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FRANCE:

ROYAL MARINES AND BRITISH COMMANDOS WHO LANDED ON WALCHEREN ISLAND IN THE SCHELDT ESTUARY YESTERDAY MORNING NOW HOLD TWO FIRMLY ESTABLISHED BRIDGEHEADS AND HAVE PUSHED INLAND. THE BRITISH TROOPS HOLD SEVERAL MILES OF THE COASTLINE OF THE ISLAND AND HAVE TAKEN A LARGE PART OF THE TOWN OF FLUSHING. BATTLESHIPS AND SMALLER NAVAL CRAFT ALONG WITH ROCKET FIRING LANDING CRAFT SUPPORTED THE AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS. GERMAN OPPOSITION WAS STRONG AND BRITISH CASUALTIES WERE FAIRLY HEAVY. AT THE WESTERN END OF THE ISLAND, CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE BATTLED THEIR WAY ACROSS THE CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SOUTH BEVELAND AND WALCHEREN AND WERE LAST REPORTED TO BE ENGAGED IN BITTER FIGHTING WITH SAVAGELY RESISTING GERMANS ABOUT 200 YARDS INSIDE WALCHEREN. THERE ARE ABOUT 7000 TO 10,000 GERMAN TROOPS ON WALCHEREN AND THEY ARE EXPECTED TO PUT UP A STRONG FIGHT FOR THE ISLAND. IN THE SCHELDT POCKET, CANADIANS HAVE ENTERED KNOCKE, THE LAST PLACE OF ANY SIZE IN THE POCKET.

BRITISH TROOPS NOW HOLD MORE THAN A MILE OF THE SOUTH BANK OF THE MAAS RIVER IN WESTERN HOLLAND AND THEY HAVE SEALED OFF ONE OF THE GERMAN ESCAPE BRIDGES. ANOTHER OF THE TWO REMAINING ESCAPE BRIDGES IS CLOSELY THREATENED BY AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TROOPS. AT THE EASTERN FLANK OF THE NIJMEGEN SALIENT, ALLIED TROOPS HAVE REGAINED MOST OF THE GROUND LOST TO THE GERMANS IN THEIR RECENT COUNTERATTACKS.

RAF HEAVY BOMBERS LAST NIGHT ATTACKED OBERHAUSEN IN WESTERN GERMANY. SEVERAL SQUADRONS OF MOSQUITOS BOMBED BERLIN AND ANOTHER FORCE OF MOSQUITOS ATTACKED THE OFT BOMBED CITY OF COLOGNE. THE PILOTS REPORTED SEEING SOME JET PROPELLED MESSECHMITT FIGHTERS OVER COLOGNE. YESTERDAY, AMERICAN HEAVIES ATTACKED TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY. ON TUESDAY, MOSQUITO BOMBERS DESTROYED THE GESTAPO HEADQUARTERS AT AARHUS IN JUTLAND. TWENTY FOUR (24) PLANES MADE A PRECISION ATTACK ON THE GESTAPO HEADQUARTERS. ALL THE PLANES RETURNED.

RUSSIA:

POWERFUL RUSSIAN TANK AND INFANTRY FORCES SUPPORTED BY A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF SELF PROPELLED GUNS ARE RACING UP THE BROAD AVENUE BETWEEN THE DANUBE AND TISZA RIVERS IN HUNGARY AND ARE HEADING FOR BUDAPEST. THE SOVIETS AFTER LIBERATING THE BIG RAIL AND COMMUNICATION CENTER OF KECSKEMET YESTERDAY WERE LAST REPORTED TEN MILES PAST THAT CITY AND WERE WITHIN 35 MILES OF BUDAPEST. IN THE FIGHT FOR KECSKEMET, THE REDS KNOCKED OUT 40 NAZI TANKS AND SEVERAL SELF PROPELLED GUNS AND KILLED MORE THAN 2000 GERMANS. IN NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY, THE RUSSIANS HAVE MADE BIG GAINS NEAR THE NORTHERN TISZA RIVER. MARSHALL TITO AND THE YUGOSLAV PREMIER HAVE AGREED ON THE FORMATION AND MANNER OF COMPOSITION OF A UNIFIED GOVERNMENT IN YUGOSLAVIA.

ITALY:

TROOPS OF THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY ARE LOCKED IN BITTER FIGHTING WITH THE GERMANS AROUND THE AIRFIELD AT FORLI. FORLI IS ABOUT HALFWAY BETWEEN RIMINI AND BOLOGNA. THE TOWN IS NOW THREATENED BY EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH. AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER SMALL VILLAGE SOUTH OF BOLOGNA. STRONG FORCES OF ALLIED HEAVY BOMBERS YESTERDAY HIT INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNICATION TARGETS NEAR VIENNA. IN GREECE, BRITISH TROOPS ARE CHASING THE FLEEING NAZIS NORTH OF SALONIKA. THE DESPERATE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO BE USING FIRE ENGINES TO GET AWAY.

PACIFIC:

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S TROOPS ON LEYTE HAVE ADVANCED ANOTHER TWO MILES IN THEIR DRIVE TOWARDS THE NORTHERN COAST OF THE ISLAND. THEY ARE MEETING STIFFER OPPOSITION THAN USUAL FROM JAPANESE REAR GUARDS.

IN BURMA, TROOPS OF THE BRITISH 36TH DIVISION ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS DOWN THE RAILROAD BETWEEN MOGAUNG AND MANDALAY.

JAPANESE TROOPS HAVE BROKEN INTO THE OUTSKIRTS OF KWELIN IN SOUTHEAST CHINA.

