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PACIFIC:

IN THE THIRD DAY OF THE BATTLE FOR THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA, AMERICAN MARINES HAVE MADE GOOD HEADWAY. ONE DIVISION HAS BY-PASSED THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SECOND AIRFIELD ON THE ISLAND WHILE ANOTHER DIVISION IS DRIVING FOR THE CENTER OF THE SECOND AIRFIELD. ONE MARINE FORCE IS ATTACKING THE VOLCANO MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLD AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND WHERE THE JAPS ARE HOLDING OUT IN CAVES. THE LEATHERNECKS HAVE ALREADY PUSHED A GOOD 100 YARDS UP THE STEEP SLOPES OF THE MOUNTAIN WITH THE JAPS RESISTING SAVAGELY. BY NOW THE MARINES CONTROL MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE ISLAND. THE MAIN JAP FORCE IS BELIEVED TO BE AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE ISLAND AND A BLOODY BATTLE IS EXPECTED BEFORE THE JAPS ARE EXTERMINATED. THE MARINES HAVE SUFFERED 3500 CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHTING SO FAR WITH OVER 3000 WOUNDED.

ON LUZON THE JAPS HAVE BEEN PRESSED FURTHER BACK INTO AN AREA OF LITTLE MORE THAN 1/2 MILE SQUARE AND ARE HOLDING OUT IN THE ANCIENT FORTRESS CITY OF MANILA. THE AMERICANS HAVE BROUGHT UP HEAVY ARTILLERY TO POUND THE 40 FOOT THICK WALLS OF THE OLD FORTRESS AND THE FINAL ASSAULT ON THE JAP GARRISON IS EXPECTED SOON.

IN BURMA, THE JAPS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FURTHER BACK FROM THE BRIDGEHEADS ESTABLISHED BY BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS ACROSS THE IRRRAWADDY NORTH AND WEST OF MAN- DALAY.

UNITED STATES SUBMARINES OPERATING IN FAR EASTERN WATERS HAVE SUNK 25 MORE JAP SHIPS INCLUDING AN ESCORT CARRIER.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN RADIO CLAIMED TODAY THAT MARSHALL GREGORY ZHUKOV'S FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY TROOPS HAD ENLARGED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE ODER DUE EAST OF BER- LIN IN THE AREA OF FRANKFURT. THE GERMANS SAY THAT BITTER FIGHTING HAS FLARED UP ALONG THIS SECTOR OF THE RIVER. BELOW FRANKFURT.

MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY PUSHED UP TO 10 MILES IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING IN BRANDENBURG SOUTHEAST OF BERLIN. KONEV'S MEN HAVE TAKEN THE BIG TOWN OF CROSSEN AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BOBER AND ODER RIVERS AND HAVE LINKED UP WITH MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S TROOPS HERE. RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT KONEV'S FORCES TOOK ANOTHER 80 PLACES YESTERDAY AND HAD PUSHED ON FROM THE TOWN OF CROSSEN TODAY. THE RUSSIANS WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 70 MILES OF BERLIN ON THIS SECTOR AND RED ARMY TANKS ARE REPORTED TO BE CLOSING ON THE APPROACHES TO GUBEN. RUSSIAN HEAVY ARTILLERY IS ALREADY SHELLING GUBEN.

IN THE POLISH CORRIDOR MARSHALL BOKOSSOVOSKY'S MEN HAVE KILLED ANOTHER 1500 OF THE GERMAN GARRISON FIGHTING IN THE ENCIRCLED TOWN OF GRUDZIADZ. TO THE NORTH SOVIET TROOPS ARE JUST OVER 40 MILES SOUTH OF DANZIG.

BELGIUM:

WITH BETTER WEATHER IN THE PAST 24 HOURS GREAT ANGLO-AMERICAN AERIAL FLEETS HAVE STRUCK HEAVY BLOWS AT GERMAN TARGETS. TODAY MORE THAN 1200 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 650 FIGHTERS HAMMERED THE BIG RAIL AND INDUSTRIAL CITY OF NURNBERG IN BAVARIA FOR THE SECOND DAY RUNNING. YESTERDAY A FORCE OF OVER 900 FLYING FORTS SMASHED RAIL TARGETS IN NURNBERG. LAST NIGHT OVER 1200 RAF BOMBERS WERE OVER THE REICH WITH THE RUHR CITY OF DORTMUND AS THEIR MAIN TARGET. THE CITIES OF DUSSELDORF AND MANNHEIM WERE ALSO ATTACKED. RAF MOSQUITOS TWICE ATTACKED BERLIN DURING THE NIGHT WITH 4000 POUND BOMBS.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE SOME BIG ADVANCES IN THE PAST 24 HOURS IN THE SAAR-MOSELLE TRIANGLE AND INFANTRY ATTACKING WITH HEAVY ARMOR SUPPORT HAVE ALMOST CUT THIS TRIANGLE IN TWO AND HAVE REACHED A POINT ONLY 3 MILES FROM THE JUNCTION OF THE SAAR AND MOSELLE RIVERS. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE GER- MANS WILL PULL BACK ACROSS THE RIVER SAAR. THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE NOW WITHIN 2 1/2 MILES OF SAARBURG. THE BIG GERMAN BULGE BETWEEN PRUM AND ECHTERNACH IS BEING SQUEEZED OUT AND THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE GAINED UP TO 2 1/2 MILES AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG A 60 MILE FRONT.

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AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED MORE FRONTIER TOWNS NEAR THE INDUSTRIAL CITY OF SAARBRUCKEN AND HAVE REACHED HIGH GROUND EAST OF FORBACH, OVERLOOKING THE INDUSTRIAL AREA THAT RUNS NORTHEAST TOWARDS SAARBRUCKEN.

THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FIGHTING ON THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY FRONT. SCOTTISH AND WELSH TROOPS HAVE ALL BUT COMPLETELY CLEARED GOCH.

ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY FLEW 2400 SORTIES YESTERDAY. THE FIRST ATTACK OF THE WAR ON HITLER'S HIDEOUT IN THE BAVARIAN ALPS WAS STAGED YESTERDAY BY ROCKET-FIRING THUNDERBOLTS FLYING FROM ITALY. AMERICAN HEAVIES HIT OIL TARGETS IN THE VIENNA AREA FOR THE EIGHTH DAY RUNNING.

FIFTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE GAINS ON A MOUNTAIN RIDGE 18 MILES NORTH OF PISTOIA.



THEY'ER LOOKING FOR A MONSIEUR GILBERT!