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FRANCE:

IN NORTHERN FRANCE, ALLIED TROOPS ARE MASSING ALONG A 200 MILE FRONT OF THE SEINE RIVER. THE GERMAN POCKET NEAR THE LOWER SEINE HAS BEEN STILL FURTHER REDUCED AND AT SOME PLACES IS ONLY 4 MILES WIDE. THE GERMANS IN THE POCKET ARE NOW PRACTICALLY SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS. THE CHIEF GERMAN ESCAPE ROUTES IN WESTERN FRANCE ARE AT THE NORTHERN TIPS OF THE FOUR GREAT LOOPS OF THE SEINE RIVER. THE NAZIS ARE GETTING ACROSS THE SEINE IN LARGE NUMBERS BUT ARE ABANDONING HUGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT. ALLIED PLANES ARE STILL LACING THE FLEEING GERMANS AND YESTERDAY, ALLIED AIRCRAFT DROPPED 4,000 BOMBS ON DISORGANIZED NAZIS. THE ALLIES ARE STRENGTHENING AND ENLARGING ALL OF THEIR BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE SEINE WEST OF PARIS AND TRUCKS ARE BRINGING UP HUGE AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. A NEW ALLIED BRIDGEHEAD NEAR ROUEN THREATENS TO OUTFLANK THAT CITY. EIGHT GERMAN BARGES LOADED WITH TROOPS WERE SUNK NEAR ROUEN YESTERDAY. IN THE BRITTANY PENINSULA, THE ALLIES ARE CLOSING IN ON THE PORT OF BREST AND HAVE MADE GAINS UP TO 1,000 YARDS.

EAST OF PARIS, YANK TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE FAMOUS MARNE RIVER AND HAVE TAKEN A TOWN 25 MILES TO THE EAST OF THE CAPITAL OF FRANCE. THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY HAS TAKEN 65,000 PRISONERS AND KILLED 16,000 GERMANS SINCE THEY JOINED IN THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE. YANK THUNDERBOLTS OPERATING OVER THE FRANCO-GERMAN BORDER EAST OF PARIS YESTERDAY, DESTROYED 250 LOCOMOTIVES AND 750 RAILWAY CARS. IN PARIS ITSELF, MOST OF THE SNIPING HAS STOPPED EXCEPT FOR A LITTLE IN THE OUTSKIRTS. THE GERMANS HAVE NOT YET ADMITTED THAT PARIS HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE ALLIES. GENERAL EISENHOWER VISITED THE CITY YESTERDAY.

IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE, AMERICAN PATROLS HAVE REACHED THE FRONTIER OF SWITZERLAND SOUTH OF GENEVA. TOULON HAS BEEN COMPLETELY LIBERATED AND MOPPING UP IN MARSEILLES IS CONTINUING. ALLIED TROOPS DRIVING UP THE RHONE VALLEY HAVE GONE 40 MILES PAST AVIGNON. HEAVY LOSSES HAVE BEEN INFLICTED ON THE GERMANS IN THE RHONE VALLEY IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. THE GERMANS ARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO GET A FREE ROAD FROM THE RHONE BOTTLENECK TO THE NORTH AND THEIR PANZERS ARE CHIEFLY CONCERNED WITH GETTING OUT WITH AS MUCH MATERIAL AS POSSIBLE AND ARE NOT INTERESTED IN FIGHTING. LYONS IS NOW HELD BY THE MAQUIS AND YANK FORCES ARE CLOSING IN ON THIS CITY FROM GRENoble. SO FAR, THE ALLIES HAVE TAKEN OVER 30,000 PRISONERS IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. ALLIED TROOPS ARE REPORTED 30 MILES NORTH OF CANNES.

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN TANKS AND DON COSSACK CAVALRY HAVE BURST THROUGH THE GALATZ GAP AND ARE NOW RACING ACROSS THE FLAT LANDS OF CENTRAL RUMANIA. RED TANKS ARE MOVING AS FAST AS 30 MILES A DAY IN THIS LEVEL COUNTRY. THE TOWN OF GALATZ ITSELF HAS BEEN CAPTURED AND THE FAST MOVING SOVIET FORCES ARE WITHIN 60 MILES OF THE FAMOUS PLOESTI OIL FIELDS AND JUST OVER 70 MILES FROM BUCHAREST. YESTERDAY, THE RUSSIANS CAPTURED 18,000 NAZIS AND THE RUMANIANS 12,000 MORE. ALONG THE DANUBE, RED AIR FORCE PLANES ARE STRAFING THE FLEEING GERMANS. THE GERMANS ADMIT THAT "FIGHTING IN RUMANIA IS VERY DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF INTERFERENCE OF RUMANIAN TROOPS." SO FAR IN THE RUMANIAN OFFENSIVE, 32 GENERALS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND IN THE TRAP IN BESSARABIA, WHERE 12 GERMAN DIVISIONS ARE SURROUNDED, 3 DEAD NAZI GENERALS WERE FOUND YESTERDAY. NEAR WARSAW, THE GERMANS COUNTERATTACKED 13 TIMES YESTERDAY BUT THE RUSSIANS REPULSED ALL ATTACKS.

ENGLAND:

YESTERDAY, RAF HEAVY BOMBERS MADE THEIR FIRST LARGE SCALE ATTACK ON GERMANY IN DAYLIGHT. SPITFIRES WENT WITH THE BOMBERS TO SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS AT HOMBERGMEERBECK. AMERICAN HEAVIES HIT TARGETS IN NORTHWESTERN GERMANY YESTERDAY. LAST NIGHT, MOSQUITOS HIT MANNHEIM. THE GERMANS SAY THAT ALLIED BOMBERS WERE OVER AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY TODAY. ENGLAND HAS TOLD BULGARIA THAT IF SHE WANTS TO SURRENDER SHE MUST "WORK FOR HER PASSAGE." FLYING BOMBS WERE OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 30 HOURS. SOME 450 FLYING BOMBS CAME OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND THIS LAST WEEK.

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YUGOSLAVIA:

THE MAIN FIGHTING IN YUGOSLAVIA IS TAKING PLACE IN SERBIA. THE YUGOSLAV PARTISANS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN ONLY 30 MILES FROM THE BORDER OF BULGARIA.

ITALY:

THE GERMANS ARE FALLING BACK TOWARDS THE MAIN GOTHIC LINE DEFENSES. ALLIED PLANES HIT GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS IN THE REAR OF THE LINES YESTERDAY.

PACIFIC:

IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE CUT ACROSS THE JAPANESE RETREAT FROM THE COAST OF THE VOGELKOP PENINSULA IN DUTCH NEW GUINEA. IN NORTHERN BURMA, BRITISH TROOPS ARE NOW HALF A MILE FROM THE TOWN OF PINBAW ON THE RAILWAY TO MANDALAY. FOURTEENTH ARMY TROOPS ARE WITHIN FOUR MILES OF THE CHINWIN RIVER AND DEEP INSIDE BURMA, BRITISH RAIDING PARTIES HAVE STAGED RAIDS AT POINTS 100 MILES APART.

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BOSTON: 8,7	... PHILADELPHIA: 5,2	BOSTON: 5,5	... PHILADELPHIA: 8,4
CLEVELAND: 4,1	.. CHICAGO: 3,0	NEW YORK: 8,4	... BROOKLYN: 1,2
DETROIT: 2,5	.. ST LOUIS: 17,3	PITTSBURGH: 14	.. ST LOUIS: 6
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