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FRANCE:

ALLIED TROOPS IN NORTHERN FRANCE ARE STEADILY REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE GERMAN POCKET NEAR THE LOWER SEINE. CANADIANS PUSHING FOR ROUEN ARE REPORTED TO BE LESS THAN 8 MILES FROM THE CITY AND ALLIED TROOPS NOW CONTROL ALL THE MAIN ESCAPE ROUTES LEADING TO ROUEN. ALLIED PLANES ARE CONTINUING THEIR NON-STOP HAMMERING OF THE GERMANS WHO ARE TRYING TO ESCAPE BY CROSSING THE SEINE. THE NAZIS ARE USING ANOTHER CROSSING FOR THEIR FLEEING TROOPS. THIS CROSSING IS NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER BUT PLANES HAVE BEEN POUNDING IT LIKE THE OTHER CROSSING NEAR ROUEN. THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF THE ALLIED CROSSINGS OF THE SEINE ARE STEADILY INCREASING. ALTHOUGH THE NAZIS ARE FLEEING WILDLY THERE ARE STILL NO SIGNS THAT A MASS SURRENDER WILL TAKE PLACE. YESTERDAY, ALLIED PLANES FLEW 4,000 SORTIES AND DESTROYED 450 TRUCKS AND 22 TANKS. SIXTEEN GERMAN PLANES WERE DESTROYED YESTERDAY; THE ALLIES LOST 24. **LAST NIGHT**, MITCHELL AND BOSTON BOMBERS HIT TRANSPORT CONCENTRATIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SEINE. MOSQUITOS BOMBED A 15 MILE LONG GERMAN CONVOY FOR SEVERAL HOURS LAST NIGHT.

GENERAL EISENHOWER VISITED PARIS TODAY AND CONFERRED WITH GENERAL KOENIG, HEAD OF THE FRENCH FORCES OF THE INTERIOR. THE GERMAN GARRISON IN PARIS, ESTIMATED AT 10,000 MEN HAS SURRENDERED. SOME SNIPING AND A FEW POCKETS OF RESISTANCE IN THE SUBURBS ARE THE ONLY RESISTANCE BEING MET IN THE CITY. YESTERDAY, GENERAL DE GAULLE VISITED THE CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME. WHILE HE WAS THERE, SEVERAL SHOTS WERE FIRED BUT THE GENERAL WAS NOT INJURED. AT BREST, 16 THUNDERBOLT DIVE BOMBERS YESTERDAY SANK A GERMAN LIGHT CRUISER AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED A DESTROYER. ALL THE PLANES RETURNED SAFELY.

IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE, THE ALLIES HAVE COMPLETED THE LIBERATION OF TOULON. AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT HAS ADMITTED THAT YANK TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE BORDER OF SWITZERLAND. SO FAR, **23,000** PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN SINCE THE FIRST LANDINGS TOOK PLACE. AVIGNON HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY LIBERATED AND OTHER ALLIED TROOPS DRIVING WEST FROM MARSEILLES HAVE FREED ARIES AND TARASCON.

RUSSIA:

THE POWERFUL RUSSIANS ARE CHASING THE GERMANS DEEP IN THE CARPATHIAN PASSES TOWARDS TRANSYLVANIA. IN TRANSYLVANIA, THE HUNGARIANS AND GERMANS ARE HURRIEDLY PREPARING DEFENSES TO MEET THE ONCOMING RED FORCES. AS THE GERMANS FALL BACK IN DISORDERLY RETREAT THROUGH THE HIGH MOUNTAIN PASSES, GROUPS OF RUMANIAN SOLDIERS ARE WAITING TO POUNCE ON THEM. THE REDS TOOK 30,000 PRISONERS IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING IN RUMANIA. THE SOVIETS HAVE CLEARED THE LEFT BANK OF THE DANUBE ALONG A 60 MILE STRETCH OF THE BLACK SEA. THE RUSSIANS SAY THAT 5 RUMANIAN DIVISIONS, INCLUDING ONE ARMORED DIVISION HAVE SURRENDERED. RUSSIAN ARMISTICE TERMS WHICH RUMANIA HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT PROVIDE THAT RUMANIA SHOULD BREAK WITH GERMANY AND ACCEPT HER OLD FRONTIER WITH RUSSIA. POLES FIGHTING IN THE CITY OF WARSAW, HAVE HELD THEIR LINES DESPITE INCREASED GERMAN ATTACKS.

BULGARIA:

BULGARIA HAS TOLD THE ALLIES THAT SHE WANTS TO STOP FIGHTING AND IS DISARMING ALL GERMAN TROOPS CROSSING INTO THE COUNTRY.

ENGLAND:

RAF HEAVY BOMBERS. IN ONE OF THEIR RARE DAYLIGHT APPEARANCES TODAY ATTACKED A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT IN THE RUHR VALLEY. ABOUT 500 HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBERS TODAY HIT TARGETS IN NORTHWESTERN GERMANY. **LAST NIGHT**, RAF HEAVIES IN "GREAT STRENGTH" BOMBED THE NAVAL BASE OF KIEL IN GERMANY WITH 1700 TONS OF BOMBS AND ALSO HIT KONIGSBERG THE CAPITAL OF EAST PRUSSIA. KONIGSBERG IS ABOUT 100 MILES FROM THE GERMAN-RUSSIAN FRONT LINES. YESTERDAY, AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HIT 5 GERMAN OIL PLANTS AND **LAST NIGHT** MOSQUITOS HIT BERLIN AND HAMBURG. THE GERMANS AFTER LEARNING OF BULGARIA'S DESIRE TO QUIT FIGHTING, HAVE BROADCAST AN APPEAL TO THEIR TROOPS IN THE BALKANS TO HOLD ON AT ALL COSTS.

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ITALY:

UNITS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY ARE NOW WITHIN 7 MILES OF THE GERMAN GOTHIC LINE IN ITALY. YESTERDAY, ALLIED HEAVY BOMBERS BLASTED TARGETS NEAR BUCHAREST IN ROMANIA IN SUPPORT OF ROMANIAN TROOPS.

PACIFIC:

THE TOKIO RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A PARTIAL EVACUATION OF MANILA HAS BEEN ORDERED. ON THURSDAY, ALLIED PLANES AND SHIPS ATTACKED A TARGET ON THE WESTERN COAST OF SUMATRA.

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AMERICAN

PHILADELPHIA: 6 ... BOSTON: 1
DETROIT: 5 ... ST LOUIS: 0
CHICAGO: 6 ... CLEVELAND: 5
NEW YORK: 10 ... WASHINGTON: 3

NATIONAL

CINCINNATI: 10 ... CHICAGO: 7
BROOKLYN: 9 ... NEW YORK: 0
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