PACIFIC:

Shortly after midnight this morning a fleet of over 500 American Super Forts from the Marianas showered 3500 tons of fire bombs on the industrial waterfront area of Nagoya, the third city of Japan. The attack is officially described as equal to the record assault last Sunday. Tokyo Radio reported late today that a force of planes from Iwo Jima (probably Mustangs) strafed targets southwest of Tokyo 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.

Allied sources say that a patrol of American Marines on Okinawa have penetrated well into Naha, the capital of the island. Tokyo Radio speaking of the fighting on Okinawa says that "there is no room for any optimistic thinking any more." Netherlands troops on Tarakan Island off Borneo have made a new landing on the southern tip of the island. Australian troops on Bougainville in the Solomon Islands have forced the Hohokam River and established a strong bridgehead on the southern bank. American forces on Mindanao are close to the Jap airbase at Valencia in the central part of the island. In Burma, 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 troops north of Rangoon. Churchill 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:

Dr. Anthony Eden made a brief statement to the House of Commons today concerning 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 German supply carrying submarine captured while carrying 1000 tons of tin and rubber to Germany from Japan reached Liverpool today. Another Uboat surrendered yesterday at Weymouth and in mid Atlantic U. S. Warships captured another German submarine making for Japan with 3 Luftwaffe generals, 2 Jap officers and aviation plans. The Japs committed suicide.

It has been made clear in London that the Doenitz organization in Germany is not a government. Admiral Doenitz may be tried as a war criminal but it is necessary at present to have some German authority working under Allied direction. German food rations will be cut about 1/3 next month. Dr. Robert Ley, former leader of the Nazi Labor Front, has been captured by the American Seventh Army.

END:

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 incendiary bombs are exploded by a time fuse four or five seconds after landing. Thereupon M-69 becomes either firebombs that hurl cheesecloth socks full of furiously flaming liquid 500 for 100 yards.

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