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FRANCE:

THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT ALLIED TROOPS THIS MORNING HAD LANDED ON WALCHEREN ISLAND AND THAT VIOLENT FIGHTING WAS GOING ON IN THE CITY OF FLUSHING AND ITS HARBOR. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THIS REPORT. CANADIAN FORCES ADVANCING DOWN THE CAUSEWAY LINKING SOUTH BEVELAND WITH WALCHEREN HAVE ALMOST REACHED THE ISLAND OF WALCHEREN AFTER ADVANCING THROUGH A HAIL OF MORTAR SHELLS. LAST NIGHT MOSQUITOS ATTACKED GERMAN DEFENSE POSITIONS IN FLUSHING. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE FURTHER COMPRESSED THE SCHELDT POCKET AND HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER 500 PRISONERS.

ALLIED TROOPS IN WESTERN HOLLAND ARE SWEEPING TOWARDS THE MAAS RIVER ALL ALONG THE FRONT. ONE BRITISH COLUMN HAS REACHED THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE MAAS AND HAVE GAINED CONTROL OF ONE OF THE BIG GERMAN ESCAPE BRIDGES ACROSS THE RIVER. AN AMERICAN COLUMN WAS LAST REPORTED LESS THAN THREE MILES FROM ANOTHER BIG ESCAPE BRIDGE. THE SKILLFULLY RETREATING GERMAN FIFTEENTH ARMY IS NOW USING ONE BIG BRIDGE AND FERRIES TO GET THEIR TROOPS ACROSS THE RIVER. GERMAN REAR GUARDS LEFT BEHIND TO DELAY THE ALLIED ADVANCE ARE FIGHTING DESPERATELY AND ARE GREATLY AIDING THE REMAINDER OF THE MAIN FORCE TO GET AWAY. ALL DAY YESTERDAY, THE GERMAN WITHDRAWAL MOVEMENTS WERE COVERED BY A THICK FOG. ALLIED AIRCRAFT COULD NOT LOCATE GERMAN VEHICLES THROUGH THE MISTS. THE NAZIS ARE STILL COUNTERATTACKING AT THE EASTERN FLANK OF THE BRITISH SALIENT IN HOLLAND AND YESTERDAY SUCCEEDED IN PENETRATING AMERICAN POSITIONS FOR A DEPTH OF THREE TO FOUR MILES BUT WERE CHECKED WHEN BRITISH RESERVES WERE THROWN INTO THE BATTLE. THE GERMANS WERE COUNTERATTACKING AGAIN TODAY BUT GAINED NO GROUND. IT HAS BEEN REVEALED THAT AT LEAST THREE AMERICAN DIVISIONS ARE FIGHTING UNDER FIELD MARSHALL MONTGOMERY IN WESTERN HOLLAND. AMERICAN AND FRENCH TROOPS ARE ENGAGED IN BITTER FIGHTING IN THE VOSGES MOUNTAINS. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE LAUNCHED A STRONG ATTACK SOUTHEAST OF LUNEVILLE. AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE PUSHING ON PAST MAIZIERES.

THE BATTERED AND ELASTED CITY OF COLOGNE WAS AGAIN VISITED BY THE RAF LAST NIGHT. MOSQUITOS ATTACKED THE CITY JUST AFTER DARK AND LATER MORE THAN 500 RAF HEAVIES DUMPED MORE THAN 2500 TONS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY BOMBS ON COLOGNE. THE BRITISH AIR MINISTRY SAID TODAY "THAT THEY ARE DETERMINED TO PUT COLOGNE OUT OF THE FIGHT." OTHER MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT DROPPED IN ON HAMBURG AND NIGHT INTRUDERS SHOT UP GERMAN AIRFIELDS. TODAY, MORE THAN 300 ESCORTED AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ATTACKED SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS AND RAIL YARDS IN WESTERN GERMANY."

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN TANKS AND INFANTRY IN GREAT NUMBERS HAVE LASHED OUT IN A NEW POWERFUL BLOW AT BUDAPEST FROM THE SOUTH. RED INFANTRYMEN HAVE STORMED INTO THE BIG RAIL AND COMMUNICATION CENTER OF KECSKEMET AND VIOLENT STREET FIGHTING IS GOING ON THERE. RUSSIAN TANKS HAVE WHEELED AROUND KECSKEMET AND HAVE STRUCK NORTH TOWARDS BUDAPEST. THEY WERE LAST REPORTED TO BE WITHIN 45 MILES OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL. THE GERMANS ADMITTED TODAY THAT MASSES OF SOVIET TANKS AND MOBILE ARTILLERY WERE CLOSING IN ON BUDAPEST FROM THE SOUTH. NORTH OF DEBRECZEN IN NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY THE RUSSIANS HAVE CAPTURED MORE THAN 50 TOWNS AND ARE GRINDING AHEAD STEADILY.

ENGLAND:

THE GERMANS SENT MORE FLYING BOMBS AGAINST SOUTHERN ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT. ONE OF THE PARENT LAUNCHING PLANES WAS SHOT DOWN.

ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY PATROLS ARE REPORTED TO BE IN SIGHT OF RAVENNA. AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE BEAT BACK FANATIC NAZI COUNTERATTACKS SOUTH OF BOLOGNA. YESTERDAY ALLIED HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY HIT TARGETS IN YUGOSLAVIA.

BRITISH PATROLS HAVE ENTERED SALONIKA AND THE GERMANS ADMIT EVACUATING THAT CITY. THE LIBERATION OF THE WHOLE OF GREECE IS NEAR AS THE GERMANS POUR OUT OF THAT COUNTRY UNDER CONSTANT AIR ATTACK BY THE RAF. THE GERMANS REPORTED ALLIED Bomber FORMATIONS OVER SOUTHERN AUSTRIA TODAY.

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PACIFIC:

THE JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY TODAY SAID THAT ALLIED FOUR MOTORED BOMBERS WERE OVER JAPAN AND SAID THAT SOME OF THE BOMBERS WERE OVER TOKIO. ALLIED SOURCES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THIS REPORT. IF THE REPORT IS TRUE, IT WILL BE THE FIRST RAID ON THE JAPANESE CAPITAL SINCE GENERAL DOOLITTLE LEAD A GROUP OF CARRIER BORNE B-25'S OVER THE CITY IN 1942.

AMERICAN TROOPS ON LEYTE ISLAND ARE NOT MEETING SERIOUS OPPOSITION FROM THE JAPS. ADMIRAL NIMITZ ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS THE AMERICAN THIRD AND SEVENTH FLEETS HAVE DESTROYED 2594 JAP PLANES. THE JAPANESE SAY THAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT REINFORCEMENTS OVER TO PELELIEU ISLAND IN THE PALAU GROUP AND SAY THAT THEY ARE COUNTERATTACKING THE AMERICANS THERE. AMERICAN TROOPS HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SOME TIME AGO THAT THE ONLY JAPS LEFT ON THE ISLAND WERE THOSE HOLDING OUT IN SCATTERED POCKETS OF RESISTANCE. ALLIED SOURCES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THAT THE JAPS ARE COUNTERATTACKING ON PELELIEU.

IN BURMA, BRITISH TROOPS HAVE PUSHED FURTHER DOWN THE RAILWAY BETWEEN MOGAUNG AND MANDALAY IN THE FACE OF STUBBORN JAPANESE RESISTANCE.

