.

Hanover has been outflanked by tanks and the besieging columns are seven miles from the city.

Bitter fighting is still raging in ruined Essen, the great Krupps industrial centre, and General Bradley's infantry in

the Ruhr area is closing up the gaps left by the thrusting tank spearheads.

Cleaning out Vienna

The Russians have reached the centre of Vienna, and at least half of the city has been occupied. Soviet troops move from block to block with tanks and tommy-guns cleaning out the enemy. The speed of the Russian advance caught the enemy napping, for the usual demolitions had not been carried out and the civilian evacuation was only partial. The arsenal was captured and 3,000 of the garrison were killed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tokyo reports another landing in the Ryukyu islands between Japan and Formosa.

The South China Seas air force destroyed 221,000 tons of shipping in March.

In 10 months of "V" bombing over England, 8346 have been killed and 25,000 seriously injured. The last V bomb attacks were on Good Friday.

BRIDGE FINAL

Ten teams competed in the final series of the bridge tournament, conducted on a progressive system, and at the end of five half-hour periods the winners were WAAC's Greenfield & McLaren, who were 900 pts. ahead of the next best scoring pair.

GRAND NEW SHOW

The first of a series of six performances by a ship's concert party will be presented in the Men's Lounge on Thursday at 14.00 hrs.

Watch R.O.'s for allocation of group days.

"Arrival" Sweep

Investments in the "Arrival" Sweepstake now total £37. All restrictions on entry are now lifted. The book will close on FRIDAY AT MIDDAY.

Answers to Quiz 9

- 1 Cable railway.
- 2 Rearing of Birds.
- 3 Beautiful Butterfly.
- 4 From Oporto, Portugal.
- 5 Left foot.
- 6 Oxford University.
- 7 Near the equator where trade winds meet and neutralise each other.
- 8 Four.
- 9 William Bligh.
- 10 Not since February 1, 1935.

TODAY'S LIMERICK

*You never should hurry when
late,
A mess orderly said to his
mate.
If you slip at the top.
And go neck over crop,
Its hard to keep fish on a plate.*