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FRANCE:

THE FRENCH SECOND ARMORED DIVISION SPEARHEADING THE FIFTEENTH AMERICAN CORPS OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY YESTERDAY DROVE 18 MILES ACROSS THE PLAIN OF ALSACE AND BATTERED ITS WAY INTO THE GREAT RHINELAND INDUSTRIAL CITY OF STRASBOURG. WHEN LAST REPORTED, THE FRENCH HAD FOUGHT THEIR WAY INTO THE CENTER OF THE CITY. BEHIND THE FRENCH SPEARHEAD, TROOPS OF THE 15TH CORPS HAVE FLOODED ONTO THE ALSACE PLAIN AND HAVE TAKEN A DOZEN SMALL PLACES. THE POSITION OF THE GERMANS LEFT IN THE NORTHERN VOSGES IS NOW HOPELESS AND OVER 3000 HAVE BEEN CAPTURED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

TROOPS OF THE FIRST FRENCH ARMY HAVE COMPLETED THE LIBERATION OF BELFORT. A SPEARHEAD OF THE FRENCH FIRST IS PLOUGHING ITS WAY UP THE RHINE VALLEY TOWARDS STRASBOURG. THE FRENCH ARE STEADILY PUSHING AHEAD ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE RUN INTO APPALLING WEATHER CONDITIONS MAKING MOVEMENT NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TANKS IN THE SAAK SECTOR ARE ATTACKING NORTHWEST OF MERZIG ON AN 11 MILE FRONT. FURTHER NORTH, VERY HEAVY FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON BEYOND AACHEN AND GEILENKIRCHEN. THE AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH ARMIES ARE HAVING TO FIGHT HARD FOR EVERY INCH OF GROUND AS THEY SLUG THEIR WAY TOWARDS JULICH AND THROUGH THE HUTGEN FOREST. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY COUNTERATTACKING EAST OF GEILENKIRCHEN AGAINST UNITS OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY AND THE BRITISH WERE FORCED TO PULL OUT OF A SMALL TOWN YESTERDAY AND DROP BACK A HALF MILE. EAST OF GEILENKIRCHEN THE GERMANS ARE COUNTERATTACKING WITH 3 PANZER DIVISIONS, 1 PANZER GRENADIER DIVISION, 2 TANK BATTALIONS AND 2 OR 3 INFANTRY DIVISIONS.

IN THE NETHERLANDS, UNITS OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY ARE DRIVING ON VENLO FROM THREE SIDES AND HAVE PUSHED A MILE NEARER THE BIG TOWN. THE BRITISH HAVE REACHED THE MAAS RIVER OPPOSITE ROERMOND AFTER WIPING OUT THE GERMAN BRIDGEHEAD THERE.

AMERICAN FLYING FORTRESSES AND RAF LANCASTERS YESTERDAY STRUCK AT THE LARGEST OIL PLANT IN THE RUHR NEAR GELSENKIRCHEN.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS HAVE STARTED A NEW DRIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS OF EASTERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HAVE BROKEN THROUGH A BELT OF GERMAN DEFENSES UP TO A DEPTH OF 10 MILES. MOSCOW RADIO SAID THAT THE DRIVE HAD REACHED THE PROPORTIONS OF A FULL SCALE ATTACK. THE REDS HAVE ALSO STEPPED UP THEIR OFFENSIVE AT THE EXTREME NORTHERN END OF THE LINE IN HUNGARY AND HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF TOKAI NORTHEAST OF BUDAPEST. IN THE PAST TWO WEEK'S FIGHTING IN HUNGARY, MARSHALL MALINOVSKY'S FORCES HAVE TAKEN 15,000 PRISONERS. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE LANDED ON AN ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DANUBE RIVER SOUTH OF BUDAPEST.

ENGLAND:

SIXTEEN THOUSAND CANADIAN TROOPS ORIGINALLY CONSCRIPTED FOR HOME DEFENSE ARE TO BE SENT TO THE EUROPEAN THEATRE TO MAKE UP FOR CANADIAN CASUALTIES SUFFERED IN COMBAT.

ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE FORCED A BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE COZINA RIVER A FEW MILES BELOW FAENZA.

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PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM THE FORMER JAP AIRFIELD ON SAIPAN ISLAND IN THE MARIANAS TODAY ATTACKED TOKIO AND YOKAHOMA. THE GIANT BOMBERS HAD TO FLY 1500 MILES ONE WAY AND THEY WERE OUT IN CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS. THE SUPER FORCES BLASTED WAR FACTORIES, HYDRO ELECTRIC PLANTS AND DAMS AND AIRFIELDS IN AND AROUND TOKIO AND SHIP YARDS AT YOKAHOMA. GENERAL ARNOLD ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON TODAY: "THE JAPS CAN EXPECT 'RELENTLESS AIR ATTACKS ON TOKIO FROM NOW ON UNTIL THE DAY OF THE LANDINGS IN JAPAN.'"

AMERICAN FORCES ON LEYTE ISLAND HAVE TAKEN LIMON AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE ORMOC VALLEY. LIMON IS THE NORTHERN ANCHOR OF THE ORMOC LINE AND THE AMERICANS ARE NOW THREATENING TO TURN THE WHOLE OF THE ORMOC LINE.

GENERAL WEDEMEYER ANNOUNCED IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY THAT GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI SHEK HAD ACCEPTED THE GENERAL IDEA OF A PLAN FOR DISPOSING THE CHINESE FORCES TO MEET THE JAP THREAT.

ALLIED FORCES IN BURMA HAVE ENTERED THE TOWN OF BHAMO AT FRESH PLACES. THE BRITISH 36TH DIVISION HAS BEGUN ITS ATTACK ON THE RAILWAY TOWN OF PINWE.