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#### GERMANY:

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS SMASHING FORWARD THROUGH SLEET AND SNOW HAVE FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO WITHIN A MILE OF THE BIG CITY OF DUREN. THE YANKS DROVE FOR A MILE ACROSS MUDDY GROUND AND BROKE INTO 2 SMALL TOWNS ONLY  $\frac{1}{2}$  MILE FROM THE ROER RIVER AND WITHIN A MILE OF DUREN. ANOTHER FIRST ARMY FORCE HAS REACHED THE WESTERN BANK OF THE ROER AT THREE PLACES SOUTH OF DUREN AND HOLD A MILE OF THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RIVER. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE GERMANS ARE MAKING A GENERAL WITHDRAWAL TO THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER IN THE DUREN SECTOR. THE YANKS HAVE TAKEN 7 TOWNS SINCE OPENING THEIR OFFENSIVE 2 DAYS AGO. AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS MADE INTENSIFIED BOMBINGS OF THE DUREN AREA YESTERDAY.

IN THE SAAR VALLEY, AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE ANOTHER CROSSING OF THE GERMAN FRONTIER NEAR SAARGUEMINES. TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY AFTER TAKING THE TOWN OF HAGENAU IN NORTHERN ALSACE YESTERDAY HAVE RAPIDLY DRIVEN FORWARD ON A 20 MILE FRONT TO THE EAST OF THE TOWN AND ARE PUSHING DOWN TWO IMPORTANT RAIL LINES LEADING INTO GERMANY. THE YANKS WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 5 MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER NEAR THE RHINE RIVER OPPOSITE THE BIG GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CITY OF KARLSRUHE. GERMAN RESISTANCE ON THIS SECTOR SEEMS TO BE CRACKING. FURTHER SOUTH, OTHER AMERICAN FORCES IN ALSACE ARE STEADILY NARROWING THE ALSACE BRIDGEHEAD.

THE TREMENDOUS AERIAL ONSLAUGHT AGAINST GERMANY WENT ON YESTERDAY, LAST NIGHT AND TODAY. YESTERDAY, OVER 5000 AMERICAN AND BRITISH PLANES FLYING FROM BASES IN ENGLAND AND ITALY AND ALLIED OCCUPIED COUNTRIES WERE OVER THE REICH. MORE THAN 2000 AMERICAN HEAVIES FROM BRITAIN AND ITALY BLASTED RAIL CENTERS IN WESTERN GERMANY AND AN OIL REFINERY NEAR VIENNA. BRITISH HEAVIES AND MOSQUITOS IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY RIPPED OIL AND RAIL TARGETS IN THE RUHR. BRITISH AND AMERICAN FIGHTER AND MEDIUM BOMBERS WERE OUT OVER GERMANY AND HOLLAND YESTERDAY IN VERY GREAT STRENGTH. BRITISH TYPHOONS AND SPITFIRES DEMOLISHED ROCKET LAUNCHING STORAGE BUILDINGS IN HOLLAND AND WESTERN GERMANY. LAST NIGHT, RAF MOSQUITOS HAMMERED HANNOVER AND HAMBURG. TODAY, MORE THAN 1250 YANK HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 950 FIGHTERS PLASTERED THE OFTEN BOMBED LEUNA OIL PLANT NEAR MERCEBURG IN GERMANY.

#### RUSSIA:

POWERFUL RUSSIAN FORCES SPEARHEADED BY TANKS ARE CONVERGING ON BUDAPEST FROM 4 POINTS. SAVAGE HAND TO HAND FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL. IN A NEW DRIVE FROM THE NORTHEAST, THE SOVIETS HAVE HAMMERED TO WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE CITY. SOME 40 MILES NORTH OF BUDAPEST NEAR THE NORTHERN BEND OF THE DANUBE IN HUNGARY, THE RUSSIANS HAVE DRIVEN ACROSS THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ARE STEADILY ADVANCING. IN ANOTHER DRIVE FOR SOUTHERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN MORE TOWNS ABOVE MISKOLC IN NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY.

#### ITALY:

THERE HAS BEEN A FLARE UP OF GERMAN AIR ACTIVITY OVER THE FIFTH ARMY FRONT IN ITALY. THE FIGHTING HAS DIED DOWN ON THE EIGHTH ARMY SECTOR NEAR FAENZA AFTER LARGE SCALE GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS OVER THE WEEKEND.

#### GREECE:

BRITISH FORCES IN ATHENS HAVE MADE MORE PROGRESS IN THE DOCK AREA OF THE CITY. THE REBELS HAVE FORCED THE BRITISH BACK IN THE CENTER OF THE GREEK CAPITAL. THE GUERRILLAS ARE WELL SUPPLIED WITH SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION AND ARE HEAVILY SHELLING ATHENS WITH 6 FIELD GUNS. BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS ARE MOVING ON ATHENS. IN A WEEK OF FIGHTING THE LEFT WING GUERRILLAS HAVE LOST 3000 MEN KILLED AND 2000 CAPTURED.

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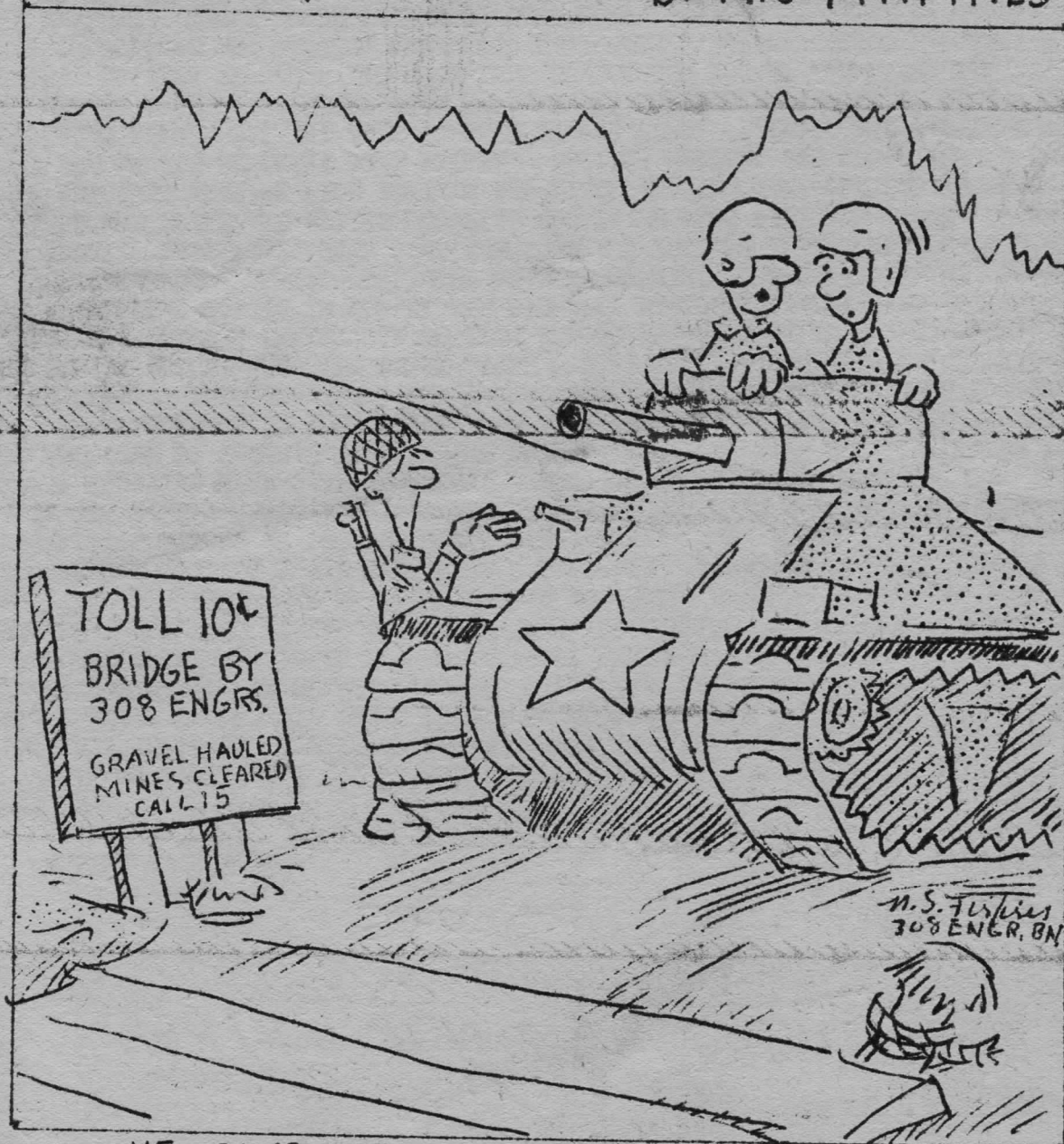
PACIFIC:

AMERICAN FORCES THAT CAPTURED ORMOG ON LEYTE ISLAND WIPED OUT THE ENTIRE JAP GARRISON THERE AND CAPTURED HUGE STORES OF SUPPLIES. THE YANK 7TH AND 77TH INFANTRY DIVISIONS HAVE JOINED UP IN THE ORMOG AREA CUTTING OFF **ANOTHER** JAP FORCE.

IN BURMA, THE BRITISH 36TH DIVISION IS CONSOLIDATING ITS GAINS AROUND THE JAP FORWARD BASES OF INDAW AND KATHA. EAST AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE EXTENDED THEIR BRIDGE-HEAD AT KALEWA AND ARE DRIVING FOR THE IMPORTANT RAILWAY BETWEEN KALEWA AND MANDALAY. THE WEST AFRICAN 81ST DIVISION HAS ADVANCED 25 MILES IN A WEEK IN NORTH-EAST BURMA.

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HE SAYS ITS FOR THE WAR EFFORT.