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FRANCE:

THE LAST OF THE GERMAN TROOPS HOLDING OUT IN THE CITY OF AACHEN GAVE THEMSELVES UP AT NOCN TODAY. AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN ABOUT 11,000 PRISONERS SINCE THEY STARTED THEIR ATTACKS ON THE CITY. AMERICAN CASUALTIES WERE MUCH LIGHTER THAN EXPECTED. THIS WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE GERMAN ARMY AND THE NAZI PARTY QUARRELLED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE CIVILIANS OF AACHEN SHOULD BE EVACUATED OR NOT. THE ARMY WANTED THE CIVILIANS EVACUATED BUT THE NAZIS WOULD NOT ALLOW IT AND IN THE RESULTING CONFUSION, THE AMERICAN TROOPS BENEFITTED IMMENSELY. THE TROOPS THAT FOUGHT IN THE CITY ARE NOW FREE TO JOIN OTHER FIRST ARMY TROOPS TO THE EAST OF AACHEN. AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT THE WHOLE OF THE CITY IS "JUST A PILE OF RUBBLE."

CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK TO THE NORTH OF ANTWERP IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAR THE APPROACHES TO THE PORT. LATE REPORTS SAY THAT THE CANADIANS HAVE GAINED SEVERAL MILES ALONG THE ANTWERP-BREDA ROAD.

TROOPS OF THE FIRST FRENCH ARMY HAVE CONTINUED THEIR GAINS IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE VOSGES MOUNTAINS. FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE NOW TAKEN OVER CONTROL OF A LARGE "ZONE OF THE INTERIOR" IN FRANCE INCLUDING PARIS.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN RADIO SAID TODAY THAT RUSSIAN FORCES HAD BREACHED THE GERMAN LINE AT THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER AT YET ANOTHER PLACE. ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS, THE REDS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH AT THREE DIFFERENT PLACES ALONG THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER IN THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. MOSCOW RADIO HAS REMAINED SILENT ABOUT THE EAST PRUSSIAN SITUATION. RUSSIAN AND YUGOSLAV FORCES HAVE LIBERATED BELGRADE, THE CAPITAL OF YUGOSLAVIA. MARSHALL TITO IN AN ORDER OF THE DAY SAID THAT NOT ONLY RUSSIAN AND PARTISAN FORCES CAPTURED THE CITY BUT THAT MEN FROM ALL OVER YUGOSLAVIA HAD COME TO HELP IN THE SIEGE OF THE CITY. IN THE 7 DAY BATTLE, MORE THAN 7000 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN. A GERMAN RELIEF COLUMN ATTEMPTING TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE CITY WAS SURROUNDED AND WIPE OUT. SOUTH OF BELGRADE, SOVIET AND YUGOSLAV FORCES HAVE MADE SWEEPING GAINS AND STREET FIGHTING IS REPORTED TO BE GOING ON IN KRAGUEVATZ, THE LARGEST ARMAMENT CITY IN YUGOSLAVIA.

THE LARGE CITY OF DEBRECZEN IN HUNGARY HAS NOW BEEN OFFICIALLY CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS. THE POLITICAL UNREST IN HUNGARY CONTINUES TO GROW WORSE. THE GERMANS ADMITTED TODAY THAT THERE IS A RAILROAD STRIKE GOING ON IN HUNGARY AND THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN THE WORKERS UNTIL TOMORROW TO GO BACK TO WORK.

ENGLAND:

THE LARGEST CONVOY EVER TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC FROM AMERICA TO ENGLAND HAS DOCKED. THERE WERE 167 SHIPS IN THE CONVOY CARRYING 1,000,000 TONS OF CARGO.

THE GERMANS SENT FLYING BOMBS AGAINST SOUTHERN ENGLAND EARLY THIS MORNING. THE MOSCOW TALKS HAVE ENDED "IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE PROGRESS OF ALLIED OPERATIONS ON ALL FRONTS". IMPORTANT HEADWAY WAS MADE TOWARDS SOLVING THE POLISH PROBLEM.

ITALY:

TROOPS OF THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY ARE NOW FIGHTING IN THE PO VALLEY AND ARE ABOUT HALFWAY BETWEEN RIMINI AND RAVENNA. AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY TROOPS ARE WITHIN NINE MILES OF BOLOGNA.

PACIFIC:

GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID TODAY THAT AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE CONSOLIDATED ALL OF THEIR BRIDGEHEADS ON LEYTE ISLAND IN THE PHILIPPINES AND WERE DRIVING INLAND ON ALL SECTORS. LOSSES SO FAR ARE "EXCEEDINGLY LIGHT." MORE TROOPS AND SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN POURING ASHORE. IT IS REPORTED THAT 250,000 YANK TROOPS AND OVER 600 SHIPS ARE TAKING PART IN THE OPERATIONS.

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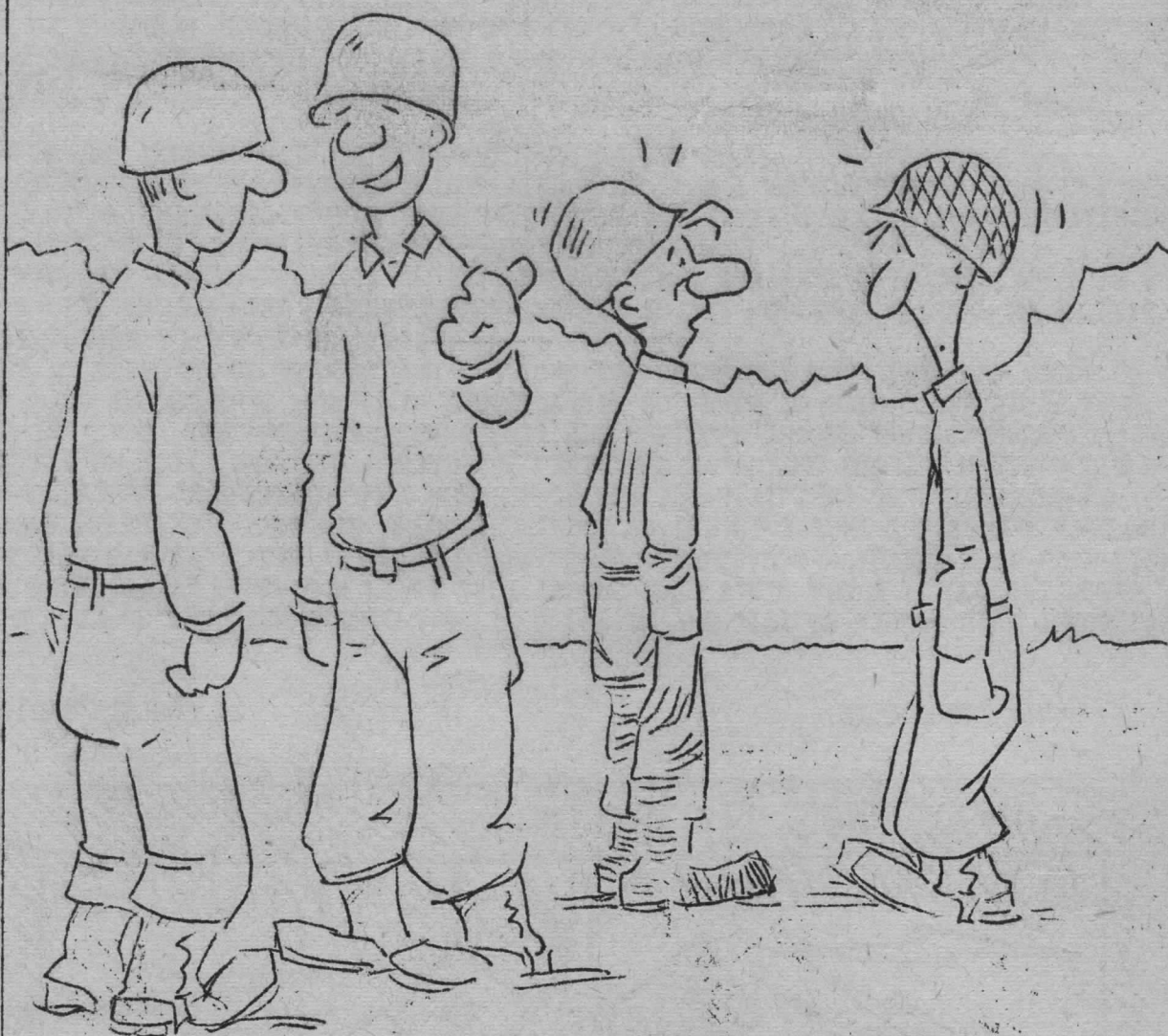
THE MAIN JAP AIRFIELD AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE ISLAND IS REPORTED TO BE IN AMERICAN HANDS. GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID THAT HE EXPECTS A MAJOR JAPANESE COUNTER-ATTACK SOON. THE PEOPLE OF CHINA, WHO ARE UNDER TERRIFIC PRESSURE FROM THE JAPS RIGHT NOW, WERE TREMENDOUSLY RELIEVED BY THE LANDINGS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

AUSTRALIA HAS SENT TWO CRUISERS AND 90% OF HER SMALLER SHIPS TO TAKE PART IN THE PHILIPPINE LANDING OPERATIONS. IT WAS STATED TODAY THAT UNITS OF THE BRITISH FAR EASTERN FLEET HEAVILY BOMBARDED THE NICOBAR ISLANDS OFF THE COAST OF BURMA THE EARLY PART OF THIS WEEK. THE BRITISH FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY SAID TODAY THAT A VAST BRITISH FLEET IS ON ITS WAY TO FAR EASTERN WATERS TO TAKE PART IN THE WAR AGAINST THE JAPANESE. MR. FORRESTAL, THE U. S. NAVY SECRETARY SAID YESTERDAY THAT "OTHER BLOWS IN THE PACIFIC WOULD TAKE PLACE IN RAPID SEQUENCE." HE SAID THAT THE AMERICAN NAVY IN THE PACIFIC HAS SEVERAL TIMES THE POWER OF THE JAP FLEET AND THAT THE JAPS "WILL BE HIT PL ENTY AND OFTEN NOW."

BRITISH FOURTEENTH TROOPS ARE ADVANCING 15 MILES PAST TIDDIM IN BURMA.

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I JUST INTRODUCED THEM, BUT THEY STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT.