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FRANCE:

ONE OF THE MOST DECISIVE BATTLES IN THE WEST IS DEVELOPING ALONG THE ALBERT CANAL IN BELGIUM. THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY HAS ENLARGED BOTH OF ITS BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE CANAL BUT GERMAN RESISTANCE IS GROWING IN INTENSITY. THE NAZIS HAVE BROUGHT UP PARATROOPERS, SS MEN AND INFANTRYMEN, TANKS AND SELF-PROPELLED GUNS IN AN EFFORT TO CONTAIN THE BRITISH FORCES AT THE BRIDGEHEADS. THE NAZIS AND BRITISH BOTH REALIZE THAT THE SEIGFRIED LINE SEVERAL MILES FROM WHERE THE FIGHTING IS GOING ON, IS NOT AS STRONG AS IT IS IN OTHER PLACES. IF THE BRITISH BREAK THROUGH IN THIS SECTOR, THEY CAN OUTFLANK THE WHOLE LINE. THE ENGLISH ARE MOVING UP VAST QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES TO THEIR TWO BRIDGEHEADS AND THE RAF IS CONSTANTLY PROVIDING A STRONG AIR COVER. IN THE PAST WEEK, THE SECOND ARMY HAS TAKEN OVER 25,000 PRISONERS.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE PUSHED BY LIEGE AND ARE IN LIMBOURG. LATE REPORTS SAY THAT THE YANKS HAVE PUSHED ON PAST LIMBOURG AND ARE WITHIN 8 MILES OF THE GERMAN CITY OF AACHEN. OTHER UNITS OF THE FIRST ADVANCING THROUGH THE ARDENNE HILLS HAVE TAKEN ST HUBERT. THE FIRST IS NOW THREATENING TO OUTFLANK THE MAGINOT LINE.

GENERAL PATTON'S TROOPS SUPPORTED BY BOMBERS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CLEARING A PART OF THE EASTERN BANK OF THE MOSELLE RIVER. THE GERMANS ARE THROWING IN EVERYTHING THAT THEY POSSIBLY CAN IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT AN AMERICAN BREAKTHROUGH TO THE SEIGFRIED LINE. THE NAZIS ARE CLINGING TO EVERY POSITION BUT YANK HEAVY GUNS ARE BLASTING EVERY POSSIBLE GERMAN TARGET.

CANADIAN FORCES MOVING UP THE COASTLINE HAVE SWEEPED THROUGH PRACTICALLY ALL OF FLANDERS AND YESTERDAY WERE REPORTED TO BE ENGAGED IN A FIERCE FIGHT FOR THE TOWN OF BRUGES. SPITFIRES AND TYPHOONS ARE MOWING DOWN THE NAZIS WHO ARE TRYING TO ESCAPE BY MEANS OF THE SCHELDE ESTUARY. YESTERDAY, UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADIAN FLYERS SANK OR HIT 100 GERMAN BARGES IN THE SCHELDE POCKET. LAST NIGHT ABOUT DUSK, YANK THUNDERBOLTS AND MUSTANGS DIVE-BOMBED TARGETS IN HOLLAND AND WESTERN GERMANY. HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN BREST.

IN EASTERN FRANCE, FRENCH TROOPS ARE WITHIN 20 MILES OF BELFORT AND ONLY 40 MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER. AMERICAN FORCES ADVANCING UP THE ROAD FROM BESANCON ARE 24 MILES PAST THAT CITY AND ONLY 25 MILES FROM BELFORT. GERMAN RESISTANCE IS STILL STIFFENING AS THE ALLIES CLOSE IN ON THE BELFORT GAP.

RUSSIA:

SOVIET RUSSIA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOUR DAY WAR WITH BULGARIA IS OVER. THE REDS HAD BEEN ADVANCING INTO BULGARIA AT THE RATE OF 50 MILES A DAY DURING THESE FOUR DAYS AND THE SOVIETS HAD TAKEN THE BLACK SEA PORT OF BOURGAS AND WERE DRIVING FOR THE BORDER OF TURKEY. BULGARIA'S DECISION TO STOP FIGHTING ALSO ENDS A 30 YEAR TIE UP IN THE BALKANS BETWEEN BULGARIA AND GERMANY. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY WORKING ON THE BULGARIAN ARMISTICE PROCEEDINGS.

THE HUNGARIAN RADIO HAS ADMITTED THAT THE REDS ARE CLOSING IN ON THE LARGE CITY OF CLUJ IN THE TRANSYLVANIA ALPS. THE RUSSIANS WERE LAST REPORTED 40 MILES SOUTH OF THE CHIEF CITY OF TRANSYLVANIA. IN WARSAW, THE POLES FIGHTING IN THE CITY SAY THAT THE FIGHTING THERE "HAS REACHED THE LIMIT OF HUMAN ENDURANCE."

MARSHALL TITO'S MEN ARE ONLY 5 MILES FROM THE BULGARIAN BORDER. YUGOSLAV PILOTS HAVE BEEN OPERATING WITH THE BRITISH BASED IN ITALY. A SECOND ALL-YUGOSLAV SQUADRON IS SOON TO BE FORMED.

ENGLAND:

FOR THE THIRD DAY RUNNING, OVER 1100 HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE BLASTED TARGETS IN GERMANY. TODAY THEIR TARGETS WERE AIRCRAFT PLANTS AND TANK FACTORIES IN SOUTHERN NAZILAND. THUNDERBOLTS TODAY SHOT UP AIRFIELDS IN WESTERN GERMANY. LAST NIGHT, RAF HEAVIES PASTED TARGETS IN THE DUISBURG AND BRUNSWICK AREAS OF GERMANY. ENGLAND HAS ISSUED ANOTHER WARNING TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT GERMAN CRIMES AGAINST POLISH CIVILIANS IN WARSAW. IN AUGUST, ALL THE MAIN U-BOAT BASES IN THE BAY OF BISCAY WERE NEUTRALIZED.

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ITALY:

HEAVY FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON IN ITALY AND THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY IS FINDING THE RIDGES AROUND RIMINI ARE TOUGHER THAN THE GOTHIC LINE.

PACIFIC:

ALLIED AMPHIBIOUS FORCES SUPPORTED BY NAVAL AND AIR UNITS HAVE LANDED ON ANOTHER ISLAND JUST OFF B.I.K. AMERICAN MITCHELLS HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED THE DOCKS IN THE CELEBES. HEAVY BOMBERS VISITED HALMAHERA, THE O.T.-BOMBED ISLE IN THE MALACAS BETWEEN NEW GUINEA AND THE PHILIPPINES. AMERICAN CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS HAVE SHELLED THE ONCE POWERFUL JAP BASE OF PALAU.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN

BOSTON: 7 ... NEW YORK: 1
DETROIT: 15 ... CLEVELAND: 6
PHILADELPHIA: 3 ... WASHINGTON: 1
CHICAGO: 2 ... ST LOUIS: 1 (14)

NATIONAL

BOSTON: 6 ... NEW YORK: 4
CHICAGO: 6 ... ST LOUIS: 1

