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FRANCE:

THE GREAT BATTLE RAGING BETWEEN AACHEN AND GEILENKIRCHEN WENT ON ALL DAY YESTERDAY WITH UNDIMINISHED FURY. CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE FIGHTING THERE IS THE MOST SAVAGE OF THE WAR AS THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH FORCES POUND THEIR WAY FORWARD AND THE GERMANS COUNTERATTACK INCESSANTLY. THE GROUND IS ALMOST ENTIRELY COVERED WITH WATER AND AIR SUPPORT WAS IMPOSSIBLE YESTERDAY.

EAST OF AACHEN AND GEILENKIRCHEN THE GERMANS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE CONCENTRATED AT LEAST SIX PANZER DIVISIONS AND AT LEAST SIX INFANTRY DIVISIONS. THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DRIVING A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE ROER RIVER AND THE COMMUNICATION CENTER OF DUREN. THE GERMANS HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES IN ARMOR. THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY ALONE HAS KNOCKED OUT 125 TANKS IN THE LAST EIGHT DAYS. SOME OF THE TANKS DESTROYED WERE RUSHED DIRECT FROM THE FACTORY INTO THE BATTLE. THE ROER RIVER FLOODED BY THE HEAVY RAIN IN THE PAST FEW DAYS IS NOW 300 YARDS WIDE AT PLACES.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS SPEARHEADED BY ARMOR HAVE DRIVEN TWO MILES PAST THE UPPER REACHES OF THE SAAR RIVER BUT ARE MEETING HEAVY GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS FROM TANKS AND INFANTRY. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT GERMAN CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM THE TOWN OF SAARBURG. THE RIGHT WING OF GENERAL PATTON'S ARMY IS PRESSING TOWARDS THE NORTHERN VOSGES MOUNTAINS.

FRENCH TROOPS SPEARHEADING THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY HAVE LIBERATED ALL OF STRASBOURG EXCEPT A SMALL GERMAN BRIDGEHEAD AT THE EXTREME EASTERN END OF THE CITY. UNITS OF THE SECOND FRENCH ARMORED DIVISION ARE REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED THE FAR BANK OF THE RHINE RIVER ACROSS FROM STRASBOURG AND ARE HOLDING A BRIDGEHEAD THERE. THE FRENCH HAVE TAKEN OVER 2000 PRISONERS IN AND AROUND STRASBOURG AND ARE ROUNDING UP MANY MORE. THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY DECLARED TODAY THAT THE FRENCH HAD CAPTURED STRASBOURG. BEHIND THE FRENCH SPEARHEAD, AMERICAN TROOPS ARE POURING THROUGH THE SAVERNE G.P. TO STRENGTHEN THE FRENCH POSITION AT STRASBOURG.

THE GREAT AERIAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANY'S OIL SUPPLIES WENT ON TODAY WHEN MORE THAN 1000 AMERICAN EIGHTH AIR FORCE HEAVIES ESCORTED BY AN EQUAL NUMBER OF FIGHTERS PLASTERED THE GREAT SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT AT LEUNA AND OTHER TRANSPORT IN GERMANY. RAF MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT ATTACKED BERLIN WITHOUT LOSS.

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AT SHAEF THAT OVER 40,000 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN SINCE THE START OF THE NOVEMBER OFFENSIVE.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS HAVE COMPLETED THE LIBERATION OF THE WHOLE OF THE ESTONIAN REPUBLIC BY CAPTURING THE BIG ISLAND OF OESEL IN THE GULF OF RIGA. SOVIET FORCES HAVE MADE MORE GAINS IN EASTERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE LANDED TWO DIVISIONS ON AN ISLAND IN THE DANUBE RIVER SOUTH OF BUDAPEST.

ALBANIAN PATRIOT FORCES HAVE CAPTURED TWO MORE TOWNS IN ALBANIA AND ARE CLOSING IN ON THE LAST GERMAN STRONGHOLD IN ALBANIA FROM THREE SIDES.

ENGLAND:

THERE WAS "ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY" OVER ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT. A PARENT LAUNCHING PLANE FOR A FLYING BOMB WAS SHOT DOWN. SEVERAL FLYING BOMBS WERE SHOT INTO THE SEA BEFORE THEY CAME IN OVER THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE.

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ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TANKS HAVE SMASHED THROUGH GERMAN RIVER DEFENSES TO THE SOUTH OF FAENZA AND AFTER MAULING ARMOR OF THE GERMAN 26TH PANZER DIVISION HAVE REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF FAENZA ON THE ROAD TO BOLOGNA. THE BRITISH BREAKTHROUGH CAME AFTER THREE DAYS OF BLOODY FIGHTING. ALLIED PLANES YESTERDAY SHOWERED FRAGMENTATION BOMBS ON THE GERMAN DEFENSES NEAR FAENZA.

HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ITALY LAST NIGHT ATTACKED THE MUNICH AREA OF GERMANY AND LINZ IN AUSTRIA.

PACIFIC:

AN ENTIRE CONVOY OF JAP SHIPS INCLUDING THREE LARGE TRANSPORTS AND ONE DESTROYER CARRYING REINFORCEMENTS TO LEYTE ISLAND WERE WIPED OUT YESTERDAY BY AMERICAN PLANES IN A MOST HIGH AERIAL ATTACK. OTHER AMERICAN PLANES OPERATING FROM LEYTE SANK A JAP DESTROYER SOUTH OF THE PHILIPPINES. THE JAPS ON LEYTE COUNTERATTACKED IN THE LIMON AREA BUT WERE BEATEN BACK AND THE AMERICANS PUSHED ON FOR ANOTHER HALF MILE.

RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOS TAKEN OVER TOKIO YESTERDAY AFTER THE ATTACK BY B-29 SUPER FORTS SHOW LARGE FIRES BURNING IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

IN NORTHWEST BURMA THE 11TH EAST AFRICAN DIVISION HAS MADE MORE GAINS AND THE 38TH CHINESE DIVISION HAS TAKEN SEVERAL MORE STRONGPOINTS IN THE TOWN OF BHAMO FOLLOWING ATTACKS BY AMERICAN DIVE BOMBERS. THE 36TH BRITISH DIVISION HAS GAINED GROUND IN THEIR ATTACK ON PINWE IN THE RAILWAY CORRIDOR BETWEEN MOGAUNG AND MANDALAY.

UNITED STATES:

JUDGE KENESAW MOUNTAIN LANDIS, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL DIED TODAY IN A HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO.