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#### FRANCE:

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE COMPLETED THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF AACHEN AND ARE NOW FIRMLY LINKED UP TO THE EAST OF THAT CITY. LAST NIGHT, FIRST ARMY TROOPS BEAT BACK A DESPERATE GERMAN EFFORT TO BREAK THROUGH THE AMERICAN RING AROUND AACHEN. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN TRYING THEIR BEST TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE DEFENDERS IN THE CITY. THE NAZIS IN THE CITY TWICE ATTEMPTED YESTERDAY TO BREAK OUT OF THE RING BUT THEY WERE REPULSED. INSIDE THE CITY, THE HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON AND AMERICAN BIG GUNS ARE POUNDING THAT PART OF THE CITY WHERE THE NAZIS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT. THE ALLIED SEVENTH ARMY IN ITS NEW DRIVE IN THE VOSGES FOOT-HILLS HAS PUSHED FORWARD ABOUT FOUR MILES. ALLIED TROOPS ALL ALONG THE FRONT IN THE WEST ARE HEAVILY ATTACKING ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER IS NOT GOOD.

THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY ADVANCING THROUGH MARSHLAND AND MUD HAS PUSHED INTO THE TOWN OF VENRAY ABOUT 5 MILES FROM THE MAAS RIVER AND 8 MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER. OTHER SECOND ARMY TROOPS ATTACKING EASTWARD BETWEEN EINDHOVEN AND NIJMEGEN WERE LAST REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED THE MAAS RIVER FIVE MILES FROM GERMANY. CANADIAN TROOPS ARE MAKING GOOD GAINS IN THE SCHELDT POCKET. GERMAN RESISTANCE HAS NOTICEABLY SLACKENED IN THE POCKET. THE GERMAN POSITION IN THE SCHELDT POCKET IS GROWING MORE SERIOUS HOURLY. SHAEF ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SINCE D-DAY, ALLIED TROOPS IN THE WEST HAVE TAKEN 606,666 GERMAN PRISONERS.

THE GREAT AIR WAR AGAINST GERMANY WENT ON LAST NIGHT AND AGAIN TODAY. RAF MOSQUITOS UNLOADED FOUR THOUSAND POUND BOMBS ON COLOGNE LAST NIGHT AND TODAY MORE THAN 1300 AMERICAN FLYING FORTS AND LIBERATORS GAVE COLOGNE A TERRIFIC BLASTING. IN A 40 HOUR PERIOD OVER THE WEEKEND, ALLIED PLANES NUMBERING 6500 DROPPED NEARLY 40,000 TONS OF BOMBS ON THE REICH.

#### RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE LAUNCHED A FULL SCALE OFFENSIVE ON A 25 MILE FRONT NORTH OF WARSAW AND HAVE REACHED THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER FROM THE EAST. THE NAZIS ALSO SAID THAT THE REDS ARE ATTACKING SOUTH OF EAST PRUSSIA ACROSS THE BRIDGEHEAD FROM THE NIEMEN RIVER. MOSCOW HAS NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE NEW OFFENSIVE. RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER 100 PLACES IN TRANSYLVANIA. RUSSIAN AND YUGOSLAV TROOPS ARE ENGAGED IN VERY BITTER FIGHTING IN THE STREETS OF BELGRADE.

THE SITUATION INSIDE HUNGARY STILL REMAINS CONFUSED. THE NAZIS CLAIM THEY HAVE SET UP A NATIONAL SOCIALISTIC GOVERNMENT IN HUNGARY AND THEY SAY THAT ADMIRAL HORTHY IS NO LONGER THE HEAD OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT. THE POOR GERMANS SAY THAT HUNGARY'S DECISION TO GET OUT OF THE WAR: "HAS STRUCK A GREAT BLOW AT GERMANY'S WAR EFFORT." THE NAZIS ALSO ADMIT THAT THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE FIRST HUNGARIAN ARMY ALONG WITH HIS CHIEF OF STAFF HAS GONE OVER TO THE RUSSIANS AND THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE COMMANDER OF ANOTHER HUNGARIAN ARMY HAS BEEN DISMISSED. IT IS REPORTED THAT HIMMLER, CHIEF OF THE DREAD GESTAPO, HAS BEEN FLOWN TO BUDAPEST. GERMAN SS TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE PATROLLING THE STREETS OF HUNGARIAN CITIES. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT HUNGARIAN TROOPS HAVE HAD CLASHES WITH HUNGARIAN QUISLINGS AND GERMAN TROOPS.

#### ITALY:

NEW ZEALAND TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY ARE ADVANCING NORTH OF THE RIMINI-BOLOGNA ROAD. THE NAZIS ARE THROWING EVERYTHING THEY HAVE AT THE FIFTH ARMY IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE FIFTH FROM BREAKING THROUGH TO BOLOGNA.

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE LIBERATED THE GREEK ISLAND OF NAXOS SOUTH OF ATHENS. BRITISH SHIPS ARE UNLOADING MORE TROOPS AT ATHENS. WHEN THE GERMANS PULLED OUT OF ATHENS, THEY TOOK ALL THE FOOD AND CLOTHES THEY COULD FIND. MOST OF THE GREEK POPULATION IS IN RAGS AND SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION.

#### PACIFIC:

GOOD NEWS STILL POURS IN FROM THE PACIFIC. ADMIRAL NIMITZ ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT

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IN RECENT RAIDS ON FORMOSA, THE RYUKU ISLANDS AND THE NORTHERN PHILIPPINES, NO LESS THAN 843 JAP PLANES WERE DESTROYED AND 77 WERE PROBABLY DESTROYED. THE ADMIRAL 1 ALSO SAID THAT THE JAP FLEET DID SHOW UP OFF FORMOSA BUT THAT THEY HAD RUN AWAY WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT AFTER SEEING THE SIZE OF THE AMERICAN TASK FORCE.

CARRIER PLANES RAIDED NORTHERN LUZON IN THE PHILIPPINES YESTERDAY AND ARE REPORTED TO BE RAIDING AIRFIELDS IN THE MANILA BAY DISTRICT TODAY. JAP PLANES TRIED TO INTERCEPT THE YANK FLEET OFF THE NORTHERN PHILIPPINES ON SUNDAY. THIRTY NINE (39) JAP PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN. THE BATTLE WAS GOING ON AGAIN YESTERDAY. THE AMERICANS SUFFERED NO DAMAGE TO THEIR CARRIERS AND BATTLESHIPS BUT TWO MEDIUM SIZED SHIPS SUFFERED AERIAL TORPEDO HITS AND WITHDREW FROM ACTION.

UNITED STATES SUPER FORTS RETURNED TO FORMOSA AGAIN FOR THE THIRD TIME IN FOUR DAYS. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES HAVE CARRIED OUT MORE ATTACKS ON THE BIG ISLAND AND HAVE SHOT DOWN ANOTHER 89 PLANES. AMERICAN BOMBERS OPERATING FROM CHINA HAVE SUNK A JAP CRUISER AND DAMAGED SEVERAL OTHER NAVAL VESSELS IN THE CHINA SEA. SEVERAL MERCHANT SHIPS WERE SUNK IN HONG KONG HARBOR.

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE CARRIED OUT ANOTHER VERY HEAVY RAID ON THE JAP-CONTROLLED OIL REFINERIES AT BALIK PAPAN ON DUTCH BORNEO. THIRTY NINE (39) JAP FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN DURING THE ATTACK.

