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GERMANY:

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK AT DAWN YESTERDAY ON A 10 MILE FRONT EAST OF AACHEN IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ROER RIVER. THE YANKS MADE GOOD GAINS AT SEVERAL PLACES DURING THE DAY AND ALSO PUSHED ON LAST NIGHT. ONE AMERICAN FORCE IS LESS THAN 2 MILES FROM THE BIG CITY OF DUREN AND ANOTHER UNIT IS LESS THAN ONE MILE FROM THE RIVER ROER. MEDIUM AND FIGHTER BOMBERS FLEW IN CLOSE SUPPORT OF GROUND FORCES IN THE DUREN AREA AND THE CITY OF DUREN WAS HEAVILY POUNDED. TODAY, THE GERMANS COUNTERATTACKED IN STRENGTH AGAINST ONE OF THE VILLAGES TAKEN YESTERDAY.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY FORCES ARE STILL MOPPING UP IN THE TOWNS OF SAARLAUTERN, SAARGUEMINES AND DILLINGEN IN THE SAAR RIVER VALLEY. THE NAZIS COUNTERATTACKED 7 TIMES AT SAARLAUTERN YESTERDAY AND SEVERAL TIMES AT THE TOWNS OF SAARGUEMINES AND DILLINGEN BUT AMERICAN INFANTRY AND TANKS SUPPORTED BY FIGHTER BOMBERS BEAT THEM BACK EACH TIME. SOUTHEAST OF SAARGUEMINES, A THIRD ARMY FORCE WAS LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 2 MILES FROM THE GERMAN FRONTIER. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS IN ALSACE HAVE TAKEN THE SUPPLY TOWN OF HAGENAU AND FURTHER SOUTH, OTHER AMERICAN FORCES ARE WITHIN 3 MILES OF COLMAR. FRENCH TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF THANN IN THE SOUTHERN VOSGES.

THE AERIAL WAR AGAINST THE REICH WAS CONTINUED YESTERDAY AND TODAY. OVER 500 AMERICAN HEAVIES ESCORTED BY 650 FIGHTERS YESTERDAY HIT RAIL TARGETS ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE. LAST NIGHT, RAF MOSQUITOS UNLOADED 4000 POUND BOMBS ON BERLIN. THE SECOND BRITISH TACTICAL AIRFORCE YESTERDAY WAS OUT IN STRENGTH BOMBING TARGETS IN HOLLAND AND WESTERN GERMANY. TODAY, MORE THAN 1600 FLYING FORTS AND LIBERATORS ESCORTED BY 800 FIGHTERS BLASTED GERMAN RAIL LINES LEADING TO THE WESTERN FRONT. RAF LANCASTERS AND MOSQUITOS OUT IN DAYLIGHT TODAY ATTACKED OIL AND RAIL TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY.

RUSSIA:

BUDAPEST, THE CAPITAL OF HUNGARY, IS REPORTED TO BE ABLAZE AS THE RUSSIAN ARMIES OF MARSHALL MALINOVSKY AND MARSHALL TOLBUKHIN COME IN FROM THE NORTH AND SOUTH. ONE FORCE OF MARSHALL MALINOVSKY'S ARMY IS LESS THAN 7½ MILES NORTH OF THE CAPITAL WHILE ANOTHER RED FORCE IS 11 MILES SOUTH OF THE CITY. A THIRD SOVIET COLUMN IS MOVING IN ON BUDAPEST FROM THE WEST FROM LAKE BALATON. THE NAZIS HAVE ORDERED THE CIVILIANS TO LEAVE THE CITY. STRONG RED FORCES HAVE CROSSED OVER INTO SOUTHERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY.

RUSSIA AND FRANCE HAVE SIGNED A TREATY OF MUTUAL ALLIANCE.

ENGLAND:

BRITAIN NOW HAS TWO POWERFUL FLEETS IN EASTERN WATERS. SHE NOW HAS A "PACIFIC FLEET" AND A "EAST INDIES FLEET". THE PACIFIC FLEET WILL WORK UNDER ADMIRAL NIMITZ OR GENERAL MACARTHUR AS THE SITUATION DEMANDS.

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

GREECE:

BRITISH FORCES ARE CLEANING UP THE EASTERN SUBURBS OF ATHENS OF GREEK LEFT WING GUERRILLAS, OR REBELS. THE GREEK REBELS ARE RESISTING BRITISH FORCES AND GREEK REGULARS AFTER REFUSING TO TURN IN THEIR ARMS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 25,000 REBELS IN AND AROUND ATHENS AND THEY HOLD MOST OF THE PORT FACILITIES AND SOME OF THE POLICE STATIONS IN THE GREEK CAPITAL. THE REBELS ARE REPORTED TO BE RESISTING IN OTHER GREEK TOWNS AND BRITISH TANKS AND PLANES ARE HELPING GREEK REGULARS HOLD OFF A REBEL FORCE MOVING ON ATHENS FROM THE NORTH. LONDON ANNOUNCES THAT BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS ARE BEING SENT TO ATHENS.

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ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS ARE WITHIN A MILE OF FAENZA AFTER BEATING OFF A LARGE SCALE GERMAN COUNTERATTACK. THE NAZIS ATTACKED WITH INFANTRY, TANKS AND SELF-PROPELLED GUNS BUT WERE BEAT BACK WITH VERY HEAVY LOSSES. ALLIED PLANES FLEW MORE THAN 2000 SORTIES YESTERDAY AND ATTACKED THE FAMOUS SKODA GUN WORKS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND TARGETS IN AUSTRIA AND NORTHERN ITALY.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN FORCES ON LEYTE ISLAND NOW HAVE THE JAPS TRAPPED IN THE ORMOC AREA AFTER THE AMERICAN 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION PULLED A SURPRISE LANDING NEAR ORMOC AND CAPTURED THE STRONGLY DEFENDED JAP PORT. THE JAPS POSITION ON LEYTE IS NOW DESPERATE. THE JAP RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT SUPER FORTRESSES HAD AGAIN ATTACKED TOKIO.

IN BURMA, THE 36TH BRITISH DIVISION, SPEARHEADING THE RIGHT WING OF THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE IN THAT COUNTRY, HAS TAKEN THE STRONGHOLDS OF KATHA ON THE IRRRAWADDY RIVER, AND INDAY, WITHOUT OPPOSITION. CHINESE TROOPS FORMING THE LEFT WING OF THE OFFENSIVE ARE FIGHTING 40 MILES BELOW BY-PASSED BHAMO.

CHINESE TROOPS FIGHTING IN THE SOUTHWESTERN CHINA PROVINCE OF KWANGSE HAVE CHECKED THE JAPANESE THERE AND HAVE RECAPTURED AN IMPORTANT RAIL TOWN.



HE SAYS HE KNOWS A GUY BACK HOME WHO PAYS MONEY TO TAKE A MUD BATH!