



DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HOLD A BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE RHINE RIVER SOUTH OF COLOGNE. THEY CROSSED THE RIVER ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN STREAMING ACROSS. GERMAN RESISTANCE ON THE FAR BANK OF THE RIVER IS REPORTED TO BE FAIRLY LIGHT AND NO SERIOUS COUNTERATTACKS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GERMANS YET. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE AMERICANS SEIZED A BRIDGE AT REM-ARGEN, 12 MILES SOUTH OF COLOGNE. THE GERMANS PAID TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN AGGRESSIVENESS IN TAKING THE BRIDGE AND SAY THAT GERMAN SAPPERS FAILED TO MINE THE BRIDGE BEFORE THE AMERICANS REACHED IT. RAF MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT ATTACKED GERMAN TROOPS CONCENTRATIONS IN THE AREA OF THE BRIDGEHEAD IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICANS. OTHER FIRST ARMY YANKS HAVE CLEARED HALF THE TOWN OF BONN.

TANKS OF GENERAL PATTON'S FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION ARE PATROLLING THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE NORTH OF COBLENZ. THIRD ARMY INFANTRY ARE MOPPING UP BEHIND THE ARMORED SPEARHEADS. THE AMERICANS ARE PRESSING INTO THE RHINE-MOSELLE TRIANGLE AND HAVE CLEARED 2/3 OF THE COBLENZ PLAIN. PATTON'S SPEARHEADS WERE LAST REPORTED 4 MILES FROM COBLENZ.

UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF XANTEN IN THE GERMAN POCKET COVERING THE RHINE CROSSINGS AT WESEL. ALLIED TROOPS HAVE KEPT UP THEIR PRESSURE ALL AROUND THE POCKET. AMERICANS OF THE NINTH ARMY ARE ABOUT 5 MILES FROM THE RHINE CROSSINGS. THE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO GET AS MUCH EQUIPMENT OUT OF THE POCKET AS IS POSSIBLE BUT THEY HAVE BEEN BRINGING MORE TROOPS ACROSS THE RIVER TO REINFORCE THE PARACHUTE INFANTRYMEN WHO ARE HOLDING OUT NOW. THE GERMANS HAVE A VERY HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ARTILLERY AND MORTARS ON THE FAR BANK OF THE RIVER AND THEY ARE VERY HEAVILY SHELLING THE ALLIED TROOPS.

MORE THAN 1000 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS TODAY PLASTERED THE GERMAN RAILWAY SYSTEM ONCE MORE. THE HEAVIES STRUCK AT OSNABRUCK, MUNSTER, FRANKFORT-ON-MAIN, AND KASSEL. LAST NIGHT RAF BOMBERS HEAVILY ATTACKED KASSEL AND U BOAT BUILDING YARDS AT HAMBURG. MOSQUITOS STUNG BERLIN FOR THE 17TH NIGHT RUNNING. YESTERDAY, OVER 1350 AMERICAN HEAVIES HIT OIL PLANTS IN THE RUHR AND RAILROAD TARGETS.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S TANKS AND INFANTRY BACKED BY HEAVY ARTILLERY HAD BROKEN INTO THE SUBURBS OF KUSTKIN WHERE VIOLENT STREET FIGHTING WAS GOING ON. MOSCOW HAS CONTINUED TO REMAIN SILENT ABOUT THESE REPORTS.

MARSHALL KOKOSOVOSKY'S ARMY GROUP SWEEPING UP THE POLISH CORRIDOR HAS OVER-RUN 300 MORE PLACES AND DRIVEN TO WITHIN SIGHT OF THE PORT OF DANZIG. THE REDS ARE CLOSING ON DANZIG FROM 2 DIRECTIONS AND ARTILLERY IS SHELLING THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY.

MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S TANKS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED THE OUTER DEFENSES OF STETTIN.

PACIFIC:

TROOPS OF THE 19TH INDIAN DIVISION ARE FIGHTING IN THE CENTER OF MANDALAY. ON IWO JIMA AMERICAN MARINES ARE ATTACKING THE LAST OF THE JAPS HOLDING OUT ON THE ISLAND. ON LUZON, THE AMERICANS ARE FANNING OUT TO THE NORTH OF LINGAYEN GULF.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE PACIFIC FLEET, ADMIRAL NIMITZ, WHO IS IN WASHINGTON ON A SURPRISE VISIT, SAID HE WAS ATTENDING A CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF A NEW JOINT COMMAND FOR THE WHOLE PACIFIC THEATER.