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GERMANY:

THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT FIGHTING WAS GOING ON AT ST NAZAIRE. THIS MORNING, THE GERMANS SAID THAT LARGE FORMATIONS OF ALLIED BOMBERS WERE OVER NORTHWESTERN GERMANY.

FRANCE:

THE POSITION OF THE GERMAN ARMIES IN THE WEST IS STEADILY GROWING WORSE AS THEY REEL BACK FROM DETERMINED ALLIED ATTACKS. ARMORED AMERICAN COLUMNS ARE AT THE GREAT NAVAL BASE OF BREST AFTER AN AMAZINGLY SWIFT ADVANCE UP THE PENINSULA. OTHER UNITS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY HAVE CROSSED THE BASE OF THE BRITTANY PENINSULA AND HAVE REACHED THE SEA NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE LOIRE RIVER. THIS PUTS THE AMERICANS WITHIN EASY STRIKING DISTANCE OF NANTES AND ST NAZAIRE. STILL OTHER AMERICAN FORCES STRIKING SOUTH FROM AVRANCHES HAVE CAPTURED THE BIG TOWN OF LAVAL ABOUT 50 MILES BELOW AVRANCHES. LAVAL IS LOCATED ON THE MAINLAND OF FRANCE AND NOT IN THE BRITTANY PENINSULA. YANKS FIGHTING FOR ST. MALO ARE RUNNING INTO STUBBORN RESISTANCE. ON THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY FRONT, IT IS REPORTED THAT THE WHOLE STRIKING FORCE OF THE GERMANS HAS BEEN COMMITTED INTO BATTLE BUT THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO RETREAT ALL ALONG THE LINE. THE BRITISH HAVE PUSHED ACROSS THE RIVER ORNE AND HAVE CLEARED A 15 MILE STRETCH OF THE WEST BANK BELOW CAEN. AROUND VIRE, THE GERMANS ARE PUTTING UP A STUBBORN FIGHT BUT HAVE BEEN FORCED TO GIVE GROUND. THE GERMANS MAY HAVE TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS TO THE SEINE RIVER. THIS PAST WEEK HAS BEEN ONE OF SPECTACULAR ADVANCES BY ARMORED COLUMNS BUT AS USUAL, THE INFANTRY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THROUGH TO MOP UP POCKETS OF RESISTANCE. THE AIR OFFENSIVE CONTINUED YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT WITH THE AID OF MOONLIGHT. BRIDGES AND COMMUNICATIONS WERE THE MAIN TARGETS. FRENCH FORCES OF THE INTERIOR HAVE BLOWN UP MANY OF THE TOWER PYLONS NEAR PARIS AND CONSEQUENTLY PARIS HAS AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING. RADIO FRANCE BROADCASTING FROM ALGIERS HAS TOLD THE PEOPLE OF BRITTANY THAT THE HOUR OF LIBERATION IS AT HAND. THE PEOPLE ARE URGED TO TAKE UP ARMS AND STRIKE AT THE GERMANS. IF ARMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THEY SHOULD BE STOLEN. THE BRITTANY PEOPLE WERE TOLD TO GET RID OF THE TRAITORS.

RUSSIA:

THE RED ARMY IS READY AND POISED FOR A GENERAL ADVANCE INTO EAST PRUSSIA. MOSCOW RADIO PUTS THE RUSSIAN FORCES AT A FEW MILES FROM THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER ALTHOUGH THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE ALREADY CROSSED THE BORDER. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN BRINGING UP REINFORCEMENTS NORTHWEST OF KOVNO WHERE THE REDS ARE THREATENING THE EAST PRUSSIAN PORT OF TILSIT. THE RUSSIANS ARE TRYING TO OUTFLANK WARSAW FROM THE NORTHEAST AND IN A NEW DRIVE YESTERDAY TOOK 70 PLACES. IN THE SOUTH MARSHALL KONEV'S TROOPS ARE STILL ADVANCING TOWARDS GERMAN SILESIA.

ENGLAND:

MORE THAN 1000 HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBERS BLASTED FACTORIES IN THE BERLIN AREA TODAY. OTHER AMERICAN BOMBERS HIT TARGETS IN THE AREA OF KIEL AND HAMBURG. LAST NIGHT, LANCASTERS HIT OIL STORAGE DEPOTS NEAR BORDEAUX IN FRANCE. OTHER BRITISH HEAVIES HIT FLYING BOMB LAUNCHING SITES IN FRANCE AND MOSQUITOS WENT AFTER A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT IN THE RUHR. TODAY AGAIN, AMERICAN BOMBERS BOMBED THE FLYING BOMB SITES. FLYING BOMBS WERE OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND AGAIN LAST NIGHT.

ITALY:

TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY ARE REPORTED TO BE IN THE HEART OF FLORENCE. THE BRITISH SAY THAT THE CITY IS A VIRTUAL NO MAN'S LAND FOR THE GERMANS ARE BOMBARDING THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CITY. MARSHALL KESSLEWING SAID THAT THE GERMANS WOULD NOT BOMBARD THE ANCIENT CITY. THE BRITISH ARE NOT USING ARTILLERY ON FLORENCE.

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INDO-BURMA.

THE BRITISH FOURTEENTH ARMY HAS CROSSED THE BORDER OF BURMA IN PURSUIT OF THE RETREATING JAPANESE. THE LAST OF THE JAPS HAVE NOW BEEN CHASED OUT OF INDIA.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN:

DETROIT: 5 .... CHICAGO: 3  
ST LOUIS: 9 .... CLEVELAND: 6  
BOSTON: 6 .... WASHINGTON: 2  
PHILADELPHIA: 2, 2 .. NEW YORK: 1, 0

NATIONAL:

NEW YORK: 6 ..... PHILADELPHIA: 5  
BROOKLYN: 8 ..... BOSTON: 7  
CHICAGO: 7 ..... PITTSBURGH: 2

