



DON'T FRATEERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY SPEARHEADS HAVE REACHED THE RHINE RIVER NORTH OF COBLENZ AFTER PUSHING FORWARD 52 MILES FROM THEIR KYLL BRIDGEHEAD IN 58 HOURS. THIS DASH TO THE RIVER WAS MADE BY AN ARMORED DIVISION AND IT IS NOW REPORTED THAT ANOTHER ARMORED DIVISION HAS STARTED TO DRIVE TOWARDS THE RIVER AND GAINED 11 MILES YESTERDAY. THIS SECOND DIVISION WAS LAST REPORTED ABOUT 25 MILES FROM THE RIVER WHERE IT IS HEADING FOR THE RHINE TO THE NORTH OF WHERE THE OTHER ARMORED DIVISION REACHED THE RIVER. GENERAL PATTON'S COLUMNS HAVE MOVED SO QUICKLY AND WITH SUCH DECEPTION THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETELY BEWILDERED THE GERMANS WHO DO NOT KNOW WHERE AN ARMORED COLUMN WILL SHOW UP NEXT. SOME OF THE GERMANS ON THIS SECTOR HAVE BEEN FERRIED ACROSS THE RIVER. CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT IT LOOKS LIKE A GREAT TRAP IS BEING CLOSED BETWEEN THE THIRD AND FIRST AMERICAN ARMIES WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GERMANS INSIDE INSTEAD OF JUST ANOTHER DASH TO THE RHINE.

THERE HAS BEEN A PARTIAL SECURITY SILENCE ON THE MOVEMENTS OF AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS SOUTH OF COLOGNE BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE ENTERED THE OUTSKIRTS OF BONN. OTHER FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE DRIVING INTO THE SALIENT BETWEEN BONN AND COLOGNE. LATEST FIGURES FROM SHAEF SHOW THAT THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS TAKEN IN THE RHINELAND SO FAR ARE 69,000. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE PRISONERS TAKEN BY THE THIRD ARMY.

UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADIAN TROOPS LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK EARLY THIS MORNING AT THE CORE OF THE GERMAN BRIDGEHEAD COVERING THE RHINE CROSSINGS AT WESEL. CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE GERMAN GARRISON IN XANTEN IS BEING ASSAULTED FRONTALLY AND THAT THE ALLIED TROOPS ARE FIGHTING FOR HIGH GROUND DOMINATING THE WHOLE GERMAN BRIDGEHEAD. GOOD PROGRESS IS REPORTED IN TODAY'S FIGHTING.

AMERICAN BOMBERS FROM BRITAIN WERE OVER GERMANY TODAY. LAST NIGHT OVER 1250 RAF BOMBERS WERE OVER GERMANY. ONE OF THEIR MAIN TARGETS WAS DESSAU, NORTHWEST OF DRESDEN, A BIG BASE FOR THE GERMAN FORCES ON THE EASTERN FRONT. OIL PLANTS WERE BOMBED ALSO AND BERLIN WAS HIT FOR THE 16TH NIGHT RUNNING.

RUSSIA:

FOR THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND HAS BEEN SPEAKING OF HEAVY RUSSIAN ATTACKS BY MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY GROUP ON KUSTRIN AND ALONG THE LOWER ODER. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE SOME PENETRATIONS IN THE KUSTRIN AREA, ON THE EAST BANK OF THE ODER EAST OF BERLIN. LAST NIGHT, BERLIN RADIO CLAIMED THAT ZHUKOV'S FORCES WERE FIGHTING IN A TOWN ON THE MAIN RAIL LINE TO BERLIN. THE TOWN MENTIONED IS 5 MILES WEST OF THE ODER AND ABOUT 35 MILES FROM BERLIN. MOSCOW HAS SAID NOTHING ABOUT THESE REPORTS.

RED ARMY ARTILLERY HAS CONTINUED TO POUND THE DEFENSE ARC AROUND STETTIN. THE GERMANS SAID THIS AFTERNOCN THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD REACHED A TOWN ONLY 4 MILES FROM STETTIN. THE REDS NOW CONTROL MOST OF THE RIGHT BANK OF THE ODER BETWEEN STETTIN AND THE SEA AND HAVE TAKEN THE STRONGHOLD OF STEPENITZ, ON THE EASTERN BANK OF THE STETTIN LAGOON.

MARSHALL BOKOSSOVOSKY'S FORCES CLOSING ON DANZIG HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF STAROGARD, 25 MILES SOUTH OF THE BIG PORT, AND HAVE CAPTURED ANOTHER 200 PLACES.

PACIFIC:

THE 19TH INDIAN DIVISION HAS BROKEN INTO THE STREETS OF HISTORIC MANDALAY. THE OLD TOWN IS NOW THREATENED FROM ALL SIDES BY ALLIED FORCES. ABOUT 125 MILES EAST OF MANDALAY TROOPS OF THE CHINESE FIRST ARMY HAVE TAKEN LASHIO. THE OLD BURMA ROAD IS NOW OPEN ALL THE WAY FROM LASHIO TO THE CHINA BORDER.

AMERICAN MARINES HAVE GAINED UP TO 500 YARDS IN BITTER HAND TO HAND FIGHTING ON IWO JIMA. TOKIO RADIO SAID TODAY "THAT THE SITUATION ON IWO JIMA HAD ENTERED ITS MOST CRITICAL STAGE."

IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMERICAN AIRBORNE TROOPS AND INFANTRY HAVE OCCUPIED TWO TOWNS ON BALAYAN BAY AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF LUZON.