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FRANCE:

THE GERMAN FIFTEENTH ARMY IS WITHDRAWING FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN NETHERLANDS UNDER CONSTANT PRESSURE FROM THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY AND THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY. BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED ALL BUT A SMALL PART OF TILBURG AND LAST NIGHT BRITISH ARMOR HAD DASHED SEVERAL MILES BEYOND THAT TOWN. THE BRITISH ALSO HOLD THE ROAD RUNNING BETWEEN HERTOGENBOSCH AND TILBURG AND HAVE DRAWN CLOSER TO ROOSSENDAHL. THE BIG TOWN OF BREDA IS NOW SHARPLY THREATENED BY THE GERMAN WITHDRAWAL. THE WHOLE OF THE LEFT FLANK OF THE GERMAN DEFENSE LINE SOUTH OF THE RIVER MAAS HAS COLLAPSED. EVERYTHING NOW DEPENDS ON THE WEATHER. IF THE WEATHER REMAINS CLEAR LIKE IT WAS TODAY, BRITISH BOMBERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS MAY WELL SHATTER THE RETREATING COLUMNS OF THE FIFTEENTH ARMY. CANADIAN FORCES TODAY TOOK THE TOWN OF BERGEN OP ZOOM. OTHER CANADIANS IN THE SCHELDT POCKET HAVE DRIVEN THE GERMANS INTO AN AREA 14 MILES LONG AND 6 MILES WIDE. ABOUT 12,000 NAZIS ARE LEFT IN THE POCKET. IN THE PAST WEEK, CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE TAKEN MORE THAN 6000 PRISONERS IN THE SCHELDT POCKET.

THE CANADIAN TROOPS THAT LANDED ON SOUTH BEVELAND ARE STEADILY EXPANDING THEIR BRIDGEHEAD AND HAVE BEATEN OFF MORE COUNTERATTACKS. CANADIAN TROOPS ADVANCING DOWN THE CAUSEWAY OF SOUTH BEVELAND PENINSULA HAVE CLEARED AN 11 MILE STRETCH OF LAND AND WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 7 MILES FROM THE CANADIAN TROOPS THAT MADE THE LANDING ON THE PENINSULA. RAF HEAVY BOMBERS WITH A SPITFIRE ESCORT TODAY BOMBED THE GERMAN GUN POSITIONS ON WALCHEREN ISLAND.

THE GERMANS IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO RELIEVE THE TERRIFIC PRESSURE BEING EXERCISED ON THEIR FIFTEENTH ARMY IN WESTERN HOLLAND HAVE BEEN COUNTERATTACKING AT THE EASTERN END OF THE NIJMEGEN SALIENT NEAR THE TOWN OF VENLO. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GAIN SOME GROUND HERE.

MORE THAN 350 FLYING FORTRESSES TODAY ATTACKED THE GERMANS TOWNS OF HAMM AND MUNSTER.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS ARE STRIVING MIGHTILY TO KEEP THE EAST PRUSSIAN GATE TO GERMANY CLOSED. MOSCOW RADIO REPORTS HUGE TANK AND INFANTRY BATTLES RAGING IN EAST PRUSSIA. ON ONE SMALL SECTOR ALONE THE NAZIS COUNTERATTACKED 20 TIMES YESTERDAY BUT WERE BEATEN BACK EACH TIME. IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING THE NAZIS LOST ANOTHER 3000 MEN AND 100 TANKS. MANY OF THE GERMAN DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN BADLY BATTERED AND CUT UP AND THEIR RESERVES ALMOST EXHAUSTED. IN NORTHEAST HUNGARY THE GERMANS HAVE THROWN IN MORE TANKS AND INFANTRY IN AN ATTEMPT TO CHECK THE RED ADVANCE. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE SOVIETS ARE ALMOST OUT OF RUTHANIA AND ARE NEARING THE EASTERN BORDER OF SLOVAKIA. THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY SAID YESTERDAY THAT "AN IMPORTANT SUCCESS" REGARDING POLAND WAS ATTAINED AT THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE.

ENGLAND:

GOEBBELS LAST NIGHT MADE ANOTHER APPEAL TO THE GERMANS TO KEEP UP THE FIGHT AT ALL COSTS. RAF MOSQUITO BOMBERS MADE TWO SEPERATE ATTACKS ON BERLIN LAST NIGHT AND ALSO HIT OTHER TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY. ALL THE BOMBERS RETURNED.

ITALY:

EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER ALL ALONG THE FRONT IN ITALY HAS BROUGHT MILITARY OPERATIONS TO A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL. THE BRITISH HAVE LANDED ON ANOTHER ISLAND IN THE DODOCANESE GROUP IN THE AEGEAN SEA. THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY SAID LAST NIGHT THAT THE GERMANS ARE PULLING THEIR TROOPS OUT OF GREECE. THE RAF IS CONSTANTLY HARASSING THE RETREATING COLUMNS.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS ON LEYTE ISLAND HAVE ADVANCED FROM NINE TO FOURTEEN MILES ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT. THE YANKS NOW CONTROL THE WHOLE EASTERN FRONT OF THE ISLAND.

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ABOUT 14,000 JAPS, HALF THE FORCE ON LEYTE, HAVE BEEN KILLED ALREADY IN THE WEEK OF FIGHTING. AMERICAN CASUALTIES SO FAR HAVE BEEN JUST OVER 2000. THE JAPS ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF DISORGANIZATION AND DISENTEGRATION ON LEYTE. VIRTUALLY ALL OF NEIGHBORING SAMAR ISLAND IS NOW CONTROLLED BY AMERICAN TROOPS. GUERRILLA BANDS ON THE ISLAND ARE GREATLY AIDING THE AMERICAN TROOPS.

THERE STILL HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL TOTAL OF SHIPS LOST BY BOTH SIDES IN THE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE THAT TOOK PLACE OFF THE PHILIPPINES. THE LATEST SCORE IS AS FOLLOWS: JAPS: TWO BATTLESHIPS, TWO CARRIERS, FIVE CRUISERS AND 3 DESTROYERS WERE SUNK. TWENTY OTHER JAP SHIPS WERE DAMAGED... UNITED STATES: THREE CARRIERS WERE SUNK (ONE LIGHT CARRIER AND TWO ESCORT CARRIERS--"BABY FLAT TOPS"), TWO DESTROYERS AND ONE DESTROYER ESCORT WERE ALSO SUNK.

THE CHINESE SAID TODAY THAT THE JAPS HAD LAUNCHED A MAJOR ATTACK ON KWEILIN IN CHINA. THE ADVANCE OF THE BRITISH FOURTEENTH ARMY DOWN THE TIDDIM-FORT WHITE ROAD IN BURMA HAS BEEN HALTED BY A STIFF JAP DEFENSE.

