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RUSSIA:

THE WESTWARD SURGE OF THE FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY GROUP UNDER MARSHALL ZHUKOV HAS CONTINUED WITHOUT LETUP. MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ZHUKOV'S DRIVE IS THE MAIN RUSSIAN SMASH TO THE WEST AND SAYS THAT HIS FORCES ARE NOW INSIDE NORTHEASTERN GERMANY ON TWO FRONTS. ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK HAS BROKEN THROUGH THE GERMAN DEFENSES ALONG THE BORDER IN THE AREA OF SCHNEIDERMUHL AND HERE THE RUSSIANS ARE HEADING FOR THE BIG-BALTIC PORT OF STETTIN. THE REDS ON THIS SECTOR HAVE STORMED TWO TOWNS ON THE RAIL LINE LEADING TO SCHNEIDERMUHL. THE MAIN WEIGHT OF ZHUKOV'S POWER DRIVE HAS HIT THE GERMAN DEFENSES GUARDING THE WAY TO FRANKFURT-ON-ODER, AND BERLIN. HERE IN THE CENTER OF HIS OFFENSIVE, ZHUKOV'S TROOPS HAVE SMASHED TWO GERMAN WATER BARRIERS AND CONTINUED ON TOWARDS THE GERMAN CAPITOL. THE NETZE RIVER WAS THE FIRST WATER OBSTACLE PASSED AND ALONG THE OBRA RIVER FURTHER WEST, THE RUSSIANS BURST RIGHT THROUGH TWO GERMAN DEFENSE LINES. ALONG THE OBRA THE GERMANS COUNTED ON THEIR CONCRETE FORTS BUT RED ARTILLERY BATTERED THEM TO PIECES. THE GERMANS IN THEIR HASTE TO PULL OUT OF THEIR DEFENSE LINE LEFT 93 GUNS AND HUNDREDS OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE BATTLEFIELD. THE RUSSIANS KILLED 4000 GERMANS IN THE BATTLE ALONG THE RIVER. MOSCOW HAS SAID NOTHING ABOUT WHERE ZHUKOV'S SPEARHEADS ARE NOW BUT BERLIN SAYS THERE IS A GREAT BATTLE RAGING AROUND THREE TOWNS IN THE LANSBERG AREA, 25 MILES FROM FRANKFURT AND ABOUT 65 MILES FROM BERLIN. IT IS KNOWN THAT MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S LEFT FLANK HAS REACHED THE BANK OF THE RIVER ODER WHERE IT BEGINS TO CURVE WEST TO FRANKFURT. VERY DEEP SNOW MAY SLOW DOWN THE RUSSIAN DRIVE BUT IT HAS ALSO AIDED THE RUSSIANS IN THAT THE GERMANS SAY THE DEEP SNOW AND ICE ARE HOLDING UP GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS WHO ARE MOVING UP TO THE FRONT. BERLIN HAS CALLED ON CIVILIANS TO SAND ICY ROADS AND CLEAR HIGHWAYS CLOGGED WITH SNOW.

IN SILESIA MARSHALL KONEV'S MEN ARE CLOSING TO THE ODER BEYOND KATOWICE. THE GERMANS SAY KONEV'S BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE ODER IS BEING STEADILY EXPANDED. IN EAST PRUSSIA, MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKY'S TROOPS HAVE STORMED MARIENWERDER AND ARE CLOSELY THREATENING DANZIG. GENERAL CHERNYAKHOVSKY'S THIRD WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE ALMOST ENCIRCLED KOENIGSBERG AND ARE SHELLING THE LAST ESCAPE ROAD LEADING OUT OF THE CITY.

IN A BROADCAST TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE LAST NIGHT, ADOLPH HITLER SPOKE OF "GERMAN DISTRESS AND SUFFERING", BUT HE CALLED ON THE GERMANS "TO FIGHT ON."

BELGIUM:

AMERICAN FIRST AND THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE HAMMERING AT THE OUTER DEFENSES OF THE SIEGFRIED LINE ALONG A 50 MILE SECTOR. AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE FIRST ARMY FRONT, INFANTRY AND TANKS HAVE ADVANCED ON BOTH SIDES OF MONSCHAU AND AT ONE POINT ARE THREE MILES INSIDE GERMANY AND HAVE TAKEN A STRING OF VILLAGES. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE AMERICANS ARE ATTACKING IN "CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH" IN THIS AREA. TO THE SOUTH OF ST VITH, YANKS OF THE THIRD ARMY HAVE EXTENDED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE OUR RIVER TO 5 MILES LONG AND $1\frac{1}{2}$ MILES DEEP. THE AMERICANS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE RIVER. THE GERMANS ARE BACK ON THE DEFENSE ALL ALONG THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY FRONT. ACTIVITY HERE HAS BEEN CONFINED TO PATROLLING. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, FRENCH FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE ACROSS THE COLMAR CANAL AND HAVE CUT ONE OF THE 2 MAIN GERMAN SUPPLY ROUTES FROM THE RHINE.

THE WEATHER WAS POOR FOR FLYING YESTERDAY BUT ALLIED FIGHTER BOMBERS STRUCK AT RAIL AND MOTOR TRANSPORT IN SOUTHWESTERN GERMANY. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS APPROACHING NORTHWESTERN GERMANY.

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ITALY:

ACTIVITY IN ITALY IS STILL CONFINED TO PATROLLING BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER. ALLIED PLANES FLEW SOME 1200 SORTIES YESTERDAY.

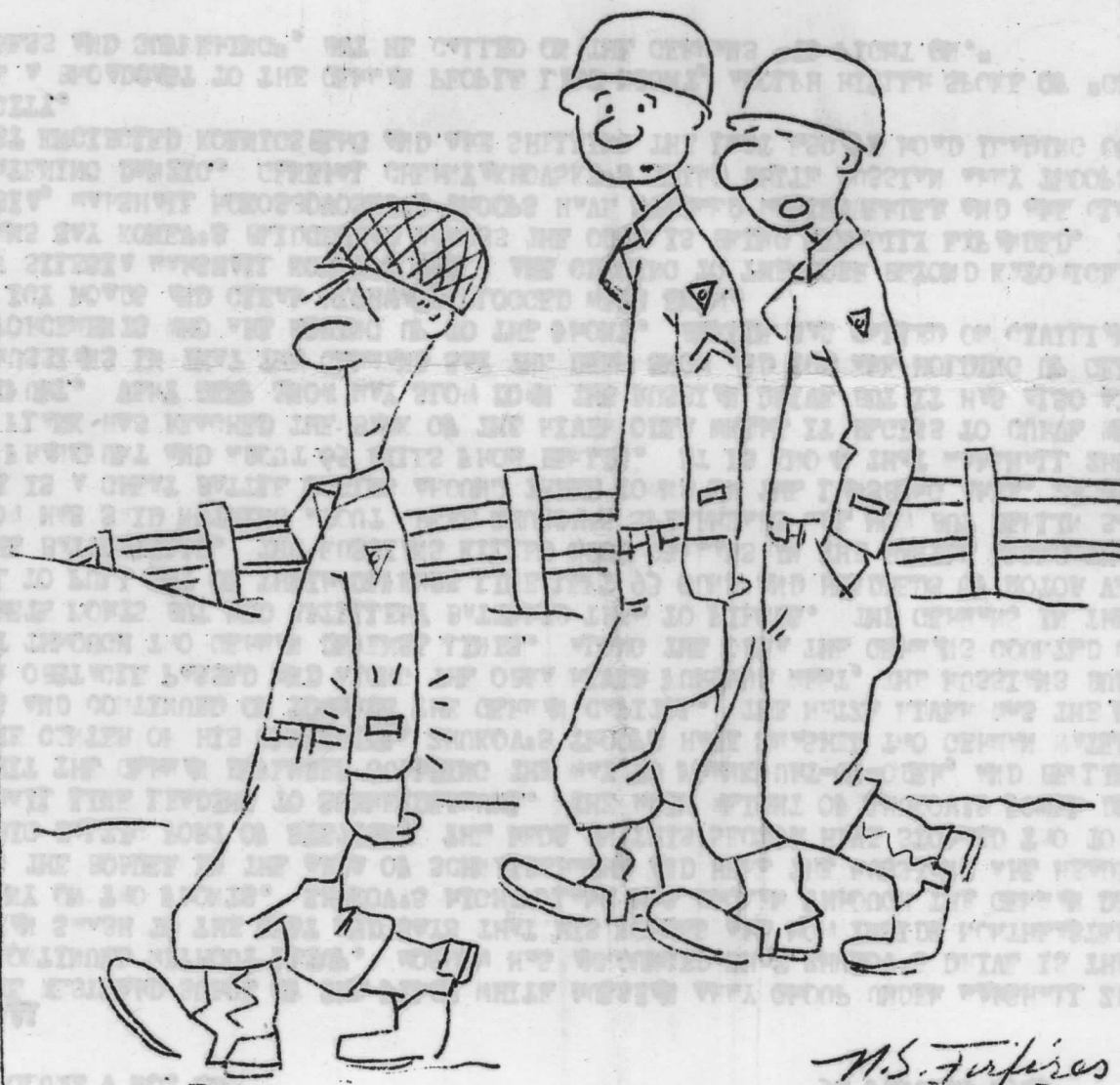
PACIFIC:

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S TROOPS HAVE MADE A NEW SURPRISE LANDING ABOVE THE BATAAN PENINSULA ON LUZON. THE AMERICANS ARE ALREADY 10 MILES INLAND AND ONLY 30 MILES FROM THE SIXTH ARMY FORCE DRIVING ON MANILA FROM THE NORTH. THE AMERICANS LANDED AT TWO POINTS WITHOUT ANY AERIAL OR NAVAL BOMBARDMENT TO COVER THEM. NOT A MAN, SHIP NOR PLANE WAS LOST IN THE LANDING OPERATIONS.

AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED THE JAP ISLAND OF IWO JIMA.

GILBERT

BY CPL. N.S. FIRFIRES



HE'S SURE PROUD OF THAT STRIPE!

