UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS DRIVING ACROSS WESTERN HOLLAND ARE REPORTED TO HAVE
REACHED THE RIVER MAAS. ONE OF THE ALLIED COLUMNS IS CLOSING IN ON ONE OF THE
GERMAN ESCAPE BRIDGES. THE BROKEN GERMAN FIFTEENTH ARMY IS FALLING BACK SO FAST
THAT IN MANY PLACES ALLIED TROOPS HAVE LOST CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. YESTERDAY,
AMERICAN AND CANADIAN FORCES LIBERATED ROOSENDAAL AND WERE WITHIN THREE MILES OF
STEENBERGER. BRITISH TROOPS YESTERDAY LIBERATED THE TOWN OF OSTERHOUT. BRITISH
GUNS WERE SHELLING THE GERMAN CROSSINGS ALL DAY YESTERDAY AND SPITFIRES BLASTED
GERMAN VEHICLES TRYING TO GET ACROSS THE RIVER.

THE BATTLE TO CLEAR THE APPROACHES TO ANTV/ERP IS NEARING ITS CLOSE. UNITED
KINGDOM AND CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE FINISHED MOPPING UP ON THE ISLAND OF SOUTH BEVE-
LAND AND TOOK 2500 PRISONERS. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE CAUSEWAY LEADING
TO WALCHEREN ISLAND. IN THE SCHELDT POCKET, CANADIAN FORCES HAVE TAKEN 7000
GERMAN PRISONERS OUT OF THE 10,000 NAZIS THAT WERE LEFT IN THE POCKET AND THE
ALLIED TROOPS ARE DRIVING THE REMAINING 3000 INTO AN AREA 5 MILES SQUARE. AMERICAN
THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE TOWN OF BAIJIZIES NEAR MERTZ.

MORE THAN 850 RAF HEAVY BOMBERS GAVE COLOGNE ITS WORST BATTERING OF THE WAR
LAST NIGHT THAT UNLOADED MORE THAN 4000 TONS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY
BOMBS ON THAT Dying CITY. IT WAS THE SEVENTH ATTACK ON THAT CITY IN THREE DAYS,
THE GERMANS SIGNED UP SOME JET PROPELLED FIGHTERS TO DEFEND THE CITY BUT ALL OF THE
800 BOMBERS RETURNED. LAST NIGHT, MOSQUITO BOMBERS MADE TWO SEPARATE RAIDS ON
BERLIN AND INTRUDED AIRCRAFT SHOT UP GERMAN AIRFIELDS. FROM THESE OPERATIONS,
TWO PLANES ARE MISSING. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, AMERICAN AND BRITISH HEAVIES
PLASTERED THE GERMAN RAIL CENTERS OF HAMM AND MUNSTER AND OIL PLANTS IN HAMBURG
AND THE COLOGNE AREA. ROYAL NAVY CARRIER PLANES OPERATING WITH THE HOME FLEET OFF
THE WATERS OF NORTHERN NORWAY HAVE SUNK OR DAMAGED 28 SHIPS. THEY ALSO ATTACKED
U-BOAT DEPOTS, OIL TANKS AND SHORE BATTERIES.

FRANCE:

ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS, THE RUSSIANS IN HUNGARY HAVE DRIVEN INTO THE TOWN
OF KECSEKET 45 MILES SOUTH OF BUDAPEST AND THE GERMANS SAY THAT VIOLENT FIGHTING
IS GOING ON THERE. THE GERMANS ALSO SAY THAT THE REDS HAVE STARTED NEW ATTACKS
SOUTH OF THE EAST RUSSIAN BORDER ACROSS FROM THE NAREV BRIDGEHEAD. RUSSIA SAID
NOTHING ABOUT THESE REPORTED ATTKS. THE SOVIETS HAVE KEPT UP THEIR ADVANCE IN
EASTERN CHROMOSLOVAKIA AND HAVE TAKEN 23,000 PRISONERS THERE IN THE PAST TEN DAYS.
RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE ALSO PUSHING AHEAD IN NORTHEAST HUNGARY.

ITALY:

THE WEATHER HAS IMPROVED IN ITALY BUT THE GROUND IS STILL VERY MUDDY AND BIG
SCALE OPERATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE RESUMED FOR SEVERAL DAYS. INDIAN TROOPS
OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE EXPANDED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE RONCA RIVER SOUTH OF
POURL. IN GREECE, BRITISH TROOPS AND GREEK GUERRILLAS ARE STILL HARRASSING THE
RETREATING GERMANS. YUGOSLAV PARTISANS HAVE LIBERATED A TOWN ABOUT EIGHT MILES FROM
THE YUGOSLAV BORDER NEAR ELIMINATING THE GERMAN GARRISON THERE.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS ON LUZON HAVE ADVANCED TO WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE WESTERN COAST
OF THE ISLAND. THE JAPS ARE TRYING TO FERRY REINFORCEMENTS OVER TO LUZON FROM
NEIGHBORING ISLANDS DURING THE NIGHT. GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS PLACED JAP CASUALTIES
ON LUZON IN THE FIRST 10 DAYS OF FIGHTING AT 24,000. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES AT-
TACKING OTHER ISLANDS IN THE PHILIPPINES OVER THE WEEKEND PROBABLY SUNK A HEAVY
JAP CRUISER AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED 2 OTHER HEAVY CRUISERS IN MANILA HARBOR. NINET
JAP PLANES WERE DESTROYED ON LUZON.

BRITISH AND JAPANESE TROOPS ARE ENGAGED IN BITTER FIGHTING IN THE CHIN HILLS IN
NORTHWEST BURMA. OTHER BRITISH TROOPS HAVE PUSHED FURTHER DOWN THE RAILROAD LEAD-
ING TO MANILA.