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PACIFIC:

THE GREATEST FORCE OF SUPER FORTS EVER SENT AGAINST JAPAN, MORE THAN 600, EARLY THIS MORNING DROPPED 4000 TONS OF FIRE BOMBS ON 4 CITIES IN CENTRAL HONSHU ISLAND. ONE OF THE TOWNS HIT WAS THE MINING AND INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF HITACHI HEAVILY SHELLED ON TUESDAY NIGHT BY UNITS OF THE AMERICAN THIRD FLEET. A SMALL FORCE OF SUPER FORTS UNLOADED HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS ON OIL TARGETS NORTH OF OSAKA THIS MORNING. RETURNING PILOTS SAID THAT HUGE FIRES WERE RAGING IN ALL 4 CITIES THAT WERE BOMBED. ALREADY 46 JAPANESE CITIES REPRESENTING THE CORE OF THE ENEMY'S INDUSTRIAL POWER HAVE BEEN AT LEAST PARTIALLY DESTROYED. TOKIO RADIO REPORTED THIS AFTERNOCN THAT 100 AMERICAN MUSTANGS WERE MAKING A SWEEP OVER CENTRAL HONSHU STRAFING AS THEY WENT.

AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS FROM OKINAWA YESTERDAY SEALED UP 2 RAILWAY TUNNELS AND DAMAGED A THIRD NEAR THE PORT OF KAGOSHIMA ON KYUSHU ISLAND. MORE THAN 200 LIBERATORS, MITCHELLS AND INVADERS YESTERDAY DROPPED NEARLY 300 TONS OF BOMBS ON THE MAIN SHANGHAI AIRFIELD WHERE THE JAPS HAVE THE GREATEST CONCENTRATION OF PLANES IN CHINA. ESCORTING FIGHTERS STRAFED ANOTHER AIRFIELD IN THE SHANGHAI AREA.

IN SOUTHEASTERN BORNEO THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE TAKEN THE SAN BARGA OILFIELDS, ONE OF THE BIGGEST OILFIELDS IN BORNEO. IN BURMA HEAVY MONSOON RAINS ARE FLOODING THE BATTLEFIELDS AND THE FIGHTING IS BECOMING "FLOOD WARFARE". THE JAPS ARE STILL WITHDRAWING TO THE NORTH FROM THE SITTANG RIVER BEND.

CHINESE TROOPS DRIVING ON KWEILIN, THE BIGGEST AIRBASE IN SOUTHERN CHINA, HAVE TAKEN A TOWN 60 MILES SOUTH OF THE FORMER AMERICAN AIRBASE. ANOTHER COLUMN ON THE LEFT IS FIGHTING IN A RAIL CENTER 30 MILES FROM KWEILIN.

LORD LOUIS MONTBATTEN HAS WOUND UP A THREE DAY VISIT TO MANILA WHERE HE CONFERRED WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR ABOUT PLANS FOR THE FINAL COORDINATED ATTACKS AGAINST THE JAPANESE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, INDIA AND BURMA.

EUROPE:

MR. CHURCHILL HELD A PRIVATE MEETING WITH GENERALISSIMO STALIN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. THE MEETING LASTED FOR THREE HOURS. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE NEWS FROM THE "BIG THREE" MEETING. PRESIDENT TRUMAN LAST NIGHT GAVE A STATE BANQUET FOR THE OTHER DELEGATES.

KING LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM EMPHATICALLY STATED YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD NOT ABDICATE UNTIL THE PEOPLE HAD EXPRESSED THEIR WILL IN A NATIONAL ELECTION. HE SAID THAT HIS SURRENDER TO THE GERMANS HAD BEEN UNPREMEDITATED AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE. HE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS A PRISONER THROUGHOUT THE WAR AND WAS TREATED AS SUCH.

IN BERLIN THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENTS AND THE GERMAN POLICE HAVE BEGUN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BLACK MARKET. THE BLACK MARKET HAS REACHED SERIOUS PROPORTIONS THERE AND GERMAN CIVILIANS BRING ARTICLES ON THE STREETS TO EXCHANGE FOR FOOD, CLOTHING AND CANDY.

UNITED STATES:

THE BRITISH LINER, "QUEEN ELISABETH" DOCKS IN NEW YORK TODAY WITH THE ENTIRE U. S. 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

NOTE:

WELL GANG WE'RE BACK DUE TO OVERHELMING REQUESTS. WE ARE IN THE MARKET FOR A CARTOONIST. IF YOU'VE HAD EXPERIENCE IN CARTOONING PLEASE CONTACT T/SGT. SHEPPARD AT THE DIVISION SIGNAL OFFICE.