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FRANCE:

THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY HAS MADE A SECOND CROSSING OF THE ALBERT CANAL IN BELGIUM. THE BRITISH HAD PUSHED ON FROM THEIR FIRST BRIDGEHEAD AND WERE WITHIN 20 MILES OF THE GERMAN BORDER. THE BRITISH WERE ONLY 8 MILES FROM THE BORDER OF HOLLAND AT ONE POINT. THE SECOND IS HEADING FOR THAT PART OF GERMANY WHERE BELGIUM, HOLLAND AND GERMANY MEET. GERMAN RESISTANCE HAS STIFFENED CONSIDERABLY AND IN THE TOWN OF BOURG LEOPOLD A SAVAGE FIGHT IS GOING ON. THE NAZIS HAVE BROUGHT UP ALL OF THEIR AVAILABLE RESERVES TO KEEP THE BRITISH FROM CROSSING OVER INTO GERMANY.

THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY ADVANCING BEYOND THE MEUSE RIVER HAS TAKEN LIEGE AND HAS PUSHED ON FOR A FEW MILES PAST THAT CITY. THE YANKS WERE LAST REPORTED 19 MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER. OTHER UNITS OF THE YANK FIRST ARMY ARE PUSHING THROUGH THE ARDENNE HILLS AND ARE MEETING SCATTERED RESISTANCE BUT ARE RUNNING INTO VERY HEAVY MINE FIELDS.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY NOW HAS FORCED FIVE CROSSINGS OF THE MOSELLE RIVER. VERY HEAVY FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE MOSELLE GAP WHERE THE GERMANS HAVE BROUGHT UP LARGE NUMBERS OF TANKS, INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY IN AN EFFORT TO HALT THE DRIVE OF THE THIRD ARMY. AMERICAN TRANSPORT PLANES HAVE FLOWN THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF GAS TO THE FRONT FOR PATTON'S TANKS.

ON THE COAST, CANADIANS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWNS OF OSTEND AND NIEUPOORT. WHEN THEY ENTERED THE TOWNS, THEY FOUND THEM DESERTED. OTHER CANADIAN FORCES ARE 5 MILES FROM DUNKERQUE. THE NAZIS ARE HEADING FOR THE SCHELDE ESTUARY IN AN EFFORT TO GET AWAY BUT THEY WERE HAMMERED ALL DAY YESTERDAY BY RAF FIGHTERS AND AGAIN TODAY. ONE GROUP OF NAZIS TRIED TO GET OUT OF THE TRAP BETWEEN LILLE AND GHENT YESTERDAY BUT THEY WERE BEATEN OFF. THERE IS A GRUELLING BATTLE GOING ON FOR THE PORT OF BREST. THE GERMANS ARE FIGHTING AT THEIR LAST LINE OF DEFENSE AND AS SOON AS THE YANKS BREAK THROUGH THIS, THEY WILL BE IN THE CITY ITSELF. THE ORIGINAL GARRISON OF 20,000 HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF.

ALLIED FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS WERE OVER THE LOW COUNTRIES AND GERMANY YESTERDAY. AMERICAN FIGHTERS DESTROYED 10 GERMAN PLANES ON THE GROUND. FIGHTER BOMBERS HIT BREST TWICE YESTERDAY. RAF FIGHTERS ARE OPERATING FROM BASES IN BELGIUM.

IN EASTERN FRANCE, THE ALLIED SEVENTH ARMY IS DRIVING FOR THE BELFORT GAP ON A FRONT RUNNING FROM BESANCON TO THE SWISS BORDER. FRENCH TROOPS PUSHING THROUGH BURGUNDY HAVE LIBERATED BEAUNE AND LE CREUSOT IN THEIR DRIVE FOR DIJON. YANK TROOPS ARE NOW SEVERAL MILES PAST BESANCON. IN BESANCON, AMERICANS TOOK 1000 PRISONERS, MANY OF THEM REFUGEES FROM THE BRITTANY CAMPAIGN.

GENERAL EISENHOWER HAS ORDERED OPERATIONAL SECRECY ON ALLIED FORCES PUSHING TOWARDS GERMANY SO THAT MEANS NEWS FROM FRANCE AND BELGIUM AND HOLLAND WILL BE SCARCE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED BULGARIA TO A DEPTH OF 40 MILES AND HAVE TAKEN THE BLACK SEA PORT OF VARNNA. OTHER RED FORCES 100 MILES INLAND FROM VARNNA HAVE TAKEN A PORT ON THE DANUBE RIVER. MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN DECLARED IN BULGARIA. RUSSIA SAYS SHE WILL ACCEPT A BULGARIAN ARMISTICE NOW THAT THE BULGARS ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY.

IN RUMANIA, THE RUSSIANS ARE AT THE HEAD OF THE TRANSYLVANIA VALLEY THAT LEADS TO THE PLAINS OF HUNGARY.

ENGLAND:

MORE THAN 1000 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS TODAY HIT GERMANY FOR THE SECOND DAY RUNNING. THEIR TARGETS WERE RAIL CENTERS AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN THE AREAS OF DUSSELDORF AND MANNHEIM. YESTERDAY, LANCASTERS AGAIN PASTED LE HAVRE. LAST NIGHT, MOSQUITOS LACED NUREMBURG WITHOUT LOSS. TWENTY EIGHT (28) DAYS AFTER D-DAY, THE ALLIED NAVY HAD PUT 1,000,000 MEN IN FRANCE; MORE THAN 180,000 VEHICLES AND 650,000 TONS OF STORES.

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ITALY:

THE AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY IS NOW 20 MILES NORTHWEST OF FLORENCE. THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY IS WITHIN FOUR MILES OF RIMINI. BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE NAZIS ARE SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE ADRIATIC SECTOR OF ITALY. OVER 500 HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY YESTERDAY HIT RAILROAD YARDS IN YUGOSLAVIA. TACTICAL PLANES HIT BRIDGES OVER THE PO RIVER IN NORTHERN ITALY YESTERDAY AND MUSTANG FIGHTERS IN A SWEEP OVER YUGOSLAVIA, DESTROYED 70 GERMAN FIGHTERS ON THE GROUND. BRITISH BEAUFIGHTERS TODAY CAUGHT THE FORMER ITALIAN LINER 'REX' OFF TRIESTE HARBOR IN THE ADRIATIC AND BLASTED HER WITH OVER 100 ROCKETS. THE LINER WAS LEFT IN A BURNING CONDITION.

PACIFIC:

THE ALLIES NOW HAVE COMPLETE AIR CONTROL OVER THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. YESTERDAY AMERICAN LIBERATORS AND MITCHELLS ATTACKED AIRFIELDS IN THE DAVAO AREA OF MINDANAO. THE BOMBERS WERE NOT CHALLENGED BY JAP FIGHTERS. SUPER FORTS THAT BLASTED A STEEL CENTER IN MANCHURIA YESTERDAY MADE A ROUND TRIP OF MORE THAN 3000 MILES AND CARRIED THEIR LARGEST BOMB LOAD YET. RAF LIBERATORS BASED IN INDIA BOMBED BANGKOK IN SIAM LAST NIGHT.

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