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FRANCE:

THE GERMAN RADIO ANNOUNCED JUST BEFORE NOON TODAY THAT GERMAN TROOPS HAD EVACUATED THE STRONGLY FORTIFIED TOWN OF GEILENKIRCHEN GUARDING THE APPROACHES TO THE PLAIN OF COLOGNE. GEILENKIRCHEN, SURROUNDED BY PILLBOXES, MINE FIELDS AND WIRE, IS ABOUT 12 MILES NORTH OF AACHEN AND WAS UNDER ATTACK BY TROOPS OF THE BRITISH SECOND AND AMERICAN NINTH ARMIES. BRITISH FORCES YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT WERE REPORTED TO BE MEETING VICIOUS OPPOSITION IN THE GEILENKIRCHEN AREA. SOUTH OF THE TOWN, AMERICAN NINTH ARMY INFANTRYMEN HAVE DRIVEN FORWARD ANOTHER TWO MILES. TO THE EAST OF AACHEN, THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY IS PUSHING STEADILY FORWARD. IT APPEARS THAT HERE THE GERMANS ARE PULLING OUT TO SHORTEN THEIR LINES. TROOPS OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY ARE STEADILY ELIMINATING THE SMALL POCKET OF GERMANS ACROSS THE MAAS RIVER FROM VENLO.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE BATTLING INSIDE THE CITY OF METZ AFTER DRIVING INTO THE FORTRESS FROM THE NORTH AND SOUTH. THE GREAT FORTRESS IS NOW ALMOST COMPLETELY ENCIRCLED. SOME OF THE PRISONERS TAKEN IN METZ WERE MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES' ARMY AND MOST OF THEM HAD ANYWHERE FROM ONE TO SEVERAL DAYS OF MILITARY TRAINING. THEIR AGES RAN FROM 45 TO 50. NORTH OF METZ, OTHER THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN ACROSS THE GERMAN BORDER TO A DEPTH OF OVER TWO MILES. THIS PENETRATION TOOK PLACE ACROSS THE BORDER FROM THE FRENCH TOWN OF BOUZONVILLE. IN THIS SECTOR, THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE ADVANCED CLOSER TO THE GERMAN BORDER ON A WIDE FRONT.

FRENCH FIRST ARMY TROOPS AND TANKS HAVE EXTENDED THEIR BREAKTHROUGH INTO THE BELFORT GAP AND WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN FOUR MILES FROM THE TOWN OF BELFORT. OTHER FRENCH FORCES HAVE CLOSED TO WITHIN 10 MILES OF BELFORT FROM THE SOUTHEAST AFTER ADVANCING 20 MILES IN THE PAST THREE DAYS ALONG THE SWISS BORDER.

IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, RAF HEAVY BOMBERS HIT MUNSTER AND LAST NIGHT LANCASTERS ATTACKED A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT EAST OF GELSENKIRCHEN IN THE RUHR. OVER 400 AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS YESTERDAY MADE A SWEEP OF WESTERN GERMANY SHOOTING UP AIRFIELDS. TWENTY FIVE (25) GERMAN FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN AND ANOTHER 60 PLANES WERE DESTROYED ON THE GROUND. AMERICAN LOSSES WERE 16 PLANES.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS ARE DRIVING ON A 70 MILE FRONT IN NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY AND ARE PUSHING THE GERMANS BACK THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TOWARDS THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS, THE GROUND HAS FROZEN SOLID ON THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN PART OF THE EASTERN FRONT.

"LAND FORCES ADRIATIC" HAS BEEN REVEALED AS NOW FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH YUGOSLAV PATRIOTS IN THE PROVINCES OF BOSNIA AND HERZGOVINIA IN YUGOSLAVIA. THE GERMANS HAVE ADMITTED THAT THEIR TROOPS HAVE EVACUATED TIRANA, THE CAPITAL OF ALBANIA.

ENGLAND:

THERE WAS "ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY" OVER ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT.

ITALY:

FIGHTING IN ITALY HAS AGAIN BEEN CONFINED TO PATROLLING ON MOST OF THE ENTIRE FRONT. BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED THE GERMANS FROM AN OUTPOST 2 MILES WEST OF THE RAVENNA AIR FIELD.

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS WENT FOR THE VIENNA AREA OF AUSTRIA AGAIN YESTERDAY.

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# PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS ON LEYTE ISLAND HAVE BLOCKED FURTHER ATTEMPTS BY THE JAPANESE TO GET SUPPLIES TO THEIR TRAPPED GARRISON AT ORMOC. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE BOMBED THE ORMOC AREA WHILE LIGHT AND MEDIUM BOMBERS HIT JAPANESE TRANSPORT IN ORMOC HARBOR. OTHER AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE ATTACKED AIRFIELDS ON NEGROS AND CEBU ISLANDS IN THE PHILIPPINE GROUP.

A FLIGHT OF AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY FIGHTER PLANES HAS SCORED FIVE DIRECT HITS ON A JAP BATTLESHIP AND FOUR DIRECT HITS ON A HEAVY CRUISER AND LEFT BOTH BURNING IN THE WATER. THE ATTACKS TOOK PLACE IN BRUNEL BAY ON THE NORTHWEST COAST OF BORNEO.

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS LAYING A PIPELINE FROM CALCUTTA IN INDIA TO CHINA. OVER 800 MILES OF THE LINE HAS BEEN PUT DOWN ALREADY.

## FOOTBALL SCORES:

ARMY: 62	... PENN: 7	NOTRE DAME: 21	... NORTHWESTERN: 0
BROWN: 12	... COLUMBIA: 0	ALABAMA: 19	... MISS STATE: 0
SYRACUSE: 43	... COLGATE: 13	GEORGIA: 49	... AUBURN: 13
CORNELL: 14	... DARTMOUTH: 13	TULANE: 36	... CLEMSON: 20
PENN STATE: 34	... MARYLAND: 19	DUKE: 34	... SO. CAR: 7
NAVY: 32	... PURDUE: 0	GEO. TECH: 14	... L.S.U: 6
YALE: 13	... NORTH CAROLINA: 6	CAMP DAVIS: 19	... NO. CAR. PRE: 7
INDIANA: 37	... PITTSBURGH: 0	SO. METHODIST: 20	... ARKANSAS: 12
OHIO STATE: 26	... ILLINOIS: 12	TEXAS AGGIES: 19	... RICE: 6
MINNESOTA: 46	... IOWA: 0	RAND. FIELD: 54	... SO. WESTERN: 0
IOWA PRE: 51	... MISSOURI: 7	SO. CAL: 32	... CALIFORNIA: 0
OKLAHOMA: 20	... KANSAS: 0	UCLA: 54	... COL. OF PACIF: 7
GREAT LAKES: 32	... MARQUETTE: 0	2ND A.A.F: 47	... WASHINGTON: 0
TEMPLE: 14	... TENNESSEE: 27		
KENTUCKY: 40	... WEST VIRGINIA: 9		