GERMANY:

ALLIED ARMIES ARE TEARING OPEN THE GERMAN DEFENSES EAST OF THE RHINE RIVER, AND BECAUSE OF A PARTIAL SECURITY SILENCE NEWS IS LAGGING BEHIND EVENTS. IT IS KNOWN THAT AMERICAN TROOPS ARE FIGHTING IN GAHLEN, 13 MILES PAST THE RHINE AND ABOUT 5 MILES FROM THE BIG TOWN OF DORSTEN. THESE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS ARE SPREADING OUT EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF WESSEL WITH ONE FORCE JUST NORTH OF DUISING. TROOPS OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY WERE LAST REPORTED 5 MILES FROM DURCH. THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY ALONE NOW HOLDS 8 BRIDGES OVER THE RHINE.


GENERAL PATTON'S AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE AGAIN SWEPT FORWARD SINCE YESTERDAY. THEY WERE LAST REPORTED TO BE IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF FRANKFURT AND A SPEARHEAD HAS REACHED ASCHAFFENBURG. THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY SAID PATTON'S FORCES ARE IN THE AREA OF LOHR, 50 MILES EAST OF THE RHINE AND SAY THAT OFFENBACH HAS BEEN CLEARED BY THE AMERICANS. THEY ALSO SAY THAT VIOLENT STREET FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN FRANKFURT. ONE UNCONFIRMED GERMAN RADIO REPORT LAST NIGHT SAID THAT AMERICAN ARMOR WAS WITHIN 10 MILES OF FULDA, ALMOST 50 MILES EAST OF FRANKFURT.

AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE RHINE AT AN UNDISCLOSED PLACE. IT IS KNOWN THAT THEIR THRUST BEYOND THE RHINE IS GOING WELL.

RUSSIA:

MCDOUGAL REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON THAT MARSHALL TOLBUHIN'S FORCES DRIVING THROUGH WESTERN HUNGARY HAD REACHED THE RABA RIVER, LESS THAN 20 MILES FROM THE AUSTRIAN FRONTIER. TOLBUHIN'S TROOPS TOOK PAPA YESTERDAY. TOLBUHIN'S TANKS ARE ADVANCING IN TWO WAVES. THE FIRST WAVE IS FIGHTING BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES DESTROYING COMMUNICATIONS WHILE THE SECOND WAVE FOLLOW UP WITH INFANTRY SUPPORT. A BIG GERMAN POCKET MAY BE FORMED ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE DANUBE BETWEEN TOLBUHIN'S FORCES AND THOSE OF MARSHALL MALINOVSKY ADVANCING ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE DANUBE TOWARDS VIENNA. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT MALINOVSKY NO LONGER PURSUES ON THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE DANUBE AND THEY ALSO SAY THAT IN LOWER SLOVAKIA, MALINOVSKY HAS ENLARGED HIS BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE HRON RIVER AND HAS CAPTURED BANSKA BYSTRICA.

THE GERMANS REPORT THAT MARSHALL KIEV'S LEFT FLANK HAS CROSSED OVER INTO NORTHERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THAT RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE REACHED WITH GOTTENAU AND TOFFAUL OR GFAV. MCDOUGAL HAS NOT CONFIRMED THESE GERMAN REPORTS. IN EAST RUSSIA OVER 21,000 GERMAN PRISONERS WERE TAKEN YESTERDAY.
TOKIO: Radio announced today that American troops had landed in the Ryukyu Islands on Sunday after the islands had been shelled since Friday. The place of the reported landings is about 350 miles south of Japan. The Japs say that the situation in the Ryukyu is "serious" and they claim that a huge American task force is steaming in a great circle around Okinawa, chief island in the Ryukyu group. Allied sources have not confirmed this Jap report but Admiral Nimitz announced yesterday that American battleships and carrier planes had been working over the airfield and other targets on Okinawa. Probably significant was the fact that over 150 Super Forts from the Marianas today bombed industrial targets and Jap airfields on Kyushu, the most southern of the Jap home islands. The airfields attacked were along the inland sea. This is the first time that the Super Forts have attacked airfields in this area. Tokio also announced that 1,500 American troops had landed on the Philippine island of Jbus.

An armored column of the British 14th Army has captured a place on the Rangoon Trunk Railway about 30 miles from Mandalay.