



DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

THE SECURITY COVERING THE EXTENT OF THE ARMORED DRIVES INTO CENTRAL GERMANY IS EXPECTED TO BE LIFTED IN A FEW HOURS. ALL ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT ALLIED COLUMNS HAVE KEPT UP THEIR RELENTLESS PUSH INTO THE REICH. BRITISH SECOND ARMY TANKS WERE LAST REPORTED NEARING THE BIG RAIL CENTER OF OSNABRUCK, NORTHEAST OF MUNSTER. GERMAN RESISTANCE IN THE CENTER OF THE 21ST ARMY GROUP'S FRONT IS RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING. THE GERMANS SAY THAT ARMORED COLUMNS ARE SOME 40 MILES PAST MUNSTER AND ARE FIGHTING ON BOTH SIDES OF BIELEFELD, ABOUT 100 MILES EAST OF THE RHINE. BRITISH FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK TO CLEAR A STRETCH BETWEEN ARNHEM AND NIJMEGEN. GERMAN PARATROOPERS HAVE JOINED THE GERMAN MILITARY TRAFFIC STREAMEING OUT OF HOLLAND BETWEEN ARNHEM AND THE ZUIDER ZEE.

THE RICH INDUSTRIAL RUHR VALLEY HAS BEEN SEALED OFF FROM GERMANY BY THE LINK-UP OF AMERICAN NINTH AND FIRST ARMY TROOPS AT LIPPSTADT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE ANYWHERE FROM 40,000 TO 100,000 GERMAN TROOPS TRAPPED IN THE RUHR. THESE TROOPS CONSIST OF ELEMENTS OF THE GERMAN FIFTH PANZER ARMY, THE 15TH ARMY, AND THE FIRST PARACHUTE ARMY. AMERICAN FIRST ARMY INFANTRYMEN HAVE ALREADY STARTED MOPPING UP OPERATIONS ALONG THE FLANK OF THE POCKET AND GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO BREAK OUT HAVE BEEN SMASHED. EAST OF THE RUHR, NINTH AND FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE PUSHING TO THE EAST AND THE TOWN OF GESEKE HAS FALLEN.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TANKS ARE FIGHTING IN THE CITY OF KASSEL. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE MAYOR OF THE CITY WANTS TO SURRENDER. BELOW KASSEL OTHER 3RD ARMY TANK COLUMNS HAVE DRIVEN 20 MILES PAST THE FULDA RIVER. THE FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION HAS ROLLED TO WITHIN A FEW MILES OF EISENACH WHERE THEY ARE LESS THAN 170 MILES FROM BERLIN. ON THIS FRONT A PRISONER OF WAR CAMP WAS OVERRUN AND MORE THAN 1200 AMERICANS HAVE BEEN LIBERATED. TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE LINKED UP WITH THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY ACROSS THE RHINE NEAR THE TOWN OF SPEYER.

RUSSIA:

TWO RUSSIAN ARMY GROUPS ARE TEARING A GAP IN THE SOUTHEASTERN DEFENSES OF AUSTRIA. MARSHAL TOLBUKHIN'S THIRD UKRAINIAN ARMY HAS DRIVEN 30 MILES INSIDE THE COUNTRY. THE RED ARMY HAS PRESSED ON FROM SOPRON ALMOST TO WEINER NEUSTADT. WEST OF WEINER NEUSTADT, TOLBUKHIN'S MEN HAVE CUT THE ROAD TO GRAZ AND WERE LAST REPORTED 5 MILES FROM THE ROAD BETWEEN VIENNA AND ITALY. TOLBUKHIN'S VANGUARDS AT LAST REPORTS WERE WITHIN 20 MILES OF VIENNA ITSELF.

MARSHAL RODION MALINOVSKY'S SECOND UKRAINIAN ARMY HAS BATTERED ITS WAY DOWN BOTH SIDES OF THE DANUBE RIVER TO A POINT WITHIN SIGHT OF BRATISLAVA, GUARDING THE EASTERN APPROACHES TO VIENNA.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS ON THE ISLAND OF OKINAWA IN THE RYUKYU GROUP SOUTH OF JAPAN ARE EXTENDING THEIR BRIDGEHEAD TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH AND ARE DRIVING DEEP INTO THE CENTER. SO FAR THE AMERICANS HAVE MET HEAVY RESISTANCE IN TWO SPOTS. TOKIO RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT OTHER AMERICAN INVASTION TROOPS WERE LANDING ON ANOTHER ISLAND IN THE RYUKYU GROUP TO THE WEST OF OKINAWA. ADMIRAL NIMITZ HAS ANNOUNCED THAT BRITISH CARRIER PLANES HAVE BEEN ATTACKING 2 ISLANDS SOUTHWEST OF OKINAWA.

IN THE PHILIPPINES AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE GAINED MORE GROUND ON LUZON, NEGROS AND CEBU. NEARLY 11,000 DEAD JAPS HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN THE LAST FIVE DAYS.

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AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FLYING FROM THE MARIANAS HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED TOKIO. THE GIANT BOMBERS SATURATED THE JAP CAPITOL WITH INCENDIARY AND HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS IN A LOW LEVEL ATTACK JUST BEFORE DAWN TODAY.

LOST:

OFFICERS BEDROLL WITH EQUIPMENT INSIDE. BEDROLL LOST BETWEEN WALSTEDDE, GERMANY AND BECKUM, GERMANY, ON APRIL 1, 1945. ROLL CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE OWNER'S NAME:

LT. QUENTIN PEASE, O-448953, PAINTED ON THE OUTSIDE. FINDER PLEASE CONTACT LT. PEASE AT S-2 OFFICE HEADQUARTERS 83RD DIV. ARTY.



HE'S GETTING RESTLESS - WE HAVEN'T MOVED FOR OVER AN HOUR.