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#### GERMANY:

AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS SAID LATE THIS AFTERNOON THAT AMERICAN TROOPS OF THE SEVENTH ARMY HAD CROSSED OVER INTO GERMANY FROM NORTHEASTERN ALSACE. ONE AMERICAN SPEARHEAD IS WITHIN 7 MILES OF KARLSRUHE AND AMERICAN GUNS ARE IN EASY RANGE OF THE BIG GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CITY. THE GERMANS ARE STRONGLY COUNTERATTACKING IN SOUTHERN ALSACE NEAR COLMAR AND HAVE PUSHED AMERICAN AND FRENCH TROOPS BACK. TO THE NORTH OF ALSACE, GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE ENGAGED IN BITTER FIGHTING IN THE DILINGEN AND SAARLAUTERN BRIDGEHEADS. A THIRD ARMY SPEARHEAD HAS MADE MORE HEADWAY IN GERMANY AFTER CROSSING THE FRONTIER NEAR SAARGUEMINES.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE EDGED CLOSER TO BATTERED DUREN. THE YANKS NOW LINE THE WEST BANK OF THE ROER RIVER FOR SIX MILES ON EACH SIDE OF DUREN AND ARE WITHIN 1½ MILES OF THE CITY ITSELF. THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY SAID TODAY THAT FIRST ARMY TROOPS TODAY HAD LAUNCHED A MASSIVE ASSAULT AGAINST DUREN WITH TANKS, INFANTRY, GUNS AND PLANES.

THE UNITED STATES EIGHTH AIR FORCE SENT OUT MORE THAN 650 FLYING FORTRESSES AND LIBERATORS TODAY TO POUND THE GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CITIES OF KASSEL AND HANNOVER. THE HEAVIES WERE ESCORTED BY 550 FIGHTERS. BRITISH FIGHTER BOLTERS YESTERDAY DISRUPTED GERMAN RAIL TRAFFIC JUST BEHIND THE SEIGFRIED LINE.

#### RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS ARE SAVAGELY COUNTERATTACKING ON THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN APPROACHES TO BUDAPEST. NORTH OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL THE REDS ARE EXERTING TERRIFIC PRESSURE BETWEEN THE DANUBE RIVER BEND AND THE BORDER OF SLOVAKIA IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE A BREAKTHROUGH TOWARDS AUSTRIA. ABOVE MISKOLCZ IN NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY, SOVIET FORCES HAVE CAPTURED SEVERAL MORE PLACES.

#### ITALY:

CANADIAN TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY ARE STEADILY ADVANCING ON A 10 MILE FRONT ON THE LOMBARDY PLAIN NORTH OF FAENZA. THE CANADIANS HAVE FOUGHT THEIR WAY ACROSS THREE CANALS DESPITE DESPERATE GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS.

#### GREECE:

FIGHTING FLARED UP AGAIN YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT IN THE CITY OF ATHENS. STRONG BRITISH INFANTRY, TANK AND ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED IN THE GREEK CAPITAL. BRITISH WARSHIPS, PLANES AND ARTILLERY HAVE BOMBARDED ELAS FORCES ON THE PENINSULA LEADING TO THE PORT OF ATHENS. THE GENERAL STRIKE IN GREECE HAS SPREAD FROM ATHENS AND SALONIKA TO MOST OF THE PRINCIPAL GREEK TOWNS.

#### PACIFIC:

HEAVY FIGHTING IS GOING ON ON LEYTE ISLAND AS THE YANK 77TH DIVISION PUSHES NORTH OF ORMOG THROUGH THE GENERAL YAMASHITA LINE. JAP CASUALTIES ON LEYTE AND SAMAR ISLANDS ARE ESTIMATED AT OVER 82,000. AMERICAN LOSSES HAVE BEEN JUST OVER 10,000 WITH 2000 KILLED. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JAPS HAVE EITHER BEEN KILLED OR DROWNED WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF 10 JAP CONVOYS ATTEMPTING TO BRING REINFORCEMENTS TO LEYTE ISLAND. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES HAVE DESTROYED 91 JAP PLANES ON THE GROUND IN ATTACKS ON AIRFIELDS ON LUZON ISLAND IN THE PHILIPPINES.

IN FAR WESTERN BURMA, ALLIED TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE JAP BASE OF BUTHIDAUNG. EAST AFRICAN TROOPS ON THE CHINDWIN FRONT ARE MAKING GOOD HEADWAY TOWARDS MANDALAY.

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SLEEPING IN A HOUSE - GUESS HE CAN'T TAKE IT!