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German Map
A map of Germany in sufficient detail to enable you to follow the course of the war is on page 13 of this edition. You likely will want to preserve this map. It will be valuable in connection with developing news.

RUSSIAN TROOPS LESS THAN 100 MILES FROM BERLIN

Twin Soviet Thrust Made Toward Vienna

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
LONDON — (AP) — Russian troops have thrust over the Austrian frontier, Moscow dispatches said today, and Marshal Stalin announced a 31-mile advance north of the Danube in a twin thrust upon Vienna.

British Task Force Joins U. S. Assault

Helps To Strike At Ryukyus
By ELMONT WAITE
GUAM — (AP) — A powerful British task force has joined the mighty American naval assault on the Ryukyu Island approaches to the Japanese homeland which the U.S. announced today is continuing.



WESTERN FRONT—Continuing to spread over Central Germany under a security "blackout," American and Allied armies in 24 hours recorded important gains.

Ruhr Cut Off In Sensational Drive Of Yanks

British Reported Wheeling North Toward Bremen And Hamburg
By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS — (AP) — The American First Army, boldly cutting off the Ruhr, thrust powerful armored forces into Paderborn, 185 miles west of Berlin, today and thrust on toward a junction with the 21st Army Group, racing on the open roads of Northern Germany.

Two-Minute News Roundup

Western Front
The Allied troops on the Western Front have scored new advances, but a security blackout covers the exact gains.

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The British task force, which included the battleship King George V and the carrier HMAS Hermes, joined the U. S. assault on the Ryukyus.

Japs Apply Torch Yanks Sweep Isles In P. I. Ship Lane

By FRED HAMPSON
MANILA — (AP) — Invasion-season doughboys—Yanks have landed on thirteen Philippine islands this month—swept ashore on Mactan and Cebu islands off conquered Cebu City Wednesday to clear the shipping lanes that account part of the archipelago.

Yanks Raid Nazi Ports

LONDON — (AP) — More than 1,400 American heavy bombers and an escort of 800 fighters—the largest concentration sent out by the Eighth Air Force. This year—attacked Germany's North Sea ports of Bremen, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven today.

Weather
Partly cloudy and sunny. Unusually warm with light easterly breeze. High 65, low 45.