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FRANCE:

A SPEARHEAD OF THE "FIGHTING MAD" FIRST FRENCH ARMY HAS ROCKETED THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN PASSES OF THE HIGH VOSGES AND HAS BURST OUT ON THE FLAT, BROAD PLAIN OF THE RHINE RIVER AND IS RACING FOR THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL CITY OF STRASBOURG ON THE RHINE RIVER. THE PARIS TELEGRAPH AGENCY REPORTED LATE THIS AFTERNOON THAT FRENCH VANGUARDS HAD REACHED THE SUBURBS OF STRASBOURG. LAST NIGHT, THE FRENCH WERE REPORTED WITHIN 18 MILES OF THE BIG CITY AND WERE HEADING FOR IT AT FULL SPEED.

ANOTHER SPEARHEAD OF THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY IS LASHING OUT ALONG THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE AND HAS DRIVEN NORTHWARD AFTER LIBERATING MULHOUSE. THIS SPEARHEAD WAS CLOSING ON THE TOWN OF COLMAR YESTERDAY. THE FRENCH HAVE EXCELLENT ROADS AHEAD OF THEM AND WERE ABOUT 40 MILES SOUTH OF STRASBOURG LAST NIGHT. THE GERMANS HAVE NO MORE THAN THREE CROSSINGS OF THE RHINE RIVER SOUTH OF STRASBOURG. MOPPING UP IS STILL GOING ON IN THE TOWN OF BELFORT.

THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY DRIVING AHEAD RAPIDLY THROUGH THE VOSGES HAS QUICKLY TAKEN THE BIG TOWN OF SAVERNE AND YANKS HAVE DRIVEN OUT TO CRACK THROUGH THE "SAVERNE GAP" GUARDING THE APPROACHES TO THE FLAT PLAIN OF THE RHINE. LAST NIGHT, THE AMERICANS WERE DRIVING FOR STRASBOURG ACROSS THE RHINE PLAIN AND WERE WITHIN 20 MILES OF THE BIG INDUSTRIAL CITY. THE GERMANS LEFT IN THE VOSGES MOUNTAINS BETWEEN SAVERNE AND BELFORT ARE NOW HOPELESSLY OUTFLANKED AND WILL HAVE TO PULL BACK OR BE ENCIRCLED.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY FORCES HAVE COMPLETELY LIBERATED THE FORTRESS OF METZ AND THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE LINKED UP WITH GENERAL PATCH'S SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS NEAR SARREBOURG ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE THIRD ARMY. OTHER AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE CLOSING ON THE SAAK BASIN AND ARE BATTLING AT THE APPROACHES TO THE SEIGFRIED LINE. THE GERMAN TOWN OF MERZIG HAS BEEN LIBERATED.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH AND BRITISH SECOND ARMIES ARE BATTERING THEIR WAY TOWARDS THE ROER RIVER IN A YARD BY YARD ADVANCE. AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE AMERICAN NINTH HAS REACHED THE ROER RIVER AT TWO PLACES. THE ALLIED FORCES ARE EXERTING TERRIFIC PRESSURE ON THE GERMANS EAST OF AACHEN AND GEILENKIRCHEN. THE AMERICAN FIRST HAS CAPTURED ESCHWEILER AND HAS PUSHED BEYOND IT AND HAS PUSHED ON ANOTHER TWO MILES TO THE EAST OF AACHEN. THE FIRST NOW CONTROLS NINE MILES OF THE ROAD BETWEEN AACHEN AND COLOGNE. NINTH ARMY TROOPS WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN TWO MILES OF JULICH. BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS ARE GRINDING OUT GAINS EAST AND NORTHEAST OF GEILENKIRCHEN. THE GERMANS ARE LAUNCHING COUNTERATTACK AFTER COUNTERATTACK AND HAVE THROWN IN MORE FRESH FORCES IN AN EFFORT TO CHECK THE ALLIED ADVANCE BUT THEY HAVE ONLY SUCCEEDED IN SLOWING THE ALLIED STEAMROLLER DOWN.

UNITS OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY FIGHTING IN EASTERN HOLLAND HAVE DRIVEN TO WITHIN A MILE OF THE CROSSING AT VENLO. THE BRITISH ARE NOW UP TO THE MAAS RIVER ON A 16 MILE FRONT SOUTH OF VENLO.

RUSSIA:

HEAVY FIGHTING IS GOING ON FOR THE RAIL AND ROAD CENTERS NORTHWEST OF BUDAPEST. THESE CENTERS OF EGER, MISKOLCZ AND HATVAN GUARD THE APPROACHES TO PASSES RUNNING SOUTHERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE GERMANS COUNTERATTACKED 12 TIMES IN THE EGER AREA YESTERDAY BUT WERE THROWN BACK EACH TIME. THE REDS HAVE TAKEN A SMALL TOWN 4 MILES WEST OF EGER ON THE APPROACHES TO BUDAPEST.

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ITALY:

BRITISH AND POLISH TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE MADE "SUBSTANTIAL GAINS" TO THE SOUTH OF FAENZA. MORE THAN 2300 SORTIES WERE FLOWN BY ALLIED PLANES OPERATING FROM ITALY YESTERDAY. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ATTACKED THE MUNICH AREA OF GERMANY AND TARGETS IN AUSTRIA, NORTHERN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA.

MARSHALL TITO REPORTS THAT THE WHOLE OF MACEDONIA IN SOUTHERN YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN LIBERATED. OVER 3000 GERMANS WERE EITHER KILLED OR CAPTURED IN THE BATTLE FOR MACEDONIA. FIERCE FIGHTING IS NOW GOING ON IN EASTERN BOSNIA.

ENGLAND:

MORE THAN 4000 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN TODAY ATTENDED THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY. THERE WAS "ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY" OVER ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN THUNDERBOLTS AND LIGHTNINGS AND MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS YESTERDAY INTERCEPTED A JAP CONVOY OF LIGHT SHIPS AND BARGES CARRYING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES FOR ORMOG. THE PLANES AND TORPEDO BOATS SANK 50 BARGES AND LIGHT BOATS. AMERICAN TROOPS ON LEYTE ARE SMASHING INTO THE OUTSKIRTS OF LIMON NEAR ORMOG. THE JAPS' POSITION ON LEYTE IS STEADILY GROWING WORSE AND TOKIO RADIO ADMITTED TODAY THAT "THE DEFENSE OF LEYTE MAY COLLAPSE."

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS SHOT DOWN 20 PLANES AND DAMAGED ANOTHER 22 IN TUESDAY'S ATTACK ON KYUSHU. AMERICAN LOSSES WERE 2, POSSIBLY, 3 BOMBERS.