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FRANCE:

BRITISH SECOND ARMY FORCES LASHING OUT ALONG A HUNDRED MILE FRONT RUNNING FROM THE NIJMEGEN SALIENT TO BELOW ROOSSENDAHL IN WESTERN HOLLAND HAVE MADE IMPORTANT GAINS. BRITISH TROOPS HAVE CLOSED TO WITHIN A HALF MILE OF THE COMMUNICATION CENTER OF TILBURG BUT DURING THE DAY GERMAN RESISTANCE HAS STIFFENED AND THE NAZIS ARE EXPECTED TO PUT UP A STRONG FIGHT FOR THE TOWN. OTHER BRITISH FORCES ARE STILL BATTLING A DESPERATE GERMAN FORCE STILL HOLDING OUT IN THE SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF HERTOGENBOSCH. THE GERMANS HAVE BROUGHT UP A HEAVY SCREEN OF ANTI-TANK GUNS AROUND THE LITTLE TOWN OF BUCHT IN HOLLAND. IT APPEARS THAT THE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO GAIN TIME TO MOVE THEIR FORCES ACROSS THE TWO BRIDGES THAT THEY HOLD OVER THE MAAS RIVER.

THE GERMAN RADIO SAID THIS AFTERNOON THAT ALLIED TROOPS HAD LANDED ON THE TWO ISLANDS GUARDING THE SCHELDT ESTUARY AND THE APPROACHES TO ANTWERP. THE LANDINGS, ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS, TOOK PLACE ON THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF WALCHEREN ISLAND AND ON THE ISLAND OF NORTH BEVELAND. THE ALLIES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THIS REPORT. IF THE REPORT IS TRUE, THE GERMANS ON THE ISLANDS AND IN THE POCKET WILL BE PLACED IN AN ALMOST HOPELESS POSITION AS CANADIAN FORCES HAVE ALREADY ADVANCED 6 MILES DOWN THE CAUSEWAY LEADING TO SOUTH BEVELAND AND OTHER CANADIAN FORCES PUSHING THROUGH THE SCHELDT POCKET HAVE TAKEN A PORT TO THE WEST OF BRESKENS. THE CANADIANS ARE CLOSING IN FROM TWO SIDES IN THE POCKET. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE NEWS FROM THE REST OF THE WESTERN FRONT OTHER THAN THAT THE GERMANS ARE FIERCELY COUNTERATTACKING IN THE VOSGES FOOTHILLS.

THE GERMANS REPORTED ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS OVER NORTHWESTERN GERMANY TODAY.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS FIGHTING IN THE ARTIC HAVE CROSSED THE NORWEGIAN BORDER AND HAVE TAKEN THE SUBMARINE BASE AND BIG PORT OF KIRKENES AND 30 OTHER PLACES. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO MOVE THE SUPER BATTLESHIP, "TIRPITZ", FROM ITS MOORING IN ALTON FJORD IN NORWAY BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF THE APPROACHING RUSSIANS. IN EAST PRUSSIA, THE FURY OF THE GREAT BATTLE IN THE "INSTERBURG GAP" IS GROWING BY THE HOUR AS THE NAZIS THROW IN MORE AND MORE TANKS AND MEN. THEY HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN HALTING THE RED DRIVE BUT HAVE SLOWED IT DOWN. IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING, THE SOVIETS KNOCKED OUT 50 MORE TANKS AND KILLED 2500 MEN. MARSHALL STALIN ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT ALL OF TRANSYLVANIA HAS NOW BEEN LIBERATED.

ENGLAND:

THE GERMANS SENT MORE FLYING BOMBS AGAINST SOUTHERN ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT. TWO HEINKEL PARENT LAUNCHING PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN OVER THE NORTH SEA.

ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE ADVANCES ALL THE WAY FROM THE ADRIATIC COAST TO THE FOOTHILLS OF THE APPENINES. THE BRITISH ARE SWIFTLY MOVING FORWARD THROUGH THE CESA NA BRIDGEHEAD AND ARE WITHIN 5 MILES OF FORLI. FIFTH ARMY TROOPS ARE MEETING UNRELENTING RESISTANCE IN THEIR DRIVE FOR BOLOGNA. IN GREECE, PATRIOTS HAVE CAPTURED THE ROAD AND SUPPLY CENTER OF LARISSA.

PACIFIC:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT THE JAPANESE FLEET IN THE PHILIPPINES AREA HAD BEEN "DEFEATED, SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AND ROUTED IN A GREAT SEA AND AIR BATTLE." ADMIRAL KING, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE U. S. NAVY SAID IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT THAT "THE JAPS HAD ENGAGED PRACTICALLY THEIR ENTIRE FLEET". UP TO THIS TIME THERE HAD BEEN NO ACTUAL SHIP TO SHIP ACTION. GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID YESTERDAY THAT "THE JAPANESE NAVY HAD MET ITS MOST CRUSHING DEFEAT OF THE WAR."

IN THE GREAT AIR AND SEA BATTLE OFF THE EASTERN PHILIPPINES MORE THAN 20 FIRST LINE SHIPS HAVE BEEN SUNK AND BOTH ALLIED AND JAPANESE SOURCES SAY THAT THE BATTLE IS STILL RAGING. THE BATTLE BEGAN LAST MONDAY.

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THE SCORE OF THE BATTLE UP TO TUESDAY NIGHT WAS: ONE BIG JAP CARRIER SUNK; ONE SMALLER CARRIER SUNK; ONE BATTLESHIP SUNK; AND FOUR BIG CRUISERS SUNK. TWO BATTLESHIPS AND ANOTHER BIG CARRIER WERE PROBABLY SUNK. SEVEN OR EIGHT BATTLESHIPS, 3 CRUISERS AND 7 DESTROYERS WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED. THE BIG CARRIER THAT WAS "PROBABLY SUNK" WAS HEAVILY HIT BY BOTH BOMBS AND TORPEDOES AND FOUR BATTLESHIPS WERE HEAVILY HIT BY BOMBS AND PULLED OUT OF THE BATTLE TRAILING BIG PATCHES OF OIL. THE AMERICANS HAVE LOST ONE SMALL CARRIER, THE "PRINCETON". ITS LOSS WAS DUE TO ATTACKS BY JAP LAND BASED BOMBERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

THE JAPS WERE USING THREE SEPERATE NAVAL UNITS IN THE BATTLE AND ONE OF THESE UNITS ATTACKED BY U. S. CARRIER PLANES HAD EITHER ALL THE SHIPS SUNK OR VERY SEVERELY DAMAGED. TWO OF THE JAP UNITS CAME IN ON LEYTE FROM TWO SIDES IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET INTO LEYTE GULF AND SMASH THE AMERICAN BEACH HEADS ON THE ISLAND. BOTH UNITS WERE INTERCEPTED BY A MIXED AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN FORCE ABOUT 70 MILES OFF LEYTE. ALTHOUGH OUTNUMBERED, THE ALLIED SHIPS DIVIDED AND TOOK THE JAPS ON IN BATTLE.

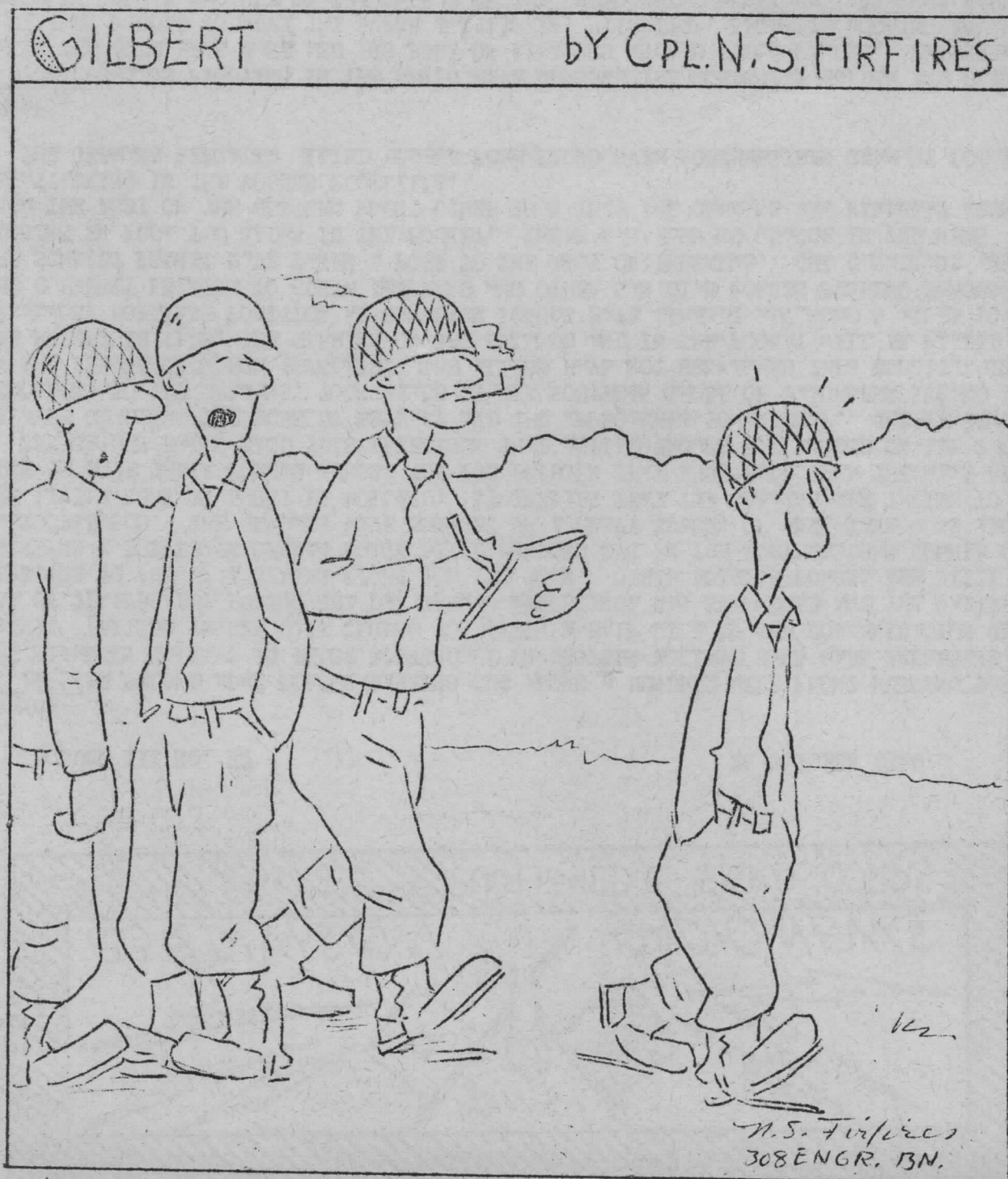
ADMIRAL NIMITZ SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE ACTION WAS CARRIED ON FIRST BY AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES AND LATER BY SURFACE SHIPS AND SUBMARINES. IF THE JAPS SURVIVE THIS BATTLE AT LEAST HALF OF THEIR FLEET WILL BE UNDER REPAIR FOR MONTHS TO COME.

AMERICAN FORCES ON LEYTE ISLAND HAVE KEPT UP THEIR ADVANCE ON ALL SECTORS AND HAVE ALREADY TAKEN SIX JAP AIRFIELDS ON THE ISLAND. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE LANDED ON THE NEIGHBORING ISLAND OF SAMAR.

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES YESTERDAY CAUSED HEAVY DAMAGE IN THEIR BIG RAID ON A JAP AIRCRAFT FACTORY NEAR NAGASAKI.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

YOU HAVE ONLY 59 DAYS LEFT TO DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING...



HE'S BURNT UP ABOUT THAT GUY ALWAYS MAKING SKETCHES OF HIM.