GERMANY:

American Ninth Army tanks driving beyond Bielefeld have reached the River Weser, about 40 miles from Hannover. Other Ninth Army troops were last reported to be in the outskirts of Bielefeld. The Germans have held firm against German attempts to break out of the Ruhr trap. It is now believed that there are more than 100,000 Germans trapped in the Ruhr and they are reportedly to be massing in the northeastern corner of the pocket for a breakout attempt. At the eastern end of the Ruhr, motorized infantry of the Ninth Army have cleared 2/3 of Ham.

North of the Ruhr, American paratroopers of the 17th Airborne Division and tanks of the British Sixth Guards Brigade have teamed up to take Munster. Two armored spearheads have advanced well beyond Munster and the British Sixth Airborne Division entered Osnabrück last night and the city was reported cleared this morning. Canadian and British troops have continued to make good progress as they drive across the northern Netherlands towards the Zuid Zee, the main railroad to Amsterdam has been severed and British tanks have pushed to about 50 miles south of the port of Baden.

American Third Army Troops are reported to be engaged in house to house fighting in the big city of Kassel. Armored columns sweeping around Kassel have driven on to the east and south. General Patton's tanks have by-passed the town of Eisenach and they were last reported 7 miles east and 16 miles south of Gotha as they drew near to the province of Saxony. Marshall Ivan Konev's Red Army forces are in the Eastern part of Saxony province east of Dessau. South of the Third Army front troops of the American Seventh Army are reported to be fighting in the big town of Nuremberg on the road to Nurnberg. The French high command has announced that French troops entered Karlsruhe today.

More than 750 American heavy bombers today returned to attack the German naval bases of Kiel and they also attacked Hamburg. RAF Heavies today bombed German troop concentrations northeast of Kassel for the second day running. During the night, R.A.F Mosquitos bombed Berlin again.

RUSSIA:

Marshall Tolbuhin's tanks are reported to be fighting in the outer defense line of Vienna. Moscow Radio says that Russian troops can see the Austrian capital. The Russians captured the city of Vienna yesterday, east of Vienna the Russians under Marshall Malinovsky drove to within 2 miles of Bratislava yesterday and they are now in the outskirts of that city while other Soviet columns are pushing forward on both sides of the city.

PACIFIC:

American troops have landed on the Sulu Archipelago, 50 miles from Borneo. More than 300 Super Fortresses from the Marianas have plastered industrial plants in the Tokyo area and the Jap radio says that the giant bombers were back over Tokyo again today.

In Burma, Troops of the 15th Indian Corps have cut off the Japs in Arakan by cutting all their escape roads. The British 14th Army has tightened its hold south of Mandalay.