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FRANCE:

FOR THE THIRD DAY RUNNING, ALLIED AIRBORNE TROOPERS HAVE BEEN LANDED IN HOLLAND. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE LANDINGS TOOK PLACE SOUTH OF THE ZUIDER ZEE. BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS AFTER SMASHING FORWARD 50 MILES IN 48 HOURS ARE ENGAGED IN BITTER FIGHTING INSIDE THE DUTCH CITY OF NIJMEGEN ABOUT FOUR MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER. AIRBORNE FIGHTERS ARE FIGHTING ALONGSIDE OF THE BRITISH. OTHER PARATROOPERS ARE LOCKED IN A HEAVY BATTLE WITH THE NAZIS JUST TO THE NORTH OF NIJMEGEN. THE SWEEPING BRITISH ADVANCE WOULD NEVER HAVE COME OFF IF THE PARATROOPERS HAD NOT HELD BRIDGES ON THE ROAD TO NIJMEGEN. THE BRITISH MET WITH HEAVY RESISTANCE AT MANY POINTS ON THE ROAD TO NIJMEGEN BUT THE ARMORED COLUMNS BLASTED GERMAN GUNS AND POCKETS OF RESISTANCE AND SWEEPED ON. AT FIRST THE BRITISH HAD A NARROW CORRIDOR FROM THE ESCAUT CANAL TO NIJMEGEN BUT INFANTRYMEN FOLLOWING THE ARMORED COLUMNS STEADILY WIDENED THE CORRIDOR AND PREVENTED THE GERMANS FROM CUTTING OFF THE ARMORED SPEARHEADS. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN FERRYING REINFORCEMENTS ACROSS THE RHINE RIVER TO MEET THE ADVANCING PARATROOPERS AND BRITISH SECOND ARMY AND FROM LAST REPORTS THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY AND THE ALLIED PARATROOPERS IN THE NIJMEGEN AREA ARE ENGAGED IN HEAVY FIGHTING.

THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY COMPLETED THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF AACHEN YESTERDAY. BEHIND AACHEN, THE YANKS ARE STILL ENGAGED IN VERY HEAVY FIGHTING. NORTH OF MAASTRICHT IN HOLLAND UNITS OF THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAVE ALMOST REACHED THE GERMAN BORDER. SINCE D-DAY, THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAS TAKEN 180,000 PRISONERS. THE ALLIED ARMIES UNDER GENERAL EISENHOWER HAVE TAKEN 457,000 PRISONERS SINCE D-DAY.

ON THE COAST, THE GERMANS HOLDING OUT IN BREST HAVE SURRENDERED. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE CLEARED THE GERMANS OUT OF BOULOGNE BUT ARE STILL MEETING RESISTANCE SOUTH OF THE CITY. CANADIAN AND POLISH TROOPS HAVE REACHED A POINT ONLY TWO MILES SOUTH OF THE SCHLDE ESTUARY AND ARE THREATENING TO CUT THE GERMANS IN THIS AREA IN TWO GROUPS.

THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY IS STILL FIGHTING HARD IN METZ BUT THERE ARE SIGNS THAT GERMAN RESISTANCE IS CRUMBLING IN THIS AREA. BETWEEN NANCY AND STRASBOURG GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES HAVE MADE GOOD GAINS.

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN BOMBERS AND ARTILLERY ARE SOFTENING UP THE LAST GERMAN DEFENSES BEFORE RIGA, THE CAPITAL OF LATVIA. THE REDS WERE LAST REPORTED NINE MILES FROM THE CITY. SOVIET FORCES HAVE PUSHED FORWARD 25 MILES IN THE LAST FOUR DAYS IN THEIR DRIVE FOR RIGA. TO THE WEST OF RIGA THE REDS HAVE HELD POWERFUL GERMAN ATTACKS. THE RUSSIANS ARE SPEAKING OF A NEW OFFENSIVE IN LATVIA.

IN WESTERN RUMANIA, RUSSIAN AND RUMANIAN TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE KEY COMMUNICATION CENTER OF TENISOARA ONLY 30 MILES FROM THE HUNGARIAN BORDER. THE REDS HAVE NOW COMPLETELY PASSED THROUGH PART OF THE TRANSYLVANIA ALPS AND ARE ON FLAT PLAINS. THE CAPITAL OF HUNGARY, BUDAPEST IS ONLY 160 MILES TO THE SOUTHWEST. MOSCOW RADIO HAS BROADCAST AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TELLING THEM TO JOIN UP WITH THE CZECH PARTISANS.

ENGLAND:

DOVER COASTAL GUNS WENT INTO ACTION AGAIN TODAY SHELLING TARGETS ON THE COAST OF FRANCE. LAST NIGHT RAF HEAVY BOMBERS BLASTED TARGETS JUST BEHIND THE SIEGFIED LINE. SOME FLYING BOBBS WERE OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND AGAIN LAST NIGHT. THE FINNS SAY THAT RUSSIA AND GREAT BRITAIN HAVE SIGNED A PEACE TREATY WITH FINLAND. UNDER THE TREATY, THE FINNS WILL PAY 75,000,000 POUNDS TO RUSSIA AND GREAT BRITAIN; THE 1940 BORDER WITH RUSSIA WILL BE RESTORED; THE NAVAL BASE AT HANGO WILL BE LEASED TO RUSSIA AND THE RUSSIANS WILL GET THE ARTIC BASE OF PETSAMO.

ITALY:

THE FIFTH ARMY HAS BROKEN INTO THE GOTHIC LINE ON A SIX MILE FRONT. THE EIGHTH ARMY NOW HAS THE RIMINI AIRFIELD. RAF HEAVY BOMBERS HIT TARGETS IN HUNGARY LAST NIGHT. THE ISLAND OF CRETE HAS BEEN BLOCKADED BY ALLIED PLANES AND SHIPS.

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PACIFIC:

THE PALAU LANDINGS ARE CONTINUING TO GO WELL. THE 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION NOW HOLDS TWO THIRDS OF THE ISLAND THAT THEY LANDED ON SEVERAL DAYS AGO. ALLIED HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE ATTACKED THE CELEBES AND AMBOINA. AN AIRFIELD ON MINDANAO ISLAND IN THE PHILIPPINES WAS HIT BY AMERICAN BOMBERS.

IN BURMA, THE BRITISH FOURTEENTH ARMY HAS REACHED A POINT 15 MILES TO THE NORTH OF TIDDIM.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN

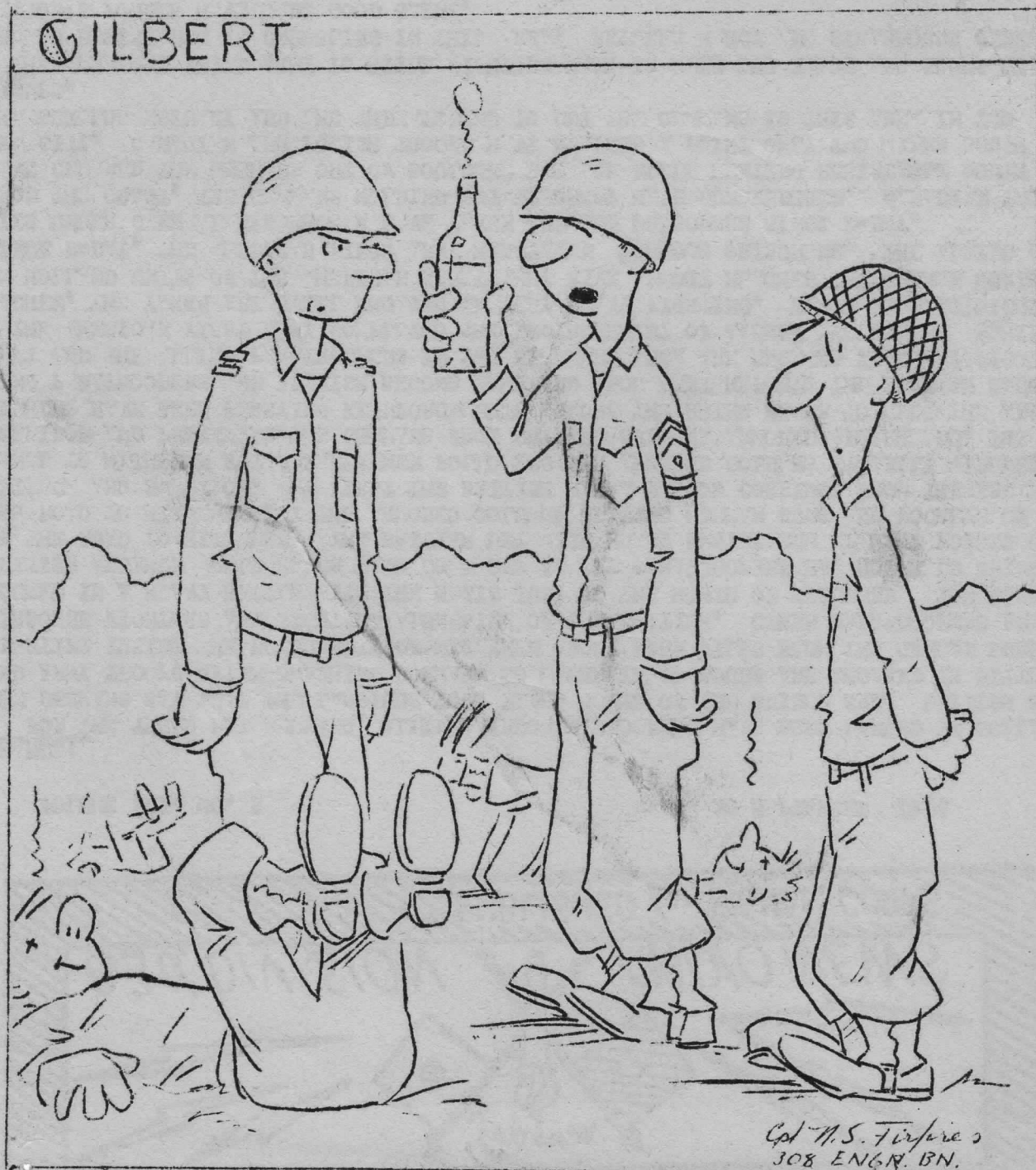
DETROIT: 4 ... NEW YORK: 1
WASHINGTON: 6 .. ST LOUIS: 0 (11 INNINGS)
CHICAGO: 6 ... PHILADELPHIA: 3
CLEVELAND: 8 ... BOSTON: 2

NATIONAL

NO GAMES PLAYED.

STANDINGS OF TEAMS IN FIRST DIVISION OF AMERICAN LEAGUE:

DETROIT: 562
ST LOUIS: 553 ... ONE AND A HALF GAMES OUT OF FIRST.
NEW YORK: 539 ... THREE GAMES OUT OF FIRST
BOSTON: 524 ... FIVE GAMES OUT OF FIRST.



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HE SAYS HE DRINKS IT HIMSELF - ITS JUST ORANGE JUICE, WINE, RUM, COGNAC, AND CALVADOS...