

THE FLAGS WILL BE FLYING BACK HOME IN CANADA TODAY. SEVENTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO, AT CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., THE FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION SAT AND SIGNED THE PAPERS WHICH LINKED THE PROVINCES OF OUR COUNTRY INTO ONE GREAT DOMINION. PADRE WHITE PREACHED A SPECIAL "DOMINION DAY" SERVICE ON THE QUARTERDECK THIS MORNING.

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TODAY IS ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY - OF SORTS -. IT MARKS THE 100TH. DAY THAT UGANDA HAS BEEN OUT OF A CIVILIZED PORT. QUITE A STRETCH OF SEATIME SALTS.

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AND STILL ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY - LIEUT. (E) FREEMAN SVENNINGSON, THE DAMAGE CONTROL KING, CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY. WHEN INTERVIEWED BY THE TAR PAPER HE REFUSED TO DISCLOSE HIS AGE MERELY STATING: "IT EMBARRASSED ME, THE WAY THESE PEOPLE BACK HOME BREAK OUT THE BRASS BANDS AND THE FLAGS EVERY TIME I HAVE A BIRTHDAY"!

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WE'VE BEEN SORRY TO HEAR THAT LIEUT. SCHNEIDER AND THE U.S. MEN IN OUR SHIP WILL BE LEAVING JULY 5, HAVING COMPLETED THEIR DUTIES AS A COMMUNICATIONS TEAM IN THIS SHIP. NOT ONLY DOES IT MEAN OUR SOFTBALL TEAM HAS GONE TO HELL - WE'LL MISS THE YANKS, AND WISH THEM THE BEST FOR FUTURE APPOINTMENTS.

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AN ITEM "GAMBLING CONTRIBUTIONS" IN THE DUMONT FUND HAS RAISED A QUERY: "WHAT DOES IT MEAN"? THIS SUM REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT CONFISCATED IN A MESS-DECK CRAP GAME THE OTHER NIGHT. MUCHLY APPRECIATED, MEN.

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IN THE MAIL-BOX: "IS IT TRUE THAT A CERTAIN CHIEF EA. IS PINING FOR HIS HORSE AND GARRY, WHICH HAD TO BE LEFT BEHIND IN ALEXANDRIA?"

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BANDSMAN KIRK, IN A "STOP PRESS" SPORTS ITEM, SAYS: "THE BAND TOOK MESS 37 AND MESS 1 TWO STRAIGHT APIECE, ON THE VOLLEY-BALL COURT THIS EVENING. THE YO-YO KIDS WEREN'T MUCH OPPOSITION, PARTICULARLY AFTER COZY LEFT, BUT MESS 1 GAVE US A GOOD GAME". SCORE OF THE LAST JOUST WAS 22-20.

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CORRECTION: IN LAST NIGHT'S TAR PAPER, AN UNOFFICIAL - VERY UNOFFICIAL - REPORT INTIMATED THAT THE BATTLESHIP HOWE WAS WITH US. SHE ISN'T.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS*

A REPORT FROM LONDON STATES THAT BRITISH TROOPS FROM THE WESTERN FRONT ARE ALREADY POURING INTO BURMA, AND THOUSANDS OF TONS OF SUPPLIES ARE BEING LANDED WITH THEM, FOR SOME TIME NOW, BRITAIN HAS MAINTAINED A LARGER ARMY ON THE BURMA FRONT THAN SHE HAD IN EUROPE.

ADVANCE BRITISH TROOPS OF THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY TO BERLIN, TO TAKE OVER CONTROL OF THE BRITISH ZONE.

ALLIED BOMBERS ARE ALREADY USING BORNEO AS A STRIKING POINT, ATTACKING JAPANESE ON THE CHINA COAST.

(FOR MORE DETAILED REPORT, LISTEN TO THE 1900 BROADCAST).

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LT. CMDR. (S) BARCLAY WAS TELLING HOW THERE HAD BEEN COMPLAINTS ABOUT TINY WEEVILS IN THE BREAD AND THE SOUP (THEY WERE IN THE FLOUR). WHEN A CERTAIN PETTY OFFICER SHOWED HIM A PLATE OF SOUP WITH LARGE AND A SMALL WEEVIL IN IT, LT. CMDR. BARCLAY SAID: "I QUITE SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU, OLD SON, BUT WHAT CAN I DO?"

MURMURED LIEUT. ROBERTS: "THAT'S EASY, JUST TAKE THE LESSER OF THE TWO WEEVILS".

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WORLD NEWS
FLASHES

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL HAS MADE HIS LAST PRE-ELECTION SPEECH. IN A BROADCAST TALK TO THE TROOPS HE SAID TO VOTE CONSERVATIVE IF THEY WANTED HIM TO CARRY ON. AT THE SAME TIME HE ADVISED THEM NOT TO VOTE FOR HIM IF THEY DIDN'T FEEL HE WAS THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB.

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THE EAST INDIES HAVE BEEN SPLIT, WITH A NEW AMERICAN LANDING ON BALIKPAPAN, ON THE SOUTH-EAST COAST OF BORNEO. THE ALLIES NOW CONTROL THE STRATEGIC MACASSAR STRAITS BY PLANES AND SUBMARINES AND SURFACE CRAFT. THE NEW LANDING WAS MADE EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING AND GEN. MACARTHUR WENT SHORE WITH REAR WAVES. BALIKPAPAN IS THE CENTRE OF HUGE PETROLEUM REFINERIES.

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SIX HUNDRED B-29'S EARLY TODAY DROPPED A RECORD TOTAL OF 4000 TONS OF FIRE BOMBS ON JAPANESE CITIES. BASED ON THE MARIANAS, THE B-29'S STRUCK AT KURE NAVAL BASE; UBE, A COAL CENTRE; KUMAMATO, A TRANSPORTATIONAL HUB; AND SHIMOMOSEKI. ON FRIDAY, THUNDERBOLTS HIT TWO AIRFIELDS IN SOUTHERN KYUSHU, AND THE JAP RADIO REPORTED THEM AS "B-29'S", WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THEY SCORED QUITE HEAVILY.

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TOKYO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE POPULATION OF THAT CITY WILL BE REDUCED FROM 7 MILLION TO 200,000 BY EVACUATIONS. A LEADING NEWSPAPER IS TAKING ISSUE WITH SOME OF ITS READERS WHO CLING TO THE BELIEF THAT THE BEST CURE FOR U.S. AIR RAIDS IS TO EAT GARLIC AND ONION ROOTS. "THIS IS NOT SO", SAYS THE PAPER.

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THE CHINESE ARMY IS MAKING GREAT HEADWAY. IT HAS TAKEN WOICHOW ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH CHINA, AND PRESSED 100 KILES INTO INDO-CHINA, TAKING 3 BORDER TOWNS. THEY SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THIS LATTER IS NOT A FULL-SCALE INVASION OF INDO-CHINA BUT JUST A MEANS OF "TESTING THE STRENGTH OF THE ENEMY LINES". THEY ARE ALSO CLOSING IN ON THE AIR-BASE CITIES OF KWEILIN AND TONCHUK.

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T.V. SOONG, CHINESE MINISTER, IS CONFERRING IN MOSCOW WITH JOSEPH STALIN. THEY WONT SAY WHAT ABOUT.

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SO FAR, 315,000 AMERICAN DOUGHBOYS HAVE RETURNED HOME, IT IS EXPECTED THAT HALF A MILLION WILL BE HOME BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

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ALL IS PEACE AND QUIET IN SYRIA AT THE MOMENT, CASUALTIES IN THE RECENT FRACAS TOTALLED 600 DEAD AND 2000 WOUNDED.

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"YES, MOM, OUR BATTLE HONORS ARE QUITE LONG. THERE WAS FORMOSA, SAKASHIMA, MIYAKO, TRUK AND A THROW-OFF SHOOT WITH GAMBIA."

YESTERDAY'S QUOTE

"TODAY IS DOMINION DAY. BRING ON THE DOMINION".

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THE NEW GUINEA RANGE OF MOUNTAINS PASSED THIS AFTERNOON RAIDED SOME SPECULATION - AS TO HEIGHT. GUESSES IN THE SHIP RANGED ALL THE WAY FROM 1,000 TO 12,000 FEET. A SIGHT TAKEN REPORTED THE HEIGHT AT 1400 FEET, BUT THE OFFICIAL CHART, LESS THAN A YEAR OLD, SHOWED THE TOP PEAK AT 4100 FEET.

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WORLD NEWS
FLASHES

THE B.B.C. ANNOUNCED EARLY TODAY THAT A BRITISH SUBMARINE, WORKING WITH THE AMERICANS (PRESUMABLY IN THE BORNEO AREA) HAD SUNK A 10,000 TON JAPANESE CRUISER OF THE NAGURO CLASS, CARRYING 8-INCH GUNS. THIS IS THE SECOND JAP CRUISER SUNK BY THE BRITISH IN RECENT WEEKS.

IN THE LANDINGS AT BALIKPAPAN, ON THE EAST COAST OF BORNEO, THE CRUISERS SHROPSHIRE AND AUSTRALIA HELPED COVER THE ASSAULT.

A RECENT ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE REVEALS THAT KING HOHN SYDNEY CLUNIES-ROSS IV, KING OF THE COCOS ISLANDS, WAS KILLED DURING A JAP AIR RAID THERE LAST AUGUST.

FIFTY B-29'S HAVE CARRIED OUT ANOTHER DEMOLITION RAID AGAINST JAPAN, THIS TIME HITTING A N OIL REFINERY NEAR SHIMOTSU ON HONSHU, EARLY TODAY. TWO BOMBERS WERE LOST BUT 20 OF THEIR CREW WERE RESCUED. FIRES WERE STILL OBSERVED FROM THE BIG 600-PLANE INCENDIARY RAID THE DAY BEFORE.

JAP RESISTANCE AROUND BALIKPAPAN IS STIFFENING, ALTHOUGH THE AUSSIES HAVE SECURED 3 MILES OF BEACH EAST OF THE OIL PORT ON BORNEO. THE AUSTRALIAN RADIO SAID THAT TWO AIRFIELDS HAD BEEN CAPTURED, BUT THIS REPORT WAS NOT CONFIRMED IN MANILA.

ADMIRAL MIMITZ HAS REPORTED U.S. PLANES FROM OKINAWA RAIDED AIRFIELDS AND SEAPLANE BASES IN JAPAN. THREE JAP PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN, 9 DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND 14 MORE DAMAGED.

SEA TRAFFIC BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE MAINLAND, VIA THE YELLOW SEA, HAS BEEN CUT "TO A TRICKLE". A FEW SMALL JAP SHIPS DODGE BEHIND ISLANDS OFF KOREA AND SLIP ACROSS AT NIGHT.

THE BRITISH ARMY HAS EXECUTED COL. ERICH HAMMON, HOLDER OF THE KNIGHT'S CROSS OF THE IRON CROSS, FOR KILLING A RUSSIAN IN GERMANY.

CHINESE HIGH COMMAND SAID THE CHINESE HAVE REACHED A POSITION 132 MILES FROM SHANGHAI. IN INDO-CHINA, THE CHINESE WERE FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM ONE BORDER TOWN WHICH THEY HAD CAPTURED FROM THE JAPS.

U.S. BOMBERS DESTROYED LARGE SUGAR AND ALCOHOL PLANTS ON FORMOSA. PATROL PLANES SANK SEVEN FREIGHTERS AND SEVEN LUGGERS.

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PROOF WANTED TWO OF THE SHIP'S MOST VALUABLE PICTURES - ONE OF A JAP SUICIDE PLANE ATTACKING THE VICTORIOUS, AND ANOTHER OF THE FORMIDABLE ON FIRE - HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SHIP'S FILES, WHICH WERE LOANED OUT AS A COURTESY TO RATINGS WHO WISHED TO GET THE OFFICIAL NUMBERS FROM WHICH PRINTS COULD BE ORDERED FROM OTTAWA.

IT IS POINTED OUT TO THE HOLDERS OF THESE PICTURES THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN PASSED FOR RELEASE, AND ANYONE FOUND WITH THE SAME IN HIS POSSESSION IS GUILTY OF A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF SECURITY REGULATIONS.

PENDING THE RETURN OF THE MISSING PRINTS, NO SHIP'S PICTURES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION.

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BIG LEAGUE BALL ST. LOUIS BROWNS 7-3, BOSTON RED SOX 1-2.
N.Y. YANKEES 6-6, WHITE SOX 11-1.

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TODAY IS INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR THE UNITED STATES. 169 YEARS AGO AMERICA WON ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE BRITISH AND GEORGE WASHINGTON BECAME THE "FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY". FROM THE ORIGINAL 13 STATES, AND UNDER A SUCCESSION OF 32 PRESIDENTS, IT HAS GROWN TO THE GREAT AND POWERFUL ALLY OF 48 STATES AND 130 MILLION PEOPLE.

BY A BIT OF COINCIDENCE, ANOTHER SMALL GROUP OF YANKS IS OBSERVING "INDEPENDENCE DAY" BY PACKING UP ITS GEAR AND SAYING ADIEU TO THE FIGHTING U. HEREWITH A LETTER TO THE WAR PAPER ON THE SUBJECT:

TO: THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF H.M.C.S. UGANDA.

"SPEAKING FOR MY MEN AND MYSELF, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY HEARTIEST THANKS TO YOU FOR MAKING OUR THREE MONTHS STAY SO PLEASANT AND SO COMFORTABLE. WHETHER IT WAS AT WORK OR AT PLAY, YOUR SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDLINESS WAS GRATIFYING AND MUCH APPRECIATED BY EIGHT "LOST" YANKS. OUR "WELL DONE" IS EXTENDED ESPECIALLY TO THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT, WHO QUICKLY ADAPTED THEMSELVES TO THE INNUMERABLE CHANGES OF PROCEDURE, ORGANIZATION AND METHODS CONSISTENT IN ANY NEW COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS.

"IT HAS BEEN A GREAT EXPERIENCE, AND WE HAVE ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT. WE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER SHIP OF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET, SO PERHAPS OUR PATHS WILL AGAIN CROSS. UNTIL THEY DO, WE WISH YOU ALL SMOOTH SAILING, GOOD HUNTING, AND THE BEST OF LUCK.

SGD. JAMES T. SCHNEIDER,
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
U.S.N. LIAISON TEAM".

TO WHICH WE REPLY: "THANKS TO THE YANKS". WE'RE SORRY TO SEE YOU GO.

BIRTHDAY ANOTHER OFFICER ON BOARD WHO CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY ALL THE BANDS AND FLAGS ARE BROKEN OUT, JUST BECAUSE IT'S BIRTHDAY - - THIS TIME, LIEUT. (RADAR) J.M. "MING" TOYE, RCNVR.

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IN THE CLIPPINGS LETTERS FROM HOME INDICATE THAT OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS KEEP PRETTY WELL POSTED ON OUR MOVEMENTS VIA PRESS AND RADIO. THE NEWS OF THE BOMBARDMENT OF TRUL WAS BROADCAST BY THE C.B.C. ON JUNE 18 (THREE DAYS AFTER IT TOOK PLACE), AND THE CANADIAN PRESS FOR JUNE 14 CARRIED A DISPATCH TO THE EFFECT THAT THE UGANDA MIGHT BE RETURNING HOME BY MID-SUMMER - - A REPORT WHICH NAVAL HEADQUARTERS WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY.

AMONG THE OTHER ITEMS WERE PICTURES (STAR WEEKLY) OF THE VISIT OF UGANDA SOLDIERS; BUTIAL AT SEA OF L/STO. PHILLIPS; AND THE WAR-CANOE RACE WITH GAMBIA. THE WINDSOR STAR USED A 3-COLUMN PICTURE ON THIS LATTER EVENT.

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RAT-RACE? MEN OF MESS 36 ARE WONDERING IF AB. MCGRATH IS GOING TO DIG HIMSELF A PERSONAL SLIT-TENCH. LAST NIGHT DURING SUPPER AN EXCEEDINGLY LARGE AND GRUBBY RODENT SCAMPERED ALONG A PIPE IN THE MESS. MCGRATH TOOK ONE LOOK AND DIVED FOR COVER.

P.S. A NUMBER OF RAT-TRAPS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND "OPEN SEASON WILL BE DECLARED SHORTLY.

SPORTS ASHORE

QUARTERDECKMEN ROUTED TORPEDOMEN 19-6 AT PITYLIU THIS AFTERNOON IN WHAT PO. MCNIVEN CLAIMS IS THE "ONLY SOFTBALL GAME EVER PLAYED IN WHICH BEER CAPS WERE USED TO KEEP SCORE". ABLE SEAMAN RENNIE AND BARNES DROVE IN 8 RUNS FOR THE WINNERS, EACH ACCOUNTING FOR A HOMER WITH THE BASES FULL. MORAN PITCHED FOR THE AX BOYS - WHO RENEW THEIR CHALLENGE TO ANY TEAM IN THE SHIP - AND PRENTICE FOR THE LOSERS.

ALMOST AS GRATIFYING TO PO. MCNIVEN AS THE VICTORY OF HIS QUARTERDECKMEN WAS THE SIDELINE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OWN PO. WREN "CORDITE", WHO TRANSFERRED HER AFFECTIONS FROM THE WHITE SCOTTIE TO A BLACK AND WHITE MONGREL. "IF WE DONT GET A FEW MASCOTS FOR THE CANADIAN PACIFIC FLEET OUT OF THIS UNION, I MISS MY GUESS", SAID MCNIVEN, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE TAR PAPER. "TOOK FIVE BUCKETS OF WATER TO BREAK 'EM UP".

WHY, CORDITE!

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LIEUT. WALKER, RCN, WHO IS TRANSFERRING FROM HMS NEWFOUNDLAND TO US AS A WATCHKEEPING OFFICER;

A.B. "FATHER" DIVINE, BRITISH WAR CORRESPONDENT REPRESENTING THE KEMSLEY CHAIN OF NEWSPAPERS, AMONG THEM THE SUNDAY TIMES;

S/LT. A.N. PATTINSON, RNVR, WHO HAS JOINED AS OUR THIRD FIGHTER DIRECTION OFFICER.

LIEUT. L. BORLEY, RNVR, WHO HAS REJOINED US AS "Y" OFFICER AFTER A TRIP TO SYDNEY.

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THE MAIL BAG:

"DEAR EDITOR - JUST A COUPLE OF LINES TO SAY THAT I, AND MANY OTHERS, REALLY APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT CANADA'S FLAG FLYING FORWARD TODAY (JULY 4). NO CRITICISM IS OFFERED EXCEPT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE APPRECIATED ON DOMINION DAY. I, AND I THINK I CAN SAY MANY OF THE MEN, FIGURE CANADA'S FLAG SHOULD BE FLOWN MOR OFTEN. WE'RE NOT ASHAMED OF OUR FLAG YOURS IN APPRECIATION, E/STO. WILLIAM ALLAN, MESS 39".

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"EDITOR, THE TAR PAPER - THE ONLY REASON WILD BILL CLEVERDON DOESN'T SLEEP IN 36 MESS AT NIGHT IS THAT HE FIGURES THAT TWO RATS LEFT IN A MESS TOO LONG WILL SMELL TOO MUCH. YOURS FOR BIGGER TRAPS, AB. MCGRATH".

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BIRTHDAYS:

TEL. EARL PLAYER CELEBRATED (?) HIS BIRTHDAY TODAY. EARL IS A STRATFORD RATING WHERE HE IS KNOWN AND RENOWNED AS A "TREAT" BY ALL THE GIRLS. HIS MOST REMARKABLE TRIBUTE PAID HIM, HOWEVER, CAME FROM A POSH PARTY IN WASHINGTON WHO INSISTED THAT HE IS THE BEST-LOOKING SAILOR IN THE R.C.N.V.R. HELLO "SAILOR" - MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY. (C.C.O.)

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ELES. LIEUT. BALLINGER OF TORONTO, WHOSE SECOND STRIPE CAME THROUGH OFFICIALLY TODAY, ALTHOUGH IT ACTUALLY DATES

BACK TO MAY 13.

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WORLD NEWS

SORRY, NOTHING THROUGH TODAY, AS THE RECEIVING SETS WERE BUSY WITH OTHER DUTIES. AS FAR AS WE COULD GATHER FROM SHORE BROADCAST, THERE HAVE BEEN NO WORLD-SHATTERING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

INCOMPLETE RETURNS ON THE CANADIAN ELECTIONS SHOWED THE LIBERALS WITH 128 SEATS, PROG.-CONS. ABOUT 70 AND C.C.F. 28. AMONG THOSE SELECTED WERE A V.C. OF THIS WAR AND THE LAST - LT. COL. CECIL MERRITT AND GEN. PEARKES, BOTH OF WHOM RAN ON THE PROGRESSIVE-CONSERVATIVE TICKET.

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CAPTAIN'S
SPEECH

IN HIS 1900 TALK FROM THE D.C.T. TONIGHT THE CAPTAIN REVEALED THAT WE ARE ON OUR WAY NORTH, FOR OUR FIRST STRIKE AGAINST THE JAPANESE HOME ISLAND OF HONSHU. WE WOULD BE JOINING UP WITH A U.S. TASK FORCE ABOUT JULY 15, PAUSING EN ROUTE TO FUEL. THE PARTICULAR PIECE OF TERRITORY WE'RE INTERESTED IN IS ABOUT 85 MILES NORTH OF TOKYO AND WE CAN EXPECT SOME REACTION FROM THE "LITTLE YELLOW B.S." THE FIRST STRIKE WILL BE OF TWO DAYS' DURATION, JULY 16 AND 17, AND WE WILL PROBABLY OPERATE MUCH IN THE SAME MANNER AS WE DID OFF SAKASHIMA. THE CAPTAIN STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARP LOOKOUTS AND RECOMMENDED "REFRESHERS" IN AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION.

UGANDA WILL BE RELIEVED "SOMETIME DURING THE OPERATION" BY A CRUISER OF CRUISERS, AT WHICH TIME WE WILL HEAD STRAIGHT FOR ESQUIMALT. THE CAPTAIN REMINDED HIS LISTENERS, HOWEVER, THAT THE SHIP COULD ONLY BE RELIEVED WHEN IT COULD BE SPARE, AND THAT THE SINKING OF OTHER CRUISERS MIGHT CHANGE THE PICTURE ALTOGETHER, THUS WE HAD TO BE ON OUR TOES AND "SHOOT SO THAT WE OFFERED PROTECTION TO THE OTHER SHIPS, AS WELL AS OURSELVES". THE EMPHASIS BEING LAID ON SUICIDE WEAPONS BY THE ENEMY SHOULD CAUTION ETERNAL VIGILANCE.

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WORLD NEWS
FLASHES

THE B.B.C. REPORTED TODAY THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN RIOTING FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS AT ALDERSHOT, IN SPITE OF APPEALS FROM CANADIAN ARMY H.Q. TO SETTLE THEIR GRIEVANCES IN THE PROPER MANNER. ALTHOUGH THE BROADCAST DID NOT SPECIFY JUST WHAT THESE GRIEVANCES ARE, IT IS KNOWN THAT THERE IS A STRONG FEELING AMONG THE OVERSEAS PERSONNEL THAT HOME DEFENCE TROOPS SHOULD BE SENT OVER AS THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY.

PRIME MINISTER JOHN CURTIN OF AUSTRALIA PASSED AWAY AT CANBERRA AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. HIS HOME IS AT COTTESLOE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA. HIS PLACE WILL BE FILLED, TEMPORARILY AT LEAST, BY DEPUTY P.M. RICHARD M. FORDS, WHO LED THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO THE RECENT SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE.

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL HAS GONE TO FRANCE FOR A SHORT HOLIDAY AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE NOT BEING DISCLOSED. AFTER THE VACATION HE WILL GO TO THE BIG THREE MEETING IN BERLIN. ANTHONY EDEN HAS TAKEN OVER AS P.M. OF THE "CARETAKER GOVERNMENT". (BRITISH ELECTION RESULTS NOT AVAILABLE YET).

A MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SET UP ON OKINAWA TO CARE FOR THE 25,000 CIVILIANS, WHILE 7000 ON KUME ARE UNDER SIMILAR PROTECTION.

GUAM ANNOUNCED THAT OKINAWA'S NEW AIRFIELD RUNWAYS WILL BE MORE THAN 25 MILES LONG, AND THAT THE ARE OF FIELDS THERE WILL EQUAL 400 MILES OF TWO-LANE HIGHWAY. THE SMALLEST OF THE NEW AIRFIELDS WILL HANDLE DOUBLE THE TRAFFIC OF LAGUARDIA FIELD IN NEW YORK.

THE AUSSIENS HAVE CAPTURED A SECOND AIRFIELD ON SOUTHEASTERN BORNEO, 10 MILES N-EAST OF BALIKPAPAN. THE MAIN JAP FORCE CONTINUES ITS RETREAT UP THE COAST TOWARDS SAMARINBA, LAST ENEMY-HELD AIRFIELD ON BORNEO. THE CHINESE HAVE RECAPTURED AN IMPORTANT HIGHWAY CENTER 210 MILES SOUTHEAST OF LIUCHOW, DESPITE STRONG ENEMY EFFORTS TO HOLD IT.

LIEUT. GEN. HOLLAND SMITH, WHO COMMANDED THE MARINES FROM TARAWA TO IWO, GAVE A PRESS INTERVIEW IN SAN FRANCISCO AND SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE JAP SOLDIERS WOULD QUIT FIGHTING WHEN THEIR LEADERS TOLD THEM TO. THE LEADERS WOULD "SEE THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL" WHEN JAP INDUSTRIALISTS CONVINCED THEM THAT THERE WAS NO USE FIGHTING ON.

GEN. KARL SPAATZ WILL COMMAND U.S. ARMY STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN THIS THEATRE, FLYING B-29'S AND FIGHTERS.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE U.S. HAVE RECOGNIZED THE POLISH GOVERNMENT JUST INSTALLED AT WARSAW AND ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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WORLD NEWS
FLASHES

FOR THE 32ND. CONSECUTIVE DAY, JAPANESE HOME ISLANDS HAVE CAUGHT A PASTING FROM THE AIR. THE LATEST - AND WHAT IS SAID TO BE THE LARGEST - OCCURRED TODAY, WHEN MORE THAN 600 B-29'S DROPPED FIRE BOMBS ON FOUR HONSHU CITIES. IT WAS THE FOURTH B-29 RAID IN THE PAST SIX DAYS. THE IMPORTANT MILITARY TARGETS INCLUDED OIL, ALUMINUM, IRON TEXTILE AND PLANE-MANUFACTURING CENTRES.

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BEFORE THE B-29 RAID, 100 MUSTANGS FROM TWO ROARED IN AGAINST THE TOKYO AREA, DESTROYING ONE JAP PLANE IN THE AIR AND 32 ON THE GROUND.

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IT'S REPORTED THAT THERE'S 11,000 AMERICAN PLANES IN THIS THEATRE, PRIMED TO SLAP THE JAPS WITH EVER-INCREASING FEROCITY. THE TEMPO IS BEING STEPPED UP EVERYWHERE. NAVY PLANES MADE THEIR FIRST STRIKE AT KOREA, DESTROYING 5 RAILROAD BRIDGES, 7 TRAINS, A DAM AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS. AND GEN. MACARTHUR'S ELIERS RAIDED KYUSHU YESTERDAY WITHOUT MEETING ANY OPPOSITION.

THE AUSSIES HAVE MADE A NEW AMPHIBIOUS LANDING ON BORNEO. THEY NOW CONTROL THE CITY OF BALIKPAPAN, TWO AIRFIELDS AND 18 MILES OF THE COAST IN THE CITY SECTOR.

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TWO TOP-RANKING AMERICAN GENERALS SAID TODAY THAT JAPAN HAD TO BE INVADED TO BE DEFEATED; AERIAL BOMBING COULDN'T DO THE WHOLE TRICK. GEN. STILWELL, IN A PRESS INTERVIEW SAID: "WE MUST MEET THEM PERSONALLY AND KILL THEM". GEN. GEIGER OF THE MARINES SAID: "JAPAN IS REPE FOR INVASION. IT WILL BE NO TROUBLE AT ALL".

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THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, IN A STATEMENT TODAY, SAID THAT IF THE OPPORTUNITY EVER PRESENTED ITSELF, HE WOULD "LIKE TO" COME TO CANADA AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL. HE IS ON HIS WAY TO FRANCE FOR A VISIT AND THEN WILL GO TO BRITAIN. HE HAS NOT VISITED HIS BIG RANCH NEAR CALGARY FOR SOME TIME.

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THE LONDON POLISH GOVERNMENT IS NOT AT ALL HAPPY ABOUT THE NEW GOVERNMENT SET UP IN WARSAW, AND RECOGNIZED BY BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. IT HAS APPEALED TO 250,000 POLISH SOLDIERS FOR SUPPORT, AND SAYS THE ALTERNATIVE IS TO "STAY UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG".

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FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL HAS LEFT THE NAVAL HOSPITAL IN MARYLAND AFTER A LONG SIEGE (SINCE LAST OCTOBER) WITH A THROAT AILMENT.

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THE WAR LABOR BOARD HAS ORDERED 17,000 STRIKING MEMBERS OF A C.I.O. RUBBER WORKER'S UNION TO RETURN TO WORK AT THE FIRESTONE PLANT IN AKRON. MEANWHILE, 16,000 OTHER RUBBER WORKERS HAVE RETURNED TO WORK AT GOODYEAR AND THE COMPANY'S FIVE PLANTS ARE UNDER NAVY OPERATION AFTER A 200DAY STRIKE. STRIKES ALSO BESIEGE THE STEEL INDUSTRY. A STRIKE OF 96 WORKERS ON A NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD LEFT 13,000 MEN IDLE.

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SO THAT THE MILITARY CAN HAVE MORE PULLMAN SPACE, PULLMANS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF FOR CIVILIAN USE IN SHORT HOPS - BETWEEN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, DETROIT AND CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS, AND SO ON.

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SHIP'S NEWS THE BOFORS MESS (229) WON THE 8 OUNCES OF FRUIT PER MAN FOR THIS WEEK'S MOST TIDDLEY MESS. HONORABLE MENTION - AND 4 OUNCES OF FRUIT PER MAN - WENT TO THE STOKERS OF MESS 48 AND THE ACCOUNTANT BRANCH PERSONNEL OF MESS 19.

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CONGRATULATIONS DUE TODAY TO LIEUT. A.F. ROWLAND, RCN OF MONTREAL, IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY, BUT HE'S COY ABOUT IT - WON'T GIVE HIS AGE. HE'S CARRYING ON AS LIEUTENANT OF THE GUN ROOM.

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SHIP'S NEWS THE SHIP HAS NOW PASSED THE 50,000 MILE MARK IN HER TRAVELS SINCE COMMISSIONING LAST TRAFALGAR DAY. COUNTING HER TIME IN R.N. COMMISSION, SHE IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING THE 100,000 FIGURE.

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MR. A.D. "FATHER" DIVINE, BRITISH WAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE SUNDAY TIMES OF LONDON AND ABOUT 20 OTHER NEWSPAPERS IN THE U.K. HAS KINDLY CONSENTED TO GIVE AN INFORMAL TALK TO EACH WATCH ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK. HE WILL SPEAK IN THE PORT HANGAR AND THE SPEECHES WILL BE BROADCAST WITH 1930 AS THE TENTATIVE TIME.

MR. DIVINE HAS SEEN MORE ACTION THAN MOST MEN IN UNIFORM IN THIS WAR. HE WAS ONE OF THE "AMATEUR YACHTSMEN" OF DUNKIRK, WHERE HE HAD THE DISTINCTION OR (A) GETTING SHOT THROUGH THE STOMACH BY A HEINKEL; (B) SHOOTING DOWN THE HEINKEL; AND (C) WINNING A D.S.M. FOR THIS UNIQUE (FOR A CIVILIAN) FEAT. HE WAS IN NORTH AFRICA AND WAS IN THE FIRST SHIP TO TOUCH DOWN ON NORMANDY, ON D-DAY. SINCE COMING TO THE PACIFIC HE HAS BEEN WITH THE AMERICANS AT IWO JIMA (WHERE HE WON SIX BUCKS IN A FOX-HOLE PLAYING GIN-RUMMY) AND OKINAWA, AND WITH THE BRITISH IN K.G.V.

HE IS THE AUTHOR OF A NUMBER OF WAR BOOKS, AMONG THEM "DESTROYERS' WAR", WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN OUT COUNTRY AS "H.M.S. FIREDRAKE", AND HAS JUST FINISHED ALONG REPORT ON DUNKIRK, WHICH IS DUE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE FALL.

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WORLD NEWS THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, THE LATE JOHN CURTIN, WAS LAID TO REST WITH GREAT CEREMONY TODAY, AT 3 P.M. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD FROM WESTMINSTER ABBEY. MR. FORDE IS CARRYING ON AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.

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RADIO TOKYO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SIMON EDEN, SON OF ANTHONY EDEN, WAS MISSING ON AIR OPERATIONS IN THE BURMA THEATRE. THIS WILL PLACE AN ADDED STRAIN ON MR. EDEN, WHO IS ACTING AS PRIME MINISTER DURING THE ABSENCE OF MR. CHURCHILL AT THE BIG THREE CONFERENCE.

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THE CANADIAN WARSHIPS ASSINIBOINE, SASKATCHEWAN, GATINEAU AND MOOSE JAW, VILLE DE QUEBEC, SUMMERSIDE AND ALGOMA HAVE ARRIVED BACK IN CANADA AFTER SERVICE IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE.

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PRES. TRUMAN AND SEC. OF STATE JAMES BYRNED OF THE U.S. WILL NOT TRAVEL TOGETHER TO THE BIG THREE MEETING. BY U.S. LAW, BYRNED IS SUCCESSOR TO THE PRESIDENT, AND THE WHITE HOUSE DOESN'T WANT TO RUN THE RISK OF LOSING THEM BOTH IN AN ACCIDENT.

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ON BORNEO, THE AUSSIES HAVE PUSHED ANOTHER 6 MILES NORTHEAST BEYOND CAPTURED BALIKPAPAN AND MOVED INLAND STEADILY, WHILE OTHERS MOVED NORTH TOWARD TWO MORE OIL FIELDS.

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NO B-29'S WERE LOST IN YESTERDAY'S BIG RAID ON JAPAN, AND GREAT DEVASTATION WAS DONE BY 4000 TONS OF FIRE BOMBS. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS REPORTED "MEAGRE AND INACCURATE".

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LIEUT. GEN. TOY GEIGER OF THE MARINES SAYS: "IT'S ONLY A QUESTION NOW OF WADING IN AND FINISHING THIS WAR".

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"SPOHRT'S" PAGE BOTH MESS 1 AND THE STARBOARD POM-POMMERS ARE INCENSED AFTER LOSING VOLLEYBALL GAMES TO THE SPARKERS TODAY IN THE PORT HANGAR. THE REASON: THEY HAVE YET TO FIND A LEGAL WAY OF WHITTLING DOWN 6-FOOT-3 PO. SPÖRR, WHO JUST STANDS AND "TIPS 'EM OVER".

WORLD NEWS
FLASHES

THE B.B.C. MADE REFERENCE THIS MORNING TO OUR ACTION OF MAY 9 OFF SAKASHIMA, SAYING THAT THREE CARRIERS HAD BEEN HIT SO FAR IN THE PACIFIC. IT ALSO REPORTED THAT INDEFATIGABLE HAD SUFFERED 70 KILLED AND 140 WOUNDED IN ONE OF THE HITS, AND THAT A DESTROYER HAD BEEN THE ONLY SHIP PUT OUT OF ACTION. (THIS MUST HAVE BEEN THE DESTROYER WHICH WAS TOWED BACK TO LEYTE BY GAMBIA, JUST AS WE JOINED THE FLEET.

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JYUSHU HAS BEEN RAIDED AGAIN, FOR THE FOURTH DAY IN A ROW, BY THE U.S. AIRFORCE. NO RESULTS YET OF BOMB DAMAGE.

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THE AUSSIES ARE STILL ADVANCING IN BORNEO, IN THE BALIKPAPAN AREA, AND AT LATEST REPORTS HAD DRIVEN INLAND MORE THAN SIX MILES.

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THE POPE HAS RECEIVED MR. LEHMANN OF UNRRA AT ROME. THE FOOD SITUATION IS STILL REPORTED GRIM IN ITALY.

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AMGOT IS NOT YET OPERATING IN BERLIN, AS THERE ARE STILL SOME TANGLES IN THE FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT.

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ENTERTAINMENT A SPECIAL HALF-HOUR TRANSCRIBED PROGRAMME CALLED "SALUTE TO RYTHM" WILL BE BROADCAST OVER THE S.R.E. AT 2000 TONIGHT. THIS IS A BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET SERVICE. WE HAVE THE DISCS UNTIL WE REACH THE FUELLING AREA, AT WHICH TIME WE PASS THEM ALONG TO ANOTHER SHIP IN EXCHANGE FOR ANOTHER FEATURE.

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THERE HAS BEEN A MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN IN THE MOTION PICTURE PROJECTOR, BUT IT'S HOPED TO HAVE IT REMEDIED BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK, WHEN WE CAN PICK UP SOME MISSING PARTS.

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DICK SINGLETON AND THE UGANDA CHAMBER MUSIC SALON ENTERTAINED IN THE PORT HANGAR DURING THE TEA HOUR THIS AF ERNOON, PLAYING SUCH DELIGHTFUL OLD-WORLD CLASSICS AS "GUTBUCKET STOMP", BACH'S "BITE" AND HAYDN'S "RIDIN". THE PROGRAMME NOTES WERE ENUNCIATED IN CULTURED TONES BY PTI. "CLUBS" GOLDFINCH, LATE CONCERT MAESTRO OF THE CHILLIWACK A CAPELLA CHOIR. THANKS, GATES.

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ZOO DEPT: SGR. IAN HUNTER, C.D.C., NOTICED A FUNNY THING WHEN HE BOOKED DENTAL APPOINTMENTS THE OTHER DAY. THREE SUCCESSIVE BOOKINGS WERE FOR EAGLE, GOLDFINCH AND HAWKE. HE CARRIED ON HIS RESEARCH, AND FOUND THAT THE DENTAL RECORDS ALSO BOASTED A BIRD, A PEACOCK, A ROBIN, AND A COVERDUCK - NOT TO MENTION A BEAVER, A HOGG, A LAMB, A WHALE, AND A FOX. IT'S ALWAYS "OPEN SEASON" FOR "TOOTHIE".

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THE MAIL BAG THE DAMNDEST QUESTION THIS DEPARTMENT HAS HAD FOR SOME TIME BOBBED UP YESTERDAY: "HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A MOMMA ELEPHANT TO GIVE BIRTH TO A BABY ELEPHANT?" THE ANSWER IS 20 1/2 MONTHS. OF COURSE THE WHOLE QUESTION IS IRRELEVANT - AND REMEMBER, AN IRRELEVANT NEVER FORGETS!

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CONGRATULATIONS TODAY, TO THE COMMANDER, WHO IS SETTING OUT TO PROVE THAT "LIFE BEGINS AT 40".

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HERE IS THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 419 FROM ADMIRAL NIMITZ' HEADQUARTERS ON GUAM:

A STRONG FORCE OF AIRCRAFT FROM CARRIERS OF THE U.S. PACIFIC FLEET IS ATTACKING ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN THE AREA OF TOKYO AT THE PRESENT TIME. COMPLETE SURPRISE WAS EFFECTED.

THE FORCES ENGAGED COMPRISE A PART OF THE THIRD FLEET AND THE OPERATIONS ARE UNDER THE COMMAND OF ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. HALSEY, USN. THE FAST CARRIER TASK FORCE IS UNDER THE COMMAND OF VICE ADMIRAL J.S. MCCAIN, FLAG OFFICERS PRESENT IN COMMAND OF SUBORDINATE UNITS INCLUDE: REAR-ADMIRAL J.F. HAEROTH, ADMIRAL O.C. BADGER, REAR-ADMIRAL L.E. DENFIELD, REAR-ADMIRAL J.C. JONES, REAR-ADMIRAL L.J. WILTSE, REAR-ADMIRAL G.F. BOGAN, REAR-ADMIRAL A.W. RADFORD AND REAR-ADMIRAL T.L. SPRAGUE,

MORE THAN 1000 NAVAL AIRCRAFT ARE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATIONS.

AMONG THE SHIPS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATIONS ARE THE CARRIERS LEXINGTON, ESSEX, INDEPENDENCE AND SAN JACINTO; THE BATTLESHIPS INDIANA, MASSACHUSETTS, SOUTH DAKOTA AND IOWA; THE CRUISERS CHICAGO, SAN JUAN, SPRINGFIELD AND ATLANTA; AND DESTROYERS DEHAVEN, AULTM SAMUEL MOORE, JOHN W. WEEKS, JOHN RODGERS, COLOHAN, SCHROENER, WEDDERBURN, COGSWELL, ROWE, HEERMAN CAPERTON, SUTHERLAND AND FRANK KNOX.

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ARMY LIBERATORS, MITCHELLS AND THUNDERBOLTS OF THE TACTICAL AIR FORCE, IN SUBSTANTIAL FORCE BOMBED OMURA AIRFIELD ON HYUSHU ON 5 JULY, DAMAGING ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITIONS, BARRACKS, SHOPS AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS. NUMEROUS FIRES WERE OBSERVED.

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ON 8 JULY THUNDERBOLT FIGHTERS OF THE SAME FORCE MAKING STRAFFING AND BOMBING ATTACKS PROBABLY DESTROYED ONE MEDIUM SIZED ORE SHIP, DAMAGED ANOTHER, SET A SMALLER SHIP AFIRE AND DESTROYED A FISHING CRAFT AT UKU ISLAND, WEST OF KYUSHU. BUILDINGS, MOTOR TRANSPORTS, DOCKS, LIGHTHOUSES, AND RADIO INSTALLATIONS WERE ALSO DAMAGED, AND ONE ENEMY PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN. CORSAIRS OF THE SECOND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING STRAFFED INSTALLATIONS AND SMALL CRAFT AT YORON AND OKINOYERABU ISLANDS ON 8 JULY, STARTING FIRES AND DAMAGING TWO BOATS. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY A SUBSTANTIAL FORCE OF ARMY MITCHELLS OF THE TACTICAL AIR FORCE, ESCORTED BY MARINE CORSAIRS, STRUCK TARGETS AT TOKUNO AND OKINOYERABU ISLANDS AND ANOTHER GROUP OF CORSAIRS ATTACKED KIKAI AMAMAI AND TOKUNO ISLANDS.

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LIBERATORS OF THE TACTICAL AIR FORCE BOMBED OMURA AIRFIELD ON JYUSHU ON 9 JULY (YESTERDAY) STARTING LARGE FIRES. THUNDERBOLTS OF THE SAME FORCE SHOT DOWN 10 ENEMY TRAINING PLANES OVER JYUSHU.

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SEARCH PRIVATEERS OF FLEET AIR WING ONE, STRIKING AT SHIPPING IN THE YELLOW SEA AROUND KOREA ON 8 JULY DESTROYED TWO LUGGERS AND SANK TWO SMALL CARGO SHIPS, DESTROYED A PIER AND DAMAGED A LIGHTHOUSE. SINCE THEY STARTED FLYING FROM BASES IN OKINAWA, THESE PLANES HAVE SUNK 159 ENEMY SHIPS AND DAMAGED 194, DESTROYED 41 ENEMY PLANES AND DAMAGED 29.

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AIRCRAFT OF THE 4TH. MARINE AIRCRAFT WING STRUCK TARGETS IN THE PALAUS ON 9 JULY. (COMMUNIQUE ENDS).

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SHIP'S NEWS: ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE TALKS TO BE GIVEN TO THE RESPECTIVE WATCHES ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, BY WAR CORRESPONDENT DIVINE. THE TALKS WILL BE FROM 1930 TO 2000, FOLLOWED BY A 15-MINUTE QUESTION PERIOD, AND HERE ARE THE TITLES:
THURSDAY - "GREAT BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT".
FRIDAY - "DUNKIRK".
SATURDAY - "THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC".

THE AMERICAN FLEET IS BREAKING WIRELESS SILENCE RIGHT ON TOKYO'S DOORSTEP AND DEFYING THE JAPS TO COME OUT AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

A BROADCAST TO THE STATES FROM SHIPS "DANGEROUSLY NEAR" TOKYO BAY REVEALED THIS FACT TODAY. THE WANKS SAID THAT THEY HADN'T SEEN A SINGLE ENEMY PLANE.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS WERE OBSERVING FROM THE BRIDGE OF VARIOUS SHIPS AND FILING THEIR STORIES DIRECT INTO THE UNITED STATES BY W/T.

SO, THE \$64 QUESTION FOR TODAY IS: "WHERE IS THE JAPANESE AIR FORCE".

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HERE ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM ADMIRAL NIMITZ' CINCPAC COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 420:

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF EARLY MORNING ATTACKS ON AIRFIELDS IN THE TOKYO AREA ON 10 JULY EAST LONGITUDE DATE (YESTERDAY) BY AIRCRAFT OF THE THIRD FLEET SHOW THAT 72 ENEMY PLANES WERE DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND 50 WERE DAMAGED. REPORTS OF DAMAGE INFLICTED LATER IN THE DAY ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

THE THIRD FLEET ACHIEVED COMPLETE TACTICAL SURPRISE AND BY NOON LOCAL TIME THE ENEMY HAD OFFERED NO DETERMINED RESISTANCE IN THE AIR. OUR COMBAT AIR PATROLS (CAPS) SHOT DOWN 2 JAPANESE RECONNAISSANCE PLANES NEAR OUR SURFACE FORCES. NONE OF OUR FLEET UNITS HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY LATE AFTERNOON.

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THE CAPTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARIANAS, IWO JIMA AND OKINAWA HAVE PERMITTED THE DEPLOYMENT OF STRONG UNITED STATES AIR FORCES WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF JAPAN AND SUCH AIR FORCES ARE BEING DEPLOYED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

INCIDENT TO A REGROUPING OF SUCH FORCES FOR GREATER OPERATING EFFICIENCY THE ARMY AIR FORCES IN THE RYUKYUS HAVE NOW BEEN PASSED TO THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF ARMY FORCES PACIFIC (MAC-ARTHUR). THE NAVAL AIRFORCES INCLUDING MARINES IN THE RYUKUS AND AT IWO WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A PART OF THE PACIFIC FLEET IN CONNECTION WITH ITS TASKS OF TIGHTENING THE NAVAL BLOCKADE OF JAPAN AND DESTROYING JAP AIR FORCES AND SHIPPING WHEREVER POSSIBLE, PREPARATORY TO FURTHER AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULTS.

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A SUBSTANTIAL FORCE OF LIBERATORS FROM THE TACTICAL AIR FORCE WITH A STRONG FORCE OF ARMY THUNDERBOLTS BOMBED OMURA AIRFIELD ON KYUSHU ON 9 JULY STARTING SEVERAL LARGE FIRES. YESTERDAY, LEBERATORS OF THIS FORCE BOMBED AIRFIELD INSTALLATIONS ON KIKAI ISLAND. CORSAIRS OF THE FOURTH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING STRUCK TARGETS IN THE PALAUS YESTERDAY. HELLDIVER BOMBERS AND CORSAIR FIGHTERS OF THE SAME WING ATTACKED ENEMY BASES IN THE MARSHALLS ON THE 9TH. TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE ENEMY WERE KILLED AND 104 CAPTURED IN MOPPING-UP OPERATIONS IN THE MARIANAS DURING THE WEEK ENDING 7 JULY.

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CENSORSHIP IT IS NOW PERMISSIBLE TO MENTION IN LETTERS THAT THE SHIP WAS WITH THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET IN THE BOMBARDMENT OF TRUK. NO DESCRIPTION OF BOMBARDMENT TACTICS, OR ANY OTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS, MAY BE MADE, JUST THE FACT THAT "WE WERE THERE".

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BOTH RIGHT AN ARGUMENT IN ONE OF THE MESSSES THIS MORNING AND PUT UP TO THE TAR PAPER FOR SETTLEMENT--WHICH IS KNOWN AS "THE QUEEN CITY" OF CANADA, TORONTO OR REGINA? THE ANSWER IS THAT BOTH ARE, BUT TORONTO, BEING THE OLDER OF THE TWO, HAS A BIT OF A PRIORITY.

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P.S. TORONTO IS ALSO SOMETIMES KNOWN AS "THE CITY OF CHURCHES", "TORONTO THE GOOD" AND "HOGTOWN". IT IS FAMOUS FOR ITS SYMPHONY, THE LONGEST (AND NARROWEST) MAIN STREET IN THE COUNTRY, THE PALAIS DE DANSE, TOMMY CHURCH, THE STAR WEEKLY, THE "TALLEST BUILDING IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE", HMCS YORK, THE OLD MILL, ITS EMPTY BALL PARK, SALAMI SANDWICHES ON SPADINA AVENUE, THE QUEEN ST. CASINO, THE DON JAIL, ITS HEAT, ITS BEAUTIFUL WOMEN, ITS SNOWSTORMS AND AS THE HOME OF THE HAPPY GANG, WHOSE LEADER COMES FROM WINNIPEG.

ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

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ACTING ON A SUGGESTION BY THE LR. CMDR. (S), WE GO TO PRESS TONIGHT WITH A NEW "TYPE FACE"...AND WE HOPE IT MAKES EASIER READING. (INCIDENTALLY, HE CLAIMS THAT CAPITAL LETTERS ON A TYPEWRITER TAKE UP EXACTLY THE SAME SPACE AS SMALL ONES, AND WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT!)

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THE ONLY NEWS OF THE THIRD FLEET ACTIVITIES OFF JAPAN TODAY SO FAR HAS COME FROM RADIO TOKYO. THIS IS WHAT THEY SAY:

"OUT OF A TOTAL OF 300 ATTACKING B-29'S, THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL AIR FORCE SHOT DOWN A TOTAL OF 32, DAMAGING 91 OTHERS."

NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE RESULTS OF NAVAL AIR ATTACKS, AND NO CLAIMS MADE FOR THE SPECIAL ATTACK CORPS OF KAMIKAZE PILOTS. TOKYO RADIO ALSO ANNOUNCED:

"THE CABINET WILL MEET ON TUESDAY TO DRAFT MEASURES FOR THE INCREASE OF JAPAN'S FOODSTUFFS".

QUITTING A REPORT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, ALLIED DESTROYERS ARE HAVING A HARDER TIME OPERATING IN THE PACIFIC THAN IN THE ATLANTIC, OWING TO THE VIGILANT WATCH THAT HAS TO BE KEPT FOR JAPANESE KAMIKAZE PLANES.

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HERE IS ADMIRAL NIMITZ' CINCPAC COMMUNIQUE NO. 421:

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE DETAILS OF THE STRIKE BY CARRIER AIRCRAFT OF THE THIRD FLEET AGAINST AIRFIELDS IN THE TOKYO AREA ON 10 JULY EAST LONGITUDE DATE IS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

SEARCH PRIVATEERS OF FLEET AIR WING ONE SET THREE SMALL CARGO SHIPS AFIRE ALONG THE CHINA COAST ON 10 JULY.

CORSAIRS ON 9 JULY STRUCK RUNWAYS, BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS ON AIRFIELDS IN JAPANESE HOME ISLANDS AND DAMAGED A NUMBER OF SMALL CRAFT AND SMALL CARGO SHIPS BY STRAFFING. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY FIGHTERS OF THIS WING STRAFFED TARGETS ON KIKAI ISLAND.

MITCHELLS OF THE FOURTH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING DAMAGED A NUMBER OF ENEMY SHIPS SOUTH OF HONSHU WITH ROCKETS IN NIGHT ATTACKS ON 10 JULY.

STRONG FORCES OF CORSAIR FIGHTERS AND AVENGERS STRUCK INSTALLATIONS IN SOUTHERN JYUSHU AND THE NORTHERN RYUKYUS ON 11 JULY. HANGARS, SHOPS AND OTHER BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED.

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BAND CONCERT THE SHIP'S BAND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PO. BANDMASTER JEFFERY GAVE AN ENJOYABLE CONCERT IN THE PORT HANGAR THIS AFTERNOON. THEY PLAYED TO A PACKED HOUSE WHO WENT AWAY SINGING; "WHY DONT WE DO THIS MORE OFTEN"?

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SRE TALK WAR CORRESPONDENT DIVINE SPEAKS TONIGHT AT 1930 IN THE PORT HANGAR. THERE WILL BE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS BUT THE TALK WILL BE BROADCAST OVER THE S.R.E.

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BEEF DEPT. AN INDIGNANT TORONTO CITIZEN TAKES BITTER EXCEPTION ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S REMARKS ON HIS CITY. "HELL'S BELL'S", HE MOANED, "YOU LEFT OUT THE TWO MOST FAMOUS INSTITUTIONS IN TOWN - THE MAPLE LEAFS AND THE GARDENS".

TOMORROW NIGHT - VANCOUVER.

TODAY IS FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH - THE SECOND ONE WE'VE HAD THIS YEAR. AT PRESS TIME, NO NEWS OF THIRD FLEET ACTIVITIES TODAY, BUT WE MAY HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE 1900 NEWSCAST.

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HERE IS THE OVERNIGHT CINCPAC COMMUNIQUE NO. 422:

A SINGLE SEARCH MARINER PLANE LAST NIGHT MADE FOUR LOW LEVEL BOMBING ATTACKS ON SHIPPING IN THE WHANGPOO RIVER NEAR THE CITY OF SHANGHAI. NO ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED AND RESULTS WERE NOT OBSERVED.

SEARCH PRIVATEERS YESTERDAY DESTROYED ONE FACTORY, HEAVILY DAMAGED ANOTHER, BLEW UP A RAILWAY BRIDGE AND BURNED A PASSENGER TRAIN AND TWO LOCOMOTIVES ON THE EASTERN COAST OF KYUSHU, AND DESTROYED A SMALL COASTAL CARBO SHIP NEAR THE CHINA COAST. SEARCH MARINERS OF THIS WING DAMAGED A FISHING BOAT AND LEFT A LUGGER SINKING IN THE YELLOW SEA.

AVENGER TORPEDO BOMBERS HIT AT AIRSTRIPS AND STORAGE AREAS ON KIUSHU IN THE AMAMI GROUP ON 11 JUL. A STRONG FLIGHT OF CORSAIRS ATTACKED THE KANOYA AREA YEATERDAY.

SEARCH PLANES DAMAGED TWO PICKET CRAFT OFF THE COAST OF HONSHU NORTHEAST OF SENDAI ON 11 JULY. A NUMBER OF FISHING CRAFT OFF YOKOSUKA WERE STRAFFED BY OTHER PLANES.

CORSAIR AND HELLCAT FIGHTERS AND HELL DIVER BOMBERS CONTINUED RAIDS ON ENEMY BASES IN THE PALAUS AND ON YAP ON 11 AND 12 JULY. PLANES OF THE SAME WING ATTACKED ENEMY-HELD INSTALLATIONS IN THE MARSHALLS ON 11 JULY.

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SICK BAY OD. DOUGLAS KENNETH COOK OF MESS 7, OF PR. EDWARD, ONT., WAS OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS THURSDAY EVENING AND IS TODAY REPORTED "RESTING EASILY". SURG. LIEUT. COADY DID THE SURGERY, A TRICKY BIT OF BUSINESS WHICH LASTED 55 MINUTES. THIS IS THE SECOND APPENDECTOMY DONE IN THE SHIP IN RECENT WEEKS.

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SRE TALKS. WAR CORRESPONDENT DIVINE GAVE A HIGHLY INTERESTING TALK ON GREAT BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT IN THE PORT HANGAR LAST NIGHT. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MAGNIFICENT WORK DONE BY THE BRITISH BOHE ON THE HOME AND WAR FRONTS, AND INTERSPERSED HIS TALK WITH YARNS FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCES COVERING THE BATTLEFRONTS.

TONIGHT MR. DIVINE SPEAKS AT 1930 ON "DUNKIRK". THIS SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTING, AS HE WAS ONE OF THE "AMATEUR YACHTSMEN" WHO HELPED TAKE OFF THE ARMY. HE WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION THERE AND WON A D.S.M. FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF A GERMAN HEINKEL.

THE TALK WILL AGAIN BE BROADCAST.

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KNOW-YOUR- VANCOUVER... THE THIRD CITY OF CANADA, HAS HAD THE CAN ADA SERIES! MOST REMARKABLE GROWTH OF ANY COMMUNITY IN THE DOMINION...

IN 1875 IT WAS KNOWN AS "GASTOWN" AND WAS COMPRISED OF A FEW SHEDS, A COUPLE OF DIRT ROADS AND SOME SPORTING LADIES FROM SEATTLE. TODAY ITS METROPOLITAN POPULATION IS CLOSE TO 400,000... IT IS NOTED FOR: ITS MAGNIFICENT HARBOR (SHORELINE OF 90 MILES), ITS RAIN, ITS GARDENS, STANLEY PARK (FIVE MINUTES FROM THE HEART OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT), GERRY MC GEER, A MAYOR NAMED CORNETT WHO PLAYS THE CORNET, AND LOUSILY, TOO... MART KENNEY AND HIS WESTERN GENTLEMEN, WHO STARTED THERE AS A FOUR-PIECE WALKATHON BAND... OLYMPIC CHAMPION (1928) PERCY WILLIAMS AND WORLD'S WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION JIMMY MC LARNIN... THE UNIVERSITY OF B.C., WHICH HAS A CAMPUS 546 ACRES LARGE, CONTAINING AN 18 HOLE GOLF COURSE... THE WHITE SPOT RESTAURANT, WHERE YOU CAN GET FILET MIGNON, CHIPS AND ICE CREAM FOR \$1.15 (PLUG)... THEY PLAY 45 SPORTS THE YEAR AROUND IN VANCOUVER, AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SKI, SWIM AND PLAY GOLF ON THE SAME DAY... AND - - - YVONNE DE CARLO!!!

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PACIFIC WAR AT NOON TODAY THE U.S. PACIFIC FLEET BEGAN BOMBARDING JAPANESE HOME ISLANDS AND AT PRESS TIME, ACCORDING TO A LATE SAN FRANCISCO BROADCAST, THE BOMBARDMENT WAS STILL GOING ON. HOKKAIDO IN THE NORTHEAST, AND THE NORTHERN TIP OF HONSHU, WERE THE TARGETS, ALTHOUGH THE SAN FRANCISCO REPORT SAID THAT FOG OBSCURED CERTAIN PRIMARY OBJECTIVES AND THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE FIRE HAD BEEN TURNED TO SECONDARY TARGETS.

AMONG THE SHIPS TAKING PART, ACCORDING TO ADMIRAL NIMITZ' COMMUNIQUE, ARE THE BATTLESHIPS INDIANA AND SOUTH DAKOTA AND THE CRUISERS CHICAGO AND QUINCY. DESTROYERS INCLUDE THE SUTHERLAND, ERBEN, HERMAN AND BLACK.

IT WAS SAID THAT THERE WAS "LIGHT FIRE" BY THE ENEMY. THE OVERALL COMMAND IS UNDER ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. HALSEY.

JAP RADIO HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT THE U.S. FLEET "FLED TO THE SOUTH" AFTER TUESDAY'S BIG CARRIER RAID, BUT ACTUALLY IT HAD MOVED NORTH. ADMIRAL NIMITZ SAID THAT ONCE AGAIN COMPLETE TACTICAL SURPRISE HAD BEEN EFFECTED.

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ADMIRAL NIMITZ GAVE FURTHER DATA ON THE BIG 1000-PLANE RAID FROM CARRIERS ON TUESDAY, SAYING THAT APPROXIMATELY 150 PLANES HAD BEEN DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND 239 DAMAGED. ONLY TWO ENEMY PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN AND THESE WERE BOTH RECONNAISSANCE PLANES. THE YANKS LOST SEVEN PLANES, OR APPROXIMATELY ONE-TENTH THE NUMBER CLAIMED DESTROYED BY THE JAPS.

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ADMIRAL NIMITZ ALSO DISCLOSED TODAY THAT 21 AMERICAN SHIPS HAD BEEN DAMAGED IN A TYPHOON ON JUNE 5, BUT ALL ARE BACK IN ACTION AND TAKING PART IN THE BOMBARDMENT NOW GOING ON.

ONE SHIP, THE PITTSBURGH, LOST HER BOW IN THE PIERCE BLOW AND THE OFFICER WHO TOOK HER IN TOW (THE BOW STAYED AFLOAT) SIGNALLED: "AM PROCEEDING AT FOUR KNOTS WITH A SUBURB OF PITTSBURGH IN TOW".

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THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET SUFFERED MINOR DAMAGE YESTERDAY WHEN ONE OF THE GUNS OF "A" TURRET IN H.M.S. BLACK PRINCE BLEW UP. ONE RATING WAS BELIEVED SERIOUSLY INJURED. THE EXPLOSION WAS BELIEVED DUE TO A DEFECTIVE FUSE.

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KNOW-YOUR CANADA (CONT'D) TONIGHT'S CITY IS EDMONTON...CAPITAL OF ALBERTA AND HOME OF SOCIAL CREDIT...EDMONTON IS ONE OF THE SPRAWLINGEST CITIES IN CANADA...ITS 100,000 POPULATION IS SCATTERED ALONG THE BANKS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN AND WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED TWO TOWNS, EDMONTON AND STRATHCONA (THAT WAS THE OLD NAME)... IN THE OLD DAYS IT WAS A VALUABLE STAGING POINT FOR THE YUKON GOLD RUSH AND NOW IT SERVES A SIMILAR PURPOSE AS THE KEY AIR TRANSPORT CENTRE, AS THE TAIL END OF THE ALASKA HIGHWAY, AND AS THE GATEWAY TO THE PEACE RIVER COUNTRY... IT HAS LONG BEEN IMPORTANT AS A RAIL JUNCTURE...SOM MANY YANKS Poured IN THERE FOR THE ALASKA HIGHWAY JOB IT BECAME KNOWN FOR A TIME AS "LITTLE AMERICA" AND COOKS WERE ASKING \$300 A MONTH...IT IS THE MOST NORTHERLY CITY IN CANADA AND HAS AT LAST OUTSTRIPPED CALGARY IN ITS PERENNIAL POPULATION RACE...IT IS THE SEAR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, ONE OF WHOSE MEMBERS, DR. HARDY, IS RENOWNED IN SPORT CIRCLES AS A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION...HE WAS ONE OF THE MEN RESPONSIBLE FOR "AMATEURS" GOING HONEST AND ADMITTING THEY WERE GETTING 50 BUCKS A GAME...EDMONTON HAS PRODUCED SOME OF THE ICE "GREATS" OF ALL TIME...AMONG THEM DUKE KEAYS, "BULLET JOE" SIMPSON AND EDDIE SHORE. (TOMORROW NIGHT; SARNIA ONT.)

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WAR TALK TONIGHT'S WAR TALK IN THE PORT HANGAR: "THE BACKGROUND OF THE PACIFIC WAR", A SUBJECT WHICH SHOULD BE OF KEEN INTEREST. TALK STARTS PROMPTLY AT 1930, SO BE ON TIME.

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(BIG SUNDAY EDITION)

CAPTAIN IN A BRIEF TALK FROM THE DCT AT 1630, THE CAPTAIN REVEALED
 OUTLINES THAT WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE FAMOUS U.S.
OPERATION THIRD FLEET, AND THAT WE SHOULD BE MEETING THEM AT 0900
 TOMORROW MONDAY, AT WHICH TIME TWO OF OUR ADMIRALS WILL GO
 OVER BY DESTROYER TO USS MISSOURI, ADMIRAL HALSEY'S FLAGSHIP, FOR A CO-
 FERNECE.

THERE WILL BE FOUR TASK GROUPS IN THE OPERATION STARTING
 TUESDAY MORNING, AND WE WILL BE ON THE NORTHERN SECTOR, WITH ABOUT 12
 MILES BETWEEN EACH GROUP. WE WILL BE STRIKING AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
 NORTH OF TOKYO IN MUCH THE SAME MANNER AS AT SAKASHIMA, AND WILL BE
 APPROXIMATELY 120 MILES OFF THE COAST.

THE BATTLESHIPS MAY BOMBARD TUESDAY NIGHT AND AGAIN WEDNESDAY
 NOON, THE CAPTAIN SAID.

HE WARNED THAT SOONER OR LATER - PERHAPS NOT UNTIL THE
 INVASION, BUT YOU NEVER KNOW - THE JAPS WOULD STAGE A HEKKAUVA BIG
 COUNTER-ATTACK. IT IS RECKONED THAT THEY HAVE ABOUT 1500 PLANES, WITH
 PERHAPS SOME MORE HIDDEN THAT WE DONT KNOW ABOUT.

AT ANY RATE, IT IS UP TO EVERY MAN TO "KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT
 AND SHOOT STRAIGHT". AS SOON AS NEWS OF FUTURE OPERATIONS BECOMES
 KNOWN, THE CAPTAIN SAID HE WOULD PASS THEM ALONG.

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CHURCH A SPECIAL PRAYER WAS SAID, AND A VERSE OF "NEARER MY GOD TO
 HONORS THEE" SUNG AT CHURCH SERVICE THIS MORNING IN MEMORY OF STOKER
RORISON ROBERT J. RORISON, WHO IS LISTED AS "MISSING AT SEA". THE LATE
 STOKER RORISON DISAPPEARED ON THE NIGHT OF HIS 10TH. BIRTHDAY.
 HIS HOME WAS IN OSHAWA AND HIS NEXT OF KIN IS HIS MOTHER, MRS. T. RORISON.
 STOKER RORISON HAD SERVED AT YORK, CORNWALLIS, AND SCOTIAN
 BEFORE COMING TO UGANDA. BEFORE ENTERING THE NAVY HE WAS A TOOL AND DIE
 APPRENTICE. HE HAS A BROTHER-IN-LAW IN THE NAVY AND A COUSIN IN THE ARMY.
 HE WAS KEENLY INTERESTED IN ATHLETICS, PARTICULARLY SWIMMING, HOCKEY,
 RUGBY AND BASEBALL.

PADRE WHITE DELIVERED A SERMON ON THE TEXT "THINK ON THESE
 THINGS" AND SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO KEEP OUR THOUGHTS,
 JUST, PURE, HONEST, BEAUTIFUL AND OF "GOOD REPORT."

THERE WAS A GOOD ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH. PO. WREN CORDITE
 ATTEMPTED TO ASSIST SBA. NEWMAN AT THE ORGAN DURING THE EARLY PART OF
 THE SERVICE BUT LEFT WHEN THE SINGING BEGAN. (WHO ARE WE TO BLAME HER?)

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WORLD NEWS*FLASHES* THE CANADIAN MINISTER FOR AIR HAS ANNOUNCED THAT
 SIX CANADIAN BOMBER SQUADRONS (APPROXIMATELY 72
 PLANES) ARE ON THEIR WAY TO JOIN THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN, AND THAT THEY
 WILL BE IN OPERATIONS SHORTLY.

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THE AMERICANS ARE CONTINUING TO PASTE THE WHEY OUT OF JAPAN.
 A REPORT TODAY SAYS THAT A BOMBARDMENT GROUP CONSISTING OF SOME OF THE
 MOST POWERFUL BATTLESHIPS OF THE U.S. PACIFIC FLEET OPENED FIRE ON STEEL
 WORKS AND OTHER MILITARY TARGETS AT THE SEAPORT CITY OF MURORAN IN SOUTH-
 ERN HOKKAIDO. THIS ACTION IS CONTINUING AT THE PRESENT TIME UNDER THE
 IMMEDIATE TACTICAL COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL O.C. BADGER, U.S.N. AMONG THE
 SHIPS NAMED ARE THE BATTLESHIPS IOWA, MISSOURI, AND WISCONSIN; DESTROYERS
 MCGOWAN, NORMAN SCOTT AND REMEY.

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RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S THIRD FLEET OPERATIONS SHOW THAT THE STEEL MILL AT KAMISHI IS DEMOLISHED AND THE COKE OVENS HAVE BEEN HEAVILY HIT AND ARE BURNING FURIOUSLY. THE ENTIRE KAMISHI AREA IS COVERED BY DENSE SMOKE RISING THOUSANDS OF FEET ABOVE THE CITY. 24 ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND 62 DAMAGED. ONE WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF THE U.S. FORCE. AT SEA, TWO TRAIN FERRIES WERE DESTROYED, 10 SMALL CARGO SHIPS, ONE OLD DESTROYER AND 4 MEDIUM TANKERS. NO OPPOSITION TO AIR FORCES WAS REPORTED. FACILITIES AT THE PORT OF HOKADATE IN HOKKAIDO WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED. (TOKYO RADIO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HER EVACUEES WERE "MOVING UP TO HOKKAIDO TO GET AWAY FROM THE BOMBING").

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SAKASHIMA IS STILL UNDER ATTACK. CORSAIRS STRUCK THERE AND AT KIKAI IN THE AMAMI GROUP. DURING THE PERIOD FROM 7 APRIL TO 13 JULY AIRCRAFT OF THE U.S. TACTICAL AIR FORCE DESTROYED 625 AIRBORNE PLANES. 29 WERE PROBABLY DESTROYED AND 37 DAMAGED.

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THUNDERBOLTS ROCKETED AND STRAFFED TRUK ON FRIDAY. OKINAWA BASES ARE BEING WIDELY USED AND YESTERDAY MADE ATTACKS ON KANOYA ON THE ISLAND KYUSHU.

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IN TWO ATTACKS THE BRITISH NAVY CONTINUED TO BLAST THE JAPS ON NIDOBAR ON NORTHERN SUMATRA. TOKYO HAS REPORTED ANOTHER LANDING BY AUSSIES ON AN ISLAND IN EASTERN BORNEO.

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THE CHINESE ANNOUNCED THAT 3000 JAPS WERE KILLED NEAR AMOY. HOWEVER, A JAP COLUMN HAS CAPTURED A TOWN IN KHANTUEN PROVINCE.

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GEN. CLAIRE CHENNAULT OF "FLYING TIGER" FAME HAS RESIGNED, CLAIMING THAT "JAPAN IS BEATEN IN THE AIR".

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KNOW-YOUR TONIGHT'S TOWN IS SARNIA, ONT. (BY L/STWD. TAYLOR).
CANADA SERIES "SARNIA IS SITUATED ON THE BLUE WATERS OF THE BEAUTIFUL ST. CLAIR. ITS COUNTERPART IN MICHIGAN IS PORT HURON AND THEY ARE LINKED BY THE BLUE WATER BRIDGE AND THE RAILWAY TUNNEL. GREATER SARNIA (INCLUDING PT. EDWARD AND CORUNNA) HAS A POPULATION OF 22,000. IT RATES HIGH IN THE NUMBER PER CAPITA OF OUR SERVICE MEN. IT WAS THE FIRST CITY IN CANADA TO OFFER THOSE IN UNIFORM FREE TRANSPORTATION EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK. IN THE FIELD OF SPORT THE "IMPERIALS" HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A THORN IN THE SIDE OF OTHER O.R.F.U. CLUBS PARTICULARLY BALMY BEACH. "RED" RYAN, TORONTO'S INFAMOUS CRIMINAL, WAS SHOT AND KILLED HERE IN AN ATTEMPTED HOLDUP. NEARBY IS THE LARGEST OIL REFINERY IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE. THE ONLY MAJOR SYNTHETIC RUBBER PLANT IN CANADA. THE DOCKS FOR THE HEAD OF THE LAKES WATER FREIGHT. A LARGE GRAIN ELEVATOR - AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE BLOCKS THAT GO INTO FORD MOTORS".

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MAIL BAG: IT SEEMS SOMETHING LIKE A COINCIDENCE, BUT THIS LETTER CAME IN TODAY: "DEAR EDITOR: - I NOTICE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE A REVIEW OF SARNIA IN TODAY'S TAB PAPER, WHY NOT GIVE THE STRAIGHT TRUTH ABOUT THIS SO-CALLED CITY. SARNIA IS THE KIND OF PLACE THAT YOU ALWAYS HEAR OF PEOPLE "COMING FROM" BUT NEVER "GOING TO". SARNIA EXISTS SOLELY THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE IMPERIAL OIL CO., AND THE CITIZENS OF PORT HURON, WHO LIKE TO HAVE A SPOT OF GOOD BEER AND COME OVER TO CANADA TO PROCURE SAME. THE FACT THAT THEY GO TO SARNIA IS PURELY FOR CONVENIENCE ONE OF ITS BETTER POINTS IS THAT IT'S ~~XX~~ SAID TO BE A GOOD PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY. NOW MR. EDITOR BE TRUE. PRINT THE BAD WITH THE GOOD, TRUTH MUST PREVAIL. A READER".

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HIT PARADE HERE ARE THE 8 TOP TUNES IN ORDER: SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY; LAURA; DREAMS; YOU BELONG TO MY HEART; THE MORE I SEE OF YOU; BELL BOTTOM TROUSERS; THERE I'VE DONE IT AGAIN; AND WHILE YOU'RE AWAY.

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E PLURIBUS UNUM THIS MORNING'S JUNCTURE WAS ANOTHER ONE TO ADD TO YOUR DOSSIER OF HISTORIC DIP-SPINS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN THIS WAR SHIPS OF THE WORLD'S TWO GREATEST NAVIES HAVE MET IN SUCH NUMBERS. THERE WERE MORE THAN 100 IN THE AREA AND AMONG THOSE SEEN THROUGH GLASSES WERE THE FAMED MISSOURI, IOWA, INDIANA, LEXINGTON AND THE NEW DESTROYER FRANK KNOX, NAMED AFTER THE LATE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. NAVY. (THROUGH AMERICAN GLASSES THEY WOULD HAVE SEEN THE FAMED KING GEORGE V., IMPLACABLE...AND, ER... MODESTY FORBIDS.. AND WE'LL BET THEY LOOKED EVERY BIT AS GOOD TO THE YANKS AS THEY DID TO US).

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STRIKE THREE RADIO TOKYO SAID THIS AFTERNOON THAT A SURPRISE IS IN STORE FOR US "IN THE NOT--TOO-DISTANT FUTURE". MEANWHILE, RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S STRIKES POUR IN, AND SHOW THAT THERE IS STILL NO ENEMY OPPOSITION TO THE HEAVY AIR ASSAULTS.

COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 429 SAYS: "WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION WAS WROUGHT BY SHIPS, GUNS AND AIRCRAFT, BUT THE ACTION OF THE SEA FORCES BROUGHT NO DEFENSIVE RESPONSE FROM THE ENEMY. OUR BATTLESHIPS AND LIGHTER UNITS WHICH BOMBARDED MURORAN FIRED MORE THAN 1000 TONS OF PROJECTILES INTO THE INDUSTRIAL, TRANSPORT AND HARBOR AREAS OF THAT CITY. UPON COMPLETION OF THE ATTACK THE NIPPON STEEL PLANT WAS UNDERGOING A SERIES OF VERY LARGE EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES. MANY OF THE BUILDINGS OF THE WANISHI IRON WORKS WERE DEMOLISHED OR BURNED AND AN OPEN HEARTH BLAST FURNACE AND COKE OVENS WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED. A CHEMICAL PLANT AND A NUMBER OF WAREHOUSES WERE HEAVILY HIT, A COAL LIQUEFACTION PLANT INCLUDING GASOLINE AND STORAGE TANKS, WAS BURNING AND MANY FIRES WERE OBSERVED ALONG THE CITY'S WATERFRONT.

"ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE WAS DIFFICULT TOWARD THE END OF THE ATTACK WHEN OBSERVATION PLANES WERE FORCED TO OPERATE AT LESS THAN 1000 FEET IN ATTEMPTS TO FLY UNDER THE OVERCAST AND SMOKE WHICH HUNG OVER THE CITY. SOME ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED, BUT OUR FORCES CAME THROUGH, THOUGH SUFFERING DAMAGE.

"PLANES AGAIN STRUCK TARGETS IN NORTHERN HONSHU AND HOKKAIDO, BUT ADVERSE WEATHER HAMPERED OPERATIONS. NINE SHIPS AND SIX SMALL CRAFT TALLING 12,000 TONS WERE SUNK.

"FOUR ENEMY PLANES WERE DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND ONE WAS DAMAGED. NO ENEMY OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED.

"ON SATURDAY, DURING THE ATTACK ON SOUTHERN HOKKAIDO, MOST OF THE CITY OF KUSHIRO WAS BURNED. ON SUNDAY, OUR FORCES LOST 9 AIRCRAFT AND 3 IN COMBAT."

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IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE ISLANDS OF IHEYA AND AGUNI IN THE OKINAWA GROUP WERE OCCUPIED ON 8 AND 9 JULY, WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

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SEARCH PRIVATEERS ON SATURDAY SHOT UP A LOT OF SHIPPING DESTROYED A BRIDGE, CLOSED A TUNNEL AND EXPLODED THREE LOCOMOTIVES, OPERATING AROUND HONSHU, AS FAR NORTH AS HEIKO AND GENSAN.

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KNOW-YOUR CANADA SERIES TONIGHT'S CITY IS REGINA, CAPITAL OF SASKATCHEWAN AND FAMOUS AS THE HOME OF THE MOUNTIES, THE THIRD KINE IN LIMERICKS AND GREAT PRAIRIE WHEAT-SHIPPING CENTRE...WHEN THEY FIRST PUSHED A RAILROAD LINE OUT THERE, IT WAS KNOWN AS "PILE OF BONES"...NOW IT IS A CITY OF 65,000 POPULATION... ANY RESIDENT OF REGINA WILL TELL YOU ABOUT WONDERFUL WASCANA "LAKE" OR BRYANT'S ISLAND...ABOUT THE GRASSHOPPERS WHO FOLLOWED THE DROUGHT INTO THE CITY...ABOUT ITS STARS IN HOCKEY AND FOOTBALL, AMONG THEM THE ROUGHRIDERS AND THE JUNIOR PATS...IT WAS NEAR REGINA THE THE T.C.A. HAD ITS FIRST CRASH...IT IS KNOWN AS THE "QUEEN CITY" OF THE PRAIRIES AND THE LOCAL NAVAL DIVISION IS H.M.C.S. QUEEN...ONE OF WHOSE BEST KNOWN GRADUATES WAS OD. CLAUDE WARWICK, CANADIAN CHAMPION (AMATEUR) BANTAMWEIGHT, WHO WAS KILLED IN A BUS ACCIDENT RECENTLY... HIS BROTHER GRANT WAS A NEW YORK RANGERS "FIND"...TOMORROW NIGHT WE MOVE EAST TO SPOTLIGHT WINNIPEG, THE GATEWAY TO THE WEST.

TODAY'S WORK

UNITED STATES COMMENTATORS WERE ON THE AIR TODAY, BROADCASTING FROM BATTLESHIPS OFF JAPAN AND TELLING THE WORLD THAT "THE MOST POWERFUL STRIKING FORCE YET ASSEMBLED AS ONE UNIT IN THE PACIFIC" WAS HAMMERING AT HOME ISLANDS, AND THAT THE U.S. THIRD FLEET HAD BEEN AUGMENTED BY A BRITISH CARRIER TASK FORCE.

THE OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES IS NOT AT PRESS-TIME (2100) IN , BUT FROM SIGNALS ALREADY RECEIVED, THE FOLLOWING DATA SEEMS EVIDENT.

1. WEATHER WAS BAD FOR FLYING OPERATIONS, ONE REPORT PLACED IT AT TEN-TENTHS CLOUD FROM 1000 TO 15,000 FEET.
2. FLAK IN SOME AREAS WAS HEAVY, BUT OF THREE CORSAIRS HIT AND FORCED TO DITCH, ALL PILOTS WERE RESCUED.
3. OUR SCORE WOULD SEEM TO BE 13 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND SEVERAL DAMAGED. THESE INCLUDED 8 TWIN-ENGINE AIRCRAFT, 1 SALLY, 1 DINAH AND 3 S.E. AIRCRAFT.
4. AT THIS TIME, NO ENEMY PLANES HAVE BEEN REPORTED DESTROYED IN THE AIR, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT. IF THE OPERATION WAS DESIGNED TO DRAW THE JAPS ONTO THE AIR FOR A FIGHT, THEY REFUSED THE OFFER.
5. MISCELLANEOUS DAMAGE INCLUDED HANGARS BOMBED AND HIT, THREE LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED; ONE FOUR-THOUSAND TON TANKER DAMAGED; RAILWAY STATION, DIRECTLY HIT; 6 FISHING BOATS AND 1 JUNK HIT; 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED.
6. HMS KING GEORGE V WILL BE OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT A MIDNIGHT BOMBING TONIGHT.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ' COMMUNIQUE TODAY NAMED THE K.G.V., FORMIDABLE, NEWFOUNDLAND, BLACK PRINCE, QUICKMATCH, BARFLEUR, GRENVILLE AND UNDINE. IT ALSO NAMED ADMIRALS RAWLINGS, VIAN, BRIND AND EDDLESTON (REAR ADMIRAL DESTROYERS).

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OTHER NEWS

ON BORNEO, THE AUSSIES ARE NOW WITHIN 5 MILES OF THE GREAT OLD CENTRE OF SAMBOOJA. JAPANESE TROOPS ARE OFFERING STRONG RESISTANCE TO THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

IN THE PHILLIPINES, GEN. MACARTHUR SAYS THAT YANK TROOPS HAVE KILLED NEARLY 5000 JAPS DURING THE PAST WEEK AND 600 MORE WERE CAPTURED.

CHINESE TROOPS HAVE RECAPTURED KWANSHIEN AND CAPTURED TWO MORE IMPORTANT TOWNS IN THEIR DRIVE TOWARDS KWEILIN. THE JAPS HAVE BEGUN TO WITHDRAW FROM THE VITAL SITTANG RIVER BEND IN BURMA. THEY HAD TRIED DESPERATELY TO KEEP A BRIDGEHEAD OPEN TO SPEED THEIR ESCAPE TO THAILAND.

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RADIO TOKYO TODAY ANNOUNCED LAUNCHING OF A 20 MILLION DOLLAR LOTTERY TO RAISE FUNDS, AND SAID THAT 1 1/2 MILLION YEN WERE SOLD ON THE OPENING DAY.

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KNOW-YOURCANADA SERIES

WINNIPEG (BY RPO WALKER, WHO IS ONLY SLIGHTLY BIASED);... "THE GATEWAY TO THE WEST IS THE 4TH. LARGEST CITY IN CANADA, WITH AN AREA OF 64 SQUARE MILES... IS NOTED FOR HER CLEAN, WIDE, SHADY STREETS... THE LARGEST SINGLE RAILWAY FREIGHT YARDS IN THE WORLD ARE LOCATED HERE, LIKEWISE THE LARGEST RAILWAY CENTRE OF CANADA... WINNIPEG IS THE CAPITAL OF MANITOBA... SEAT OF THE U. OF M... HAS THE CHEAPEST ~~XXX~~ ELECTRICITY WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR THE FINE LIGHTING AND HUGE FLEET OF TROLLEY BUSES... FAMOUS FOR HER LAKE WINNIPEG GOLD-EYE... AND, IN HISTORY, FOR THE MASSACRE OF SEVEN OAKS... IS BUILT ON THE SITE OF FORT GARRY... IN THE SPORTS WORLD WINNIPEG IS NOTED FOR THE BLUE BOMBERS AND HER HOCKEY GREATS... AMONG THEM CHARLIE GARDNER, ANDY BLAIR, WILF STARR, BALDY NORTH-COTT, RED DUTTON, ET AL... SHE HAS THE LARGEST ORGANIZED HOCKEY LEAGUE (AMATEUR) IN THE WORLD... MAIN SPORTS CENTRES ARE THE AMPHITHEATRE AND OSBORNE STADIUM... TO THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD SHE HAS CONTRIBUTED SUCH STALWARTS AS JAMES DUNN AND DEANNA DURBIN.

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TODAY'S WORK

BAD FLYING WEATHER HAMPERED OPERATIONS THIS MORNING BUT STRIKES WERE ABLE TO TAKE OFF THIS AFTERNOON AND AT PRESS TIME THREE HAD RETURNED, BUT NO SIGNALS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THEIR RESULTS. AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 THE SHIP WAS JUST 52 MILES OFF THE JAPANESE COAST AND ABOUT 95 MILES FROM TOKYO, THE CLOSEST WE HAVE BEEN YET. THE PRESS AND RADIO WIRES OF AMERICA ARE HUMMING WITH NEWS OF THE OPERATION, AND EVEN RADIO TOKYO HAD SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT, THIS EVENING THEY SAID THAT THE JAPANESE WERE MERELY WAITING FOR "THE DECISIVE MOMENT" AND THAT THEY WOULD BIDE THEIR TIME RATHER THAN "PLAY INTO THE ENEMY'S HANDS."

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LAST NIGHT'S BOMBARDMENT

FOUR CANADIAN MIDSHIPMEN, GRADUATES OF ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, LAST YEAR, WERE IN K.G.V. LAST NIGHT AS SHE PARTICIPATED IN THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE JAPANESE COASTLINE, 60 MILES NORTH OF TOKYO. THEY ARE JACQUES COTE OF QUEBEC, NEPHEW OF THE LATE ERNEST LAPOINTE; FRED HENSHAW OF COMO, QUEBEC; GEORGE BROOKS OF SAULT STE. MARIE AND VANCOUVER AND ALAN COCKBURN OF CALGARY.

WE HAVE NO NEWS ON RESULTS OF THE BOMBARDMENT, BUT A REUTERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT ONBOARD K.G.V. SAID THAT 1500 TONS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE WERE FIRED IN LESS THAN AN HOUR.

HE SAID THAT AIRCRAFT ASSISTED IN THE NIGHT BOMBARDMENT, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE THE HEAVIEST OF ITS KIND EVER ATTEMPTED IN THIS AREA. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WERE TARGETS.

THE BOMBARDMENT, WHICH BEGAN AT 2300, WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT ANY ANSWERING FIRE FROM THE ENEMY AND ON COMPLETION OF THE MISSION THE SHIPS WITHDREW AT HIGH SPEED.

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WORLD NEWS

THE THIRD FLEET ACTION OCCUPIED FRONT PAGE ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY, ACCORDING TO RADIO SAN FRANCISCO. NEWSPAPERS DESCRIBED THE KINK-UP OF THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH SHIPS AS "A MEMORABLE AND IMPRESSIVE LINE-UP".

ADMIRAL NIMITZ SAID THAT 140 ENEMY SHIPS HAD BEEN SUNK, 234 DAMAGED AND 84 LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED IN RECENT AIR OPERATIONS AGAINST JAPAN, AGAINST A LOSS OF 24 PLANES.

THE BIG THREE CONFERENCE BETWEEN CHURCHILL, TRUMAN AND STALIN BEGAN AT 5 P.M. YESTERDAY IN BERLIN, AT THE INVITATION OF CHURCHILL AND STALIN, PRES. TRUMAN WILL ACT AS CHAIRMAN AT ALL MEETINGS.

A QUISLING AIDE FOUND GUILTY OF THE DEATH OF A NUMBER OF PATRIOTS, WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY A NORWEGIAN COURT. IT WAS THE FIRST SUCH SENTENCE IN NORWEGIAN COURTS FOR 70 YEARS.

STOP PRESS

FLASH! WE HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED THAT ALL OUR PLANES RETURNED SAFELY FROM TODAY'S STRIKES.

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HERE'S WHY

A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE ASKED WHY WE USE "Ø" INSTEAD OF "O" (CAPITAL "O") TO DENOTE FIGURES. THIS ONE (Ø) IS USED TO AVOID CONFUSION IN IMPORTANT CYPHER MESSAGES, AND THIS COMMUNICATIONS TYPEWRITER IS ESPECIALLY EQUIPPED FOR SAME. YOU'LL GET USED TO IT.

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FLEET STREET ONCE AGAIN BAD WEATHER HAS HAMPERED RECONNAISSANCE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION OF OUR STRIKES YESTERDAY IS NOT AVAILABLE. FROM WHAT WE CAN PIECE TOGETHER, AN OFFICIAL SUMMARY BEING LACKING, WE RECKON THAT OUR AIRMEN DESTROYED 11 PLANES (INCLUDING ONE DUMMY) ON THE GROUND; PROBABLY DESTROYED 6, AND DAMAGED 10, AS WELL AS DOING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HANGARS AND WORKSHOPS. HMS VICTORIOUS REPORTED FLAK AS "MODERATE", AND FORMIDABLE ANNOUNCED ONE CORSAIR SHOT DOWN.

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ADMIRAL NIMITZ' COMMUNIQUE TODAY SAID THAT CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS OF THE THIRD FLEET, UNDER COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL CARL F. HOLDEN U.S.N., MOVED INTO WATERS OFF NOJIMA CAPE SOUTH OF TOKYO AND BOMBARDED COASTAL INSTALLATIONS. THE ACTION CONTINUED UNTIL EARLY TODAY. ONE LARGE EXPLOSION WAS SEEN BUT COMPLETE REPORTS ON THE EFFECT OF OUR GUNFIRE ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. AMONG SHIPS WHICH TOOK PART WERE: TOPEKA OKLAHOMA CITY, ATLANTA, DAYTON, AULT, JOHN W. WEEKES. THIS ACTION (WE SHOULD HAVE STATED UP ABOVE) BEGAN AT 2300 LAST NIGHT.

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ADMIRAL NIMITZ' COMMUNIQUE TODAY ALSO CREDITS PLANES OF THE B.P.F. WITH DESTRUCTION OF 13 ENEMY PLANES ON THE GROUND ON WEDNESDAY, WHICH CONFIRMS THE TAR PAPER ESTIMATE OF LAST NIGHT.

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WORLD NEWS

THE U.S. STATE DEPT. HAS ASKED ITS EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES TO CHECK ON REPORTS THAT ADOLPH HITLER AND EVA BRAUN ARE HIDING OUT IN ARGENTINA. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT MADE NO COMMENT. MEANWHILE THE FRENCH RADIO QUOTED A SOUTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER AS SAYING THAT THEY HAD TAKEN REFUGE ON QUEEN MAUD ISLAND IN THE ANTARCTIC, ADDING THAT THE PAIR HANDED BY U-BOAT AT THE FORMER BASE OF GERMAN ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS. (THAT BUZZ SOUNDS IF IT MIGHT HAVE ORIGINATED IN THE 'FIGHTING U') THERE IS NOTHING OFFICIAL, NEED WE ADD?

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SAN FRANCISCO RADIO THIS EVENING SAID THAT AN OTTAWA DISPATCH REPORTED 17,000 CANADIAN AIRMEN WOULD SOON BE IN THE PACIFIC TO FIGHT THE JAPS.

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TRUMAN, CHURCHILL AND STALIN MET YESTERDAY AFTER NOON FOR A SECOND DAY'S CONFERENCE. THEY HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON THE NATURE OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS, AS YET.

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NEARLY 1700 MEN ARE FIGHTING THE LARGEST FOREST FIRE IN NORTHWEST OREGON SINCE 1839. 200 SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND 500 CIVILIANS ARE IN THE WILSON RIVER AREA THAT IS BURNING FOR THE 3RD. TIME IN 12 YEARS. STILL SPREADING, THE FIRES HAVE COVERED 22,000 ACRES.

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CHINESE FORCES HAVE CAPTURED THE INDO-CHINA PORT OF MONCAY ON THE JAPANESE SHIPPING ROUTE TO S.E. ASIA. IN SOUTHERN CHINA OTHER FORCES HAVE BATTLED INTO THE SUBURBS OF KWEILIN, SITE OF THE FORMER U.S. AIR BASE.

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IN BURMA, THOUSANDS OF JAPS ARE TRAPPED IN THE SITTANG RIVER AREA, AND ON OKINAWA, THE JAP COMMANDER OF ALL GUERILLA FORCES HAS BEEN KILLED. HE WAS TRACKED TO A MASTERFULLY-CONCEALED MOUNTAIN HIDEOUT AND SHOT AS HE ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE.

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CENSORSHIP

YOU CANNOT MENTION IN LETTERS THAT UGANDA IS TAKING PART IN THE CURRENT OPERATION, OR THAT SHE HAS JOINED UP WITH THE U.S. FLEET. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE USED AFTER 30 DAYS. WE WERE THE ONLY SHIP NAMED IN THE TRUK OPERATION; THIS TIME A SELECTED FEW OF THE OTHER SHIPS ARE NAMED IN OFFICIAL DISPATCHES.

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CANADIAN NEWS

THERE HAS BEEN AN EXPLOSION IN A NAVAL ARSENAL IN HALIFAX BUT REPORTS RECEIVED SO FAR ON DAMAGE SUFFERED ARE CONFLICTING. ONE REPORT SAID THAT THERE WERE 10 DEAD; ANOTHER THAT THERE WERE 14 INJURED, WITH NO MENTION OF ANY DEAD. IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO DAMAGE SEVERAL HOUSES AND ONE RADIO REPORT SAID THAT 500 CITIZENS HAD BEEN MADE HOMELESS BY THE BLAST. THIS REPORT ADDED THAT THE FIRE HAD BEEN BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. SINCE NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE EXPLOSION IN LATE RADIO BROADCASTS TODAY, IT IS FELT THAT IT CAN BE CLASSED AS "MINOR", AND IN NO WAY COMPARING WITH 1917 BLAST WHICH ROCKED THE ENTIRE CITY.

IT SEEMS WE HAVE BEEN DISPLACED AS THE "QUEEN" OF THE CANADIAN NAVY. HMCS ONTARIO HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED AND IS REPORTED "ON HER WAY SHORTLY", TO THE PACIFIC, AS THE MOST HEAVILY ARMED SHIP IN THE CANADIAN NAVY. HER CAPTAIN IS CAPT. H.T.W. GRANT, D.S.O., WHO IT IS SAID WILL BE THE SENIOR CANADIAN NAVAL OFFICER IN THIS THEATRE.

PERMITS TO MAKE 10,000 PASSENGER CARS THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN GRANTED CANADIAN AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS.

IT HAS BEEN REVEALED THAT THE CANADIAN NAVY BUILT UP 36 MINES OF THE ENTRANCE TO ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND IN THE FALL OF 1943. SHIPS ON THE JOB INCLUDED SARNIA, STRATFORD, LOCKPORT, MEDICINE HAT, GRANDMERE, VEGREVILLE, CANSO BURLINGTON AND CARAQUET.

MORE THAN 23,500 CANADIAN SOLDIERS OVERSEAS HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE IN THE PACIFIC. THE CANUCKS WILL USE U.S. WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT, BUT THE UNIFORM WILL BE CANADIAN. AMERICAN TYPE STEEL HELMETS WILL BE USED. A BATTLE PATCH FOR THE FORCE HAS BEEN DESIGNED AS A HEXAGONAL FORM DIVIDED INTO SIX TRIANGLES, COMPOSED OF THE COLORS OF THE PRESENT DIVISIONS PLUS ONE BLACK TRIANGLE REPRESENTING ARMoured BRIGADES.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIRLINE BETWEEN CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORT. CANADIAN TERMINUS WILL BE AT VANCOUVER.

WORLD NEWS

SUPER-FORTS IN FORCE LAFT FOUR HONSHU CITIES IN FLAMES AFTER A STRONG AIR ATTACK, AND 200 PLANES FROM OKINAWA DROPPED 200 TONS OF BOMBS ON SHANGHAI. THE YANKS LOST TWO PLANES FROM THE LATTER RAID. 80 MUSTANGS WHICH BOMBED HONSHU FROM TWO UIMA DESTROYED 8 ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND DOST ONE PLANE.

AUSSIES PUSHING INTO SAMBODJA, IMPORTANT OIL TOWN 28 MILES NORTH OF BALIKPAPAN, FOUND IT DESERTED BY THE JAPS. LIGHT NAVAL UNITS WERE IN ACTION INT THE BORNEO AREA, DESTROYING OF DAMAGING 3 ENEMY FREIGHTERS.

THE JAPS AND BRITISH ARE MASSES FOR A SHOWDOWN BATTLE IN THE LOWER SITTANG RIVER IN BURMA. INDIAN TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED A TOWN. ADMIRAL LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN IS CONFERRING WITH GEN. MACARTHUR TO FURTHER CO-ORDINATE THEIR COMMANDS.

FIRE STILL RAGING IN OREGON, NOW COVERS 41,000 ACRES.

THE AMERICAN TANKER WE WERE ALONGSIDE TODAY WAS THE "PATUXENT", NAMED AFTER A RIVER IN MARYLAND. SHE HAS A CREW OF 252 AND CARRIES 115,000 BARRELS OF FUEL OIL, AND HAS BEEN OUT HERE 13 MONTHS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 7500 CIGARETTES WERE TOSSED INTO THE SEA THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING. WHO SAID THERE WAS A SHORTAGE?

CAPTAIN'S SPEECH

THE CAPTAIN READ A SIGNAL AT 1900 TONIGHT FROM THE VICE ADMIRAL, B.P.F., TO C.S.4, AS FOLLOWS: "WOULD UGANDA BE HAPPY TO COMPLETE THE OPERATION SO AS TO LET BLACK PRINCE GO WHEN ARGONAUT ARRIVES. IF SO, I WILL ASK C-IN-C B.P.F. TO CONSIDER IT. HOPE SHE CAN, BUT IT IS OF COURSE A MATTER OF WHAT PROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE".

THE CAPTAIN'S REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE WAS: "DELIGHTED, WE WOULD BE HONORED".

IN A RADIO TALK LAST NIGHT THE CAPTAIN POINTED OUT THAT BLACK PRINCE HAD ONE GUN OUT OF ACTION, HER BOILERS IN A BAD STATE AND THAT SHE HAD NOT HAD A REFIT FOR SOME TIME (A YEAR AND EIGHT MONTHS).

IN HIS TALK TONIGHT THE CAPTAIN POINTED OUT THAT WE WOULD NOT ONLY BE MAKING A MATERIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE FLEET, AND "GIVING BLACK PRINCE A BREAK", BUT WOULD HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF SEEING THE OPERATION THROUGH TO THE END. WHEN IT IS OVER, AROUND AUGUST 10, THE REST OF THE FLEET WILL GO BACK TO MANUS, OR SOME SUCH PLACE, INSTEAD OF WHICH WE WILL HEAD FOR CANADA, MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES, AND HIGH-TAIL IT BACK TO THE SCENE OF ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THUS WE WOULD KNOW THAT WE DID NOT QUIT IN THE MIDDLES OF AN IMPORTANT OPERATION AND COULD GO BACK HOME "WITH OUR HEADS HIGH".

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EARLIER TODAY, THE CAPTAIN OUTLINED PLANS FOR OUR NEXT STRIKE. IT IS AGAINST THE KEY NAVAL BASES OF KOBE AND KURE, IN JAPAN'S INLAND SEA, WHERE THE REMNANTS OF THE JAP FLEET IS HOLED UP. WE SHOULD BE BACK TO THE FUELLING AREA THURSDAY MORNING, 26TH JULY.

FOOD STUFF

GOOD NEWS TODAY IN THE ARRIVAL OF EGGS BY "EGG-BOAT". IT'S REPORTED THAT THERE'S ABOUT 6 PER MAN, PROVIDED THEY TURN OUT BETTER THAN THE LAST BATCH (CANADIAN) WHICH WERE ONE-THIRD SPOILED.

WORLD NEWS

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APPARENTLY THE DANGER IN HALIFAX IS OVER. A BBC REPORT LAST NIGHT SAID THAT THE THOUSAND OR SO HALIFAXIANS WHO HAD EVACUATED THE CITY, FEARING SERIOUS EXPLOSIONS HAD RETURNED TO THEIR HOUSES. THE MAYOR WENT ON THE RADIO AND ASSURED THEM THAT EVERYTHING WAS UNDER CONTROL, AND THAT IT WAS SAFE TO RETURN.

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TWO JAP PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN BY AMERICAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT OVER OKINAWA WEDNESDAY NIGHT, IN ADDITION TO THE THREE ALREADY REPORTED CLOBBERED BY NIGHT FIGHTERS. ON THURSDAY NIGHT THREE ENEMY AIRCRAFT & CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF OKINAWA, DOING MINOR DAMAGE.

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LIBERATORS DAMAGED A MEDIUM CARGO SHIP OFF THE EASTERN COAST OF HONSHU YESTERDAY, WHILE AIRCRAFT OF THE FOURTH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING HANDED OUT THEIR DAILY PASTING TO YAP AND THE PALAUS, STILL IN JAP HANDS.

POETRY DEPT.

AB. (ST) WHYTE, THE BUSH THAT WALKS LIKE A MAN, HAS BEEN WAXING INDIGNANT ABOUT HMCS ONTARIO BEING LABELLED "THE QUEEN OF THE FLEET" AND HAS WRITTEN A PIECE OF POETRY IN PROTEST, WHICH WE WILL PUBLISH TOMORROW.

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IN ALL OUR EXPERIENCE, WE NEVER SAW A QUEEN YET THAT COULD TAKE A KING!

TOWN MEETING

PORT HANGAR WAS JAMMED THIS AFTERNOON WHEN THE CAPTAIN WENT ON THE S.R.E. FOR A 90-MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS:

1. NO REPLY FROM SIR BRUCE FRASER YET ON OUR DATE OF DEPARTURE.
2. THE MAPLE LEAF WILL PROBABLY BE PUT UP ON THE FUNNEL ON OUR RETURN TO CANADA.
3. CAPTAIN'S REQUEST THAT WHEN MEN GO ON LEAVE, THEY SIZE UP THEIR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND WEIGH IT OFF, IN ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES, WITH A PERMANENT NAVAL CAREER.
4. MAY BE A BOMBARDMENT ON THIS NEXT OPERATION.
5. SIDE-SPLITTING ECONOMIC DISCUSSION BETWEEN AB. MORNEAU AND THE CAPTAIN ON ALLOWANCES. THIS DEBATE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE BRETTON WOODS CONFERENCE, FOR SETTLEMENT.
6. STATEMENT THAT DRAFTS FOR UGANDA ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN ESQUIMALT AROUND AUGUST FIRST.
7. REQUEST BY THE CAPTAIN THAT, WHEN WE RETURN, NO MENTION BE MADE OF THE LENGTH OF OPERATIONS, AS THIS MAY PROVIDE THE ENEMY WITH SOME IDEA OF OUR SCHEDULES, WHICH HE COULD PUT TO GOOD USE.

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CHURCH NEWS

ANOTHER "FULL CONGREGATION" FOR CHURCH SERVICE THIS MORNING, PADRE WHITE PREACHING A SERMON ON "HE WENT INTO THE MOUNTAIN", WITH ITS BASIS IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT. WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A WORD OF PRAISE HERE TO THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT. ORGANIST NEWMAN HAS BEEN JOINED THIS PAST FEW WEEKS BY AB. MILLER ON THE PIANO, AND THEY ARE WORKING TOGETHER WELL AND ADDING MUCH TO THE SINGING OF HYMNS.

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SHIP'S BAND

WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF SHIP'S MUSIC, HERE'S A PLUG TO THE BAND, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PO. JEFFERY, WHICH IS SHOWING IMPROVEMENT EVERY TIME OUT. THEY ARE BUILDING A GOOD LIGHT CLASSICAL LIBRARY AND CAN PROVIDE AN ENTERTAINING HOUR'S PROGRAMME ON A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

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WORLD NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO RADIO SAID TODAY: "THE NAVAL WAR AGAINST THE JAPANESE IS BEGINNING TO TAKE ON AN INTERNATIONAL ASPECT, WITH SHIPS FROM U.S., BRITAIN, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA POUNDING THE JAPANESE HOMELAND AT WILL".

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH, CRACK TRANSATLANTIC LINER, ARRIVED IN NEW YORK WITH 16,000 U.S. TROOPS.

THE LIGHT UNITS OF THE 3RD. FLEET WHICH BOMBARDED A CAPE 55 MILES SOUTH OF TOKYO DURING THE NIGHT OF 18/19 JULY MET NO ENEMY OPPOSITION FROM SEA, LAND OR AIR. THE FORCE PATROLLED THE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF SAGAMI GULF BUT FOUND NO ENEMY SHIPPING, AND RETIRED.

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SPORTS NEWS

IN MALMOE, SWEDEN, GUNDAR HAEGG CAME WITHIN A HALF DOZEN STEPS OF THE 4-MINUTE MILE. HE SET A NEW WORLD RECORD OF 4 MIN., 1 4/10THS. SECONDS IN BEATING ARNE ANDERSON. THE MARK WAS SURPRISING, AS GUNDAR FLOPPED IN THE U.S. WHEN HE WAS BEATEN IN EVERY START.

BASEBALL TODAY: PITTSBURG 3,1; BOSTON 1,3; ST. LOUIS 7 BOSTON (AMERICAN LEAGUE) 1. IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE TORONTO 5 BUFFALO 4.

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CONGRATULATIONS

TO TEL. HOUSTON, ON REACHING THE AGE OF 20. HE'S FROM KITCHENER, WHERE HE IS OF SCHNEIDER FAME, JOINED THE SHIP IN CHARLESTON. SINCE JOINING THE BRF HE HAS SERVED A FEW DAYS IN IMPLACABLE, WHICH IS ONE OF HIS VARIED AND NOTEWORTHY EXPERIENCES FROM NEWCASTLE TO SYDNEY TO HERE. WE HOPE THAT THE REST OF YOUR LIFE MAY BE AS FULL, AS HAPPY AND AS PURE AS YOUR FIRST 20 YEARS, JACK. (CONTRIBUTED BY YOU-KNOW-WHO).

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NOW THIS WAR IS WON, THE FIGHTING'S PRACTICALLY THROUGH,
WE'VE ALL SERVED OUR TIME, THE UGANDA'S CREW;
BUT WHEN WE GET HOME, WE'RE DEPRIVED OF THE GLORY;
FOR THE ONTARIO NOW PRESENTS ANOTHER STORY.

THEY'VE BIDED THEIR TIME AND THEY'VE WORKED UP FOR WEEKS
WHILE THE UGANDA'S CREW THE ENEMY STILL SEEKS;
WE'RE FOUR MONTHS AT SEA, BUT STILL WE STEAM OUT,
THE JAPANESE NAVY IS OUR NEXT SCHEDULED BOUT.

THE ONTARIO WILL ARRIVE, QUEEN OF CANADA'S FLEET,
BUT SMALL CHANCE WILL THEY STAND, THE ENEMY TO MEET -
FOR WE'VE SERVED OUR TIME ON DEHYDRATED FOOD,
TOGETHER WITH THE BRITISH, OUR STRIKES HAVE MADE GOOD.

WE HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR CANADA'S FORCE,
SO WHY CALL US "QUITTERS", WE ASK WITH REMORSE?
MOST OF THESE BOYS SERVED THEIR TIME IN THE WEST,
AND AS NON-VOLUNTEERS THEY'RE STILL DOING THEIR BEST.

WE'VE ALL SERVED OUR TIME, FOUR MONTHS NOW AT SEA,
AND IF IMPERATIVE, WE'D REMAIN UNTIL VICTORY -
SO FOLKS, STOP AND THINK, AND LEND EAR TO OUR STORY,
WHY SOULD THE ONTARIO COP ALL OF OUR GLORY?

THIS MAD, FIGHTING CREW, UNDER CAPTAIN GRANT,
HAD ENDOWMENTS AND BLESSINGS, WHICH ONTARIO HAD SENT.
BUT WHAT DID WE HAVE TO START OFF ON THIS CRUISE?
NAUGHT BUT JAP TACTICS, AND OF THESE, LITTLE NEWS.

TO OUR CAPTAIN AND COMMANDER, FOLKS, REMEMBER, GIVE THANKS,
BUT PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE MEN IN THE RANKS;
WE DIDN'T JOIN UP WITH FEELINGS AT EASE,
'CAUSE WE'VE FOUGHT THIS WAR NOW, ON TWO DIFFERENT SEAS.

AND IF FOR A MOMENT IT WAS DECIDED NO THROUGH,
WE'D REMAIN HERE FIGHTING, THIS UGANDA'S CREW -
BUT WE CAN GO HOME KNOWING FULL WELL,
JAP TYRANNY HAS BEEN BLASTED STRAIGHT TO HELL,
AND ALL THAT WE ASK IS NO SCORN DO YOU SHOW,
'CAUSE WE'VE SEEN TIMES ONTARIO NEVER WILL KNOW.

WE'LL TAKE OUR PLACE AS THE SECOND IN SIZE,
BUT ALL WE'RE ASKING IS THAT YOU REALIZE
WE'VE SEEN IT ALL THROUGH AND WE'RE DUE FOR A REST -
BUT WHEN UGANDA RETURNS WE'LL STILL PROVE WE'RE BEST!

-- AB. (ST) WHYTE,
TORPEDOMEN'S MESS.

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KNOW-YOUR
CANADA SERIES

(BY "SARGE" HUNTER, VERY BIASED): CALGARY, THE
"FOOTHILLS CITY", HAS A POPULATION OF 93,000...
3400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND IS A SUBURB OF THE
DUKE OF WINDSOR'S RANCH... FAMOUS FOR ITS ANNUAL STAMPEDE AND AS
THE BIRTHPLACE OF SOCIAL CREDIT... GETS ITS HEAT FROM TWO SOURCES;
TURNER VALLEY, THE EMPIRE'S LARGEST OIL FIELDS, AND FROM ARGUING
WITH EDMONTONIANS... ITS NATURAL HISTORY PARK HAS LIFE MODELS OF
DINOSAURS (HOW DID THAT GET IN HERE, SARGE?)... THE ONLY OTHER ONE
IS IN MUNICH, AND A PILOT OFFICER FROM CALGARY TOOK CARE OF THAT
LITTLE ITEM... WARM CHINOOK WINDS TEMPER THE WINTER GOLD, IN SPITE
OF WHICH SHE HAS PRODUCED SUCH HOCKEY GREATS AS SWEENEY SCHRINER,
LORNE CARR AND FRANK MC COOL, SENSATIONAL ROOKIE NETMINDER FOR
THE TORONTO LEAFS.

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SIGNAL FROM C.T.F. 38 TODAY READS; "UNDER PUNISHMENT OF THIS FORAY ENEMY WILL PROBABLY STRIKE BACK. - LET'S GO!"

WORLD NEWS

DR. TV. SOONG, THE CHINESE PRIME MINISTER, HAS SAID IN A STATEMENT: "INCREASING BLOWS AGAINST JAPAN MAKE IT POSSIBLE SHE WILL SURRENDER THIS YEAR, OF THE COMING SPRING".

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL TOOK THE SALUTE IN BERLIN AS 10,000 SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN STAGED A VICTORY PARADE, IN WHICH FIELD MARSHALS MONTGOMERY AND ALEXANDER ALSO TOOK PART. INCLUDED WERE ARMORED UNITS WHICH DROVE FROM EL ALAMEIN TO THE ELBE RIVER.

THE POLISH PRIME MINISTER, OPENING THEIR NATIONAL COUNCIL, SAID: "POLAND WILL WELCOME HER CITIZENS ABROAD". HE SAID THEY WOULD FIND FOOD AND SOCIAL INSURANCE WAITING THEM.

JAPANESE CASUALTIES IN BORNEO TOTAL 4,300 KILLED AND 4,953 PRISONERS. AUSSIES CASUALTIES TOTAL 1,749, OF WHICH 400 HAVE BEEN KILLED. DUTCH EAST INDIES FORCES NOW OCCUPY SAMBOJA OIL FIELDS ON BORNEO.

-U.S. SUBS HAVE SUNK 11 MORE SHIPS IN THE PACIFIC, BRINGING THE TOTAL UP TO 1,174 SUNK SINCE THE START OF THE WAR.

ON BOUGAINVILLE, RAIN DRENCHES THE AUSTRALIAN THIRD DIVISION ON THE WEST BANK OF THE MIWO RIVER. AS THE ENTIRE FRONT APPEARS TO BE FLOODED OUT, ENGINEERS AND SUPPLY PERSONNEL ARE STRUGGLING TO KEEP COMMUNICATIONS OPEN.

MARSHAL PETAIN ARRIVED IN PARIS FRIDAY. HE WENT ON TRIAL TODAY ON CHARGES OF COLLABORATION. THE TRIAL IS BEING HELD IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE.

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THE DAILY NIMITZ COMMUNIQUE REPORTS THAT IN LAST WEDNESDAY'S STRIKE OUR ATTACKING AIRCRAFT BOMBED, ROCKETED AND STRAFED INSTALLATIONS FROM YOKOSUKA NAVY YARD TO MITO AND KIRYU ON THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE CANTO PLAIN. ACK-ACK WAS VERY HEAVY AT YOKOSUKA BUT DIMINISHED AS OUR PILOTS BOMBED GUN POSITIONS.

U.S. AIRCRAFT ON THE SAME DAY SUNK A DESTROYER, A CABLE LAYER, 3 SMALL CARGO VESSELS AND 7 MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS. THEY DAMAGED THE BATTLESHIP NAGATO, HITTING ITS SUPERSTRUCTURE HEAVILY, ALSO BLEW THE STERN OFF ONE ACK-ACK DESTROYER AND HEAVILY DAMAGED AN ODD DESTROYER.

SCORE ON THE STRIKE WAS: 30 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND 42 DAMAGED. OUR LOSSES IN COMBAT WERE 12 AIRCRAFT AND 22 PILOTS AND AIRCREW. THE BRITISH SCORE WAS 13 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND 25 DAMAGED. TWO BRITISH AIRCRAFT WERE LOST BUT THE PERSONNEL WERE RESCUED.

IN THE NIGHT BOMBARDMENT 17 JULY, PHOTOS SHOW A COPPER REFINERY DAMAGED, AS WELL AS THE HITACHI ARMS FACTORY.

EARLY TODAY, LIGHT UNITS OF THE THIRD FLEET ATTACKED CHI-CHI JIMA WITH NAVAL GUNFIRE, CONCENTRATING ON THE TOWN OF OMURA. THE U.S. SHIPS SUFFERED NO DAMAGE.

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KNOW-YOUR CANADA SERIES.

SEZ. CHIEF PO. TEL. MC GEE: "THE CENTER OF AGRICULTURAL WESTERN ONTARIO IS THE CITY OF LONDON, IN THE BEAUTIFUL THAMES RIVER VALLEY... POP 80,000... KNOWN AS "THE FOREST CITY" BECAUSE IT HAS MORE TREES PER SQUARE MILE THAN ANY OTHER CITY IN THE WORLD (IT SAYS HERE)... FAMED AS THE HOME OF GUY LOMBARDO AND HIS ROYAL CANADIANS, LABATT'S ALE, KELLOGG'S CORN FLAKES, MC CORMICKS BISCUITS, DENNISTEEL WORKS, KELVINATORS AND PENMANS... NOT FORGETTING THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO... "SANDY" SOMERVILLE, FORMER U.S. AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPION (1932) AND 7 TIMES CANADIAN TITLE-HOLDER, NOW A LT. COL. IN THE ARMY... AND BERT NIOSI, "CANADA'S KING OF SWING"... AH, THAT LABATT'S ALE... WHAT A CITY!

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SIGNAL IN

SPEAKING FROM THE BRIDGE TODAY, THE CAPTAIN SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A SIGNAL WHICH INDICATED THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY BE LEAVING THE FLEET IN THE FUELLING AREA. WE ARE TO FUEL AND TRANSFER SOME GEAR TOMORROW AFTER WHICH - PROVIDING THERE IS NO LATE CHANGE - WE WILL BE HEADING HOME.

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STRIKE NEWS

OWING TO THE FACT THAT THE Mimeo WAS IN FOR A REFIT YESTERDAY (YEOMAN DOROIN PUT IN ABOUT 18 HOURS' WORK ON THE MIGHTY ONE-LUMBER), THERE WAS NO TAR PAPER LAST NIGHT. JUST FOR THE RECORD, HERE IS THE PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF EVENTS OF JULY 24. 416 SORTIES FLOWN, AN ALL-TIME HIGH FOR ROYAL NAVAL AVIATION, 100 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED. OUR LOSSES, 10 AIRCRAFT. 20 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND 40 DAMAGED. A KOBE TYPE ESCORT CARRIER IN WATERS NORTH OF TAMAMATSU IN SHIKOKU. ONE DESTROYER HIT. ONE 10,000 TON FREIGHTER BADLY HIT. MANY SMALL SHIPS AND LUGGERS DAMAGED, SOME SUNK. HANGARS AND GROUND INSTALLATIONS DESTROYED AND DAMAGED.

HERE IS A ROUNDUP OF AMERICAN ACTIVITIES YESTERDAY:

SHOT DOWN 8 ENEMY PLANES, DESTROYED 11 ON THE GROUND; DAMAGED 20 ON THE GROUND. ALSO THE FOLLOWING:

THE HEAVY CRUISER TONE LEFT BURNING BADLY; THE LIGHT CRUISER OYODO LEFT BURNING BADLY; 2 BATTLESHIPS OF THE ISE CLASS DAMAGED; THE HEAVY CRUISER AOKI DAMAGED; A LARGE AIRCRAFT CARRIER DAMAGED.

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TODAY'S WORKFEW SIGNALS ARE IN ON TODAY'S STRIKES, AT PRESS-TIME.

EARLY REPORTS INDICATED BAD WEATHER OVER THE TARGET AREA, WHICH HAMPERED OPERATIONS. SOME PILOTS HAD TO JETTISON THEIR BOMBS THROUGH CLOUD.

CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS OF THE 3RD. FLEET CARRIED OUT A BOMBARDMENT EARLY TODAY AGAINST KUSHIMOTO AIRFIELD (SEAPLANE BASE) AND SHIONOMISAKI AIRFIELD, ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF HONSHU. THE FORCE, UNDER THE IMMEDIATE TACTICAL COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL J.S. JONES, JR., MET A PACKET BOAT ON THE WAY IN AND SANK IT.

IN THE B.P.F.'S SECONDE COMBINED STRIKE TODAY ONE SMALL STEAMSHIP WAS SUNK AND ANOTHER LEFT BURNING. THREE MEDIUM SIZED FREIGHTERS WERE DAMAGED, 2 SET ON FIRE. WHARVES AND FACTORIES DAMAGED. FORMIDABLE SCORED TWO 500-LB. BOMB HITS ON A MEDIUM SIZED STEAMSHIP AND SET A SMALL ONE ON FIRE.

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ADMIRAL MC CLAIN U.S., COMMANDING AIRCRAFT CARRIERS FOR THE U.S. THIRD FLEET, WAS QUOTED IN A BROADCAST TODAY AS SAYING: "I WOULD BE HAPPY IF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET CONSIDERED US AS WORTHY AN ALLY AS WE DO THEM". HE PAID A MAGNIFICENT TRIBUTE TO OUR FORCE.

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WORLD NEWS

NELSON PRINGLE SAID IN HOLLYWOOD TODAY THAT U.S. BASES WOULD BE ROLLED UP FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA TO THE PHILIPPINES IN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO, AND TONS OF SUPPLIES POURED IN.

THERE IS A BIG BATTLE RAGING BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND JAPS IN THE SITTANG RIVER AREA OF BURMA.

FOUR RADIO BROADCASTS YESTERDAY MENTIONED AN OTTAWA DISPATCH TELLING OF THE R.C.N.'S NEW INVENTION - AN ANTI-KAMIKAZE "DISINTEGRATOR" WHICH WILL BE FITTED IN R.C.N. SHIPS COMING THIS WAY.

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HAND ME MY ZAP GUN, BUCK!

SIGNALS

THE CAPTAIN OF FORMIDABLE TODAY SIGNALLED TO OUR SHIP:
"I FEEL WE ARE LOSING AN OLD FRIEND. GOOD-BYE AND GOOD
LUCK". ADMIRAL SIR PHILIP VIAN SIGNALLED: "I AM SORRY WE SHALL NO
LONGER HAVE YOU WITH US. COME BACK SOON".

TO THESE KIND MESSAGES, THE CAPTAIN REPLIED: "THANK YOU. WE
WILL BE BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

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MAIL BAG.

"DEAR SIR - - I'VE EXHAUSTED MY PATIENCE! I WRITE THIS
IN ANGRY PROTEST! SOME THINGS ARE TOO MUCH TO BE BORNE
SIR - - LET'S GET THE AFFAIR OFF MY CHEST.

"TODAY SIR, THEY CALLED ME A 'KIPPER' - SGAD, SIR, I
RUPTURED MY SPLEEN. IF YOU'VE EVER HAD KIPPERS FOR BREAKFAST, YOU'LL
AGREE THAT THE TERM IS OBSCENE.

"NOW 'LIMEY' OR 'POMMIE' OR 'JUICER' ARE WORDS THAT NO ONE
SHOULD MIND - BUT KIPPER! WELL, DAMME, IT STINKS SIR - NO FILTHIER
WORD COULD ONE FIND.

"MR. EDITOR, WARN YOUR YOUNG READERS, AND WARN ALL THE OLD
'UNS AS WELL, THAT USE OF THIS TERM MAY CAUSE BLOODSHED. DO THEY MEAN
TO IMPLY THAT I SMALL?

"IS THIS AN ANONYMOUS LETTER? I'LL SAY THAT IT ISN'T - NOT MUCH,
FOR IN SIGNING THIS LETTER OF PROTEST,

I AM, SIR,
YOURS, FAITHFULLY,
'BUTCH'".

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THE DAY'S WORK

C.T.F. 37 SENT A SIGNAL TODAY SAYING: "I AM VERY
SO SORRY THE WEATHER YESTERDAY RULED OUT A REPETITION
OF THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OF THE 24TH. THE TWO DAYS' WORK WAS
FIRST RATE".

AND HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF CINCPAC'S COMMUNIQUE:

BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET. - 1 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN, 18
DESTROYED ON THE GROUND, 20 DAMAGED ON GROUND...SEVERAL SMALL VESSELS
STRAFED.

AMERICAN THIRD FLEET. - THE DAMAGE TO THE REMNANTS OF THE
JAP FLEET ON 24 JULY HAS BEEN ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS: HEAVILY
DAMAGED, THE CONVERTED BATTLESHIP HYUGA. THE HEAVY CRUISER TONE. A LIGHT
CRUISER, UMA CLASS. AIRCRAFT CARRIER AMAGI, ONE DESTROYER. MODERATELY
DAMAGED: CONVERTED BATTLESHIP ISE. THE HEAVY CRUISER AOKA. LIGHT
CRUISER OYODO, AIRCRAFT CARRIER KATSURAGI, ON GUNBOAT. SLIGHTLY
DAMAGED: BATTLESHIP HARUNA, ONE OLD HEAVY CRUISER. AIRCRAFT CARRIER
ASO. LIGHT AIRCRAFT CARRIER HOSHO. ESCORT CARRIER KINYO. TWO DESTROYERS,
ONE MEDIUM SUBMARINE. MERCHANT SHIPPING SUNK: 1 MEDIUM CARGO VESSEL,
1 MEDIUM OILER, 2 SMALL CARGO VESSELS, 1 TUG, 5 LUGGERS. MANY OTHER
MERCHANT SHIPS DAMAGED.

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AN AMERICAN RADIO COMMENTATOR SPEAKING TODAY, POINTED OUT THAT THE
"SUPREME INSULT" HAD BEEN PAID TO THE JAPANESE NAVY IN THE ABOVE
STRIKES. ATTACKING PLANES USED THE JAP NAVAL ACADEMY AS A FORMING-UP
LANDMARK FOR THEIR ASSAULTS.

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DID YOU KNOW?

TODAY IS ST. ANNE'S DAY, THE DAY OF THE PATRON SAINT
OF CANADA? THIS IS THE KIND OF DAY ON WHICH WE NEED
A PATRON SAINT.

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WORLD NEWS

THE RADIO NETWORKS TODAY ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THEY CALL "AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT" - AN ULTIMATUM TO THE JAPANESE, CALLING ON THEM TO SURRENDER OR BE BLASTED OFF THE FACE OF THE MAP.

THE ULTIMATUM WAS SIGNED AT POTSDAM BY MR. CHURCHILL AND MR. TRUMAN, AND APPROVED BY CHIANG-KAI-SHEK THROUGH AN EMISSARY. "WE CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO SURRENDER NOW", IT SAID. "THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS PROMPT AND UTTER DESTRUCTION". IN GENERAL, THE PLAN IS THAT JAPAN GIVE UP EVERYTHING BUT HER HOME ISLANDS. SHE WILL BE ALLOWED TO RESUME HER PLACE IN THE WORLD TRADE BUT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN WAR INDUSTRY. SHE MUST PROMISE HER PEOPLES FREEDOM OF SPEECH, RELIGION AND THOUGHT. HER WAR CRIMINALS WILL BE PUNISHED. "WE SHALL BROOK NO DELAY", THE ULTIMATUM WARNED. THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO THE JAPS. THIS IS THEIR CHANCE TO GET OUT.

EVEN WHILE JAPAN WAS RECEIVING THE ULTIMATUM, PLANES WERE ROARING OVER HONSHU AND SHIKOKU WITH FIRE BOMB RAIDS. IN ESTABLISHING U.S. 8TH. AIR FORCE H.Q. ON OKINAWA, MAJ. GENERAL JIMMY DOOLITTLE SAID THAT SOON, 5000 PLANES A DAY, LED BY 1000 SUPER-FORTS, WILL BE DEBASTATING THE JAPANESE HOMELAND.

A SURVEY OF OUR LAST STRIKE UP TO BMT NOT INCLUDING WEDNESDAY MORNING SHOWED 20 JAP WARSHIPS AND 90 MERCHANT SHIPS DAMAGED; 79 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED AND 130 DAMAGED.

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PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL'S CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DECISIVELY DEFEATED BY THE LABOR PARTY IN THE BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION AND MR. CHURCHILL HAS TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION TO THE KING. IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE WILL GIVE UP HIS SEAT IN THE HOUSE.

CLEMENT ATTLEE, LABOR LEADER, WAS ASKED BY THE KING TO FORM A NEW CABINET. HE PLEDGED HIMSELF TO FOLLOW THE SOCIALIST POLICY AND TO PROSECUTE THE WAR AGAINST THE JAPS WITH THE UTMOST VIGOUR.

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THE FIRST BRITISH MILITARY TRAIN PULLED INTO BERLIN RECENTLY, CARRYING 600 TONS OF CANADIAN FLOUR, HALF OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO FEED REFUGEES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FLOUR CAME FROM CANADIAN STORES IN ANTWERP.

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AMERICAN PLANES HAVE CARRIED OUT ANOTHER BIG RAID ON SHANGHAI, AND LEFT LARGE FIRES BURNING IN THE AREA.

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U.S. AVENGERS BOMBED AND ROCKETED A RADAR STATION ON AMAMI ISLAND IN THE RYUKUS, DAMAGING 4 BUILDINGS AND A NUMBER OF HUTS, WHILE CORSAIRS WENT AFTER A RADIO STATION.

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SHIP'S NEWS

A SIGNAL FROM NCS.H.Q. TODAY SAID "CASUALTIES RESULTING FROM EXPLOSIONS AND FIRE AT BEDFORD MAGAZINE JULY 18-19 (HALIFAX) CONSISTED OF ONE NAVAL RATING KILLED AND A FEW MINOR CUTS AND BRUISES AMONG CIVILIANS. PRIVATE PROPERTY DAMAGE RESTRICTED TO BROKEN WINDOWS, MAINLY IN THE NORTH END OF HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH. APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE MAGAZINE AREA, INCLUDING SOUTH JETTY, WAS DESTROYED."

MORE GOOD-BYE SIGNALS. FROM C.S.4: "I HAD HOPED TO VISIT YOU TODAY AND AM SORRY NOT TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO SO. GOOD-BYE, GOOD LUCK. HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON. IT HAS BEEN BMLLY HAVING YOU WITH US". FROM C.T.F. 37: "I AM SORRY YOU ARE LEAVING US AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RETURN".

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CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO "FATHER" DIVINE, WAR CORRESPONDENT (WHO IS COMING ALONG TO POINT OUT THE BEAUTIES OF ENIWETOK), AND TO TEL. T.O. KENNETH COMLEY OF HAMILTON (THE SPARKER WITH THE FRINGE ON TOP), WHOSE STYLISH-STOUT FRAME HAD ATTRACTED ADMIRING GLANCES IN CHARLESTON, NEWCASTLE, LONDON, ALEXANDRIA, SYDNEY, ETC., ETC. NOW IF HE CAN JUST HOLD TOGETHER FOR A FEW MORE WEEKS.....

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WORLD NEWS

DESPITE ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE B.P.F. AND THE YANKS RESUMED THEIR CARRIER STRIKES AGAINST TARGETS IN THE INLAND SEA EARLY TODAY. THEY INFLICTED PUNISHING DAMAGE ON THE ENEMY, WHOSE AIRBORNE RESISTANCE CONTINUED TO BE LIGHT. AMERICAN PLANES SHOT DOWN 15 ENEMY AEROCRAFT OVER THE TARGETS. SIX ENEMY AEROCRAFT INCLUDING FOUR TORPEDO PLANES OF TWO GROUPS WHICH APPEARED AT DUSK WERE SHOT DOWN BY CAPS IN THE VICINITY OF U.S. SHIPS. NO ATTACKS REACHED THE SHIPS.

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RADIO TOKYO SAID TODAY: "THE PRIME MINISTER TODAY HANDED THE ALLIED ULTIMATUM TO THE CABINET, OUTLINED THE TERMS. NEWSPAPERS SAY THAT THE ULTIMATUM IS NOTHING BUT AN ATTEMPT AT BLUFFING BY WAR-WEARY NATIONS, JAPAN'S FORCES HAVE FOUGHT WITH DISTINCTION AND THE NATION HAS FAITH IN THEM TO BRING FORTH GREATER VICTORIES".

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RADIO TOKYO CLAIMED THAT AN AIR ATTACK ON THE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP ON THE STANLEY PENINSULA, WHEN NINE 100-POUND BOMBS WERE DROPPED, KILLED MANY PRISONERS. THEY ADDED: "THE TOTAL IS YET TO BE COMPILED".

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THE AMERICAN 20TH. AIR FORCE IN A RAID YESTERDAY, INSTEAD OF DROPPING BOMBS, DROPPED 60,000 LEAFLETS CALLING ON THE JAPANESE TO SURRENDER. THESE LEAFLETS INDICATED MILITARY TARGETS WHICH ARE TO BE SMASHED, AND URGED THE PEOPLE TO FORCE A SURRENDER, OR EVACUATE THE CITIES.

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ON WEDNESDAY, 350 SUPER-FORTS CUT A WIDE SWATH OF DESTRUCTION OVER THE JAPANESE HOMELAND, DROPPING 2000 TONS OF FIRE BOMBS ON FOUR INDUSTRIAL CITIES. PILOTS SAY THE FIRES WERE VISIBLE FOR MORE THAN 100 MILES. THE FORCE, INTERCEPTED BY 30 JAP FIGHTERS, LOST ONE PLANE AND SHOT DOWN 7 JAPS.

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MORE THAN 6000 JAPS HAVE DIED TRYING TO BREAK OUT OF THE BRITISH TRAP IN THE LOWER SITTANG VALLEY, BURMA;

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TWO PORTFOLIOS HAVE BEEN FILLED IN THE NEW BRITISH CABINET. ERNEST BEVIN IS TO BE THE NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE, MINISTER OF DEFENCE, THEY ARE BOTH LEAVING FOR BERLIN TO ATTEND THE COMPLETION OF BIG 3 TALKS.

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SHIP'S NEWS

AT 0800 THIS MORNING (WE KNOW, REDUNDANT!) THE SHIPS PASSED IWO JIMA, SCENE OF THE BITTEREST YARD-FOR-YARD FIGHTING IN THE PACIFIC. HERE, JUST FOUR MONTHS AGO, 4000 MARINES WERE KILLED AND 16,000 WOUNDED. TO TAKE THAT MISERABLE STRIP OF VOLCANIC ASH 10 SQUARE MILES IN AREA. TO DO SO, THEY HAD TO KILL 21,000 JAPS BUT AS A BASE FOR LIBERATORS, IT WAS VITAL AND WE WITNESSED TODAY THE MARVELLOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLAND BY THE YANKS.

AS WE WERE PASSING BY, IWO SIGNALLED: "ARE YOU GOING HOME"? AND WE REPLIED "YES". THEY FLASHED: "YOU ARE LUCKY, HAVE A GOOD TIME". TO WHICH THE CAPTAIN REPLIED: "THANKS. IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN BRING YOU ON OUR RETURN"? "JUST ON GIRL WOULD DO", CAME BACK THE FORLORN REPLY.

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IN HIS MOST RECENT RADIO TALK, THE CAPTAIN SAID THAT WE WOULD BE ARRIVING AT ENIWETOK, (PRONOUNCEDX ANYWAY-TALK) THESDAY MORNING. WE HOPE TO FUEL AND CLEAR THE SAME DAY. OUR E.T.A. ESQUIMALT IS AROUND 10 AUGUST, A.M.

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MESS 46 WON THE WEEKLY "FRUIT CUP" FOR THE MOST TIDDLY MESS AT ROUNDS THIS MORNING. AND THE ONLY OTHER NEWS WE HAVE IS THAT "TOOTHIE" HAS REMOVED THAT SHREDDED WHEAT WHICH USED TO DANGLE FROM HIS UPPER LIP. "WHAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR WISENHOWER IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME", HE REASONED.

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WORLD NEWS

A SPECTACULAR TRAGEDY SHOOK NEW YORK EARLY TODAY WHEN A MITCHELL BOMBER, LOST IN THE FOG, CRASHED INTO THE 79TH. FLOOR OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, TALLEST IN THE WORLD. THE FLAMES SWEEP UPWARD THROUGH OFFICES AND THE BUILDING "SWAYED LIKE A TREE IN THE WIND". AN ELEVATOR WITH THREE PERSONS IN IT ON THE 80TH. FLOOR CAREENED TO THE BASEMENT, WITH CABLES AND ROPES TWISTED IN BIZARRE PATTERNS.

AT LEAST 12 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 15 ARE SERIOUSLY BURNED. SCREAMS OF THE BURNED AND THOSE TRAPPED COULD BE HEARD ON FIFTH AVENUE, BELOW THE SHOW-PLACE OFFICE BUILDING. MOST SERIOUSLY HIT WAS A CATHOLIC WELFARE WORKER'S OFFICE.

FIVE BODIES OF THE MITCHELL'S CREW WERE RECOVERED. THE PILOT HAD FLASHED LA GUARDIA FIELD THAT, OWING TO THE FOG, HE WAS GOING TO TRY AND LAND IN NEARBY JEWARK, N.J.

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ADMIRAL NIMITZ HAS MADE A FURTHER STATEMENT ON SATURDAY'S STRIKES. SINCE JULY 10, WHEN THE NEW ASSAULTS BEGAN, THE ALLIES HAVE SUNK 740 JAP SHIPS AND DESTROYED 1078 PLANES. THE BATTLESHIP "HARUNA" WAS LEFT BURNING AND SEVERELY DAMAGED AND ANOTHER ONE WAS SEEN ON THE BEACH, ITS DECKS AWASH. ONE COMMENTATOR SAID "THE JAPS HAVEN'T ENOUGH SHIPS LEFT TO TAKE THE PEACE ENVOYS TO WASHINGTON".

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THE JAP PREMIER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT JAPAN REFUSES THE ALLIED ULTIMATUM AND WILL FIGHT ON "TO THE BITTER END", A PHRASE WHICH, RATHER SIGNIFICANTLY, WAS LEFT OUT OF THEIR HOMELAND BROADCASTS. COINCIDENT WITH THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAME SOMETHING NEW IN THE WAY OF PACIFIC AIR OPERATIONS. JAP CIVILIANS WERE WARNED BY PAMPHLETS TO EVACUATE 11 CITIES, WHICH WERE TICKETED AS TARGETS FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS. SIX HUNDRED B-29'S HIT SIX OF THEM ON SATURDAY, AS THE OPENING GUN IN A CAMPAIGN TO FILL THE ALLIED PROMISE OF "PROMPT AND UTTER DESTRUCTION". MAJOR-GEN. JIMMY DOOLITTLE SAID IN A RADIO BROADCAST THAT HIS 8TH. AIR FORCE WOULD BE READY TO START FULL-SCALED ASSAULTS FROM OKINAWA BY THE FIRST OF AUGUST, WHICH IS NEXT WEDNESDAY. HE SAID THAT 2 1/3 MILLION AIR FORCE MEN WOULD BE EMPLOYED IN THE AIR WAR AGAINST JAPAN.

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THE LABOR PARTY WON OUT IN ENGLAND BY A 2-1 MAJORITY - 389 SEATS TO 194. CLEMENT ATTLEE HAS ALREADY TAKEN OVER FOR MR. CHURCHILL AT POTSDAM AND IN TAKING HIS LEAVE, MR. CHURCHILL SAID: "VICTORY OVER JAPAN MAY COME SOONER THAN WE HAD REASON TO EXPECT". COULD THIS BE A HINT OF RUSSIAN TRENDS, AFTER HIS TALK WITH PREMIER STALIN?

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A BRITISH ARMY OFFICER IN THE U.S. SAID THAT TWO BRITISH ARMIES, THE 12TH. AND 14TH., ARE GEARED TO KNOCK THE JAPS OUT OF BURMA AND THE MAINLAND WAR. HE SAID THAT ~~THEY~~ THEY WERE MEETING "SECOND-RATE" OPPOSITION AND DIDN'T EXPECT TO MEET ANY BETTER, EXCEPT IN KEY DEFENCE SPOTS LIKE SINGAPORE AND SAIGON. HE ADDED THAT JAPS IN BURMA ARE SURRENDERING IN INCREASING NUMBERS.

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THE CHINESE ARE MAKING GOOD ADVANCES. THEY HAVE STORMED INTO KWEILIN AFTER A FOUR-WEEK DRIVE FROM LIU-CHOW. 60,000 JAPS HAVE BEEN ISOLATED IN THE PUSH.

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THE JAPS HAVE FINALLY, AND A BIT RELUCTANTLY, AGREED TO LET NEUTRAL SWISS OFFICIALS INSPECT THEIR PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMPS, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARTICLES OF WAR AS LAID DOWN AT GENEVA. THE SWISS WILL ALSO AGT FOR THE JAPS IN SISPECTING U.S. CAMPS.

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EX-PREMIER DALADIER TOOK THE STAND AT THE TRIAL OF MARSHAL PETAIN IN FRANCE, SAYING THAT FRANCE WAS ARMED IN 1940 BUT "DEMORALIZED AND OVERRUN BY 5TH. COLUMNISTS, WHO FLOCKED TO VICHY ONCE THE COUNTRY HAD FALLEN".

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TUNE IN THE U.B.S. TONIGHT FOR GONG-DOPE.

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CANADIAN NEWS

PRIME MINISTER MACKENZIE KING HAS AN OPPONENT IN THE GLENGARRY BY-ELECTION. OPPOSITION PARTIES AGREED TO GIVE HIM THE SEAT BY ACCLAMATION, BUT THAT WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR DR. RICHARD MONOHAN, WHO SAID HE WOULD SPEND "UP TO \$1000.00 TO TRY AND BEAT HIM. HE IS RUNNING AS AN INDEPENDENT LIBERAL.

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AN ORDER - IN - COUNCIL HAS BEEN SIGNED TO PREVENT FURTHER HOUSING EVICTIONS, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF VETERANS WISHING TO TAKE OVER THEIR OWN HOMES.

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A HURRICANE SWEEPING ACROSS QUEBEC, KILLED AT LEAST 5 PERSONS AND DID EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.

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THE DOMINION GOVT. HAS AGREED TO PAY ALL DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE MAGAZINE EXPLOSION IN HALIFAX RECENTLY.

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A STRIKE AT CANADA PACKERS IN TORONTO HAS PUT 3000 WORKERS ON THE INACTIVE LIST AND HELD UP THE SHIPMENT OF MEAT SUPPLIES TO GREAT BRITAIN AND EUROPE. THERE IS ALSO A STRIKE AT THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION IN WINDSOR, ACROSS THE RIVER FROM DETROIT.

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REHABILITATION OF SERVICEMEN WILL BE ONE OF THE BIG TOPICS AT THE DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD LATE IN AUGUST AT OTTAWA.

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MR. ILSLEY WILL ASK PARLIAMENT TO APPROVE THE BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENT ON THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERNATIONAL BANK. THE MINISTER HAS DENIED REPORTS THAT THE CANADIAN DOLLAR WILL SOON BE BACK AT ITS OLD LEVEL, ON A PAR WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR.

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PACIFIC NEWS

STRIKES BY THE B.P.F. AND U.S. THIRD FLEET WERE CARRIED OUT AGAINST JAPAN AT DAWN TODAY. CRUISERS DESTROYERS AND BATTLESHIPS BOMBARDED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS AT HAMAMATSU ON THE SOUTH COAST OF HONSHU WITH MORE THAN 1000 TONS OF HEAVY CALIBRE AMMUNITION. BRITISH SHIPS TAKING PART INCLUDED THE BATTLESHIP K.G.V. AND H.M.S. NEWFOUNDLAND, WHILE AMERICAN SHIPS INCLUDED THE BATTLESHIP MASSACHUSETTS, CRUISER QUINCY AND DESTROYERS ABBOT AND HALEY.

AIRCRAFT OF BOTH THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN FORCES DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE AND SANK A NUMBER OF SHIPS, AMONG THEM THREE DESTROYERS. MEANWHILE, GEN. MAC ARTHUR'S PLANES, FLYING UP FROM OKINAWA, CLAIMED HITS ON THE BATTLESHIP "HARUNA", WHICH IS NOW BELIEVED OUT OF ACTION.

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IN THE SATURDAY STRIKES, RESULTS SHOWED: BATTLESHIP "HARUNA" BEACHED; CRUISER "AOBA", GUNS SILENCED AND STERN ON THE BOTTOM; CRUISER "OYODO", LYING ON ITS SIDE; BATTLESHIP "ISE", APPARENTLY RESTING ON THE BOTTOM; ANOTHER OLD CRUISER, LEFT LYING ON ITS SIDE. THE ATTACKS CAUSED AN EXPLOSION ON AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER WHICH SENT DEBRIS 1000 FEET INTO THE AIR.

THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET REPORTED 8 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED ON THE GROUND; 26 DAMAGED ON THE GROUND; 1 DESTROYER SUNK, 2 OILERS SUNK, 9 SMALL FREIGHTERS AND JUNKS SUNK. LISTED AS DAMAGED ARE 3 DESTROYERS, 2 DESTROYER ESCORTS, 2 SUBMARINES, 7 MEDIUM FREIGHTERS AND TRANSPORTS, 2 SMALL FREIGHTERS, 1 OILER, SCORES OF SMALL CRAFT.

NEITHER BRITISH OR AMERICAN SHIPS WERE DAMAGED BY THE ENEMY IN THE ATTACKS.

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BIRTHDAY!

(CONTRIBUTED); DARRELL "DODGER" LONG, POPULAR MEMBER OF THE SIGS. BRANCH, IS CELEBRATING (IN A QUIET WAY, UNFORTUNATELY) A BIRTHDAY TODAY. A PAST MASTER IN THE BENTLE ART OF RAG-TOSSING, HAVING SERVED IN THE BELFAST BEFORE COMING HERE, WE FEEL THAT MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF HIS TRAINED OPERATOR'S TICKET FOR TELEPHONE BOOTH MANIPULATION...OBTAINED WITH GALLANTRY IN NEWCASTLE!

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WE CLEARED ENIWETOK IN LESS THAN SEVEN HOURS AND ARE NOW ON OUR WAY TO THE FAMOUS AMERICAN BASE OF PEARL HARBOR, A 2600-MILE JAUNT. WE EXPECT TO REACH THERE SATURDAY NIGHT. THEN WE FUEL AND START ON THE LAST LAP OF THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO HOME.

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THOSE WHO WERE ASHORE TODAY SAY: "ONCE YOU'VE SEEN ONE, YOU'VE SEEN 'EM ALL". IN OTHER WORDS, ENIWETOK IS JUST ANOTHER MANUS, TRANSPLANTED SOME 1500 MILES OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS OCEAN - WHICH, BY THE WAY, IS EQUAL IN AREA TO ALL THE LAND IN THE WORLD, PLUS A CONTINENT OF AFRICA TOSSED IN FOR GOOD MEASURE.

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OUR NAVIGATOR DESCRIBES ENIWETOK AS "CONEY ISLAND WITHOUT THE HOT DOGS AND BETTY GRABLES". NOTABLE FEATURES INCLUDE THE SAND-SPIT AND THE PECULIARLY CLEAR AND BEAUTIFUL TEXTURE OF THE WATER. ASHORE, THERE'S DOZENS OF WELL-LAID-OUT HUTS, ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS, COMMISSARIES AND A NICE LITTLE CHURCH.

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THE TANKER FROM WHICH WE FUELED WAS THE "SEA FOAM". SHE IS A VETERAN - IN YEARS, NOT PACIFIC SERVICE, HAVING BEEN OUT HERE ONLY TWO MONTHS - WITH A CAPACITY OF 75,000 BARRELS, WHICH IS 35,000 LESS THAN THE "PATUXENT", THE FLEET TANKER FROM WHICH WE OILED OFF TOKYO. HER MEN ARE ALREADY "CHOCKERS" WITH ENIWETOK AND ANXIOUS TO HIT THE ROAD TO THE PHILIPPINES OR OKINAWA, AND TO LOOK AT THE SHIPPING AROUND, WE WOULDN'T THINK THAT WOULD BE TOO LONG.

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PETTY OFFICER WREN CORDITE WAS DELIGHTED (OR WAS SHE?) TO FIND ONE OF HER OWN SEX ABOARD THE "SEA FOAM". IN FACT SHE WAS SO INTERESTED THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE, SHE REFUSED CHEWING GUM. AFTER SEVERAL LEWD ASSAULTS ON HER OPPO (WHO IS ALSO DUE TO FOAL DOWN SHORTLY), SHE GAVE UP AND WENT ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF THE SHIP. WE TRUST THAT SHE WAS PICKED UP BEFORE WE SAILED.

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WE WERE ABLE TO PICK UP SOME MUCH-NEEDED SUPPLIES FROM THE YANKS, NOTABLY SOME SUGAR. SHIP'S CONSUMPTION RUNS AROUND 900 LBS. A WEEK, AND WE WERE DOWN TO TWO SACKS!

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PACIFIC NEWS

U.S. DESTROYERS BOMBARDED THE TOWN OF SHIMIZU ON THE NIGHT OF 30-31 JULY. THE BOMBARDMENT BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT JAPAN TIME. AMONG THE SHIPS THERE WERE THE "SCHROEDER" AND THE "HARRISON".

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF THE BOMBARDMENT OF HAMAMATSU BY BRITISH AND U.S. HEAVY UNITS DURING THE NIGHT 29-30 JULY SHOW THAT RAILROAD WORKSHOPS WERE DAMAGED WITH SEVERAL BUILDINGS GUTTED. FIRES WERE STARTED IN A PROPELLER FACTORY AND MILITARY BARRACKS. A TEXTILE WORKS AND OTHER BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED. OUR SHIPS ENCOUNTERED NO OPPOSITION AND PLANES REPORTED NO ACK-ACK FIRE UNTIL AFTER THE BOMBARDMENT.

PRELIMINARY REPORTS ON EARLY STRIKES BY BRITISH AND U.S. CARRIER AEROCRAFT AROUND HONSHU 30 JULY SHOW THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: BY U.S. CARRIER PLANES - 58 DESTROYED ON GROUND, 68 DAMAGED ON GROUND, 1 CARGO SHIP, 2 MIDGET SUBS SUNK, 1 ESCORT CARRIER, 4 DESTROYER ESCORTS, 8 MIDGET SUBS, 1 GUNBOAT AND 7 CARGO SHIPS DAMAGED. BY THE BRITISH CARRIER PLANES - SHOT DOWN 1 OVER THE TARGET AND 1 OVER THE FLEET; DESTROYED 5, DAMAGED 5 ON THE GROUND; SANK A LUGGER; DAMAGED 2 CARGO VESSELS, 3 DESTROYERS, 4 DESTROYER ESCORTS, ALL DURING EARLY STRIKES YESTERDAY.

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DOUBLE BIRTHDAY GUNNERY OFFICER CELEBRATED TODAY HIS BIRTHDAY OF TUESDAY, JULY 31, AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 1. YOU FIGURE IT OUT. THAT MAKES HIM 29 TODAY - AND ALSO 29 TOMORROW.

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SHIP'S NEWS

CHIEF ERA. INGHAM SENT IN THE \$64 QUESTION TODAY: "A LOT OF US WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THIS EXTRA DAY IS ALL ABOUT. COULD YOU EXPLAIN IN A FEW SIMPLE BUT WELL-CHOSEN WORDS"?

WELL, TAKING A DEEP BREATH, WE INTERVIEWED THE NAVIGATOR WHO SAID: "IT'S EASY TO EXPLAIN WITH A BLACKBOARD - I COULD SHOW YOU IN 5 SECONDS. BUT IT'S NOT TOO HARD ON PAPER. HERE'S THE WAY IT WORKS:

"AS THE SHIP MOVES EAST THE CLOCKS ARE ADVANCED ONE HOUR EVERY 15 DEGREES OF LONGITUDE IN ORDER TO KEEP PACE WITH THE SUN. UPON REACHING 180 DEGREES, ONE'S CLOCKS ARE 12 HOURS AHEAD OF GREENWICH TIME, AND IF YOU CONTINUED TO ADVANCE THE CLOCKS ONE HOUR EACH 15 DEGREES UNTIL YOU ARRIVED AT THE GREENWICH MERIDIAN, YOU WOULD FIND THAT YOU WERE ONE DAY AHEAD OF GREENWICH TIME. IN ORDER TO COUNTER-ACT THIS, THE CLOCKS ARE PUT BACK 24 HOURS ON THE 180 DEGREE MERIDIAN, SO THAT ONE IS 12 HOURS BEHIND GREENWICH TIME, AND THUS FUTURE ADVANCES OF ONE HOUR FOR EVERY 15 DEGREES OF LONGITUDE PASSED THROUGH FROM WEST TO EAST WILL GIVE YOU THE CORRECT WEST LONGITUDE DATE. MOVING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, FROM EAST TO WEST, THE REVERSE OCCURS".

HOPE THIS ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION, CHIEF.

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FOR INFORMATION; THIS IS OUR 130TH. DAY AWAY FROM A JETTY, AND THE SHIP HAS NOW DONE 58,000 MILES.

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CENSORSHIP

THE CAPTAIN HAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO MENTION AN APPROXIMATE DATE OF YOUR ARRIVAL, IF ANY OF YOU ARE PLANNING ON SENDING OFF AIRLETTERS FROM PEARL HARBOR. YOU CANNOT SAY THAT THE SHIP IS ARRIVING; MERELY THAT YOU ARE, AND WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF THE EXPECTED TIME. A PHRASE SUCH AS "AROUND THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH" WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. THOSE ON THE RECEIVING END SHOULD BE ABLE TO PIECE THE BITS TOGETHER AND KNOW THAT YOU'RE ON THE WAY.

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BABY CONTEST

FOR SOME WEEKS NOW WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING PUTTING AN END TO ALL THE NATTERING BEING DONE IN THE SHIP BY PROUD PAPAS.. WE HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD A "UGANDA BABY'S PIN-UP DERBY", FOR WHICH ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED NOW, AND FOR WHICH JUDGING WILL BE DONE BY 3 UNBIASED PARTIES: THE PADRE, THE P.M.O. (A GOOD JUDGE OF HEALTH, AND A BACHELOR TO BOOT) AND PHOTOG. J. TURNER. HERE ARE THE RULES:

1. CONTEST IS OPEN TO YOUNGSTERS UNDER THE AGE OF SIX. SNAPSHOTS SHOULD BE ENCLOSED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND HIS MESS NUMBER. NO IDENTIFICATION MUST BE ON THE SNAPS, BUT IT IS OKAY IF THE MOTHER IS IN THE PICTURE. WE DONT WANT ANYTHING THAT WOULD IDENTIFY THE FATHER.

2. ENVELOPES SHOULD BE TURNED INTO LIEUT. KEATE'S CABIN (NO. 6, RADAR FLAT) BEFORE 1200 SUNDAY. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY NIGHT AND WILL BE KNOWN AS "THE UGANDA PIN-UP BABY". THE CANTEEN IS GIVING PRIZES FOR THE LEADING 3, WHO WILL BE JUDGED ON GOOD LOOKS AND HEALTH.

3. BASTARDS ARE WELCOME. WE ARE NOT PASSING JUDGEMENT ON THE MORALS OF PARENTS.

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TOURNAMENT

THIBODEAU AND BROWN SET SOME KIND OF A RECORD WHEN THEY PEGGED 25 POINTS TO NOSE OUT BRACKEN AND HYLANDS IN THE SHIP'S CRIB TOURNEY. CHIEF YEO, BONNER URGES CONTESTANTS TO HUSTLE THOSE MATCHES. THE WARDROOM IS HOLDING UP A KEY BRIDGE MATCH. THEIR TEAM MUST PLAY STOKERS WARD AND WILLIAMSON.

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MOVIE DEP'T.

A.B. ST. KELLUM, PROJECTIONIST AT GOLDFARB'S ROXY OFF THE PORT HANGAR, SETTLES A KNOTTY DEBATE WHICH AROSE OUT OF THE PICTURE "THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU". THE CLINCHES BETWEEN DENNIS MORGAN AND HIS TWO-DAY BRIDE TOTALLED 24, ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

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