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 SHELLIED 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.

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 ILLUMINATORS, ILLUMINATORS AND INVADERS YESTERDAY DROPPED NEARLY 300 TONS OF
BOMBS ON THE MAIN SHANGHAI AIRFIELD WHERE THE JAPS HAVE THE GREATEST CONCENT­
RATION OF PLANE'S 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 SITTING RIVER HEAD.

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 ROUND UP A THREE DAY VISIT TO MANILA. HERE 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
RESIGN UNTIL THE PEOPLE HAD EXPRESSED THEIR WILL IN A NATIONAL ELECTION. HE
SAID THAT HIS SURNDER 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 ARE OFFERING ARTICLES ON THE STREETS TO EX­
CHANGE FOR FOOD, CLOTHING AND CANDY.

UNITED STATES:

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

NOTE:

WELL GANG WE'RE BACK DUE TO OVERWHELMING 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.