GEMANY:

American and British armored columns have continued their sweep across Germany. In the North Field, Marshall Montgomery's 21st Army Group is now advancing faster and on a wider front than ever before. In the North, British armor has stabbed over 100 miles into Germany. The guards sixth armored brigade is leading the race across the Northern German Plain and the British tanks have driven between Minden and Hamm to cut the great motor highway leading to Hanover. The Germans had been fighting hard on the Northern flank but now there seems to be chaos behind the German paratroop lines behind Eikerkich. German transport has been on the move between Anhem and the Zuider Zee and British tactical planes have been blasting them. American Ninth Army armor has continued to push along the Northern part of the Ruhr and elements of the Ninth Army are nearing a linkup with American First Army troops. One correspondent says the linkup is expected soon. Further south General Patton's American Third Army tanks were last reported within 5 miles of Kassel. The Germans said tonight that armor had reached the outskirts of Kassel. South of Kassel other Third Army tanks columns were within 6 miles of Fulda while the famous Fourth Armored is driving for Eisenach.

Sherriff reports the Fourth Armored about 100 miles from Czechoslovakia. American Seventh Army troops have continued their push to the East beyond Heidelberg.

The French First Army is now fighting east of the Rhine River.

RUSSIA:

Marshall Fedor Tolbuhin's Third Ukrainian Army has driven 15 miles inside Austria at one point and has taken over to Austrian towns. Moscow reports that the Russians now control a 60-mile stretch of the Austrian border and Red army columns are fast closing on the Austrian cities of Weiner Neustadt, Graz and Vienna. Tolbuhin's troops have also captured the Hungarian town of Softon, 25 miles from Vienna.

In Czechoslovakia Marshall Malinovsky's forces are chasing the Germans towards Bratislava and were last reported about 25 miles from this city guarding the approaches to Vienna. The German radio said today that Marshall Konev's troops in Silesia have taken the city of Glogow, 55 miles northwest of Breslau.

PACIFIC:

American invasion troops have stormed ashore on the western coast of Okinawa Island, the main island in the Ryukyu chain South of Japan. Okinawa is about 350 miles south of the southern tip of Japan. The Americans have moved inland quickly and have already seized two airfields. This landing was the biggest amphibious operation of the war in the Pacific and more than 1,600 ships were in on it. American battleships and carrier planes and British warships and planes had been softening up the defenses in the Ryukus for a week before the actual landings.

Tokio radio said this morning that the Americans had landed on three of the islands in the Kyushu chain and that 2 landings were made on Okinawa. The Japs have been putting out reports for a week now that the Americans have been attempting landings in the Kyushu.

In Burma, British troops of the 14th Army and Chinese First Army troops have joined up.