GERMANY:

American third army troops driving hard into the Rhine-Moselle-Saar pocket are carving up more German formations as they smash ahead with a great aerial cover. The Germans have been fighting hard to cover the approaches to Bingen and Mainz but tanks are breaking through and were last reported 9 miles from Mainz. The 10th armored division was last reported within 4 miles of the key town of Kaiserslautern in the center of the Saar pocket. Spearheads advanced up to 15 miles yesterday and an estimated 15-20 thousand prisoners were taken during the day by General Patton's men. Aircraft working ahead of the American columns in the Saar pocket and on the east side of the Rhine behind the Saar yesterday destroyed or damaged nearly 6000 enemy vehicles including locomotives and armored cars. From north of the Ruhr down to the Saar Allied fighter bombers alone yesterday flew over 7000 sorties. Rail lines were cut in 300 places.

Seventh army troops driving north between Saarbrucken and the Rhine have breached the Siegfried line in more than 12 places and some of the 7 infantry and 2 armored divisions flooding through the defense line have smashed right through the fixed fortifications.

American first army troops have expanded the Remagen bridgehead to 19 miles wide by 8 deep and they have taken an airfield beyond the super highway. RAF Mosquitos hit Berlin for the 28th night running last night. No bombers were lost in the attack. In daylight yesterday RAF Lancasters dropped 5½ ton and 10 ton bombs on 2 rail viaducts near the Ruhr. More than 1200 York heavies yesterday went for jet plane factories and other targets in South Germany. Today, both American and British heavies have been over the Reich.

RUSSIA:

The Germans said today that they had pulled back their forces along the Hungary-Yugoslav border because of Russian pressure. They also claim that violent fighting is continuing in western Hungary where the Russians are reported to be using some 20 divisions.

In East Russia the Reds are fighting the last battles to wipe out the Germans southwest of Königsberg. Over 30 places were taken on this front yesterday. Moscow says that virtually every square yard of ground on this sector is under artillery and mortar fire. The German radio has reported that Zhukov's men are in the southern part of Altsdamm, across from Stettin and say that Stettin itself is in flames.

PACIFIC:

Mandalay, the second city of Burma, has fallen to troops of the 19th Indian and 2nd British divisions of the British 14th Army. The Japs who were holding out in the fort in the center of the city are reported to have surrendered yesterday. The British second division had broken Jap resistance west of the city and had reached the southern outskirts of Mandalay.

American Super Forts yesterday cascaded 2500 tons of fire bombs on the great industrial city of Nagoya. Huge fires were left burning in the city. About the same time American carrier planes were attacking southern Japan for the second day running. They scored the ship building city of Kobe and the naval base at Kure.

In the Philippines, American troops have landed on the island of Panay and were last reported closing on the capital. Other American troops have landed on a small island southwest of Mindanao.