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FRANCE:

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, ALLIED TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ADVANCED AS FAR AS 25 MILES IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR. OUR FORCES ARE RAPIDLY CLOSING IN ON THE LARGE CITIES OF CANNES AND TOULON. THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO BE BLOWING UP BRIDGES IN THE VICINITY OF TOULON SO THAT THEY CAN GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PLANS TO WRECK THE PORT BEFORE THE ALLIES GET THERE. THE ALLIED COMMUNIQUE FROM SOUTHERN FRANCE TODAY STATED THAT, "TROOPS OF THE SEVENTH ARMY ARE ADVANCING ON ALL SECTORS AGAINST CRUMBLING RESISTANCE." ALLIED CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY LIGHT SO FAR. UP UNTIL YESTERDAY, THREE VETERAN AMERICAN DIVISIONS WHO ARE THE SPEARHEAD OF THE ATTACK HAD LOST ONLY 300 MEN. THE ALLIES HAVE TAKEN THOUSANDS OF GERMAN PRISONERS. FRENCH CIVIL AUTHORITIES ARE ALREADY OPERATING IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF FRANCE AND ARE BRINGING IN FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR THE PEOPLE.

IN NORTHERN FRANCE, GOOD NEWS CONTINUES TO COME IN FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE BATTLEFRONT. THE FALAISE POCKET HAS BEEN FURTHER REDUCED AND IS NOW ABOUT 12 MILES LONG AND 2 TO 3 MILES ACROSS AT THE NECK. REMNANTS OF THE BATTERED GERMAN SEVENTH ARMY ARE DISINTEGRATING UNDER THE BLOWS OF THE ALLIES. AMERICANS, CANADIANS, POLISH AND UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS HAVE ALL MADE SUBSTANTIAL GAINS. THE GERMANS REPORT THAT THE AMERICANS ARE ABOUT 23 MILES FROM PARIS IN ONE SECTOR AND ALSO REPORT THAT FIGHTING IS GOING ON NORTH OF DREUX ABOUT 20 MILES FROM THE SEINE RIVER. POLISH AND CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN 11 MILES PAST FALAISE, WHICH FELL YESTERDAY. ONE CANADIAN COMMANDER SUMMED UP THE SITUATION AT THE FALAISE GAP IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: "THE CORK IS NOW BEING DRIVEN INTO THE BOTTLE. WITHIN A FEW HOURS WE WILL HAVE IT SEALED." BRITISH ROCKET FIRING TYPHOONS TODAY HAD THEIR GREATEST DAY OF THE WAR AGAINST GERMAN TRANSPORT. A BRITISH WING COMMANDER REPORTED FINDING ABOUT 5000 GERMAN VEHICLES CROWDED INTO A SMALL AREA AND THE BRITISH PLANES WENT OUT IN GREAT NUMBERS TO ATTACK THE GERMANS. AS YET THERE ARE NO RESULTS COMPILED BUT RETURNING PILOTS SAID THAT THE GERMANS TOOK A HORRIBLE THRASHING. THEY REPORTED SEEING HUNDREDS OF GERMAN TROOPS WANDERING DOWN ROADS AS IF IN A DAZE. THIS MORNING A MUSTANG FIGHTER PATROL RAN INTO A NUMBER OF NAZI FOCKE WULF FIGHTERS AND SHOT DOWN 16. THIS IS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF GERMAN FIGHTERS TO BE SHOT DOWN OVER NORMANDY IN QUITE SOME TIME.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS ARE NOW STANDING ON THE EDGE OF THE BORDERS OF EAST PRUSSIA. AS YET THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED AS ACTUALLY BEING IN EAST PRUSSIA. TOWNS AND VILLAGES INSIDE EAST PRUSSIA HAVE BEEN SET ON FIRE BY THE RETREATING GERMANS. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED THAT VIOLENT FIGHTING HAD AGAIN BROKEN OUT IN THE CARPATHIAN FOOTHILLS. THE RUSSIANS SAY THAT THE GERMANS ARE STILL SAVAGELY COUNTERATTACKING IN LITHUANIA, AROUND WARSAW AND SOUTH OF WARSAW WHERE THE RUSSIANS HAVE A BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE VISTULA RIVER.

ENGLAND:

THE B.B.C. SAYS THAT THE GERMANS HAVE EXTENDED THEIR TOTAL MOBILIZATION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO CUTTING DOWN ON EDUCATION AND ARE ALLOWING NEWSPAPERS TO BE PRINTED ONLY ON CERTAIN DAYS OF THE WEEK. LAST NIGHT, RAF MOSQUITO BOMBERS HIT MANNHEIM.

ITALY:

THE EIGHTH ARMY HAS GAINED SOME GROUND IN THE UPPER TIBER VALLEY. THE GERMANS ARE WITHDRAWING THEIR TANKS FROM THE OUTSKIRTS OF FLORENCE.

BULGARIA:

THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER HAS SPOKEN OF HIS COUNTRY'S DESIRE TO GET OUT OF THE WAR. HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO REMOVE ALL OBSTACLES TO PEACE.

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INDO BURMA:

THE BRITISH FOURTEENTH ARMY IS CHASING THE JAPANESE WELL BEYOND THE BURMA BORDER.

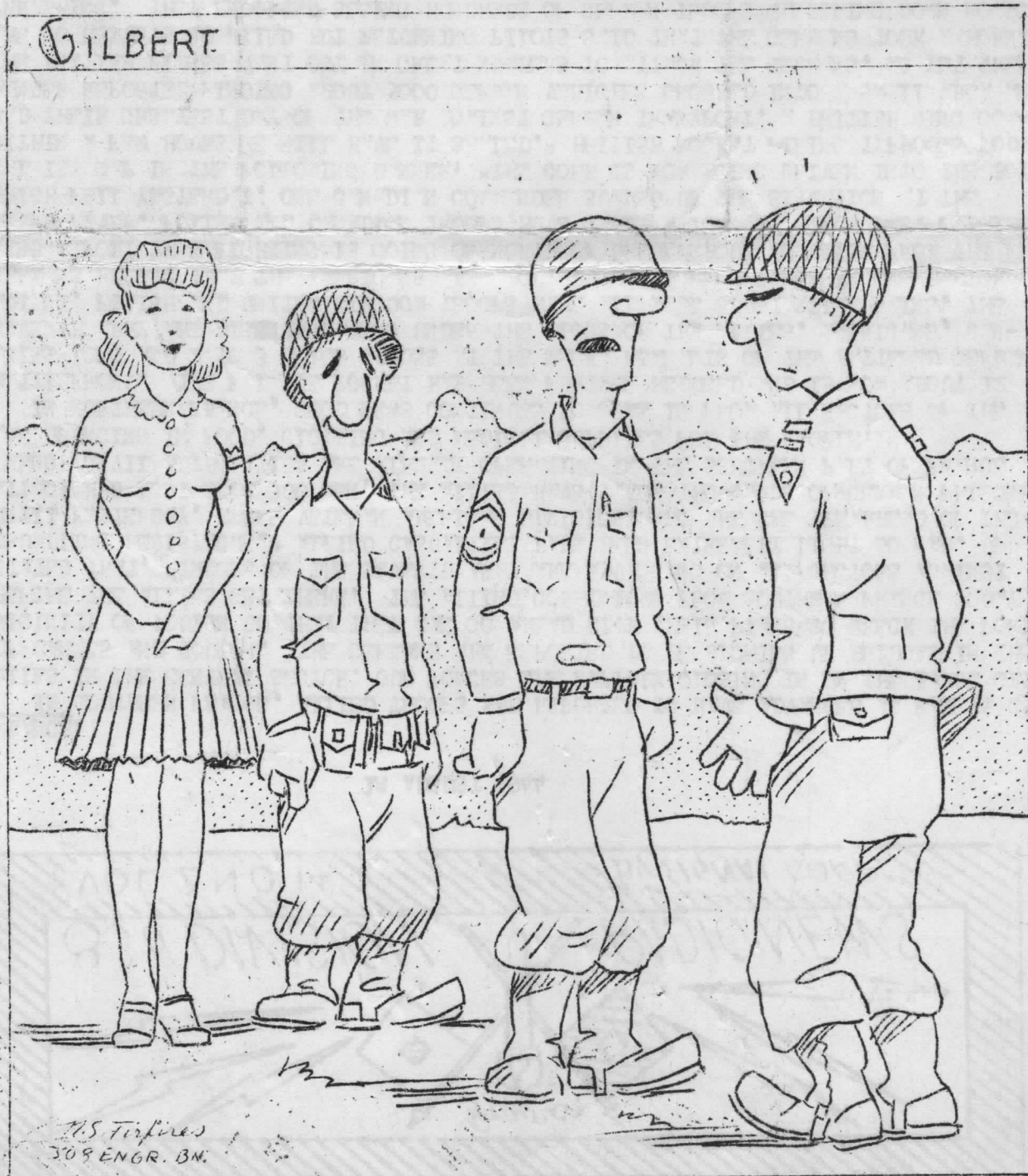
MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN

NEW YORK: 10 .... CLEVELAND: 3  
ST LOUIS: 10 .... PHILADELPHIA: 5  
BOSTON: 3 ..... DETROIT: 3 (CALLED BECAUSE  
OF RAIN)  
CHICAGO: 1 ..... WASHINGTON: 0

NATIONAL

PITTSBURGH: 7,6 .... PHILS: 6,5  
BOSTON: 7 .... CHICAGO: 5  
ST LOUIS: 7 .... NEW YORK: 0



HE WANTS TO KNOW IF HE CAN SEND HOME ANY SOUVENIR AS LONG AS IT ISN'T AMMUNITION OR FIREARMS !!