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#### FRANCE:

THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY IN ITS NEW OFFENSIVE ON THE WESTERN FLANK OF ITS SALIENT IN HOLLAND HAS DRIVEN INTO THE IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION CENTER OF HEETOGENBOSCH. THE GERMANS FIGHTING IN THIS TOWN HAVE BEEN HEADED INTO THE SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF TOWN AND BRITISH FORCES ARE ELIMINATING THEM WITH FLAMETHROWERS. ALL THE ESCAPE ROUTES OUT OF THE TOWN HAVE BEEN CUT EXCEPT ONE LEADING OUT TO THE WEST TO TILBURG, AND THIS ROAD IS NOW UNDER HEAVY FIRE. THE BRITISH ARE NOW CONCENTRATING THE BULK OF THEIR FORCES ON THE VERY IMPORTANT TOWN OF TILBURG. THE NAZIS NOW HAVE TO RELY FOR THEIR SUPPLIES ON TWO BRIDGES OVER THE MAAS RIVER AND FERRIES. TILBURG WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE FOCAL POINT OF FIGHTING IN THE DAYS TO COME AS THE TOWN IS ALREADY THREATENED FROM TWO SIDES. THE REMAINDER OF THE SOME 70,000 TROOPS IN THE BATTERED GERMAN 15TH ARMY ARE IN A VERY BAD WAY. IF THE GERMANS CHOOSE TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT IN THE SCHELDT POCKET, THE SCHELDT ESTUARY AND AROUND THE APPROACHES TO ANTWERP, THE REMAINDER OF THE FIFTEENTH ARMY MAY BE TRAPPED AND COMPLETELY WIPED OUT.

THE POSITION OF THE GERMANS STILL HOLDING OUT IN THE SCHELDT ISLANDS AND IN THE SCHELDT POCKET IS DESPERATE. CANADIAN TROOPS YESTERDAY ADVANCED THREE MILES DOWN THE CAUSEWAY LINKING WALCHEREN ISLAND WITH THE MAINLAND. THE CANADIANS ADVANCED THROUGH VERY HEAVY MISTS MAKING AIR SUPPORT IMPOSSIBLE. THE GERMANS ARE STEADILY BEING PRESSED BACK INTO THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE SCHELDT POCKET. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY ADMITTED THE LOSS OF THE PORT OF BRESKENS IN THE POCKET. BRITISH PLANES AGAIN YESTERDAY GAVE CLOSE SUPPORT TO THE GROUND FORCES IN THE POCKET. THE GERMANS FULLY REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PORT OF ANTWERP. WITH THE APPROACHES TO ANTWERP CLEAR, THE ALLIES COULD UNLOAD HUGE SUPPLIES AT THE PORT OF ANTWERP. THE GERMANS MAY SACRIFICE THE REST OF THE 15TH ARMY IN A VAIN ATTEMPT TO HOLD THE APPROACHES TO ANTWERP.

MORE THAN 400 AMERICAN THUNDERBOLTS IN A DAYLIGHT SWEEP BETWEEN HAMBURG AND KASSEL YESTERDAY DESTROYED OR SEVERLY DAMAGED 150 RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVES AND MORE THAN 400 RAILWAY CARS AND HIT OTHER TARGETS. EIGHTEEN (18) THUNDERBOLTS FAILED TO RETURN.

THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBERS OVER NORTHWEST GERMANY.

#### RUSSIA:

ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS, THE REDS HAVE LAUNCHED A MAJOR ATTACK AGAINST EAST PRUSSIA FROM THE SOUTH. THE REDS STRUCK OUT FROM THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE NAREV RIVER FOLLOWING A TERRIFIC ARTILLERY AND AERIAL BOMBARDMENT. A MAJOR TANK BATTLE IS RAGING IN THE "INSTERBURG GAP" WHERE THE NAZIS HAVE THROWN IN FOUR PANZER DIVISIONS. THE NAZIS ARE TRYING TO SEAL OFF THE SOVIET BREAKTHROUGH BUT IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING THE GERMANS LOST 3000 MEN AND 120 TANKS AND SELF PROPELLED GUNS. RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT A SEEMINGLY UNENDING FLOW OF HEAVY TANKS, GUNS AND MEN IS FLOWING ACROSS THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER. RED FORCES HAVE MADE SWEEPING GAINS IN EASTERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HAVE ENTERED THE BIG TOWN OF SATU-MARE IN NORTHERN TRANSYLVANIA. IN HUNGARY, THE SOVIETS HAVE BROADENED THEIR FRONT PAST SZEGED AND ARE DRIVING FOR THE DANUBE RIVER. RUSSIAN AND YUGOSLAV TROOPS ARE ASTRIDE THE MAIN LINE FROM BELGRADE TO BUDAPEST.

#### ENGLAND:

THE GERMANS SENT MORE FLYING BOMBS AGAINST SOUTHERN ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT.

#### ITALY:

VERY BAD WEATHER HAS SLOWED DOWN BOTH ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY. IN GREECE, BRITISH FORCES ARE MORE THAN 30 MILES PAST LAMIA ON THE ROAD TO LARISSA.

#### PACIFIC:

PERHAPS THE GREATEST NAVAL BATTLE OF THIS WAR IS NOW RAGING OFF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. THE AMERICAN THIRD FLEET IS DEALING OUT TERRIFIC DAMAGE TO THREE JAP TASK

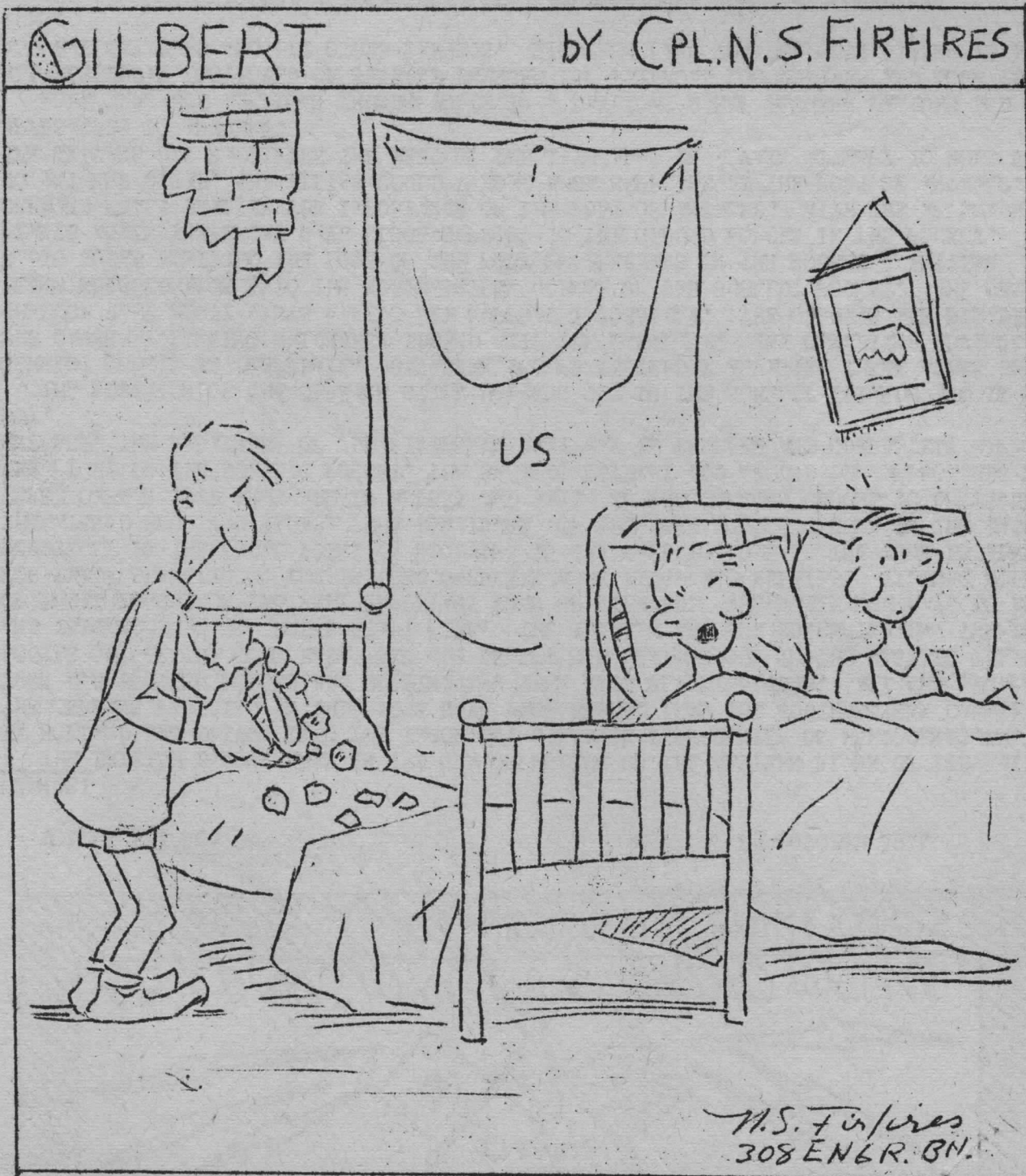
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FORCES INTERCEPTED IN WATERS OFF THE PHILIPPINES. ON MONDAY, ADMIRAL NIMITZ'S PLANES INTERCEPTED THREE SEPERATE JAP UNITS AND IMMEDIATELY ENGAGED THEM IN BATTLE. THE FIRST JAP FLEET CONSISTED OF 4 BATTLESHIPS, 10 CRUISERS AND 14 DESTROYERS. THE SECOND FLEET WAS MADE UP OF 2 BATTLESHIPS, 4 CRUISERS AND 2 DESTROYERS AND THE THIRD FLEET CAUGHT OFF SOUTHEASTERN FORMOSA CONSISTED OF CARRIERS, BATTLESHIPS AND CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS. THE AMERICAN PLANES ATTACKED THE THREE FORCES ALL DAY MONDAY AND ALL DAY YESTERDAY AND PERHAPS TODAY. AT LEAST SIX NIP BATTLEWAGONS HAVE BEEN HEAVILY HIT BY BOMBS AND ONE BY A TORPEDO; ONE JAP CARRIER WAS SENT TO THE BOTTOM AND TWO OTHERS VERY SEVERELY DAMAGED; TWO CRUISERS WERE HEAVILY HIT AND SEVERAL JAP DESTROYERS SEVERELY DAMAGED. AMERICAN LOSSES KNOWN SO FAR WERE THE AIR-CRAFT CARRIER, "PRINCETON." THE "PRINCETON" WAS ATTACKED BY JAP LAND-BASED PLANES FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND WAS SO BADLY DAMAGED THAT SHE HAD TO BE SUNK. MOST OF HER CREW OF 1300 WERE SAVED. DURING THE ATTACK ON THE "PRINCETON" 150 JAP PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN. THIS IS THE ONLY AMERICAN LOSS KNOWN SO FAR. THE COMPLETE JAP LOSS IS NOT KNOWN EITHER. YANK TROOPS ON LEYTE HAVE CAPTURED THEIR THIRD JAP AIRFIELD. IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT U. S. SUBS LANDED SUPPLIES ON LEYTE BEFORE THE ACTUAL LANDINGS WERE MADE THERE.

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS TODAY RAIDED KYUSHU ISLAND AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE JAP HOME CHAIN OF ISLANDS. TOKIO SAID THAT THE ATTACK LASTED FOR 1½ HOURS AND SAID THAT THE SUPER BOMBERS ALSO HIT SAISHU TO ISLAND BETWEEN KOREA AND CHINA. THE JAPS ADMITTED THAT THE SUPER FORTS CAUSED VERY HEAVY DAMAGE. ACCORDING TO THE JAPS, MORE THAN 100 BIG BOMBERS STAGED THE ATTACKS ON THE JAP MAINLAND.

TOKIO ADMITTED THAT A GREAT AIR AND NAVAL BATTLE WAS TAKING PLACE NEAR THE PHILIPPINES AND SAID THAT JAP PLANES HAD ATTACKED AN AMERICAN TASK FORCE YESTERDAY. LATER IN THE DAY, JAPANESE WARSHIPS CLOSED IN AND ENGAGED THE AMERICAN SHIPS IN A REGULAR NAVAL BATTLE. (AMERICAN SOURCES SAID NOTHING OF A REGULAR NAVAL BATTLE.)



HE CAN'T SLEEP WITH OUT A FEW ROCKS UNDER HIM!