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FRANCE:

GENERAL PATTON'S THREAT TO OUTFLANK METZ IS GROWING GREATER BY THE HOUR. YESTERDAY, THIRD ARMY TANKS AND INFANTRY MADE GOOD GAINS NORTHEAST, EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF THE GREAT FORTRESS TOWN. TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE TOWN OF METZ THE YANKS HOLD THREE BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE MOSELLE. THEIR MAIN BRIDGEHEAD HERE IS MORE THAN SEVEN MILES LONG AND MORE THAN THREE MILES DEEP. THIRD ARMY TROOPS IN THIS SECTOR WERE LAST REPORTED ABOUT TWO AND A HALF MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER. DIRECTLY DUE EAST OF METZ, THE AMERICAN SECOND AND SIXTH ARMORED DIVISIONS ARE ASTRIDE THE MAIN ROAD LINKING METZ WITH STRASBOURG IN THE SAAR BASIN. TO THE SOUTHEAST OF METZ, THE AMERICANS HAVE PUSHED ON PAST THE COMMUNICATION CENTER OF CHATEAU SALINS AND TANKS. ACROSS THE SELLE RIVER HAVE PUSHED FOR THREE MILES IN HILLY COUNTRY. RESISTANCE ALL ALONG THE FRONT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS LIGHT TO MODERATE. YESTERDAY, AMERICAN FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS RANGED OVER WIDE AREAS BETWEEN METZ AND NANCY SHOOTING UP AND BOMBING GERMAN TARGETS. IT APPEARS THAT THE NAZIS PLAN TO PUT UP A REAL FIGHT FOR THE TOWN OF METZ ITSELF AS THE FORTS AROUND THE CITY ARE WELL-MANNED. THE AMERICANS ARE AT ONE PLACE WITHIN FOUR MILES OF METZ.

RAF BOMBER COMMAND MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT ATTACKED HANNOVER AND OTHER TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY. NIGHT INTRUDER FIGHTERS WENT ALONG AND SHOT UP GERMAN AIRFIELDS. TODAY MORE THAN 450 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 400 FIGHTERS BOMBED SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS AT GEISENKIRCHEN IN GERMANY. A FORCE OF RAF LANCASTERS MADE A DAY-LIGHT ATTACK ON SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS IN THE RUHR.

THE REST OF THE ALLIED FRONT IN THE WEST WAS COMPARATIVELY QUIET.

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN AND YUGOSLAV FORCES HAVE BOLTED ACROSS THE HUNGARIAN BORDER FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND ARE DRIVING FOR THE TOWN OF PECS FROM THE SOUTHEAST. PECS IS ABOUT 100 MILES SOUTH OF BUDAPEST. MARSHALL MALINOVSKY'S ARMIES CONTINUED THEIR DRIVE ON BUDAPEST ACROSS THE HUNGARIAN PLAIN FROM THE EAST AND NORTHEAST. THE RUSSIANS HAVE CUT THE MISKOLC-BUDAPEST AND ARE STEADILY DRIVING FOR THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL. THE REDS HAVE TAKEN 4100 PRISONERS IN THE PAST TWO DAYS BETWEEN THE DANUBE AND TISZA RIVERS. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY PAINTED A GRIM PICTURE OF THE GERMAN RETREAT IN NORTHERN NORWAY. THE NAZIS SAY THAT THEIR TROOPS ARE FALLING BACK ACROSS THE SNOW-COVERED GROUND IN THE FACE OF STEADY RUSSIAN AND FINNISH PRESSURE.

ENGLAND:

MR. CHURCHILL AND MR. EDEN ARRIVED IN PARIS TODAY FOR TALKS WITH GENERAL DEGAULLE. ARMISTICE DAY PARADES AND AN ARMISTICE DAY CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN PARIS AND IN THE COMPIEGNE FOREST TODAY.

ITALY:

BRITISH FORCES HAVE PUSHED ON TO THE NORTHEAST OF FORLI. AT MANY PLACES ON THE FIFTH ARMY FRONT THERE ARE AS MUCH AS 9 INCHES OF SNOW. MEDITERRANEAN AIRCRAFT FLEW MORE THAN 900 SORTIES YESTERDAY.

PACIFIC:

UNITED STATES SUPER FORTS TODAY ATTACKED THE JAP PUPPET GOVERNMENT OF NANGKING IN CHINA. THE JAP RADIO REPORTED SUPER BOMBERS OVER KYUSHU, THE MOST SOUTHERN OF THE JAP HOME ISLANDS AND OVER SAISHU ISLAND BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN.

A FORCE OF 4 JAP TRANSPORTS AND 15 DESTROYERS WAS CAUGHT OFF THE PORT OF ORMOC ON THURSDAY BY AMERICAN MITCHELLS, LIGHTNINGS AND KITTYHAWKS AND IN AN ALL DAY AND PART OF THE NIGHT BATTLE, THE PLANES SANK 7 DESTROYERS AND 3 TRANSPORTS. THE JAPS HAVE COUNTERATTACKED IN THE ORMOC VALLEY BUT WERE THROWN BACK WITH SEVERE LOSSES. THE YANKS ARE CONTINUING THEIR ADVANCE ON LEYTE.

ALLIED TROOPS IN BURMA ARE RAPIDLY CLOSING IN ON THE MAIN JAP BASES OF KHOTA AND BHAMO. CHINESE TROOPS HAVE CUT THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN THESE TWO BASES. FIFTH INDIAN DIVISION TROOPS ARE PRESSING TOWARDS THE CHINWIN RIVER. THE JAPS ARE NOT SHOWING VERY MUCH FIGHT IN NORTHERN BURMA.