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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 TREMENDOUS PRESSURE 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.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS SUPPORTED BY 2000 AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS YESTERDAY HAMMERED OUT MORE GAINS SOUTH OF THE SAAR BASIN AND AMERICAN SPEARHEADS HAVE BREACHED THE MAGINOT LINE AT SEVERAL PLACES. THE LEFT WING OF GENERAL PATTON'S ARMY IS FIGHTING INSIDE GERMANY ON A 20 MILE FRONT. FURTHER SOUTH IN ALSACE, AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS ARE CHASING THE GERMANS BACK TOWARDS THE RHINE RIVER AND THE AMERICANS NOW ARE THREATENING THE WHOLE OF ALSACE. THE FRENCH SECOND ARMORED DIVISION, SPEARHEADING THE SEVENTH ARMY, HAS CLEANED UP SEVERAL OF THE FORTS AROUND STRASBOURG AND HAS PUSHED SOUTH OF THAT CITY FOR FOUR MILES. AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS SUPPORTING SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS YESTERDAY HAD A FIELD DAY SHOOTING UP TRAFFIC BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES AND BOMBING PONTOON BRIDGES OVER THE RHINE RIVER.

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 BELFORT 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 ripped 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 270 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:

MARSHAL RODION Y. MALINOVSKY'S RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE STORMED INTO THE RAIL TOWN OF HATVAN ON THE NORTHWESTERN APPROACHES TO BUDAPEST AND LESS THAN 30 MILES FROM THE HUNGARIAN CAPITOL. RED ARMY CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT SOVIET TANKS AND CAVALRY ARE ROLLING DOWN THE MODERN HIGHWAY TOWARDS THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL AND SAY THAT ANOTHER RUSSIAN SPEARHEAD IS SWINGING FOR THE DANUBE RIVER JUST NORTH OF BUDAPEST. THE GERMANS AND HUNGARIANS 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 COULD BE HEARD IN THE CAPITOL.

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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:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES ON THE 21ST BOMBER COMMAND OPERATING FROM THE MARIANAS HAVE FLOWN FROM THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN TO AGAIN BOMB TOKIO FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THREE DAYS. CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE ATTACKING FORCE WAS MADE UP OF ABOUT THE SAME FORCE OF GIANT PLANES AS THE FORCE THAT BOMBED TOKIO THE OTHER DAY. THE JAPS SAY THAT THE SUPER FORTS ALSO ATTACKED THE OSAKA AREA ABOUT 200 MILES FROM TOKIO. ANOTHER FORCE OF AMERICAN SUPER FORTS OF THE 20TH BOMBER COMMAND HAVE TODAY BOMBED TARGETS NEAR BANGKOK IN SIAM, ABOUT 3000 MILES FROM THE JAPANESE CAPITAL. THE CHINESE SAY THAT THE AMERICAN 14TH AAF HAS BEEN FORCED TO EVACUATE ANOTHER AIR BASE IN SOUTHEASTERN CHINA.

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 ON LEYTE ARE PRESSING SOUTH ON THE ROAD TO ORMOC 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.