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#### GERMANY:

GENERAL EISENHOWER HAS CALLED ON HIS ARMIES TO DESTROY THE ENEMY "WHO HAS COME OUT OF HIS FIXED DEFENSES IN A LAST DESPERATE EFFORT." THE SUPREME COMMANDER SAID THAT "THE GERMANS HAVE GAMBLER HEAVILY AND WE WILL DESTROY HIM WITH THE HELP OF GOD."

MEANWHILE, THE BITTER FIGHTING IN THE ARDENNES IS GOING ON WITH UNDIMINISHED FURY AND THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE BATTLE HAS NOT YET REACHED ITS CLIMAX. BOTH THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN FLANKS OF RUNDSTEDT'S DRIVE ARE BEING FIRMLY HELD BUT IN THE CENTER OF THE COUNTEROFFENSIVE THE FRONT IS FLUID. IN SOUTHEASTERN BELGIUM, AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE THROTTLED THE GERMANS' ATTEMPT AT A PINCHERS MOVEMENT AND THE YANKS LAST NIGHT WERE REPORTED TO BE HOLDING THE TOWNS OF MALLEDY AND THE TOWN OF ST VITH INSIDE GERMANY. IN THE FAR SOUTH, THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN BALKED AT ECHTERNACH BUT THE NAZIS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE DRIVEN 3/4 OF THE WAY ACROSS NORTHERN LUXEMBOURG AND WERE SAID TO BE FIGHTING EAST OF WILTZ. AT ONE POINT IN BELGIUM, THE HUNS HAVE DRIVEN 35 MILES INTO BELGIUM AND CUT THE ROAD RUNNING SOUTH FROM LIEGE.

IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING THERE WERE SIGNS THAT THE GERMANS WERE FEELING THE FURY OF THE FIRST ARMY'S COUNTERMEASURES AS THE YANKS HAVE NOW RECOVERED FROM THE SURPRISE OF THE NAZI ATTACK. AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT ALTHOUGH THE GERMANS HAVE GAINED GROUND IN PLACES THEY HAVE BY NO MEANS HAD A COMPLETE SUCCESS. ONCE AGAIN LOW CLOUDS AND RAIN KEPT ALLIED PLANES FROM TAKING A PART IN THE ACTION. THE BELGIAN CABINET YESTERDAY SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO REMAIN AT THEIR POSTS. THE U. S. WAR SECRETARY SAID THAT "IF THE GERMAN EFFORT FAILED, IT WOULD DEFINITELY SHORTEN THE WAR."

TWO FORCES OF RAF HEAVY BOMBERS LAST NIGHT HAMMERED THE MARSHALLING YARDS AT COLOGNE AND BONN. LANCASTERS EARLIER ATTACKED TRIER IN DAYLIGHT.

ON THE REST OF THE ALLIED FRONT IN THE WEST THE GERMANS CONTINUED TO OFFER STUBBORN DEFENSE. AMERICAN THIRD ARMY FORCES NOW HAVE COMPLETELY CLEARED ALL OF DILINGEN AND THREW BACK 4 COUNTERATTACKS AT SAARGUEMINES.

#### RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK ON A "TREMENDOUS SCALE" ON THE "BALTIC FRONT." • THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT THE REDS ARE ATTACKING WITH 27 DIVISIONS AND HAVE BROKEN INTO THE GERMAN LINES AT SEVERAL PLACES FOLLOWING A TERRIFIC ARTILLERY BARRAGE. A GERMAN COMMENTATOR CALLED IT THE "BEGINNING OF THE RED ARMY'S WINTER OFFENSIVE."

IN SOUTHWESTERN HUNGARY THE RUSSIANS' NEW OFFENSIVE HAS GAINED GROUND SOUTHWEST OF BUDAPEST. THE RUSSIANS HAVE CLEARED ANOTHER BIG AREA IN NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY AND HAVE LIBERATED 30 MORE PLACES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

#### ITALY:

CANADIAN TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE TAKEN BAGNACAVALLIO ABOUT 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF FAENZA AND HAVE PUSHED ON NORTH OF THE TOWN. THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO BE IN FULL RETREAT ACROSS THE SENIO RIVER NORTH OF BAGNACAVALLIO. DUE NORTH OF FAENZA, NEW ZEALAND TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE SENIO RIVER ON A BROAD FRONT. ALLIED AIRCRAFT FLEW MORE THAN 600 SORTIES YESTERDAY.

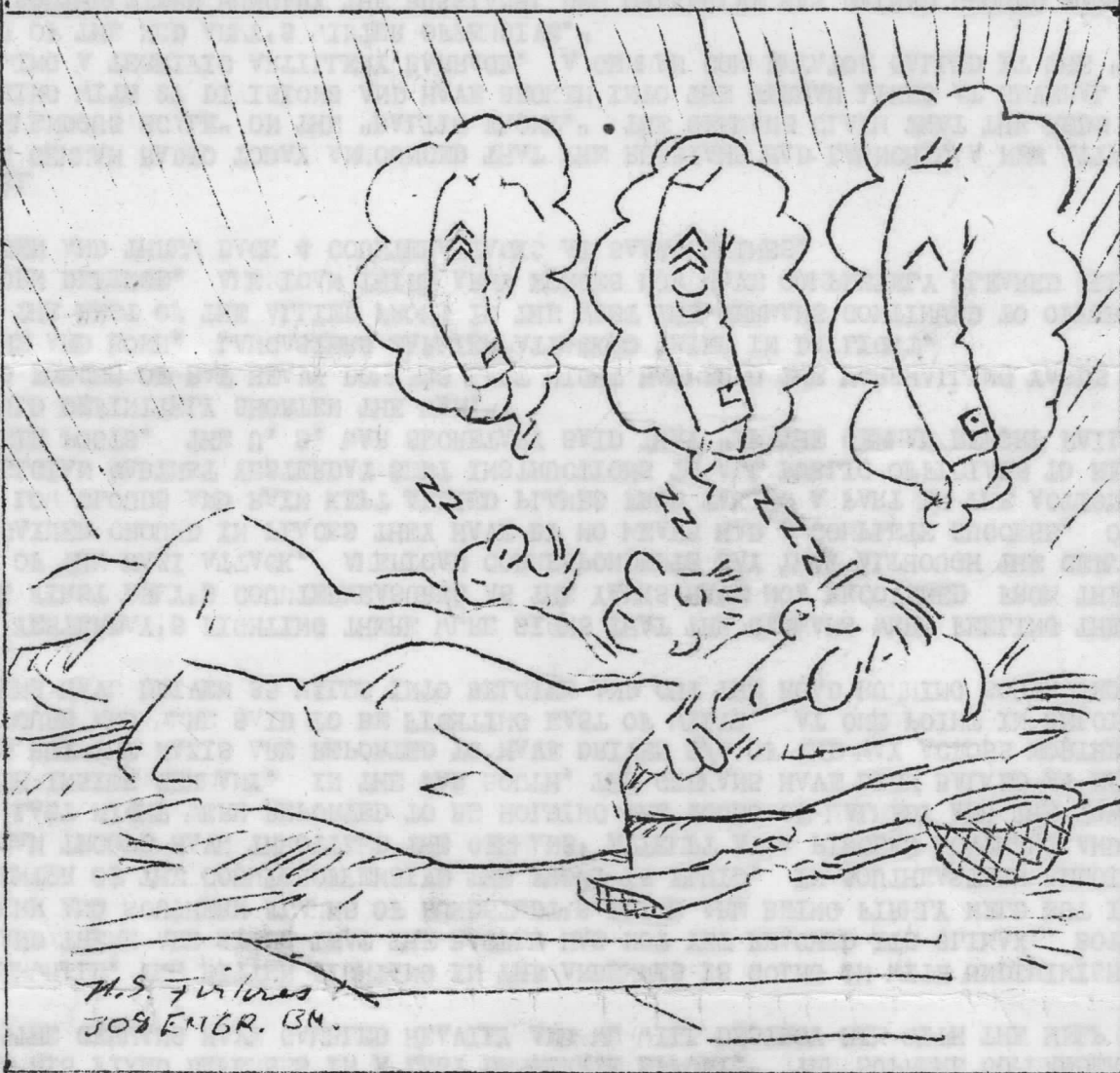
#### PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FLYING FROM SAIPAN TODAY BOMBED NAGOYA, THIRD CITY OF JAPAN. IT WAS THE FIFTH ATTACK THIS MONTH ON THE BIG INDUSTRIAL CENTER. TROOPS ON LEYTE ISLAND HAVE CUT OFF JAP REMNANTS TRYING TO REACH THE ENEMY'S LAST ESCAPE PORT ON LEYTE. AMERICAN BOMBERS ARE NOW OPERATING FROM AN AIRFIELD ON MINDORO ISLAND BUILT IN 4 DAYS.

IN BURMA, TROOPS OF THE BRITISH 14TH ARMY ARE HEADING FOR MANDALAY IN TWO SEPARATE THRUSTS. ALLIED FIGHTER BOMBERS HAVE WORKED OVER A 70 MILE STRETCH OF THE MANDALAY RAILROAD BETWEEN LASHIO AND MANDALAY. IN ARAKAN, IN FAR WESTERN BURMA, JAP STRONGPOINTS HAVE BEEN BOMBARDED BY THE BRITISH NAVY FROM OFF THE COAST.

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