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DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

TANKS AND INFANTRY OF THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY LAST NIGHT THRUST THROUGH THE NORTHWESTERN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT OF COLOGNE AND THEY ARE NOW FIGHTING IN THE HEART OF THE GREAT CITY. THE YANKS HAVE REACHED THE WALLS OF THE OLD CITY AND WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN A MILE FROM THE GREAT HOHENZOLLERN BRIDGE OVER THE RHINE. THE AMERICANS NOW HOLD ABOUT 1/3 OF COLOGNE. GERMAN RESISTANCE IN THE CITY HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY LIGHT SO FAR. OTHER FIRST ARMY YANKS HAVE REACHED THE RHINE 5 MILES NORTH OF COLOGNE AND JUST SOUTHEAST OF NEUSS. THE AMERICANS ARE NOW CLOSING UP TO THE RIVER ALL ALONG THE LINE NORTH OF COLOGNE.

AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS NOW STAND ON THE RHINE PRACTICALLY ALL THE WAY FROM NEUSS TO HOMBERG. GENERAL SIMPSON'S TROOPS DRIVING INTO THE GERMAN POCKET COVERING THE WESEL BRIDGES YESTERDAY PUSHED ON ANOTHER 6 MILES AS THEY MOVE UP FROM THE SOUTH. THE AMERICANS ARE MOPPING UP IN RHEINBERG AND THEIR GUNS NOW CONTROL THE GERMAN FERRY CROSSINGS AT RHEINBERG. NINTH ARMY FORCES BAGGED ANOTHER 1500 PRISONERS YESTERDAY.

THE GERMAN POCKET COVERING THE APPROACHES TO THE ROAD AND RAIL BRIDGES AT WESEL HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF AND CANADIAN, UNITED KINGDOM AND AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS ARE MAKING FURTHER INROADS INTO IT. GERMAN PARATROOPERS LEFT BEHIND TO FIGHT REAR GUARD ACTIONS ARE FIGHTING DOGGEDLY. ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE POCKET, CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED THE OUTSKIRTS OF XANTEN AND THEIR ARTILLERY NOW COVERS THE FERRY CROSSINGS AT XANTEN. THE POCKET IS NOW ABOUT 5 MILES DEEP AND RUNS ALONG THE RIVER FOR ABOUT 10 MILES. ALLIED MEDIUM BOMBERS YESTERDAY MADE 13 ATTACKS ON THE ROAD AND RAIL BRIDGES AT WESEL. BOTH BRIDGES WERE HIT AND THE GERMANS ARE FEVERISHLY TRYING TO REPAIR THEM.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE GAINED UP TO 2 MILES BEYOND PRUM AND BITBURG ON A 25 MILE FRONT. GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES HAVE MADE A SECOND CROSSING OF THE RIVER KYLL AND HOLD A BRIDGEHEAD NORTH OF TRIER. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED FORBACH AND HAVE OVERRUN A PRISONER OF WAR CAMP RELEASING 1200 RUSSIANS, CZECHS AND POLES.

THE RAF SENT MORE THAN 1100 BOMBERS OVER GERMANY DURING THE NIGHT. THEIR MAIN TARGETS WERE THE RAIL YARDS AT CHEMNITZ AND AN OIL PLANT NEAR LEIPSIG. BERLIN WAS HIT FOR THE 14TH NIGHT IN SUCCESSION. RAF LANCASTERS IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY BOMBED A GERMAN OIL PLANT AT GELSENKIRCHEN. TODAY, A STRONG FORCE OF RAF HEAVIES HIT A BENZOL PLANT NEAR MUNSTER.

RUSSIA:

MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK HAS DRIVEN INTO THE ODER ESTUARY AND THE REDS HAVE REACHED THE ODER AT SEVERAL POINTS SOUTH OF STETTIN. RED ARMY TANKS ARE FANNING OUT TOWARDS THE BIG PORT AT THE MOUTH OF THE ODER. ZHUKOV'S LINE IS ANCHORED FROM PYRITZ IN THE SOUTH TO NAUGARD, ABOVE STETTIN. RUSSIAN LONG RANGE ARTILLERY IS WITHIN RANGE OF STETTIN AND RED ARTILLERY IS ALREADY POUNDING THE OUTER PORTS OF STETTIN. THE GERMANS SAY THAT SOVIET TANKS ARE TRYING TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE LAGOON BETWEEN STETTIN AND THE BALTIC SEA. EAST OF STETTIN ZHUKOV'S TANKS HAVE STRUCK OUT TOWARDS THE GERMAN POCKET CUT OFF BY MARSHALL KOKOSHOV'S FORCES.

ITALY:

EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED THE GERMANS FROM MOST STRONGPOINTS ON THE EASTERN BANK OF THE SENIO RIVER. AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE EDGED CLOSER TO BOLOGNA IN THE UPPER RENO VALLEY.

PACIFIC:

IN THE PHILIPPINES THE 4 JAP DIVISIONS FIGHTING ON LUZON HAVE BEEN BROKEN UP INTO SEPARATE GROUPS AND DRIVEN INTO THE MOUNTAINS. THE JAPS SAY THAT THE BATTLE ON IWO JIMA HAS ENTERED ITS DECISIVE STAGE AFTER AMERICAN MARINES LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK. THE JAPS NOW HOLD ABOUT 1/5 OF THE SMALL ISLAND.

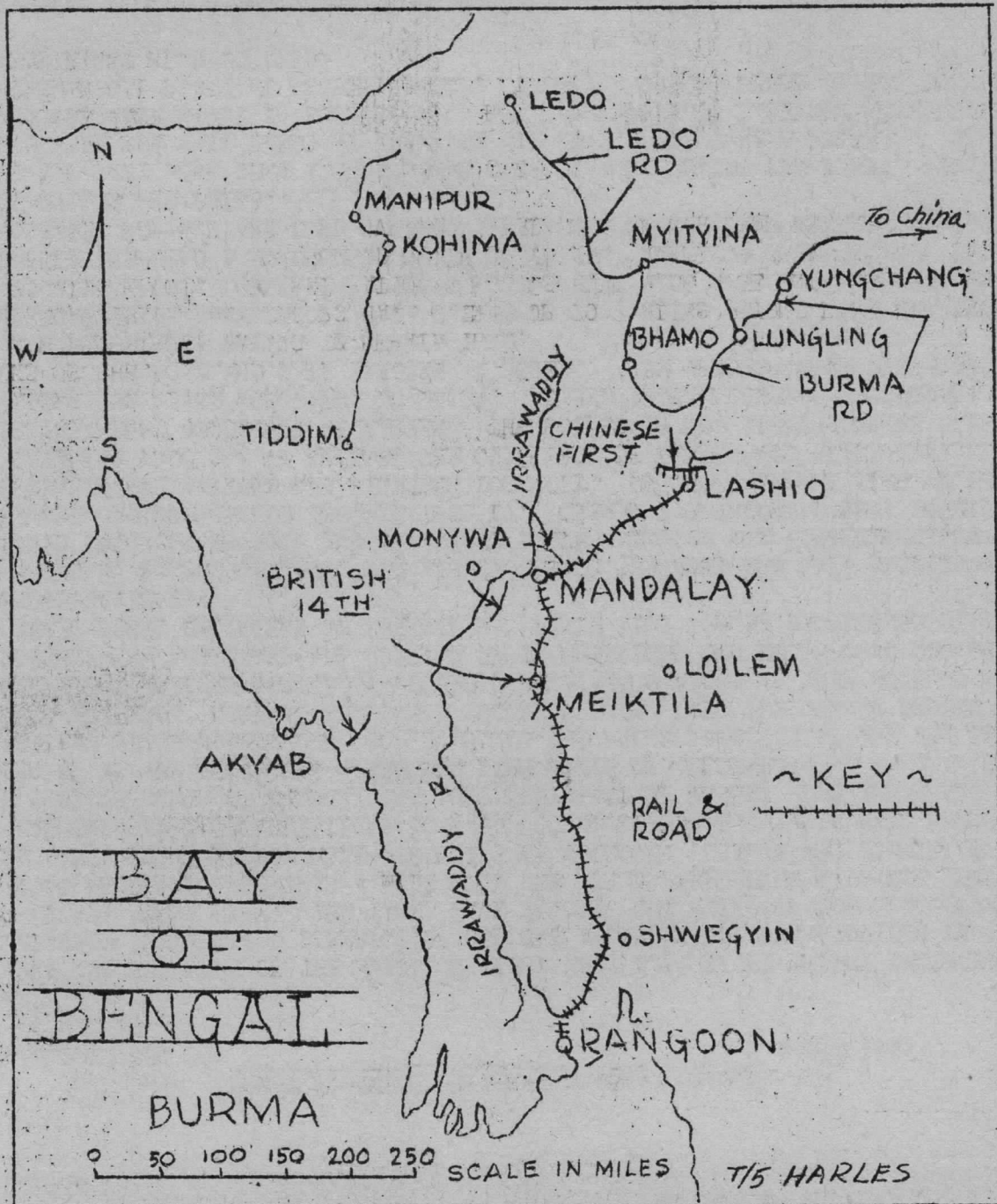
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PACIFIC CONTINUED:

UNITED KINGDOM AND INDIAN TROOPS OF THE 14TH ARMY WORKING WITH AIRBORNE TROOPS HAVE MADE A LIGHTNING ADVANCE TO CUT THE MAIN SUPPLY LINES OF THE JAPS DEFENDING THE MANDALAY AREA. SHERMAN TANKS LEAD AN ARMORED SPEARHEAD THAT DROVE 85 MILES ACROSS THE ROLLING PLAIN OF CENTRAL BURMA FROM THE BRIDGEHEAD ALMOST 100 MILES DOWNSTREAM FROM MANDALAY. AIRBORNE TROOPS WERE DROPPED IN THE MEIKTILA AREA OF BURMA AND THESE TROOPS WORKING WITH THE SPEARHEAD ADVANCING FROM THE IRRAWADDY BRIDGEHEAD TEAMED UP TO TAKE THE MEIKTILA GROUP OF 8 AIRFIELDS AND THE TOWN OF MEIKTILA ITSELF. THE ALLIED TROOPS OVERRAN SEVERAL JAP SUPPLY DUMPS AND ARE ASTRIDE THE HANGOCN-MANDALAY SUPPLY ROUTE. THIS NEW ADVANCE HAS RESULTED IN THE CUTTING IN HALF OF A JAPANESE ARMY. AMERICAN TRANSPORT AND FIGHTER PLANES TOOK PART IN THE AIRBORNE OPERATIONS.

THE 19TH INDIAN DIVISION DRIVING ON MANDALAY FROM THE NORTH WAS LAST REPORTED JUST OVER 14 MILES FROM THE BIG JAP BASE.

DEVELOPMENTS IN BURMA:



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