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FRANCE:

MORE THAN 3000 ALLIED BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS WERE OVER THE REICH YESTERDAY BLASTING NUMEROUS TARGETS. OVER 1000 RAF HEAVY BOMBERS IN 25 MINUTES YESTERDAY MORNING DROPPED 4500 TONS OF BOMBS ON EUROPE'S GREATEST INLAND PORT, THE RHINELAND CITY OF DUISBERG. THIS WAS THE HEAVIEST BLOW YET ON ANY GERMAN CITY EITHER BY DAY OR NIGHT. ABOUT THE SAME TIME, COLOGNE WAS ATTACKED BY OVER 1000 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS. THE UNITED STATES HEAVY BOMBERS ALSO RAINED DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ON THE CITY OF SAARBRUCKEN. FROM ALL THESE ATTACKS, 14 RAF BOMBERS AND 14 AMERICAN BOMBERS AND 8 AMERICAN FIGHTERS ARE MISSING. RAF HEAVIES WERE OVER GERMANY AGAIN LAST NIGHT IN "VERY GREAT STRENGTH". MOST OF THE BOMBERS RETURNED TO BATTERED DUISBERG AND UNLOADED MORE BOMBS ON THE RAZED CITY. FIRES WERE STILL BURNING IN THE CITY LAST NIGHT AFTER THE BIG ATTACK YESTERDAY MORNING. OTHER RAF BOMBERS VISITED BERLIN, BRUNSWICK AND HAMBURG. IN ALL, MORE THAN 1500 BRITISH BOMBERS WERE OUT LAST NIGHT. NIGHT IN TRUDER PLANES WENT FOR AIRFIELDS IN THE REICH. FROM ALL THESE OPERATIONS LAST NIGHT, 9 PLANES ARE MISSING.

CANADIAN SEA BORNE FORCES THAT LANDED AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE SCHELDT POCKET HAVE LINKED UP WITH CANADIANS WHO FORCED A CROSSING OF THE LEOPOLD CANAL. THE CANADIANS WHO HELD A BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE CANAL BROUGHT TANKS INTO PLAY YESTERDAY AND SMASHED AHEAD TO JOIN UP WITH THE OTHER CANADIANS WORKING THEIR WAY DOWN INTO THE POCKET. OTHER CANADIAN TROOPS ASTRIKE THE CAUSEWAY LEADING FROM WALCHEREN ISLAND TO THE MAINLAND HAVE STOOD FIRM IN THE FACE OF DESPERATE GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS. TO THE EAST, BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS BEYOND OVERLOON ARE STILL PUSHING TOWARDS THE MAAS RIVER UNDER HEAVY GERMAN FIRE.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE STILL FIGHTING HARD TO CLOSE THE GAP EAST OF AACHEN. HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON IN AACHEN. YESTERDAY, THREE THOUSAND CIVILIANS WALKED INTO THE AMERICAN LINES. SHAEF REPORTED NO OTHER CHANGES OF IMPORTANCE FROM THE REST OF THE WESTERN FRONT.

RUSSIA:

IN THE BALTIC, RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE CLEARED THE GERMANS FROM THE FOREST SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF RIGA. THE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO EVACUATE THEIR HARD-PRESSED TROOPS IN LATVIA BY SEA BUT RUSSIANS PLANES ARE SWARMING ALL OVER THE GERMAN SHIPS. IN FRIDAY'S FIGHTING ON THE BALTIC FRONT, NEARLY 200 NAZI TANKS WERE KNOCKED OUT.

THE GREAT TANK BATTLE ON THE HUNGARIAN PLAIN NEAR DEBRECZEN IS STILL GOING ON. RUSSIAN TROOPS ADVANCING DOWN THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE DANUBE RIVER IN YUGOSLAVIA HAVE REACHED BELGRADE. YUGOSLAV PATRIOTS ARE REPORTED TO BE FIGHTING IN THE CITY. SOUTH OF BELGRADE, RED TROOPS NOW CONTROL MOST OF THE MAIN RAILWAY BETWEEN BELGRADE AND NICH. GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FURTHER OUT OF THE EASTERN CARPATHIANS IN TRANSYLVANIA.

ITALY:

MEDITERRANEAN BASED AIRCRAFT FLEW 2200 SORTIES YESTERDAY. IN GREECE, HUNDREDS OF TONS OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN FLOWN INTO THE LIBERATED CAPITAL OF ATHENS. BRITISH PARATROOPS HAVE BEEN DROPPED ON AIRFIELDS NEAR ATHENS. THEY MET NO OPPOSITION.

PACIFIC:

THE BIG AMERICAN AIR ATTACKS ON FORMOSA MAY BE GOING ON TODAY. THE JAP RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT 450 CARRIER PLANES AND AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES WERE RAIDING THE ISLAND AGAIN. THE SUPER FORTS ALSO BOMBED THE ISLAND YESTERDAY AND FIRES FROM YESTERDAY'S RAID WERE STILL BURNING TODAY. THE JAPANESE RADIO ALSO SAID THAT UNITS OF THE JAPANESE FLEET WERE ENGAGED WITH ALLIED NAVAL UNITS OFF FORMOSA AND THAT A GREAT NAVAL BATTLE WAS GOING ON. TOKIO WENT ON TO SAY THAT AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES HAD RAIDED MANILA TODAY. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS HAD NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE REPORTED NAVAL BATTLE AND THE ATTACKS ON FORMOSA AND MANILA.

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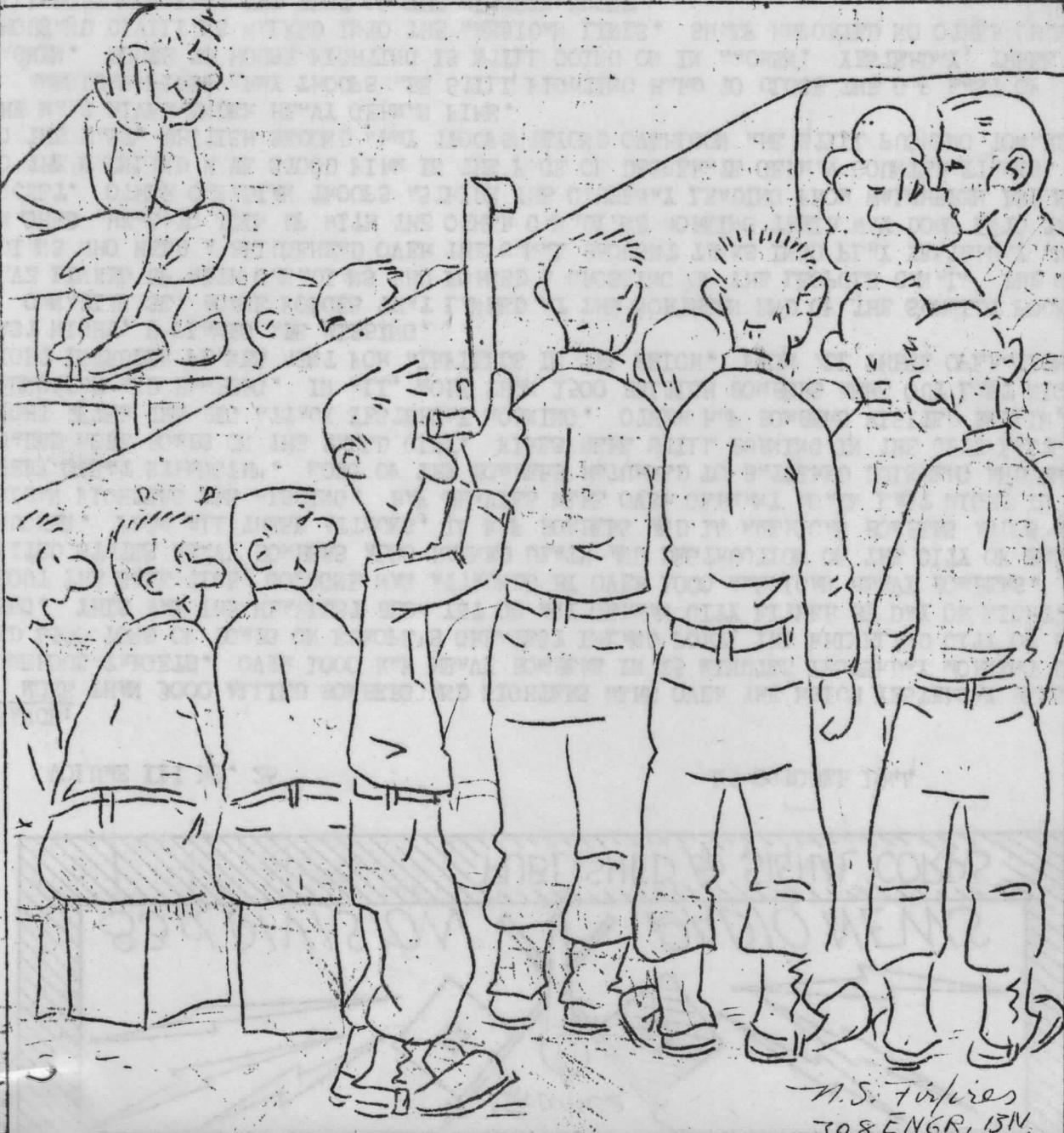
YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS:

ARMY: 59 ... PITTSBURGH: 7
PENN STATE: 30 ... BUCKNELL: 6
COLGATE: 14 ... CORNELL: 7
YALE: 27 ... COLUMBIA: 10
NOTRE DAME: 64 ... DARTMOUTH: 10
NAVY: 7 ... DUKE: 0
ILLINOIS: 40 ... IOWA: 6
MICHIGAN: 27 ... NORTHWESTERN: 0

MINNESOTA: 39 ... MISSOURI: 27
OHIO STATE: 20 ... WISCONSIN: 0
IOWA NAVAL: 13 ... PURDUE: 6
GEO. TECH: 27 ... AUBURN: 0
TENNESSEE: 30 ... FLORIDA: 0
CALIFORNIA: 13 ... PACIFIC: 0
UCLA: 21 ... ST MARY'S: 0
WASHINGTON: 71 ... WHITMAN: 0

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