A GREAT AERIAL FLEET OF MORE THAN 1300 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS TODAY ROCKED BERLIN WITH OVER 3000 TONS OF BOMBS IN THE GREATEST ASSAULT OF THE WAR ON THE GERMAN CAPITAL. THE BOMBERS UNLOADED 30 TONS OF BOMBS EVERY 30 OR 40 SECONDS ON RAILROADS AND TANK AND ARMAMENT FACTORIES. BOTH FIRE BOMBS AND HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS WERE SHowered ON THE GERMAN CAPITAL. LATER IN THE DAY A FORCE OF RAF LANCASTERS WITH A MUSTANG ESCORT ATTACKED 2 BENZOL PLANTS IN THE RUHR. MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT GAVE BERLIN ITS 26TH CONSECUTIVE NIGHT ATTACK. THE FAST BOMBERS ALSO STRUCK AT NUREMBERG DURING THE NIGHT. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY A GREAT FORCE OF AMERICAN HEAVIES STRUCK TARGETS OVER A WIDE AREA OF GERMANY. BRITISH HEAVIES HIT 2 BENZOL PLANTS EAST AND WEST OF THE RHINE.

LT. GENERAL GEORGE PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE SLICING THE COUNTRY SOUTH OF THE MOSELLE RIVER INTO STRIPS. IT IS REPORTED THAT GENERAL PATTON IS USING 4 ARMORED DIVISIONS AND 10 SEPERATE BATTALIONS OF TANKS IN HIS GREAT SMASH INTO THE HEART OF THE SAAR PALATINATE. CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE GERMANS IN PATTON'S PATH HAVE BEEN CUT INTO 5 BIG SECTIONS & THEIR COMMUNICATIONS SO BADLY CUT UP THAT THEY (THE GERMANS), ARE BLINDLY RUNNING INTO TANK BARRIERS FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE PATTON'S COLUMNS WILL SHOW UP NEXT. AMERICAN TACTICAL PLANES ARE ADDING TO THE CONFUSION OF THE GERMANS BY HEAVY STRAFING ATTACKS. IT WAS KNOWN YESTERDAY THAT THIRD ARMY FORCES HAD REACHED THE RIVER NAHE WHICH JOINS THE RHINE AT HENGEN. THE LUFTRAFFIC TRIED TO STOP PATTON'S TANKS NEAR THE NAHE RIVER BUT AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANES JUMPED THE JERRIES AND FORCED THEM TO JETTISON THEIR BOMBS. THERE HAS BEEN NO LATE NEWS FROM THIS FRONT AND THIRD ARMY MEN MAY BE WELL PAST THE NAHE RIVER BY NOW. THE 5TH AND 90TH INFANTRY DIVISIONS FOLLOWING IN THE WAKE OF THE ARMOR ARE KNOWN TO HAVE REACHED THE RHINE SOUTH OF COBLENZ. THE "FAMOUS FOURTH" ARMORED DIVISION DASHED 33 MILES IN 48 HOURS IN ONE OF THE ARMORED ADVANCES. THE GERMANS DO NOT KNOW WHERE THE ARMORED COLUMNS ARE GOING AND THEY WON'T FIND OUT FROM ALLIED SOURCES BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY BLACKOUT ON NEWS FROM THIS SECTOR. AMERICAN INFANTRYMEN WERE LAST REPORTED TO BE HOLDING 9/10 OF COBLENZ. GENERAL EISENHOWER IS AT THE THIRD ARMY FRONT TO SEE JUST HOW BAD THE GERMAN POSITION IN THE SAAR BASIN REALLY IS.


RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS AGAIN TODAY REPORTED POWERFUL RED ARMY ATTACKS IN HUNGARY AND CLAIM THAT THE SOVIETS HAD MADE "CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS" BETWEEN THE DANUBE AND LAKE BALATON. THE GERMANS ALSO SAY THAT SOKOL'S LEFT FLANK NEAR THE SLOVAK BORDER IN UPPER SILESIA HAS MOVED FORWARD. NEITHER OF THESE REPORTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE RUSSIANS.
RUSSIA CONTINUED:

In the recent 11 days of counterattacks in Western Hungary around Lake Balaton, the Germans lost over 20,000 men in killed alone and lost over 600 tanks.

Marshall Zhukov's right flank is pressing closer to the port of Stettin at the mouth of the Oder river. The Germans say a "murderous battle" is going on at the approaches to Stettin east of the Oder and they claim Zhukov has brought up huge forces in this sector.

Pacific:

Tokyo Radio has been putting out reports all day that several hundred American carrier borne planes have been attacking airfields and other targets on the Japanese home island of Kyushu. The Japs say that the American planes have been coming in waves and they say that fierce aerial battles are going on. The Japs also claim that their planes have attacked the American task force. This report has not yet been confirmed by an Allied source. American warships have bombarded an island in the Kurele group north of Japan.

British 14th Army troops are steadily pushing the Japs back on the Mandalay Plain. South of Mandalay in the Meiktila area, British columns are spreading out on the roads and railways leading to Rangoon.

American troops have landed on an island off the west coast of Mindanao.