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FRANCE:

TWO BRITISH ARMORED COLUMNS DRIVING FORWARD IN DRIVING RAIN HAVE LIBERATED AMIENS AND HAVE ESTABLISHED A BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE SOMME RIVER IN SOME STRENGTH. THE ARMORED COLUMNS HAVE DRIVEN 60 MILES IN THE PAST TWO DAYS AND ARE NOW WITHIN 60 MILES OF THE BORDER OF BELGIUM. THE MAIN ROAD RUNNING FROM ROUEN TO DIEPPE HAS BEEN CUT. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED ROUEN WHERE THEY RECEIVED A TREMENDOUS WELCOME. WHEN LAST REPORTED, THE CANADIANS WERE 9 MILES NORTH OF ROUEN AND TO THE EAST OF THE CITY HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF TOWNS. BEAUVAIS, UP THE RIVER FROM ROUEN HAS ALSO BEEN LIBERATED. THIS NEW RAPID ALLIED ADVANCE THREATENS ALL THE GERMANS BETWEEN THE MOUTH OF THE SEINE AND THE SOMME RIVER. UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS WERE ALSO REPORTED OPERATING 10 MILES ABOVE BEAUVAIS. THE PARIS-BEAUVAIS ROAD HAS BEEN CUT. GENERAL EISENHOWER HAS ELEVATED GENERAL BRADLEY TO A STATUS EQUAL TO THAT OF GENERAL MONTGOMERY AND HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE IS IN NO WAY DEGRADING GENERAL MONTGOMERY. HE SPOKE OF GENERAL MONTGOMERY AS "ONE OF THE GREAT GENERALS OF THIS OR ANY OTHER WAR." GENERAL EISENHOWER PRAISED THE RECENT BRITISH ADVANCES IN THE CAEN SECTOR AND SAID "THAT EVERY FOOT OF GROUND THE GERMANS LOST IN THE CAEN SECTOR WAS EQUAL TO 10 MILES ELSEWHERE."

THE GREAT AMERICAN WHEELING MOVEMENT ABOVE PARIS HAS SWUNG STILL FURTHER OUT ALONG THE UPPER REGIONS OF THE MARNE RIVER ABOUT 80 MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER. ONE AMERICAN COLUMN IS REPORTED 25 MILES BEYOND THE AISNE RIVER AND AMERICAN PATROLS WERE REPORTED OPERATING A FEW MILES PAST THE TOWN OF LAON. THE CATHEDRAL TOWN OF RHEIMS HAS ALSO BEEN LIBERATED.

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, THE GERMANS ARE PAYING A TERRIBLE PRICE FOR THEIR RETREAT UP THE RHONE VALLEY. ONE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT TOLD OF AN 11 MILE STRETCH OF ROAD LITTERED WITH THOUSANDS OF WRECKED GERMAN VEHICLES, DEAD HORSES AND GUNS. IN SOME PLACES, BULLDOZERS HAVE BEEN USED TO CLEAR STRETCHES OF THE ROAD SO THAT TROOPS COULD PASS. AMERICAN TROOPS WERE REPORTED TO BE WITHIN 6 MILES OF VALENCE IN THE RHONE VALLEY. ALLIED TROOPS PUSHING FOR NORTHERN ITALY HAVE TAKEN THE LARGE CITY OF NICE AND WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 15 MILES FROM THE ITALIAN BORDER. THE NAZIS IN THE ALPS IN NORTHERN ITALY ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF INCREASED NERVOUSNESS AT THE RAPID APPROACH OF THE ALLIES. IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, OVER 50,000 PRISONERS HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN.

RUSSIA:

RED TANK AND INFANTRY FORCES MOVING AT A RATE OF 40 MILES IN 24 HOURS HAVE CAPTURED THE GREAT PLOESTI OIL FIELDS AND ARE NOW WITHIN SIGHT OF BUCHAREST. THE GERMANS SET FIRE TO THE PLOESTI OIL FIELDS BEFORE THEY PULLED OUT AND ONLY THE TERRIFIC ADVANCE OF THE RUSSIANS PREVENTED THE FIRES FROM DESTROYING ALL THE FIELDS. BULGARIANS ARE HELPING RUSSIAN ENGINEERS PUT OUT THE FIRES. SMOKE FROM THE BURNING FIELDS IS COVERING A GREAT PART OF CENTRAL RUMANIA AND GREAT CLOUDS OF BLACK SMOKE ARE HANGING OVER BUCHAREST. GERMAN RESISTANCE IN RUMANIA IS DESCRIBED AS 'SCATTERED'. A RUMANIAN ARMISTICE DELEGATION HAS ARRIVED IN MOSCOW. ARMISTICE TERMS TO BULGARIA ARE EXPECTED TO BE HANDED OVER THIS WEEK AT CAIRO. THE POLES FIGHTING IN THE CITY OF WARSAW SAY THAT THE GERMANS HAVE SET FIRE TO A SECTION OF WARSAW AFTER DEPORTING THE INHABITANTS. MR. DONALD NELSON HAS ARRIVED IN MOSCOW ON HIS WAY TO CHINA.

ENGLAND:

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS BUILT 65,000 VESSELS AMOUNTING TO 9,000,000 TONS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. OVER 500 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS YESTERDAY BOMBED KIEL AND BREMEN. OTHER HEAVIES ATTACKED THE PAS DE CALAIS AREA WITHOUT LOSS. FLYING BOMBS WERE OVER ENGLAND EARLY THIS MORNING. LAST NIGHT, RAF MOSQUITOS HIT FRANKFORT. FRED ASTAIRE HAS ARRIVED IN LONDON TO ENTERTAIN ALLIED TROOPS. IN ALSACE AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE GERMANS ARE CLOSING MUSIC SCHOOLS, MUSEUMS AND DISBANDING ORCHESTRAS. IN ALSACE, THE NAZIS ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO GET MORE MEN FOR WAR WORK. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PATRIOT FORCES NOW HOLD MOST OF THE COUNTRY EXCEPT A LITTLE ALONG THE WESTERN AND EASTERN BORDERS.

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ITALY:

IN ITALY THE EIGHTH ARMY IS NOW AT GRIPS WITH GERMANS IN THE GOTHIC LINE. THE NAZIS SAY THAT THE BRITISH HAVE REACHED THE LINE ON THE ADRIATIC SECTOR AT PESARO.

PACIFIC:

IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, ALLIED BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN BOMBED HALMAHERA. THEY MET NO FIGHTER OPPOSITION. IN BURMA, THE BRITISH FOURTEENTH ARMY HAS MADE MORE GAINS DOWN THE TIDDIM ROAD.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN

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CLEVELAND: 12 ... ST LOUIS: 7
CHICAGO: 8 ... DETROIT: 3
NEW YORK: 9 ... BOSTON: 7

NATIONAL

BOSTON: 4 ... NEW YORK: 2
CHICAGO: 12, 6 ... PITTSBURGH: 5, 3
BROOKLYN: 10 ... PHILADELPHIA: 2

FOOTBALL:

CHICAGO BEARS: 24
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