

THE RUSSIAN FRONT... WEST OF VERESH. - 007000

Soviet ski-troops on reconnaissance; final check-up on the enemy positions before a new offensive is launched in the grimly contested area contained in the triangle formed by Veresh - Nyelgerod and Kuruk. A winter landscape with embattled armies facing each other across the snow covered plains. A white calm before the impending storm which breaks upon the German lines as Soviet Artillery reduce their targets under a concentrated fire.

The start of an armoured clash in the sector West of Veresh. An eruption, the outcome of which can affect the whole military situation in this war where Generals think in front-line terms of thousands of miles. For the first time, we see British Matilda tanks in action in Russia. We are given a gratifying glimpse of some of our weapons helping in the destruction of Germans in the great battles raging on Soviet soil.

Sturmoviks of the Red Air Force shoot up ground targets, smashing enemy columns and creating havoc behind their lines.

This is the town of KASTORNOE. It's nothing now but a smouldering ruin; it has been ground into the earth on which it once stood. It's face has gone, but somewhere is a railway junction; it's still important.

A break-through has been effected and Soviet riflemen are pick-a-backed on tanks to harass the retreating enemy. War permits no easing-up of effort.