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#### FRANCE:

THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK AT AACHEN THIS MORNING AND LATE REPORTS SAY THAT HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE RUINS OF THE CITY. FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE ALSO PRESSING FORWARD SOUTHEAST AND NORTHEAST OF AACHEN. AMERICAN BOMBERS AND ARTILLERY HAVE KEPT UP THEIR BLASTING OF THE CITY. THE NAZIS TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE DEFENDERS OF THE CITY FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS AND BROUGHT DOWN LARGE NUMBERS OF TANKS FROM THE NIJMEGEN AREA OF HOLLAND. AMERICAN THUNDERBOLTS AND BRITISH ROCKET FIRING TYPHOONS WREAKED TERRIFIC DESTRUCTION ON THE GERMAN ARMOR DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS. EIGHTY FOUR (84) NAZI TANKS WERE SMASHED BY THE ALLIED PLANES. ONE GROUP OF AMERICAN THUNDERBOLTS DIVED ON A FORCE OF 43 "TIGER" TANKS AND DESTROYED ALL BUT EIGHT OF THEM. THE PLANES ARE GIVING THE GERMANS NO CHANCE TO REGROUP THEIR ARMOR AND ARE HUNTING THEM OVER THE ENTIRE AREA TO THE EAST OF AACHEN. THE "AACHEN ESCAPE GAP" IS NOW A HALF MILE WIDE AND YANK GUNS COVER THIS POCKET.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS IN THEIR NEW DRIVE BEYOND OVERLOON TOWARDS THE MAAS RIVER HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS. THE BRITISH HAVE GAINED FOUR MILES IN THE PAST TWO DAYS AND ARE NEARING THE GERMAN BORDER. IN THE SCHELDT POCKET, CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE REACHED A POINT ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM THE PORT OF BRESKENS, THE MAIN CENTER OF GERMAN RESISTANCE. SEVERE FIGHTING HAS FLARED UP NORTH OF ANTWERP. THE NAZIS ARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO WIDEN THEIR SMALL ESCAPE GAP FROM WALCHEREN ISLAND. RAF HEAVY BOMBERS PRACTICALLY WIPED OUT THE GERMAN FRONTIER TOWNS OF CLEVES AND EMMERICH IN A DAYLIGHT ATTACK A WEEK AGO. BOTH OF THE TOWNS WERE PACKED WITH STORES AND AMMUNITION.

THE BRITISH FIRST AIRBORNE DIVISION IS BEING REBUILT AND REEQUIPED AFTER THE HEAVY LOSSES IT SUFFERED DURING ITS HEROIC STAND AT ARNHEM.

#### RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED RIGA, THE CAPITAL OF LATVIA AND ARE DRIVING ON PAST THAT CITY. RED FORCES WERE LAST REPORTED TO BE CLOSING IN ON THE PORTS OF TUKUMS AND WINDAU NEAR THE NORTHWESTERN TIP OF LATVIA. SOVIET TROOPS IN HUNGARY ARE ABOUT HALFWAY TOWARDS THE SLOVAK BORDER. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT A GREAT TANK BATTLE IS RAGING NEAR DEBRECZEN IN HUNGARY. BACK IN TRANSYLVANIA, RUSSIAN AND RUMANIAN TROOPS HAVE PUSHED ON PAST CLUJ AND ARE HOURLY THREATENING TO CUT OFF LARGE NUMBERS OF GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN TROOPS IN THE MOUNTAINS OF TRANSYLVANIA.

THE POLISH PRIME MINISTER HAD A TWO HOUR CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW LAST NIGHT WITH MARSHALL STALIN AND MR. CHURCHILL.

#### ENGLAND:

MORE THAN 1000 UNITED STATES HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ENGLAND TODAY ATTACKED TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY. RAF MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT WENT FOR COLOGNE AND OTHER TARGETS BEHIND THE SIEGFRIED LINE. NONE OF THE BOMBERS WAS LOST. THE GERMANS SENT MORE FLYING BOMBS OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT. LAST MONTH, FLYING BOMBS KILLED 170 CIVILIANS IN ENGLAND AND SERIOUSLY INJURED ANOTHER 360.

#### ITALY:

THE WEATHER HAS CONTINUED TO BE GOOD IN ITALY AND BOTH THE AMERICAN FIFTH AND BRITISH EIGHTH ARMIES HAVE MADE SOME GAINS. THE FIFTH HAS PUSHED FARTHER UP THE MAIN ROAD TO BOLOGNA. THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY HAS TAKEN HIGH GROUND ABOVE RIMINI. ALLIED PLANES GAVE BOLOGNA ANOTHER BATTERING YESTERDAY. HUNDREDS OF HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY YESTERDAY BOMBED TARGETS IN GERMAN SILESIA; IN THE VIENNA AREA AND IN WESTERN HUNGARY. FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS ALSO WENT FOR TARGETS IN YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE.

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE LIBERATED THE LARGE ISLAND OF CORFU OFF THE COAST OF GREECE. GREEK PARTISANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE LIBERATED ATHENS. ANOTHER REPORT SAYS THAT BRITISH TROOPS HAVE ENTERED THE CITY.

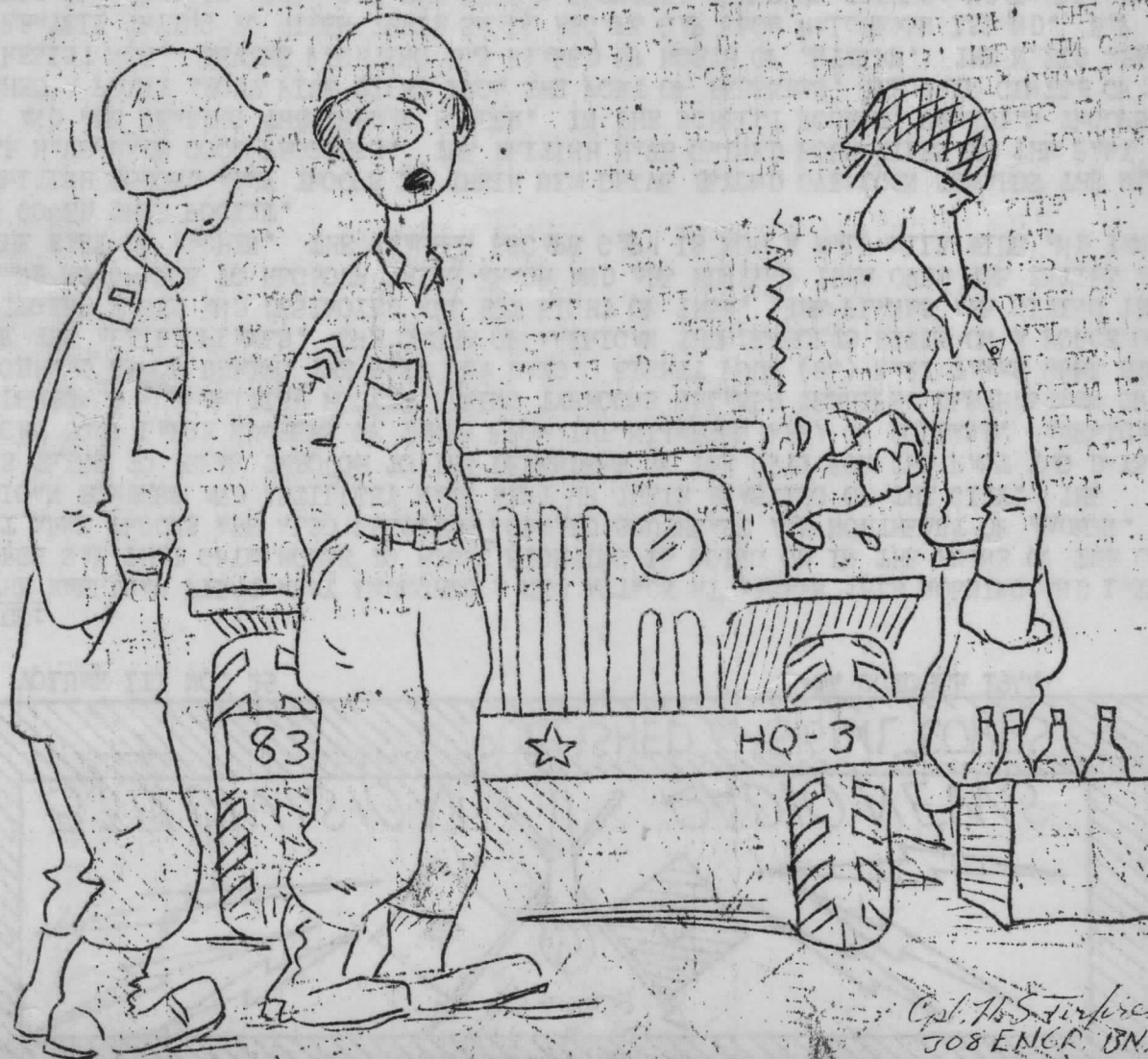
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# PACIFIC:

DURING THE TWO DAY ATTACK ON THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA LAST WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, AMERICAN CARRIER BORNE FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS DESTROYED 150 SIZEABLE JAPANESE SHIPS AND ABOUT 100 SMALLER CRAFT. MORE THAN 520 JAP PLANES WERE DESTROYED. AMERICAN LOSSES WERE 53 PLANES. NONE OF THE SURFACE SHIPS WERE DAMAGED. WASHINGTON ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES HAD ATTACKED FORMOSA THREE TIMES SINCE LAST SATURDAY. THE FIRST RAID TOOK PLACE LAST SATURDAY; THE SECOND YESTERDAY AND THE THIRD RAID CAME TODAY. THE JAPANESE WAR LORDS HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING TODAY... WONDER WHY?

## GILBERT

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ITS THAT CALVADOS MIXTURE OF HIS - GETS 52 MILES TO A QUART!