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GERMANY:

AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH ARMY TROOPS NOW HOLD 15 MILES OF THE WESTERN BANK OF THE ROER RIVER FROM LINNICH IN THE NORTH TO A POINT ACROSS THE RIVER FROM DUREN IN THE SOUTH. THE NAZIS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT AT A CASTLE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER BETWEEN LINNICH AND DUREN. NINTH ARMY FORCES LAUNCHED A LIMITED ATTACK THIS MORNING AND CAPTURED A SMALL TOWN TO LINK UP WITH FIRST ARMY TROOPS. YANKS OF THE FIRST ARMY HAVE CAPTURED 6 OF THE 7 SMALL TOWNS ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER OPPOSITE DUREN AND ONLY THE RIVER STANDS BETWEEN THE AMERICANS AND THE CITY. SOUTH OF DUREN, FIRST ARMY TROOPS LAST NIGHT PUSHED ON FOR TWO MILES AND CAPTURED TWO VILLAGES.

IN NORTHEASTERN ALSACE, TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY HAVE FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO THE RHINE RIVER JUST BEYOND THE TOWN OF SELTZ AND AMERICAN ARTILLERY IS SHELLING TARGETS IN GERMANY WEST OF KARLSRUHE. SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS BEYOND HAGENAU ARE CLOSING TO THE RHINE ON A 20 MILE FRONT. THERE HAS BEEN NO BIG CHANGES IN THE FIGHTING ON THE REST OF THE WESTERN FRONT.

RUSSIA:

MARSHALL RODION Y. MALINOVSKY'S TANKS AND INFANTRYMEN ARE EDGING THROUGH DENSE GERMAN MINEFIELDS AND ANTI-TANK DITCHES ON THE NORTHEASTERN APPROACHES TO BUDAPEST. THE RUSSIANS ARE ADVANCING IN RAIN AND MUD. ONE RED FORCE IS WITHIN 7 MILES OF THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE CITY AND ANOTHER COLUMN IS LESS THAN 10 MILES DUE EAST OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SHELLING THE CENTER OF BUDAPEST AND SAY THAT NAZI AND RED PLANES ARE ENGAGED IN BIG AIR BATTLES OVER THE CITY. THE GERMANS ALSO SPEAK OF A GREAT TANK BATTLE RAGING SOUTHWEST OF BUDAPEST WHERE THE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO HALT RUSSIAN ENCIRCLING MOVEMENTS AROUND THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL.

ITALY:

CANADIAN TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY ARE ADVANCING ACROSS WATER-COVERED GROUND ON A 10 MILE FRONT EAST OF FAENZA. THE CANADIANS HAVE ENLARGED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE LAMONE RIVER AND HAVE DRIVEN THREE MILES PAST THE RIVER. THE GERMANS ARE CONTINUALLY COUNTERATTACKING AND ARE BRINGING UP ALL POSSIBLE RESERVES OF INFANTRY AND ARMOR. ALLIED PLANES IN ITALY FLEW MORE THAN 600 SORTIES YESTERDAY.

GREECE:

ATHENS WAS QUIET DURING THE NIGHT AND FOR MOST OF THE DAY TODAY FOLLOWING HEAVY BATTLES IN THE STREETS YESTERDAY. THE ELAS GUERRILLAS ARE BELIEVED TO BE REGROUPING FOR A NEW ATTACK ON THE BRITISH. IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING, BRITISH FORCES MADE STILL MORE PROGRESS IN THE PORT OF ATHENS AREA AND HELD THEIR GROUND IN THE CENTER OF THE GREEK CAPITAL.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN FORCES ON LEYTE HAVE STARTED A "DOUBLE ATTACK" AGAINST THE LAST JAPS LEFT NORTH OF ORMOG. LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT, THREE JAPANESE SHIPS THINKING THAT ORMOG WAS STILL IN JAPANESE HANDS, SAILED INTO ORMOG HARBOR AND WERE BLOWN OUT OF THE WATER BY AMERICAN SHORE GUNS.

IN BURMA THE CHINESE 22ND DIVISION HAS DRIVEN 50 MILES BELOW ENCIRCLED BHAMO FOR THE DEEPEST PENETRATION INTO CENTRAL BURMA SO FAR. BRITISH TROOPS OF THE 36TH DIVISION HAVE CLEARED THE AREA BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF KATHA AND INDAW. AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FLYING FROM INDIA HAVE BOMBED TARGETS IN SIAM.

CHINESE TROOPS HAVE MADE STILL MORE PROGRESS IN THEIR BIG COUNTERATTACK AGAINST THE JAPS IN SOUTHEASTERN CHINA.

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