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# GERMANY:

GENERAL PATCH'S SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN ACROSS THE GERMAN BORDER ACROSS FROM NORTHERN ALSACE AND ARE PUSHING THROUGH THE SEIGFRIED LINE. AMERICAN CORR-ESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE 79TH DIVISION IS WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE GREAT GERMAN IN-DUSTRIAL AND COMMUNICATION CENTER OF KARLSRUME. THE AMERICANS HAVE ESTABLISHED 3 BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS THE RIVER LAUTER AND AMERICAN TROOPS WERE REPORTED FIGHTING IN LAUTERBOURG. THE AMERICAN SPEARMEAD IN GERMANY IS MEETING HEAVY FIRE FROM THE BIG GUNS OF THE SEIGFRIED LINE. THE MAIN BODY OF THE AMERICAN TROOPS IS MOVING UP TO THE GERMAN FRONTIER TO REINFORCE THE VANGUARDS. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, TROOPS OF THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY HAVE LAUNCHED A COUNTEROFFENSIVE AGAINST THE GERMANS WHO YESTERDAY BROKE OUT OF THE COLMAR POCKET. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BACK TODAY. TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY HAVE GAINED 13 MILES INSIDE GERMANY EAST OF

TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY HAVE GAINED 13 MILES INSIDE GERMANY EAST OF SAARGUEMINES. THIRD ARMY TROOPS NOW HOLD A LINE OF MORE THAN 40 MILES INSIDE GERMANY. THE BRIDGEHEADS AT DILINGEN AND SAARLAUTERN ARE BEING SHELLED HEAVILY BY THE GERMANS.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS TOGETHER WITH YANK NINTH ARMY TROOPS NOW HOLD MORE THAN 21 MILES OF THE WESTERN BANK OF THE ROER RIVER AND MORE OF THE GERMAN REAR-GUARDS LEFT ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER OPPOSITE DUREN HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT.

RAF HEAVY BOMBERS LAST NIGHT POUNDED THE THREE MILE LONG CHEMICAL WORKS ON THE RHINE RIVER AT LUDWIGSHAFEN. AMERICAN P-61 "BLACK WIDOW" NIGHT FIGHTERS RIPPED GERMAN RAIL AND MOTOR TRANSPORT ALONG THE RHINE RIVER LAST NIGHT. YESTERDAY, RAF LANCASTERS UNLOADED 12,000 POUND "EARTHQUAKE" BOMES ON GERMAN MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT PENS AT LJMUIDEN IN THE NETHERLANDS. AMERICAN HEAVIES YESTERDAY ATTACKED THE INDUSTRIAL CENTERS OF HANNOVER AND KASSEL. THE GERMAN RADIO TO DAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS OVER WESTERN AND SOUTHERN GERMANY.

#### RUSSIA:

SOVIET FORCES HAVE PUSHED INTO SOUTHERN CZECHOSLOVOKIA NORTH OF BUDAPEST AND HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF SAHI. RED TANKS COVERED BY PLANES ARE FANNING OUT TO THE WEST FROM THIS TOWN. ABOVE MISKOLCZ, IN NORTHEASTERN HUNGARY, THE RUSSIANS HAVE CAPTURED A PLACE 10 MILES FROM THE BORDER OF SLOVOKIA.

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## ITALY:

BRITISH AND POLISH TROOPS OF THE EICHTH ARMY HAVE LASHED OUT IN A NEW ATTACK SOUTHWEST OF FAENZA TO SMASH THE GERMAN DEFENSE LINE COVERING FAENZA. EAST OF FAENZA, CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE WON A BRIDGEHEAD OVER A CANAL NEAR BAGNACAVALLO.

#### GREECE:

PEACE MOVEMENTS ARE REPORTED FROM GREECE. MEANWHILE THE FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN ATHENS. <sup>\*</sup>RAF PLANES ATTACKED ELAS POSITIONS TODAY. THE LEFT WING GUERILLAS HAVE SUFFERED ANOTHER 1000 CASUALTIES AND BRITISH FORCES HAVE TAKEN 2800 PRISONERS.

#### PACIFIC:

AMERICAN FORCES HAVE LANDED ON THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND OF MINDORO SOUTH OF LUZON. ASSAULT FORCES LANDED ON 3 BEACHES ON THE SOUTHWESTERN COAST OF THE ISLAND AND THEY MET NO OPPOSITION ON THE BEACHES. ROCKET SHIPS AND WARSHIPS OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH FLEET BLASTED THE BEACHES BEFORE THE TROOPS WENT IN. AFTER LANDING, THE YANKS QUICKLY DROVE INLAND FOR A MILE AGAINST LITTLE OPPOSITION. TANKS, GUNS, AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT WENT ASHORE RIGHT AFTER THE ASSAULT TROOPS LANIED AND BULL-DOZERS IM EDIATELY BEGAN WORKING ON AN AIRSTRIP FOR AMERICAN PLANES. THE JAPS SAY THAT THE LANDINGS TOOK PLACE NEAR SAN JOSE ABOUT 150 MILES FROM MANILA AND THEY SAID THAT THE AMERICANS WERE BEING COUNTERATTACKED BY JAPANESE TROOPS. CONTINUED

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THE ATTACK ON MINDORO WAS TIMED TO FIT IN WITH GUERILLA UPRISINGS ON OTHER IS-LANDS IN THE PHILIPPINE GROUP. ON MINDANAO, PANAY, CEBU AND OTHER ISLANDS, THE GUERILLAS HAVE CAPTURED AND ARE HOLDING MUCH GROUND. THEY HAVE TAKEN AIRFIELDS, CUT COMMUNICATIONS, CAPTURED JAP STRONG POINTS AND HAVE SERIOUSLY HAMPERED ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENTS.

THE AMERICANS HAVE NOW DRIVEN A CORRIDOR THROUGH THE PHILIPPINES WHICH, WHEN THE YANKS HAVE A FIRM HOLD, WILL ENABLE THEM TO DOMINATE ROUTES TO THE CHINA COAST. THERE IS NOTHING BETWEEN THE AMERICANS ON MINDORO ISLAND AND THE ASIATIC MAINLAND ACROSS THE CHINA SEA.

IN CHINA, THE AMERICAN ALBASSADOR TO CHUNGKING, GENERAL HURLEY, HAS VISITED THE CHINESE COM UNIST AREA IN NORTHWESTERN CHINA. IN SOUTHWESTERN CHINA, THE

COUNTERATTACKING CHINESE ARE CLOSING IN ON THE TOWN OF HOCHIH. IN BURMA, THE CHINESE 38TH DIVISION HAS CAPTURED THE JAP FORWARD BASE OF BHAMO AFTER A TWO MONTH STRUGGLE. IN ARAKAN, IN FAR WESTERN BURMA, TROOPS OF THE 15TH INDIAN CORPS OF THE BRITISH 14TH ARMY HAVE CAPTURED BUTHIDAUNG.

