FRANCE:

THE BITTER FIGHTING NORTH AND EAST OF AACHEN IS STILL GOING ON AS THE AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH AND BRITISH SECOND ARMIES KEEP UP TERROROUS PRESSURES ON THE GERMANS. THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAS SLUGGED FORWARD A MILE DOWN THE GREAT MOTOR ROAD LEADING TO COLOGNE AFTER CAPTURING THE SMALL TOWN OF WEISWEILER. AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS MOVED CLOSER TO THE TOWN OF JULICH AFTER REPULSING DESPERATE GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE REPORTED FROM THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY SECTOR IN GERMANY EAST OF GEILENKIRCHEN. BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS IN HOLLAND HAVE FURTHER REDUCED THE GERMAN POCKET WEST OF THE RIVER MAAS TO THE NORTH OF VENLO. THERE ARE ONLY SMALL, SCATTERED POCKETS OF RESISTANCE NOW LEFT WEST OF THE MAAS.

THE BRITISH SECOND TACTICAL AIR FORCE YESTERDAY FLEW MORE THAN 1000 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF GROUND FORCES IN NORTHERN AND EASTERN HOLLAND.


TROOPS OF THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY ARE CONTINUING TO MOP UP IN THE VOSGES MOUNTAINS AND ARE SQUEEZING OUT THE GERMAN SALIENT BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF BESFORT AND MULHOUSE.

HUGE ALLIED BOMBER, FIGHTER AND FIGHTER BOMBER FLEETS WERE OUT YESTERDAY AND TODAY CONTINUING THE GREAT AERIAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANY. YESTERDAY, ALLIED PLANES BLASTED GERMAN GUN POSITIONS, STRONG POINTS, TANK AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, AIRFIELDS, OIL AND RAIL TARGETS. OVER 1100 AMERICAN HEAVIES YESTERDAY KEPPELED GERMANY'S LARGEST REMAINING OIL PLANT AT HANNOVER AND RAIL YARDS AT HAMM. THE AMERICAN BOMBERS AND THEIR ESCORT OF 700 FIGHTERS DESTROYED 129 GERMAN FIGHTERS FOR A LOSS OF 37 BOMBERS AND 13 FIGHTERS. DURING THE DAY RAF LANCASTERS ALSO ATTACKED TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY. MEDIUM AND FIGHTER BOMBERS WERE OUT ALL ALONG THE FRONT YESTERDAY GIVING CLOSE SUPPORT TO THE GROUND FORCES. JUST BEFORE DAWN TODAY A FORCE OF 276 LANCASTERS DUMPED 12,000 POUND "BLAST BOMBS" ON MUNICH. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THESE BOMBS HAVE BEEN USED AGAINST GERMAN INDUSTRIAL TARGETS. DURING THE DAY TODAY, ABOUT 500 AMERICAN HEAVIES POUNDED RAILROAD MARSHALLING YARDS JUST BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES. A FORCE OF 500 AMERICAN FIGHTERS MADE A SWEEP OVER NORTHWESTERN GERMANY TODAY SHOOTING UP VARIOUS TARGETS.

RUSSIA:

MASHALL, KODION Y. MALLNOVSKY'S RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE STORMED INTO THE HAG TOWN OF H.TUW IN THE NORTHWESTERN APPROACHES TO BUDAPEST AND LESS THAN 30 MILES FROM THE HUNGARIAN CAPITOL. RED ARMY CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT SOVIET TANKS AND C.A.T.A. ARE ROLLING DOWN THE MODERN HIGHWAY TOWARDS THE HUNGARIAN CAPITOL AND SAY THAT ANOTHER RUSSIAN SPEARHEAD IS SWINGING FOR THE DANUBE RIVER JUST NORTH OF BUDAPEST. THE GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN ARMIES ARE BATTLING DESPERATELY TO CHECK THIS NEW THREAT TO BUDAPEST. THE GERMANS ADMITTED TODAY THAT THE SOUND OF ARTILLERY FIRING ON THE ISLAND SOUTH OF BUDAPEST IN THE DANUBE RIVER COULDN'T BE HEARD IN THE CAPITOL. TURN PAGE.
ENGLAND:

GENERAL ALEXANDER HAS BEEN APPOINTED FIELD MARSHALL AND AT THE SAME TIME, APPOINTED SUPREME COMMANDER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. GENERAL SIR MAITLAND WILSON, WHO WAS SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE IS GOING TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE LATE FIELD MARSHALL, SIR JOHN DILL, AS HEAD OF THE BRITISH JOINT STAFF MISSION. GENERAL WILSON WILL ALSO ACT AS MR. CHURCHILL'S MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. GENERAL MARK CLARK HAS BEEN APPOINTED COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

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

ITALY:

THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY HAS MADE MORE GAINS SOUTH, SOUTHWEST AND EAST OF FAENZA.

PACIFIC:


ON FRIDAY, AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES SUNK ANOTHER 18 SHIPS OFF THE PHILIPPINES. A HEAVY CRUISER AND A DESTROYER WERE INCLUDED IN THE SHIPS SUNK. OTHER CARRIER PLANES RAIDED THE PHILIPPINES AND DESTROYED 72 JAP PLANES. AMERICAN FORCES ARE PRESSING SOUTH ON THE ROAD TO OBROC DESPITE FANATIC JAP RESISTANCE AND WATER-LOGGED GROUND. A LONE LIBERATOR BOMBER FLYING OVER THE CHINA SEA HAS DAMAGED TWO JAP LIGHT CRUISERS IN A CONVOY.

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS YESTERDAY BOMBED TARGETS BEHIND THE JAP LINES IN BURMA.