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## PACIFIC:

SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT THIS MORNING A FLEET OF OVER 500 AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FROM THE MARLANAS SHOWERED 3500 TONS OF FIRE BOMBS ON THE INDUSTRIAL WATERFRONT AREA OF NAGOYA, THE THIRD GITY OF JAPAN. THE ATTACK IS OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED AS EQUAL TO THE RECORD ASSAULT LAST SUNDAY. TOKIO RADIO REPORTED LATE TODAY THAT A FORCE OF PLANES FROM INO JIMA (PROBABLY MUSTANGS) STRAFED TARGETS SOUTHWEST OF TOKIO IN A FOLLOW UP TO THE SUPER FORTRESS ATTACK. THE JAP RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT 2 BRITISH CRUISERS AND 3 DESTROYERS HAD BEEN IN A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT WITH JAP NAVAL UNITS IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AT THE WESTERN GATEWAY TO SINGAPORE. THE ALLIES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THIS REPORT.

ALLTED SOURCES SAY THAT A PATROL OF AMERICAN MARINES ON OKINAWA HAVE PENE-THATED WELL INTO NAHA, THE CAPITOL OF THE ISLAND. TOKIO RADIO SPEAKING OF THE FIGHTING ON OKINAWA SAYS THAT "THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ANY OPTOMISTIC THINKING ANY MORE." NETHERLANDS THOOPS ON TARAKAN ISLAND OFF BOHNEO HAVE MADE A NEW LANDING ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND. AUSTRALIAN THOOPS ON BOUGANVILLE IN THE SOL-OMONS HAVE FORCED THE HONGORIA RIVER AND ESTABLISHED A STRONG BRIDGEHEAD ON THE SOUTHERN BANK. AMERICAN FORCES ON MINDANAO ARE CLOSE TO THE JAP AIRBASE AT VALENCIA IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND. IN EURMA, BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS ARE CLOSING IN ON ONE OF THE LAST ESCAPE ROUTES FOR THE RETREATING JAPANESE. THERE HAS BEEN A SECOND LINKUP OF BRITISH AND INDIAN THOOPS NORTH OF RANGOON. CHUNG-KING HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHINESE SIXTH ARMY THAT HAD BEEN TRAINED IN INDIA AND BATTLE TESTED IN BURMA IS NOW BACK IN CHINA.

JAP CASUALTIES ON OKINAWA SO FAR TOTAL MORE THAN 47,000 NEARLY ALL KILLED. AMERICAN CASUALTIES ARE LESS THAN HALF THIS FIGURE.

## EUROPE:

MR. ANTHONY EDEN MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY CON-CERNING THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE, MR. EDEN SAID "THAT GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AT THE CONFERENCE, BETTER THAN HE EXPECTED." HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT SOME PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN AND HE MUST DISCUSS THEM WITH MR. CHURCHILL AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

A GEHMAN SUPPLY CARRYING SUBMARINE CAPTURED WHILE CARRYING 1000 TONS OF TIN AND RUBBER TO GERMANY FROM JAPAN REACHED LIVE POOL TODAY. ANOTHER U BOAT SUR-RENDERED YESTERDAY AT WEYMOUTH AND IN MID ATLANTIC U. S. WARSHIPS CAPTURED ANOTHER GERMAN SUB MAKING FOR JAPAN WITH 3 LUFTWAFFE GENERALS, 2 JAP OFFICERS AND AVIATION PLANS. THE JAPS COMMITTED SUICIDE.

ITS BEEN MADE CLEAR IN LONDON THAT THE DOENITZ ORGANIZATION IN GERMANY IS NOT A COVERNMENT. ADMIRAL DOENITZ MAY BE TRIED AS A WAR CRIMINAL BUT IT IS NECES-SARY AT PRESENT TO HAVE SOME GERMAN AUTHORITY WORKING UNDER ALLIED DIRECTION. GERMAN FOOD RATIONS WILL BE OUT ABOUT 1/3 NEXT MONTH. DR. ROBERT LEY, FORMER ILADER OF THE NAZI LABOR FRONT, HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY.

## ODDS 'N ENDS:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FLYING FROM THE MARIANAS TO BOMB INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN JAPAN USUALLY CARRY FROM SEVEN TO EIGHT TONS OF 500 POUND CLUSTERS OF NEW M-69 INCENDIARY BOMBS. EACH CLUSTER IS COMPRISED OF SCORES OF 6 POUND FIRE BOMBS CONTAINING A JELLY-GASOLINE COMPOUND. THE FINLESS OILBOMBS ARE EXPLODED BY A TIME FUSE FOUR OR FIVE SECONDS AFTER LANDING. THEREUPON M-69 BECOME MIN ATURE FI AME-THROWERS THAT HURL CHEESECLOTH SOCKS FULL OF FURIOUSLY FLAMING, LIQUID GOO FOR 100 YARDS. FOUND: ONE OFFICER'S VAL-O-PAK BAG BEARING THE INSCRIPTION LT. COL. J. L. REYNOLDS, INFANTRY, SERIAL 0-22157. OWNER PLEASE CONTACT L. E. BROWN, 330TH INFANTRY CANNON COMPANY.

