
THIS STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AFTER THE SECURITY BLACKOUT COVERING THE MOVEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY WAS LIFTED. IT WAS ALSO ENOUNCED 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 RHINE. THE AMERICANS, BY CAPURING VENLO, HAVE OUTLINED 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 GLAD BACK 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 FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING GERMAN TRANSPORT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE RHINE CROSSINGS. AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE NOW LINKED UP THEIR BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE RHINE AND HOLD A 9 MILE STRETCH ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE RHINE. THE YANKS HAVE DRIVEN 14 MILES PAST THE RIVER. AMERICAN ARTILLERY IS SHELLING A BIG ELECTRIC PLANT 9 MILES NORTH OF COLOGNE. FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE BEEN RACING IN HEAVY GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRES. AMERICAN TACTICAL PLANES HAVE BEEN HITTING TARGETS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RHINE NEAR KREFELD. ABOUT 6 MILES AHEAD OF THE ADVANCING AMERICANS, A FORCE OF OVER 700 RAF HEAVY BOMBERS TODAY FLEW DEEP INTO GERMANY TO ROCK THE COMMUNICATION CENTERS OF CHEINITZ 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 MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S MENS HAVE TAKEN MORE SUBURBS AND MORE CITY BLOCKS IN BRESLAU. THE GERMANS ARE SPEAKING OF A GREAT TANK BATTLE IN SAXONY EAST OF DRESDEN.

RUSSIA:

MARSHALL ROSSOSSOVSKY'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE RIPPED A GREAT HOLE IN THE GERMAN DEFENSES IN UPPER FORKHANIA AND RED ARMY TANKS AND CAVES ARE THUNDERING TOWARDS THE BALTIC SEA BEYOND THE CHAIN OF LAKES PAST NEUSTETTIN. THE GERMANS ADMIT THAT ROSSOSSOVSKY'S FORCES HAVE DRIVEN A DEEP S-LINE IN THEIR LINES AND SAY THAT ONLY BY VIOLENT COUNTERATTACKS HAVE THEY BEEN ABLE TO SLOW DOWN THE RED ADVANCE. THE GERMANS ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO KEEP THE MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S RIGHT FLANK ON THE RHINE, THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS MARSHALL BUKOVSKY'S RIGHT FLANK HAS BEEN FIGHTING 2 DAYS FOR THE TOWN OF PIXLE, 20 MILES FROM STETTIN.

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ITALY:

American heavy bombers from Italy yesterday attacked oil targets in the Vienna area of Austria. Over 1,200 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 2/3 of the island. The Japanese have captured the western end of the third 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 Irrawaddy north of Mandalay.

GILBERT

by Sgt. N.S. Fireflies

I SEE THE B-39 IS ON THE MOVE AGAIN.