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FRANCE:

TANKS OF GENERAL 'LIGHTNING' PATTON'S THIRD ARMY RACING FORWARD AT A PACE OF 35 MILES AN HOUR HAVE LIBERATED THE HISTORIC FRENCH TOWN OF VERDUN. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE YANKS HAVE PUSHED ON PAST THE TOWN. UNITS OF THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAVE CROSSED THE MEUSE RIVER AND WERE LAST REPORTED IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF SEDAN, ABOUT 5 MILES FROM THE BORDERS OF BELGIUM. UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS WHO YESTERDAY HAD TAKEN AMIENS AFTER AN AMAZINGLY SWIFT ADVANCE, TODAY WERE REPORTED TO BE 22 MILES PAST AMIENS AND CANADIANS WERE LESS THAN 3 MILES FROM DIEPPE. OTHER CANADIAN AND BRITISH TROOPS ARE WITHIN 10 MILES OF IL HAVRE. THE WHOLE ALLIED FRONT HAS BEEN MOVING FORWARD ON A 150 MILE FRONT AND NOW THE CENTER OF THE LINE IS PICKING UP MOMENTUM SO THAT THEY CAN CATCH UP WITH THE FLYING FLANKS. IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP WITH THE ALLIED ADVANCES BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN SO SWIFT. AS EVIDENCE OF THE RAPID PACE OF THE ALLIES, THE COMMANDER OF THE GERMAN SEVENTH ARMY WAS CAPTURED YESTERDAY WHILE EATING HIS BREAKFAST. HE HAD NO IDEA THAT ALLIED TROOPS WERE IN THE VICINITY. ALLIED TROOPS WERE LESS THAN 70 MILES FROM GERMANY THIS MORNING AND ALL ALONG THE FRONT ALLIED VEHICLES ARE PUSHING FORWARD BUMPER TO BUMPER WITH NOTHING TO STOP THEM. THE GERMAN SEVENTH ARMY IS NO LONGER ABLE TO PUT UP ANY ORGANIZED RESISTANCE. ALLIED SPEARHEADS AT SEVERAL PLACES ARE LESS THAN 20 MILES FROM THE BELGIAN BORDER. ALLIED TROOPS ARE WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE TOWN OF COMPIEGNE WHERE THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED IN 1940. WITH THE RETURN OF CLEARING WEATHER, ALLIED PLANES ARE RANGING ALL OVER NORTHERN FRANCE AND BELGIUM BLASTING RETREATING GERMANS.

GENERAL MONTGOMERY HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF FIELD MARSHAL BUT WILL REMAIN IN HIS PRESENT POSITION AS COMMANDER OF THE 21ST ARMY GROUP. GERMAN CASUALTIES IN NORTHERN FRANCE UP TO AUGUST 25 WERE 400,000.

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, ALLIED PATROLS PUSHING OUT FROM NICE WERE REPORTED THIS EVENING TO HAVE CROSSED INTO ITALY. FRENCH TROOPS HAVE PUSHED AROUND THE COAST OF SOUTHERN FRANCE TO THE TOWN OF NARBONNE ABOUT 50 MILES FROM THE SPANISH FRONTIER. THE FRENCH ARE MEETING NO OPPOSITION. IN THE RHONE VALLEY, THE GERMANS ARE STILL SCRAMBLING TO GET AWAY TO THE NORTH. YANKS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF VALENCE AND ARE PUSHING BEYOND IT ABOUT 50 MILES SHORT OF LYONS. THE NAZIS SAY THAT AMERICANS ARE IN THE VICINITY OF LYONS ITSELF. MADRID SAYS THAT THOUSANDS OF GERMANS HAVE CROSSED THE BORDERS OF SPAIN AND HAVE BEEN INTERNED.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIAN ARMY HAS REACHED THE BORDER OF BULGARIA AT GIURGIU. WEST OF BUCHAREST TANKS AND MOTORIZED INFANTRY OF THE RED ARMY ARE CHASING THE BROKEN GERMAN TROOPS. AT PLOESTI, 20,000 NAZIS ALONG WITH MASSES OF EQUIPMENT WERE CAPTURED. BETWEEN THE RIVER DANUBE AND THE COAST OF THE BLACK SEA ANOTHER RUSSIAN COLUMN IS RAPIDLY NEARING THE BULGARIAN BORDER. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS AND RUMANIANS HAVE BEGUN AN ALL OUT ATTACK IN THE PASSES OF THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS. THE BULGARIAN ARMISTICE COMMITTEE IS STILL IN CAIRO WAITING FOR ARMISTICE TERMS. THE PATRIOTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE NOW OPERATING A FREEDOM RADIO AND HAVE CALLED FOR MORE TROOPS. A MESSAGE FROM ANKARA SAYS THAT BULGARIA HAS CLOSED HER FRONTIER WITH TURKEY. THE RUSSIANS HELD A GREAT PARADE IN THE STREETS OF BUCHAREST TODAY CELEBRATING ITS CAPTURE. THERE WERE SO MANY TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES PRESENT THAT NONE OF THE INFANTRYMEN PARTICIPATING HAD TO WALK.

ENGLAND:

THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON THAT ALLIED BOMBERS WERE OVER SOUTHWESTERN GERMANY. FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY, HITLER LAUNCHED THE ATTACK ON POLAND AND STARTED THE SECOND WORLD WAR. MR. CHURCHILL HAS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE POLES IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. LAST NIGHT, MOSQUITOS HIT DUSSELDORF WHILE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, 600 BRITISH HEAVIES BLASTED GERMAN SUPPLY DEPOTS IN NORTHERN FRANCE. FLYING BOMBS WERE OVER ENGLAND THIS MORNING.

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ITALY:

HEAVY FIGHTING HAS FLARED UP IN ITALY AGAIN. BRITISH TROOPS OF THE EIGHT ARMY UP AGAINST THE VAUNTED GERMAN 'GOTHIC' LINE HAVE MADE SOME PENETRATIONS UP TO A HALF MILE. ON THE ADRIATIC SECTOR, POLES ARE FIGHTING DESPERATELY IN THE CITY OF PESARO. THEY ARE FIGHTING THE VETERAN GERMAN 1ST PARACHUTE DIVISION KNOWN AS THE 'GREEN DEVILS'. THESE GERMANS ARE VETERANS OF THE FIGHTING FOR CASSINO. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE ALLIES HAVE OPENED A FULL SCALE ATTACK ON THE GOTHIC LINE BUT THIS REPORT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS.

PACIFIC:

IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, A JAF DESTROYER AND FOUR MERCHANT SHIPS WERE SUNK OR SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OFF THE CELEBES BY U. S. NAVY CATALINA FLYING BOATS. LIBERATORS HAVE BOMBED PALAU AND THE IMPORTANT BASE OF DAVAO IN THE PHILLIPINES. THE JAPANESE SAY THAT U. S. BOMBERS BASED IN CHINA HAVE ATTACKED THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA SOUTH OF JAPAN. THE BRITISH HAVE CLEARED 300 MILES ON ONE SIDE OF THE CHINWIN RIVER IN BURMA.

LATE NEWS FLASH!

CANADIANS HAVE ENTERED THE TOWN OF DIEPPE AND ONE REPORT SAYS THAT THE TOWN HAS BEEN LIBERATED.

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NO GAMES PLAYED YESTERDAY.