NINTH ARMY--BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE WESER

The Ninth Army, having broken out of the Ninth Army Bridgehead over the Wesser near Hameln and the tanks have raced to a point 10 miles from the city of Hanover. There is fighting going on in the town of Hameln itself and the British 11th Armored Division and Sixth Armored Divisions have strengthened their bridgeheads over the Weser above Hameln near the town of Celle. While the British 7th Armored Division, the "Desert Rats" of North Africa, have linked up the valley of the Weser River to within 12 miles of the Great German port of Bremen. German First Army has made 20 miles yesterday in their drive to link the Southern Corner of the Zuider Zee. They met little opposition. German Ninth Army troops along with troops of the Ninth Army have continued to cut the trapped German forces in the Ruhr to pieces. Ninth Army troops gained 13 miles yesterday as they drove into the pocket and First Army troops gained 3 miles. Other First Army troops are steadily closing to the Weser River south of the Ninth Army front.

Armed garrisons of General Patton's Third Army have again advanced and pounded their wedge here and further south of the city of Nuremberg, a prison of war camp. In the town of Nuremberg, ailen have been hit yesterday. American Seventh Army troops have used 1/3 of Hill's 12th Armored Division and a point 38 miles northwest of Nuremberg. During March, allied armies on the Western Front took 340,000 prisoners.

More than 1300 American heavy bombers today pounded 4 jet planes with 125, 3 ordnance and army depots, 2 rail yards and an oil depot, all in Northern Germany.

RUSSIA:

The battle front in Czechoslovakia has been set ablaze as two Russian armies have suddenly launched powerful offensives. General Zhukov's, recently operating near the Saito, has struck out in a powerful thrust for the Southern Entrance to the Volhynian G.P. through the Carpathian Mountains. The army of Marshal Liddow of the 1st has also struck out in a big offensive in Slovakia. There are signs that the great First White Russian Army Group under Marshal Zhukov may now be resuming its offensive towards Berlin for the Germans have been throwing big forces of 56 divisions against the great Russian forces ... assiduously and in the middle reaches of the Oder, the Russians have advanced 60 miles in the past three days in this sector.

Marshal Tolubkin's third Ukrainian Army Group has broken into the Southern and Eastern no North Eastern suburbs of Vienna and is advancing steadily. Fighting is going on. The Germans say that fighting is going on inside the city as well as in the suburbs, and they claim that German forces have cleared one of Tolubkin's columns before it reached the center of the city.

Marshal Liddow's 1st 5th is driving on the Ostrava Capital from the North to complete the encirclement of the city. The Russians in Vienna, have captured 40 miles of Z.C.S.I.

PACIFIC:

A BIG AIR AND SEA BATTLE IN THE PACIFIC. A powerful American carrier force has sunk Japanese ships that tried to sink out of the Inland Sea and gauge units of the American Pacific Fleet operating off the Island of Okinawa in the Rykyu Chain.
PACIFIC CONTINUED:

American naval scout planes spotted the Jap warships moving out of the Inland Sea and the planes radiated back the information and a powerful task force soon was on its way towards the Japs. American carrier planes caught the Jap ships and definitely sank Japan's most powerful battleship, the 45,000 ton "Yamato", 2 cruisers and 3 destroyers. Three torpedoes and 8 heavy bombs sank the JAP battleship. American losses were 7 planes. In today's battle and in fighting yesterday off the island of Okinawa, 381 JAP planes were destroyed. Yesterday, large numbers of JAP planes attacked units of the U.S. Pacific fleet lying off Okinawa. Three American destroyers were sunk and several others were damaged in this all day engagement. British warships operating against the Ryuku Islands have also suffered some damage due to JAP plane attacks.

Two large forces of super forts from the marinas today attacked the Tokio and Nagoya areas of Japan. American mustangs from Iwo Jima escorted the Some 300 bombers to Japan and back. This is the first time that land based planes have escorted the giant bombers to Japan. American heavies have again bombèd Hong Kong and the island of Formosa.

The battle for the Mandalay Plain is over and the JAP 15th Army between Mandalay and Mekitila has been virtually wiped out as a fighting force. The survivors of this army are fleeing into the hills between Siam and Burma.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS TOWN WAS TAKEN LAST NIGHT.