GERMANY:

German resistance is stiffening at the approaches to Bremen and Hannover. The British 7th Armored Division has pushed to the town of Riede, about 5 miles south of Bremen, and the Germans are fighting fiercely to check a British thrust into the big port. The Guards Armored Division is also pushing for Bremen and was last reported about 20 miles away. The British Sixth Airborne Division has run into stiff opposition about 7 miles from Hannover, American Ninth Army tanks and infantry are driving the last few miles to Hannover and are now on 3 sides of that city. American armor pushing past Hannover to the south is heading for the big town of Brunswick. American troops have continued to compress the Ruhr pocket and Ninth Army doughboys are fighting in the streets of Essen and have entered the outskirts of Dusseldorf. All the British Paratroopers dropped east of the Isel River have linked up with Canadian troops. North of the Isel Canadian armor is within 10 miles of the Zuider Zee. The right flank of the Canadian line has crossed the Ems River and has pushed another 8 miles towards Emden.

American First Army troops are well across the Weser River beyond Kassel. The town of Gottingen northeast of Kassel has been captured by First Army tanks. American Seventh Army troops are nearing Schweinfurt and one Seventh Army column was last reported in the area of Mlustadt, 20 miles from Nurnberg. Both Seventh Army and French First Army troops are closing on the big city of Stuttgart. French troops were last reported at the approaches to Stuttgart from the north.

American bombers were over Germany again today. The German radio reported formations flying over western and southern Germany. During the night more than 900 RAF heavies plastered sub yards at Hamburg, an oil plant near Leipzig, Berlin, and Dessau. Yesterday more than 1200 American heavies attacked targets in central Germany while American heavies from Italy pounded railways in northern Italy and Austria.

RUSSIA:

Red Army troops under Marshall Tolbukhin are quickly carving up the great city of Vienna. Moscow reports that at least 1/4 of the city is in Russian hands. Russian columns have broken into the Austrian capital from the west and south and were last reported fighting less than a mile from the inner city. Three of Vienna's rail stations have been captured. Other Russian forces under Tolbukhin have pushed 25 miles to the west of Vienna and are getting near Linz. Northeast of the Austrian capital Marshall Malinovsky's troops are streaming up from their bridgeheads over the Morava River and spearheads are less than 15 miles from the east bank of the Danube opposite Vienna. Other Red Army forces under Malinovsky are advancing in the Carpathians in Czechoslovakia on an 80 mile front. In East Prussia the Russians under Marshall Vasilevsky have begun their final assault on Koensberg. Two Soviet columns have broken into the German defenses.

ENGLAND:

There has been no air attacks against England in 10 days. In the past 10 months 8,377 people have been killed in England by flying bombs, V-2 rockets and piloted German aircraft. More than 25,000 have been seriously injured.
PACIFIC:  
Army troops at the southern end of Okinawa Island are moving towards the Capitol, Naha, in a yard by yard advance. Marines at the northern end of the island are meeting light opposition and they advanced another 2 miles yesterday. 
American troops on Luzon now control the main road network southeast of Manila. American bombers have again attacked targets on Formosa.  
In Burma, British 14th Army troops have taken a road junction as they drive towards the oil field area of Burma.

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