

# Guns; First Army In

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## U. S. Troops Advance In Deep Snow

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Paris—(AP)—First army divisions advanced as much as two miles in deep snow northeast of St. Vith today, capturing three towns and moving within a mile of Germany and the outer works of the Siegfried line.

Bullange, Herresbach and Holzheim all toppled. The main works of the west wall were brought within six mile artillery range.

The First infantry division took Bullange after a nine-hour fight in bitterly cold weather. In taking Herresbach, First army troops killed 138 Germans and captured 180 without the loss of a single man killed, wounded or captured.

American and French troops advanced more than two miles to a point on the Colmar canal barely more than a half mile from the outskirts of Colmar (46,000), historic capital of upper Alsace. Colmar is 38 miles southwest of Strasbourg.

### Third at Frontier

The Third army reached the German-Luxembourg frontier on an eight mile stretch of the Our river. North of the First army, the U. S. Ninth and British Second were closed up to the Roer and through the Siegfried line in many places, potentially threatening the Ruhr and Rhineland and their great cities.

Thus General Eisenhower's forces were deployed along or beyond 200 miles of the Siegfried line all the way from Holland to the south part of the Saarland. The slow reversal of the Ardennes bulge had squeezed perhaps 20 American divisions from the straightened salient allowing them rest for the next battle.

From dusk last night until dawn today allied planes swept over German areas behind the west wall, disrupting continued German movements from the Ardennes. Mosquitoes took up where 2,000 bombers left off at nightfall.

Opposition to the pre-dawn onslaught which caught the Nazis by surprise yesterday and gained two miles still was "light to moderate," Gen. Eisenhower's communique said. On all sectors, 16 villages were taken.

### Move Indian File

The doughboys had to flounder forward almost Indian file through waist deep drifts and virtually shovel their way toward the German border. The advance could hardly be rapid. It was more of a line straightening operation.

Snow flurries continued today. The Third army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., shoved the

## Pvt. Arnold J. Neises, Lt. Orlando A. Krupka Meet Death in Action

Two families in this area have received tragic news from the war department of the death in action of two more Wood county soldiers in widely separated theaters of action.

Killed were Pvt. Arnold J. Neises, 33, husband of Martha Neises, who resides at 220 Thirteenth street north, and Second Lt. Orlando A. Krupka, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Krupka, Milladore.

Private Neises died in action on Leyte island in the Philippines on December 20, 1944. He was serving as a machine gunner in the 77th infantry division. Lieutenant Krupka was killed October 6, 1944, over Germany. He previously had been reported missing on that date.

### Managed Shoe Store

Private Neises, son of Mrs. Mary Neises, Junction City, was born in Nashua, Iowa, October 9, 1911. He received his schooling in Junction City. For many years prior to entering the armed forces August 21, 1943, he was manager of the Neises Shoe store in Wisconsin Rapids.

From Fort Sheridan, Ill., the Wisconsin Rapids soldier was transferred to Camp Adair, Ore. He sailed for overseas in May, 1944, serving first on New Caledonia, then Guam, and finally on Leyte island. His last letter to his wife was dated December 19, the day before he was killed.

In addition to his wife and mother, Private Neises is survived by five brothers, Rauben of Marshfield, William, Jr., of Winona, Minn., August of Stevens Point and Oliver and Lawrence of Junction City; and two sisters, Mrs. Leo Strykowski and Mrs. Anthony Ranko, both of Junction City.

He was a member of SS. Peter & Paul's Catholic church and belonged to the Holy Name society.

### Enlisted in 1942

Lieutenant Krupka was born in Milladore, February 11, 1923, and attended grade school there. In 1940 he was graduated from Pio Nono High school at St. Francis, Wis. He returned to Milladore to work for the Kellogg Lumber company, there and then was employed by the Falk Sec—KILLED IN ACTION—Page 7

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