



DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE RHINE RIVER AT REMAGEN IS NOW MORE THAN 3 MILES DEEP AND 9 MILES LONG. DURING THE NIGHT THE AMERICANS EXPANDED THE BRIDGE SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS AND DROVE INTO THE HILLY COUNTRY BEYOND THE RIVER. THE YANKS CAN NOW FIRE ON THE ROADS USED BY THE GERMANS TO BRING UP SUPPLIES AND REINFORCEMENTS. GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE ON THE BRIDGEHEAD AREA IS NOT AS HEAVY AS IT WAS. A FORCE OF 47 GERMAN PLANES ATTEMPTED TO BOMB THE SPAN OVER THE RIVER BUT MORE THAN HALF OF THE ATTACKING FORCE WAS SHOT DOWN.

NORTH OF THE MOSELLE RIVER THERE ARE ONLY 10,000 GERMANS LEFT OUT OF THE BIG FORCE THAT WAS TRAPPED THERE BY THE LINK OF THE AMERICAN FIRST AND THIRD ARMIES. GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES ARE NOW THREATENING MORE GERMAN TERRITORY BEYOND THE MOSELLE RIVER EAST OF TRIER. ONE THIRD ARMY COLUMN WAS LAST REPORTED A MILE NORTH OF COBLENZ. ALLIED TROOPS NOW LINE THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE FOR 150 MILES AND THE GERMANS ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING ANOTHER ALLIED ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE RHINE.

ALLIED PLANES AND BIG GUNS HAVE TURNED ON THE INDUSTRIAL RUHR VALLEY AND GERMAN INDUSTRY IN THIS AREA HAS COME IN FOR A TERRIFIC POUNDING. TODAY MORE THAN 1350 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS WERE OVER THE REICH. PART OF THE FORCE POUNDED NAZI RAIL YARDS BETWEEN THE RUHR AND FRANKFORT-ON-MAIN. ANOTHER FORCE FLEW TO THE BALTIC COAST TO ATTACK MILITARY AND NAVAL TARGETS. THE GERMANS SAY THE AMERICAN BOMBERS HIT STETTIN AT THE MOUTH OF THE ODER. DURING THE NIGHT RAF MOSQUITOS HUMILIATED BERLIN FOR THE 20TH NIGHT RUNNING WHEN THEY DROPPED MORE 4000 POUND BOMBS ON THE GERMAN CAPITOL. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY MORE THAN 1000 RAF HEAVIES IN ONE OF THE GREATEST DAYLIGHT ATTACKS OF THE WAR UNLOADED 5000 TONS OF BOMBS ON THE RUHR CITY OF ESSEN. MORE THAN 1200 AMERICAN HEAVIES WERE OUT YESTERDAY BLASTING TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY.

RUSSIA:

A MIGHTY TANK AND INFANTRY BATTLE HAS BEEN RAGING FOR SEVERAL DAYS NEAR LAKE BALATON IN HUNGARY WHERE THE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO THROW THE RUSSIANS BACK TO THE DANUBE RIVER. MOSCOW SAYS THE GERMANS ARE RECKLESSLY THROWING HUGE RESERVES OF TANKS INTO THE BATTLE AND ARE SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES IN ARMOR. ON SATURDAY ALONE THE REDS KNOCKED OUT 152 NAZI TANKS ON THIS FRONT. THE SOVIETS HAVE SWITCHED LARGE NUMBERS OF PLANES TO THIS FRONT.

THE GERMANS ARE SPEAKING OF RUSSIAN GAINS NORTH OF BUDAPEST IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SAY THAT FIERCE FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON IN KUSTRIN ON THE ODER EAST OF BERLIN. MARSHAL BOKOSHOVOSKY'S FORCES HAVE FURTHER COMPRESSED THE "DANZIG POCKET". THE GERMANS HAVE TOLD THE PEOPLE OF DANZIG AND GDYNIA TO GET READY FOR A LONG SEIGE.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FROM THE MARIANAS IN A NIGHT ATTACK HAVE DROPPED 2000 TONS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS ON A 5 MILE SQUARE AREA OF THE JAP INDUSTRIAL CITY OF NAGOYA. ANOTHER FORCE OF SUPER FORTS FLYING FROM INDIA TODAY HIT SINGAPORE.

AMERICAN ASSAULT TROOPS ON THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND OF MINDANAO ARE NEARING THE AIRFIELD OF THE CHIEF PORT ON THE ISLAND. THE YANKS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN 4 VILLAGES. ON IWO JIMA THE MARINES ARE HUNTING DOWN THE REMNANTS OF THE JAP GARRISON AND SEALING THEM UP IN CAVES. CHINESE FIRST ARMY TROOPS IN NORTHWESTERN BURMA HAVE PUSHED 5 MILES BEYOND LASHIO.

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THAT'S THE ONLY KIND OF CORRESPONDENT HE'LL TALK TO.