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#### FRANCE:

TWO COLUMNS OF GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY ARE WITHIN  $1\frac{1}{2}$  MILES OF THE FORTRESS OF METZ. SOUTH OF THE CITY ONE COLUMN WAS REPORTED  $\frac{3}{4}$  OF A MILE FROM THE OUTSKIRTS AND ANOTHER COLUMN COMING IN FROM THE NORTHWEST IS A LITTLE MORE THAN A MILE FROM THE CITY. THE GERMANS COUNTERATTACKED AT THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO METZ YESTERDAY AND THE AMERICANS WERE FORCED TO GIVE UP ONE OF THE FORTS ABOUT 4 MILES DUE WEST OF METZ. THE GERMAN RADIO ADMITTED TODAY THAT THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAD MADE "DEEP PENETRATIONS" IN THE METZ AREA. SOUTH OF THIS SECTOR THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY WERE PRESSING THE GERMANS ALL ALONG THE VOSGES FRONT YESTERDAY AND THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY HAS PUSHED UP TO FIVE MILES IN THE DRIVE TOWARDS THE BELFORT GAP.

THE NEW BRITISH DRIVE ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE NIJMEGEN SALIENT IS GOING WELL. A HEAVY FROST LAST NIGHT HELPED TO FREEZE THE GROUND ALLOWING ARMOR TO OPERATE AND SOME OF THE BRITISH SPEARHEADS HAVE MADE UP TO SEVEN MILES SINCE THE START OF THE OFFENSIVE. BRITISH FORCES ARE ASTRIDE THE MAIN ROAD RUNNING THROUGH THE BIG TOWN OF ROERMOND INTO THE HEART OF THE RUHR VALLEY. WHEN LAST REPORTED, THE BRITISH WERE WITHIN FOUR MILES OF ROERMOND. SOUTH OF ROERMOND A BRITISH COLUMN IS LESS THAN A MILE FROM THE MAAS RIVER. BEHIND THE ADVANCE, THE BRITISH HAVE LINKED UP ALL OF THEIR BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE FIRST CANALS ENCOUNTERED. THE GERMANS ARE STILL NOT CONTESTING THE ALLIED ADVANCE IN GREAT FORCE BUT ARE LEAVING SMALL GROUPS OF REAR GUARDS BEHIND TO FIGHT DELAYING ACTIONS.

RAF BOMBER COMMAND MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT DROPPED IN ON BERLIN WITH 4000 POUND BOMBS. THREE OF THE BOMBERS ARE MISSING. THE GERMANS TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBERS OVER WESTERN GERMANY AND BAVARIA.

#### RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENTS SAID TODAY THAT MASSES OF RUSSIAN TANKS AND INFANTRY SUPPORTED BY LARGE NUMBERS OF BIG GUNS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH THE GERMAN DEFENSES ON THE HUNGARIAN PLAIN EAST OF BUDAPEST AND THAT THE RACING RED COLUMNS WERE LAST REPORTED TO BE WITHIN 10 MILES EAST OF THE BUDAPEST SUBURBS. THE GERMANS TODAY WERE SPEAKING OF MASSES OF RUSSIAN TANKS AND INFANTRY GATHERING IN THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF BUDAPEST AND ALSO OF STRONG FORMATIONS OF RUSSIAN PLANES COVERING TANK FORMATIONS MOVING IN ON BUDAPEST FROM THE EAST. OTHER RUSSIAN FORCES ARE STRIKING OUT TO THE NORTH OF BUDAPEST TO CUT GERMAN COMMUNICATION LINES RUNNING INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND AUSTRIA.

#### ENGLAND:

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL DAYS THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF FLYING BOMBS OVER ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT. THE STOCKHOLM RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT A NUMBER OF GERMAN AGENTS HAVE BEEN TOLD TO LEAVE SWEDEN IMMEDIATELY.

#### ITALY:

THE TEMPERMENTAL WEATHER IN ITALY HAS TURNED BAD AGAIN. THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY HAS MADE MORE PROGRESS NORTH AND WEST OF FORLI AND BRITISH FORCES HAVE REACHED THE MONTONE RIVER ON A BROAD FRONT. BRITISH TROOPS ARE ALREADY ACROSS THE MONTONE AT SEVERAL PLACES.

#### PACIFIC:

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S FORCES ON LEYTE ISLAND HAVE STARTED A DOUBLE DRIVE ON ORMOG AND HAVE TAKEN THE ENEMY DEFENSES FROM THE REAR. THE YANKS HAVE PRACTICALLY CUT THE MAIN ROAD LEADING FROM THE NORTH TO ORMOG. AN AMERICAN AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HAS LANDED ON A SMALL JAP-HELD ISLAND 145 MILES NORTHWEST OF BLAK ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF NORTHERN DUTCH NEW GUINEA. THE LANDING WAS OPPOSED BY A SMALL FORCE AND NOW THE AMERICANS HAVE DRIVEN DEEP INLAND. THIS ISLAND HAS RADIO WARNING STATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN WARNING THE PHILIPPINES GROUP WHENEVER AMERICAN PLANES FLEW IN THAT DIRECTION.

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IN NORTHWESTERN BURMA, THE FIFTH INDIAN DIVISION HAS TEAMED UP WITH EAST AFRICAN FORCES TO TAKE THE JAP SUPPLY BASE OF KALEMYO. KALEMYO GUARDS THE APPROACHES TO THE CHINWIN RIVER 16 MILES AWAY. CHINESE TROOPS HAVE ALMOST COMPLETELY ENCIRCLED THE JAPANESE FORWARD BASE OF BHAMO.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED LAST SATURDAY THAT BRITISH SUBMARINES OPERATING IN FAR EASTERN WATERS HAVE SUNK ANOTHER 45 JAP SHIPS. SINCE THEN, THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY HAS MADE ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT STATING THAT ANOTHER 23 SUPPLY SHIPS HAD BEEN SUNK.

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