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NO QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Lightnings and Thunderbelts of the American Ninth Air Force go for ground targets behind Rundstedt's shaky front. Marshalling yards and main supply roads get the roughest treatment in these bids to smash escape routes, and at the same time hinder any attempt to withdraw elements for transfer to the Berlin front.

Away to the South-western end of the front, American and French troops fight their way into Wittenheim, near Colmar in Alsace-Lorraine. Casualties are heavy in face of desperate German resistance. Wounded are helped to field dressing stations in dug-outs.

French Red Cross nurses go about their work under fire. On the morning these pictures were taken one of them was badly wounded by a mortar shell.

Inside Germany, British troops of the Second Army fight their way into Heinsberg. This small town has been practically blown out of the ground. Two miles to the east is the River Roer and the Siegfried Line. Heinsberg became an important communications centre - and paid for it.

On their way in, our men introduced themselves to the first German HAUS FRAU they met. Quite a model of friendliness she was too Fraternising? My foot!

