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FRANCE:

THE NEW INVASION OF SOUTHERN FRANCE IS GOING VERY WELL. THE ALLIED TROOPS THERE HAVE NOW LINKED UP SOME MILES INLAND AND NOW HOLD 500 SQUARE MILES. THE ALLIES ARE REPORTED TO BE WITHIN TEN MILES OF EACH OF THE BIG FRENCH CITIES OF CANNES AND TOULON. THE ALLIES NOW HAVE A CONTINUOUS FRONT OF 50 MILES AND HAVE TAKEN OVER 2,000 PRISONERS. GENERAL PATCH, FORMERLY OF GUADACANAL FAME IS IN COMMAND OF THE YANK FORCES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. HE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS THREE VETERAN YANK DIVISIONS AS THE SPEARHEADS OF HIS ATTACK. THE UNLOADING OF VESSELS IS GOING ON AT FULL SPEED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FROM THE LUFTWAFFE. FULL TANK AND TANK DESTROYER UNITS ARE NOW ASHORE. THIS MORNING, ALLIED FORCES WERE REPORTED TO BE 12 MILES INLAND. YESTERDAY, AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS WITHOUT FIGHTER ESCORT BOMBED 4 RAILWAY BRIDGES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. THE FRENCH UNDERGROUND IN GREAT NUMBERS IS HELPING THE INVADERS.

IN NORTHERN FRANCE, GREAT NEW GAINS HAVE BEEN MADE. AMERICAN FORCES HEADING EASTWARD FROM LE MANS WERE REPORTED THIS EVENING TO HAVE TAKEN THE LARGE CITIES OF CHARTRES, ORLEANS AND DREUX. THE YANKS WHO LIBERATED CHARTRES HAVE PUSHED ON TOWARDS PARIS. ORLEANS IS A LARGE CITY IN THE LOIRE VALLEY ALMOST DIRECTLY SOUTH OF PARIS. AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT THE YANKS WERE ABOUT 30 MILES FROM THE CAPITAL OF FRANCE. THIS AFTERNOON, THE GERMAN OVERSEAS AGENCY SAID THAT PARIS CAN NOW HEAR THE THUNDER OF GUNS AND THAT ELECTRICITY IS ON FOR ONLY $1\frac{1}{2}$ HOURS A DAY. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE PARIS UNDERGROUND RAILWAY IS NOT OPERATING AND THAT THE PARIS POLICE FORCE HAS GONE ON STRIKE. ON OTHER SECTORS OF THE FRONT, THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY HAS TAKEN THE TOWN OF FALAISE AND THE AMERICANS PUSHING UP FROM THE SOUTH HAVE GAINED MORE GROUND. UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS ON THE RIGHT OF THE CANADIANS NOW CONTROL THE MAIN HIGHWAY THROUGH THE GERMAN SALIENT. THE ALLIES SAY THAT THE GERMANS STILL HAVE THE NECK OF THE GAP OPEN BUT THE GERMANS ARE BEING CROWDED INTO A SMALLER SPACE HOURLY. LAST NIGHT MOSQUITO BOMBERS BLASTED SEINE RIVER CROSSINGS.

RUSSIA:

THE REDS ARE NOW FIGHTING IN THE TOWN OF SANDOMIR ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE VISTULA AFTER BROADENING THEIR SALIENT ACROSS THE BIG POLISH RIVER. EAST AND NORTH EAST OF WARSAW, GERMAN SS TROOPS HAVE COUNTERATTACKED SAVAGELY AND THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO GIVE UP A SMALL TOWN IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF WARSAW. THIS MARKS THE FIRST SETBACK FOR THE RUSSIANS SINCE THE START OF THEIR GREAT SUMMER OFFENSIVE.

ENGLAND:

LAST NIGHT OVER 1200 BRITISH HEAVIES BLASTED THE GERMAN BALTIC PORTS OF KIEL AND STETTIN. MOSQUITO BOMBERS MADE ANOTHER CONCENTRATED ATTACK ON BERLIN. THEY HAVE NOW POUNDED THE GERMAN CAPITAL FOR SEVERAL NIGHTS IN A ROW. FROM THE NIGHT'S OPERATIONS, 16 BRITISH BOMBERS ARE MISSING.

ITALY:

THE EIGHTH ARMY IS CONTINUING TO CLEAR THE LAST REMAINING GERMANS OUT OF FLORENCE. THERE WERE RIGOROUS PATROL ACTIVITIES REPORTED FROM THE REST OF THE FRONT.

PACIFIC:

THE BRITISH HAVE NOW CLEARED THE LAST ORGANIZED JAP FORCE FROM INDIA. THE NEUTRALIZING OF HALMAHERA ISLAND BETWEEN NEW GUINEA AND THE PHILIPPINES CONTINUED YESTERDAY. TRUK ISLAND WAS AGAIN BOMBED BY LIBERATORS.

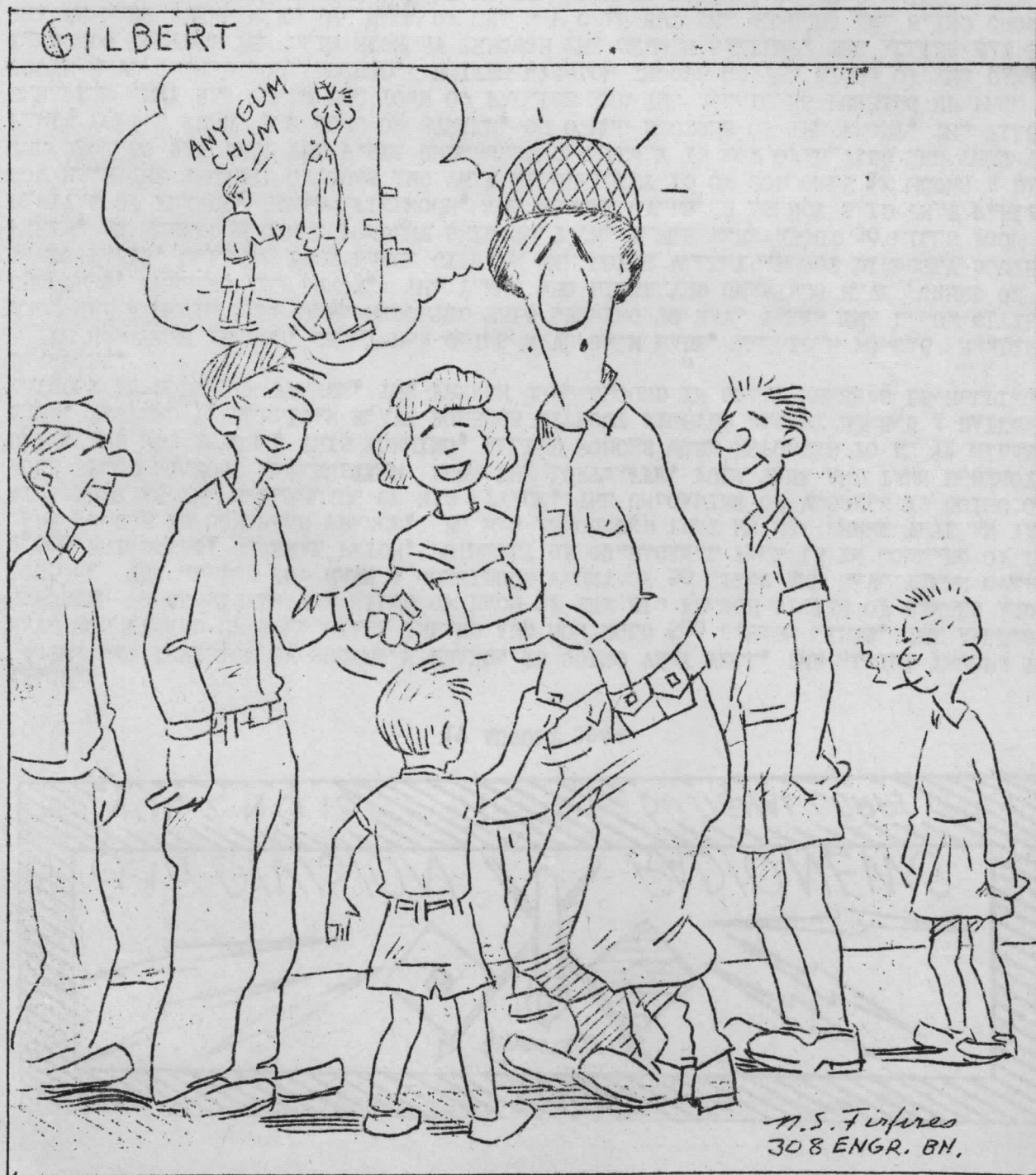
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CHICAGO: 7 WASHINGTON: 2
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NATIONAL

CHICAGO: 11 BOSTON: 3
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BON BONS - CIGARETTES !!