



DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

AMERICAN AND BRITISH ARMORED COLUMNS CONTINUE TO RACE TOWARDS THE HEART OF GERMANY WITH NO SIGN OF ANY ORGANIZED RESISTANCE ALL ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT. IN THE NORTH, TANKS OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY WERE LAST REPORTED 50 MILES BEYOND THE RHINE. THE BRITISH HAD TAKEN DULMEN AND WERE CLOSING ON THE BIG TOWN OF MUNSTER. AMERICAN AND BRITISH TANKS ARE THREATENING TO ISOLATE THE WHOLE RUHR FROM WHICH THE REMNANTS OF 3 GERMAN ARMIES ARE TRYING TO ESCAPE. ARMORED ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY JUMPED OFF YESTERDAY AND HAVE CLEARED SEVERAL TOWNS NORTH OF THE RUHR AS THEY RACE IN THE DIRECTION OF MUNSTER.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TANKS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF PADERBORN ON THE ROAD TO HANNOVER. TWO DAYS AGO THIS FIRST ARMY ARMORED COLUMN HAD DASHED 55 MILES IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO OUTFLANK THE RUHR FROM THE SOUTH AND REACH A POINT 50 MILES BEYOND HAMM. FIRST AND THIRD ARMY FORCES ARE WELL ESTABLISHED AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG A 120 MILE FRONT BETWEEN PADERBORN AND FRANKFURT. THIRD ARMY TANK COLUMNS WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 10 MILES FROM THE BIG INDUSTRIAL CITY OF KASSEL. ON THIS FRONT THE YANKS ARE MEETING DISORGANIZED RESISTANCE. ONE OF GENERAL PATTON'S TANK COLUMNS WAS REPORTED MORE THAN 150 MILES INSIDE GERMANY AND WITHIN 200 MILES OF A LINKUP WITH RUSSIAN FORCES UNDER MARSHALL KONEV. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED HEIDLEBURG AND OTHERS HAVE CROSSED THE RIVER MAIN ON A BROAD FRONT.

AHEAD OF THE RACING AMERICAN AND BRITISH COLUMNS, GERMAN TROOPS AND VEHICLES ARE FLEEING IN WILD DISORDER AND STREAMS OF REFUGEES HAVE JOINED THE MILITARY COLUMNS IN THEIR FLIGHT AND THIS HAS MADE THE TRAFFIC MORE CONFUSING. THESE COLUMNS ARE BEING HEAVILY ATTACKED BY ALLIED PLANES AND THIS TOO ADDS TO THE GENERAL CONFUSION. YESTERDAY ALLIED TACTICAL PLANES BAGGED MORE THAN 600 MOTOR VEHICLES AND 40 LOCOMOTIVES.

MORE THAN 1300 YANK HEAVY BOMBERS TODAY ATTACKED A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT NEAR LEIPSIG AND RAIL AND INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN THE REICH. BRITISH HEAVIES TODAY HIT U-BOAT YARDS AT HAMBURG. DURING THE NIGHT, MOSQUITOS RENEWED THEIR ATTACKS ON BERLIN. YESTERDAY 1400 AMERICAN HEAVIES WENT FOR THE U-BOAT PORTS OF HAMBURG, WILHELMSHAVEN AND BREMEN.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS HAVE CROSSED OVER FROM WESTERN HUNGARY INTO AUSTRIA AND ARE DRIVING ON THE AIRCRAFT CENTER OF WEINER NEUSTADT. THIS SOVIET FORCE COMING UP FROM THE SOUTH WAS LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 25 MILES FROM THIS IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CENTER. ANOTHER RUSSIAN FORCE TO THE NORTH WAS LAST REPORTED 18 MILES FROM WEINER NEUSTADT. NORTH OF THE DANUBE THE REDS HAVE BROKEN THE GERMAN DEFENSES GUARDING THE APPROACHES TO BRATISLAVA.

THE GERMAN POCKET SOUTHWEST OF KOENIGSBERG HAS BEEN LIQUIDATED. OVER 130,000 TROOPS, MANY OF THEM SS, WERE KILLED OR CAPTURED. MARSHALL KOKOSSOVOSKY'S FORCES HAVE CAPTURED DANZIG.

PACIFIC:

A POWERFUL BRITISH TASK FORCE HAS JOINED THE AMERICAN FIFTH FLEET IN THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS SOUTH OF JAPAN. AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS AND CARRIER PLANES HAVE CONTINUED TO PLASTER OKINAWA, MAIN ISLAND OF THE RYUKYU GROUP.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN THE PHILIPPINES HAVE LANDED ON NEGROS ISLAND, NEAR CEBU. A FORCE OF THE BRITISH 14TH ARMY MOVING SOUTH FROM MANDALAY HAS LINKED UP WITH ANOTHER BRITISH FORCE 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF MELIKTILA.