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FRANCE:

AMERICAN AND BRITISH SPEARHEADS HAVE ENTERED BELGIUM AND IT IS REPORTED THAT BOTH THE YANKS AND THE TOMMIES ARE AT THE TOWN OF TOURNAI. AMERICANS ARE REPORTED IN THE LARGE TOWN OF NAMUR ALSO. NAMUR IS ABOUT 35 MILES INSIDE BELGIUM. PILOTS WHO HAVE FLOWN OVER BRUSSELS, THE CAPITAL OF BELGIUM, REPORT THAT THE GERMANS ARE PULLING OUT. THE FRENCH PATRIOT RADIO HAS SAID THAT THE GERMANS ARE PULLING OUT OF THE BELGIAN CAPITAL. THE ONLY PROBLEM BEING MET BY THE FLYING BRITISH AND AMERICAN COLUMNS IS THE PROBLEM OF SUPPLY. THE FORWARD TROOPS ARE TRAVELLING FORWARD AT SUCH A TERRIFIC PACE THAT IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR TRANSPORT TO KEEP THEM SUPPLIED WITH FOOD AND FUEL. SUPPLY HAS BEEN THE ONLY DIFFICULTY MET SO FAR BECAUSE THE GERMANS ARE NOT TRYING TO MAKE A STAND. POCKETS OF RESISTANCE ARE STILL HOLDING OUT AGAINST THE CANADIANS AT ABBEVILLE ON THE SOMME RIVER; AT LE HAVRE, AGAINST THE BRITISH AND AT COMPIEGNE, AGAINST THE AMERICANS. THE AREA OF NORTHWEST OF FRANCE, KNOWN AS THE PAS DE CALAIS IS RAPIDLY BEING CLEARED UP. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHING MANY FLYING BOMBS FROM THE PAS DE CALAIS AND TODAY PEOPLE WATCHING IN ENGLAND SAW HUGE EXPLOSIONS ACROSS THE CHANNEL IN THE PAS DE CALAIS AREA. IN BELGIUM, A PATRIOT ARMY OF 1,000,000 MEN HAS RECEIVED ITS BATTLE ORDERS. THESE TROOPS ARE MEMBERS OF THE BELGIUM UNDERGROUND.

DEEP IN NORTHERN FRANCE, GENERAL PATTON'S TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE MOSELLE RIVER. GENERAL PATTON'S TANKS MAY WELL BE IN GERMANY ITSELF NOW FOR THE GENERAL SENT AN URGENT MESSAGE BACK YESTERDAY ASKING FOR MAPS OF GERMANY. THE MAPS ASKED FOR WERE IMMEDIATELY DROPPED BY PARACHUTE. ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS, PATTON'S FORCES HAVE REACHED THE MOSELLE ABOVE METZ, ABOUT 11 MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER. YESTERDAY, THE NAZIS SAID THAT AMERICAN FORCES HAD REACHED LONGWY ON THE LUXEMBOURG BORDER. LONGWY IS ON THE WESTERN FLANK OF THE MAGINOT LINE AND THIS MAY MEAN THAT THE NAZIS WILL NOT TRY AND DEFEND THE MAGINOT LINE BUT WILL FALL BACK TO THE SEIGFRIED LINE IN GERMANY. DOCUMENTS FOUND IN THE POCKETS OF CAPTURED GERMANS ORDERED THEM TO GET BACK TO GERMANY IN THE QUICKEST AND BEST WAY POSSIBLE. THE GERMANS HAVE LAUNCHED FLYING BOMBS AGAINST PARIS.

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, YANK TROOPS ARE REPORTED IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF LYONS. THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE FOR THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEY HAVE PASSED THROUGH LYONS IN THEIR RETREAT NORTHWARD. AMERICANS WERE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE BY PASSED THE CITY AND WERE THREATENING THE FLANKS OF THE FLEEING GERMANS. MANY OF THE DISORGANIZED NAZIS WHO ARE FLEEING UP THE RHONE VALLEY ARE ON FOOT AND HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF GETTING AWAY. THUNDERBOLTS AND SPITFIRES COMING IN AT TREE TOP LEVEL ARE RAKING COLUMNS OF GERMAN TRANSPORT PILED UP AGAINST ROAD BLOCKS.

RUSSIA:

SOUTHEAST OF BUCHAREST, THE RUSSIANS HAVE CLEARED THE RUMANIAN BANK OF THE DANUBE OF GERMANS. IN 12 DAYS OF OFFENSIVE IN RUMANIA, THE REDS HAVE KILLED 210,000 NAZIS AND HAVE CAPTURED ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER. MOSCOW RADIO SAYS THAT THE GERMANS HAVE SENT REINFORCEMENTS INTO RUMANIA AND THAT GERMAN RESISTANCE THERE IS STIFFENING FOR THE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO PREVENT A RUSSIAN BREAK THROUGH TO THE BORDER OF YUGOSLAVIA. BULGARIA HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW GOVERNMENT WITH A LEADER KNOWN TO BE IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRACY.

ENGLAND:

AMERICAN FLYING FORTRESSES, MAURADERS AND HAVOCS PASTED BREIT AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON. ANOTHER LARGE FORMATION OF FORTRESSES WENT TO LUDWIGSHAVEN IN GERMANY TODAY AND ATTACKED TARGETS IN THAT AREA. FINLAND HAS ASKED GERMANY TO GET ALL GERMAN TROOPS OUT OF FINLAND BY SEPTEMBER THE 15TH. THE FINNS SAY THAT THE GERMANS ARE NO LONGER IN A POSITION TO GIVE FINLAND THE HELP THAT SHE NEEDS AND THAT SHE (FINLAND) IS GOING TO ASK RUSSIA FOR PEACE TERMS ONCE MORE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FLYING BOMBS OVER ENGLAND SINCE FRIDAY EVENING. FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY, BRITAIN DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY. TODAY HAS BEEN A DAY OF PRAYER IN BRITAIN.

ITALY:

TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE BREACHED THE STRONG GOTHIC LINE ON THE ADRIATIC SECTOR OF ITALY AND ARE NOW 7 OR 8 MILES NORTH OF PESARO. PESARO WAS EVACUATED BY THE GERMANS YESTERDAY. JUST A FEW MILES AHEAD OF THE ADVANCING EIGHTH ARMY IS OPEN COUNTRY AND THE BRITISH ARE DRIVING HARD TO GET OUT INTO THE CLEAR. THE GERMANS ARE THROWING IN FRESH TROOPS IN AN EFFORT TO CHECK THE BRITISH ADVANCE. THE AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY, BACK ON THE OFFENSIVE, HAS CLEARED THE CITY OF PISA AND IS POURING TANKS AND INFANTRY ACROSS THE ARNO RIVER. LATEST REPORTS SAY THAT THE YANKS HAVE PUSHED ON FOR 5 MILES PAST THE RIVER. YESTERDAY, UP TO 500 AMERICAN LIBERATORS HIT THREE RAIL BRIDGES AND TWO RAIL YARDS JUST OVER THE ITALIAN BORDER IN GERMANY.

PACIFIC:

THE JAPS IN THE PHILIPPINES HAVE SUFFERED THE HEAVIEST AIR BLOW SINCE THE FALL OF THE PHILIPPINES. AMERICAN LIBERATORS BLASTED SEVERAL JAP AIRFIELDS IN THE DAVAO AREA OF THE PHILIPPINES. THIRTY SEVEN (37) JAP PLANES WERE DESTROYED ON THE GROUND AND 9 FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN. TWO LIBERATORS FAILED TO RETURN. THE BIG JAP BASE OF PALAU HAS BEEN HIT AGAIN. OFF THE MALACCAS, ALLIED AIRMEN HAVE SUNK OR DAMAGED 5 MORE JAPANESE SHIPS. IN NORTHERN BURMA, BRITISH TROOPS ARE 30 MILES BELOW MOGAUNG AND ON THE TIDDIM ROAD, THE BRITISH ARE ENCOUNTERING WEAK JAP RESISTANCE.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

<u>AMERICAN</u>		<u>NATIONAL</u>	
NEW YORK: 3	... WASHINGTON: 1	PITTSBURGH: 5	... ST LOUIS: 4
BOSTON: 6	... PHILADELPHIA: 5	BOSTON: 2	... PHILADELPHIA: 1
DETROIT: 4	... ST LOUIS: 3	BROOKLYN: 8	... NEW YORK: 4
CLEVELAND: 5	... CHICAGO: 2	CINCINNATI: 6	... CHICAGO: 3

LOST:

SMALL PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTFOLIO CONTAINING WAR CORRESPONDENT PASS (U.S.A.), WAR CORRESPONDENT PASS (BRITISH), A.G.O. CARD, PAY DATA CARD, IMMUNIZATION RECORD, PERSONAL PICTURES AND \$60 IN CASH. ALL IDENTIFICATION BEARS THE NAME OF LT. JOSEPH M. ZINNI. REWARD OFFERED. THESE ARTICLES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE DINARD AREA. FINDER WILL PLEASE CONTACT LT. ZINNI AT THE DIVISION C.P.