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FRANCE:

THE NEW ALLIED ADVANCE TOWARDS THE LOWER SEINE RIVER HAS GREATLY REDUCED THE GERMAN POCKET. AT THE WIDEST PLACE, THE POCKET IS 10 MILES WIDE AND ONLY A FEW MILES AT OTHER PLACES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT BETWEEN 35,000 AND 40,000 NAZIS ARE IN DANGER OF BEING TRAPPED THERE. THE GERMANS TRYING TO GET AWAY ARE BEING SMASHED CONTINUALLY BY GUNS AND BOMBERS. HEAVY ARTILLERY IS PLASTERING SEVERAL OF THE NAZI CROSSING PLACES. PLANES ALONE YESTERDAY SMASHED 60 BARGES FERRYING GERMAN TROOPS ACROSS. YANK TROOPS PUSHING DOWN THE SEINE RIVER TOWARDS ITS MOUTH WERE LAST REPORTED ONLY EIGHT MILES FROM THE LARGE CITY OF ROUEN. GERMAN TROOPS ARE JAMMED IN A BEND IN THE SEINE RIVER NEAR ROUEN WAITING TO BE FERRIED ACROSS THE RIVER. THIS JAM IS GETTING WORSE HOURLY AND IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE GERMANS WILL BE FORCED TO ABANDON MASSES OF EQUIPMENT. ALLIED PLANES YESTERDAY RANGING BEHIND THE SEINE DESTROYED 56 TANKS AND 260 TRUCKS. LAST NIGHT, MOSQUITO BOMBERS KEPT UP THE NON-STOP OFFENSIVE AND SHOT UP 300 GERMAN VEHICLES. THE LUFTWAFFE IS TRYING TO HELP THEIR HARD-PRESSED GROUND TROOPS AND HAVE BEEN APPEARING OVER THE FRONT IN SOME STRENGTH. YESTERDAY, ALLIED PLANES SHOT DOWN 52 GERMAN PLANES AND DESTROYED 42 ON THE GROUND. TWENTY ONE (21) ALLIED PLANES ARE MISSING FROM YESTERDAY'S OPERATIONS. THE GERMANS ARE PUTTING UP A TERRIFIC AMOUNT OF FLAK AT THEIR CROSSINGS.

THE GERMANS IN PARIS HAVE SURRENDERED BUT SNIPERS ARE STILL BEING MOPPED UP. GENERAL DE GAULLE BROADCAST LAST EVENING FROM THE CITY WHERE HE WAS GIVEN A WILDLY ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION. HE SAID, "THAT THE FRENCH FORCES WOULD NOT REST UNTIL THEY ENTERED GERMANY AS CONQUERORS." YANK FORCES WHO CROSSED THE SEINE RIVER EAST OF PARIS, ARE DRIVING TO THE NORTHEAST TOWARDS THE FAMOUS MARNE RIVER. OTHER AMERICAN FORCES ARE OPERATING AS FAR SOUTHEAST OF PARIS AS TROYES. IN BRITTANY, THE PORT OF BREST HAS BEEN POUNDED FOR TWO DAYS BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH MEDIUM AND HEAVY BOMBERS AND BY ALLIED BATTLESHIPS.

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, ALLIED TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE RHONE RIVER AT AVIGNON, 50 MILES NORTHWEST OF MARSEILLES. THE MAIN ALLIED FORCE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE IS NOW TRAVELLING UP THE RHONE VALLEY INTO THE HEART OF FRANCE. SPEARHEADS ARE REPORTED TO BE 17 MILES NORTHEAST OF AVIGNON. OTHER ALLIED FORCES ARE 40 MILES BEYOND MARSEILLES AND IN THE EAST ARE HEADING FOR THE NORTHERN PART OF ITALY. SPORADIC STREET FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON IN MARSEILLES. THE GERMANS SAY THAT ALLIED FORCES ARE ADVANCING BEYOND GRENOBLE AND ADMIT THAT THE FOCAL POINT OF FIGHTING IS SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF LYONS.

RUSSIA:

RED FORCES HAVE REACHED THE DANUBE DELTA ON A BROAD FRONT. OTHER RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE STAGING A CONCENTRATED OFFENSIVE WELL IN THE GALATZ GAP WHICH IS THE GATEWAY TO THE HEART OF RUMANIA. SOVIET BOMBERS ARE HITTING THE RETREATING NAZIS FLEEING TO THE WEST. THE RUSSIANS HAVE TRAPPED 12 GERMAN DIVISIONS IN BESSARABIA AND HAVE SPLIT THEM UP INTO ISOLATED GROUPS AND ARE POUNDING THEM TO PIECES WITH PLANES AND ARTILLERY. IN THE FIRST FIVE DAYS OF FIGHTING IN RUMANIA, THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN 105,000 PRISONERS AND HAVE KILLED 100,000. IN WARSAW, THE POLES FIGHTING IN THE HEART OF THE CITY ARE UNDER HEAVY BOMBARDMENT. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE REDS ARE THROWING IN MASSES OF NEW TROOPS NORTHWEST OF WARSAW.

ENGLAND:

TODAY, 750 HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBERS BLASTED SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS AND OIL REFINERIES IN GERMANY FOR THE THIRD DAY RUNNING. LAST NIGHT, 1400 R.A.F. BOMBERS WERE OVER FRANCE AND GERMANY. THE MAIN BRITISH TARGET LAST NIGHT WAS RUSSELSHEIM NEAR FRANKFORT. MOSQUITOS HIT BERLIN AGAIN LAST NIGHT. YESTERDAY, 1100 AMERICAN HEAVIES HIT THE BALTIC COAST. THERE WERE NO FLYING BOMBS OVER ENGLAND LAST NIGHT. BING CROSBY HAS ARRIVED IN LONDON TO ENTERTAIN ALLIED TROOPS. BING WANTS TO SING ONE SPECIAL SONG BEFORE HE GOES HOME AGAIN AND IT IS "HITLER'S SWAN SONG." WHO WOULDN'T, BING?

ITALY:

EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE PUSHED TO WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE GOTHIC LINE. MR CHURCHILL HAS DISCUSSED IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WITH THE POPE. YESTERDAY, 500 HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBERS HIT AIRFIELDS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

RUMANIA:

THE RUMANIANS SAY THAT THEY ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY AND HAVE LIBERATED BUCHAREST. THEY CLAIM THAT THEY TOOK 4,000 GERMAN PRISONERS IN BUCHAREST. THE RUMANIANS SAY THAT THE LUFTWAFFE HAS BOMBED THE RUMANIAN CAPITAL THREE TIMES.

PACIFIC:

IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, MITCHELL BOMBERS IN A MIST-HIGH ATTACK OFF THE CELEBES HAVE SUNK 5 JAP SUPPLY SHIPS AND SET FIRE TO A LIGHT CRUISER. HALMAHERA WAS AGAIN BOMBED BY HEAVY BOMBERS. BRITISH FOURTEENTH ARMY TROOPS ARE WITHIN 5 MILES OF THE CHINWIN RIVER IN BURMA.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN

NATIONAL

DETROIT: 1 ..... ST LOUIS: 0  
NEW YORK: 4 ..... WASHINGTON: 2  
PHILADELPHIA: 6, 9 BOSTON: 1, 4  
CLEVELAND: 10 ... CHICAGO: 2

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CINCINNATI: 2 .. CHICAGO: 0  
NEW YORK: 10 .. BROOKLYN: 2  
ST LOUIS: 4 .. PITTSBURGH: 0