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FRANCE

BRITISH SECOND ARMY INFANTRY AND ARMOR HAVE CAPTURED THE DUTCH TOWN OF VENRAY AFTER BITTER FIGHTING AND ARE PRESSING ON TO THE EAST TOWARDS THE MAAS RIVER AND THE GERMAN BORDER. THE BRITISH FOUGHT FOR VENRAY THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND THE TROOPS PRESSED RIGHT ON TO THE EAST AFTER THE TOWN WAS LIBERATED. CANADIAN TROOPS DRIVING THROUGH THE SCHELDT POCKET HAVE CLOSED IN ON THE NEW GERMAN DEFENSE LINE TO THE SOUTH OF THE POCKET. ACROSS THE RIVER OTHER CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE SMASHED MORE GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO RETAKE THE WALCHEREN CAUSEWAY. BRITISH FIGHTER BOMBERS FLEW ALL DAY LONG YESTERDAY IN SUPPORT OF ALLIED TROOPS FIGHTING IN THE POCKET AND THE PLANES HEAVILY STRAFED AND BOMBED GERMAN TROOPS CONCENTRATIONS AND VEHICLES. RAF LANCASTERS MADE ANOTHER DAYLIGHT BOMBING ATTACK ON THE MUCH-BATTERED WALCHEREN DYKE YESTERDAY. BRITISH ROCKET FIRING TYPHOONS WERE OUT OVER HOLLAND SUPPORTING THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY'S DRIVE TOWARDS THE MAAS RIVER.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS NORTH OF AACHEN BEAT OFF ANOTHER GERMAN COUNTERATTACK THIS MORNING. THE NAZIS AGAIN TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH THE AMERICAN RING AROUND THE CITY. THE RING OF TROOPS AROUND AACHEN HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED. HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING IS STILL RAGING IN THE NORTHEAST PART OF AACHEN. THE GERMANS DID NOT TRY ANY COUNTERATTACKS IN THE AACHEN SECTOR YESTERDAY. GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS PRESSED FORWARD FOR A MILE NEAR METZ YESTERDAY AGAINST SURPRISINGLY LIGHT OPPOSITION. ALLIED TROOPS HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCES IN THE VOSGES MOUNTAINS IN EASTERN FRANCE.

MORE THAN 1300 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS SATURATED COLOGNE YESTERDAY. THE BOMBING WAS DONE THROUGH CLOUDS. MORE THAN 800 YANK FIGHTERS WENT ALONG AS ESCORT.

RUSSIA:

EXTREMELY HEAVY FIGHTING IS GOING ON INSIDE BELGRADE. THE RUSSIANS HAVE THROWN TANKS INTO THE BATTLE AND FIGHTING IS NOW GOING ON IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY. THE RUSSIANS ARE ENTERTAINING THE REMNANTS OF THREE NAZI DIVISIONS. THE GERMANS HAVE NO ESCAPE ROUTE OUT OF THE CITY AND A BATTLE OF ANNIHILATION IS GOING ON. MORE THAN 4000 GERMANS HAVE BEEN KILLED SO FAR.

SOVIET TROOPS WERE LAST REPORTED 20 MILES TO THE WEST OF RIGA AND WERE CHASING A BROKEN GERMAN FORCE TOWARDS THE SEA. THE RUSSIANS HAVE SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE REPORTED OFFENSIVE TOWARDS EAST PRUSSIA FROM THE EAST BUT THE GERMANS TODAY SPOKE OF THE "TREMENDOUS WEIGHT OF THE SOVIET LAND ASSAULT" AND SAID THAT THE REDS HAD REACHED THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER. LONG RANGE RUSSIAN BOMBERS HAVE HEAVILY ATTACKED THREE KEY EAST PRUSSIAN CITIES. IN TRANSYLVANIA, RUSSIAN FORCES NOW HOLD 3/4 OF HUNGARIAN OCCUPIED TRANSYLVANIA AND RED COLUMNS ARE NOW HEADING DOWN TWO RIVER VALLEYS TOWARDS THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER. THE GERMANS ARE STILL SPEAKING OF A GREAT TANK BATTLE IN HUNGARY.

THERE HAS BEEN NO LATE NEWS CONCERNING THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN HUNGARY.

ITALY:

THE ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY HAVE GAINED MORE GROUND DESPITE TOUGH RESISTANCE, ESPECIALLY AT THE APPROACHES TO BOLOGNA. IN GREECE, THE BRITISH HAVE SET UP A DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN ATHENS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND CLOTHING TO THE GREEK PEOPLE. ALL OF THE BRITISH TROOPS TAKEN TO ATHENS BY SEA HAVE BEEN UNLOADED. MORE BRITISH AIRBORNE TROOPS HAVE BEEN DROPPED NEAR ATHENS. BRITISH FORCES HAVE TAKEN ONE OF THE DODECANESE ISLANDS IN THE AEGEAN SEA. THEY MET NO OPPOSITION. THE GREEK PREMIER AND MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET ARRIVED IN ATHENS YESTERDAY.

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PACIFIC:

SUPPER FORCES IN THEIR LARGE SCALE ATTACK ON FORMOSA YESTERDAY HIT A BIG JAP AIRFIELD AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND AND ALSO HIT A BIG SUPPLY DEPOT. ADMIRAL NIMITZ HAS REVEALED THAT FOUR WEEKS AGO, AMERICAN TROOPS OCCUPIED ULITHI ATOLL AND SIX NEIGHBORING ISLANDS IN THE WESTERN CAROLINES. THE LANDINGS WERE UNOPPOSED.

ALLIED BOMBERS, IN SPITE OF BAD WEATHER, HAVE LAID MINES OFF THE COAST OF BURMA.



HE SAYS THE MEN CAN GO TO BED NOW - HE'LL TAKE CARE OF ANY JERRY PARATROOPERS.