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FRANCE:

AMERICAN FORCES OF THE AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH ARMIES ARE STILL HAMMERING FORWARD EAST AND NORTH OF AACHEN AGAINST BITTERLY RESISTING GERMANS. YANKS OF THE FIRST ARMY CAPTURED THE TOWN OF HURTGEN ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE HUTGEN FOREST AT DUSK LAST NIGHT AND HAVE DRIVEN CLOSER TO DUREN. AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE DRAWN CLOSER TO JULICH. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE ON THE SECOND ARMY FRONT IN GERMANY. BRITISH FORCES ARE HEAVILY SHELLING THE VENLO AREA ON THE EASTERN BANK OF THE MAAS RIVER IN HOLLAND AND IT HAS BEEN DISCLOSED THAT CANADIAN TROOPS FOR THE FIRST TIME, ARE FIGHTING IN GERMANY AT THE TIP OF THE NIJMEGEN SALIENT.

GENERAL PATTON'S TROOPS HAVE MADE MORE GAINS EAST OF METZ IN THE DIRECTION OF SAARBRUCKEN. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE GROUND OUT GAINS AT THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE "STRASBOURG SALIENT" AND WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN THREE MILES OF HAGUENAU DUE NORTH OF STRASBOURG. THE GERMAN SALIENT BETWEEN THE LOWER SAAR AND THE VOSGES MOUNTAINS IS BEING PINCHED OUT.

FRENCH FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE CUT OFF THE GERMAN SALIENT ON THE PLAIN OF SOUTHERN ALSACE BETWEEN BELFORT AND MULHOUSE AFTER A RAPID EIGHT MILE ADVANCE. ALL OF THE GERMAN ESCAPE ROUTES HAVE BEEN CUT AND PRISONERS ARE POURING IN. ANOTHER FORCE HAS DRIVEN ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE VOSGES SOUTHWEST OF STRASBOURG.

ONE OF THE STRONGEST FORCES OF Bomber Command MOSQUITOS EVER SENT OUT BLASTED NUREMBURG LAST NIGHT. RAF HEAVIES ATTACKED ESSEN AND A BIG RAIL CENTER NEAR DUSSELDORF JUST BEFORE DAWN TODAY. IN DAYLIGHT TODAY, MORE THAN 1000 AMERICAN HEAVIES ESCORTED BY OVER 1000 FIGHTERS RIPPED A BIG REFINERY AND ALSO MARSHALLING YARDS AT HAMM AND OTHER TARGETS IN NORTHWESTERN GERMANY.

RUSSIA:

GENERAL PETROFF'S FOURTH UKRAINIAN ARMY HAS EXTENDED ITS FRONT IN EASTERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY TO 80 MILES. THE RUSSIANS ARE DRIVING THROUGH THE PASSES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ARE WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE GATEWAY THROUGH THE CARPATHIANS TO SOUTHERN POLAND. MOSCOW SAYS THAT A UNION OF THE ARMIES OF GENERAL PETROFF AND MARSHALL KONEV IN SOUTHERN POLAND WILL TAKE PLACE SOON.

THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN THE RAILWAY TOWN OF EGER AND HAVE REACHED THE COMMUNICATION TOWN OF PECS ON THE DRAVA RIVER WELL TO THE WEST OF THE LOWER DANUBE RIVER.

ENGLAND:

MR. CHURCHILL SAID TODAY THAT "HE WANTS TO GIVE A FRESH WARNING TO THOSE WHO THINK THAT THE WAR WITH GERMANY WOULD BE OVER SOON. NO ONE KNOWS WHEN THE WAR WITH GERMANY WOULD BE OVER OR HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO DEFEAT JAPAN AFTER GERMANY GIVES UP." THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT "THE FRENCH WOULD RISE AGAIN AND BE A GREAT FACTOR IN THE WAR." HE FURTHER SAID THAT "ANY GAINS ON THE NORTHERN PART OF THE WESTERN FRONT ARE OF TREMENDOUS VALUE AND ANY BREAKTHROUGH FROM COLOGNE NORTHWARD WOULD HAVE A GREAT EFFECT ON THE LENGTH OF THE WAR." MR. CHURCHILL ALSO SAID THAT THE PORT OF ANTWERP IS NOW RECEIVING GREAT FLEETS OF ALLIED MERCHANT SHIPS.

THERE WAS ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT.

ITALY:

HEAVY RAIN IN ITALY HAS SLOWED OPERATIONS AGAIN AND HAS FLOODED BOTH THE FRONT AND REAR LINES. ASSAULT BOATS ARE BEING USED TO DELIVER SUPPLIES TO TROOPS ON THE FRONT LINES.

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PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS ON LEYTE ISLAND HAVE MADE MORE GAINS DESPITE HEAVY JAP RESISTANCE, A CONSTANT DOWNPOUR AND KNEE DEEP MUD. AMERICAN WARSHIPS HAVE JOINED IN WITH AMERICAN LONG RANGE ARTILLERY TO SHELL ORMOC HARBOR AND JAPANESE POSITIONS AROUND THE CITY. THE JAPS SENT OUT A STRONG FORCE OF BOMBERS YESTERDAY AGAINST THE AMERICAN SHIPS SHELLING THE ORMOC DEFENSES. AMERICAN GUNNERS SHOT DOWN 15 PLANES. GENERAL MACARTHUR ADMITTED THAT THE AMERICANS HAD SUFFERED "CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE."

ON THE CHINDWIN FRONT IN BURMA, EAST AFRICAN TROOPS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY, PLANES AND TANKS HAVE MADE BIG GAINS TOWARD THE RIVER STRONGHOLD OF KALEWYA.