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FRANCE:

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE SAAR RIVER AT THREE PLACES ON A MILE WIDE FRONT NEAR THE SEIGFRIED LINE TOWN OF MERZIG. FURTHER NORTH AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE MOVED FORWARD IN RAIN TODAY. THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY IS ENGAGED IN VERY HEAVY FIGHTING WEST OF DUREN. THE NINTH ARMY HAS STRENGTHENED ITS GRIP ON A 7 MILE STRETCH OF THE ROER RIVER. AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS GAVE CLOSE SUPPORT IN THE AACHEN AND GELLENKIRCHEN AREAS YESTERDAY. BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEANED UP ONE OF THE 3 SMALL GERMAN POCKETS WEST OF THE MAAS RIVER ABOVE VENLO. THE BRITISH SECOND TACTICAL AIR FORCE WAS OUT IN STRENGTH YESTERDAY BOMBING AND SHOOTING UP GERMAN TARGETS IN HOLLAND AND WESTERN GERMANY.

AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS DRIVING SOUTH FROM STRASBOURG IN ALSACE WERE LAST REPORTED 16 MILES SOUTH OF THE BIG FRENCH CITY AND ABOUT 22 MILES FROM COLMAR. NORTH OF STRASBOURG, OTHER SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS ARE EDGING INTO THE MAGINOT LINE. THE GERMANS ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE RHINE ARE SHELLING STRASBOURG. THE FIRST FRENCH ARMY IS STILL ADVANCING ON A WIDE FRONT. YESTERDAY TO THE WEST OF MULHOUSE, FRENCH TROOPS BEAT BACK A POWERFUL GERMAN COUNTERATTACK. EAST OF MULHOUSE, FRENCH FORCES ARE DRIVING DEEP INTO THE FOREST BETWEEN MULHOUSE AND THE RHINE RIVER.

RAF HEAVY BOMBERS LAST NIGHT MADE A CONCENTRATED ATTACK ON DUISBERG IN GERMANY, EUROPE'S LARGEST INLAND PORT AND ALSO AN IMPORTANT RAIL CENTER. THE CITY OF HAMBURG WAS ALSO ATTACKED DURING THE NIGHT. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, YANK HEAVIES NUMBERING OVER 1250 ESCORTED BY OVER 1000 FIGHTERS BLASTED MARSHALLING YARDS AT SAARBRUCKEN AND OIL TARGETS AROUND LEIPSIG. THE FLAK WAS VERY HEAVY AT LEIPSIG AND OUT OF THE FORCE OF BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS SENT OUT, 56 BOMBERS AND 30 FIGHTERS ARE MISSING. RAF LANCASTERS AND MOSQUITOS IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY HIT OIL PLANTS IN THE RUHR.

GENERAL EISENHOWER HAS WARNED FOREIGN WORKERS IN THE RUHR AND RHINE VALLEYS OF WESTERN GERMANY. WHEN THE ALLIES ARRIVE THERE, THE WORKERS ARE TO STAY OFF THE ROADS AND AWAY FROM SUPPLY AREAS. THE FOREIGN WORKERS WILL BE SENT HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE RUHR AND RHINE AREAS ARE OCCUPIED.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS HAVE EXPANDED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE DANUBE IN SOUTHWESTERN HUNGARY. THE REDS HAVE TAKEN 50 TOWNS AROUND THE COMMUNICATION CENTER OF PECS AND BOTH MOSCOW AND THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE SOVIET COLUMNS ARE KNIFING NORTHWARD TOWARDS BUDAPEST. IN NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY, VERY BITTER FIGHTING IS RAGING AROUND THE BIG TOWN OF MISKOLCZ. IN EASTERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE RUSSIANS ARE SLOGGING ACROSS WATER-COVERED GROUND TOWARD DUKLA PASS, THE GATEWAY TO THE PLAINS OF SOUTHERN POLAND.

ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE PRESSED AHEAD EAST OF FAENZA. AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE SLIGHT GAINS TOWARDS BOLOGNA.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN DIVE BOMBERS HAVE SUNK 4 MORE SHIPS RUNNING MEN AND SUPPLIES INTO LEYTE. ANOTHER 5000 JAPS WERE DROWNED. AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARE AGAIN SHELLING ORMOOC HARBOR. IN BURMA, BRITISH TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE RAILWAY TOWN OF PINWE ON THE RAILROAD TO MANDALAY. BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE KILLED 50,000 JAPS IN THE LAST 8 MONTH'S FIGHTING IN BURMA.

WASHINGTON ANNOUNCES THAT JAPAN HAS ABOUT HALF OF HER ARMY OR 2,000,000 MEN IN CHINA. THE JAPS ARE THOUGHT TO BE ABLE TO CREATE AN ARMY OF 6,000,000 MEN AND STILL HAVE ENOUGH MEN TO WORK IN THE WAR FACTORIES.