Spearheads of the American Second Armored Division have by passed Hanover to the South and are driving for Brunswick. Armor passed through a town 7 miles SouthEast of Hanover during the night and spearheads were last reported to be fighting in Heilsheim, about 30 miles West of Brunswick. Troops of the British Sixth Airborne Division have pushed to a point less than 7 miles NorthEast of Hanover while the British Seventh Armored Division driving up the valley of the Weser is within 8 miles of the Big Port of BREm. The American First Army has crossed the Weser and spearheads have pushed 9 miles past the river. In the Ruhr Pocket, American First Army troops driving in from the South have gained from two to three miles. Ninth Army troops driving into the pocket from the Northeast have taken the town of Hamm and the town of SosFT. Another Ninth Army column has entered the outskirts of Dortmunda.

During the night Allied airborne troops dropped over a wide area of the Northern Netherlands east of the Zuidera Zee in the path of Canadian ground troops who are driving towards the Zuidera Zee. Canadian troops are fighting in the town of Zuthpen, 25 miles Short of the Zuidera Zee.

American Third Army troops have beaten off a strong German counterattack near Mullhausen. South of Gotha, the Third Army column has gained another 8 miles.

General Patton’s forces took 15,000 prisoners in yesterday’s fighting. American Seventh Army tanks are within 6 miles of the Big town of Schweinfurt. One Seventh Army tank column dashed 20 miles yesterday in a surprise thrust East of Heilbronn.

More than 1200 American heavy bombers today attacked airfields and other targets in central Germany. Last night a strong force of RAF heavies pounded an oil refinery near Leipzig.

Russia:

Marshall Tolbukin’s forces fighting in the southern part of Vienna are within 2 miles of the center of the city. Another Russian column has taken a town on the right bank of the Danube 3 miles Northwest of Vienna.

In Czechoslovakia, Marshall Malinovsky’s tanks are racing northward along the Morava River towards the Capitol of Moravia. General Yeremenko’s troops are driving westward across the country through mountain passes.

Pacific:

American infantry at the southern part of Okinawa have run into very tough opposition. The fighting is growing in intensity as the Americans push through difficult country where the Japs have heavily fortified. The Yanks are driving for Naha, the capital of the island, at the northern end of the island. American and British carrier-based planes have kept up their attacks against targets in the Ryukyu Islands.

British 14th Army troops are mopping up remnants of the shattered Japanese Fifteenth Army on the plain south of Mandalay.

Italy:

The 5th and the Eighth armies in Italy have made slight gains. The Germans are resisting savagely along the front in Italy. The German radio today reported bombers from Italy flying over Austria.