

NEW ATTACK ON BREMEN

BREMEN is a typical example of the German fortress port. We have been within a few miles of it for days, but the enemy has scraped together sufficient well trained troops to hold us off. However, a new attack has been launched by troops of the British Second Army, and among them, the Third British Div. is now fighting in the outer defences of the place. For a time the Second British Army's ALLER bridgeheads have been contained by a stubborn enemy resistance. Yesterday, however, some armoured columns managed to break out, and they are moving in the direction of the lower ELBE. The country they are going over is probably well known to you - it is particularly suitable for defence. At a place called ULZEN, fifty miles south of HAMBURG, the enemy has put up a stiff opposition for days now against the Fifteenth Scottish division.

AMERICANS' ELBE BRIDGEHEAD

Some days ago, troops of the Ninth American Army thrust spectacularly forward to reach the River ELBE. They did exceedingly good work in getting some bridgeheads, but since then, the enemy's counter attacks became so vicious that one of the bridgeheads had to be given up. South of MAGDEBURG, the enemy is using artillery and aircraft to eliminate another bridgehead. The Americans have held onto it, despite the enemy efforts, and it was last reported to be four miles deep. MAGDEBURG itself is holding out, its defences manned by young fanatics, who are evidently willing to die for their Fuehrer. North of MAGDEBURG, other Ninth American Army troops are mopping up and extending their grip on the western bank of the ELBE.

STIFF OPPOSITION ROUND DESSAU

The First American Army has encountered tough opposition round DESSAU. Infantry, however, have progressed sufficiently to clear the northern part of HALLE. This American Army is thrusting towards LEIPZIG, but the difficult country and the elaborate road block defences

ON THE REST OF THE WESTERN FRONT

Further to the south, General Patch's Seventh American Army troops are only seven miles from NUREMBURG. On their right, the First French Army is pushing along the BLACK FOREST.

The First and Ninth American Armies have linked up to split the Germans trapped in the RUHR. The haul of prisoners from this pocket was 140,000 by yesterday morning. Among the prisoners was a veteran German Field Marshal - von Mackensen - and a German Panzer General.

RUSSIANS 35 MILES FROM VIENNA

With VIENNA cleared, Tolbukhin's forces are striking due west from the city, parallel to the DANUBE valley. They have advanced thirtyfive miles to capture the railway junction of ST. POLTEN. This puts them sixty miles from LINZ, and a hundred miles from the Bavarian border.

Less than a hundred miles separates Koniev's forces in SILESIA from Patton's tanks in Central Germany. The Germans are reporting that the Russians under Zhukov have launched an attack towards BERLIN. Remember that this is an enemy report, though we have been expecting great things from Zhukov for some time now.

In EAST PRUSSIA, the Russians have made a move to finish off the enemy trapped north of Konigsberg.

TEN MILES FROM BOLOGNA

In ITALY, the Eighth Army launched an offensive four or five days ago, and it now stands a few miles south of ARGENTA, and only ten miles from BOLOGNA. The most recent capture was the ancient town of LIOLA. Report received this afternoon say that the Fifth Army over on the west coast of ITALY has launched an offensive. Previous to this, it had been reported as making progress astride the main Ligurian highway.

FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Last Thursday night President Roose-