

### American Tank Units 170 Miles From Berlin

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wrecked bridges and past road-blocks.  
The first and ninth rapidly were closing a gap, now apparently less than 50 miles wide, to bottle up from 30,000 to 40,000 Germans still fighting in areas of the Ruhr, Germany's last and greatest arsenal.

On the ninth army's flank the British second army, paced by three armored divisions, was sweeping deeper across the north German plain, and was 50 miles beyond the Rhine.

**British Gain**  
With such a depth beyond the Rhine, British armor might be in or near Muenster, or midway between Muenster and Hamm.

The German radio said that British second army troops have crossed the Dortmund-Ems canal, a 170-mile waterway which connects Dortmund and the industrial Ruhr with the river Ems, and had established a bridgehead on the east bank.

Presumably such a crossing would be in the area where the British are driving from Dülmen toward Muenster. The RAF mined the canal last August and on November 21 placed hits upon its banks which drained it for a distance of 16 miles.

The U. S. ninth army's breakthrough along the northern rim of the Ruhr valley progressed overnight, but frontline correspondents were not permitted to say how close it now had come to Paderborn. This breakthrough, it was disclosed, is paced by the battle-tested second armored division of veterans of Africa, Sicily and Italy.

This outfit, brought overseas by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, now is commanded by Brig. Gen. Isaac White.

**Through Paderborn**  
American first army tanks last night swept through Paderborn, 42 miles northwest of Kassel and 185 miles west of Berlin, but Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges slowed his racing armored columns today to consolidate his tremendous gains, AP correspondent Don Whitehead reported. The tired, dust-grimed tankmen badly needed rest after six days of battle.

**Sheldon Joins Insurance Firm**  
William A. Sheldon has become a member of the firm of Chilcote and Smith, and will manage the firm's insurance department.

Sheldon has had 15 years' experience in the insurance business as a broker. He comes here from Los Angeles. The Sheldons will live at 126 High street. They have two children, David, who is in high school, and Louise, 3.

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### RUSSIAN ARMY NEARS VIENNA IN NEW DRIVE

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ward the Bratislava gate which already had carried to within 44 miles of the Austrian capital. Biskau also was captured. Like Ratibor, this place was described as "a large communications center and enemy stronghold on the left bank of the Oder."

On the southern end of the eastern front, other soviet battle groups smashed to within 134 miles of the Italian frontier.

The fall of Danzig in the north freed perhaps 50 Russian divisions for the coming battle of Berlin. The German communique finally announced the loss of Kuestrin, fortress city on the Oder's east bank 38 miles from Berlin. It also said the first Ukrainian army had battled into the encircled Oder fortress of Glogau, 55 miles northwest of Breslau.

**Germans Fight Desperately**  
Germans were fighting desperately to protect Vienna, Moscow dispatches said. The Russian offensive toward Bratislava ran into acres of minefields and heavy artillery and mortar fire.

The surge into Austria overran some trenches and anti-tank barriers, but German fire was heavy and was supported by waves of infantry moved southeastward from Vienna barracks.

Moscow announced last night that Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army had invaded Austria at a point north of captured Koszeg, 52 miles south of Vienna, in a raid thrust that is already imperiling the Austrian capital.

Simultaneously, the Russian high command disclosed new successes along the frontier of virtually conquered Hungary and Yugoslavia where soviet forces drove within 134 miles of Italy for a possible lineup with British-American armies fighting on that front.

**Grueiling Siege**  
The flag of the "Polish state" was raised over Danzig after a grueiling siege that cost the Germans more than 49,000 killed or captured in the former free port. Raising of the Polish banner over the port indicated recognition by the Russians of Polish claims to their European political cauldron.

The combined forces of two great soviet armies were driving westward through Hungary along the north and south banks of the Danube river in a direct assault on Vienna, which yesterday reverberated to attacks by heavy bombers of the Italy-based U. S. 15th air force. The Americans also bombed Graz, in Austria, 55 miles west of the advancing Russians.

### BPA Asks Further Dimout Exemption

PORTLAND, March 31 (AP)—A request to prolong through October the Pacific northwest's exemption from the WPB dimout power pool was shown in a survey of expected powerloads on the Bonneville-Grand Coulee system, the BPA reported. The present exemption lasts through July.

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### MARINE DRAWS 3-YEAR PRISON TERM, PAROLED

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was questioned as to any statement he wished to make, and O'Neill reiterated that his client's past record in the marine corps as well as in private life was very good. He said he considered the jury's report as a "compromise verdict" and appealed for probation or parole.

Judge Vandenberg advised the young marine that the parole also meant that he was not to partake of any intoxicating liquor. Stevens was released from custody after reading and signing the judgment and parole order in the district attorney's office. Stevens is required to file a written report with the district attorney each month.

The young marine was arrested on December 6, at the barracks when he entered a car owned by Karl Bold, 41-year-old Henley farmer who had been found unconscious that morning at the rear of Kern's implement company on S. 6th. Bold died December 19 at Klamath Valley hospital without regaining consciousness. Stevens has been held in the Klamath county jail in lieu of bail since his arrest. He is a native of Painesville, Ohio.

### Elks Lodge to Staff USO Sunday

The Elks lodge will provide man and womanpower for the USO on Sunday, according to Jack Linman, exalted ruler. Elks and their wives will staff the center throughout the day. L. Orth Sisemore, past exalted ruler, has been placed in charge of the installation of officers of the lodge, which will take place next Thursday.

### Duke O'Neal Critically Ill

Duke O'Neal, former Klamath Falls automobile dealer and now employed by Ivory Pine company at Bly, is reported in a critical condition at Hillside hospital. O'Neal is suffering from a heart condition.

### FUNERAL

**KATHRIN NEUBERT**  
Funeral services for the late Kathrin Neubert who passed away at her residence, 2143 Orchard, on Friday, March 30, 1945, following an extended illness, will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock funeral home, Pine at 6th, on Tuesday, April 3, 1945, at 3 p. m. with the Rev. Victor A. Schulz, pastor of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church of this city, officiating. Commitment services and interment family plot in Linkville cemetery. Friends are invited.

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