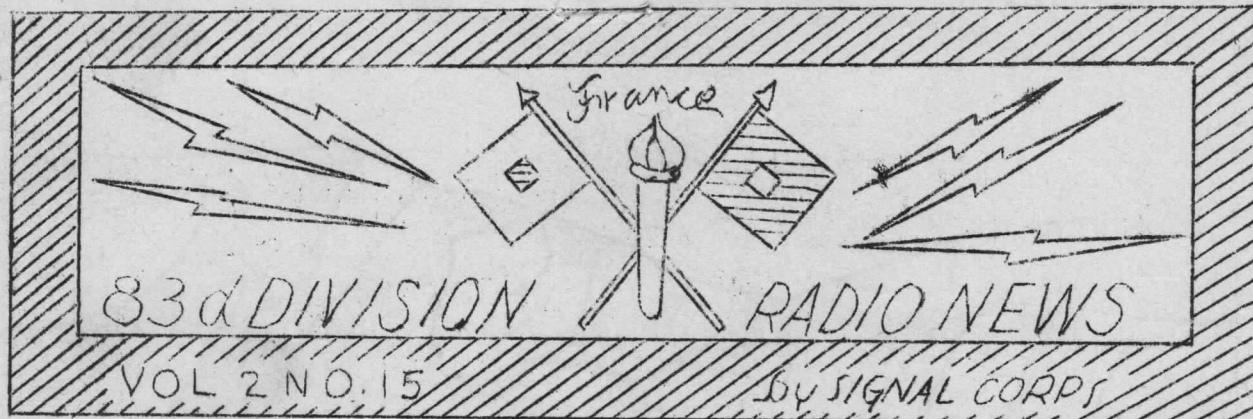


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FRANCE:

A SENIOR OFFICER AT GENERAL MONTGOMERY'S HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT THE ALLIES HAD WON THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY. HE SAID THAT "THE GERMANS COULD NOW FIGHT ONLY STRONG REAR GUARD ACTIONS." THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN DRAINING THEIR ARMY NORTH OF THE SEINE RIVER TO REINFORCE THEIR TROOPS IN NORMANDY AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THEY COULD AGAIN ASSEMBLE A FIRST CLASS ARMY IN FRANCE. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE REACHED A POINT 5 MILES FROM THE SEINE BETWEEN THE SEINE AND ROUENS. LEADING ELEMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES THIRD ARMY HAVE GONE 18 MILES PAST DREUX. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS HAVE NOT CONFIRMED ANY REPORTS ABOUT YANK TROOPS BEING IN THE VICINITY OF PARIS BECAUSE OF SECURITY REASONS. THE ALLIES ARE ADVANCING ON THE GERMAN'S FLANKS AS THE GERMANS PULL OUT TO THE EAST. SOME WEDGES HAVE BEEN DRIVEN ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE FALAISE GAP. YESTERDAY, ALLIED PLANES DEALT A STUPENDOUS BLOW AT GERMAN TRANSPORT. OVER 3,800 GERMAN VEHICLES WERE KNOCKED OUT YESTERDAY INCLUDING 200 TANKS. FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS RANGED FROM JUST BEHIND THE BATTLE LINES TO BELGIUM AND HOLLAND. MOST OF THE PLANES CONCENTRATED ON BLASTING THE FLEEING GERMANS AND THEIR VEHICLES IN THE FALAISE GAP AND ALONG THE BANKS OF THE SEINE. BEHIND THE LINES, NINTH AIR FORCE PLANES BLASTED HUNDREDS OF LOCOMOTIVES AND RAILWAY CARS. BARGES ON THE SEINE CAME IN FOR A LACING ALSO. BRITISH TYPHOONS WERE OUT AGAIN TODAY HAMMERING AT GERMAN TRANSPORTATION. THE WEATHER WAS NOT TOO GOOD TODAY. LAST NIGHT, BRITISH PLANES BOMBED THE ROADS OVER WHICH THE BATTERED GERMAN SEVENTH ARMY WAS RETREATING. THE SEVENTH GERMAN ARMY IS NOW DESPERATE BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF MEN, TANKS AND VEHICLES. SOME ALLIED AUTHORITIES DOUBT IF THE GERMANS WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD ON THE SEINE.

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, THE ALLIED TROOPS NOW HOLD OVER 1000 SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY. THE SIZE OF THE LAND WE HOLD HAS BEEN DOUBLED SINCE THURSDAY. AT ONE POINT, THE ALLIES ARE REPORTED TO BE MORE THAN 30 MILES INLAND. OUR TROOPS ARE FANNING OUT ALONG ROADS LEADING TO THE RHONE VALLEY. THE HEAVIEST GERMAN RESISTANCE IS BEING ENCOUNTERED AT THE APPROACHES TO THE NAVAL BASE OF TOULON. HOWEVER, YANK TROOPS HAVE BY PASSED TOULON TO THE NORTH AND ARE HEADING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION FOR THE LARGE CITY OF MARSEILLES. YESTERDAY, ALLIED PLANES BOMBED BRIDGES IN THE RHONE VALLEY. THE FRENCH UNDERGROUND IS DOING GOOD WORK IN THE DISORGANIZATION OF GERMAN TRAFFIC IN THE LOWER ALPS.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS HAVE BROADENED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE LOWER VISTULA RIVER TO MORE THAN 70 MILES AND HAVE CAPTURED THE LARGE TOWN OF SANDOMIERZ. TO THE NORTH OF THE TOWN, THE REDS HAVE TRAPPED THREE GERMAN DIVISIONS AND ARE WIPING THEM OUT. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE STARTED A NEW ATTACK NORTHEAST OF WARSAW AND IN SOUTHERN LITHUANA. THE REDS ARE REPORTED TO BE USING TREMENDOUS NUMBERS OF TROOPS SUPPORTED BY TANKS AND AIRCRAFT. THERE HAS BEEN NO LATE NEWS OF THE FIGHTING ALONG THE BORDER OF EAST PRUSSIA. POLISH PATRIOTS FIGHTING INSIDE WARSAW HAVE BEEN KEPT SUPPLIED WITH ARMS FLOWN FROM ITALY BY LIBERATOR AND HALIFAX NIGHT BOMBERS.

ENGLAND:

LAST NIGHT, OVER 1000 BRITISH HEAVY BOMBERS ATTACKED BREMEN AND A LARGE SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT IN THE RUHR VALLEY. STORAGE PLANTS AT RHEIMS IN BELGIUM AND FLYING BOMB LAUNCHING SITES IN NORTHERN FRANCE WERE ALSO BOMBED LAST NIGHT. ONCE AGAIN, RAF MOSQUITOS PASTED BERLIN. FLYING BOMBS WERE OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND THIS AFTERNOON.

ITALY:

HEAVY RAIN ALL ALONG THE FRONT REDUCED FIGHTING YESTERDAY IN ITALY. THE EIGHTH ARMY IS CLEANING THE SNIPERS OUT OF FLORENCE. THE GERMANS REPORTED TODAY THAT ALLIED BOMBERS HIT OIL FIELDS IN RUMANIA. YESTERDAY, AMERICAN HEAVIES BLASTED THE PLOESTI OIL FIELDS IN RUMANIA.

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PACIFIC:

ALLIED PLANES HAVE SHIFTED THE MAIN WEIGHT OF THE ATTACKS FROM HALMAHERA TO THE AMBOINA AND CERAM GROUPS DIRECTLY SOUTH.

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AMERICAN

CLEVELAND: 2	NEW YORK: 0
DETROIT: 3,4	BOSTON: 0,7
CHICAGO: 2	WASHINGTON: 1
PHILADELPHIA: 5	...	ST LOUIS: 4

NATIONAL

CHICAGO: 5	BOSTON: 3
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