

Suburban Areas Pounded

SOVIET TROOPS STORM VILLAGES

LONDON, February 9.—A Moscow special announcement says that to-night, the Russians, commanded by Lieutenant-General Moskalenko, after stubborn fighting, occupied the town and rail junction of Bryegorod, also the town of Shebekin 18 miles south-east of Bryegorod. booty and prisoners were taken.

Red artillery is battering the gates of Rostov and Kharkiv. A Russian Government report says dead 76-millimetre guns, which ground Marshal Paulus's army to powder, are pounding Rostov suburbs, stretching for 20 miles on the north bank of the middle-wide Don. The Russians captured a village at the approaches to the city. The Russians at Bataisk and Olginskaya are five to six miles distant across the Don.

The "Daily Express" Stockholm correspondent says the Russian siege guns have been shelling the German position, extending many miles around Kharkiv. Stormtroops are blitzing the roads and railways to prevent incoming reinforcements, hampering the retreat, and preparing the way for an assault for which five Russian columns are massing. Some are only 20 miles distant. The Russians are simultaneously menacing Orel and Bryansk.

The Red Army is still hammering wedges at many strategic points in the German defences. They are dead-locked in the Don valley. The German communications seem to be the most important of which are really threatened. Daily, chiefly as the result of the Russian blitzing, Soviet troops are pouring through the gap made at Kurak.

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DON UNBREACHABLE AT ROSTOV

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Reuter's Moscow correspondent reports that Russian forces, pushing on from the Don, are making desperate efforts to cross the river by the Donets bridge at the great upper Donets dams which are being blown up in case of an emergency.

The British United Press Moscow correspondent says that the Halting order is affecting German morale and in the Balkans and the Don valley is that after seeing a great army destroyed and chopped to pieces, the Germans are dropping their shoulders, fearing that if they stand and fight the same fate will overtake them.

Nevertheless, some correspondents suggest it is possible the swift Russian advance in the Don valley may be a feint to draw the German lines as the Wehrmacht retreats in the Balkans. It is also possible that the Germans are in the process of evacuating the Don valley and are concentrating their forces in the Caucasus.

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