GERMANY:

The 83rd Infantry Division of the American Ninth Army has established a second bridgehead over the Elbe River west of Berlin. This new bridgehead is reported to be near the town of Barby, 15 miles southeast of Magdeburg. The second armored division had already established one bridgehead over the Elbe near Magdeburg. Both the bridgeheads are under German artillery fire, and the Germans are reported to be massing panzers beyond the American bridgeheads. Across the Elbe, the Americans are running into very heavy resistance as the Germans show signs of making a determined stand. In Magdeburg too the Germans are fighting savagely for the city. Another armored division of the Ninth Army has reached the Elbe about 50 miles west of Berlin after dashing 60 miles in less than a day. American Ninth Army troops now line the west bank of the river for a stretch of nearly 100 miles. South of the Ninth Army front, American First Army armored columns are fast closing to the Elbe.

British Second Army troops driving up towards Hamburg and the Baltic pushed 20 miles yesterday to reach a point 20 miles from the lower Elbe, 50 from Hamburg and 70 miles from the Baltic. Scottish troops have driven 10 miles beyond Gellin on the Elbe River while United Kingdom troops have taken half of Anhern. Polish tanks in the northern Netherlands are within 7 miles of the North Sea and 15 from the port of Emden. Canadian troops have captured Apeldoorn. In the Ruhr pocket another big batch of prisoners were taken yesterday, including 3 generals. The city of Dortmund has been cleared as German resistance is crumbling.

Tank columns of the American First and Third Armies have kept up their lightning drives deep in central Germany. First Army tanks were last reported 15 miles from Halle and 7 from Leipzig. General Patton's tanks have pushed another 20-30 miles by-passing the great city of Leipzig and cutting the Elbe-Elster superhighway. The "Famous Fourth" armored division has crossed the Elbe River 38 miles west of Dresden and was closing fast on Chemnitz and Dresden. The tanks were last reported westing little opposition 33 miles west of Dresden as they race across the province of Saxony. General Patton's tanks have crossed 3 rivers in 48 hours in their great sweeps to the east. The town of Bayreuth has been entered and the right wing of Patton's Army is within 15 miles of the Czech border.

Early this morning French troops launched an attack on the Germans holding out in the Gironde estuary area north of Bordeaux. Later in the day, 1100 unescorted American heavy bombers flew over the estuary and saturated German positions on both sides of the river with high explosive and fragmentation bombs. During the night 850 RAF heavies founded the Kiel naval base and other targets in north west Germany. In daylight yesterday, Yank fighters escorting American heavies to attack a big rail yard north of Hamburg destroyed 266 German aircraft on the ground. American losses were 6 bombers and 7 fighters.

RUSSIA:

The German High Command says that the Marshalls Zhukov and Koniev are ready to launch their big offensives towards Berlin. The Germans say that the Russians will attack down the Stettin-Berlin highway; across the Oder east of Berlin; and up roads from southeastern Germany leading to Berlin. The Russians are already reported to be clearing mine fields preparatory to the offensive.

The city of Vienna has fallen and the Germans say that Marshall Tolbuhin's men have made big gains west of the Austrian capital and in southern Austria.
RUSSIA CONTINUED:
IN THE BATTLE FOR VIENNA, THE GERMANS LOST 140,000 MEN IN PRISONERS ALONE. NORTH AND NORTHEAST OF VIENNA, MARSHALL MALINOVSKY'S FORCES HAVE MADE BIG GAINS.

ITALY:
BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE LINKED UP THEIR 3 BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE SANTERNO RIVER AND ARE DRIVING FOR THE NEXT RIVER LINE HELD BY THE GERMANS.

PACIFIC:
A GREAT FORCE OF SUPER FORTRESSES, REPORTED AT MORE THAN 400, PLASTERED TOKIO WAR FACTORIES WITH THOUSANDS OF TONS OF BOMBS DURING THE NIGHT. TOKIO REPORTS THAT 200 CARRIER PLANES FROM A BRITISH TASK FORCE ATTACKED TARGETS ON FORMOSA TODAY. THIS IS THE 2ND DAY RUNNING THAT BRITISH CARRIER PLANES HAVE RAIDED THE ISLAND.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
If you do it here
You'll land in the stew
THIS IS GERMANY

HE SAY'S THE TOWN HASN'T BEEN TAKEN YET - THESE GUYS ARE 83RD HQ. COOKS AND KPS!!