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GERMANY:

THE CLOAK OF SECRECY BLANKETING OPERATIONS IN THE ARDENNES FOREST ALONG THE 60 MILE FRONT IN BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG HAS BEEN PARTIALLY LIFTED. SHAEF HAS ANNOUNCED THAT BY MID-DAY ON MONDAY FIELD MARSHALL RUNDSTEDT'S ARMOR AND INFANTRY HAD BROKEN ACROSS THE BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURG BORDERS AT FOUR PLACES FOR A DEPTH OF FIVE TO 20 MILES. THE DEEPEST GERMAN PENETRATION WAS IN THE AREA OF THE BELGIAN TOWN OF STAVELOT WHERE THE GERMANS PENETRATED 20 MILES AFTER CROSSING OVER INTO BELGIUM NEAR MALMEDY. THE TOWN OF MALMEDY IS REPORTED TO BE IN GERMAN HANDS. AROUND THE GERMAN TOWN OF ST. VITH, JUST ACROSS THE BORDER FROM BELGIUM, THE GERMANS CUT OFF A FORCE OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN A PINNERS DRIVE. THE GERMAN SPEARHEAD THROWN AT THE NORTHERN AMERICAN FLANK NEAR MONSCHAU HAS BEEN REPORTED AS STOPPED BY VETERAN AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS. BOTH SIDES ARE BRINGING UP REINFORCEMENTS. RUNDSTEDT WAS STILL ATTACKING THIS MORNING SUPPORTED BY THE LUFTWAFFE BUT THE AMERICANS HAVE SLOWED THE GERMAN DRIVE DOWN AFTER BRINGING UP LARGE NUMBERS OF REINFORCEMENTS. THE ROADS BEHIND THE AMERICAN LINES ARE JAMMED WITH TROOPS AND ARMOR MOVING UP TO THE FRONT. THE GERMANS MAY CONTINUE TO GAIN FOR A FEW DAYS YET BEFORE THEY ARE CHECKED AND THE FRONT IS STABILIZED.

THE LUFTWAFFE WAS ACTIVE OVER THE ARDENNES FRONT YESTERDAY AND DURING THE NIGHT. LAST NIGHT, THE GERMANS ALSO USED LARGE NUMBERS OF FLYING BOMBS OVER THIS SECTOR. AMERICAN AND BRITISH FIGHTER BOMBERS YESTERDAY HEAVILY POUNDED GERMAN FRONT LINE POSITIONS AND TARGETS BEHIND THE LINES. ALLIED HEAVIES ATTACKED ROADS AND RAIL LINES BEHIND THE BATTLEFRONTS.

GERMAN RESISTANCE HAS STIFFENED ALL ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT. IN THE SAAR VALLEY, THIRD ARMY FORCES ARE EDGING FORWARD AT DILINGEN AND SAARLAUTERN IN SPITE OF VERY HEAVY GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, FRENCH TROOPS MADE LIMITED GAINS YESTERDAY AGAINST THE GERMAN POCKET WEST OF THE RHINE.

A WASHINGTON SPOKESMAN REPORTS THAT THE GERMANS ARE EMPLOYING A LIGHT V-2 ROCKET AGAINST AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS.

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE ADVANCED ON A BROAD FRONT FROM NORTHERN HUNGARY INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ARE CLOSING IN ON A BIG SLOVOKIAN RAIL CENTER FROM THREE SIDES. JUST NORTH OF BUDAPEST, THE REDS HAVE CLEARED MORE PLACES AS THEY ATTEMPT TO BREAKTHROUGH TOWARDS AUSTRIA.

YUGOSLAV PARTISANS HAVE TAKEN THE BIG TOWN OF PODGORICA IN MONTENEGRO.

ITALY:

NEW ZEALAND TROOPS HAVE LAUNCHED AN ALL OUT DRIVE NORTH OF FAENZA. NORTHEAST OF FAENZA, THE GERMANS STILL HOLD A 7 MILE STRETCH OF THE LAMONE RIVER. FOR THE FOURTH DAY RUNNING, 15TH UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HEAVY BOMBERS YESTERDAY PLASTERED OIL AND RAIL TARGETS IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND NORTHERN YUGOSLAVIA. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED THAT ALLIED Bomber FORMATIONS WERE OVER UPPER AUSTRIA AND BAVARIA.

GREECE:

GENERAL SCOBIE, THE BRITISH GENERAL IN ATHENS, HAS WARNED ELAS FORCES THAT "IF THEIR GUNS ARE STILL FIRING AFTER NINE O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING, THE GUERRILLAS WILL BE ATTACKED WITH ALL THE THINGS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE BRITISH FORCES INCLUDING ARTILLERY, NAVAL GUNS, PLANES AND ROCKETS."

FIGHTING WAS STILL GOING ON TODAY NEAR THE SUPPLY ROAD BETWEEN ATHENS AND THE PORT OF ATHENS.

PACIFIC:

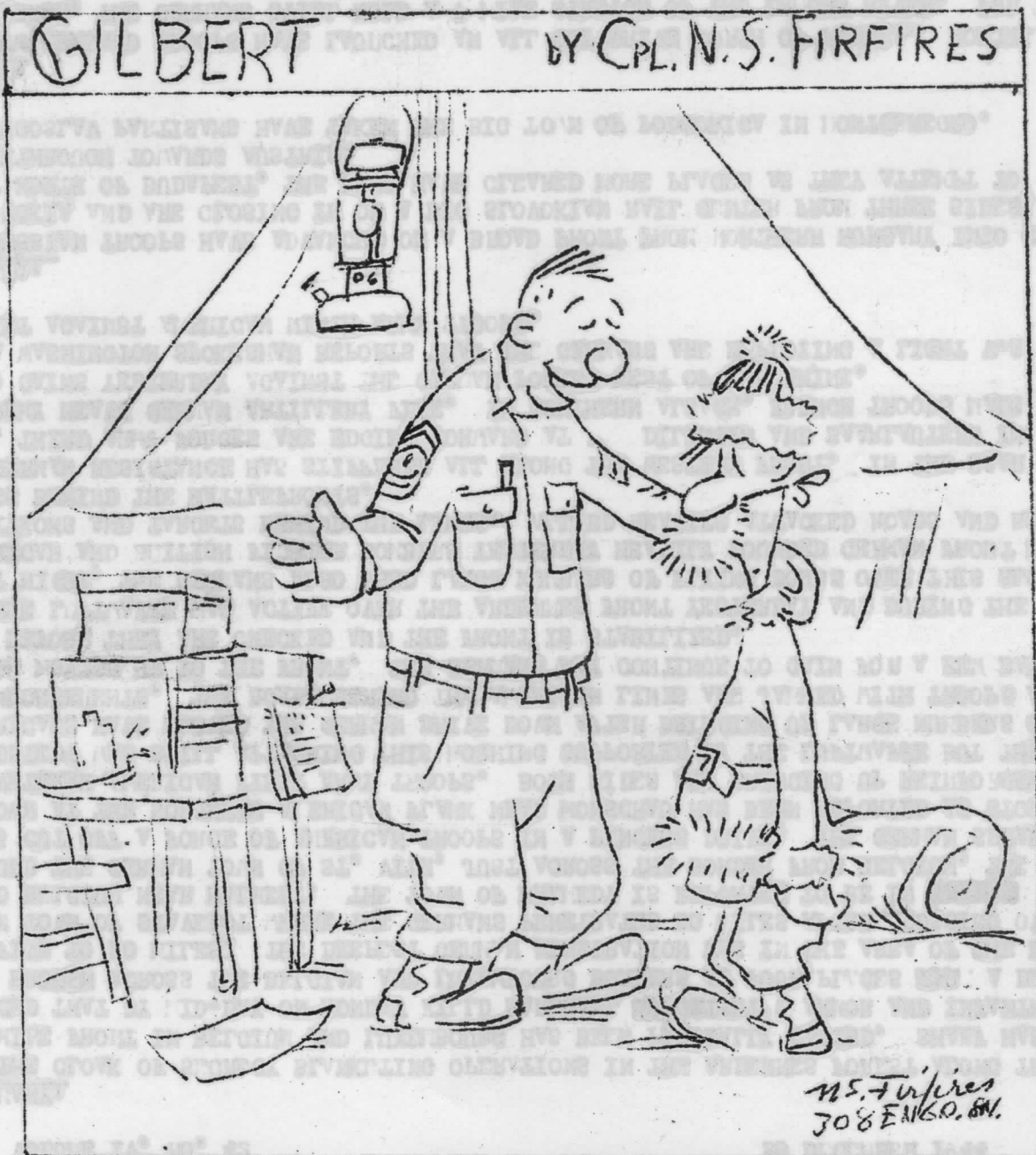
ON LEYTE ISLAND, AMERICAN FORCES HAVE CAPTURED THE TWO JAP STRONGHOLDS OF LONOG AND VALENCIA. THE BATTLE FOR LEYTE IS NEARING ITS END AS THE JAP DEFENSE LINE BETWEEN THESE TWO TOWNS IS BEING BATTERED TO PIECES AND ROLLED UP. THE YANKS ADVANCING ON MINDORO ARE STILL NOT MEETING ANY LAND OPPOSITION. YESTERDAY, 13 JAP PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN OVER THE ISLAND. AMERICAN LIBERATOR HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE ATTACKED THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS OF CEBU, LUZON AND MINDANAO WITH 1000 POUND BOMBS.

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WEST AFRICAN TROOPS OF THE BRITISH 14TH ARMY DRIVING DOWN THE WESTERN COAST OF BURMA HAVE LINKED UP TWO BRIDGEHEADS BEYOND THE KALAPANZIN RIVER AND WERE LAST REPORTED WELL DOWN THE PENINSULA OPPOSITE THE BIG JAP BASE OF AKYAB SOUTH OF BUTHIDAUNG. THE BRITISH 36TH DIVISION WAS LAST REPORTED 12 MILES BELOW INDRAW IN THE MOGAUNG-MANDALAY RAIL CORRIDOR.

CHINESE FORCES FIGHTING IN SOUTHWESTERN CHINA HAVE CHECKED THE JAP DRIVE DOWN THE CHUNGKING HIGHWAY AND ARE FORCING THE NIPPONESE BACK IN BITTER COUNTERATTACKS.



WHATS DA MATTER, DON'T YA WANT TO HELP PUT OVER
DA XMAS SPIRIT?