

GERMANS MAKE DESPERATE EFFORT TO AVOID DEFEAT

North of XXGX Nijmegen the Germans have flooded a large area before abandoning that great bridge over the Waal. For the British/<sup>ARMY</sup> in this sector the inundation is a serious business and the height of the water is checked every day. Life in these parts is almost like being in the Navy. This flooding in the north gave the Germans a breathing space in which to mount an offensive against the Americans.

In this phase of seige warfare the Churchill tank has come into its own.

Though past masters at using mines for defence the enemy has failed to keep up off German soil. A few miles to the south of this territory. Rundstedt is now making an all out attack against the Americans on a fifty mile front, but of those operations no pictures are to hand. The American 1st Army has already counter-attacked and military commentators anticipate that the ultimate effect of the Nazi offensive will be to hasten German defeat.

(GV village) In Jungersdorf, south of the present battle area, the Allies have strengthened their hold on German territory and little batches of prisoners are rounded up every day by patrols.

Meanwhile despite unfavourable flying weather the 8th Air Force shoots up everything in sight, in the hope of impeding the German advance into Belgium.

Across an arm of the Rhine at Strasbourg the Germans held town of Kehl is under a non-stop bombardment by mortars and artillery. When the French captured Strasbourg the enemy was able to blow up the International bridge, otherwise the Allies might now have been on the east bank of the River.

(11 out) GV shells burst) On the Strasbourg front the enemy is content to remain on the defensive. At the moment all his extravagant hopes are based on the operations against the U.S. 1st Army.

(sign) German reports say Eisenhower has rushed new divisions into the line. If so they are first rate troops excellently equipped. They will hasten the day when the Allies will finally disarm Germany and by combined effort completely destroy the military power of the third Reich.