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DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

THE ALLIED BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE LOWER RHINE IS EXPANDING IN ALL DIRECTIONS. AT THE NORTHERN END, BRITISH TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWNS OF REES AND MILLINGEN. HARD FIGHTING IS NOW GOING ON JUST NORTH OF REES. THE 15TH SCOTTISH DIVISION HAS PASSED RIGHT THROUGH THE BRITISH AIRBORNE DIVISION AND WAS LAST REPORTED 8 MILES PAST THE RHINE. AMERICANS OF THE 30TH DIVISION WERE LAST REPORTED 10 MILES PAST THE RIVER. THE AMERICANS ARE PUSHING ALONG THE LINE OF THE LIPPE CANAL. ALLIED AIRBORNE TROOPS ALONE HAVE BAGGED 4000 PRISONERS. IN ALL THE ALLIED FORCES HAVE TAKEN OVER 10,000 NAZIS ALREADY. ALLIED ARMOR IS NOW POURING ACROSS THE RHINE ON THE BRIDGES INSTEAD OF HAVING TO BE FERRIED ACROSS. ALLIED PLANES WERE OUT IN VERY GREAT STRENGTH YESTERDAY ATTACKING TANKS, TROOPS AND ENEMY STRONGPOINTS IN AND AROUND THE BRIDGEHEAD. IN THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY BRIDGEHEAD AT REMAGEN, TANKS HAVE GONE INTO ACTION AND HAVE BROKEN CLEAN THROUGH STRONGLY HELD GERMAN POSITIONS AND ADVANCED 9 MILES. THE NAZIS HAVE THROWN IN ARMORED RESERVES AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE BRIDGEHEAD AND FIERCE FIGHTING IS GOING ON. THE SOUTHERN END OF THE BRIDGEHEAD EXTENDS TO A POINT ALMOST DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM COBLENZ. ONLY A FEW MILES NOW SEPARATES THE SOUTHERN END OF THE REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD FROM A NEW AMERICAN THIRD ARMY BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE RHINE SOUTH OF COBLENZ.

THE "FAMOUS FOURTH" ARMORED DIVISION OF THE THIRD ARMY IS OFF AGAIN ON ANOTHER DRAMATIC TWISTING DASH. THIS RENOWNED DIVISION HAS DRIVEN 40 MILES IN 18 HOURS AND HAS CROSSED THE MAIN RIVER OUTFLANKING FRANKFURT AND ITS SPEARHEADS WERE LAST REPORTED TO HAVE ENTERED ASCHAFFENBURG. ONE SPEARHEAD OF THE FOURTH FLASHED THE MESSAGE BACK THAT "THE BACKBONE OF RESISTANCE IS SHATTERED". THE TANKERS ARE RUNNING DOWN EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH AND THE TANKS HAVE HAD TO RADIO BACK TO THE TROOPS BEHIND THEM TO WARN THEM OF THE GREAT NUMBER OF PRISONERS SITTING ALONG THE ROADS WAITING TO BE PICKED UP. YESTERDAY, MEN OF THE FOURTH OVERRAN 50 LOCOMOTIVES AND 700 RAIL WAGONS LOADED WITH EQUIPMENT. GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES HAVE ALSO TAKEN DARMSTADT AND WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 6 MILES OF FRANKFURT. THE TRIANGLE FORMED BY THE CITIES OF FRANKFURT, DARMSTADT AND ASCHAFFENBURG IS RAPIDLY BEING CLEARED UP AND 5000 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN YESTERDAY. THIRD ARMY TROOPS NOW HOLD 7 BRIDGES OVER THE RHINE. ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE ALL RESISTANCE HAS CEASED. SNIPERS WERE MOPPED UP BETWEEN SPEYER AND KARLSRUHE. ONLY 260 MILES NOW SEPARATES GENERAL PATTON'S TROOPS FROM THOSE OF MARSHAL KONEV. IN THE FIRST 24 DAYS OF THIS MONTH, THE GERMANS HAVE SUFFERED OVER 300,000 CASUALTIES IN THE WEST.

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ENGLAND WERE OVER GERMANY AGAIN TODAY. DURING THE NIGHT RAF MOSQUITOS HAMMERED BERLIN FOR THE 34TH CONSECUTIVE NIGHT.

RUSSIA:

TWO POWERFUL RUSSIAN ARMY GROUPS ARE DRIVING HARD FOR AUSTRIA ALONG A 50 MILE FRONT IN WESTERN HUNGARY. MARSHAL TOLBUHKIN'S THIRD UKRAINIAN ARMY MOVING NORTH OF LAKE BALATON ADVANCED 12 MILES YESTERDAY OVERRUNNING 50 PLACES. THE REDS ON THIS SECTOR HAVE BROKEN OUT INTO OPEN, ROLLING COUNTRY AND WERE LAST REPORTED NEAR PAPA, 35 MILES FROM THE AUSTRIAN BORDER. ON TOLBUHKIN'S RIGHT FLANK, THE 2ND UKRAINIAN ARMY UNDER MARSHAL MALINOVSKY IS RACING DOWN THE SOUTH BANK OF THE DANUBE TOWARDS VIENNA. MALINOVSKY'S MEN GAINED 28 MILES YESTERDAY CAPTURING THE CENTERS OF ESZTERGOM AND TATA ALONG WITH 7000 PRISONERS. THIS ARMY WAS LAST REPORTED ABOUT 50 MILES FROM THE AUSTRIAN BORDER.

THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE REDS ARE ALSO ATTACKING ALONG THE LOWER REACHES OF THE RIVER HRON IN SLOVAKIA AND CLAIM THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE A BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE RIVER ABOUT 70 MILES FROM BRATISLAVA.

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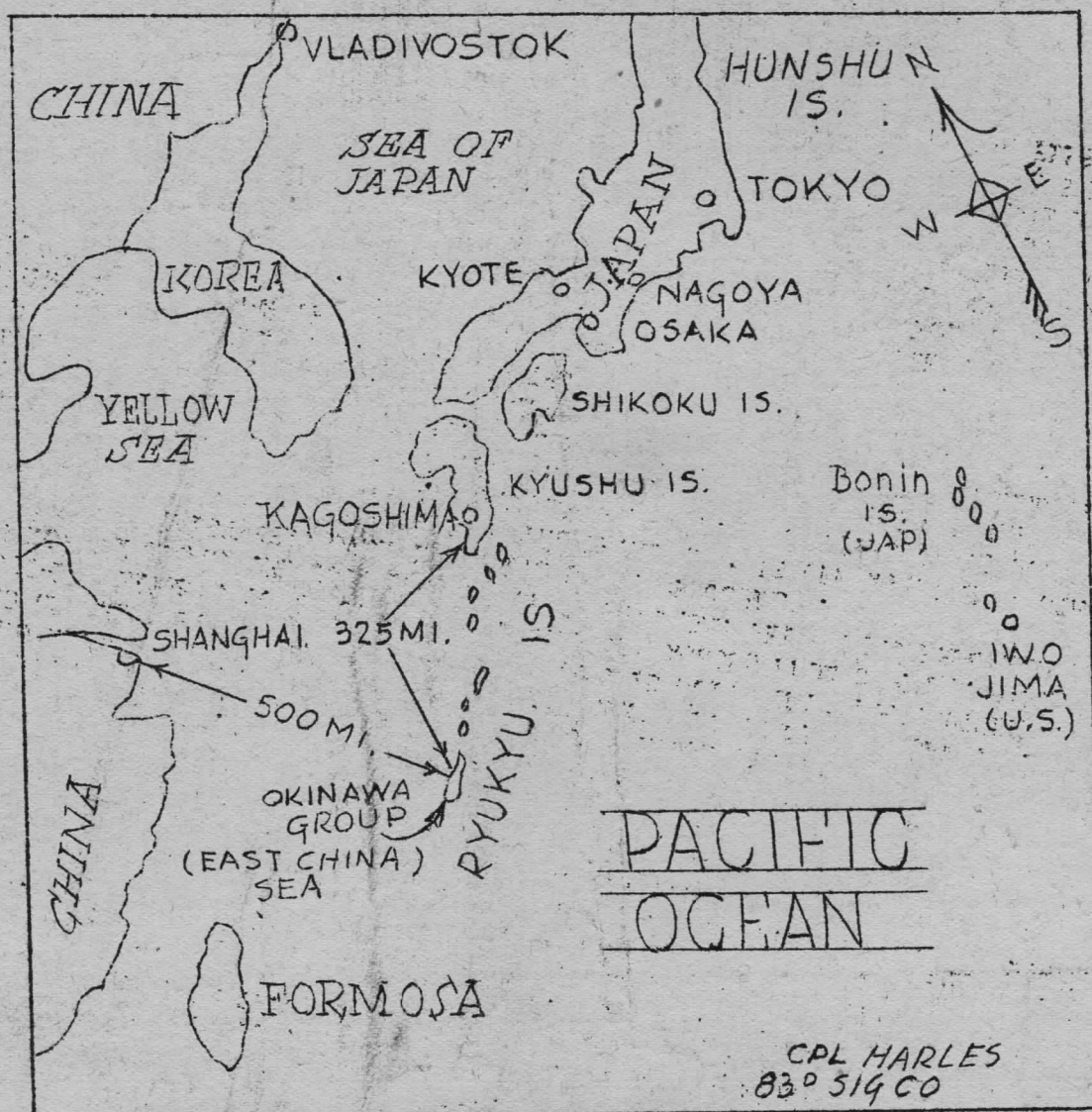
RUSSIA CONTINUED:

IN EAST PRUSSIA THE GERMANS LEFT SOUTHWEST OF KOENIGSBERG NOW HOLD A STRIP OF LAND ABOUT 10 MILES ALONG THE BALTIC COAST. OVER 9000 NAZIS HAVE GIVEN UP IN EAST PRUSSIA IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

PACIFIC:

TOKIO RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT AMERICAN TROOPS WERE TRYING TO LAND IN THE RYUKYU ISLANDS BETWEEN FORMOSA AND THE JAP HOMELAND. THE FIRST REPORT SAID THAT ABOUT 100 TROOP BARGES WERE TRYING TO LAND ON TWO OF THE CHAIN OF ISLANDS BUT THAT THE JAP GARRISON WAS "INTERCEPTING" THE AMERICANS. A LATER REPORT CLAIMED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE TRYING TO LAND ON OKINAWA, THE LARGEST OF THE GROUP. THE NIPS SAY THAT 15 CARRIERS AND 11 BATTLESHIPS ARE OPERATING OFF THE ISLANDS. ADMIRAL NIMITZ ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT OKINAWA ISLAND HAD BEEN BOMBARDED BY BATTLEWAGONS AND CARRIER PLANES AND THAT A CONVOY OF 8 JAP SHIPS HAD BEEN SUNK OFF THE RYUKYUS. ALLIED SOURCES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THE JAP REPORTS OF ATTEMPTED LANDINGS. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE SUNK 5 JAP FREIGHTERS IN THE CHINA SEA.

THE RYUKYU ISLANDS: SCENE OF REPORTED AMERICAN LANDINGS ACCORDING TO TOKIO RADIO.



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