GERMANY:

The American Third and Seventh Armies have continued their armored sweeps across the provinces of Saxony and Bavaria but the other Allied armies along the Western Front are running into stiff resistance.

The bridgehead established by the Second Armored Division over the Elbe River near Magdeburg has had to be abandoned. German artillery fire shattered the bridge soon after engineers had completed it and infantrymen of the Second Armored had to be withdrawn from the bridgehead because heavy equipment could not be put across the river to support them. The infantry was forced back across the river in assault craft and ducks. Casualties are reported as heavy. Meanwhile the bridgehead over the Elbe held by the 83rd Infantry Division is still expanding. Tanks and tank destroyers are across the river with the infantry, who have been meeting continuous German attacks. The 83rd Infantrymen were able to advance today with the aid of air support. Ninth Army troops took a total of 44,000 prisoners yesterday plus 65 German planes captured in an airfield. Most of the German prisoners taken here were mopped up in the Magdeburg area. In Magdeburg itself, General Simpson's troops are meeting stubborn resistance. Just south of the Ninth Army front, armored columns of the American First Army have dashed 30 miles to the area of Dessau but have run into tough fighting here.

United Kingdom troops have run into fanatical German resistance 25 miles from the lower-Elbe river and other British forces are meeting determined opposition at the approaches to Hannover, Braunschweig, and Osnabrück. The town of Anhalt has been cleared and British forces are well beyond it. The First Canadian Army has made more good progress between the Issel and Elbe rivers. The battle for the Ruhr pocket is reaching its final stages. Yanks of the First Army have driven practically clean through the middle of the pocket from the south and almost linked up with Ninth Army forces on the north. Over 140,000 prisoners have been taken in the pocket so far.

With General Patton's right wing almost to Czechoslovakia, the Germans have been forced to split the command of the Western Front into two groups. The Fourth Armored Division of the Third Army was last reported 7 miles from the big rail center of Chemnitz in Saxony. Patton's right wing is now within 15 miles of the Czech border. Third Army tanks have taken Bautzen. American First Army columns have met fierce opposition in the areas of Halle and Leipzig. Seventh Army spearheads were last reported within 18 miles of Nuremberg.

French troops have made progress in their attack against the Germans holding out in the Grand Estuary north of Bordeaux. Today, over 1,300 unescorted Yank heavy bombers showered 400,000 gallons of flaming gasoline on German positions in the Grand Estuary in the wake of yesterday's massive bombing attack on the same area. Last night 700 RAF heavies pounded Potsdam and the center of Berlin.

RUSSIA:

Marshall Tolbukhin's forces are battering at the town of St. Polten, 35 miles west of Vienna while other columns have by passed the town and are heading for the Danube crossings at Melk Furthor west. The Germans say that the Red Army is less than 20 miles from Graz in Southern Austria.

ITALY:

British Eighth Army troops have established a bridgehead over the River Shill- laro and have already beaten off a German attack against their positions.
PACIFIC:
BRITISH CARRIER PLANES HAVE KEPT UP THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST AIRFIELDS ON FORMOSA AND THE RYUKYUS. BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS IN CENTRAL BURMA ARE MEETING FIERCE JAP RESISTANCE SOUTHEAST OF MERTILA 75 MILES FROM MANDALAY.

UNITED STATES:
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS BURIED TODAY IN THE FLOWER GARDEN OF HIS HYDE PARK HOME OVERLOOKING THE HUDSON RIVER.
THE FIRST AMERICAN THIRD ARMY BRIDGE OVER THE RHINE RIVER HAS BEEN NAMED, "FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT", IN MEMORY OF THE PRESIDENT.

Don't you wolves
Begin to pant
For when you're here
They say you can't
THIS IS GERMANY

GILBERT
by SGT. N.S. FIRFIRES

OK, OK, SO THE AIR CORPS IS THE ONLY OUTFIT THAT COVERS GROUND FASTER THAN THE 83D!!