

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET IS WORKING WITH THE U.S. FLEET IN THE SHELLING OF OKINAWA JIMA. THEY SANK 4 TORPEDO BOATS IN A RECENT ACTION. THE JAPS ARE MAKING FANTASTIC CLAIMS ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR FORCES. THEY CLAIM TO HAVE SUNK YESTERDAY: 2 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, 1 BATTLESHIP, 4 CRUISERS, 6 DESTROYERS AND 16 UNKNOWN TYPES; THEY ALSO CLAIM TO HAVE DAMAGED 1 BATTLESHIP, 1 BATTLESHIP OR CRUISER, 1 CRUISER, 5 DESTROYERS AND 11 UNKNOWN TYPES. PASS THAT OPIUM PIPE AROUND AGAIN, MR. MATSUMOTO.

TOKYO IS ALL UPSET ABOUT WHAT IT CALLS ARGENTINA'S "DOWNFALL". IT CLAIMS THAT THE U.S. TURNED THE HEAT ON TO MAKE IT A "VASSAL STATE" AND THAT THE SON OF HEAVEN MUST TURN THE MAILED FIST AGAINST THE YANKS' "GREED AND LUST".

AMERICAN FORCES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE IN CEBU, IN THE PHILLIPINES. U.S. FIGHTER BOMBERS DESTROYED 9 OUT OF 20 JAP PLANES ALONG THE CHINA COAST.

IN BURMA, THE BATTLE IS SEE-SAWING.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT, CANADIAN FORCES HAVE ENCOUNTERED HEAVY OPPOSITION WHILE THE OTHER ALLIED ARMIES SEEM TO BE ROLLING AHEAD AT WILL.

1300 HEAVY BOMBERS AND 700 FIGHTERS HIT BRUNSWICK AND BRANDENBERG. SOME CANADIAN SQUADRONS WERE INCLUDED.

A LARGE CONVOY TO RUSSIA, UNDER PROTECTION OF THE R.N., WAS HEAVILY SET UPON BY GERMAN U-BOATS AND PLANES. ONE U-BOAT AND 13 ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED, BUT THE CONVOY SUFFERED 20% LOSS. THE ATTACK CONTINUED ON THE RETURN VOYAGE.

OBITUARY.....IT IS WITH THE UTMOST REGRET THAT "THE TAR PAPER" ANNOUNCES THE DEMISE OF ABLE DOG LADDIE, WHO HAS GONE TO JOIN "PRODGY" IN THE CANINE HEAVEN OF UNLIMITED LAMP-POSTS AND FISH BARRELS. HE FELL ILL WITH DYSENTRY AND GRADUALLY SUCCUMBED. THIS HAND WAS BURIED WITH FULL NAVAL HONORS, ABLE BITTER CORDITE BARKING A 21-BARK SALUTE, WHILE THE PADRE SPRINKLED SOME KEATINGS POWDER OVER HIS WATERY GRAVE AND A GUARD OF HONOR REVERENTLY INTONED THE DOGS BLOGY . R.I.P. LADDIE,

CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS.....THE CAPTAIN SPOKE TO THE SHIP'S COMPANY FROM THE BRIDGE LAST EVENING REVEALING THAT WE ARE NOW HEADING FOR LEYTE, IN THE PHILLIPINES, AND SHOULD BE ARRIVING WEDNESDAY EVENING. HE REGARDED MANUS AS THE TURNING POINT BETWEEN THE TRAINING PERIOD AND THE MOVEMENT INTO AN ACTUAL THEATRE OF WAR, AND ADDED THAT WE WOULD NOT, IN ALL PROBABILITY STAY IN LEYTE LONGER THAN IT IS REQUIRED TO TOP UP WITH FUEL AND FOOD. THEY ARE IN NEED OF CRUISER AND DESTROYERS, THE CAPTAIN SAID, INTIMATING THAT WE ~~WOULD~~ WE WOULD BE HOPPING INTO ACTION JUST AS SOON AS WE CAUGHT UP WITH THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET. THE GALLEY WERELESS.....WE CROSSED THE EQUATOR AGAIN EARLY THIS MORNIN G, WHICH HAS CAUSED ONE OF OUR SCRIBES TO OBSERVE: " AT LEAST 3 OF OUR AMERICAN BUDDIES ON BOARD HAVE NOT CROSSED THE EQUATOR ON BOARD SHIP...HOW ABOUT THE TREATMENT?...FATHER NEPTUNE COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT...LOWER DECKS ASK: "COULDN'T WE HAVE HAD A HOT CROSS BUN AND A SOLORED EGG IN EACH MESS, JUST TO LOOM AT"?..WHAT MEMBER OF THE REGULATING STAFF THINKS HE CAN PLAY CHIBBAGE, NOT KNOWING THAT IB THAT GAME, ITS BRAINS AND NOT WEIGHT THAT COUNT? WHICH T.G.M. IS LOSING A LOT OF WAIST IN THIS BONE-DRY WORLD OF OURS?...WHAT AB'S WIFE WROTE HIM GIVING HIM HELL FOR TURNING DOWN "60 DAYS LEAVE SO THAT HE COULD GET TO THE PACIFIC"?...CONGRATS. TO THE UHADITS FOR THE JAM SESSION ON THE FOC'S'LE THE OTHER EVENING...THEY SHOULD LEARN OUR NEW THEME SONG: "TOO LITTLE, AND TO LEYTE".

HELP WANTED MALE.....THREE OFFICERS WILL PAY HANDSOMELY FOR THE SERVICES OF A DHOBEY ARTIST WHO SPECIALIZES IN SPOTLESS WHITE AND KNIFE-EDGE CREASES. STRICTLY HUGHX CLASS CLIENTELY, LIVING IN FASHIONABLE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, (RADAR FLATS CABINS 4 OR 6) EVERY OTHER SUNDAY OFF, NO CHILDREN. CONTACT ABOVE ADDRESS. PUT PENCE IN YOUR PANTS! GET RICH IN THE HORSE LATITUDES!

HERE IS THE NEWS.....THE VOICE OF THE "TAR PAPER", A NIGHTLY NEWS ROUNDUP DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE AT STATIONS, GOES ON THE AIR AT 1900 TONIGHT! ODD NEWS! HOT NEWS! SHIP'S NEWS! AND NO COMMERCIALS!

ACTION STATIONS.....FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO MIGHT THINK THAT THE ALARM AT 1045 WAS A SKYLARK, LET US ASSURE THEM THAT THIS WAS A GENUINE CALL TO "REPEL AIRCRAFT STATIONS". A CONTACT WAS MADE BY FORMIDABLE'S PLANES AND IT WAS FEARED THAT THIS MIGHT BE A JAPANESE PLANE ADOPTING THE OLD TECHNIQUE OF HOMING ON THE RETURNING PLANES. HOWEVER, IT WAS EVENTUALLY ESTABLISHED AS FRIENDLY. THIS ALARM SHOULD PROVIDE A GOOD GUIDE FOR FUTURE WARNINGS. THERE WAS SOME JAMMING ON LADDERS AND IN GANGWAYS, AND MOVEMENT COULD HAVE BEEN EXPEDITED BY TWO-WAY TRAFFICK ON SINGLE LADDERS.

WAR NEWS FLASHES.....TOKYO RADIO CLAIMED TODAY THAT THE U.S. FLEET IS FLEEING FROM OKINAWA JIMA. THEY CITED THE FOLLOWING LOSSES FROM MARCH 26 TO 29:

- MARCH 26--1 AIRCRAFT CARRIER SUNK.
 - 1 LARGE CRAFT UNKNOWN SUNK.
- MARCH 28--3 MEDIUM CRAFT UNKNOWN SUNK.
 - 6 DESTROYERS SUNK BY MINES.
 - 6 TYPES UNKNOWN SUNK.
- MARCH 29--1 AIRCRAFT CARRIER SUNK.
 - 1 BATTLESHIP SUNK.
 - 1 BATTLESHIP DAMAGED.
 - 2 CRUISERS SUNK, 2 DAMAGED.
 - 5 DESTROYERS SUNK BY SUICIDE PLANES.
 - 13 UNKNOWN TYPES SUNK.
 - 11 UNKNOWN VESSELS DAMAGED.
 - 5 TRANSPORTS SUNK.

THERE HAS BEEN NO U.S. COMMENT ON THESE CLAIMS TO DATE. IT IS SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, THAT JAPANESE RADIO STATIONS VARY IN THEIR ESTIMATION, EACH ONE GIVING A DIFFERENT FIGURE.

TOKYO RADIO ALSO MADE A FURIOUS ATTACK TODAY ON ELMER DAVIS, HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION, CONCERNING HIS STATEMENT ON JAPANESE ATROCITIES AGAINST SPANISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN. TOKYO DAYS "THESE ATROCITIES NEVER TOOK PLACE, AND IF THEY DID, THE AMERICANS COMMITTED THEM".

MORE NEWS BLACKOUT ON THE WESTERN FRONT. THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY HAS TAKEN IMMERICH AND PUSHED ON PAST. A NUMBER OF OTHER TOWNS IN THE AREA HAVE FALLEN.

RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN 11 MILES INTO AUSTRIA, AGAINST "TOTTERING" GERMAN DEFENCES. OTHER UNITS ARE 22 MILES ACROSS SOUTHWESTAUSTRIA AT NEW POINT 117 MILES FROM ITALY AND ONLY 39 MILES EAST OF GRANZ. STILL OTHER SOVIETS ARE 27 MILES ~~XX~~ EAST OF BRATISLAVIA, CAPITAL OF SLOVAKIA.

JAPANESE ~~XX~~ RESISTANCE IN BURMA IS CRUMBLING IN A POCKET BELOW MANDALAY. 20,000 TO 30,000 JAPS MAY BE LIQUIDATED IN THIS AREA.

YANK OFFICERS NICKNAMED.....A NEW AMERICAN OFFICER LIEUT. SNYDER, HAS JOINED THE SHIP, RESULTING IN THE NEED FOR A NEW SELECTION OF NICKNAMES. AFTER WEIGHTY CONSULTATION, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO NICKNAME THE TWO U.S.N.R. OFFICERS, "STARSS AND STRIPES": STARS LEVKOFF AND STRIPES SNYDER.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT THE DENTAL OFFICER, CAPT. HOLLISTER, WHO HAILS FROM MIAMI, BE KNOWN IN THE FUTURE AS "OLD GLORY" THAT'S OLD "GLORY" MR. PRINTER, NOT "GORY".

MEETS ANOTHER.....AB. S GRIFFITHS ~~XX~~ OF 15 MESS MET ONE OF HIS BROTHERS ON THE Q.E. IN COLOMBO. NOW HE HAS BUMPED INTO ANOTHER ONE, ALBERT E. GRIFFITHS, SEVING IN THE DEPOT SHIP, H.M.S. RESOURCE AT MANUS. THIS BROTHER HAS 26 YEARS AT SEA AND HAS BEEN TORPEDOED FOUR TIMES. GRIFFITHS SAYS HE HASN'T RUN OUT OF BROTHERS YET. HE HOPES TO MEET ANOTHER ONE IN THE PHILLUPINES.

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....WE LISTENED TO A JAPANESE NEWS COMMENTATOR BROADCASTING FROM SHANGHAI AT 1130 TODAY, AND HIS ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE AT OKINAWA WAS REALLY SOMETHING. ACCORDING TO HIM, THE JAPS HAVE SUNK 146 SURFACE CRAFT OF THE U.S. NAVY, WHICH HAS MANAGED TO GET 6000 TROOPS ASHORE AGAINST "FIERCE RESISTANCE."

ADMIRAL NIMITZ' COMMUNIQUE YOU WILL REMEMBER, SAID THAT 100,000 YANKS HAD GONE ASHORE. TODAY HE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAVE CUT THE ISLAND IN HALF AND TAKEN A THIRD AIRFIELD, WHICH WILL SOON BE IN USE. 14 SUICIDE BOATS, CLAIMED TO BE A NEW JAPANESE WEAPON, WERE CAPTURED. MORE TROOPS AND SUPPLIES ARE POURING SHORE.

SPEAKING OF THE WESTERN FRONT, THE JAP COMMENTATOR REFERRED ONLY TO "INDOMITABLE GERMAN RESISTANCE" AND SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE A "RELATIVE STABILIZATION OF GERMAN LINES IN A FEW DAYS".

ON OUR SIDE, THE BLACKOUT HAS BEEN LIFTED TO REVEAL THAT CANADIAN, FRENCH AND BRITISH FORCES ARE FORGING AHEAD, AND THE THIRD U.S. ARMY HAS TAKEN 71,000 PRISONERS IN FOUR HOURS. THE BRITISH 2ND. ARMY TOOK MUNSTER. CANADIANS ARE NOW LOCATED 15 MILES NORTH OF THE GERMAN-DUTCH BORDER.

A NEW THRUST BY RUSSIAN TROOPS HAS OUTFLANKED VIENNA, AND GERMANS IN NORTH ITALY ARE THREATENED WITH A CUT-OFF. ZHUKOV AND ROKKAZOVSKY ARE REPORTED PREPARING FOR THE "KNOCKOUT BLOW" ON BERLIN.

GENERAL MACARTHUR SAUS 6 DIVISIONS HAVE MADE A LANDING ON SOUTH LUZON, CAPTURING AN AIRFIELD. THE LANDING WAS PRECEDED BY NAVAL BOMBARDMENT.

THE JAP NEWS COMMENTATOR SAID THAT THERE WAS "FIERCE FIGHTING" IN CEBU WHICH THE AMERICANS ANNOUNCED TAKEN TWO DAYS AGO.

REFERRING TO AIR ATTACKS ON AMERICAN SHIPPING AT OKINAWA, AT ONE POINT HE SAID: "WE SUNK ONE BIG SHIP- IT WAS EITHER AN OIL TANKER OR AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER." (THEY LOOK SO MUCH ALIKE).

BRITISH CARRIER-BASED PLANES HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR 14 JAP PLANES SHOT DOWN AND 6 DAMAGED. THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION MADE OF ANY ALLIED LOSSES IN THIS LATEST ASSAULT.

BURIAL AT SEA.....THE LATE W/STO. CARSWELL IVAN PHILLIPS OF MESS 40, WAS BURIED AT SEA LAST NIGHT, IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST CANADIAN SAILOR TO DIE IN THIS THEATRE OF WAR. HE WAS 21 YEARS OLD, AND CAME FROM WINNIPEG.

BOTH PHILLIPS' MOTHER AND FATHER ARE DEAD. HE WAS HELPING PUT A YOUNGER BROTHER AND SISTER THROUGH SCHOOL. A MOVEMENT HAS BEEN STARTED IN THE SHIP TO INAUGURATE A VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION, TO HELP CARRY ON THIS EDUCATION AS A GIFT FROM UGANDA IN TRIBUTE TO A GOOD SHIPMATE. MORE DETAILS LATER.

TRAVELOGUE.....THE SHIP HAS NOW PASSED THE 25,000 MILE MARK, MORE THAN THE DISTANCE AROUND THE WORLD.

ACTION STATIONS.....FUNNIEST STORY TO COME OUT OF THE ACTION ALARM YESTERDAY MORNING CONCERS AB. PATRICK HORGAN OF MESS 24. HE WAS IN THE DENTAL SURGERY, GETTING THE LAST OF HIS CHOMPERS REMOVED, WHEN THE BUGLE SOUNDED. "TOOTHIE" HAD JUST TAKEN A TOI-HOLD ON HIS PLIERS WHEN HORGAN RECOGNISED THE SOUND-OFF AND HORGAN COULDN'T TEAR AWAY FROM THE INDIAN DEATH-LOCK COMPOSED ON HIM BY THE DILIGENT DENTAL OFFICER. FINALLY HE MANAGED TO GASP: "REPEL AIRCRAFT", AND FLED. BY THE TIME THE ATTACK WAS OVER, THE NOVOCAINE HAD WORN OFF AND HE HAD TO HAVE A NEW SHOT BEFORE THE LAST TOOTH WAS YANKED. "NEXT TIME", SAID "TOOTHIE", "I'M JUST GOING TO HANG ON AND SAY-- 'ALRIGHT SON, YOU GO TO ACTION STATIONS'".

GALLEY BUZZ.....ARE CHIEF MUNDY AND HIS COOKS BLUSHING? OR WERE THEY REALLY AFTER MERMAIDS (THE WOLVES) WHEN THEY DASHED OUT TO THE PORT WAIST THIS A.M?

THE PACIFIC THEATRE.....JAPANESE CLAIMS OF SHIPPING SUNK OFF OKINAWA JIMA CONTINUE TO MOUNT IN FANTASTIC JUMPS. A BROADCAST PICKED UP AT 11 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING CLAIMED THAT "177 WARSHIPS OF ALL SIZES" HAD BEEN SUNK SINCE THE BATTLE BEGAN. THE JAP COMMENTATOR ADDID THAT, OF 6,000 AMERICAN TROOPS LANDED IN THE ORIGINAL ASSAULT, SOME 2100 HAD BEEN KILLED, AND THAT THE REST WOULD MEET "THE FULL FURY" OF THE JAPANESE ARMY.

ANOTHER COMMENTATOR HEARD EARLIER THIS MORNING WAS NOT QUITE AS OPTIMISTIC. HE SAID THAT IF OKINAWA FELL, IT WAS "THE BEGINNING OF THE END".

THE AMERICANS SAY THAT THEY ARE EXPECTING A LARGE SCALE JAP COUNTER-ATTACK LIKE THE ONE LAUNCHED AT SAIPAN.

TOKYO REPORTS THAT THE MARINES HAVE LANDED ON AN ISLAND 80 MILES SOUT OF OKINAWA. THIS ~~XXX~~ IS IN THE AREA THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET IS WORKING, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF REAR ADMKRAL SIR BERNARD RAWLINGS.

IN A LARGE SCALE AIR ATTACK ON THE JAP HOMETLAND, 300 SUPERFORTS HIT 3 CITIES IN THE TOKYO ARE. TWO SUPERFORTS WERE SHOT DOWN. ONE JAP PLANE WAS DOWNED AND 2 OTHERS DAMAGED.

THE BURMA FRONT.....THE RLA.F. IN BURMA JOINED IN THE BATTLE, STRIKING AT SUPPLY DUMPS AND STRAFING ENEMY TROOPS WHEREVER FOUND. AN AIR ATTACK WAS MADE ON RANGOON.

92 ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED , 6 IN THE AIR, IN A SURPRISE ATTACK ON A JAP AIRDROME IN CHINA.

THE WESTERN FRONT.....AS THE CANADIANS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE, GERMAN TROOPS ARE EVACUATING HOLLAND, THIS MAY MEAN AN END TO THE MENACE OF THE V-2 BOMB WHICH HAS BEEN PLAGUING LONDON FOR SO LONG.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN FORCES HAVE CLEARED MUNSTER OF ALL GERMANS.

THE BRITISH 2ND. ARMY HAS RUN INTO HEAVY WEATHER, INSPITE OF WHICH IT CONTUNUES TO ADVANCE 10 MILES A DAY. THEY ARE NOW 80 MILES BEYOND THE RHINE. IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT THEY WILL BE IN BERLIN IN LESS THAN 20 DAYS.

B-29'S AND MUSTANGS HIT THE GERMAN NAVAL BASE AT KIEL WITH DEVASTATING EFFECT..

AMERICAN 3RD. ARMY ARMORED UNITS HAVE REACHED LAUCHENBACH, EASTERN FRONT.....BERLINX ADMITS THAT RUSSIAN FORCES ARE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BRATISLAVA. ALLIED BOMBERS FROM ITALY SUPPORTED THE RUSSIAN DRIVE FOR THE THIRD DAY.

THE 3RD. UKRAINIAN ARMY CAPTURED 4 TOWNS IN THEIR FORWARD DRIVE, ONE OF THEM AN IMPORTANT RAIL TOWN.

MOSCOW HAS IMPOSED A NEWS BLACKOUT ON ITS BIG DRIVES.

THE UGANDA FRONT.....AT PRESS-TIME, WE ARE ALMOST AT LEYTE. THE PHILLUPINES WERE CEDED BY SPAIN TO THE U.S. UNDER THE TREATIES OF PEACE, 1899.

LEYTE IS ABOUT 3,000 SQUARE MILES IN AREA. MANILA, ON THE ISLAND OF LUZON, IS THE CAPITAL OF THE PHILLIPINES AND LEADING INDUSTRIAL AREA. AT THE START OF THE WAR ITS POPULATION WAS ABOUT 625,000.

THE PHILLIPINES WEREDISCOVERED BY MAGELLAN IN 1521. THE SPANIARDS CONTROLLED THE ISLANDS UNTIL 1898. THEY ARE IN THE AREA DESIGNATED AS INDON-ESIA. THE TREATY OF PEACE WITH U.S. WAS SIGNED APRIL 11, 1899. ON APRIL 11 1943 AMERICAN ANDPHILLIPINO FORCES SUCCEMDED TO THE OVERWHELMING FORCES AT BATAANX AND CORREGIDOR.

ONE WEEK FROM TODAY WILL BE APRIL 11, 1945. WILL HISTORY BE MADE BY "THE FIGHTING U"?

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....ADMIRAL NIMITZ SAYS THAT THE WAR ON OKINAWA JIMA IS "GOING WELL" AGAINST "ONLY SLIGHT" JAPANESE RESISTANCE. THEY HAVE ADVANCED UP TO 600 YARDS TO REACH THE EAST COAST. MEANWHILE TOKYO RADIO CLAIMED THIS MORNING THAT THEY HAD SUNK SEVEN MORE SHIPS LAST NIGHT INCLUDING 2 BATTLESHIPS, 2 CRUISERS AND ANOTHER WARDHIP, UNIDENTIFIED.

GEN. MACARTHUR'S FORCES HAVE HOPPED TO WITHIN 30 MILES OF BORNEO AND SUPER-FORTS HAVE BEEN BLASTING THE JAPANESE HOMELAND.

IN A RADIO BROADCAST LAST EVENING, THE JAPANESE REVEALED THAT THE FORMIDABLE IS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN(!), WITH THE BRITISH EAST INDIES FLEET.

IN EUROPE, THE GERMAN FRONT IS VERY FLUID, AS ALL ARMIES ADVANCE. AMONG THE CITIES FALLING IN THE PAST 24 HOURS ARE KASSEL, GOtha, MUNSTER AND ASCHAFFENBERG. WRITERS SAY THAT THE BRITISH 2ND. SHOULD BE IN BERLIN WITHIN 20 DAYS.

THE RUSSIANS ARE ONLY 6 MILES FROM VIENNA, WHICH LOOKS LIKE THE NEXT CAPITAL TO FALL.

DOMESTIC NEWS.....JOHN L. LEWIS IS AT IT AGAIN, THE BIG FAT B..... 30,000 COAL MINERS HAVE STAGED A WALKOUT IN ALABAMA AND PENNSYLVANIA. CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN RENEWED FOR ONE MONTH WHILE THEY TALK THINGS OVER, AND IT IS EXPECTED MOST OF THEM WILL GO BACK TO WORK TOMORROW.

THE BRITISH DOMINIONS GOT TOGETHER SO THAT THE EMPIRE CAN PRESENT A SOLID FRONT AT THE FORTHCOMING SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE.

DETROIT REDWINGS DEFEATED BOSTON BRUINS 5-3 TO EARN THE RIGHT TO MEET TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS IN THE FINALS OF THE STANLEY CUP.

IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE, ITS ALL TIED UP AS A RESULT OF HERSHEY DEFEATING CLEVELAND 5-3.

MAIL CALL.....DON'T GIVE UP HOPE ON THOSE PARCELS, MEN! WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE SHIP TODAY THAT THERE ARE 99 BAGS OF MAIL ON THEIR WAY TO THE SHIP. THEY HAVE REACHED DARWIN, AUSTRALIA AND WILL GO ON TO HOLLANDIA FROM THERE. WE CANT SAY JUST WHEN THEY'LL CATCH UP TO US BUT AS THERE IS QUITE A LOT OF SHIPPING MOVING THIS WAY, IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO LONG. ANYWAY, IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT THEY HAVE ARRIVED IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, AND ARE TAGGING US AROUND.

PHILLIPS FUND.....VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR A FUND FOR THE DEPENDENTS OF THE LATE L/STO. IVAN PHILLIPS WILL CLOSE AT 1600 THIS AFTERNOON. CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE TO (1) REG. CHIEF STO. WILKINS OR (2) SEAMEN, TO THE PADRE, IF THEY SO DESIRE. THE RESPONSE TO THIS FUND HAS BEEN VERY GOOD. ONE MESS SIGNED UP ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AT 1 AUSTRALIAN POUND PER MAN.

MOVIES.....FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ENQUIRED, THE REASON FOR DELAY BETWEEN REELS OF OUR MOVIES IS THAT THE MACHINE GETS OVER-HEATED AND HAS TO HAVE A FEW MINUTES TO COOL OFF. THE EQUIPMENT SITUATION BEING WHAT IT IS, WE CANT DO MUCH ABOUT IT. INCIDENTALLY, THE BOYS WHO ARE WORKING IN THAT SWEAT-BOX TO BRING YOU YOUR ENTERTAINMENT ARE L/SEA, KITSON, AB. KELLUM AND AB. O'NEILL. LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND. THE BOSS OF "THE LITTLE THEATRE OFF THE PORTHANGAR" SAYS THAT SPECTATORS SHOULDN'T CLIMB ALL OVER THE VENTILATING SHAFTS OR MANILA STOWAGE RACKS IN THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR THE PICTURE. IT MAKES IT TOUGH FOR OTHERS TO SEE AND DOES QUITE A LOT OF DAMAGE TO THE GEAR.

WHO'S EMBARRASSED.....SPEAKING OF MOVIES, THAT INTERRUPTON IN THE NEWS BROADCAST VIA THE UBC LAST NIGHT CAME WHEN THE ANNOUNCER SIGNED OFF BECAUSE OF AN "AIR RAID". HE HEARD WARNING SIRENS AND PACKED IT UP. THE "AIR RAID" SIRENS EMANATED FROM THE MOVIE PROJECTOR IN THE TANKER ALONGSIDE SHOWING AN AMBULANCE SCREAMING DOWN THE STREET WITH ALL HORNS BLARING.

THE NEXT AIR RAID SIREN WXXX, THOUGH, WAS NO MOVIE. IT WAS THE REAL THING.

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....NAVY MINISTER ANGUS L. MACDONALD ANNOUNCED FROM CANADA LAST NIGHT THAT H.M.C.S. UGANDA HAD JOINED UP WITH THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET.

TWO SENSATIONAL ITEMS OF DIPLOMATIC NEWS TODAY. MR. MOLOTOV IN RUSSIA HAS HANDED BACK THE NEUTRALITY AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN, TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR. IN IT HAD BEEN A CLAUSE BINDING THE 2 NATIONS NOT TO DECLARE WAR UNTIL 1 YEAR AFTER THE BREAKING OFF OF RELATIONS. (2) THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS RESIGNED AFTER AN EMERGENCY MEETING. THE NEW PREMIER IS BARON SUZUKIA.

THE JAP RADIO SAID THIS MORNING THAT " A NEW AND MORE POWERFUL GOVT. HAD BEEN SET UP". IT CONTINUED ITS BOASTFUL CLAIMS OF U.S. SHIPPING DESTROYED THE LATEST FIGURE IS 190 WARSHIPS SUNK OR DAMAGED.

YOU MAY RECALL THAT THE JAPS CLAIMED 2100 YANKS KILLED IN THE FIRST ASSAULT ON OKINAWA JIMA. TODAY THE YANKS COME OUT WITH THEIR FIGURES. SO FAR 175 MEN HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 798 WOUNDED. THIS IS HARDLY "CUT TO RIBBONS", & THE PHRASE USED BY THE JAP COMMENTATOR TODAY. ONE CLUE TO INTENSE AIR ACTIVITY, HOWEVER, IS THE ~~XXX~~ U.S. REPORT THAT THEY SHOT DOWN 68 JAP PLANES IN THE FIGHTING AROUND OKINAWA.

GEN. MACARTHUR HAS BEEN PLACED IN COMMAND OF ALL ARMY UNITS IN THE PACIFIC, AND ADMIRAL NIMITZ, ALL NAVY UNITS. THIS WOULD INTIMATE THAT GEN. MACARTHUR WILL SUPERVISE THE ASSAULT ON JAPAN PROPER.

GEN. EISENHOWER, IN A LETTER TO PRES. ROOSEVELT, HAS SAID THAT THEY WILL BE NO DEFINITE DAY OF VICTORY, OR ARMISTICE, IN GERMANY. "THEY WILL HAVE TO BE CRUSHED", HE WROTE. AND THE CRUSHING IS GOING ON. THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY HAS CAPTURED KARLSRUHE, A BIG CITY, AND MORE ARE FALLING DAILY.

SPORTS NEWS.....PAUL THOMPSON, WHO LASTED LONGER THAN ANY OTHER MANAGER OF CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS, HAS RESIGNED. HE IS GOING TO THE PACIFIC COAST, WHERE HE TAKEN UP A FRANCHISE, AND SAYS THAT "THE FUTURE OF PRO HOCKEY IS ON THE PACIFIC COAST". HE KIVES JUST OUTSIDE VANCOUVER, WHERE HE OWNS A CHICKEN RANCH.

ELMER LACH RECEIVED THE HART TROPHY FOR MOST VALUABLE MEMBER OF HIS TEAM (LES CANADIENS). HE POLLED 118 VOTES OUT OF A POSSIBLE 120. MAURICE BUCHART WAS SECOND AND BILL COWLEY OF BOSTON, THIRD.

MEL OTT SAYS: "ON PRE-SEASON SHOWINGS, THIS IS THE GIANTS' YEAR TO WIN THE PENNANT". (MR. OTT IS MANAGER OF ~~XXXX~~ DE JERENTS)

PORTLAND BEAVERS (OWNED BY LUCKY LAGER BREWERIES) ARE LEADING THE COAST LEAGUE. OVERNIGHT SCORES ARE:

PORTLAND 5, SACRAMENTO 4.

SEATTLE 5, LOS ANGELES 8.

SAN FRANCISCO 2, SAN DIEGO 5.

OAKLAND 5, HOLLYWOOD 3.

EXHIBITION GAME, BIG LEAGUES: CHICAGO 6, CINCINNATI.

PHILLIPS FUND.....THE COMMANDER (E) ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT THE FINAL FIGURE IN THE VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE DEPENDENTS OF THE LATE LDG. STO. PHILLIPS AGGREGATED \$1,185.75. THIS IS REALLY A MAGNIFICENT SHOWING -- MORE THAN A DOLLAR PER MAN FOR THE SHIP -- AND THE "TAR PAPER" SALUTES THE GENEROSITY OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY. THAT SUM SHOULD CARRY ON THE EDUCATION STO. PHILLIPS PLANNED FOR HIS BROTHER AND SISTER, FOR SOME TIME.

MISSING MASCOT.....WAS MINNIE ABANDONED SHIP? IF SO, WE'VE LOST OUR OLDEST MEMBER. INFORMATION AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF ABLE BITCH MINNIE, WRONS, WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AT THE TAR PAPER OFFICE.

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....ALL RADIO COMMENT TODAY CENTERS AROUND TWO TOPICS: THE FALL OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, AND THE DUAL APPOINTMENT OF MACARTHUR AND NIMITZ TO DIRECT PACIFIC LAND AND SEA OPERATIONS. THE JAPANESE CONTENTION THAT THEIR OLD GOVERNMENT "MADE WAY FOR A NEWER AND STRONGER" ONE IS SCOFFED AT. IF THE WAR WAS GOING WELL FOR THEM, AND THEIR CLAIMS OF DESTRUCTION BROUGHT AT OKINAWA WERE TRUE, WHY WOULD THEY BOOT THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT? THAT IS A 64 DOLLAR QUESTION WHICH EMPEROR HIROHITO MUST HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY ANSWERING.

THEIR NEW PREMIER, ADMIRAL (BARON) SUZUKI, IS 77 YEARS OLD. HE IS SAID TO BE OPPOSED TO THE MILITARY CLIQUES IN JAPAN AND MAY REPRESENT A "NEGOTIATED PEACE" FACTION.

MARINES AT THE NORTH END OF OKINAWA HAVE ADVANCED 9000 YARDS BUT SOLDIERS IN THE SOUTH END ARE MEETING STIFFENING RESISTANCE. IN THE PHILIPPINES AMERICANS ARE ADVANCING ON ALL FRONTS.

IN EUROPE, THE U.S. THIRD ARMY IS MOVING TO CUT OFF THE MOUNTAINOUS AREA IN BAVARIA, WHERE IT IS FELT THE NAZIS MAY TRY TO MAKE A LAST STAND. MOST OF THE ARMIES AVERAGE 130 MILES FROM BERLIN. THE BRITISH HAVE SWUNG UP TO THE NORTH 25 MILES IN A BID TO CUT OFF BALTIC PORTS.

THE RUSSIANS ARE FOUR AND A HALF MILES FROM THE CENTRE OF VIENNA. CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS.....IN A TALK FROM THE BRIDGE OVER THE WARNING TELEPHONE LAST EVENING THE CAPTAIN SAID THAT WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO JOIN THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET AND WOULD BE MEETING THEM AT A "FUELLING AREA" SOME TIME SUNDAY MORNING. WE WILL DO A FIVE DAY OPERATION, SCREENING BATTLESHIPS AND CARRIERS, AND THEN RETURN TO LEYTE TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT ASSIGNMENT.

THE CAPTAIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ALERTNESS AT ALL TIMES. OPPOSITION MIGHT COME FROM U-BOATS, AIRCRAFT OF FAST PT BOATS, AND IT WOULD BE FATAL FOR ANY LOOKOUTS TO TAKE HIS EYES OFF HIS OWN AREA FOR EVEN A SECOND - BECAUSE IN THAT SECOND, A LOW-LEVEL ATTACK COULD SCOOT OUT OF THE CLOUDS, OR CLOSE TO THE HORIZON, AND BOMB OR TORPEDO THE SHIP.

HE ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RETAINING A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR, EVEN IN THE THICK OF BATTLE. HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT THE UGANDA WOULD PUT UP A GOOD SHOWING.

MISNOMER.....OUR APOLOGIES TO MINNIE, THE MISSING CAT. SHE'S NO A.B! SHE'S W/T WREN TABBY. AND SHE'S STILL MISSING.

OUR PO SCRIBE ASKS.....WHAT WILL THE POSTMAN DO, BACK IN CANADA WHEN HE GETS A FLOCK OF PACKAGES MARKED: "KOALA BEAR"? WE CAN JUST SEE HIM, HOLDING THEM OUT GINGERLY AT ARM'S LENGTH.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE ABOUT THE CASUALTY DEPENDENTS FUND THAT WAS SUGGESTED AT A CANTEEN MEETING SOME TIME AGO.

WILL WE GET OUR SPORTS PROGRAMME UNDERWAY NEXT TIME IN? AND WHO WANTS TO BE THAT THE EX. SHIEF'S AND PO'S TEAM DONEY WIN THE SOFTBALL, IN SPITE OF THE PRESENT STANDINGS?

SOME OF THE HAIRCUTS BEING DISHED OUT THESE DAYS LOOK LIKE PUSSER ISSUE. DON'T YOU THINK SO, PO. MARSDEN?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE JEEPS? WE HEARD THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE ROUNDS IN THEM.

ISN'T IT ODD HOW SO MANY OF THE LADS HAVE SO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT IN THEIR MESSSES THESE DAYS? COULD BE OLD HOME WEEK?

WHAT PO WAS SHOWING AN O/SEA. HOW TO HEAVE A HEAVING LINE THE OTHER MORNING AND FORGOT TO HOLD ON TO THE OTHER END? WHO'S TEACHING WHO?

ONE-SENTENCE EDITORIAL

THE LATE ADMIRAL SIR DUDLEY POUND: "IN THE NAVY, I ALWAYS FOUND THAT THINGS WHICH SEEMED DANGEROUS LOST THEIR DANGER IF ONE KNEW HOW TO DO THEM, AND LEARNT THAT SMARTNESS, PRECISION AND SPEED IN DOING THINGS WERE THE SECRETS OF SUCCESS AND SAFETY".

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE NEWS TODAY IS A REPORT FROM LEYTE QUOTING ADMIRAL NIMITZ TO THE EFFECT THAT THE KING GEORGE V. AND "OTHER MAJOR UNITS OF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET" HAD BEEN HIT AND DAMAGED IN AN ACTION AGAINST ENEMY PLANES, 22 OF WHICH WERE SHOT DOWN BY OUR FORCES. WHATEVER THE DAMAGE, IT MUST HAVE BEEN SUPERDICIAL, AS A VISIT TO THE STARBOARD SIDE OF OUR SHIP WILL VERIFY THAT K.G.V IS STILL VERY MUCH AMONG THOSE PRESENT AND LOOKING VERY HEALTHY, TOO.

LIBERATORS FROM THE PHILLIPINES HIT HONG KONG WITH 154 TONS OF BOMBS, SINKING A FREIGHTER AND OTHER SMALL SHIPS, AS WELL AS OIL TANKS.

AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE CAPTURED THE FIRST V-2'S WHEN THEY CAME UPON A TRAINLOAD STRANDED ON A RAIL SIDING.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN FORCES ARE CRASHING AHEAD. THEY ARE ONLY 17 MILES FROM HANOVER AND 30 MILES FROM BREMEN. FOUR LARGE CITIES HAVE FALLEN IN THE PAST 24 HOURS. 1250 PLANES, MOST OF THEM HEAVIES, HAVE BEEN WORKING IN SUPPORT OF THE ADVANCE.

CANADIAN ARMIES ADVANCING THROUGH HOLLAND ARE 12 MILES FROM THE LAST REMAINING RAIL LINE OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

THE CHINESE AIR FORCE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE THE PAST WEEK, STRIKING AT JAP ARMIES AND INFLECTING HEAVY DAMAGE.

WE JOIN UP.....H.M.C.S. UGANDA WAS GIVEN A ROYAL WELCOME AS SHE JOINED UP WITH THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET THIS MORNING. FROM VICE-ADMIRAL SIR BERNARD RAWLINGS IN THE K.G.V. CAME THE GREETINGS: "WELCOME TO THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET".

FROM REAR-ADMIRAL BRING, IN COMMAND OF THE FOURTH CRUISER SQUADRON, WAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING: "WE ARE VERY GLAD TO SEE YOU AND WELCOME THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY TO THE SQUADRON". LATER HE MADE: "YOU LOOK VERY BUSINESS-LIKE".

THE "FIGHTING UP" SEEMED TO GET OFF TO A GOOD START, FOR AFTER THE TRANSFER OF TANKS, H.M.S. VICTORIOUS MADE A SIGNAL: "NICE WORK, WELL DONE".

SPORTS NEWS.....TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS, WHO COULD ONLY BEAT DETROIT ONCE DURING THE REGULAR SEASON'S PLAY, TOOK THE FIRST GAME OF THE STANLEY CUP FINALS FROM THE RED WINGS LAST NIGHT BY A SCORE OF 1-0. THE VETERAN SWEENEY SCHRINER OF CALGARY SCORED THE ONLY GOAL. THE SECOND GAME IS DUE TO BE PLAYED AT DETROIT.

PORTLAND LUCKIES CONTINUE THEIR WINNING STREAK IN COAST LEAGUE BASEBALL. THEY HAVE LOST ONLY ONE GAME IN 8 STARTS, AND NOW HAVE A FIRM HOLD ON FIRST PLACE, WITH SEATTLE AND LOS ANGELES TIED FOR SECOND. HERE ARE THE LATEST SCORES:

PORTLAND 11 - SACRAMENTO 6.

SEATTLE 8 - LOSANGELES 5.

SAN DIEGO 2 - SAN FRANCISCO 0.

OAKLAND 9 - SAN DIEGO 2. (SATURDAY AFTERNOON.)

PHILLIP'S FUND.....ELEVEN MORE BOUNDS WERE RUSHED IN AT THE LAST MINUTE IN THE VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE DEPENDENTS OF THE LATE L/STO. IVAN PHILLIPS, THE FUND IS NOW CLOSED DOWN. THE FINAL CHECK WHICH WENT OUT SHOWED A GRAND TOTAL --- AND WE DO MEAN G R A N D -- OF \$1,225.08. NICE GOING, MEN.

PARTING THOUGHT.....TODAY WE MOVED UP INTO THE BIG LEAGUE. NOW ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS FIND OUT WHETHER WE CAN HIT THE PITCHING!

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....THE BIG OVERNIGHT NEWS WAS ADMIRAL NIMITZ' ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SINKING OF THE JAPANESE BATTLESHIP YAMATO ALONG WITH TWO CRUISERS 3 DESTROYERS AND 4 CARGO SHIPS, IN THE BATTLE OF THE EAST CHINA SEA. THE YAMATO, BELIEVED TO BE THE LAST OF JAPAN'S BIG BATTLESHIPS, WAS 40,000 TONS. CARRIER-BASED PLANES OF ADMIRAL MARK MISTCHER'S TASK FORCE HIT THE SHIP WITH 8 TORPEDOES AND AT LEAST 8 BOMBS. THE AMERICANS LOST 7 PLANES IN THE ATTACK.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE JAP NAVY HAD BEEN CAUGHT AT SEA SINCE THE ACTIONS OFF LEYTE LAST OCTOBER. A NAVY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT "ANY OF OUR TASK FORCES COULD HANDLE WHAT REMAINS OF THE JAP FLEET".

AT THE SAME TIME MORE DETAILS WERE ANNOUNCED ON THE DAMAGE TO THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET LAST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. IT SEEMS THAT 5 JAP PLANES BROKE THROUGH THE SCREEN AND MADE A CONCERTED ATTACK ON KING GEORGE V, INFLECTING DAMAGE WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN SUPERFICIAL.

ON OKINAWA, THE MARINES ARE MEETING LIGHT RESISTANCE IN THE NORTH BUT THE SOLDIERS ARE HAVING TOUGH GOING IN THE SOUTH, AROUND NAHA, WHERE THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED STUBBORN JAPANESE RESISTANCE.

ON NEGROS IN THE PHILLIPINES, AND ADVANCE OF 30 MILES HAS BEEN MADE BY GEN. MACARTHUR'S FORCES, AND ALL 7 AIRFIELDS IN THE ISLAND HAVE BEEN SECURED. ON MINDANAO, JAP DEAD TOTAL 2,297 AND PRISONERS, 59. U.S. DEAD TOTAL 131, WITH TWO MEN MISSING AND 533 WOUNDED.

GEN. STILWELL SAID IN A RECENT STATEMENT THAT VICTORY IN EUROPE WOULD RELEASE NUMBERS OF SOLDIERS FOR ACTION IN THE PACIFIC, AND THEY WOULD BE NEEDED TO ESTABLISH NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY. HE WARNED FAMILIES OF MEN IN EUROPE THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE RECALLED AND BUNGED RIGHT OUT TO THE PACIFIC WITHOUT ANY FURLOUGH HOME.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT, MOSQUITOS HAVE HIT BERLIN FROM BASES IN EUROPE, FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE AMERICAN 3RD. ARMY IS NOW ONLY 129 MILES FROM BERLIN.

A TOTAL OF 300,000 PRISONERS HAS BEEN TAKEN SINCE THE CROSSING OF THE RHINE AND IN A GLOOMY NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, HEINRICH HIMMLER SAID THAT "WE MUST ACCEPT THE REMARKABLE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GERMAN ARMY CAN BE DEFEATED, MILITARILY".

2000 AMERICAN PLANES, CONTINUING THEIR BATTERING OF THE REICH, HAVE HAMMERED TARGETS FROM BERLIN TO NUREMBERG.

THE CANADIANS HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES IN HOLLAND BUT ARE FORGING STEADILY AHEAD.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE DRIVING THE GERMANS OUT OF VIENNA. THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF PRAGUE IS BECOMING MORE APPARENT DAILY. DR. BENES HAS BEEN CONGRATULATED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ON HIS ARRIVAL BACK IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS.....IN A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE LAST NIGHT, THE CAPTAIN SAID THAT WE WOULD STILL BE IN THE FUELLING AREA THIS MORNING. SOON, OF COURSE, WE WOULD BE STRIKING OFF ON OUR OPERATION, BUT AT THE TIME OF BROADCAST HE HADN'T BEEN ADVISED OF THE "ZERO HOUR".

WE NOMINATE.....FOR THE "UHADIT BOY" OF THE WEEK, THE CITIZEN WHO SNEAKED IN TO THE MASTER AT ARM'S OFFICE AND STOLE THE MASTER'S OUT-SIZE TIM HELMET!

SPORTS NEWS.....IN AN EXHIBITION BALL GAME, MONTREAL DEFEATED BROOKLYN DODGERS (THEIR PARENT CLUB) 4-2. IN COAST LEAGUE GAMES SUNDAY, SCORES WERE; HOLLYWOOD 8 OAKLAND 1; SEATTLE 6 LOS ANGELES 3; SACRAMENTO 6, PORTLAND 1; AND SAN FRANCISCO 11 SAN DIEGO 1.

SAD SALT SEZ....."IF THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN PACKS UP BEFORE THE WAR IN GERMANY, WILL WE BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO RE-VOLUNTEER FOR THE WESTERN FRONT?" (ARF, ARF!)

THE PACIFIC THEATRE.....AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE HAVING TOUGH SLEDDING ON THE SOUTH END OF OKINAWA. THE JAPS, PUTTING UP THEIR "HEAVIEST ARTILKERY BOMBARDMENT TO DATE", AND CHARGING WITH FIXED BAYONETS, HAVE RETAKEN A TOWN IN THE NAHA SECTOR, WHERE STRATEGIC AIRFIELDS ARE LOCATED. OUT OF 10 JAP PLANES ATTACKING THE AMERICAN FORCES, SEVEN WERE SHOT DOWN.

IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT, OF 600 JAP PLANES ATTACKING THE U.S. NAVY OFF OKINAWA, 200 MANAGED TO PENETRATE THE OUTER SCREEN.

IN THE PHILLIPINES, THE AMERICANS ARE MOVING AHEAD STREADILY AND INFLICTING HEAVY LOSSES ON THE ENEMY, STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE 5TH. AIR FORCE.

HONG KONG HAS BEEN TAKING A STEADY PASTING FROM U.S. PLANES.

CHINESE TROOPS KILLED 1200 JAPS IN A ROUSING BATTLE IN HOPEI PROVINCE. THE EUROPEAN THEATRE.....GERMAN RESISTANCE IS STEADILY WEAKENING. ARMIES DRIVING DEEP INTO THE REICH ARE KNOCKING OVER AN AVERAGE OF 50,000 GERMAN PRISONERS A DAY. IN SOME SECTORS, THE NAZIS PRESENT LITTLE MORE THAN MOB FIGHTING ACCORDING TO AN EYE WITNESS.

THE CANADIANS ARE DOING WELL IN HOLLAND. THEY HAVE KINKED UP WITH THEIR SUPPORTING PARATROOPERS AND HAVE CUT THE LAST ESCAPE ROUTE FROM THE COUNTRY. NOW THEY ARE MOVING IN FOR THE KILL.

HANOVER, BREMEN AND BRUNSWICK ARE SAID TO BE "HOLLOW, BURNING SHELLS", AFTER FIERCE AIR ATTACKS.

IN THE BUHR, THE BIG CITIES OF ESSEN, DORTMUND AND GELSENKIRCHEN HAVE BEEN PENETRATED AND STREET FIGHTING IS GOING ON. THE GERMANS ARE TRAPPED IN THE AREA AND ALL ATTEMPTS TO BREAK OUT HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED.

THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY HAS MOVED UP TO A POSITION 120 MILES FROM BERLIN.

FOREIGN SLAVE WORKERS ARE FLEEING THE REICH, TO SEEK SANCTUARY BEHIND THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN LINES.

GERMAN U-BOATS WERE ACTIVE IN MARCH, BUT RECENT RAIDS HAVE SLOWED THEM DOWN. ONE OF THE HEAVIEST HAS BEEN AGAINST DANZIG, WHICH, SINCE FALLING TO OUR FORCES, IS A SEVERE LOSS TO THE UNDERSEA FORCES.

ON MONDAY, THOUSANDS OF ROYAL AIR FORCE BOMBERS STRUCK AT HAMBURG, DROPPING 11-TON BOMBS. THIS CITY WAS VIRTUALLY LEVELLED TWO YEARS AGO, AND THE ATTACKS WERE AGAINST DOCKS AND SUP-PENS.

2000 AMERICAN PLANES STRUCK AT MUNICH, THE CAPITAL OF BAVARIA, YESTERDAY AND RANGED OVER A 60-MILE AREA, BOMBING TARGETS.

THE EASTERN THEATRE.....KOENIGSBERG HAS FALLEN TO THE RUSSIANS AFTER A SIX-WEEK SIEGE. THIS IS THE CAPITAL OF EAST PRUSSIA AND IS LOCATED ABOUT 90 MILES NORTH-EAST OF BERLIN. 27,000 NAZIS TROOPS WERE CAPTURED WHEN THE CITY FELL.

THE DIPLOMATIC THEATRE.....TWENTY OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE RESUMED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA, WHICH RECENTLY DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY AND JAPAN. SHE WAS THE LAST COUNTRY TO GET ON THE BAND-WAGON.

THE CANINE THEATRE.....PETTY OFFICER MASCOT "CORDITE", WRONS, SEEMS TO BE GOING HIGH-HAT SINCE HER MATED DEPARTED AND SHE ASSUMED SUPREME COMMAND IN THIS THEATRE. SHE IS NOW SHOWING SIGNS OF BECOMING AN UPPER-DECK DOG. LATEST INDICATION WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY BY THE GUNNERY OFFICER WHO CALLED AT THE CAPTAIN'S SEA CABIN TO FIND "CORDITE" GRACEFULLY ENSCONCED ON THE CAPTAIN'S BUNK!

FINALEY.....THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY. AS THE NEGRO MAMMY SAID, WHO HAD CHILDREN NAMED EENIE, MEENIE, MINIE AND GEORGE: "THERE AIN'T NO MO'".

TODAY'S EVENTS, AS THEY WERE AND AS THEY MIGHT BE REPORTED BY VARIOUS WORLD NEWS AGENCIES AND PERSONAGES:

AS THEY WERE.....POOR FLYING CONDITIONS CAUSED POSTPONEMENT OF OUR STRIKE TODAY. THE ORIGINAL TAKE-OFF TIME WAS 0645 AND REAR-ADMIRAL SIR PHILIP VIAN, COMMANDING AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, WAITED 75 MINUTES TO SEE WHETHER CONDITIONS WOULD IMPROVE. WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THEY WOULDN'T, IT WAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE ASSAULT, WHICH WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, WEATHER PERMITTING. THE COMMANDER SAID THAT THE BUSINESS OF SECURING THE SHIP AND PROMPTNESS IN TAKING UP STATIONS WAS "QUITE WELL DONE".

AS DOMEI, THE JAP NEWS AGENCY, MIGHT REPORT IT....."COWARDLY BRITISH FORCES APPROACHED THE COAST OF FORMOSA TODAY BUT WHEN THEY SAW OUR FIGHTER PATROL, THEY TURNED AND FLED. IN SPITE OF POOR FLYING CONDITIONS, OUR INTREPID SHOGUN AIRMEN OVERTOOK THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET AND SANK IT, THE ALLIES LOST 22 BATTLESHIPS, 37 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, 56 CRUISERS AND 325 DESTROYERS, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT".

AS TASS NEWS AGENCY (RUSSIA) MIGHT REPORT IT....."THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET IS NOW FORMED UP IN THE PACIFIC BUT HAS NOT YET GONE INTO ACTION. WHY HAVEN'T THE ALLIES OPENED A SECON FRONT"?

AS D.M.B. (GERMAN) NEWS AGENCY MIGHT REPORT IT....."A STRONG BRITISH FLEET WAS BETTERED OFF FORMOSA EARLY TODAY AS.....PARDON US, THERE SEEMS TO BE A FIRE OUTSIDE".

AS WALTER WINCHELL MIGHT REPORT IT..... "HELLO MR. AND MRS. AMERICA AND ALL THE SHIPS AT SEA, LET'S GO TO PRESS--FLASH! LIEUT. JAMES SCHNEIDER, USNR AND LIEUT. (JG) IRWIN LEVKOFF, USNR, HAVE TIPPED ME TO THIS EXCLUSIVE STORM: A CERTAIN PACIFIC ISLAND IS GOING TO WAKE UP IN THE MORNING WITH A TERRIFIC HANGOVER. AMONG THE SHIPS WHICH WILL SLIP THE JAPS A LETHAL MICKEY FINN IS THE NEW CRUISER, USS UGANDA".

AS THE B.B.C. MIGHT REPORT IT....."THIS IS LONDON CALLING. HERE IS THE NEWS AND THIS IS DEREK PRENTISS READING IT. THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET TODAY... OH I SAY, I'M FRIGHTFULLY SODDY. CAN'T MENTION THAT SORT OF THING, CAN I, CHAPS? SECURITY, AND ALL THAT!"

AS BOB HOPE MIGHT REPORT IT....."...AND REMEMBER, IF YOU DONT USE PEPSODENT, YOU CANT SLAP THE JAP IF YOU'VE GOT GAPS IN YOUR YAP"!

AS DIZZY DEAN MIGHT REPORT IT....."GAME CALLED, RAIN".

AS ANGUS L. MACDONALD MIGHT REPORT IT..... "H.M.C.S. UGANDA, THE NEW CANADIAN CRUISER, ASSISTED BY CERTAIN SMALL UNITS OF THE ROYAL NAVY, TODAY BLASTED FORMOSA. THIS SHIP IS BUT THE FORERUNNER OF A STRONG CANADIAN FLBET WHICH WILL OPERATE IN THE PACIFIC. OTHER SHIPS WHICH WILL BE ASSISTING IN THE OPERATIONS ARE THE NEW CRUISER H.M.C.S. ONTARIO, TWO NEW FLEET CARRIERS AND THE TRIBAL CLASS DESTROYER MICMAC, PROVIDING, OF COURSE, THE WAB IN THE PACIFIC LASTS THAT LONG".

WORLD NEWS.....NOT MUCH CHANGE IN THE WORLD PICTURE TODAY. ON THE WESTERN FRONT, THE ALLIES ARE DRIVING AHEAD AT A GOOD CLIP AND IMPORTANT GERMAN DITIES ARE FALLING ALMOST DAILY. THE CANADIANS AND AMERICANS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE TRAPPED 100,000 NAZIS IN THE HOLLAND POCKET. A NEW DRIVE HAS BEEN OPENED AGAINST THE GERMANS IN NORTHERN ITALY. ON OKINAWA, FIERCE FIGHTING IS RAGING IN THE SOUTH, BUT THE AMERICANS ARE MOVING DOGGEDLY AHEAD.

SPORTS NEWS.....NO WIRE SERVICE HAS YET MADE MENTION OF THE 2ND. STANLEY CUP HOCKEY GAME. TORONTO BASEBALL TEAM WON AN EXHIBITION FROM PHILADELPHIA 11-4 AND THE BROWNS BEAT THE CARDS 4-2.

FIRST ACTION.....WELL, THE BIG DAY IS OVER -- ALMOST -- AND FROM UNOFFICIAL REPORTS, IT LOOMS LIKE A VICTORY FOR THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET. HER GALLANT AIR ARM PILOTS SOUGHT THE ENEMY AND, ACCORDING TO OUR TALLY, BESTED HIM BY 12-4. FROM SIGNALS AND INTRA-SHIP REPORTS WE CAN ACTUALLY COUNT 15, BUT TWO OR THREE OF THESE MAY BE DUPLICATIONS BETWEEN THE SIGNALS SENT BY PILOTS OF AIRCRAFT, AND THE SIGNALS SENT BY THEIR SHIP. FOR INSTANCE, AT 1840 WE GOT A SHIP'S SIGNAL: "TWO SHOT DOWN". FIVE MINUTES LATER WE RECEIVED WORD FROM AN AIRCRAFT THAT HE HAD "CLOBBERED A BOGEY". WAS HE ONE OF THE SHIP'S TWO, OR A BRAND NEW NEW ONE? WE DONT KNOW, HAVING INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION, SO WE HAVE ELECTED TO HOLD OUR FIRE UNTIL REAR-ADMIRAL SIR PHILLIP VIAN GIVES US THE OFFICIAL PICTURE.

AT ANY RATE WE GIVE YOU...OUR BOX-SCORE OF SUCCESSES:

2 SHOT DOWN A.M. NOT NAMED.

3 SONIAS FORCED DOWN ON KUMI ISLAND, STRAFFED, BELIEVED KILLED.

1 SONIA LEFT BURNING, SAME PLACE.

2 SALLYS DESTROYED.

2 ZEKES DESTROYED AT 1600.

2 ZEKE SHOT DOWN AT 40-MILE RANGE, 0640.

1 ZEKE DESTROYED BY HELLCAT, 1700 (MAY BE DUPLICATE).

1 BOGEY "CLOBBERED" (FROM PILOT).

1 TESS DEFINITELY DESTROYED ON GROUND, FORMOSA.

1 DINAH DESTROYED FROM 20,000 FEET DOWN.

IN ADDITION THERE WERE TWO OR THREE ENEMY PLANES REPORTED "DAMAGED"; ONE ON THE GROUND AT FORMOSA, AND ANOTHER WHICH WAS SEEN TO BE HIT AND LOSING ALTITUDE RAPIDLY, WITH SMOKE BILLOWING AS IT DROPPED.

AGAINST THIS WE HAVE FOUR OF OUR PLANES LOST, THREE AIR CREWS WERE REPORTED OR PARTS, IN THE WATER, AND AIRCRAFT AND SUBMARINES WENT TO THEIR REST AT PRESS-TIME. WE HAVE NO WORD ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS SEARCH. JUST BEFORE DAWN A HELLCAT WAS REPORTED DITCHED AND ITS PILOT FEARED LOST.

PERHAPS THE MOST EXCITING AIR BATTLE OF THE DAY - FROM THE MEAGER INFORMATION CONTAINED IN SIGNALS - WAS THE ONE IN WHICH OUR PILOT CHASED HIS QUARRY DOWN TO SEA LEVEL FROM 20,000 FEET, AND SAW HIM CRASH IN THE SEA. THE ACTION OF CORSAIRS IN FORCING FIVE PLANES DOWN AT KUMI WAS ALSO A NOTEWORTHY FEAT. ONE OF THE ENEMY PLANES WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE.

THE FACT THAT THE JAPS DID NOT TACKLE US IN GREAT STRENGTH MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO VARIOUS FACTORS. PERHAPS AS GOOD A GUESS AS ANY IS THAT THEY WERE TOO BUSY UP NORTH, LOOKING AFTER THE OKINAWA STRIKES AGAINST THE U.S. NAVY AND ARMY.

THE FIRST SIGNAL TO COME IN FROM OUR PILOTS WAS A GOOD ONE. THEY FLASHED "GRAND SLAM - TWO DIVE BOMBERS", WHICH WE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT THEY GOT BOTH THE ONES THEY WENT AFTER.

NOW THAT WE'VE ACTUALLY SEEN A STRIKE IN OPERATION ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS SIT BACK AND LISTEN TO THE RADIO, AND FIND OUT WHAT SUPPOSEDLY TOOK PLACE. WE AWAIT WITH INTEREST TOKYO'S COMMENTS ON THIS ACTION.

PO. CORDITE CONNED THE BRIDGE FROM THE BRIDGE PLOT FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON. THEN SHE CURLED UP IN THE ADP WITH A FRIENDLY MATELOT AND SAID: "DONT WAKE ME UP UNLESS YOU GET A BOGEY WITHIN 5 MILES".

THE CAPTAIN WARNED THAT NO MENTION MUST BE MADE OF THIS ACTION IN ANY LETTERS. " AFTER THE WAR IS OVER YOU CAN SHOOT 'EM DOWN IN FLAMES ALL YOU WANT", HE SMILED. "SPIN A SALTY DIP. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, KEEP ALL REFERENCE TO IT OUT OF THE MAIL".

BACK AGAIN TOMORROW AND WE'RE REALLY TRIGGER-HAPPY!

DEATH OF A GREAT AMERICAN.....NEWS OF OUR STRIKE TODAY HAS BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY THE SUDDEN UNEXPECTED AND TRAGIC NEWS FROM WASHINGTON OF THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. IF IT IS TRUE THAT "FRIDAY THE 13TH." IS A DAY FOR MOMENTOUS AND UNUSUAL EVENTS, THEN THIS ONE WILL SURELY GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS ONE OF THE MOST GRAVE MISFORTUNES.

MR. ROOSEVELT SET A RECORD WHICH NO MAN BEFORE HIM COULD ATTAIN, AND WHICH MAY NEVER BE EQUALLED. HE WAS ELECTED TO FOUR TERMS AND HAD SERVED FOUR MONTHS OF WHAT HE HIMSELF DESCRIBED AS "HIS LAST IN OFFICE". THE OFFICE NOW REVERTS AUTOMATICALLY TO VICE-PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN.

DEATH MUST HAVE BEEN SUDDEN. THE RADIO MADE NO MENTION OF ANY ILLNESS FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS AND IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO MR. ROOSEVELT MADE THE LONG TRIP TO THE CRIMEA CONFERENCE AND SPENT SOME TIME AT SEA, IN PASSAGE AND AT CONFERENCES. HE WAS 67 YEARS OLD.

HIS LIFE STORY WAS ONE OF TRIUMPH OVER PHYSICAL DISABILITY. AS A COMPARATIVELY YOUNG MAN, HE WAS STRICKEN WITH INFANTILE PARALYSIS BUT BY CAREFUL ATTENTION AND TREATMENTS AT SULPHUR SPRINGS, HE OVERCAME HIS DISABILITY AND LED ONE OF THE STRENUOUS LIVES IN THE WORLD, HE COULD NOT WALK UNAIDED, AND OFTEN USED A WHEEL-CHAIR, BUT HE WAS A MAN OF GREAT DRIVING ENERGY AND PERSONALITY.

F.D.R. WAS A GREAT "NAVY MAN". IN THE LAST WAR HE WAS THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AND HE IS CREDITED WITH MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE U.S. BUILDING UP ITS PRESENT POWERFUL FLEET OF 1150 COMBAT WARSHIPS AND 3,200,000 MEN.

HIS UNTIMELY DEATH RAISES THE QUESTION: WHAT LINE WILL HIS SUCCESSOR TAKE? PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF OURS. LONG BEFORE THE U.S. ACTUALLY DECLARED WAR, HE WAS PROVIDING SUPPLIES, SHIPS, PLANES AND TANKS VIA LEND-LEASE. YOU REMEMBER HIS PRONOUNCEMENT: "ALL AID SHORT OF WAR". YOU ALSO REMEMBER HIS KINGSTON STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE U.S. WOULD STAND BY CANADA IF SHE WERE EVER THREATENED. IN THE TRYING DAYS OF THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC, BEFORE THE U.S. ENTERED THE WAR, HE RATIFIED THE TRANSFER OF 50 OVER AGE DESTROYERS TO THE BRITISH (OF WHICH CANADA GOT 7), AND THESE VETERANS WERE PUT AT OUR DISPOSAL WHEN THEY WERE SORELY NEEDED.

IN POLITICS, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FOLLOWED A RATHER CURIOUS LINE. ALTHOUGH HE CAME FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY, AND WAS EDUCATED AT GROTON AND HARVARD, HE WAS KNOWN AS "THE WORKING MAN'S FRIEND", AND DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION, INTRODUCED MANY BILLS AND WORKS PROGRAMMES (CCC, WPA, ETC) WHICH PROVIDED RELIEF FOR THE LABORING CLASS. EVEN IN THOSE DAYS THEY QUIPPED THAT N.R.A. MEANT "NOMINATE ROOSEVELT AGAIN".

HE WAS ALSO A CHAMPION OF THE COLORED MAN'S CAUSE AND SOUGHT TO IMPROVE THEIR LOT, THIS WAS EVIDENT IN THE ATLANTIC CHARTER, WHICH HE SIGNED OFF ARGENTIA, NEWFOUNDLAND, WITH WINSTON CHURCHILL IN THE SUMMER OF 1941, AND IN WHICH FREEDOM AND DIGNITY OF MAN "REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR OR CREED", WAS CHAMPIONED.

COMPARATIVELY LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT HIS SUCCESSOR, HARRY TRUMAN. HE WAS A SMALL-TOWN COUNTRY POLITICIAN, USED AS A FIGUREHEAD BY "BOSS" PENDERGRAST, WHOSE REPUTATION WAS NONE TOO SAVORY, BEFORE BEING SENT TO WASHINGTON AS A SENATOR. IN RECENT YEARS HE HAS DONE GOOD WORK THERE AS THE HEAD OF AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE WHICH SOUGHT TO CHECK WASTE IN PUBLIC FUNDS. HE ACTUALLY RECEIVED THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT AS A SORT OF ALTERNATIVE WHEN HENRY WALLACE WAS DEFEATED AND NO OTHER STRONG CANDIDATE WAS PRODUCED.

IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT HARRY TRUMAN WILL CARRY ON WITH THE SAME PRINCIPLES WHICH WERE Laid DOWN BY THE LATE PRESIDENT, WITH WHOM HE HAD WORKED AND WHOM HE ADMIRERD, AND CALLED A CLOSE FRIEND. BUT THERE CAN BE NO GAINSAING THE GREAT LOSS THAT HAS BEFALLEN NOT ONLY THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE UNITED NATIONS. IT FALLS TO FEW MEN TO BECOME A LEGEND IN THEIR TIME; PRES. ROOSEVELT WAS ONE OF THESE. WE PREDICT THAT HE WILL RANK IN AMERICAN HISTORY, IN YEARS TO COME, WITH WASHINGTON, LINCOLN, AND THE OTHER GREAT LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRACY

NAVAL MESSAGE.

To:

From:

TO THE SOUTH OF US.

WE SALUTE THE MEMORY OF A GREAT DEMOCRAT--IN THE UNIVERSAL SENSE OF THE WORD AND EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO OUR AMERICAN SHIPMATES ON THE LOSS OF THEIR DOOMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

TODAYS RESULTS...THREE PLANES SHOT DOWN AGAINST ONE OF OURS; AIRFIELD BOMBED SUCCESSFULLY; RADIO STATION "CLOBBERED".

...THE LAST DAY HE WAS THE ONLY...
...THE LOSS OF THE U.S. AIRCRAFT...
...THE BOMBING OF THE AIRFIELD...
...THE SHOOTING DOWN OF THE PLANES...
...THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RADIO STATION...
...THE COURAGE AND BRAVERY OF OUR MEN...
...THE SUPPORT AND LOGISTICS OF OUR SHIPS...
...THE DEDICATION AND SERVICE OF OUR CREWS...
...THE RESOLVE AND DETERMINATION OF OUR LEADERS...
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TRIBUTE TO F.D.R.....PLANS FOR THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ARE BEING SHAPED ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ANTHONY EDEN WOULD FLY FROM ENGLAND TO REPRESENT THE BRITISH PEOPLE AT HYDE PARK. THE EARL OF ATHLONE WILL GO TO WASHINGTON FROM CANADA, TO REPRESENT OUR COUNTRY.

SHIPS OF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET WILL WEAR COLOURS AT HALF-MAST FOR THE HOUR BEFORE SUNSET TODAY, IN TRIBUTE TO "A SINCERE FRIEND OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE".

MEANWHILE THE NEW PRESIDENT, HARRY TRUMAN, HAS BUCKLED DOWN TO WORK. ONE OF HIS FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS WAS THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE WOULD NOT BE POSTPONED. ON FRIDAY HE PUT IN A FULL DAY'S WORK, CONFERRING WITH ADMIRAL KING AND GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL.

YESTERDAY'S DAWN RAID.....ONE OF THE MAJOR TOPICS OF CONVERSATION IN THE SHIP YESTERDAY WAS THE NATURE OF THE DAWN RAID WHICH GREETED AS WE WENT TO ACTION STATIONS. SOME CONTENDED THAT THE BURNING LIGHT ON OUR PORT HAND WAS A FLARE; OTHERS INSISTED IT WAS A JAP PLANE. SOME LIGHT HAS BEEN THROWN ON THE MATTER, FOLLOWING A POST-MORTEM BY THE ADMIRAL COMMANDING AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, AND HERE IS THE SUBSTANCE OF A SIGNAL HE HAS MADE TO THE FLEET:

1. AN ATTACK ON THE FLEET WAS MADE AT DAWN FRIDAY.
2. A PILOT PLANE APPROACHING FROM FORMOSA KED IN ABOUT FOUR KAMIKAZE PLANES TO 20 MILES, WHERE THE PILOT BROKE ORR.
3. INDOMITABLE FLEW OFF 4 HELLCATS TO MEET THE ENEMY AND WERE NOT AIRBORNE UNTIL THE ENEMY HAD ENTERED OUR ZONE.
4. AT 0555 A VAL DIVED ON INDOMITABLE AND DROPPED A DUD BOMB. THE ENEMY PLANE WAS BURNING NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND FIRED THE WRONG RECOGNITION LIGHTS. IT WAS RECOGNIZABLE BECAUSE OF ITS FIXED UNDERCARRIAGE. IT WAS ENGAGED, BUT PROBABLY NOT HIT.
5. FIVE MINUTES LATER HE SHOT DOWN ONE OF OUR OWN HELLCATS. HE HAD BEEN SIGNALLED TO GET OUT OF THE AREA, BUT APPARENTLY HAD NOT RECEIVED IT AND CAME IN LOW OVER THE FLEET.
6. A SECOND ENEMY PLANE RELEASED A FLARE OVER THE FLEET WHICH WAS UNDER WHEEL AT THE TIME. NO REPORTS WERE RECEIVED ON HIS FUTURE MOVEMENTS.
7. A THIRD ENEMY PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF VICTORIOUS BY OUR GUNFIRE. (THIS IS THE ONE, PROBABLY, SEEN TO CRASH NOT FAR FROM UGANDA).
8. A SEPARATE ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED A FEW MINUTES LATER 25 MILES NORTH OF THE FLEET, WHEN CORSAIRS FROM ILLUSTRIOUS SHOT DOWN TWO ENEMY ZEKES. THE REMAINDER OF THE ENEMY RETIRED TO THE NORTHWARD.

WORLD NEWS.....REPORTS FROM THE WESTERN FRONT ARE VERY ENCOURAGING. TANKS OF THE U.S. NINTH ARMY HAVE CROSSED THE LAST REMAINING RIVER, THE ELBE, AND SMASHED TO WITHIN 57 MILES OF BERLIN.

A STAFF OFFICER TOLD A BBC CORRESPONDENT THAT THE END "WAS ONLY A MATTER OF A FEW DAYS".

THE RUSSIANS HAVE TURNED ON THE HEAT IN THE EAST, AND THERE IS A FIERCE BATTLE RAGING JUST 30 MILES FROM BERLIN.

JAPANESE RADIO TODAY TOLD OF OUR RAID ON THE NORTHERN TIP OF FORMOSA, SAYING THAT "ABOUT 100 PLANES TOOK PART, AND NAMING THE FOUR CARRIERS. TOKYO ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE SUNK TWO U.S. BATTLESHIPS TUESDAY AND A CRUISER; AND TO HAVE DAMAGED A BATTLESHIP AND A CRUISER WEDNESDAY OFF OKINAWA. THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE SHOT DOWN 33 PLANES AND DAMAGED AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

GERMAN RADIO SAID THAT U.S. MARINE BOMBERS CONTINUED THEIR NEUTRALIZING RAIDS ON THE MARSHAL ISLANDS.

IN BURMA, THE BRITISH 14TH. CONTINUES ITS DRIVE EAST AND WEST.

IN THE CHINA SEA, ALLIED PILOTS SAY THAT IT IS VIRTUALLY CLEAR OF SHIPPING, AS A RESULT OF AIR ATTACKS ON JAP VESSELS.

AND NOW TO CRASH THOSE MAIL SACKS!

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....HERE ARE THE HEADLINES:

GERMAN TANKS ARE REPORTED TO BE MASSING FOR THE DEFENCE OF BERLIN. ALL NAZI RESISTANCE IN THE RUHR HAS COLLAPSED.

DESTROYERS OF THE BRITISH EASTERN FLEET ATTACKED AND SANK A NUMBER OF ENEMY SHIPS NORTH OF THE ADMIRALTY'S.

THE AMERICAN 9TH. IS NOW MEETING STUBBORN RESISTANCE. IT IS 45 MILES FROM BERLIN.

TOKYO REPORTS THAT SECTIONS OF THE IMPERIAL PALACE HAVE BEEN HIT BY INCENDIARY BOMBS. ONE PORTION BURNED TO THE GROUND. MANY SACRED SHRINES HAVE BEEN HIT AND SOME DEMOLISHED.

ON OKINAWA, THE ENEMY APPEARS DETERMINED TO TRY AND DRIVE THE AMERICANS OFF, BUT THE YANKS ARE HOLDING THEIR GROUND IN THE SOUTH AND ADVANCING IN THE NORTH.

AMERICAN PLANES HIT SHAKASHIMA GROUP ISLAND YESTERDAY, DESTROYING 13 AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND AND DAMAGING 25.

OUR FRIDAY 13TH. STRIKE WAS REPORTED BY SAN FRANCISCO RADIO TODAY, AND AN ACCURATE PICTURE GIVEN.

THE BRITISH EAST INDIA FLEET SHEELED THE BAY OF BENGAL AREA.

THE BRITISH 14TH. ARMY IN BURMA CONTINUES TO ADVANCE.

CHURCH SERVICE.....PADRE WHITE PREACHED A SERMON ON THE TEXT "CAST YOUR NETS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BOAT" IN THE PORT HANGAR THIS MORNING, AND A SPECIAL HYMN ("LEAD KINDLY LIGHT") WAS SUNG IN MEMORY OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, WHOSE BURIAL TAKES PLACE TODAY.

THE PADRE MENTIONED THAT SOME WERE NOT ATTENDING FOR FEAR OF NOT GETTING SEATS, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE BOAT DECK COULD BE UTILIZED TO ACCOMMODATE A LARGER "CONGREGATION" IF NECESSARY. THERE WERE PLENTY OF EMPTY SEATS THIS MORNING, HE ADDED.

PROMOTION.....THE TAR PAPER OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GUNNERY OFFICER, WHO HAS JUST RECEIVED A SIGNAL TO THE EFFECT THAT HE HAS BEEN GRANTED 18 MONTHS ADDITIONAL SENIORITY AND PROMOTED TO ACTING LIEUT. CDR. WHILE HOLDING HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT. A/LT. CDR. LANDYMORE IS A GRADUATE OF THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE AT KINGSTON ONT. AND CALLS BRANTFORD AND OTTAWA HIS HOMES. HE HAS BEEN IN THE RCN SINCE 1936.

CLIPPINGS.....HERE'S AN APPEAL TO ALL HANDS. YE ED. HAS HEARD THAT SEVERAL OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY RECEIVED CLIPPINGS FROM HOME IN THE MAIL DISTRIBUTED YESTERDAY. WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH WITH THEM, WOULD YOU PASS THEM UP TO CABIN 6 IN RADAR FLAT? IT MAY BE THAT THERE'S SOME NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE WHOLE SHIP IN THEM, IN WHICH CASE THEY WILL BE CULLED FOR THE TAR PAPER OF RADIO BROADCAST, SO THAT EVERYONE WILL BENEFIT FROM THESE ALL-TOO-RARE BULLETINS.

BINGO.....THIS GAME WAS INAUGURATED IN THE PORT HANGAR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND WAS A BIG SUCCESS. LIEUT. MOWATT IS THE OFFICER IN CHARGE. THE GAME IS A LOT OF FUN AND YOU STAND A CHANCE TO WIN SOME PIASTRES. WATCH THE TAR PAPER FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SESSIONS, WHICH ARE GOING TO BE HELD THREE TIMES A WEEK.

MOVIES.....THE MANAGER OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD THEATRE, JUST OFF THE BOAT DECK, SAYS THAT THERE ARE NOW TOO MANY "ONE-EYED CONNOLLYS" IN THE SHIP WHO ARE CRASHING THE GATE FOR MOVIES. THIS IS REALLY A SELFISH PRACTICE, BECAUSE IT MAY DEPRIVE SOMEBODY WHO IS LEGITIMATELY ENTITLED TO SEE THE SHOW, WHEN HIS WATCH ATTENDS, OF GETTING A LOOK. (OOPS--ALMOST SAID 'SEAT, THERE!') STICK TO YOUR OWN WATCH MEN, AND GIVE THE OTHER FELLOW A BREAK. YOUR TURN WILL COME.

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

HERE IS A LATE SIGNAL WHICH ROUNDS UP THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES FOR OUR
 *****STAR EDITION:

1. THERE WAS NO SIGN OF ENEMY ACTIVITY ON SAKASHIMA TODAY 70 TONS OF BOMBS WERE DISTRIBUTED EVENLY OVER THREE AIRFIELDS, ALL OF WHICH ARE WELL CRATERED AND UNSERVICEABLE AT THE TIME OF WRITING.
2. ONE FLACK POSITION RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED ON THE GROUND. OTHERS WERE STRAFFED BUT DID NOT BURN.
3. INSTALLATIONS AND BARRACKS WERE ALSO STRAFFED.
4. A RADAR STATION AT THE SOUTH EAST PROMONTORY OF MIKAYAMA WAS ROCKETED.
5. FIGHTERS SPLASHED ONE JAP "HAMP" PLANE, WHICH WAS OVERTAKEN WHILE STALKING A VERY LONG RANGE U.S. PRIVATEER.
6. THE FLEET WAS ALERTED TWICE BY POSSIBLE PILOTED BOMB ATTACKS. ALTHOUGH OUR PILOTS CLOSED TO WITHIN 3 MILES OF THE REPORTED BOGEY, THEY COULD SEE NOTHING, WHICH MAY POSSIBLY SUNSTANTIATE THE THEORY.
7. OUR LOSSED TO FLAK WERE ONE TORPEDO BOMBER AND TWO FIGHTERS. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THIS STATEMENT INCLUDES THE PLANE WHICH OVERTURNED ON THE CARRIER DECK THIS AFTERNOON AND HAD TO BE JETTISONED.

HERE ARE SEPARATE SIGNAL REPORTS ON THE AIRFIELDS:

ISHIGAKI--BOMB LOADS SMOTHERED MAIN AIRFIELD. TWO LOOKOUT BUILDINGS, MADE OF REEDS, SET ON FIRE. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY WHATSOEVER.

HEGINA--BOMBED AND WELL CRATERED. 90% HITS ON INTERSECTION OF RUNWAYS OF THE AIRFIELDS.

MIYAKO--RADAR STATION ATTACKED AND LEFT BURNING. ALL BOMBERS ATTACKED AIRFIELD.

HIRARA--ALL RUNWAYS CRATERED. ONE DIRECT HIT ON AN AIRCRAFT. FLAK POSITIONS BOMBED.

NOBARA--TARGET OF THE FOURTH AND LAST STRIKE. WAS DAMAGED ON BOTH RUNWAYS. SUMMARY... ALL AIRFIELDS ON BOTH ISLANDS DEFINITELY UNSERVICEABLE. THREE ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED; THREE POSSIBLY FOUR OF OURS.

ACCIDENT... ABLE SEAMAN A. INNES, V-78402, SERIOUSLY CRUSHED HIS FOOT THIS AFTERNOON WHILE WAITING TO TURN OVER HIS POST ON THE PORT FORWARD 4-INCH TO HIS STAND BY. AT FIRST IT WAS FEARED HIS FOOT MIGHT HAVE TO BE AMPUTATED, BUT THE P.M.O. SAID THIS EVENING THERE WAS A FAIR CHANCE OF SAVING IT. INNES WILL BE PUT ABOARD A HOSPITAL SHIP IN TWO OR THREE DAYS.

FRIENDLY DOG FIGHT... THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS THE SCRAP PUT UP JUST AT SUNSET BY A CORSAIR WHICH WAS TRYING TO FIGHT ITS WAY THROUGH A WALL OF "FRIENDLY" LEAD TO HIS OWN SHIP, THE FORMID. AS FOUR PLANES STREAKED ACROSS THE SKY, ONE WELL IN ADVANCE, IT TOOK ON THE ASPECT OF A THRILLING CHASE AND MANY UGANDISE WERE CHEERING FOR THE BPF PLANES TO OVERTAKE THE ENEMY. (IT WAS FAR ENOUGH AWAY THAT RECOGNITION WASN'T ANY TOO GOOD, AND THE PILOT DIDN'T RESPOND TO HIS CALL-UP). H.M.S. HOWE ADDED TO THE DISCOMFITURE OF THE POOR BLOKE BY OPENING FIRE ON KIM AND AT LEAST ONES DEATROYER ON THE SCREEN FOLLOWED SUIT. FORMIDABLE FINALLY MANAGED TO GET ACROSS A MESSAGE: "YOU ARE FIRING ON MY CHICKENS", AND THE SLIGHTLY SHAKED PILOT WAS ALLOWED TO WING HIS WAY HOME IN PEACE. HE OUGHT TO GET A RIBBON FOR GALLANTRY "IN FACE ON MY OWN GUNFIRE TONIGHT'S NIGHTMARE... STOP THE PUMPS.. START THE PUMPS.. MAY I GO TO THE HEADS ...PEVERT TO SECOND DEGREE... BOGEY BEARING... MINES... PILOT BOMBS... STOP THE PUMPS... START THE PUMPS... FLASH YELLOW, FLASH WHITE, FLASH RED, ANTI-FLASH... FLASH BLUE, FIRST DEGREE... MAY I GO TO THE HEADS, THIRD DEGREE, WHERE WERE YOU ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 16TH: I WAS GOING TO THE HEADS TO STOP THE PUMPS....

HERE IS A ROUND-UP OF THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES:

1. AT DUSK, A SIGNAL WAS RECEIVED "ALL AIRFIELDS UNSERVICEABLE. OPERATION COMPLETED.
 2. THE* BOX-SCORE SEEMS TO READ 3-1 IN OUR FAVOR, CORSAIRS INTERCEPTED AN EARLY MORNING BOGEY AND ONE ZEKE WAS SPLASHED. THEN, THIS EVENING, HELLCATS CHASED SIX ZEKES AND OUR GROUP LEADER SHOT DOWN TWO. AGAINST THIS WAS THE AVENGER SHOT DOWN, FROM ~~THE~~ WHICH THE AIR GUNNER WAS RESCUED BY OUR WALRUS, RUDELY DESCRIBED AS "AN ASSEMBLY OF SPARE PARTS FLYING IN CLOSE FORMATION". THE PILOT AND BOMB AIMER WERE LOST. THIS WAS A NOTABLE RESCUE, AS THE GUNNER WAS IN THE WATER JUST A MILE AND A HALF FROM HIRARA. ONE OTHER OF OUR PLANES WAS REPORTED TO BE FLYING HOME THIS MORNING WITH A WING DAMAGED, BUT NOTHING FURTHER WAS RECEIVED ON THIS REPORT.
 3. ANOTHER GOOD PIECE OF RESCUE WORK WAS THAT THE CREW DOWNED IN OUR 1ST. STRIKE WERE PICKED UP BY OUR SUBMARINE AND RETURNED "HALE AND HEARTY" TO INDOMITABLE. THIS WAS FROM THE ACTION LAST THURSDAY.
 4. A RADAR STATION AT ISHIGAKI TOWN WAS BOMBED AND STRAFFED.
 6. HIRARA AND NOBARA AIRFIELDS WERE WELL AND TRULY BOMBED, NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO REPAIR DAMAGE ON ISHIGAKI, PREVIOUSLY INFLICTED.
 7. BOVRA AND SUKAMA ARE WELL CRATERED. IT WAS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT CRATERS ON MIYAKO AND NOBARA AIRFIELDS, BOMBED YESTERDAY, WERE FOR THE MOST PART FILLED IN BY THIS MORNING. THE WAR HAS BEEN REDUCED TO A RACE BETWEEN THE AIRPLANES AND THE BULLDOZER, IT SEEMS.
- PATIENT.....ABLE SEAMAN INNES, WHOSE FOOT WAS CRUSHED AT A GUN POSITION YESTERDAY, WAS REPORTED "RESTING EASILY" IN SICK BAY AT PRESS-TIME TONIGHT. WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....ON THE WESTERN FRONT, GEN. EISENHOWER HAS SAID "THE WAR WILL NOT LIKELY END UNTIL ALL OF GERMANY IS OCCUPIED". MEANWHILE THE FOUR-ARMY AND LAND ASSAULT MOVES ON. IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL, 2,950 GERMAN PLANE WERE DESTROYED, OF WHICH 800 WERE DESTROYED ON THE GROUND BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE LAST NIGHT. 1,000,000 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED SINCE LAST JUNE.
- THE AMERICAN 9TH IS NOW 50 MILES FROM BERLIN. THE FIRST ARMY HAS ONLY 85 MILES TO GO TO MEET THE RUSSIANS.
- CANADIAN FORCES ARE LIQUIDATING ENEMY FORCES AROUND THE LARGEST CITY IN HOLLAND AND ARE ONLY 5 MILES FROM EMDEN.
- FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER, C IN C MED FORCES, HAS SAID: "THE GERMANS ARE VERY GROGGY, NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE FINAL PUNCH".
- 1200 HEAVIES HIT THE BOLOGNA AREA IN ITALY.
- RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE ACROSS AUSTRIA. THEY ARE 49 MILES FROM AUSTRIA'S SECOND CITY.
- IN THE PACIFIC.....SIX GROUPS OR SUPER-FORTS CONTINUED THEIR ATTACKS IN THE TOKYO AND NAGOYA AREAS. ON MONDAY, FIRES IN TOKYO WERE STILL BURNING FROM SATURDAY'S RAID. HEAVY FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED. 11 BOMBERS ARE MISSING FROM THE RAIDS.
- JAP PLANES MADE A LARGE SCALE ATTACK ON THE U.S. FLEET OFF OKINAWA, LOSING 368 PLANES.
- AMERICAN FORCES HAVE LANDED ON A SMALL ISLAND THREE MILES OFF OKINAWA.
- NOT MUCH CHANGE IN LAND FIGHTING ON OKINAWA.
- PHILLIPINE- BASED PLANES IN CHINA DESTROYED 30 JAP LOCOMOTIVES.
- U.S. FORCES ON LUZON HAVE STARTED AN ATTACK ON THE PHILLIPINE SUMMER CAPITAL.
- PADRE NEWS....."GET THOSE LETTERS IN NOW, IF YOU WANT 'EM CENSORED".

CAPTAIN'S SPEECH.....IN AN ADDRESS FROM THE BRIDGE THIS EVENING, THE CAPTAIN REVEALED THAT WE WERE HEADING BACK TO THE RYUKYU'S TO DO ANOTHER OP., AS THE FLEET HAD ENOUGH BOMBS LEFT FOR ANOTHER RUN AND FELT THAT THE CORRECT SPIRIT WAS: "CARRY ON CLOBBERING". INCIDENTALLY, THIS RESULTED IN A WARM SIGNAL FROM ADMIRAL NIMITZ, WHO SAID THAT THIS WAS "TYPICAL OF THE HIGH TRADITIONS OF THE BRITISH NAVY".

THE CAPTAIN WARNED AGAINST COMPLACENCY BECAUSE OF THE COMPARATIVE QUIET OF THE LAST TWO OPERATIONS, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE JAPS (A) HADN'T GOT AROUND TO US, OR (B) WERE TOO BUSY IN OKINAWA AT THE MOMENT TO DEVOTE THEIR FULL ATTENTION TO US. HE RE-READ THE RECENT SIGNAL DEALING WITH SUICIDE ATTACKS TO SHOW THAT THE ENEMY WAS ABSOLUTELY UNPREDICTABLE AND MIGHT STRIKE AT ANY TIME.

WE ARE DUE BACK IN LEYTE 23RD. APRIL, THE CAPTAIN SAID. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WERE ENJOYING MUCH MORE PLEASANT WEATHER UP THIS WAY, FOR AS SUMMER COMES ON, IT WILL GET PROGRESSIVELY HOTTER DOWN BELOW.

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....ABOUT THE MOST INTERESTING NEWS ITEM TONIGHT WAS A BERLIN REPORT THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE ONLY 18 MILES FROM THE GERMAN CAPITAL IN CERTAIN SECTORS. THIS REPORT WAS NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED BY THE REDS.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ HAS STATED THAT 2280 JAPANESE PLANES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AROUND THE RYUKYUS AND THE JAPANESE MAINLAND SINCE MARCH 18TH. OF THESE 1600 ARE CREDITED TO ADM. MARK MITSCHER'S CARRIER PLANES. 600 ARE CREDITED TO GROUND GUNNERS, OKINAWA BASED PLANES (A VERY INTERESTING STATEMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT OKINAWA AIRFIELDS WERE BEING USED BY OUR ALLIES) AND ESCORT CARRIERS. THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET WAS CREDITED WITH 80. THE AVERAGE FOR AMERICAN PLANES IN THIS PERIOD HAS BEEN 71 A DAY.

IN THAT NEW LANDING JUST OFF OKINAWA, INFANTRYMEN HAVE TAKEN 2/3 OF THE ISLAND, INCLUDING AIRFIELDS. THE JAP GARRISON OF 1000 IS OFFERING MODERATE RESISTANCE AND HAS BEEN COMPRESSED IN THE EAST SECTOR OF THE 10 SQUARE MILES ISLAND. ON OKINAWA ITSELF, THERE IS LITTLE CHANGE IN THE PICTURE: TOUGH FIGHTING IN THE SOUTH AROUND NAHA, WITH THE MARINES MOPPING UP STEADILY IN THE NORTH.

OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDS HAVE BEEN GETTING A GOING-OVER IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. CHICHI JIMA, WHICH IS JUST NORTH OF IWO, IN THE BONINS, WAS BOMBED BY MUSTANGS WHILE CORSAIRS AND HELLCATS STRUCK AT THE PALAUS, YAP, PULUMAT (IN THE CAROLINES AND MARSHALLS) HAVE ALSO BEEN HIT IN THE PAST THREE DAYS.

IN THE LAST MONTH ON IWO, 22,731 JAPS WERE KILLED AND 624 TAKEN PRISONER.

IN ITALY THE BRITISH ARE BOGGED DOWN IN THE LOWER PO VALLEY AND THE YANKS ARE THREADING THEIR WAY CAUTIOUSLY THROUGH MINE-FIELDS SOUTH OF BOLOGNA.

CANADIANS IN HOLLAND CLEARED A 20-MILE STRETCH OF THE NORTH SEA COAST ABOVE THE ZUYDER ZEE AND IN WESTERN HOLLAND THEY CAPTURED APELDOORF. GERMANS OPENED THE ZUYDER ZEE FLOODGATES TO FLOOD THE LOWLANDS.

AMERICANS DROVE INTO DUSSELDORF, THE LAST BIG RUHR CITY HELD BY THE GERMANS. OVER 263,000 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ~~XII~~ THE RUHR AREA ALONE. ON MONDAY OF THIS WEEK THE U.S. 9TH. TOOK 97,000.

NEW PRESIDENT.....PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN HAS HELD HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND APPARENTLY IT WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS. A RECORD NUMBER OF CORRESPONDENTS, 348, PLUS 50 GUESTS, ATTENDED, AND WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS THROUGH THEY ACCORDED HIM A SPONTANEOUS ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

BASICALLY, IT SEEMS, PRES. TRUMAN IS GOING TO FOLLOW THE ROOSEVELT LINE: "JUST DOWN THE MIDDLE, A LITTLE LEFT OF CENTRE". HE SIGNED THE LEASE-LEND BILL PROMOTED "BLOOD AND GUTS" PATTON TO A 4-STAR GENERAL. SPOKE GLOWINGLY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE, AND SAID THAT HE WAS READY TO CONFER WITH MR. CHURCHILL AND STALIN AT ANY TIME, THO' NOSUCH MEETING IS CLOSE AT HAND.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN, FAMED ENGLISH COMEDIAN, HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY BY A JURY OF 18 WOMEN AND ONE MAN, OF A PATERNITY CHARGE LAID AGAINST HIM BY HE FORMER PROTEGEM JOAN BARRY. ALTHOUGH THREE DOCTORS DECREED OTHERWISE, THE COURT RULED THAT HE WAS THE FATHER OF MISS BARRY'S 18-MONTH OLD DAUGHTER, THERE IS SOME TALK THAT CHAPLAIN MAY BE DEPORTED AS AN "UNDESIRABLE ALIEN". HE IS CURRENTLY MARRIED TO 19-YEAR OLD OONA O'NEILL, DAUGHTER OF PLAYWRIGHT EUGENE O'NEILL ("STRANGE INTERLUDE", ETC).

THE HON. ANGUS L. MACDONALD HAS RESIGNED AS NAVAL MINISTER FOR CANADA, ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER CABINET MEMBERS. MR. MACDONALD INTIMATED SOME MONTHS AGO THAT HE MIGHT RESIGN. HE IS SAID TO HAVE HIS EYE ON A POST IN HIS NATIVE NOVA SCOTIA, OR AN APPOINTMENT AS A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

ERNIE PYLE, THE MOST FAMOUS WAR CORRESPONDENT OF THIS WAR, WAS INSTANTANEOUSLY KILLED ON OKINAWA WHEN SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD BY A JAPANESE MACHINE GUN BULLET. HE WAS THE AUTHOR OF "THIS IS YOUR WAR" AND "BRAVE MEN" AND HAD COVERED THE CAMPAIGNS IN SICILY, ITALY AND NORMANDY BEFORE COMING TO THE PACIFIC. HE WAS SAID TO INTERPRET THE FEELINGS OF THE AVERAGE G.I. BETTER THAN ANY OTHER WRITER. HOLLYWOOD RECENTLY MADE A PICTURE AROUND HIS CAREER, WITH CAPT. BURGESS MEREDITH IN THE TITLE ROLE.

FIELD MARSHALL JAN CHRISTIAN SMUTS AND MEMBERS OF HIS SOUTH AFRICAN CABINET ARRIVED IN AMERICA TODAY EN ROUTE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE. THERE HAS BEEN A RUMOR THAT MACKENZIE KING OF CANADA MAY PRESIDE.

100,000 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN YESTERDAY ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

CANADIANS HAVE BEEN BUSY BOTH ON LAND AND IN THE AIR. AN ARMORED DIVISION STRUCK UP INTO GERMANY FROM HOLLAND AGAINST TOUGH OPPOSITION, WHILE OUR AIRMEN JOINED WITH THE BRITISH IN A 1000-PLANE ASSAULT AGAINST HELIGOLAND, OFF THE GERMAN COAST.

MOSCOW IS SILENT BUT "MAY MAKE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT SOON" ON THE ADVANCE OF ITS ARMIES FROM THE EAST, TOWARDS BERLIN. THEY ARE NOW WITHIN HEAVY GUN RANGE OF THE CITY. LATEST FIGURE, 17 MILES.

LESLIE MICHAELS, REPORTING FROM OKINAWA, SAYS THAT THE JAP IS FIGHTING WITH "THE FRENZY OF A TRAPPED WILD ANIMAL". CASUALTIES WILL BE EXTREMELY HEAVY BEFORE IT IS WON, HE WARNS.

CANADIANS ARE AT THE EASTERN END OF ZURIG ON THE ZUYDER ZEE, AND 20 MILES FROM AMSTERDAM.

AMERICANS ARE MOPPING UP IN LEIPZIG. IN CLEARING THE WESTERN PART OF MAGDEBURG, THEY HAVE HAD TO USE FLAME-THROWERS.

BRITISH FORCES HAVE STARTED THE FINAL PUSH TO CLEAR THE JAPS OUT OF RANGOON AND ALL BURMA.

IN ITALY, 1600 TONS OF BOMBS HAVE BEEN DROPPED ON ENEMY TARGETS IN THE LAST 24 HOURS. POLISH UNITS HAVE ADVANCED TO WITHIN 10 MILES OF BOLOGNA. THIS LATEST ITALIAN WARMUP SEEMS DESIGNED TO CLEW UP THE FOURTH FIGHTING FRONT AND STRANGLE THE NAZIS FROM EVERY ANGLE.

RUMOR DEP'T.....THE "GALLEY WIRELESS" REPORTS A HOT RUMOR TONIGHT WHICH WE HOPE WILL COME TRUE. IT 'S BEING BUZZED ABOUT THAT A "MAIL SLOOP" MAY MEET US TOMORROW MORNING WITH THE LETTERS FROM HOME.

SPEAKING OF THINGS BACK HOME, A LOT OF TROOPS HAVE ASKED THE TAR PAPER "WHAT ABOUT THE ELECTION? ARE WE GOING TO GET A CHANCE TO VOTE?" THE LAST WE HEARD ON THIS, THE MILITARY ATTACHE TO MR. JUSTICE DAVIS IN SYDNEY WAS LOOKING INTO IT, AND PROMISED TO FORWARD US SOME DOPE AS SOON AS HE GOT IT. IF--AS WE SUSPECT-- THE ELECTION COMES OFF IN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO, WE'VE PROBABLY 'AD IT, AS IT WOULD TAKE A COUPLE OF MONTHS TO GET THE BALLOTS AND SEND THEM BACK IN. WE'LL PRINT NEWS OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS SOON AS WE HEAR.

TODAY'S WORK.....HERE IS AN UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S DOINGS:

ON ISHIGAKI, TWO NEW AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED. A RADAR STATION ON YARAMA ISLAND SUFFERED 5 HITS AND 4 NEAR MISSES. OUR PILOTS SAID THAT THESE HAD VERY LITTLE EFFECT ON THE CONCRETE WALLS BUT THE ROOF WAS LEFT BURNING. LIGHT FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED IN THE AREA.

A LARGE AIRCRAFT AT MIYAKO WAS STRAFFED BUT NO FIRE WAS SEEN. A SMALL FISHING VESSEL AND A BARRACKS WERE HIT WITH ROCKETS AT UCHIBINARE, AND A LOOK-OUT STATION STRAFFED. THERE WAS NO FLAK.

PILOTS RECKONED AT THE END OF THEIR DAY'S WORK THAT BOTH NOBARA AND MIYAKA AIRFIELDS HAD BEEN RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE.

AGAINST THESE SUCCESSES, WE SEEM TO HAVE LOST ONE PLANE, SHOT DOWN (NO WORD ON THE CREW), AND ANOTHER DAMAGED, WHICH RETURNED SAFELY TO THE CARRIER.

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....THE YANKS HAVE OPENED A NEW OFFENSIVE ON OKINAWA, WHERE "THE BLOODIEST FIGHTING OF THE PACIFIC" IS BEING WAGED. TROOPS ARE GETTING STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE AIR AND SEA, AND TODAY MADE GAINS OF UP TO 500-800 YDS.

FIGHTER BOMBERS FROM IWO JIMA ATTACKED THE JAPANESE HOMELAND AND DESTROYED 84 PLANES ON THE GROUND. IWO WAS ITSELF UNDER AIR ATTACK AT 0400 FRIDAY MORNING.

U.S. PLANES HAVE SUNK 14 MORE SHIPS IN THE CHINA SEA AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. ON THE WESTERN FRONT, THE BIG NAZI CITIES OF LEIPZIG AND NUREMBERG HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.

BRITISH IN THE NORTH ARE NOW WITHIN ARTILLERY RANGE OF HAMBURG, THE 2ND. LARGEST CITY IN GERMANY AND LARGEST SEAPORT.

3000 ALLIED PLANES STRUCK AT GERMAN SHIPPING AND HARBOUR INSTALLATIONS. ALL ORGANISED RESISTANCE IN THE RUHR POCKET HAS CEASED.

IN ITALY, THE BRITISH HAVE PUSHED TO WITHIN 7 MILES OF BOLOGNA, AND 3 MILES FROM THE NAVAL BASE OF LASPEZIA.

IN BURMA, BRITISH TROOPS HAVE MADE NEW ADVANCES ALONG THE EAST BANK OF THE IRAWADDY RIVER INTO THE RICH OIL AREA.

RUSSIANS ON THE EASTERN FRONT CROSSED THE CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN BORDER, CUTTING THE RAIL LINE FROM PRAGUE TO MORAVIA.

CONGRATULATIONS.....TO STOKER JASPER OF THE ENGINEER'S STORES, WHO HAS JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT HE HAS BEEN VOTED THE "PIN-UP BOY" OF THE 121ST. CWAC REGIMENT IN CANADA. WHAT'S THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS? THAT BEARD OF COURSE!'

BOOKS.....THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN 1000 BOOKS OUT IN THE SHIP. READERS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO LEAVE THEM AT ACTION STATIONS, BUT TO TURN 'EM IN PROMPTLY SO THAT EVERYONE MAY HAVE A CHANCE AT READING THEM.

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS ANNOUNCED ITS OKINAWA LOSSES TO THE PEOPLE BACK HOME. IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, IT WAS STATED THAT THEY HAD LOST 15 SHIPS, INCLUDING FIVE DESTROYERS AND A DESTROYER TRANSPORT. THEY RANGED DOWN TO LANDING CRAFT, NO MENTION WAS MADE OF SHIPS DAMAGED, BUT EVERY SHIP SUNK WAS NAMED. THE COMMUNIQUE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE SAME PERIOD THE JAPS HAD LOST 1000 SHIPS, INCLUDING THE BATTLESHIP YAMATO, AND 2,569 PLANES.

THE TROOPS ARE GAINING ON OKINAWA IN THEIR NEW DRIVE. TODAY THEY MOVED UP 1000-1400 YARDS AND ARE NOW JUST 4 MILES FROM NAHA. NAVAL AND AIR ARTILLERY SUPPORTED THE DRIVE. ON TINY IE ISLAND, THE JAPANESE RESISTANCE IS BITTER AND 736 HAVE BEEN KILLED.

SUPER-FORTS CARRIED OUT THEIR THIRD RAID IN FIVE DAYS ON KYUSHU, BOMBING 9 AIRFIELDS. THE RAID STARTED EARLY ON THE MORNING AND LASTED AN HOUR AND A HALF.

GEN. MACARTHUR ANNOUNCES AMERICAN VICTORY ON CEBU IN THE PHILIPPINES WITH 5000 JAP DEAD COUNTED ON THE FIELD. THERE ARE ONLY TWO STRONG POINTS LEFT, MACARTHUR SAID, DAVAN AND A TOWN IN NORTHERN LUZON.

THE BRITISH ARMY IS NOW 214 MILES FROM RANGOON. IT HAS KILLED 3500 JAPS ENROUTE.

GEN. EISENHOWER HAS SAID IN A NEW COMMUNIQUE THAT "THE GERMAN ARMY IS ON THE THRESHOLD OF DEFEAT". HERE'S A FEW SIGNS:

THE RUSSIANS ARE JUST 17 MILES FROM BERLIN.

THE BRITISH ARE JUST ONE MILE FROM HAMBURG.

NUREMBURG HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

THE CANADIAN FIRST IS CLOSING IN ON WILHELMSHAVEN AND EMDEN.

THE FRENCH FIRST HAS CLEARED THE BORT OF BORDEAUX.

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE RUSSIAN AND AMERICAN ARMIES SOUTH OF BERLIN IS NOW ONLY 58 MILES.

MOVIE.....THERE WILL BE A MOVIE IN THE PORT HANGER TONIGHT FOR THE RED WATCH FEATUING DEANNA DURBIN, THE WINNIPEG THRUSH, IN "HERS TO HOLD"- REPUTED TO BE A VERY FINE PICTURE. THERE IS ALSO AN ADDED ATTRACTION OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE SHIP'S COMPANY, WHICH IS A DEEP, DARK SECRET.

NEWS BROADCAST.....TONIGHTS NEWS BROADCAST WILL BE ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO CANADIAN NEWS, AS THE INFORMATION OFFICER HAS COME INTO POSSESSION OF SOME CABLE COPY FROM SYDNEY. TIME, 1900.

BIG DOINGS.....THE OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE WILL LOOK SISSY ALONGSIDE THE SHOW PLANNED FOR THE PORT HANGER MONDAY AFTERNOON AT 1345, WHEN ARTICLES FROM THE SCRAN LOCKER WILL BE ON DISPLAY, FOR CLAIMING. NO CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR ARTICLES PICKED UP, IF THE CLOTHING, ETC., IS NOT CLAIMED IT IS PLANNED TO TURN IT OVER TO THE NATIVES IN LEYTE. (NOW IF WE COULD ONLY WORK SOME REVERSE LEASE-LEND AND GET A SARONG).

SPORTS PAGE.....HERE ARE SOME BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL SCORES:

AMERICAN ...CLEVELAND 4, DETROIT 1.

CHICAGO 3, ST. LOUIS 2/

PHILADELPHIA 5, BOSTON 3.

NATIONALBOSTON 6, PHILADELPHIA 5.

PITTSBURG 5, CHICAGO 4.

IN THIS LATTER GAME, THE VETERAN "RIP" SEWELL PITCHED HIS 100TH. MAJOR LEAGUE VICTORY.

FANS IN WASHINGTON STOOD AT A MOMENTS SILENCE FOR THE LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AS WASHINGTON SENATORS OPENED THEIR PLAY YESTERDAY. NEW YORK YANKEES DEFEATED THEM, 6-3.

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....BERLIN IS ABLAZE AND IN IT'S LAST HOUR, ACCORDING TO RED ARMY REPORTS. SEIGE TROOPS HAVE VIRTUALLY ENCIRCLED THE CITY AND PRESS DISPATCHES SAY THAT THE NAZI OFFICERS AND MEN ARE FIGHTIN AMONG THEMSELVES.

MEANWHILE, IN THE NORTHE, WHAT'S LEFT OF THE GERMAN ARMY IS FLEEING FROM HAMBURG AND BREMEN, BOUND FOR DENMARK, WHERE THEY MAY ATTEMPT TO MAKE A LAST STAND. ALLIED PLANES ARE BOMBING AND STRAFFING TROOP TRAINS TRYING TO GET OUT.

PRESS CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE WAR HAS NOW BECOME ONE OF SMALL FRONTS, WITH THE GERMANS ON EACH DOOMED TO SUDDEN DEATH BY SUPERIOR ALLIED FORCES.

IN THE SOUTH, ALLIED TROOPS ARE WITHIN 105 MILES OF BERCHTESGARTEN. THREE GREAT ARMIES ARE ON THE MOVE--THE FRENCH FIRST, AMERICAN 3RD, AND 7TH. THEY ARE SMASHING DOWN ON THE MOUNTAIN FORTRESS REGION IN THE BAVARIAN ALPS, THE ARMIED ARE GIGHTING FLANK TO GLANK IN "ONE OF THE GREATEST ARMORED FORCES EVER ASSEMBLED FOR A SINGLE DRIVE."

THE 3RD. IS 93 MILES FROM LINZ; THE 7TH. , 50 MILES FROM MUNICH; THE FRENCH FIRST, PUSHING CLOSE TO THE AUSTRIAN FRONTIER AFTER REACHING THE SWISS BORDER.

TRENCH OFFICIALS REPORT THAT MARSHAL PETAIN IS VOLUNTARILY GOING TO PARIS TO STAND TRIAL ON CHARGES OF NAZI COLLABORATION.

IN ITALY, THE BRITISH 8TH. AND U.S. 5TH. HAVE PLUNGED ACROSS THE PO RIVER IN PURSUIT OF THE RETREATING BERMANS. THE 5TH. HAS CAPTURED THE NAVAL BASE OF LASPEZIA.

THE AMERICANS AND JAPS ARE STILL DEADLOCKED ON SOUTHERN OKINAWA. ON MIYAKA IN THE SOUTHERN RYJYUS (ONE OF OUR RECENT OBJECTIVES), THE AMERICANS ARE FIGHTING TO RE-TAKE HIRARA TOWN AFTER LOSING IT TO THE JAPANESES.

THE YANKS ARE ADVANCING ON MINDANAO. GEN. MACARTHUR REPORTED 10,800 JAPS DEAD CONTED IN THE LAST WEEK.

B-29'S HIT A TOWN WEST OF TOKYO YESTERDAY, IN GREAT FORCE.

BRITISH FORCES IN BURMA AR ADVANCING AT THE RATE OF 10 MILES A DAY.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE OPENED TODAY. SEC. OF STATE STETTINIUS SAID IT "WOULD SUCCEED IN CREATING A WORLD PEACE ORGANISATION IN SPIT OF DIFFICULTIES", THE CHIEF ONE OF WHICH IS A FAIR SETTLEMENT OF THE POLISH PROBLEM.

THE USS CORAL SEA, SISTER SHIP OF USS MIDWAY, SECOND OF THE 45,000-TON AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY. WASHINGTON SAYS THEY ARE THE LARGEST AND FASTEST IN THE WORLS AND WILL USE SPECIAL PLANES WHICH HAVE YET TO SEE ACTION ANYWHERE.

EDITORIAL.....THE "TAR PAPER" IS THREATENED WITH A PAPER SHORTAGE. NO EDITIONS WERE PUBLISHED SUNDAY, MONDAY OR TUESDAY BECAUSE OF A LCK OF THIS TYPE OF BOND PAPER, WHICH WAS ONLY SECURED TODAY THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE BENIFICENT TORPEDO DEPARTMENT, ONE SOLUTION OF THE DIFFICULTY IS A SUGGESTION TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE PAPER, AND RUN IT OFF ON THE "NAVAL MESSAGE" PADS. THIS COULD BE DONE BY PUTTING SHIP'S NEWS IN THE TAR PAPER AND CONFINING WORLD NEWS TO THE 1900 BROADCAST. IF ANYONE HAS ANY BRIGHT IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN UNCOVER SOME POND PAPER, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT WILL PERMIT US TO REMAIN IN BUSINESS, WE'D BE GLAD TO HEAT THEM, OUR MOTTO: "THE TAR PAPER MUST NEVER FOLD UP"!! HANDS TO BATHE.....THE BIGGEST 'OL SWIMMIN' HOLE IN THE WORLD WAS UTILIZED BY MORE THAN 100 OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY TODAY, WHEN THEY "ABANDONED SHIP" PROMPTLY ON THE STROKE OF 1530. SOME FUN. WE KNEW CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CREW WERE PRETTY HOT IN THE LOW DIVES, BUT THESE HIGH DIVES FROM THE TOP OF THE 4-INCH TURRETS...! AND NO KIDS TO SHOVEL SAND IN OUR FACE, EITHER!

BROADCAST.....TONIGHT AT 1900 THE INFORMATIONOFFICER WILL INTERVIEW MR. WILLIAM STEWART OF THE CANADIAN PRESS, OVER THE UGANDA BROADCASTING SYSTEM. MR. STEWART HAS BEEN COVERING THE WARS FOR FOUR YEARS NOW AND SHOULD HAVE SOME INTERESTING DOPE TO REVEAL.

WORLD NEWS FLASHES.....BERLIN IS DESCRIBED NOW AS A "STONE JUNGLE" WHICH IS GIVING WAY BLOCK BY BLOCK, BEFORE FIERCE PRESSURE OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY. THE GERMANS ARE CONTESTING EVERY FOOT OF GROUND AND IT'S REPORTED THAT THE "BATTLE FOR THE CAPITAL MAY BE LONG".

AMERICAN 3RD. ARMY HAS REACHED THE DANUBE RIVER 82 MILES FROM HITLER "RETREAT AT BERCHTESGADEN. THE AMERICAN 7TH. AND FRENCH 1ST. ARE DRIVING TO ENCIRCLE MUNICH, THE BIRTHPLACE OF NAZIISM AND GREATEST CITY IN SOUTH GERMANY. THEIR ADVANCE IS UNCHECKED.

IN THE NORTH, BRITISH TROOPS ARE REPORTED TWO MILES FROM THE HEART OF BREMEN.

ALLIED PLANES CONTINUE TO BLAST ESCAPE TRAINS TO DENMARK OFF THE TRACKS.

BRITISH LANCASTERS BOMBED HITLER'S CHALET AT BERCHTESGADEN TO PIECES BOMBERS SCORED DIRECT HITS WITH 6-TON EARTHQUAKE BOMBS, TIMED TO BORE DEEP INTO THE EARTH BEFORE EXPLODING. LANCASTERS ALSO HIT "EAGLES NEST", HIS FORTRESS ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN 5 MILES FROM THE CHALET. THE RAID ON BERCHTESGADEN WAS DESCRIBED AS "AN ATTEMPT AT THE LIFE OF HITLER- IF HE IS THERE".

THE BATTLE OF LKINAWA BEGINS TO CHANGE WITH THE 7TH. DIVISION HITTING HARD AT HIGH GROUND POSITIONS HELD BY THE JAPS.

AN AMERICAN DIVISION MADE A NEW LANDING ON CABY TO OPERATE AGAINST JAPANESE ISOLATED ON THE ISLAND.

THE BIG CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO IS UNDERWAY.

MAIL CALL.....MENTION MAY NOW BE MADE IN LETTERS THAT THE FLEET (R) THE FLEET HAS BEEN IN OPERATION IN THE OKINAWA AREA AND THAT AIR STRIKES HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST THE SAKASHIMA GROUP AND FORMOSA. NO MENTION MAY BE MADE OF INDIVIDUAL SHIPS UNTIL THE ADMIRALTY RELEASE THEIR NAMES. IT MAY BE SAID THAT AIR OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND THAT ATTACKS ON THE FLEET MET WITH LITTLE SUCCESS. MENTION MAY BE MADE OF SUICIDE BOMBERS, BUT NO DETAILS ARE TO BE GIVEN OF ANY ATTACKS.

SCHOOL DAYS.....A NOTE FOR THOSE WHO ARE THINKING OF GOING TO UNIVERSITY AFTER THE WAR - INST. LIEUT. SMALL HAS JUST RECEIVED A COMPLETE TRAINING BULLETIN WHICH SUMMARIZES EVERY COURSE IN EVERY CANADIAN UNIVERSITY. THIS GIVES ALL THE DOPE: HOW MUCH IT COSTS, HOW MUCH THE GOVT. WILL CONTRIBUTE, AND PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO KNOW.

GOSSIP COLUMN.....WHAT GIVES IN THE FEUD BETWEEN TEL. COMLEY AND S.O. MACALEER A FEW DAYS AGO COMLEY WAS THE RECIPIENT OF A CUP OF HOT TEA WHICH HAS RESULTED IN HIM WEARING A GAUZE GIRDLE-VERY NIFTY TOO. NOW HE'S SPORTING THE MOST LUSCIOUS SHINER IN THE SHIP, THE RESULT OF A BASEBALL ASSAULT WITH MACALEER ON THE PITCHING END. WILL THE SPUD ISLANDER STRIKE AGAIN? TUNE IN FOR TOMORROW'S THRILLING CHAPTER.

THE TAR PAPER.....WE APPRECIATE THE MANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAVE COME IN FOR THE TAR PAPER'S THREATENED SHORTAGE. ONE OF THE LADS HAS TAKEN POSITIVE STEPS BY WRITING HIS WIFE, WHO KNOWS WHERE A HEALTHY SUPPLY OF BOND PAPER IS BURIED IN CANADA. IF WE CAN STRUGGLE ALONG 'TIL THEN, EVERYTHING IS TICKETY-BOO.

ANOTHER REQUEST: ANYONE WHO HAS ANY SHIP'S CLIPPINGS THEY'RE THROUGH WITH, WOULD THEY PASS THEM IN TO CABIN 6? A SCRAP BOOK IS BEING MADE UP.

AH! FOAM....."HOW'S THE BEER?" WE ASKED A HAND IN THE PORT HANGAR. "TOO LITTLE AND TOO LEYTE", HE SIGHED, MOPPING THE SUDS OFF HIS CHIN.

TODAY'S VISITOR.....ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS OFFICERS IN THE ROYAL NAVY VISITED H.M.C.S. UGANDA TODAY AND ADDRESSED THE TROOPS - REAR ADMIRAL SIR PHILIP VIAN - "VIAN OF THE COSSACK". HE IS THE MAN WHO SAILED THE DESTROYER HMS COSSACK UP A NORWEGIAN FJORD, WENT ALONGSIDE THE NAZI HEEL-SHIP ALTMARK AND RESCUED 300 MERCHANT SEAMEN IMPRISONED BELOW DECKS. HIS TIMELY ARRIVAL WAS GREETED WITH THE CRY "THE NAVY IS HERE", WHICH HAS BECOME A LEGEND IN OUR TIME.

LATER HE RAISED MERRY OLD HOB WITH THE BYTIE FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ATTACKING WITH A GREATLY INFERIOR FORCE OF CRUISERS AND SENDING MUSSO'S MIGHTY BATTLEWAGONS TO THE BOTTOM, OR SCURRYING FOR COVER. HE IS RENOWNED AS AN OFFICER OF THE UTMOST RESOLUTION AND DARING, WHO WILL GO ANYWHERE.

IN HIS SPEECH TODAY HE PREDICTED THAT THIS THEATRE WILL PRODUCE SOME OF THE JUICIEST (HIS PHRASE) ACTIONS OF ANY NAVAL ENGAGEMENT. HE PREDICTED THAT WHEN WE GET DOWN TO THE AMPHIBIOUS STAGE OF THE ASSAULT ON JAPAN - ACTUALLY PUTTING TROOPS ASHORE TO MOP UP THE ENEMY - WE WOULD "HAVE SOME AMUSEMENT". IN THE MEANTIME, HE ASKED US TO BE PATIENT AND DO OUR JOB OF NEUTRALIZING AIRFIELDS.

HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT SEEING CANADIANS IN THIS THEATRE, AND IN A CRUISER, AND MENTIONED THE GOOD JOB THEY HAD DONE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. WORLD NEWS FLASHED....."THE WORLD'S GREATEST MAN-HUNT" IS WHAT THEY'RE CALLING THE BATTLE OF BERLIN TODAY. RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE ORDERS TO BRING HITLER BACK ALIVE, IF THEY CAPTURE HIM, NAZI RESISTANCE IS SAID TO BE FALTERING, BUT IN THE BATTLE OF POCKETS, THERE IS STUBBORN OPPOSITION. EVEN GIRLS ARE SAID TO BE FIGHTING IN BERLIN. IT IS RECKONED THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 500,000 PERSONS LEFT IN THE CITY. A NUMBER OF CIVILIANS HAVE CRAWLED THROUGH RUSSIAN LINES TO SURRENDER.

NAZI DISCIPLINE IN SOME SECTORS HAS BROKEN COMPLETELY.

IN THE SOUTH, THREE ALLIED ARMIES ARE ADVANCING AND IT'S SAID THAT THEIR JUNCTION WITH THE REDS WILL CREATE A LARGER POCKET THAN THE RUHR. THE AMERICAN 7TH. IS ONLY 20 MILES FROM MUNICH AND DRIVING AHEAD FAST,

THE BRITISH 2ND. ARMY HAS CAPTURED BREMEN. HAMBURG IS STILL UNDER SIEGE IN BREMEN. WORKERS WERE RUNNING PELL-MELL THROUGH THE STREETS, MANY SUPPLIED WITH LIQUOR. THE CITY IS IN RUINS.

VERONA HAS FALLEN IN ITALY. BOTH THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS HAVE CROSSED THEPO AND ARE FANNING OUT INTO THE LOMBARDY PLAINS.

BOTH AMERICAN AND BRITISH AIRMEN ARE JUBILANT ABOUT THEIR ATTACK ON BERCHTESGADEN YESTERDAY. THEY HAVE "CLOBBERED" THE JOINT.

B-29'S HIT JAPANESE AIRFIELDS AGAIN. ON OKINAWA, AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE ADVANCE 1000 YARDS. THEY HAVE CAPTURED THE VILLAGE OF KAKAZU.

IN THE PHILLIPINES, STEADY ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST DAVAU AND BAUGIE, WITH THE LATTER CITY ONLY 2000 YARDS FROM THE 33RD. DIVISION.

MOLOTOV WILL PRESENT RUSSIA'S PROPOSALS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE TODAY. THIS MORNING, T.B. SOONG, MOLOTOV AND ANTHONY EDEN WERE AMONG THE MAIN SPEAKERS.

U.S. SECRETARY OF WAR STIMSON, SAID IN A WAR ANALYSIS: THE MAGNITUDE OF THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN POWER IN EUROPE IS A DIRECT WARNING TO JAPAN WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THEM, THEM MEN IN THE PACIFIC WILL NOW HAVE THE OVERWHELMING ADVANTAGES IN MEN AND MATERIAL THAT WAS ENJOYED BY THE ALLIES IN EUROPE.

PRESENT FROM HOME.....COOK(S) GEORGE STUBBARD OF MESS 25 HAD BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR THAT.PRESENT. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO IT IN NEWCASTLE, BUT IT DIDN'T ARRIVE. HE THOUGHT POSSIBLY HE MIGHT GET IT IN AUSTRALIA. TODAY IT ARRIVED, AND HE OPENED IT UP, --- A BRAND NEW PAIR OF ICE SKATES!! (THE TEMPERATURE IN THE GALLEY ONLY TOUCHES 100 EVERY NOW AND THEN).

NOW, IF WE CAN ONLY RIG SOME ARTIFICIAL ICE IN THE REC. SPACE.

WAR CANOE RACE.....THE OLD "FIGHTING U" DID HERSELF PROUD TODAY WHEN, IN HER FIRST WAR CANOE RACE, SHE FINISHED SECOND OUT OF 16 SHIPS OF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET. ONE OF THE GAMBIA'S WHALERS - SHE HAD TWO IN THE RACE - JUST MANAGED TO NOSE HER OUT BY ABOUT HALF A BOAT ~~XXXXXX~~ LENGTH AFTER A GRUEKING RACE FROM THE FORMIDABLE.

UGANDA, STANDING OUT PROUDLY WITH HER TOTEM POLE HEADPIECE, DESIGNED BY LIEUT. MILLS, GOT AWAY TO A RASCALLY START WHEN SHE WAS TOWED INTO A RAIL POSITION BY THE MOTOR BOAT. SHE QUICKLY TOOK THE LEAD BUT THEN, DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE COURSE BEGAN TO VEER SHARPLY TO STARBOARD. THIS COST HER DEARLY IN TIME AND ENERGY, ON THE DAY'S SHOWING, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT UGANDA PADDED THE LONGEST DISTANCE OF ANY "CANOE" IN THE RACE, AND ~~HAD~~ SHE KEPT ON A TRUE COURSE, WOULD HAVE BREEZED HOME IN FRONT.

HOWEVER, THE BOYS WERE GOOD LOSERS AND GAVE A ROUSING CHEER FOR GAMBIA AT THE FINISH-LINE. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE DOMINIONS PLACED ONE-TWO IN THIS EVENT, LEAVING THE MOTHER COUNTRY ~~WELL~~ IN THE ~~TRUCK~~.

WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WITH THIS RACE UNDER HER BELT, AND PROPERLY EQUIPPED WITH HEADRESS, TOM-TOMS AND A WITCH DOCTOR, UGANDA CAN PROVE TO THE FLEET THAT THE "REDSKINS" WILL BLAZE THE TRAIL IN THE NEXT COMPETITION.

ONE MAN FELL OVERBOARD FROM A BRITISH WHALER BUT WAS QUICKLY RECOVERED. ABOUT THE MOST COLORFULLY ATTIRED CANOE WAS THAT OF HMS UNDINE, WHOSE CREW SHOWED UP IN FULL REGALIA, COMPLETE WITH WAR-CRY.

VISIT OF C S 4.....REAR ADMIRAL BRIND, COMMANDING THE 4TH. CRUISER SQUADRON, INSPECTED THE SHIP TODAY AND SPOKE TO THE SHIP'S COMPANY ON THE QUARTERDECK. AMONG THE MANY INTERESTING STATEMENTS IN HIS ADDRESS WAS ONE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CRUISER SQUADRON MIGHT BE DETACHED AT ANY MOMENT TO DO AN INDIVIDUAL JOB, AND THAT THERE WAS STILL "A SIZEABLE UNIT OF THE JAP FLEET AT LARGE" WHICH MIGHT EASILY CROSS OUR BOWS IN THE COURSE OF OUR OPERATIONS. HE OUTLINED THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FLEET, AND SAID THAT WE WERE UNDER THE 5TH. FLEET OF ADMIRAL SPRUANCE, OF THE USN, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A "COOL AND EFFICIENT OFFICER WITH A FINE REPUTATION. REAR ADMIRAL BRIND STRESSED THE POINT THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF THE MEN UNDER HIS COMMAND. HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK DONE BY THE R.C.N. IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, WITH WHICH HE HAD BEEN CLOSELY IN TOUCH WHILE AT THE ADMIRALTY.

WAR NEWS.....APPARENTLY THE GERMANS TRIED TO DICKER FOR A SURRENDER TO THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS ONLY - NOT THE RUSSIANS - BUT MR. CHURCHILL REPLIED THAT THE BIG 3 WERE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SURRENDER ON SUCH TERMS. THIS WAS CORROBORATED BY PRES. TRUMAN OF THE U.S.

MEANWHILE, STALIN SAYS THAT 90% OF BERLIN IS IN RUSSIAN HANDS. AMERICANS WHO KNEW THE CITY IN PEACETIME SAY "YOU WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE THE PLACE", IT'S BEEN SO BADLY BATTERED.

THERE ARE ONLY 10 GERMAN CITIES LEFT AND 5 OF THEM ARE UNDER SEIGE. HITLER IS REPORTED "VERY, VERY ILL" AND MAY NOT KICK THROUGH THE BATTLE OF BERLIN, BUT THIS REPORT IS DISCOUNTED BY THE ALLIES. THE ENEMY ADMITS THAT "THIS BATTLE WILL DECIDE THE WAR".

THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE IS BUMPING ALONG MERRILY, NOT WITHOUT TROUBLES. THE RUSSIANS BALKED AT MAKING STETTINIUS CHAIRMAN, BUT THIS WAS FINALLY HURDLED BY ROTATING THE JOB, AND NO NEW EXPLOSIONS WERE REPORTED TODAY SENIOR ENGR, DEPARTS.....LT. CMDR. CALDWELL, SENIOR ENGINEER, IS LEAVING SHORTLY FOR A NEW APPOINTMENT IN HALIFAX, AND HIS PLACE WILL BE TAKEN BY LT. CMDR. CLARKE, RCN, WHO COMES FROM VANCOUVER. IN AN EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT TO THE TAR PAPER, LT. CMDR. CALDWELL SAID: "I CONFIDENTLY EXPECT TO GET 58 DAY'S LEAVE. INCIDENTALLY, NO NEW REPORTS ON THE RE-VOLUNTEERING SIGNAL AS OF 1700. HEAT AGAIN....."THE ONLY REASON JONES COMES IN THE GALLEY", SAID CHIEF COOK MUNDY THIS EVENING, "IS TO TAKE OFF SOME OF THAT FAT. HE THINKS WE'RE RUNNING A RUDDY STEAM-BATH"!