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GERMANY:

AMERICAN INFANTRYMEN OF THE U. S. 83RD DIVISION HAVE REACHED THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE RIVER NEAR THE CITY OF NEUSS. MAJOR GENERAL MACON'S MEN ARE DIGGING IN ALONG THE BANK OF THE GREAT RIVER WHILE ARMORED UNITS LOB SHELLS ACROSS THE RHINE AT GERMAN POSITIONS ON THE FAR SIDE. THE YANKS FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO THE RHINE AFTER PUSHING UP ALONG THE EFT CANAL. TROOPS OF THE SAME DIVISION ARE ALSO FIGHTING IN THE CITY OF NEUSS.

THIS STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AFTER THE SECURITY BLACKOUT COVERING THE MOVEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY WAS LIFTED. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED THE BIG CITY OF KREFELD NORTHWEST OF DUSSELDORF AND THAT OTHER AMERICAN FORCES HAVE TAKEN THE CITY OF VENLO ON THE EASTERN BANK OF THE RIVER MAAS. THE AMERICANS, BY CAPTURING VENLO, HAVE OUTFLANKED THE WHOLE GERMAN FRONT FACING THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY. GENERAL SIMPSON'S MEN RACED ANYWHERE FROM 6 TO 15 MILES IN THE FIGHTING YESTERDAY AND THEY BAGGED ANOTHER 3000 PRISONERS. THE BIG TOWN OF MUNCHEN GLADBACK HAS FALLEN TO NINTH ARMY TROOPS AND THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE GERMANS ARE BEGINNING TO PULL THEIR VEHICLES ACROSS THE RHINE AT THE BRIDGES NEAR KREFELD AND NORTH OF COLOGNE. TODAY AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING GERMAN TRANSPORT HEADING FOR THE RHINE RIVER CROSSINGS.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE NOW LINKED UP THEIR BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE EFT RIVER AND HOLD A 9 MILE STRETCH ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE RIVER. THE YANKS HAVE DRIVEN $1\frac{1}{2}$ MILES PAST THE RIVER. AMERICAN ARTILLERY IS SHELLING A BIG ELECTRIC PLANT 9 MILES NORTH OF COLOGNE. FIRST ARMY YANKS HAVE BEEN RUNNING INTO HEAVY GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE. AMERICAN TACTICAL PLANES HAVE BEEN HITTING TARGETS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RHINE NEAR COLOGNE. ABOUT 6 MILES AHEAD OF THE ADVANCING AMERICANS, A FORCE OF OVER 700 RAF HEAVY BOMBERS TODAY ELASTED COMMUNICATIONS, TROOPS AND ARMOR IN THE CITY OF COLOGNE.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TANKS HAVE ENTERED THE ANCIENT CITY OF TRIER AND HAVE CAPTURED INTACT A BRIDGE OVER THE MOSELLE RIVER. THE AMERICANS ALREADY HAVE ESTABLISHED A BRIDGEHEAD ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE MOSELLE. GERMAN RESISTANCE HAS BEEN CRUMBLING ON THIS FRONT DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS. PATTON'S FORCES HAVE TAKEN 19 MORE TOWNS BETWEEN PRUM AND SAARBURG AND HAVE ADVANCED $3\frac{1}{2}$ MILES.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE BEEN IN SAVAGE FIGHTING WITH GERMAN PARATROOPERS IN A FOREST BETWEEN UDEM AND THE RHINE. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED A VILLAGE 3 MILES SOUTH OF UDEM AND HAVE REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF WEEZE.

MORE THAN 1200 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 700 FIGHTERS TODAY FLEW DEEP INTO GERMANY TO ROCK THE COMMUNICATION CENTERS OF CHEMNITZ AND DRESDEN. THE BOMBERS ALSO ATTACKED 2 SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS AND A OIL REFINERY IN EASTERN GERMANY. DURING THE NIGHT, RAF MOSQUITOS HAMMERED BERLIN FOR THE 10TH NIGHT IN A ROW. THE FAST BOMBERS ALSO RAIDED ERFURT IN SAXONY. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY OVER 1200 YANK HEAVIES WENT FOR 8 RAIL CENTERS IN SOUTHERN GERMANY. A FORCE OF 600 RAF HEAVIES YESTERDAY ATTACKED MANNHEIM AND A OIL PLANT IN THE RUHR VALLEY.

RUSSIA:

MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKY'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE RIPPED A GREAT HOLE IN THE GERMAN DEFENSES IN UPPER POMERANIA AND RED ARMY TANKS AND COSSACKS ARE THUNDERING TOWARDS THE BALTIC SEA BEYOND THE CHAIN OF LAKES PAST NEUSTETTIN. THE GERMANS ADMIT THAT ROKOSSOVOSKY'S FORCES HAVE DRIVEN A DEEP SALIENT INTO THEIR LINES AND SAY THAT ONLY BY VIOLENT COUNTERATTACKS HAVE THEY (THE GERMANS), BEEN ABLE TO SLOW DOWN THE RED ADVANCE. THE GERMANS ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO KEEP THE NARROW COASTAL CORRIDOR TO DANZIG OPEN BUT HAVE BEEN THROWN BACK BY THE FAST MOVING RUSSIANS. IF ROKOSSOVOSKY REACHES THE SEA BEYOND NEUSTETTIN, HE WILL TRAP A LARGE GERMAN FORCE AND CUT OFF DANZIG FROM THE REICH. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS ON MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK HAVE BEEN FIGHTING 2 DAYS FOR THE TOWN OF PYHITZ, 20 MILES FROM STETTIN.

MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S MEN HAVE TAKEN 2 MORE SUBURBS AND MORE CITY BLOCKS IN BRESLAU. THE GERMANS ARE SPEAKING OF A GREAT TANK BATTLE IN SAXONY EAST OF DRESDEN.

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ITALY:

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY YESTERDAY ATTACKED OIL TARGETS IN THE VIENNA AREA OF AUSTRIA. OVER 1400 SORTIES WERE FLOWN BY ITALIAN BASED PLANES. THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTED ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS OVER SOUTHERN GERMANY TODAY AGAIN.

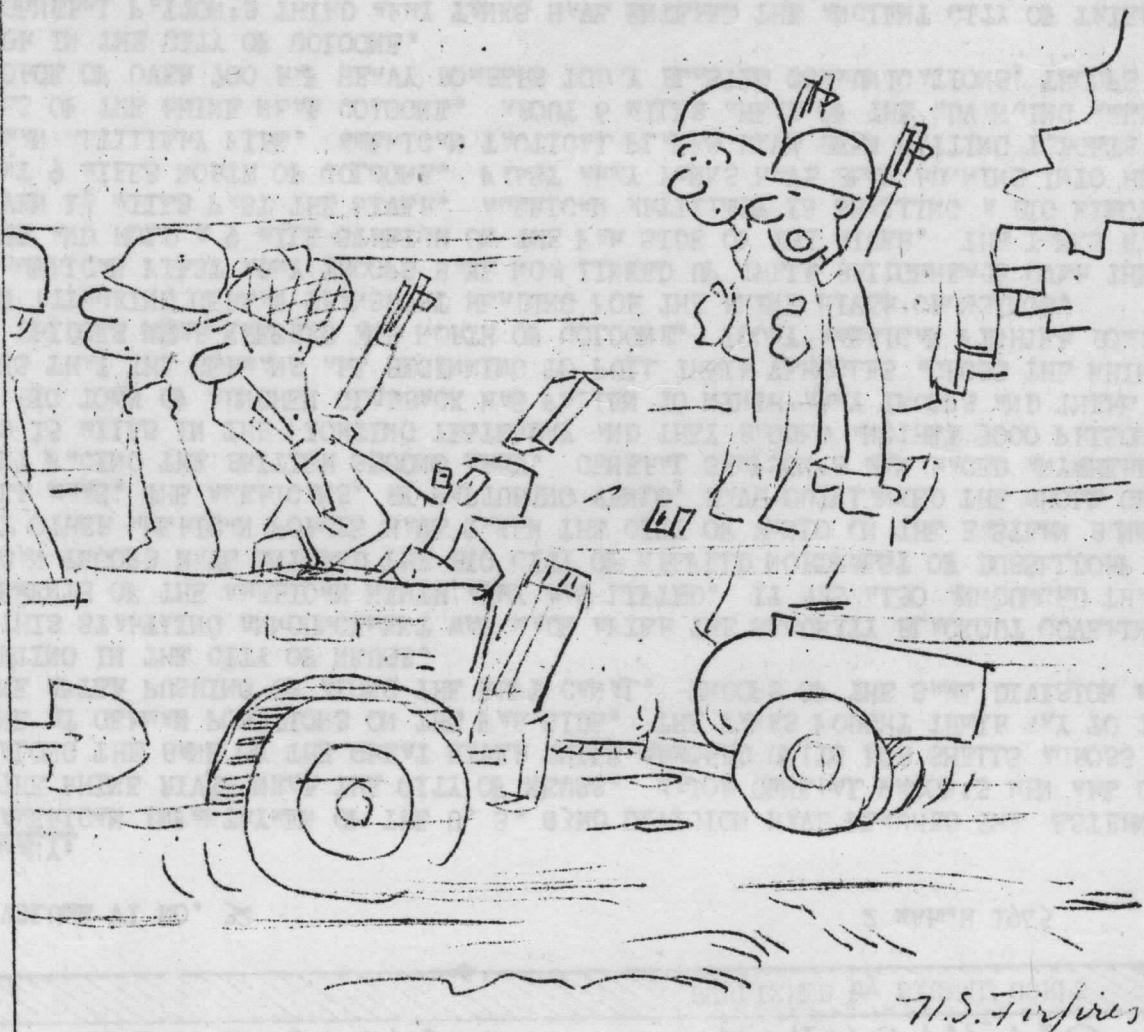
PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE LANDED ON THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND OF PALAWAN AND HAVE QUICKLY PUSHED INLAND TO SEIZE 2 AIRFIELDS AND A TOWN. PALAWAN IS THE FIFTH LARGEST OF THE ISLANDS IN THE PHILIPPINE GROUP AND ITS AIRFIELDS DOMINATE THE SEA ROUTES TO THE EAST INDIES AND MALAYA. AMERICAN MARINES ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA ARE DRIVING NORTHWARDS INTO THE REMAINING 1/3 OF THE ISLAND. THE LEATHERNECKS HAVE CAPTURED THE WESTERN END OF THE THIRTH AIRFIELD ON IWO JIMA.

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM INDIA TODAY BOMBED THE NAVAL BASE AND INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN SINGAPORE. IN CENTRAL BURMA, BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED 5 VILLAGES ACROSS THE IRRRAWADDY NORTH OF MANDALAY.

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I SEE THE 83rd IS ON THE MOVE AGAIN!