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MINE, ALL MINE

TOMMY GUN? NO, THAT WON'T WORK
WE'LL TRY THE FIFTIES NOW
-- OR EVEN TRY THE TWENTIES.
WE'LL SINK THAT THING SOMEHOW.

BUT THE DARNED THING KEP ON FLOATING
NO MATTER HOW WE'D TRY
TILL THE FORTY~~VE~~ GOT IT BEADED
AND BLEW THE BALL SKY-HIGH

HERE'S AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT ON OUR CONQUEST OF SIANTAN, IN THE ANAMBAS GROUP OF ISLANDS. IT SEEMS THAT THE JUBILANT JAPS WERE AT A LOCAL DANCE THE OTHER NIGHT WHEN, ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK, A PANTING INFORMER GAVE THE WORD THAT A YANKEE SUBMARINE WAS BUSILY SHELLING THE HELL OUT OF JEMAJA RADIO STATION AND OTHER STRONGPOINTS IN THE SURROUNDING GROUP. THE HAPPINESS WAS QUICKLY OVERCOME BY FEAR AND THE NIPS QUICKLY MADE THEIR WAY INTO THE VILLAGE, GRABBED TOGETHER AS MUCH OF THEIR GEAR AS POSSIBLE, AND SEVENTY OF THEM MADE FOR THE HILLS LIKE RABBITS. THEN, WHEN THE REMAINING TWENTY SAW HADKY SURFACE UNDER THEIR VERY NOSES THE NEXT MORNING THEY QUICKLY SCRAMBLED FROM THEIR OBSERVATION ROOSTS, DEPARTED INTO THE WILDERNESS, AND LEFT US WITH THE TOWN. IT WAS STRICTLY A NAVAL VICTORY AS THE JAPANESE FORCES ON THE ISLANDS WERE HIS IMPERIAL JAPANESE MAJESTY'S BLOODY NAVY MEN, AND HAD PROBABLY HEARD TALES OF AMERICAN SUBMARINES. THIS GIVES THEM A NEW YARN TO SPIN, THOUGH, IF THEY EVER GET AROUND TO ADMITTING WHAT HAPPENED. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY A SUBMARINE HAS TAKEN OVER A JAP-HELD ISLAND, AND THE FEELING WAS EXPRESSED BY THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATIVE WHO SIMPLY SAID, "WE'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS."

UPON READING THE PAPER (AS WE DO EVERY NOW AND THEN) WE DISCOVERED THE WORD "RECORD" AND "GREATEST" WERE BEING OVERPLAYED A LITTLE. A QUICK BACK INTO THE COPIES OF THIS PATROL ASSURED US THAT OUR AIR FORCES ARE SLIGHTLY OVERANXIOUS TO OUTDO EACH OTHER. FOR EXAMPLE, HERE ARE A FEW OF THE RECENT COMMUNIQUEES.

JULY 16 - EIGHTY-FOUR JAPANESE AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN SATURDAY'S RECORD ASSAULT.

JULY 23 - A RECORD NUMBER OF ALLIED AIRCRAFT HIT SHIPPING AT JAPANESE NAVAL BASES YESTERDAY.

AUGUST 2 - IN THE GREATEST B-29 RAID OF THE WAR ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED SUPERFORTS, IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING, STRUCK A TREMENDOUS BLOW AT JAPAN.

AUGUST 3 - SIXTY ENEMY AIRFIELDS, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND OTHER TARGETS WERE BATTERED IN THIS RECORD RAID.

AUGUST 4 - HUGE FIRES WERE LEFT BURNING IN FOUR JAPANESE CITIES AND OIL REFINERIES FROM YESTERDAY'S RECORD RAID.

AUGUST 8 - GENERAL MACARTHUR REPORTED THE LARGEST FAR EASTERN AIR FORCE COORDINATED ATTACK ON A SINGLE OBJECTIVE THUS FAR IN THE WAR.

AUGUST 13 - GENERAL MACARTHUR'S MORNING COMMUNIQUE REVEALED THAT FIVE HUNDRED PLANES HIT KYUSHU FRIDAY IN THE LARGEST RAID ON A SINGLE TARGET IN A SINGLE DAY EVER CARRIED OUT BY FAR EASTERN AIR FORCES.

WE FINALLY FOUND THE IDEAL MESS COOKS...THEY WORK WELL WITHOUT A GRIPE OR COMPLAINT, AND ARE SNAPPY WITH THE CHOW.

FRESH FROM THE COMIC BOOKS ARE A FEW OF OUR MEMBERS. TAKE FOR EXAMPLE "DENNY DIMMIT" BONNEY (THE PERFECT LIKENESS), OR "TOBACCO RHODE" FROM ELMIRA SWAMP, DOGPATCH COUNTY

HEIGHT OF SOMETHING OR OTHER. STRONG AND REUTER ARGUING OVER WHICH WEIGHS THE LEAST. BOTH CLAIM TO BE WELL DOWN UNDER THE TWO HUNDRED MARK (STRONG CLAIMS A TRIM 166) WHILE EACH ACCUSED THE OTHER OF TIPPING THE BEAMS NEARER THE 300 MARK. TIME AND SCALES WILL TELL.

OUR BOY "PUNJAB" COULD OUTDO JIMMY SAVO WHEN IT COMES TO PANTOMINE. HIS VERSION OF A TOMMY-GUN LAST NIGHT WAS SOMETHING FOR THE PULP MAGAZINES.

AFTER DEPOSITING OUR PASSENGERS AT BRUNEI WE'LL HEAD SOUTHWARD FOR PERTH, STOPPING ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO SHELL THE GARRISON AT ANAMBAS AGAIN. THE JAPS SHOULD HAVE RETURNED BY THEN, OFFERING US A WORTH-WHILE TARGET.

IN A RECENT BROADCAST PICKED-UP FROM THE STATES (WHILE SEARCHING FOR WAR NEWS) WE GOT THE NUMBER ONE, TWO AND THREE SONGS OF THE CURRENT HIT PARADE. THEY ARE, IN ORDER, "DREAMS", "I WISH I KNEW", AND "THERE, I'VE SAID IT AGAIN".

SCENE OF THE DAY - NUMBER ONE CHINAMAN PLAYING DOUBLE SOLITAIRE, NUMBER TWO BOY PLAYING CHECKERS. FRENCY EVEN HAS ONE ACTING AS A TRANSLATOR FOR THE INDIAN.

THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY, CHARLES ROSS, COMMENTING ON THE PROVISIONS IN THE ALLIED NOTE STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE ONE SUPREME MILITARY COMMANDER FOR ALL JAPAN. HE SAID THAT THE COMMANDER WOULD BE AN AMERICAN BUT THAT HE HAS YET TO BE DESIGNATED. NO ANSWER FROM THE JAPANESE IS EXPECTED BEFORE SUNDAY NIGHT WASHINGTON TIME, WHICH IS MONDAY MORNING PHILIPPINE TIME. THE ALLIED OFFER DOES NOT ALTER THE CONDITIONS OF THE POTSDAM ULTIMATUM. IF JAPAN ACCEPTS THE EMPEROR WILL REMAIN BUT WILL TAKE ORDERS FROM THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER. THIS DECISION WAS MADE AFTER CONTINUED CONFERENCES BETWEEN THE FOUR ALLIED NATIONS TO WHOM JAPAN ADDRESSED HER NOTE. THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL COMMENT OF THE ALLIED NOTE CAME FROM SENATOR CONNELLY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE COUNTER OFFER OF THE ALLIES WAS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM. BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT CONGRESS AS A WHOLE WOULD SAY ABOUT IT. TOKYO HAS NOT YET TOLD THE JAPANESE PEOPLE OF THE SURRENDER OFFER. HOWEVER NEWSPAPERS ARE APPARENTLY PREPARING THE PEOPLE FOR A SURRENDER.

WHILE THE WORLD WAITS FOR THE JAPANESE ANSWER THE WAR GOES ON. THERE HAS BEEN NO ARMISTICE, OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL. FROM THE MANCHURIAN FRONT THE RED ARMY CONTINUES TO MAKE SPECTACULAR ADVANCES. ONE FORCE ADVANCING FROM THE WEST HAS CROSSED THROUGH THE PASSES OF THE GREAT KHUINGAN RANGE. THIS IS THE FORCE THAT CAPTURED HAILAR FRIDAY, ONE HUNDRED TEN MILES INSIDE MANCHURIA. YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT REPRESENTS A GAIN OF MORE THAN THIRTY MILES. SUCCESSES WERE ALSO RECORDED ON THE EASTERN FRONT OF MANCHURIA WHERE SEVERAL TOWNS WERE TAKEN. RED AIR FORCE PLANES CONTINUED TO ATTACK COMMUNICATIONS TODAY. THE FLEET AIR ARM OF THE SOVIET PACIFIC FLEET HIT SHIPPING IN THE NORTH KOREAN PORTS OF SEIHIN AND RESHIN. EVEN JAPANESE SUPPLY SHIPS WERE HIT AND SUNK DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF FIGHTING. THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ALSO REVEALED SOME OF THE COMMANDERS DIRECTING THE MANCHURIAN OFFENSIVE. COMMANDER OF SOVIET TROOPS IN EAST ASIA IS ALEXANDER VASS-

LEVICKY, FORMERLY COMMANDER OF THE THIRD WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY WHICH
FOUGHT IN EAST PRUSSIA. MARSHAL MARLEIVEY, FORMERLY COMMANDER OF THE
SECOND UKRAINIAN ARMY, IS IN CHARGE OF THE ARMY FORCE DRIVING FROM THE
WEST.

UNITED STATES COMMANDERS IN THE PACIFIC EMPHASIZED YESTERDAY THAT THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC WAS NOT OVER. ADMIRAL NIMITZ SAID HE WAS WAITING FOR FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE ALLIED COUNTER OFFER TO JAPAN BEFORE HE TOOK ANY ACTION. A FEW HOURS EARLIER NIMITZ HAD SAID THAT HIS POWERFUL FORCE WOULD CONTINUE ACTION AGAINST JAPAN UNTIL HE HAD ORDERS TO THE CONTRARY. AT THE SAME TIME GENERAL LEMAY, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, REVEALED THAT B-29S WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE THOUGH THEY HAD BEEN GROUNDED YESTERDAY. THE SUPERFORTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BLAST AWAY AT JAPAN, ATOMIC BOMBS AND ALL, UNTIL THE WAR DEPARTMENT TELLS THEM TO STOP. GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED THAT UNTIL THE WAR IS OFFICIALLY ENDED THE BATTLE WILL GO ON.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ ANNOUNCED THE RESULT/S OF THE THIRD FLEET ACTION ON HONSHU ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE JAPANESE PLANES WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED AND EIGHT SHIPS WERE HIT. B-29 HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED THE RESULT OF THE SECOND ATOMIC BOMBING OF JAPAN. THIRTY PERCENT OF THE CITY OF NAGASAKI WAS DESTROYED. THERE WAS NO INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNT OF SQUARE MILES.

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S COMMUNIQUE REVEALED THAT FIVE HUNDRED PLANES HIT KYUSHU FRIDAY IN THE LARGEST RAID OF A SINGLE TARGET IN A SINGLE DAY EVER CARRIED OUT BY FAR EASTERN AIR FORCES. THE CITY OF KUMAMOTO ON WESTERN KINKEN KYUSHU. IT IS A LARGE MILITARY SUPPLY STATION WITH A PREWAR POPULATION OF TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND. DEMOLITION BOMBS AND INCENDIARIES WERE DROPPED WHILE STRAFFING PLANES EXPENDED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FIFTY-CALIBER BULLETS. SMOKE RISING FROM THE CITY WAS VISIBLE TWO HUNDRED MILES AND RETURNING AIRMEN SAID THE CITY WAS A RUIN.

OTHER PLANES ATTACKED THE TOWN OF TOGUNGAN IN WESTERN KOREA AND TARGETS IN NORTHERN CHINA IN THE SHANGHAI AREA. FEAF PLANES ALSO CONTINUED THE DESTRUCTION OF JAPANESE SHIPPING. FIFTY-SEVEN MORE ENEMY VESSELS WERE DESTROYED IN THE WATERS THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AREA.

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT CONTINUED THEIR ATTACKS ON BORNEO AND ON OTHER TARGETS THROUGHOUT THE EAST INDIES. NETHERLANDS PLANES SUPPORTED THE OPERATIONS OF THE AUSSIES.

MAJOR LEAGUE SCORES: AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON	9	NEW YORK	10	DETROIT	6	ST LOUIS	2	PHILLY	13
CHICAGO	0	CLEVELAND	4	WASHINGTON	3	PHILLY	1	ST LOUIS	14

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

ST LOUIS	5	BROOKLYN	9	BOSTON	2	PITTSBURGH	10	PHILLY	6
NEW YORK	2	CINCINNATI	4	CHICAGO	1	PHILADELPHIA	2	PITTSBURGH	1

LATE NEWS FROM INDIA

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE ALLIED NOTE CLARIFYING THE ATTITUDE OF THE FOUR UNITED GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE JAPANESE EMPEROR. IT IS, HOWEVER, ASSUMED THAT THE NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN TOKYO. WITHIN A FEW MINUTES OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MR. THE TEXT OF THE NOTE WAS FLASHED BY THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION TO THE PACIFIC FROM WEST COAST BROADCASTING STATIONS. MAIN POINTS OF THE NOTE ARE: THE MOMENT OF SURRENDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE EMPEROR AND THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER AND THAT THE ULTIMATE FORM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN SHALL BE DECIDED BY THE FREELY EXPRESSED WILL OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE. MEANWHILE THE JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCES THAT FOREIGN MINISTER TOJO WAS RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE BY THE JAPANESE EMPEROR YESTERDAY MORNING, TO WHOM HE IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE REPORTED TO ON MATTERS UNDER HIS JURISDICTION. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET DISCLOSED THE SURRENDER OFFER TO ITS OWN PEOPLE, BUT THE TOKYO PRESS CONTINUES TO PREPARE THE PUBLIC FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT. ALL THE METROPOLITAN PAPERS WARN THE NATION THAT THE DARKEST MOMENT OF THE WORLD OF GREATER EAST ASIA HAS ARRIVED AND THEY URGE THE PEOPLE TO FACE THE WORST CRISIS IN THEIR HISTORY AND PLEAD OBEDIENCE TO THE EMPEROR.

ALTHOUGH ADMIRAL NIMITZ ANNOUNCED NO FEAR ACTIVITY SINCE JAPAN ASKED FOR PEACE, THE JAPANESE REPORT A SUPERFORT ATTACK ON THEIR HOMELAND. THEY SAY THAT ABOUT 70 SUPERFORTS ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS MADE BOMBING AND STRAFFING ATTACKS ON MATSUYAMA CITY ON SHIKOKU ISLAND AT ABOUT 10 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING. IN HIS ROUTINE COMMUNIQUE ADMIRAL NIMITZ GIVES FURTHER DETAILS OF RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THURSDAY'S AND FRIDAY'S ATTACKS BY BRITISH AND AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES. THE NUMBER OF JAPANESE PLANES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED HAS NOW RISEN TO 711. THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL HQS. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON REPORTS DEEP RUSSIAN PENETRATIONS INTO

MANCHURIA. THE LATEST SOVIET COMMUNIQUE GIVING DETAILS OF THE MARCH MADE SHOWED THAT THE THREE RUSSIAN ARMIES HAD ALREADY SMASHED THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE DEFENSE LINES IN MANCHURIA AND ARE NOW THREATENING FROM TWO DIRECTIONS. THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ALSO REVEALED THAT SOME OF THE MOST CELEBRATED RED ARMY COMMANDERS HAVE COME OVER FROM EUROPE TO DIRECT THE RUSSIAN OPERATIONS IN THE FAR EAST. AMONG THEM ARE MARSHAL VASSILEZSKY, WHO WAS THE SOVIET CHIEF OF STAFF BEFORE HE TOOK OVER THE THIRD WHITE RUSSIAN FRONT AFTER THE DEATH OF GENERAL CHERNYANOVSKY, AND MARSHAL VALINOVSKY, WHO COMMANDED THE TROOPS THAT CUT THROUGH ROMANIA AND FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF VIENNA.

IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ALSO ALLIED MILITARY OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING. IN BURMA OUR TROOPS MADE MORE PROGRESS ALONG THE TANG-HOCHI ROAD AND HOPPED-UP MORE ENEMY PARTIES. THE JAPANESE CASUALTIES SINCE THEIR ATTEMPTED BREAK-OUT THREE WEEKS AGO NOW NUMBER MORE THAN ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED. ON THE BANKS OF THE SITTANG RIVER EIGHT MILES OUT OF PENNICON SMALL PARTIES OF JAPANESE WERE ENGAGED BY OUR TROOPS AND CASUALTIES INFLICTED. IN THE FLOODED AREA NORTH OF THE OLD SITTANG RIVER CHANNEL BETWEEN ABYA AND MICHOU STUBBORN RESISTANCE IS BEING ENCOUNTERED BY OUR TROOPS. THE LATEST COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT A 3000 TONS JAPANESE VESSEL IN THE SUNDA STRAIT AREA BETWEEN SUMATRA AND JAVA HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY LIBERATORS. IN CHINA GENERAL CHIANG-KAI-CHEK'S TROOPS HAVE PUSHED EASTWARD FROM THE AIRBASE CITY OF KWEILIN TOWARD THE STRATEGIC DRAGON PASS NEAR THE BORDER OF HUNAN PROVINCE.