

MASBOURG IS T OF DANGER

1st Army Wiping Out
Fortifications of
Siegfried Line

R RIVER DAM SEIZED

s—(AP)— American tanks
rench Moroccan mountain
cut the Colmar pocket in
day, trapping elements of
s three German divisions in
osges Mountains south of
ourk.

rican tanks of Maj. Gen.
W. Milburn's 21st Corps
d down from south of Col-
bille the Moroccans advanc-
m north of Mulhouse in a
ed gain of eight miles. The
reduced to less than 200
miles by midnight, was
ly erased and the threat
asbourg from the south was

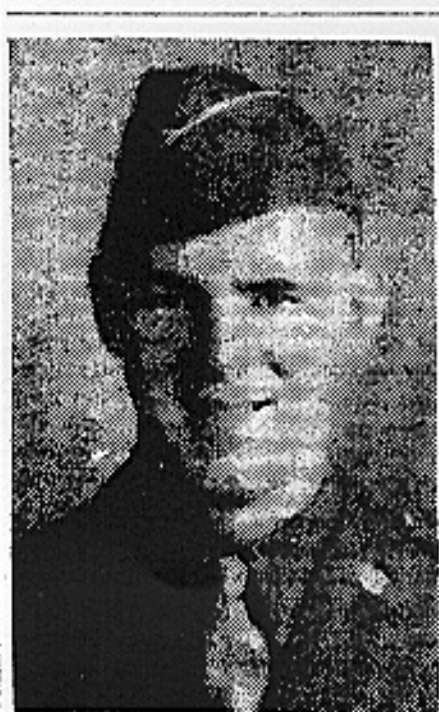
American First Army
13 miles deep into Ger-
within a mile of the Siegf-
line towns of Gemund and
len, and was reported in
dispatches to have broken
through the last of a double
fortifications between the

es.
3,000 Troops Doomed
ie First Army hacked away
last concrete zone of the
Siegfried Line, the Third
ust south drove a mile and
into the single belt defenses
only mediocre resistance.
ird was six miles in Ger-
und three and a half from
a Siegfried fortress.

any as 10,000 Germans
rihaps doomed by the sev-
of the Colmar pocket. Maj.
nderick Allen's 12th Hell-
mored Division linked up
ve Fourth Moroccan Moun-
ivision of the French First
this morning at Rouffach,
y between Colmar and Cer-
The Hellcats are the third
o fighting in the 21st Corps,
ly under French First Ar-
mand.

of the cutoff was a collaps-
rman circle roughly 15 miles
To the east, the Germans
ammed into a box against
ne about 10 miles wide and
ing 19 miles along the

Russ and Nazis Battling For Oder River Stronghold



Pfc. Jerome T. Brandt

PFC. BRANDT IS KILLED DEC. 9

One of Five Brothers in
Army Was With Infantry
In Luxembourg

Pfc. Jerome Thomas Brandt, 21,
reported missing in action in Lux-
embourg since Dec. 9, was killed in
action that day, according to in-
formation in a War Department
telegram received last night by his
wife, Mrs. Grace Brandt, 633A Ad-
ler road.

Pvt. Brandt, one of five sons of
Mr. and Mrs. August Brandt, 512
W. Fifth street, serving in the U. S.
Army, reported to the induction
center at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Oct.
6, 1943. He took his basic and
Infantry training at Camp Wol-
ters, Texas, after which he spent
a seven-day delay en route in
Marshfield before reporting to

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AKIOKA TAKES PART IN IJIZON INVASION

Feb 5 1945

Twin Soviet Spearheads Threaten to Outflank German Capital

London — (AP) — German and
Russian guns dueled across the
Oder today and Marshal Zhukov
moved First White Russian Army
tanks and infantry to the river
line along a front of 140 miles,
threatening to outflank Berlin
through north Germany as well as
in the south.

The German high command
said violent Russian attacks were
in progress against the Oder
River fortress of Kustrin 40 miles
east of Berlin.

Latest official Moscow an-
nouncements told of the capture
of Barwalde, 38 miles northeast of
the German capital, in an 18-mile
advance which outflanked Kus-
trin on the north and placed Rus-
sian spearheads within 45 miles
of the Baltic port of Stettin at
the mouth of the Oder.

Russ Accounts Lag
Zhukov's tanks thrusting to-
ward Stettin in a threat to topple
that port and circle Berlin on the
north were traveling in radio si-
lence, Moscow said, but were be-
lieved to be cutting behind enemy
groups and causing great damage.

German accounts, far ahead of
official Moscow announcements
in that area, told of Red Army
penetrations to the area of
Schwedt, on the Oder, 28 miles
south of Stettin, and the region of
Pyritz, 22 miles southeast of Stet-
tin.

Simultaneously, Zhukov's forces
in the Frankfurt bulge between
the Oder and Warthe poised a
southward flanking threat by the
capture of Ziebingen, 13 miles
southeast of Frankfurt and five
miles from the Oder.

Build Robot Ramps
German underground reports
received in London said the Ger-
mans already were building flying
bomb ramps 50 miles west of Ber-
lin and facing the German capital
for use against the city if it falls
to the Russians.

Moscow dispatches failed to
bear out German reports of Rus-
sian attempts already made to
cross the formidable Oder in the
Frankfurt-Kustrin area, where it
is nearly 1,000 feet wide, but said
widespread mopping up was going
on in numerous pockets along the
river stretching from the area
south of Stettin to the Russian
hinge midway between Frankfurt
and Breslau where the First

Open Prison So Moves

TROOPS SEARCH

BY DEAN SCHEDL
FRED HAMP

Santo Tomas Prison
nila —(AP)— Liberty
tank with a 75 mm
torch and a white star
pered flank.

The driver slipped
and Liberty idled
chained gate of this
which held—we praye
000 men, women and
the United Nations.

"Open up" roared
commander.

No hand appeared
gate's bolts.

"Open the goddam
I'm coming anyway,"
mander shouted. Aga
brought no response.

Inside the prison a
lative murmur had
crescendo of cries wit
of fear, and doubt and
prisoners sensed that
just another of the
Japanese orgies. Th
yond the gate was Ar
contained a resolution
kind. But the gate d

Be Sure of Si
"Go on in," the lar
der directed quietly,
shoot unless you have
sure they're Japs."

The snorting tank
gainst the gate. The
tered. The gate groan
and crashed under the

Prisoners, gaunt,
afraid of their own lie
from the buildings. I
ering dusk they saw
an American tank. A
a single throat they
an agonizing cry of
thanks and welcome.

There was a pause
were still afraid to b
eyes. The American t
atop the twisted gate
bondage, and slowly t
captivity began slip
from them.

Offers to Surre

On an upper floor of
houses on the campus
ese prison commandar
Fomosan guards were
a last fight. The co
Colonel Hayashi, offer
render the prison in r
guarantee of safe pass
the gates.

The tank commande
See—PRISONERS—