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FRANCE:

THE WHOLE OF THE ALLIED FRONT IN THE WESTERN NETHERLANDS IS MOVING SWIFTLY FORWARD TO THE RIVER MAAS. BOTH THE BRITISH SECOND AND THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY ARE PRESSING FORWARD. THE BIG COMMUNICATION CENTER OF BREDA WAS LIBERATED YESTERDAY AND TWO POWERFUL COLUMNS ARE DRIVING ON PAST THE TOWN TOWARDS THE MAAS AND WERE LAST REPORTED ABOUT THREE MILES FROM THE RIVER. BRITISH TANKS ARE RACING FOR THE GERMANS' MAIN CROSSING POINT AND WERE WITHIN EIGHT MILES OF IT THIS MORNING. THE GERMANS ARE CROSSING THE RIVER IN GOOD ORDER BUT ARE BEING CONSTANTLY HAMMERED BY ALLIED PLANES. AMERICAN TROOPS ARE FIGHTING IN THE AREA OF ROOSENDAAL UNDER CANADIAN COMMAND. BRITISH B-25'S HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED THE BRIDGE OVER THE MAAS RIVER AT ROERMUND. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE TAKEN TWO MORE SMALL TOWNS IN THE SCHELDT POCKET AND HAVE COMPRESSED THE GERMANS INTO AN AREA 10 MILES BY 8 MILES. THE MAIN CANADIAN FORCES ON SOUTH BEVELAND HAVE LINKED UP WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES WHO HELD THE BRIDGEHEAD THERE. THE GERMANS HAVE AGAIN COUNTERATTACKED AT THE EASTERN FLANK OF THE NIJMEGEN SALIENT BUT HAVE BEEN HELD BY AMERICAN FORCES. THE GERMANS WERE SUPPORTED IN THEIR COUNTERATTACKS BY 50 TANKS AND SOME PLANES. YESTERDAY, STRONG FORCES OF ALLIED BOMBERS ATTACKED THE WALCHEHEN ISLAND DEFENSES AND MOST OF THE ISLAND IS NOW UNDER WATER.

RAF MOSQUITOS MADE ANOTHER "DOUBLE RAID" ON COLOGNE LAST NIGHT. THE CITY WAS ATTACKED TWICE DURING THE NIGHT IN A SPACE OF A FEW HOURS. CREWS FOUND THE CITY STILL BURNING FROM SATURDAY'S ATTACK. BRITISH FIGHTER COMMAND MOSQUITOS RANGED FAR AND WIDE OVER GERMANY DURING THE NIGHT. THEY ATTACKED TARGETS ALL THE WAY FROM THE BALTIC COAST TO SOUTHERN GERMANY. INTRUDER AIRCRAFT ATTACKED GERMAN AIRFIELDS LAST NIGHT. RAF LANCASTERS MADE A DAYLIGHT ATTACK ON THE SUPER DREADNOUGHT, "TIRPITZ" YESTERDAY AND SCORED AT LEAST ONE HIT ON HER WITH A 12,000 POUND BOMB. THE GERMANS REPORTED ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS OVER THE REICH TODAY.

RUSSIA:

THERE HAS BEEN A TEMPORARY STALEMATE ON THE EAST PRUSSIAN FRONT ALTHOUGH BITTER FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON THERE. THE GERMANS SAY THAT RED TROOPS ARE EXERTING TERRIFIC PRESSURE ON THE TRAPPED NAZI TROOPS IN LATVIA. RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE RAILWAY JUNCTION OF CSAP ON THE BORDER OF RUTHANIA AND HUNGARY AND ARE NOW POISED FOR A POWERFUL THRUST INTO NORTH HUNGARY.

ITALY:

THE WEATHER HAS CLEARED SOMEWHAT IN ITALY AND MILITARY OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN RESUMED. IN GREECE, BRITISH TROOPS AFTER A BRUSH WITH NAZI REARGUARDS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN ABOUT 40 MILES FROM THE NORTHERN BORDER OF GREECE. GERMAN TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE PULLING OUT OF THE BIG CITY OF SALONIKA. THE GERMANS RETREATING INTO YUGOSLAVIA ARE BEING CONSTANTLY HARRIED BY YUGOSLAV PATRIOTS.

PACIFIC:

ADMIRAL NIMITZ HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE JAPS LOST 24 WARSHIPS IN THE BIG BATTLE OFF THE PHILIPPINES LAST WEEK. ALL BUT 2 OF THE 60 JAP SHIPS ENGAGED WERE SUNK OR DAMAGED. THE JAP SHIPS SUNK INCLUDED 4 CARRIERS, 2 BATTLESHIPS, 6 HEAVY CRUISERS AND AT LEAST 10 DESTROYERS. THIRTEEN JAP SHIPS WERE PROBABLY SUNK. THESE INCLUDED: 1 BATTLESHIP, 1 LARGE CARRIER, AND 3 HEAVY CRUISERS. U.S. LOSSES WERE: 1 LIGHT CARRIER AND 2 ESCORT CARRIERS, 2 DESTROYERS, 1 DESTROYER ESCORT AND SMALLER CRAFT. THE JAP RADIO TODAY REPORTED ANOTHER NAVAL BATTLE RAGING OFF THE PHILIPPINES.

YANK TROOPS NOW HOLD 2/3 OF LEYTE AND ALL ORGANIZED JAP RESISTANCE IN LEYTE VALLEY HAS CEASED. JAP GARRISONS ON SAMAR ARE SAID TO BE IN A HELPLESS POSITION. CHURCHES WERE OPEN IN THE FREED AREAS YESTERDAY. MORE THAN 1 1/2 MILLION NATIVES ON THE TWO ISLANDS HAVE BEEN FREED.

AMERICAN BOMBERS IN RAIDS ON OTHER PHILIPPINE ISLANDS YESTERDAY, DESTROYED 33 JAP PLANES ON THE GROUND.