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FRANCE:

BRITISH, CANADIAN AND UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS ON WALCHEREN ISLAND NOW HOLD MORE THAN A HALF OF THE COASTLINE OF THE BIG ISLAND AND ALL BUT ONE OF THE BIG COASTAL GUNS DOMINATING THE SEA LANES LEADING TO THE PORT OF ANTWERP HAS BEEN SILENCED. UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS CONTROL ALL OF THE WEST COAST OF WALCHEREN AND HAVE COMPLETED THE LIBERATION OF THE CITY OF FLUSHING. CANADIANS WHO DROVE DOWN THE SOUTH BEVELAND-WALCHEREN CAUSEWAY HAVE JOINED UP WITH ANOTHER CANADIAN FORCE THAT MADE A SEABORNE LANDING YESTERDAY AND THIS COMBINED FORCE IS PUSHING INLAND. THIS FORCE WAS LAST REPORTED TWO MILES FROM THE BIG TOWN OF MIDDELBURG IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ISLAND. MOST OF THE GERMAN FORCE ESTIMATED AT 3500 ARE WITHDRAWING INLAND TO THE WATER-COVERED AREA OF THE ISLAND. OTHER SCATTERED GERMANS ARE TRYING TO GET AWAY IN SMALL BOATS. ALL GERMAN RESISTANCE IN THE "SCHELDT POCKET" HAS ENDED AND UP UNTIL THURSDAY NIGHT, 12,000 PRISONERS HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THIS CAMPAIGN. ALLIED TROOPS CLOSING IN ON THE MAAS RIVER NOW HOLD TWO BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE LAST WATER BARRIER BEFORE THE MAAS. MORE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AT THE EASTERN FLANK OF THE NIJMEGEN SALIENT WHERE AMERICAN AND BRITISH TROOPS ARE STRAIGHTENING OUT THE GERMAN BULGE IN THE ALLIED LINE.

THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY IN ITS NEW DRIVE SOUTHEAST OF AACHEN WAS LAST REPORTED 16 MILES INSIDE GERMANY AFTER A TWO MILE GAIN. GENERAL HODGES' TROOPS HAD ALL BUT CLEARED A LANE THROUGH THE HUTGEN FOREST. THE GERMANS COUNTERATTACKED NEAR MAIZIERES YESTERDAY BUT AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS BEAT THEM BACK.

MORE THAN 1200 HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 800 FIGHTERS TODAY ATTACKED OIL AND OTHER TARGETS IN GERMANY. THE GERMANS ALSO REPORTED OTHER AMERICAN BOMBERS OVER BAVARIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TODAY. LAST NIGHT, RAF MOSQUITOS PEPPERED BERLIN WITH FOUR THOUSAND POUND BOMBS AND RETURNED WITHOUT LOSING A PLANE. IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND THE RAF DROPPED OVER 100,000 TONS OF BOMBS ON GERMANY AND THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES.

RUSSIA:

HEAVY RAINS THAT TURNED THE GROUND TO MUD HAVE NOT STOPPED FLYING RUSSIAN TANKS AND CAVALRY FROM CLOSING IN ON BUDAPEST. THE GERMANS LAST PUT THE RED FORCES AT LESS THAN NINE MILES FROM THE CITY AND A MOSCOW REPORT SAYS THAT MARSHALL MALINOVSKY'S COLUMNS HAVE REACHED THE SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL. THE GERMANS ADMITTED THIS AFTERNOON THAT SOVIET GUNS WERE SHELLING THE CITY AND SAID THAT RUSSIAN PLANES WERE RAKING TARGETS IN THE CAPITAL. MALINOVSKY'S MAIN FORCES SPEARHEADED BY TANKS AND CAVALRY MADE OVER 20 MILES YESTERDAY. TWO COLUMNS WERE KNOWN TO BE CLOSING IN ON BUDAPEST FROM THE SOUTH BUT THE GERMANS TODAY SPOKE OF A THIRD RUSSIAN COLUMN OF TANKS JUST EAST OF THE CITY. THE NAZIS AND HUNGARIANS HAVE THROWN EVERY AVAILABLE MAN INTO THE BATTLE BEFORE THE CITY BUT THE RUSSIAN TANKS AND HORSEMEN ARE SLASHING THE GERMAN LINES TO PIECES. MOSCOW SAID TODAY THAT GERMAN ARMOR SOUTH OF THE CITY HAD BEEN "DECISIVELY DEFEATED."

IN EAST PRUSSIA, THE REDS HAVE BEATEN OFF A BIG GERMAN COUNTERATTACK OF TANKS AND INFANTRY NEAR GOLDAP. THE SWEDISH RADIO SAID TODAY THAT SWEDISH PATROLS LAST NIGHT FIRED ON GERMAN TROOPS WHO HAD CROSSED THE SWEDISH BORDER.

ITALY:

VERY BAD WEATHER HAS AGAIN LIMITED OPERATIONS IN ITALY TO PATROLLING. THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY HAD BEEN ON THE VERGE OF TAKING THE TOWN OF FORLI BEFORE THE GROUND TURNED TO MUD. SINCE THE START OF THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE IN ITALY AT THE FALL OF CASSINO, ALLIED CASUALTIES IN ITALY HAVE BEEN 116,150. GERMAN LOSSES FOR THE SAME PERIOD HAVE BEEN 194,000.

RAF PILOTS FLYING OVER GREECE SAY THAT THE WHOLE OF THE COUNTRY IS NOW CLEAR OF GERMANS. BRITISH PATROLS HAVE ALMOST REACHED THE YUGOSLAV BORDER. AS THE GERMANS FALL BACK INTO YUGOSLAVIA, THEY ARE CONSTANTLY BEING ATTACKED BY YUGOSLAV PATRIOT FORCES.

PACIFIC

THE JAPS HAVE AGAIN ATTEMPTED TO REINFORCE THEIR BELEAGUERED FORCES ON LEYTE ISLAND. FOUR JAPANESE FREIGHTERS ATTEMPTED TO LAND TROOPS AND SUPPLIES AT ONE OF THE PORTS ON THE WESTERN COAST OF THE ISLAND BUT THEY WERE CAUGHT BY AMERICAN PLANES AND SUNK. YANKS HAVE GAINED ANOTHER FIVE MILES IN THEIR DRIVE TOWARDS THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND. ADMIRAL NIMITZ ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SEVERAL SHIPS OF AN AMERICAN TASK FORCE WERE DAMAGED BY JAPANESE PLANES LAST WEDNESDAY.

WHILE AMERICAN SUPER FORTS ATTACKED TARGETS IN RANGOON YESTERDAY, BRITISH PLANES RAIDED JAPANESE AIR FIELDS AROUND THAT CITY. TROOPS OF THE FIFTH INDIAN DIVISION HAVE BROKEN THROUGH JAP DEFENSE POSITIONS ON THE TIDDIM-FORT WHITE ROAD IN BURMA FOR A DEPTH OF FOUR MILES.



SURE, EVERYONE HAD'A SWIG - DE OLD MAN POPED UP JUST WHEN IT GOT AROUND TO HIM.