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FRANCE:

UNITS OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY ARE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ALONG THE ALBERT CANAL 30 MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER. RECONNAISSANCE UNITS ARE LESS THAN 30 MILES AWAY. THE BRITISH ARE MEETING STIFF RESISTANCE. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE GERMANS ARE GETTING READY TO PULL OUT OF HOLLAND. LARGE NUMBERS OF GERMAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN SEEN LEAVING THE COUNTRY. THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAS CROSSED THE MEUSE RIVER IN THREE DIFFERENT PLACES AND ARE HEADING FOR THE GERMAN BORDER. UNITS OF THE YANK FIRST ARMY ARE NOW ADVANCING THROUGH THE FOREST OF THE ARDENNES. GENERAL PATTON'S TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE HOLDING PART OF NANCY. PATTON'S FORCES ARE BUILDING UP THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE MOSELLE AND FIGHTING IS GOING ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE RIVER. AMERICAN LOSSES HAVE BEEN QUITE HEAVY IN THIS SECTOR. AMERICAN LONG RANGE GUNS ARE SHELLING NAZI PANZER UNITS ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE MOSELLE. CANADIAN AND BRITISH TROOPS ARE IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF BOULOGNE AND CALAIS AND CANADIAN PATROLS ARE WITHIN 7 MILES OF DUNKERQUE. THE TOWNS OF GHENT, COUTRAI AND YPRES IN BELGIUM HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND ALSO THE TOWN OF ARMENTIERES NEAR THE BELGIAN BORDER. MOPPING UP IS TAKING PLACE IN ALL THESE AREAS. ALL THROUGHOUT NORTHERN FRANCE AND BELGIUM THE ALLIES ARE MOVING VAST QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES UP TO THE FRONT. CHERBOURG IS STILL THE NEAREST ALLIED PORT NEAR THE FRONT LINES AND ALL SUPPLIES ARE COMING THROUGH HERE.

THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY IN ITS DRIVE ACROSS THE MEUSE AND EAST OF NAMUR, HAS TAKEN 25,000 PRISONERS IN THE PAST THREE DAYS. REPORTS THAT THE AMERICANS HAD REACHED LIEGE IN BELGIUM AND AACHEN IN GERMANY, WERE UNFOUNDED. YESTERDAY, THE RAF DROPPED 1500 TONS OF BOMBS ON THE GERMAN GARRISON AT LE HAVRE AFTER THE NAZIS HAD REFUSED ANOTHER ULTIMATUM TO SURRENDER. AMERICAN MEDIUM AND LIGHT BOMBERS OPERATING FROM THEIR NEW BASES IN FRANCE MADE THREE ATTACKS ON THE ENEMY FORCES IN BREST.

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS DRIVING UP INTO EASTERN FRANCE, ARE ALMOST WITHIN SIGHT OF THE DOUBS VALLEY LEADING TO THE BELFORT GAP. BESANCON IS THE LARGEST CITY IN THIS VALLEY AND YESTERDAY YANKS WERE REPORTED TO BE AT ARBOIS, ABOUT 25 MILES FROM BESANCON. YESTERDAY, FRENCH TROOPS WERE REPORTED LESS THAN 40 MILES FROM DIJON. GENERAL DIETMAR, THE GERMAN MILITARY COMMENTATOR, SAID THAT "EVERY STEP NORTHWARD BY THE SEVENTH ARMY WAS GROUND GAINED." THE GERMANS CALL THE AMERICAN WHEELING MOVEMENT AROUND THE SWISS BORDER, "A STRIKING MOVEMENT."

RUSSIA:

FLYING RUSSIAN COLUMNS HAVE REACHED THE BORDER OF YUGOSLAVIA. THE REDS TRAVELED THE LAST REMAINING 60 MILES ACROSS RUMANIA IN 24 HOURS AND CROSSED THE DANUBE RIVER AT THE TOWN OF ORSOVA NEAR THE FAMOUS "IRON GATE." THIS NEW MOVE BY THE REDS THREATENS THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF GERMAN COMMUNICATION IN THE SOUTHERN BALKANS. OVER 150,000 NAZI TROOPS ARE NOW BOTTLED UP IN GREECE AND NEARBY ISLANDS. MOST OF THE MAIN RAILROADS IN YUGOSLAVIA HAVE BEEN SMASHED IN THE PAST FIVE DAYS AFTER CONTINUOUS ATTACKS BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH PLANES. THE RUSSIANS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH STRONG GERMAN DEFENSES NORTHEAST OF WARSAW BETWEEN WARSAW AND EAST PRUSSIA AND ARE DRIVING FOR THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER. THE REDS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF OSTROLEKA, LESS THAN 30 MILES FROM THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER. BULGARIA SAYS THAT SHE IS DISARMING ALL GERMANS WHO FAILED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AFTER BULGARIA ASKED RUSSIA FOR PEACE. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY SAID THAT BULGARIA HAD BROKEN OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

ENGLAND:

JUST BEFORE DUSK LAST NIGHT, RAF BOMBERS HEAVILY HIT THE GERMAN PORT OF EMDEN. LAST NIGHT, MOSQUITOS HIT HAMBURG. THE BRITISH RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT 8000 FLYING BOMBS WERE LAUNCHED AGAINST LONDON IN 80 DAYS. RAF FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN 1900, AMERICAN AND BRITISH ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNNERS SHOT DOWN 1560 AND BALLOON BARRAGES ACCOUNTED FOR 479 MORE. PARTIAL BLACKOUT WILL START IN ENGLAND IN 10 DAYS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A REDUCTION OF THE FIRE GUARD AND CIVIL DEFENSE GUARD AND HOME GUARD WILL NO LONGER BE COMPULSORY. THERE WAS NO NAZI AIR ACTIVITY OVER ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT.

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ITALY:

THE GERMANS ARE BATTLING FURIOUSLY BEFORE RIMINI IN AN EFFORT TO STAVE OFF THE FALL OF THE CITY. THE EIGHTH ARMY HAS BEEN PUSHING STEADILY AHEAD DESPITE FRANTIC NAZI RESISTANCE. THE AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY IS RAPIDLY CLOSING IN ON THE WESTERN END OF THE GOTHIC LINE. LAST NIGHT, RAF HEAVY BOMBERS BLASTED THE CITY OF BOLOGNE IN NORTHERN ITALY. COMBINED ATTACKS BY MARSHALL TITO'S FORCES AND ALLIED PLANES AND THE ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN FLEET HAVE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA IN THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

PACIFIC:

THE JAPANESE PREMIER IN A MEETING OF THE JAPANESE DIET ANNOUNCED THAT "ALLIED ATTACKS ON JAPAN WERE INCREASING DAILY AND THERE IS DANGER OF ALLIED LANDINGS ON THE COAST OF JAPAN ITSELF. STRONG ATTACKS BY THE ALLIES IN THE FUTURE MUST BE EXPECTED. JAPANESE LOSSES IN THE WAR MUST NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED." HE FURTHER STATED THAT JAPAN HAD NOT MADE ANY GAINS SINCE THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE WAR.

DESPITE BAD FLYING WEATHER, ALLIED PLANES IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC HAVE BOMBED JAP AIRDROMES OVER A WIDE AREA AND SUNK ANOTHER 3 JAP SUPPLY SHIPS.

UNITED STATES:

THE U. S. WAR DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING A PARTIAL DEMOBILIZATION OF THE AMERICAN ARMY AFTER GERMANY'S DEFEAT. THE NAVY SECRETARY, MR FORRESTAL, SAID THAT THE NAVY WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPAND.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN

DETROIT: 3 ... CHICAGO: 2 (ONLY GAME PLAYED IN EITHER LEAGUE)