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DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

GENERAL PATTON'S FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION HAS BROKEN CLEAN OUT OF THE THIRD ARMY BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE MOSELLE RIVER SOUTH OF COBLENZ AND LAST NIGHT DROVE A CORRIDOR 15 MILES DEEP INTO THE FLANK OF THE SAAK INDUSTRIAL ZONE. THERE HAS BEEN NO FRESH NEWS TODAY FROM THIS SECTOR OTHER THAN THAT THE THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE KEEPING UP THEIR RAPID ADVANCE. GERMAN RESISTANCE ON THIS SECTOR IS REPORTED TO BE LIGHT. OTHER THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE MOSELLE AT FOUR PLACES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGEHEAD AND INFANTRYMEN HAVE STARTED THE ASSAULT ON COBLENZ. YESTERDAY GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES TOOK ANOTHER 2000 PRISONERS. TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THEIR THIRD ARMY MEN GAINED 2 MILES YESTERDAY.

SOUTH OF THE THIRD ARMY FRONT AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS YESTERDAY WENT OVER TO THE ATTACK AT POINTS ALONG A 50 MILE FRONT BETWEEN SAAKBRUCKEN AND THE RHINE. THE ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED WITHOUT ARTILLERY PREPARATION BUT WAS HEAVILY SUPPORTED BY ALLIED TACTICAL PLANES. IN THE FIRST 24 HOURS THE AMERICANS GAINED FROM 2-5 MILES. BY LAST NIGHT AMERICAN PATROLS WERE WITHIN $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE OF SAAKBRUCKEN. ALL BUT A SMALL PART OF THE HAGUENAU FOREST HAS BEEN CLEARED. FRENCH TROOPS FIGHTING ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE AMERICANS ARE ACROSS THE MODER RIVER. THERE HAS BEEN NO LATE NEWS FROM THIS FRONT THIS AFTERNOON ALTHOUGH CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT ALL THE GERMANS IN THE GREAT TRIANGLE OF THE RHINE, MOSELLE AND SAAK RIVERS ARE IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS IN THE REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD ADVANCED UP TO 2 MILES AT SOME PLACES DURING THE NIGHT AND TODAY. THE GERMANS ARE STILL FIGHTING HARD AT THE APPROACHES OF THE SUPER HIGHWAY LINKING COLOGNE WITH FRANKFURT BUT YANKS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE ENTERED A TOWN ONLY 200 YARDS FROM THIS HIGHWAY. GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE ON THE BRIDGEHEAD HAS SLACKENED CONSIDERABLY.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH BOMBERS STRUCK STAGGERING BLOWS AT THE REICH YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY MORE THAN 1300 YANK HEAVIES DROPPED 6000 HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND MORE THAN 300,000 FIRE BOMBS ON GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS SOUTH OF BERLIN AND SOME 1500 TONS OF BOMBS ON A BIG RAIL CENTER NORTH OF BERLIN. RAF LANCASTERS DROPPED MORE OF THEIR 10 TON BOMBS ON A RAILWAY VIADUCT NEAR THE RUHR. LAST NIGHT RAF HEAVIES DID GREAT DAMAGE TO THE RUHR TOWN OF HAGEN, ONE OF THE FEW RUHR TOWNS THAT IS STILL STANDING. RAF MOSQUITOS RAIDED BERLIN FOR THE 24TH NIGHT IN A ROW.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT THE RUSSIANS ON MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK HAD STARTED A NEW ATTACK ON GERMAN POSITION COVERING STETTIN EAST OF THE ODER. IN EAST PRUSSIA, MARSHALL OKOSHOVOSKY'S FORCES HAVE SPLIT THE TRAPPED GERMAN POCKET INTO TWO GROUPS BY DRIVING TO THE BALTIC SEA SOUTHWEST OF KOENIGSBERG. FIERCE FIGHTING HAS BEEN GOING ON AS THE GERMANS ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE GERMAN GROUP TRAPPED IN THE KOENIGSBERG AREA. IN UPPER POMERANIA TO THE EAST OF STETTIN OKOSHOVOSKY'S MEN ARE FIGHTING INSIDE THE PORT OF KOLBERG.

THE GERMANS SAY THAT KONEV'S EXTREME LEFT FLANK IN THE MOUNTAINS ALONG THE SLOVAK BORDER IS MOVING AHEAD. IN HUNGARY THE GERMANS HAVE KEPT UP THEIR STRONG ATTACKS FOR THE 10TH DAY RUNNING.

ITALY:

MEDITERRANEAN AIRCRAFT FLEW 1850 SORTIES YESTERDAY. AMERICAN HEAVIES HEAVILY ATTACKED GERMAN OIL TARGETS IN RUHLAND, 75 MILES SOUTH OF BERLIN. IT WAS THE LONGEST FLIGHT MADE BY 15TH AIR FORCE HEAVIES SO FAR.

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PACIFIC:

THE JAPANESE IN THE MANDALAY AREA ARE IN DANGER OF BEING SURROUNDED. WEST OF MANDALAY THE BRITISH SECOND DIVISION HAS ADVANCED 30 MILES FROM ITS BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE IRRAWADDY AND IS RAPIDLY CLOSING ON THE OLD TOWN. IN THE MEIKTILA AREA 75 MILES SOUTH OF MANDALAY THE JAPS HAVE BEEN COUNTERATTACKING BUT HAVE BEEN BEATEN BACK.

AMERICAN TROOPS NOW HOLD A 28 MILE STRETCH OF THE COAST OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND OF MINDANAO. AMERICAN MARINES HAVE FURTHER REDUCED THE JAP HELD AREA ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA.



NO, NOTHING SERIOUS - HE'S JUST SENDING A PACKAGE HOME.