AMERICAN FIRST ARMY COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST THE GERMAN COUNTEROFFENSIVE ALONG A 60 MILE FRONT OF THE BORDERS OF BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG ARE DEVELOPING. IT IS NOT KNOWN JUST WHERE THE GERMANS ARE ATTACKING BUT ONE OF THEIR SPEARHEADS IS REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED THE BELGIAN TOWN OF STAVELOT, 20 MILES INSIDE BELGIUM. FIRST ARMY JANUS YESTERDAY SEALED OFF ONE OF THE GERMAN SPEARHEADS AND THE ALLIES TOOK BACK SOME LOST GROUND. THE ATTACKS IN THE SOUTH HAVE BEEN HELD AFTER THE GERMANS SUCEEDED IN MAKING SOME PENETRATIONS AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE 60 MILE FRONT. AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE FRONT IS "FLUID" AND THAT FIELD MARSHALL RUNDSTEDT HAS A SUPERIOR WEIGHT OF ARMOR AND INFANTRY. THE CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE SAVAGE FIGHTING GOING ON IS UNPARALLELED SINCE THE NORMANDY LANDINGS AND THE AMERICAN BREAKTHROUGH AT ST LO.


RUSSIA: RUSSIAN FORCES DRIVING NORTH OF PISSKOLZ HAVE REACHED THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER ON A 20 MILE FRONT AND ARE DRIVING INTO THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY.

ITALY: FIERCE FIGHTING IS GOING ON BEYOND FAENZA AS THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY PUSHES TOWARDS BOLOGNA. THE GERMANS HAVE COUNTERATTACKED WITH TANKS AND INFANTRY AND HAVE SUCCEEDED IN FORCING THE BRITISH BACK AT ONE PLACE. ALLIED PLANES FLEW SOME 1500 SORTIES YESTERDAY. AMERICAN HEAVIES ATTACKED GERMAN OIL TREATIES IN SILESTIA AND TARGETS NEAR VIENNA AND FIGHTER BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS LAST NIGHT FOR COMMUNICATIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA. FROM ALL THESE OPERATIONS, 24 ALLIED PLANES ARE MISSING.

GREECE: FIGHTING FLARED UP IN ATHENS AGAIN THIS MORNING AFTER A QUIET NIGHT. ELAS GUERRILLAS HAVE SURROUNDED A BRITISH RAF HEADQUARTERS. A BRITISH RELIEF COLUMN IS ON ITS WAY TO RELIEVE THE HARD PRESSSED GARRISON. THE MAIN ROAD RUNNING FROM THE CITY OF ATHENS TO THE PORT OF ATHENS HAS BEEN CLEARED BY BRITISH TROOPS.

PACIFIC: AMERICAN Super Forts Based In China Today Attacked the Jap Home Island of Kyushu. It is the second day running that the giant bombers have raided the JAP HOMELAND. AMERICAN TROOPS ON THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND OF HILIDORO ARE PUSHING TO THE NORTH WITHOUT MEETING ANY RESISTANCE FROM JAP GROUND TROOPS. THE ONLY RESISTANCE BEING ENCOUNTERED IS FROM JAP PLACES AND AMERICAN PLACES AND NAVY SHIPS. THEY HAVE SHOT DOWN LARGE NUMBERS OF JAP PLANES IN THE LAST FEW DAYS ON LANTY ISLAND, THE YANKS HAVE CAPTURED ANOTHER JAP AIRFIELD AND THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE JAPANESE 26TH DIVISION HAVE BEEN Wiped OUT.
PACIFIC CONTINUED:

IN THREE DAYS LAST WEEK 460 JAP PLANES WERE DESTROYED OVER THE PHILIPPINES.

OFF THE ISLAND OF LUZON, AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES HAVE SUNK 29 JAP SHIPS AND DAMAGED 66 OTHERS. AMERICAN SUBMARINES HAVE SUNK 33 MORE JAP SHIPS IN PACIFIC WATERS.

IN ARAKAN IN WESTERN BURMA, BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS SPARED IN THE EGERIAN TANKS HAVE LINKED UP TWO BRIDGEHEADS AND HAVE PUSHED PAST CAPTURED MAUNGDAK FOR 20 MILES.

BRITISH HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE ATTACKED JAP TARGETS ON THE BAY OF BENGAL.

GILBERT
BY CPL. N.S. FIRFIRES

EVEN IF IT'S A GOOD RUMOR, HE DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR IT!