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FRANCE:

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS IN THE SIXTH DAY OF THEIR NEW OFFENSIVE IN THE METZ SECTOR HAVE MADE GAINS UP TO FOUR MILES DESPITE SNOW, RAIN AND MUD. NORTH OF METZ, THE 95TH INFANTRY DIVISION HAS MADE A NEW CROSSING OF THE MOSELLE IN DARKNESS AND RAIN AND IS PUSHING AHEAD ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE RIVER. THE 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION YESTERDAY MORNING WAS FORCED TO GIVE SOME GROUND NORTH OF METZ BUT THEY HAVE REGAINED IT. SOUTHEAST OF THE FORTRESS CITY, OTHER THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE PUSHED AHEAD FOR FOUR MILES AND HAVE CLOSED TO WITHIN FIVE MILES OF METZ FROM THE SOUTH. AMERICAN TANKS AND INFANTRY HAVE FORCED THEIR WAY ACROSS THE NIED RIVER AND OTHER ARMOR AND INFANTRY ARE SPREADING DOWN THE RAILWAY LEADING TO SARREBOURG. THE GERMAN ESCAPE GAP IS STILL ABOUT A DOZEN MILES WIDE AT THE REAR OF THE BELEAGURED CITY AND THE GERMANS STILL HAVE THE USE OF THREE GOOD ROADS LEADING OUT OF THE GAP. AS YET THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF A GERMAN WITHDRAWAL.

THIRY TWO RAF LANCASTERS YESTERDAY FLEW WELL INTO THE ARTIC CIRCLE IN THE NORTHERN PART OF NORWAY TO CARRY OUT THE SECOND ATTACK WITHIN 2 WEEKS ON THE GERMAN SUPER BATTLESHIP, "TIRPITZ." SEVERAL DIRECT HITS WITH 12,000 POUND "EARTHQUAKE" BOMBS WERE MADE ON THE DREADNOUGHT.

A PROCLAMATION STATED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY HITLER WAS READ OVER THE GERMAN RADIO TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE BY HIMMLER LAST NIGHT. THE OCCASSION WAS THE POSTPONED COMMEMORATION OF THE NAZI PUTSCH IN MUNICH ON NOVEMBER 9, 1923. THE PROCLAMATION STATED THAT HITLER WAS "TOO BUSY TO SPEAK HIMSELF" AND CONTAINED THE PHRASE "MY OWN LIFE DOESN'T MATTER." THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY TODAY SAID THAT HITLER WAS ALIVE AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN A TOWN 15 MILES SOUTHEAST OF BUDAPEST AND HAVE CUT THE RAILWAY NORTHEAST OF BUDAPEST AT A SECOND POINT. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE REDS HAVE MADE A NEW PENETRATION TO THE EAST OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL AND HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF JASZBERENY, 35 MILES FROM THE CAPITAL. THE BIG YUGOSLAV RAIL CENTER OF SKOPLJE ON THE NAZIS' ESCAPE ROUTE OUT OF GREECE IS THREATENED ON THREE SIDES BY YUGOSLAV FORCES.

ENGLAND:

MR. CHURCHILL SPOKE IN PARIS YESTERDAY AND SAID THAT "GERMANY MAY BE BEATEN WITHIN SIX MONTHS." HE ALSO SAID THAT "FRANCE MUST HAVE A STRONG ARMY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." THE GERMAN CONTROLLED DANISH RADIO REPORTS MORE TROUBLE IN THE PORT OF AARHUS. THIS TIME THE MAIN STREET HAS BEEN WRECKED BY BOMBS.

ITALY:

AN EIGHTH ARMY SPEARHEAD OF TANKS AND INFANTRY IS WITHIN FOUR MILES OF RAVENNA. TWO OTHER COLUMNS ARE RAPIDLY CLOSING IN ON THE CITY. HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY HAVE POUNDED THE BRENNER PASS FOR THE 3RD TIME WITHIN A WEEK.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TANKS ON LEYTE HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN A DRIVE TOWARDS ORMOC AND INFANTRYMEN HAVE OCCUPIED HEIGHTS COMMANDING THE ROAD TO ORMOC.

IN BURMA, THE FIFTH INDIAN DIVISION HAS PUSHED DOWN OUT OF THE RUGGED CHIN HILLS IN NORTHWESTERN BURMA AND IS HEADING ACROSS A VALLEY LEADING TO CENTRAL BURMA. THE BRITISH 36TH DIVISION DRIVING DOWN THE RAILWAY TO MANDALAY IS NEARING THE BIG JAP BASE OF KATHA. CHINESE TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN TO WITHIN SEVEN MILES OF THE JAPANESE FORWARD BASE OF BHAMO ON THE IRRAWADDY RIVER.