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DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

#### GERMANY:

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE CROSSED OVER INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM SOUTHERN GERMANY AT AN UNDISCLOSED POINT. OTHER THIRD ARMY FORCES HAVE RUN INTO THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE PROTECTING THE CITY OF CHEMNITZ. THE ANCIENT GERMAN CITY OF NURNBERG HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS. TO THE NORTH OF THE THIRD ARMY FRONT, AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE ENCIRCLED LEIPSIIG EXCEPT FOR A SMALL CORRIDOR RUNNING TO THE NORTHEAST. THE GERMANS TRAPPED IN THE HARZ MOUNTAIN AREA ARE BEING HEAVILY ATTACKED FROM THE NORTH AND SOUTH BY FIRST ARMY FORCES AND GENERAL HODGES' TROOPS HAVE CLEARED MOST OF HALLIE. AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS CAPTURED THE CITY OF MAGDEBURG THIS AFTERNOON.

IN NORTH GERMANY TWO BRITISH ARMORED DIVISIONS ARE CLOSING FAST ON THE PORT OF HAMBURG AND THE LOWER ELBE RIVER. THE BRITISH 7TH ARMORED WAS LAST REPORTED WITHIN 20 MILES OF HAMBURG WHILE THE 11TH ARMORED IS WITHIN 15 MILES OF THE ELBE RIVER. GERMAN SAILORS AND PARACHUTE INFANTRYMEN ARE FIGHTING HARD AT THE APPROACHES TO BREMEN. IN THE NETHERLANDS, CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF THE ZUIDER ZEE. THE FINAL MOPPING UP IN THE RUHR POCKET CONTINUES AND UP TO THIS MORNING OVER 309,000 GERMAN PRISONERS HAD BEEN PLUCKED OUT OF THE RUHR TRAP. THE GERMAN POCKET ON ONE SIDE OF THE GIRONDE ESTUARY NORTH OF BORDEAUX HAS BEEN WIPED OUT. THERE IS ANOTHER POCKET LEFT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ESTUARY. SINCE D-DAY ALLIED ARMIES IN THE WEST HAVE TAKEN OVER 2,000,000 GERMAN PRISONERS.

BATTERED GERMANY CAME IN FOR MORE RELENTLESS ALLIED AIR BLOWS TODAY WHEN 2 FLEETS OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH BOMBERS POUNDED NAVAL AND RAIL AND AIRCRAFT TARGETS. ABOUT 1000 RAF HEAVIES STAGED A TERRIFIC ATTACK ON THE HELGOLAND NAVAL BASE IN DAYLIGHT TODAY. ABOUT THE SAME TIME MORE THAN 750 YANK HEAVIES RETURNED TO HAMMER AIRFIELDS IN SOUTHERN GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. A FORCE OF 600 AMERICAN FIGHTERS ESCORTING THE BOMBERS WENT ON A SWEEP OF GERMAN AIRFIELDS IN THE SAME AREA. DURING THE NIGHT RAF MOSQUITOS PAID ONE OF THEIR FREQUENT VISITS TO BEHLIN AND EARLY THIS MORNING A FORCE OF BRITISH LANCASTERS ATTACKED THE TOWN OF CHAM, EAST OF NURNBERG. YESTERDAY 1000 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ATTACKED RAIL TARGETS ALONG THE BORDER OF SOUTHERN GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE GERMANS LOST ANOTHER 445 PLANES YESTERDAY. MOST OF THIS NUMBER WERE DESTROYED ON THE GROUND. YESTERDAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE RAF USED A NEW JET FIGHTER. THESE NEW PLANES ATTACKED TARGETS IN NORTHERN HOLLAND AND NORTH GERMANY.

#### RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND SAYS THAT MARSHALL ZHUKOV IS ATTACKING WITH 7 ARMIES ALONG THE MIDDLE REACHES OF THE ODER OPPOSITE BERLIN. THE GERMANS ADMIT DEEP PENETRATIONS NEAR FRANKFURT BUT THEY CLAIM THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE NOT ACHIEVED A BREAKTHROUGH. VIOLENT FIGHTING IS SAID TO BE GOING ON WITH TOWNS AND VILLAGES CHANGING HANDS CONSTANTLY. THE NAZIS REPORT THAT A GREAT BATTLE IS RAGING WEST OF THE ODER SOUTH OF THE PORT OF STETTIN AND THEY CLAIM MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S MEN HAVE GAINED GROUND ACROSS THE NEISSE RIVER. MOSCOW HAS NOT YET LIFTED THE BLACKOUT OF NEWS ALONG THE BERLIN FRONT.

IN AUSTRIA, MARSHALL TOLBUKHIN'S TROOPS HAVE STORMED THE BIG OIL CENTER OF ZISTERDORF. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MARSHALL RODION MALINOVSKY'S SECOND UKRAINIAN ARMY IS MEETING TOUGH GERMAN OPPOSITION BUT THE RUSSIANS HAVE DRIVEN TO WITHIN 12 MILES OF BRNO, THE CAPITOL OF MORAVIA.

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ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE SURROUNDED THE TOWN OF ARGENTA AND WERE LAST REPORTED ABOUT 20 MILES FROM THE RIVER PO. POLISH FORCES OF THE EIGHTH ARMY ARE 10 MILES FROM BOLOGNA AND BIG GUNS HAVE STARTED TO BATTER THE BOLOGNA RAILWAY STATION. AMERICAN HEAVIES DUMPED 1600 TONS OF BOMBS ON THE BOLOGNA AREA YESTERDAY.

PACIFIC:

A LARGE FORCE OF AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FROM THE MARIANAS TODAY RETURNED TO ATTACK KYUSHU, THE MOST SOUTHERLY OF THE JAP HOME ISLANDS. THE GIANT PLANES BOMBED THE SAME 6 AIRFIELDS ON KYUSHU THAT THEY HAD ATTACKED YESTERDAY.

IN BURMA, BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE OPENED THE BATTLE FOR THE IRRAWADDY OIL FIELDS.

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She's built like Grable  
Keep your mind  
Above the table  
THIS IS GERMANY