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FRANCE:

UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADIAN FORCES LANDED ON SOUTH BEVELAND ISLAND GUARDING THE APPROACHES TO THE SCHELDT ESTUARY AT FOUR O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING. THE ALLIED FORCES WERE SUPPORTED BY THE ROYAL NAVY AND BY ARTILLERY FIRING FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SCHELDT ESTUARY. THE NAZIS WERE TAKEN BY SURPRISE AT LEAST AT ONE PLACE. MOST OF THE OPPOSITION WAS FROM MACHINE GUNS. CASUALTIES SO FAR HAVE BEEN VERY LIGHT AND THE ALLIED TROOPS HAVE ALREADY PUSHED INLAND ONE MILE. THE LANDING OPERATIONS ARE STILL IN PROGRESS. OTHER CANADIAN TROOPS ADVANCING DOWN THE CAUSEWAY TO SOUTH BEVELAND HAVE REACHED A POINT 12 MILES FROM THE MAINLAND. IN THE SCHELDT POCKET, THE CANADIANS HAVE TAKEN THE LAST TOWN OF ANY SIZE.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE GAINS ALONG A 50 MILE FRONT RUNNING FROM HERTOGENBOSCH TO THE SEA. THE TOWN OF HERTOGENBOSCH HAS BEEN COMPLETELY LIBERATED AND BRITISH FORCES HAVE ENTERED TILBURG FROM TWO SIDES. OTHER BRITISH TROOPS HAD CLOSED TO WITHIN TWO MILES OF ROOSENDAHL. IT APPEARS THAT THE GERMANS ARE PULLING OUT ALL ALONG THE LINE IN WESTERN HOLLAND AND MAY BEGIN A MASS WITHDRAWAL SOON. TO LESSEN THE BRITISH PRESSURE IN WESTERN HOLLAND THE GERMANS YESTERDAY ATTEMPTED SEVERAL COUNTERTHRUSTS AGAINST THE EASTERN FLANK OF THE NIJMECHEN SALIENT BUT ALL ATTACKS WERE BEATEN BACK.

YESTERDAY MORE THAN 1200 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 650 FIGHTERS ELASTED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY. ONE BOMBER AND ONE FIGHTER ARE MISSING FROM THESE OPERATIONS. RAF LANCASTERS WITH AN ESCORT OF MUSTANGS ATTACKED THE CHEMICAL WORKS AT ILBERKUSEN WITHOUT LOSS YESTERDAY.

THE GERMANS SAID YESTERDAY THAT RUNDSTEDT IS AGAIN IN COMMAND IN THE WEST AND THEY SAY THAT GUDERIAN IS IN CHARGE OF THE EASTERN FRONT.

RUSSIA:

MOSCOW RADIO SAID TODAY THAT THE BATTLE IN EAST PRUSSIA IS GROWING FIERCE AND ADMIT THAT HAND TO HAND FIGHTING IS GOING ON. THE GERMANS ARE CONTINUALLY BRINGING UP MORE REINFORCEMENTS. THE REDS KILLED ANOTHER 2800 NAZIS IN EAST PRUSSIA YESTERDAY.

RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE CLEARED ALL OF TRANSYLVANIA AND HAVE SURGED ACROSS THE CZECH-BORDER FROM THE SOUTH. OTHER RUSSIAN FORCES ADVANCED ON A 70 MILE FRONT IN CZECH-OSLOVOKIA YESTERDAY AND TOOK THE INDUSTRIAL TOWN OF MUNKACS GUARDING THE APPROACHES TO CENTRAL CZECHOSLOVOKIA. THE REDS HAVE TAKEN MORE THAN 11,000 PRISONERS IN CZECH-OSLOVOKIA IN LESS THAN A WEEK. IN THE ARTIC, SOVIET FORCES ARE ADVANCING SOUTH OF PETSAMO AND ALSO IN NORTHERN NORWAY. THE KING OF NORWAY HAS THANKED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR AIDING NORWAY BY AN INVASION AND SAID THAT NORWEGIAN TROOPS WOULD SOON BE FIGHTING WITH THE RUSSIANS.

ENGLAND:

MR. CHURCHILL SAID THAT THE RECENT CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW WAS "HIGHLY SATISFACTORY" AND SAID THAT "RELATIONS BETWEEN ENGLAND AND RUSSIA HAD NEVER BEEN CLOSER." THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF DISSENTION BETWEEN THE ALLIED POWERS. THE UNITED STATES, ENGLAND AND RUSSIA HAVE COME TO A FIRM AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRONG, FREE POLAND. NO FINAL RESULTS COULD BE MADE UNTIL THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA AND ENGLAND HAD CONFERRED AGAIN." MR. CHURCHILL ALSO SAID THAT THIS IS "THE LAST LAP OF THE WAR AND THAT THE ALLIES WILL CRUSH THE LIFE OUT OF THE NAZIS."

ITALY:

THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY IS CLOSING IN ON FORLI AND RAVENNA DESPITE VERY BAD WEATHER. IN GREECE, PATRIOTS AND BRITISH TROOPS ARE HARRASSING GERMAN FORCES IN THE AREA OF LARISSA.

PACIFIC:

UNITED STATES HEAVY BOMBERS FROM CHINA AND AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES ARE CONTIN-

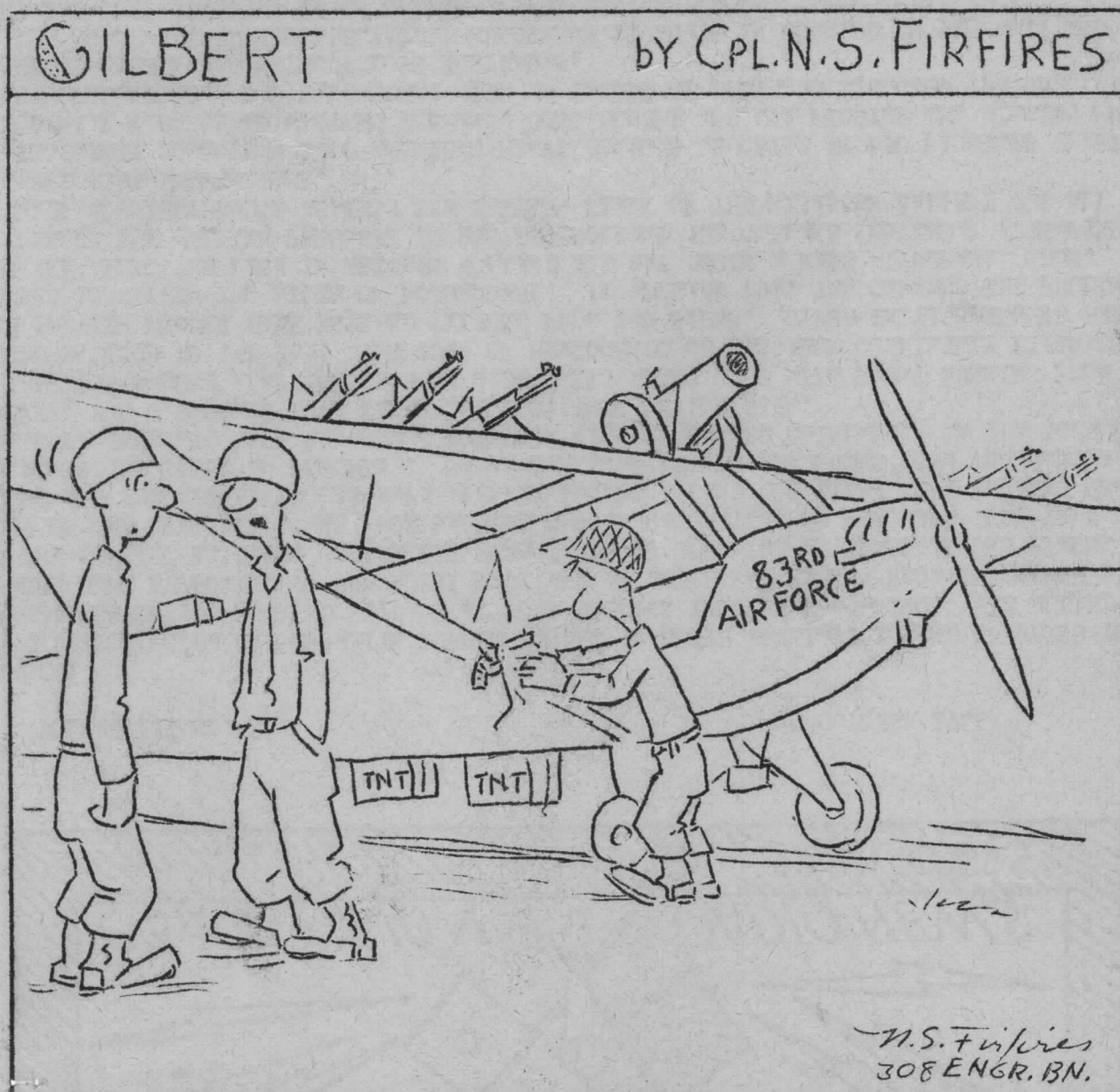
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ING TO BLAST THE LIMPING, BATTERED JAPANESE FLEET THAT FLED FROM THE GREAT NAVAL AND AIR BATTLE OFF THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES. GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID TODAY THAT "THE RETREATING JAP FLEET IS UNDER CONSTANT ATTACK BY AMERICAN BOMBERS." THIS IS THE FIRST NEWS THAT THE JAPS HAD BROKEN OFF THE ENGAGEMENT AND FLED. LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES ARE STILL INCOMPLETE BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THE BATTLE ENDED IN A SMASHING VICTORY FOR THE AMERICANS. TWELVE (12) JAP SHIPS WERE DEFINITELY SUNK AND ANOTHER 20 PROBABLY SUNK OR DAMAGED. THE JAPS HAVE DEFINITELY LOST: TWO BATTLESHIPS; ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL CARRIER; FIVE CRUISERS AND THREE DESTROYERS. THE AMERICANS HAVE LOST: ONE LIGHT AIRCRAFT CARRIER; ONE ESCORT CARRIER AND SEVERAL ESCORT CARRIERS AND SEVERAL DESTROYERS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED. IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT 23 AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS ARE NOW IN OPERATION AND AT LEAST 17 OF THESE ARE IN THE PACIFIC.

IN THE LAND FIGHTING ON LEYTE ISLAND THE UNITED STATES 10TH AND 24TH CORPS HAVE JOINED UP AND THE YANKS ARE NOW ADVANCING ON A 40 MILE FRONT. AMERICAN TROOPS ON THE NEIGHBORING ISLAND OF SAMAR HAVE REPULSED A JAPANESE COUNTERATTACK.

AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN RANGED FAR AND WIDE OVER THE PACIFIC. HEAVY BOMBERS AGAIN RIPPED THE KURILS, OFF NORTHERN JAPAN AND OTHER AMERICAN BOMBERS ATTACKED THE CAROLINES ONCE MORE. HEAVY BOMBERS OPERATING OVER THE STRAITS OF MACASSAR HAVE SUNK AND DAMAGED SEVERAL MORE JAPANESE FREIGHTERS.



HE SAYS IF THEY DON'T STOP STRAFING US THEY 'ER GOING TO TURN THE 83RD AIR FORCE ON 'EM.