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FRANCE:

BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS HAVE ENTERED THE OUTSKIRTS OF HERTOGEN-BOSCH WEST OF THE BRITISH NETHERLANDS SALIENT. TWO OTHER BRITISH COLUMNS ARE CLOSING IN ON THE TOWN. ONE COLUMN IS LESS THAN TWO MILES AWAY WHILE THE OTHER IS ABOUT THREE MILES FROM THE IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TOWN. TO THE WEST, UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADIAN TROOPS ACROSS THE DUTCH BORDER ARE ABOUT FOUR MILES FROM ROOSENDAHL. CANADIAN TROOPS ARE ENGAGED IN HEAVY FIGHTING IN THE WATER-LOGGED COUNTRY AROUND THE PORT OF BRESKENS. OTHER CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE ONCE AGAIN CUT THE CAUSEWAY RUNNING FROM WALCHEFEN ISLAND IN THE SCHELDT ESTUARY TO THE MAINLAND.

LAST NIGHT, MORE THAN 1000 RAF HEAVY BOMBERS BUCKED SNOW STORMS OVER THE CONTINENT TO STAGE A CONCENTRATED BOMBING ATTACK ON THE RAIL CENTER OF ESSEN. ESSEN, THE HOME OF THE GREAT KRUPP GUN WORKS, HAS NOT HAD A MAJOR BOMBING ATTACK SINCE LAST APRIL. THE LUFTWAFFE SENT UP SOME NIGHT FIGHTERS TO DEFEND THE CITY AND FLAK WAS VERY INTENSE. BRITISH NIGHT FIGHTERS WENT ALONG AS ESCORT AND SHOT UP SEVERAL GERMAN AIRFIELDS. BERLIN ALSO BOMBED.

THERE WERE NO IMPORTANT CHANGES ON THE REMAINDER OF THE ALLIED FRONTS IN THE WEST.

RUSSIA:

FOLLOWING MARSHALL STALIN'S ORDER OF THE DAY LAST NIGHT SAYING THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD BROKEN INTO EAST PRUSSIA ON A 90 MILE FRONT FOR A DEPTH OF 20 MILES, THE GERMAN RADIO STATED THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD EXPANDED THEIR 90 MILE FRONT AND HAD BROKEN THROUGH THE GERMAN DEFENSES UP TO A DEPTH OF 35 MILES INSIDE THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER. RUSSIAN VANGUARDS ARE RACING FOR KONIGSBERG, THE CAPITAL OF EAST PRUSSIA, FROM FOUR DIFFERENT POINTS. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS FIGHTING THE REDS HAVE KILLED THOUSANDS OF GERMANS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER AND HAVE CLEARED A 60 MILE STRETCH OF THE NIEMEN RIVER AND HAVE CAPTURED THE IMPORTANT TOWNS OF SUWALKI AND GOLDAP.

GENERAL CHERNYAKHOVSKY'S TROOPS AFTER AN ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT AERIAL AND AIR BOMBARDMENT STORMED TWO GERMAN DEFENSE LINES. TANKS AND INFANTRY FOLLOWING THE ASSAULT TROOPS THEN BOLTED INTO OPEN COUNTRY. THE RUSSIANS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN MORE THAN 400 TOWNS AND VILLAGES. OTHER RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE CLEARED ALL OF THE LITHUANIAN COAST EXCEPT MEMEL AND ARE POISED FOR A NEW THRUST AT EAST PRUSSIA FROM THE NORTH. MOSCOW RADIO SAID LAST NIGHT THAT THE RUSSIANS "WILL NOW DEAL THE GERMAN BEASTS DEVASTATING BLOWS IN EAST PRUSSIA AND THAT THE SOVIET FORCES WILL CONTINUE ON UNTIL THEY HAVE MET AND SHOOK HANDS WITH THEIR AMERICAN AND BRITISH ALLIES LESS THAN 700 MILES AWAY."

MARSHALL MALINOVSKY'S FORCES IN NORTHERN HUNGARY HAVE ADVANCED 50 MILES IN THREE DAYS AND HAVE REACHED THE RIVER TISZA AND HAVE TAKEN A TOWN 10 MILES FROM THE BORDER OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

ENGLAND:

THE GERMANS LAUNCHED MORE FLYING BOMBS AGAINST SOUTHERN ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT FROM PARENT PLANES OVER THE NORTH SEA. THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS HAVE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED THE ADMINISTRATION OF GENERAL DE GAULLE AS THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE.

ITALY:

AMERICAN TROOPS OF THE FIFTH ARMY HAVE MADE SMALL GAINS SOUTH OF BOLOGNA. CANADIAN TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE OCCUPIED CERVIA, 20 MILES BEYOND RIMINI. THE GERMANS ARE DESPERATELY COUNTERATTACKING AT THE TWO BRITISH BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE SAVIO RIVER ABOVE CESENA.

BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE HAVE SWEEPED THROUGH LAMIA ABOUT 100 MILES NORTHWEST OF ATHENS. BRITISH PATROLS ARE PUSHING PAST THE CITY. THE GERMANS ARE FLEEING DOWN THE ROAD TO LARISSA.

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PACIFIC:

THREE ISLANDS FLANKING THE EASTERN APPROACHES TO LEYTE HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE AMERICANS. YANK TROOPS ON LEYTE HAVE MADE FRESH ADVANCES ALONG A 19 MILE FRONT. THEY HAVE TAKEN MANY TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND HAVE DRIVEN THREE MILES PAST TACIOBAN, THE CAPITAL OF THE ISLAND. ONE COLUMN SPEARHEADED BY TANKS HAS DRIVEN INLAND FOR 7 MILES.

AMERICAN CARRIER BORNE PLANES ARE SMASHING JAP ATTEMPTS TO FORM FOR A COUNTER-ATTACK. HEAVY GUNS FROM NAVAL CRAFT OFFSHORE ARE PULVERIZING JAP CONCRETE PILL-BOXES.

BRITISH FOURTEENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE PUSHED FOR 11 MILES DOWN THE ROAD BETWEEN TIDDIM AND FORT WHITE IN BURMA.

