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FRANCE:

IN THE NETHERLANDS THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY WIPED OUT THE GERMAN BRIDGEHEAD WEST OF THE MAAS RIVER. THE GERMANS NOW HOLD A POCKET ONLY A MILE OR SO DEEP ALONG THE RIVER NORTH OF VENLO. IN GERMANY, THE GRIM BATTLE NORTH AND EAST OF AACHEN WENT ON ALL DAY YESTERDAY AND TODAY. BRITISH FORCES EAST OF GEILENKIRCHEN YESTERDAY CHECKED FURIOUS GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS BUT THE ACTION TODAY WAS LIMITED TO ARTILLERY DUELS WITH NEITHER SIDE ATTACKING OR COUNTERATTACKING. THE AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH ARMIES ARE EDGING TOWARDS JULICH AND DUREN. NINTH ARMY TROOPS WERE ABOUT A MILE FROM JULICH LAST NIGHT. A TASK FORCE OF THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY IS WITHIN FIVE MILES OF DUREN AND OTHER FIRST ARMY FORCES HAVE BATTLED ALMOST ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE DENSE HUTGEN FOREST. AMERICAN AND BRITISH MEDIUM BOMBERS, FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS WERE OUT IN GREAT NUMBERS YESTERDAY SUPPORTING AMERICAN AND BRITISH TROOPS IN GERMANY AND EASTERN HOLLAND.

THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY IS CLOSING ON THE GERMAN BORDER ON A 50 MILE FRONT AND OTHER TROOPS HAVE ACTUALLY CROSSED THE GERMAN BORDER ON A 20 MILE FRONT. AMERICAN ARMOR AT SOME PLACES IS SEVEN MILES INSIDE GERMANY. DUE EAST OF METZ, OTHER THIRD ARMY TROOPS WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE BIG TOWN OF SARREGUEMINES AND WITHIN THREE MILES OF SAINT AVOLD.

AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS IN ALSACE ARE NEARING THE RHINE RIVER NORTH OF STRASBOURG. FRENCH TROOPS HOLD ALL OF STRASBOURG EXCEPT THE APPROACHES TO THE RHINE BRIDGE. THE FRENCH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN 5000 PRISONERS IN STRASBOURG. OTHER FRENCH TROOPS OF THE FIRST FRENCH ARMY ARE WIPING OUT THE BIG POCKET OF GERMAN TROOPS BETWEEN THE VOSGES MOUNTAINS AND THE RHINE. IT IS ESTIMATED THERE ARE ABOUT 50,000 GERMANS IN THIS POCKET. AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS WERE OUT OVER THE ALSACE AREA YESTERDAY SUPPORTING SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS AND TROOPS OF THE FIRST FRENCH ARMY.

TODAY, FOR THE SECOND DAY RUNNING, MORE THAN 1100 HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 700 FIGHTERS HIT GERMAN OIL AND RAIL TARGETS. LAST NIGHT RAF MOSQUITOS FLEW DEEP IN GERMANY TO ATTACK NUREMBURG.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEY HAVE PULLED OUT OF THE RAILWAY TOWN OF HATVAN ON THE APPROACHES TO BUDAPEST. THE REDS HAVE MADE MORE GAINS NEAR THE TOWN OF COP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE GERMANS ARE FALLING BACK IN CENTRAL YUGOSLAVIA AND IN ALBANIA, ALBANIAN FORCES ARE CLOSING ON SCUTARI, ONE OF THE LAST PLACES IN ALBANIA STILL HELD BY THE GERMANS.

ITALY:

EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE EASTERN OUTSKIRTS OF FARENZA. THE NAZIS ARE DIGGING IN AROUND THE TOWN, THE LAST STRONGHOLD ON THE ROAD TO BOLOGNA.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN PLANES HAVE BLASTED ANOTHER CONVOY TRYING TO BRING REINFORCEMENTS TO LEYTE ISLAND IN THE PHILIPPINES. THIS CONVOY, THE FOURTH ONE TO ATTEMPT TO REACH LEYTE AND THE SECOND IN TWO DAYS, CONSISTED OF 4 TRANSPORTS. ALL OF THE SHIPS WERE SET ON FIRE AND 3 SANK. THE JAPS HAVE NOW LOST 17,000 MEN WHO WERE BEING BROUGHT INTO LEYTE ISLAND AS REINFORCEMENTS. LIBERATORS HAVE AGAIN BOMBED ORMOC ON LEYTE.

PACIFIC CONTINUED:

THE BRITISH 14TH ARMY HAS STARTED A NEW DRIVE ACROSS THE NORTHERN CHINDWIN RIVER AND HAS TAKEN THE TOWN OF NANBON.

FOOTBALL SCORES:

NOTRE DAME: 21
DARTMOUTH: 18
BROWN: 32
PENN: 20
YALE: 6
PITTSBURGH: 14
ILLINOIS: 25
INDIANA: 14
OHIO STATE: 18
MINNESOTA: 28

... GEO. TECH: 0
... COLUMBIA: 0
... COLGATE: 20
... CORNELL: 0
... VIRGINIA: 6
... PENN STATE
... NORTHWESTERN: 6
... PURDUE: 6
... MICHIGAN: 14
... WISCONSIN: 6

DUKE: 33
TENNESSEE: 21
MISS: 13
SO. LOUISIANA: 7
OKLA AGGIES: 20
T.C.U.: 9
S.M.U.: 7
ST MARY'S PRE: 33
SO. CAL: 40
... NO. CAR: 0
... KENTUCKY: 7
... MISS STATE: 8
... L.S.U: 6
... OKLAHOMA: 6
... RICE: 6
... TEXAS TECH: 6
... CALIFORNIA: 6
... UCLA: 13

