RUSSIA:

In German Silesia, the Russians under Marshall Konev are within sight of the river Oder. In East Prussia Red troops were last reported within 25 miles of Königsberg, the capital. In Southern East Prussia, White Russian forces have taken Allenstein and are about 60 miles from Danzig.

Marshall Ivan Konev's forces fighting in high German Silesia are reported to be in sight of the river Oder and Russian guns are already shelling German forts on the far bank of the river. Konev's troops are close to the river between the cities of Breslau and Oppeln. Russian sources say that the Red is within 30 miles of Breslau and the Germans claim that heavy fighting is going on at both sides of Oppeln.

In Western Poland Marshall Zhukov's Second White Russian Army spearheaded by tanks and infantry was at Dan this morning within 25 miles of the Big Polish city of Poznań. Zhukov's men are now in the middle of the main German defense zone in Western Poland and are very close to the city of Bromberg. Bromberg is also sharply threatened by troops of the First White Russian Army.

Marshall Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's First White Russian Army driving into East Prussia from the South has taken the Big City of Berlin, and as it drives down the Nazi-Danzig Railway, Rokossovsky's forces were last reported about 40 miles away from Elbing near the Baltic coast and about 60 miles from Danzig and had cut one of the two remaining lines linking East Prussia with the Reich.

General Ivan Chernyakhovsky's Third White Russian Army pushing through the Eastern part of East Prussia has reached a river within 25 miles of Königsberg, the capital of East Prussia.

Moscow has announced that Marshall Konev's First Ukrainian Army alone has put 85,000 Germans out of the war since the Russian Winter Offensive began. Jittery Berlin has halted civilian travel in Germany and has cut fuel rations.

Belgium:

Both the American First and Third Armies have made big gains in the fighting in the Ardennes bulge. First Army troops on the northern flank of the salient near Bastogne have entered the outskirts of St. Vith, the Germans are reported to have pulled out of St. Vith and left near guard behind to delay the tanks. On the southern shoulder of the salient General Patton's Third Army troops overran several villages between Houffalize and St. Vith. German resistance on this Southern salient is collapsing and Rundstedt is trying to pull his men and vehicles back into the Siegfried line. Yesterday 1200 fighters, bombers and 300 medium and the U.S. Ninth Air Force caught Rundstedt's vehicles near the German town of Pirn and in the slaughter that followed, 1953 motor vehicles (including 65 tanks) were destroyed, another 179 were damaged along with 18 locomotives destroyed and some 600 train cars destroyed. Correspondents report that Rundstedt is still trying to pull back into the Siegfried line today.

In Southern Alsace, the French First Army has mopped up the suburbs of Mulhouse and cleared a forest west of the town. The British Second Army is engaged in heavy fighting between the Mosel and Meur rivers and has driven the Nazis across the Linge Canal.

More than 200 YANK heavies today moved rail yards ahead of the British Second Army. Last night 70 YANK heavies attacked a synthetic oil plant near Duisberg and hit targets at Hanover and Gelsenkirchen.

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ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY Flew MORE THAN 1000 SORties YESTERDAY, ATTACKING TARGETS IN THE Po VALLEY AND BRENNER PASS IN NORTHERN ITALY.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN TODAY ATTACKED JAPAN. TOKIO RADIO REPORTS THAT THE BOMBERS ATTACKED THE AIRPLANE WORKS AT NAGOYA.

ON LUZON, AMERICAN SIXTH ARMY TROOPS ARE WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE CLARK AIRFIELD GROUP, 45 MILES FROM MANILA. THE TROOPS ARE NOW MORE THAN A DOZEN MILES PAST TARLAC. GENERAL YAMASITA'S FORCES HAVE BEEN SLOWING DOWN TO AVOID A BIG BATTLE WITH THE AMERICANS.

ADMIERAL MONT JUON HAS REPORTED THAT THE LEDO ROAD IS NOW OPEN AND THAT ALLIED SUPPLIES ARE NOW ABLE TO BE SENT INTO CHINA ONCE MORE OVER A LAND ROUTE.

WHAT DO YA MEAN - ITS THE ONLY TIE YOU CAN FIND?