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FRANCE:

GENERAL HODGES' ULTIMATUM TO THE GERMAN GARRISON IN AACHEN TELLING THEM TO SURRENDER OR HAVE THE CITY UTTERLY DESTROYED BY ARTILLERY AND PLANES ENDED ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING WITH THE GERMANS REFUSING TO SURRENDER. THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY SAID THAT THE CITY WOULD NOT SURRENDER ALTHOUGH MANY WHITE FLAGS APPEARED OVER THE CITY DURING THE MORNING. NO WHITE FLAG APPEARED OVER THE PLACE WHERE THE GERMAN GARRISON IS HOLDING OUT. PRECISELY AT NOON TODAY, AMERICAN ARTILLERY THAT WAS ALREADY ZEROED IN ON THE CITY OPENED UP AND AT THE SAME TIME AMERICAN DIVE BOMBERS ROARED DOWN ON THE CITY. LAST NIGHT A GROUP OF ABOUT A HUNDRED SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS SURRENDERED TO THE AMERICANS BUT OTHERS WERE PREVENTED FROM SURRENDERING DUE TO THE FACT THAT GERMAN OFFICERS WERE POSTED AROUND THE CITY AND THEY SHOT ANYONE WHO WANTED TO GIVE UP. THERE ARE OTHERS IN THE CITY WHO WISH TO GIVE THEMSELVES UP BUT THEY ARE FORCED TO REMAIN IN THE CITY.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE GAINED SOME MORE GROUND BEYOND NANCY. FRENCH TROOPS FIGHTING WITH THE ALLIED SEVENTH ARMY HAVE ADVANCED TO WITHIN NINE MILES OF THE BELFORT GAP IN THE FACE OF FRANTIC GERMAN RESISTANCE.

CANADIAN AND UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS WHO HOLD A BEACH HEAD IN THE REAR OF THE SCHELDT POCKET HAVE STRENGTHENED THEIR POSITION AND HAVE LINKED UP THEIR FORCES. THEY WERE LAST REPORTED TO BE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE CANADIANS AT THE LEOPOLD CANAL BRIDGEHEAD. VERY HEAVY FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE LEOPOLD CANAL. A THIRD CANADIAN FORCE IS COMING INTO THE POCKET AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE CUT THE CAUSEWAY LINKING WALCHEREN ISLAND WITH THE MAINLAND. AN ESTIMATED 11,000 GERMANS ARE LEFT ON WALCHEREN.

GERMAN TROOPS HAVE FORCED A CROSSING OF THE LEK RIVER TO THE WEST OF ARNHEM BUT BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS ARE CONTAINING THE GERMANS WITHIN THEIR BRIDGEHEAD.

RUSSIA:

THE EYES OF THE WHOLE WORLD ARE ON THE RUSSIANS AS POWERFUL RED ARMIES DRAW CLOSER TO THE BORDERS OF GERMANY. SOVIET COLUMNS RACING ACROSS WESTERN LITHUANIA HAVE BROKEN THROUGH TO THE BALTIC COAST ABOUT 15 MILES NORTH OF MEMEL AND HAVE TRAPPED AN ESTIMATED 150,000 GERMANS IN THE PENINSULA BETWEEN MEMEL AND RIGA. TWO RUSSIAN COLUMNS ARE CLOSING IN ON MEMEL AND OTHER SOVIET FORCES ARE PUSHING FOR THE NORTHERN BORDER OF EAST PRUSSIA. RED CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT BIG RUSSIAN GUNS ARE ALREADY SHELLING THE BIG FORTRESS CITY OF TILSIT INSIDE THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER. THE REDS WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 20 MILES FROM TILSIT. THE RED AIR FORCE IS HEAVILY STRAFING RETREATING GERMAN TROOPS WHO ARE FLEEING IN DISORDER FOR EAST PRUSSIA. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEGUN BIG NEW ATTACKS NORTH OF WARSAW AND ONE CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT THE FRONTAL ATTACK ON EAST PRUSSIA HAD BEGUN.

RUSSIAN AND HUMANIAN TROOPS BATTLING IN THE TRANSYLVANIA ALPS ARE WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THE BIG CITY OF CLUJ. SOVIET FORCES KNIFING THROUGH HUNGARY HAVE REACHED THE SUBURBS OF DEBRECZEN, THE THIRD CITY OF HUNGARY. MOSCOW RADIO SAID THAT VIOLENT STREET FIGHTING WAS GOING ON IN THE SUBURBS OF DEBRECZEN. YUGOSLAV PARTISANS HAVE CUT THE BELGRADE-NICH RAILROAD IN YUGOSLAVIA. THE GERMANS HAVE ORDERED ALL ABLE BODIED MEN IN VIENNA AND SOUTHERN AUSTRIA TO DIG TRENCHES ALONG THE AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN BORDER.

ENGLAND: AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS TODAY ATTACKED TARGETS IN THE RUHR. LAST NIGHT, RAF MOSQUITOS ALSO BOMBED TARGETS IN THE RUHR VALLEY. THERE WERE NO FLYING BOMBS OVER ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT.

ITALY: FIFTH ARMY GUNS ARE WITHIN SHELLING RANGE OF BOLOGNA. THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY HAS MADE SLIGHT GAINS ON THE ADRIATIC COAST. BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE HAVE ENTERED CORINTH WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

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PACIFIC:

A UNITED STATES NAVAL TASK FORCE OF AIRCRAFT CARRIERS HAS MADE THE DEEPEST NAVAL PENETRATION SO FAR INTO THE ISLAND DEFENSES OF JAPAN AND HAS ATTACKED THE RYUKU OR NANSEI CHAIN OF ISLANDS ABOVE FORMOSA. THIS CHAIN OF ISLANDS IS ABOUT 80 MILES NORTH OF FORMOSA AND STRETCHES ALMOST ALL THE WAY TO THE JAPANESE MAINLAND. THE ISLANDS ALSO GUARD THE APPROACHES TO THE CHINA SEA. DURING THE ATTACK, THE AMERICAN PLANES SUNK 12 JAP SHIPS AND PROBABLY SUNK ANOTHER 26 SHIPS. THE JAPS LOST 75 PLANES ON THE GROUND AND 14 IN AIR BATTLES. NONE OF THE AMERICAN SURFACE SHIPS WERE DAMAGED AND PLANE LOSSES WERE SLIGHT.

LITTLE WORLD SERIES:

BALTIMORE: 10 ... LOUISVILLE: ●

THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES HAVE NOW WON THREE GAMES AND THE LOUISVILLE COLONELS HAVE WON TWO GAMES.

