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FRANCE:

AMERICAN ARMORED COLUMNS HAVE ESTABLISHED A BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE SEINE RIVER NEAR THE TOWN OF MANTES BETWEEN PARIS AND ROUEN. MANTES IS ABOUT 25 MILES AWAY FROM PARIS. THE GERMANS SAY THAT AMERICAN PATROLS HAVE WORKED ALONG THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER FOR 40 MILES. THE GERMANS HAVE ALSO REPORTED THAT RIOTING HAS BROKEN OUT IN PARIS AND THAT SHOOTING IS GOING ON IN PARTS OF THE CITY. THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A CURFEW AND DO NOT ALLOW GROUPS OF MORE THAN THREE PERSONS TO GATHER. ANOTHER GERMAN REPORT SAYS THAT THE YANKS HAVE SENT FRENCH PARTISANS INTO THE CITY WHILE GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES ARE REMAINING IN THE SUBURBS. GENERAL PATTON'S TROOPS ARE REPORTED BY AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS TO BE SOUTH OF PARIS NEAR THE UPPER SEINE VALLEY. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE NAZIS MADE A FULL SCALE EFFORT TO BREAK OUT OF THE FALAISE TRAP WHILE OTHER GERMANS TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH INTO THE FORCES INSIDE. THE GERMANS ON THE INSIDE LAUNCHED WAVE AFTER WAVE OF INFANTRY SUPPORTED BY 45 TON 'PANTHER' TANKS AGAINST THE POLES AND CANADIANS. THE GERMANS ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING OUT BUT AT THE LAST MINUTE WERE THROWN BACK. AMERICAN CROSS FIRE FROM THE FLANK WAS TOO MUCH AND THE GERMANS FELL BACK LEAVING THE GROUND LITTERED WITH DEAD. YESTERDAY ALONE IN THE POCKET, 7500 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN. THE GERMANS WHO ATTEMPTED TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE TRAPPED TROOPS INSIDE WERE DISPERSED BY BRITISH TYPHOON FIGHTER BOMBERS. FURTHER DOWN THE LINE FROM THE FALAISE TRAP, UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS PUSHED TO WITHIN 3 MILES OF LISIEUX. INCREASED GERMAN AERIAL ACTIVITY OVER THE FRONT HAS BEEN REPORTED LATELY.

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, BITTER FIGHTING IS GOING ON AT THE APPROACHES TO TOULON. IT APPEARS THAT THE GERMANS WILL REALLY PUT UP A HARD FIGHT FOR THE CITY. FRENCH TROOPS ARE REPORTED 3 MILES NORTH OF TOULON. THE GERMANS SAY THAT LAST NIGHT, A BIG ALLIED NAVAL FORCE INCLUDING BATTLESHIPS SHELLED TOULON. BOTH OF THE CITIES OF TOULON AND MARSEILLES HAVE NOW BEEN OUTFLANKED. ONE ALLIED COLUMN WAS LAST REPORTED AT A CROSSROADS 15 MILES EAST OF MARSEILLES. OTHER ALLIED TROOPS ARE FANNING OUT TO THE WEST AND NORTH AND ALREADY HAVE BY PASSED SEVERAL POCKETS OF RESISTANCE. THE ALLIES HAVE CAPTURED OVER 14,000 PRISONERS INCLUDING THREE GENERALS. FRENCH FORCES OF THE INTERIOR ARE REPORTED TO HAVE FREED THE CITY OF TOULOUSE. IN SOUTHWESTERN FRANCE. YESTERDAY, ALLIED PLANES WERE OUT AGAIN SMASHING AT GERMAN GUN POSITIONS AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS.

RUSSIA:

THERE IS A GRIM BATTLE GOING ON SOUTH OF THE GULF OF RIGA TO DECIDE THE FATE OF THE GERMAN ARMIES TRAPPED IN THE BALTIC. THE NAZIS ARE COUNTERATTACKING WITH INFANTRY AND TANKS AS MANY AS 20 TIMES A DAY IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK THROUGH TO THEIR TRAPPED ARMIES. FURTHER NORTH, THE REDS TWO WEDGES DRIVEN INTO THE TRAPPED GERMANS ARE STEADILY WIDENING. EAST AND NORTHEAST OF WARSAW, THE RUSSIANS HAVE GAINED SOME GROUND. THE GERMANS REPORT THAT THE NEW OFFENSIVE IN RUMANIA HAS BEEN EXTENDED. AS YET, THE RUSSIANS HAVE SAID NOTHING ABOUT A NEW RED DRIVE INTO RUMANIA. THE NAZIS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE ATTACKING IN SOUTHERN RUMANIA AND TO THE NORTH NEAR JASSY.

ENGLAND:

HEAVY BOMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES EIGHTH AIR FORCE HAVE BEEN DROPPING THOUSANDS OF TONS OF ARMS AND SUPPLIES TO FRENCH FORCES OF THE INTERIOR IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. FLYING BOMBS WERE OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND LAST NIGHT. THE BRITISH ARE NOW USING ROCKET PROJECTILES AGAINST GERMAN FLYING BOMBS.

ITALY:

STIFF FIGHTING IS GOING ON ON THE ADRIATIC SECTOR OF ITALY WHERE THE POLES OF THE EIGHTH ARMY ARE PUSHING AHEAD. MR CHURCHILL VISITED BOTH THE AMERICAN FIFTH AND BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY YESTERDAY.

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PACIFIC:

THE JAPS HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW THEIR AIR BASES FROM THE MALACCA ISLANDS BETWEEN NEW GUINEA AND THE PHILLIPINES BECAUSE OF A MONTH OF ALMOST CONSTANT AMERICAN BOMBING. AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES HEAPED HUMILIATION UPON THE JAPANESE BY RETURNING TO THE YAWATA AREA OF JAPAN AGAIN LAST NIGHT AFTER A DAY-LIGHT ATTACK YESTERDAY. DURING THE DAYLIGHT ATTACK, FOUR OF THE GIANT BOMBERS WERE LOST.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN

DETROIT: 4,9 ... NEW YORK: 3,8  
BOSTON: 8,11 ... CLEVELAND: 6,4  
ST LOUIS: 2,1 ... WASHINGTON: 4,12  
PHILADELPHIA: 2,8 ... CHICAGO: 3,3

NATIONAL

NEW YORK: 3,4 ... CHICAGO: 1,7  
ST LOUIS: 15,3 ... BOSTON: 5,5  
CINCINNATI: 2,3 ... PHILADELPHIA: 1,4  
PITTSBURGH: 10,7 ... BROOKLYN: 7,1

GILBERT



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