FRANCE:
British, Canadian and Polish troops are rapidly closing in on the big communication center of Brede. One column was last reported in the southern outskirts of the town while another was about three miles away to the east. Troops of the Canadian First Army and troops of the British Second Army have linked up a few miles from Brede and a Polish force is a few miles from the city. Canadian forces have driven deeper into the Scheldt pocket and fighters and fighter bombers have again raked and bombed German gun positions in the Scheldt estuary. Other Canadians advancing from the mainland were last night reported to be within three miles of the United Kingdom troops that landed on South Holland.

Germans resistance in Western Holland has stiffened somewhat but the Allied forces have pressed forward all along the front. The Fifteenth German Army is determined to check the Allied advance before the Maas River for the Germans need time to prepare their defenses along the Rhine. British forces were yesterday about 5 miles from the Maas. The weather has remained good and the British tactical air force gave close support yesterday. B-25s wrecked the Maas bridge at Kerkrade and damaged another bridge 20 miles north of Arnhem. The Germans are still counter-attacking at the eastern end of the Nijmegen salient in an effort to reduce the pressure on their troops in Western Holland but the Germans have been checked after making slight gains. The American Seventh Army has made limited gains in Eastern France.

RAF Mosquitos made two separate attacks on Cologne last night; crews saw fires still burning from the great air raid on the city yesterday afternoon. RAF heavy bombers last night attacked the German submarine pens at Bergen in Norway. British night fighters went after German airfields in the Reich. From all operations, 5 planes are missing.

RAF Lancasters today scored at least one hit on the German super battleship "Tirpitz" with 12,000 pound bombs. The planes made a round trip flight of 2400 miles.

RUSSIA:
There has been no news of the fighting in East Prussia. The Russians say that they have brought up huge reserves to break through the German defenses. To the south the Red forces have advanced just above Warsaw in a new attack. The Germans admit more Russian gains in Western Latvia. In Chechoslovakia, Soviet forces have cleared another 60 places in Ruthenia. Yugoslav forces have cleared more than 100 miles of the Adriatic coast above Dubrovnik in Albania. The big port of Split has been captured. In the last few days fighting the Partisans have killed 8000 Germans. An armistice agreement has been signed between the Allies and Bulgaria.

ENGLAND:
Hundreds of RAF heavy bombers yesterday gave Cologne its heaviest pounding of the war. Three out of 350 flying forts were lost in attacks on Hamm and Munster yesterday.

ITALY:
The weather is still holding down operations in Italy. Yesterday, Allied fighters and fighter bombers went after targets in the Po Valley. The Germans reported Allied bombers over Southern Austria today. The Germans say that recent rains have flooded all of Venice.

PACIFIC:
General Stillwell has been recalled from his post in the China-India-Burma theater and is to be given another assignment. His theater is to be divided into two sections. No change in policy towards China.

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PACIFIC CONTINUED:

ON LEYTE, YANK TROOPS HAVE PUSHED ON FOR ANOTHER 4 MILES AND THE AMERICANS HAVE REOPENED SCHOOLS IN THAT PART OF THE ISLAND ALREADY LIBERATED. ADMIRAL NIMITZ HAS SAID THAT JAP SUPPLY LINES HAVE "TAKEN A TREMENDOUS BLOW" DUE TO THE RECENT DEFEAT SUFFERED BY THE JAPS OFF THE PHILIPPINES.

IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT ONE OF THE THREE FLEETS THAT THE JAPS SENT AGAINST THE PHILIPPINES WAS COMPLETELY WIPED OUT. THIS FORCE CONSISTED OF 2 BATTLESHIPS, 4 CRUISERS AND 10 DESTROYERS. MOST OF THE FLEET WAS SUNK DURING THE MAIN ENGAGEMENT BUT SOME OF THE SHIPS MANAGED TO LIMP AWAY BUT WERE LATER SUNK BY AMERICAN PLANES THAT PURSUED THEM. CARRIER PLANES OPERATING TO THE SOUTHEAST OF LEYTE HAVE SUNK ANOTHER DESTROYER AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED A LIGHT CRUISER.

SPORTS: THE IRISH GO ROLLING ALONG.

ARMY: 27 --- DUKE: 7
DARTMOUTH: 14 --- BROWN: 13
COLGATE: 6 --- COLUMBIA: 0
NAVY: 26 --- PENN: 0
W. VIRGINIA: 28 --- PENN STATE: 27
NOTRE DAME: 13 --- ILLINOIS: 7
INDIANA: 32 --- IOWA: 0
MICHIGAN: 40 --- PURDUE: 14
OHIO STATE: 34 --- MINNESOTA: 14
CT. LAKE: 40 --- MISSISSIPPI: 12
TENNESSEE: 26 --- CLEMSON: 7
L.S.U.: 15 --- GEORGIA: 7
GEO. TECH: 13 --- GEO. PRE FLIGHT: 7

DER ENLARGED PICTURE SHOWS DER SECRET WEAPON, IT HISS AWFUL, DER AMERICANS ARE NOT HUMAN!