GERMANY:

AMERICAN AND BRITISH TROOPS ACROSS THE LOWER RHINE RIVER HAVE LINKED UP THEIR SEPARATE BRIDGEHEADS INTO ONE SOLID BRIDGEHEAD 30 MILES LONG AND AT SOME PLACES, 7 MILES DEEP. FIRM CONTACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH ALL THE ALLIED AIRBORNE UNITS THAT WERE DROPPED BEHIND THE RIVER. IN BOTH THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH SECTORS OF THE 30 MILE WIDE BRIDGEHEAD THERE ARE BRIDGES ALREADY IN USE. ALREADY OVER 8000 GERMAN PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE ALLIED PARATROOPERS HAVE CAPTURED 6 BRIDGES INTEGRAL OVER THE ISSEL RIVER.

ONE ALLIED AIRBORNE DIVISION DROPPED RIGHT INTO THE MIDDLE OF GERMAN POSITIONS BEHIND THE RIVER AND A COMPLETE ARTILLERY REGIMENT WITH EQUIPMENT AND MEN WAS TAKEN. THE PARATROOPERS RAGED 3500 PRISONERS AND HAD ALL THEIR OBJECTIVES SEIZED BY ONE O'CLOCK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF DINSLAKEN NORTH OF DUISBURG AND ARE ON THE FRONTS OF THE RUHR VALLEY. THE YANKS HAVE TANKS AND ARTILLERY OVER THE RIVER AND SUPPLIES ARE BEING FERRIED ACROSS IN A GREAT STREAM.


THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE RHINE BETWEEN MAINZ AND WORMS IS NOW 12 MILES LONG AND 9 DEEP. GENERAL PATTON HAS ARMOR ACROSS THE RIVER AND HIS TROOPS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN 13 TOWNS AND VILLAGES. ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER, OTHER THIRD ARMY TROOPS CONTINUE TO MOP UP IN THE SAAR AND YESTERDAY THEY GATHERED IN 19,000 PRISONERS. AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS CONTINUED TO ELLLOW OUT IN THE REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD WHICH IS NOW 33 MILES LONG AND 10 MILES DEEP. AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THIS BRIDGEHEAD THE YANKS ARE IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF SENDEN, ACROSS THE RIVER FROM GOERLITZ.

THE ALLIED AIR FORCES BROKE THEIR D-DAY RECORD YESTERDAY BY FLYING MORE THAN 10,000 SORTIES AFTERT PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE NEW OFFENSIVE BY DROPPIIg 50,000 TONS OF BOMBS IN 5 DAYS. ALLIED PILOTS REPORT THAT BEHIND THE FRONT THE ROADS ARE JAMMED WITH CIVILIANS FLEEING FROM THE BATTLE AREAS AND THAT SOME OF THE ROOFS OF THE HOUSES IN THE RUHR VALLEY ARE PAINTED WHITE. LAST NIGHT RAF MOSQUITOS RIPPEI BERLIN FOR THE 33RD NIGHT RUNNING, TODAY, AMERICAN AND BRITISH HEAVIES HAVE BEEN OUT OVER THE REICH POUNDING OIL STORAGE PLANTS.

RUSSIA:

MARSHALL STALIN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT MARSHALL FEDOR I. TOLBUSHIN'S THIRD UKRANIAN ARMY HAS BREAched POWERFUL GERMAN DEFENSES BEYOND BUDAPEST AND HIS TROOPS HAVE SMASHED 50,000 GERMANS IN RECENT FIGHTING IN WESTERN HUNGARY AND OVERKNOw 350 PLACES. MARSHALL MALINOVSKY'S SECOND UKRANIAN ARMY IN SOUTHERN OZSECHOSLOVAKIA IS MOVING TOWARDS THE BRATISLAVA GAP LEADING TO VIENNA.

THE GERMANS ARE STILL PUTTING OUT REPORTS OF AN OFFENSIVE BY MARSHALL ZHUKOV WEST OF THE ODER TO THE EAST OF BERLIN. THE JERRYS SAY THAT ZHUKOV'S MEN ARE 10 MILES PAST THE RIVER AND ABOUT 30 FROM THE CAPITOL. THEY ALSO SAY THAT ZHUKOV'S TROOPS HOLD BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS THE ODER ON EITHER SIDE OF STETTIN. MOSCOW HAS NOT CONFIRMED THESE REPORTS.
PACIFIC:

American battleships and carrier planes have bombarded Jap strongholds in the Ryuku chain of islands between Japan and Formosa. A force of more than 200 Super Fortresses yesterday attacked a large aircraft factory at Nagoya.

In Burma British troops have made more progress in the plain south of Mandalay. The Japs have been repulsed in a heavy night attack on Meiktila.