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#### GERMANY:

GERMAN RESISTANCE WEST OF THE RHINE RIVER SEEMS TO BE CRUMBLING AS BOTH THE AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH ARMIES SWEEP FORWARD. TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAVE CROSSED THE LEFT CANAL AND ARE FIGHTING IN THE DEFENSE BELT BETWEEN THE CANAL AND THE RHINE. A SECURITY SILENCE ON THE MOVEMENTS OF BOTH THE NINTH AND FIRST ARMIES HAS BEEN ORDERED. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TOOK OVER 4000 PRISONERS IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING. A GERMAN FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION COMPLETE WITH GUNS, ENLISTED MEN AND OFFICERS WAS BAGGED. TANKS SPEARHEADING THE NINTH ARMY'S DRIVE WERE MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS AND THE INFANTRYMEN PILED IN TO ANY VEHICLES THEY COULD FIND TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RACING TANKS. GENERAL SIMPSON'S MEN WERE LAST REPORTED A MILE FROM THE BIG CENTER OF MUNCHEN GLADBACH AND THERE WERE SIGNS THAT THE GERMANS WERE PULLING OUT OF THE CITY AND FALLING BACK TO DUSSELDORF. BOTH DUSSELDORF AND NEUSS ARE WITHIN RANGE OF NINTH ARMY ARTILLERY.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ENTERED THE BIG ROAD JUNCTION TOWN OF BITBURG. THE AMERICANS HAVE CUT THE BITBURG-TRIER ROAD AND WERE 7 MILES FROM TRIER ON THIS FRONT. THE SAAR BRIDGEHEAD NEAR SAARBURG HAS BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED AND YANKS ARE 6 MILES TO THE SOUTHEAST OF TRIER. THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE MOVED FORWARD UP TO 3½ MILES ON A 50 MILE FRONT IN THEIR LATEST ADVANCE.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE OVERRUN THE STRONGHOLD OF CALCAR AND HAVE SMASHED THROUGH THE LAST SIEGFRIED DEFENSES COVERING THE RHINE CROSSINGS NORTH OF THE RUHR. HUNDREDS OF TANKS ARE SPEARHEADING THE ATTACK BY GENERAL CHERAR'S ARMY. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN GIVING UP IN LARGE NUMBERS ON THIS FRONT.

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS OF THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE WERE OVER GERMANY AGAIN TODAY. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEY ATTACKED TARGETS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE REICH. A FORCE OF RAF HEAVIES TODAY MADE A CONCENTRATED ATTACK ON THE NORDSTERN BENZOL PLANT NEAR GELSENKIRCHEN. LAST NIGHT RAF MOSQUITOS PULLED ANOTHER OF THEIR "DOUBLE ATTACKS" ON BERLIN. THIS IS THE EIGHTH NIGHT RUNNING THAT MOSQUITOS HAVE ATTACKED THE GERMAN CAPITOL. THE PLYWOOD BOMBERS ALSO STRUCK AT BREMEN DURING THE NIGHT.

#### RUSSIA:

MARSHALL KONSTANTIN K. ROKOSSOVOSKY'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY HAS BROKEN THROUGH THE GERMAN LINES IN EASTERN POMERANIA AND IN 4 DAYS HIS FORCES HAVE SWEEPED FORWARD OVER 40 MILES. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT THEIR TROOPS HAD BEEN FORCED TO EVACUATE THE CITY OF NEUSTETTIN. MOSCOW SAYS THAT ROKOSSOVOSKY'S MEN ARE WITHIN 30 MILES OF THE BALTIC SEA ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN DANZIG AND STETTIN. DANZIG IS IN DANGER OF BEING CUT OFF. UNOFFICIAL REPORTS FROM MOSCOW SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE WITHIN SIGHT OF THE SEA. TANKS AND COSSACK CAVALRY ARE SPEARHEADING THE RED DRIVE AND THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO BE FLEEING IN WILD CONFUSION. THE REDS HAVE TAKEN OVER 100 TOWNS AND VILLAGES SINCE THEY LAUNCHED THEIR NEW DRIVE.

IN BRESLAU, MARSHALL KONEV'S TROOPS TOOK ANOTHER 12 CITY BLOCKS IN HAND TO HAND FIGHTING YESTERDAY.

#### PACIFIC:

AMERICAN MARINES ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA HAVE EDGED FORWARD TOWARDS HIGH GROUND EAST AND WEST OF THE CENTRAL AIRFIELD ON THE ISLAND. GENERAL MACARTHUR'S TROOPS THAT LANDED ON VERDE ISLAND SOUTH OF LUZON, HAVE WIPED OUT THE JAP GARRISON THERE.

#### ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY FLEW 1700 SORTIES YESTERDAY. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED THAT ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS FROM ITALY WERE HEADING FOR SOUTHERN GERMANY.

GILBERT

by SGT. N.S. FIRFIRE'S



HE THOUGHT IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO HIM !!