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DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

ACROSS THE RHINE THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY BRIDGEHEAD WAS PUSHED OUT 1000 YARDS AT SOME PLACES TODAY AND THE AMERICANS ARE NOW LITTLE MORE THAN A MILE FROM THE GREAT MOTOR HIGHWAY LINKING THE RUHR WITH FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN. THE FIGHTING IS TOUGH IN THE RUGGED COUNTRY AND THE NAZIS HAVE BROUGHT UP CONSIDERABLE REINFORCEMENTS OF INFANTRY AND TANKS. YESTERDAY THE AMERICANS BEAT BACK A COUNTERATTACK AND BAGGED 531 PRISONERS. GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE AGAINST THE BRIDGEHEAD HAS CONTINUED TO DECREASE. THE YANKS HAVE PUT A PONTOON BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER AND BOTH BRIDGES ARE WORKING. THE GERMANS SENT 89 PLANES AGAINST THE BRIDGES YESTERDAY. ACK ACK GUNNERS BROUGHT DOWN 19 PLANES AND AMERICAN FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN ANOTHER 10.

THE GERMAN POCKET NORTH OF THE MOSELLE RIVER ABOUT HALFWAY BETWEEN TRIER AND COBLENZ HAS BEEN COMPRESSED TO ABOUT 4 MILES SQUARE. EAST OF SAARBURG THIRD ARMY TROOPS ADVANCED 2 MILES YESTERDAY. SINCE THE START OF THE "RHINELAND OFFENSIVE" ON FEBRUARY 8, THE GERMANS HAVE LOST 140,000 MEN IN PRISONERS ALONE.

RAF MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT GAVE BERLIN ITS 22ND NIGHT ATTACK IN A ROW. RAF HEAVIES WERE OUT DURING THE NIGHT TOO AND THEY ATTACKED 2 BENZOL PLANTS IN THE RUHR. RAF TACTICAL MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT HAMMERED GERMAN ROAD AND RAIL CENTERS ALONG THE EASTERN BANK OF THE RHINE. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY RAF HEAVIES MADE A HEAVY ATTACK ON THE RUHR TOWN OF BARMEN. ALLIED FIGHTERS, FIGHTER BOMBERS AND MEDIUM BOMBERS WERE OUT IN GREAT STRENGTH YESTERDAY ATTACKING TARGETS IN WESTERN HOLLAND AND WESTERN GERMANY. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE BEEN OVER GERMANY TODAY.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND SAID TODAY THAT MARSHALL KOKOSSOVOSKY HAD LAUNCHED A MAJOR ATTACK SOUTH OF KOENIGSBERG AGAINST THE GERMANS TRAPPED IN EAST PRUSSIA. MOSCOW SAYS THE RED ARMY IS FIGHTING FIERCE BATTLES AROUND THE PORTS OF DANZIG AND GDYNIA. THE NAZIS ARE FIGHTING SAVAGELY TO HOLD ON TO THESE PORTS AND LOST ANOTHER 3000 MEN IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING IN THE "DANZIG POCKET".

THE NAZIS HAVE KEPT UP THEIR STRONG TANK AND INFANTRY ATTACKS IN WESTERN HUNGARY. THEY LOST 100 TANKS AND GUNS ON THIS FRONT YESTERDAY AND 45 ON TUESDAY.

THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEY WILL FIGHT A "STALINGRAD BATTLE" FOR BERLIN.

ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY FLEW ALMOST 2000 SORTIES YESTERDAY. MARSHALLING YARDS IN BAVARIA WERE HEAVILY HIT BY AMERICAN HEAVIES. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS OVER AUSTRIA.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS DUMPED 2000 TONS OF FIRE BOMBS ON THE HUGE JAP INDUSTRIAL CITY OF OSAKI DURING THE NIGHT. THE GIANT BOMBERS FLEW IN LOW OVER THE SECOND CITY OF JAPAN TO MAKE THEIR ATTACK. AN AREA OF 6 SQUARE MILES OF THE CITY WERE BURNED OUT. ONE BOMBER WAS LOST IN THE RAID AND THREE MORE WERE FORCED TO MAKE EMERGENCY LANDINGS ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA.

IN CENTRAL BURMA, GHURKA TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF MAYMYO, 25 MILES EAST OF MANDALAY. STREET FIGHTING CONTINUES IN MANDALAY. MOBILE ALLIED COLUMNS ACROSS THE MANDALAY-RANGOON ROAD IN THE MEIKTILA AREA OF CENTRAL BURMA ARE PUSHING NORTH TOWARDS MANDALAY.

IN SOUTH CHINA, THE CHINESE HAVE RECAPTURED A FORMER AMERICAN AIRBASE AT SUICHWAN.