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GERMANY:

THE GERMANS HAVE LAUNCHED A POWERFUL COUNTERATTACK AGAINST AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS ON THE BELGIAN AND NORTHERN LUXEMBOURG FRONTIERS. THE NAZIS BEGAN THEIR ATTACKS ABOUT 36 HOURS AGO AND THEY CLAIM TO HAVE DRIVEN INTO BOTH BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG AT SEVERAL POINTS ALTHOUGH ALLIED HEADQUARTERS HAS NOT CONFIRMED THE ADVANCE INTO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE GERMANS ARE ATTACKING IN STRENGTH AND THAT THEY HAVE MADE ADVANCES YESTERDAY AND DURING THE NIGHT. TO THE SOUTH OF DUREN THE GERMANS HAVE MADE LOCAL COUNTERATTACKS BUT WERE BEATEN BACK EACH TIME.

TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY ARE STEADILY ENLARGING THEIR BRIDGEHEADS AT DILLINGEN AND SAARLAUTERN AGAINST STIFF GERMAN OPPOSITION. THE 90TH DIVISION CAPTURED A DOZEN GERMAN STRONGPOINTS IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY FORCES IN GERMANY ARE BATTLING THEIR WAY FORWARD AS THE GERMANS FALL BACK TO THE MAIN DEFENSES OF THE SEIGFRIED LINE. SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS IN GERMANY ARE NOW FIGHTING ON A 14 MILE FRONT. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, AMERICAN AND FRENCH TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH AND FRENCH FIRST ARMIES HAVE FURTHER COMPRESSED THE GERMAN POCKET IN THE COLMAR AREA.

AMERICAN FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS WERE OUT OVER GERMANY OVER THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY FRONT IN VERY GREAT STRENGTH TODAY BOMBING AND STRAFING GERMAN STRONG POINTS AND TRAFFIC. THE LUFTWAFFE SENT SOME FIGHTERS UP AND IN SEVERAL SHARP AERIAL BATTLES, 13 GERMAN FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN. YESTERDAY, AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ATTACKED TARGETS IN THE STUTTGART AREA OF GERMANY AND AT THE SAME TIME. RAF HEAVIES BOMBED COMMUNICATIONS AROUND SIEGEN.

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN AND YUGOSLAV TROOPS ARE DRIVING FOR THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF AUSTRIA FROM SOUTH OF LAKE BALATON IN HUNGARY. THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN MORE PLACES IN NORTHEAST HUNGARY NEAR THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF SLOVAKIA.

MARSHALL TITO'S YUGOSLAV PARTISANS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWNS OF LJUBOVIJA AND UZICE SOUTHWEST OF BELGRADE.

ITALY:

NEW ZEALAND TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE CAPTURED THE CITY OF FAENZA AFTER A 10 DAY BATTLE. POLISH AND BRITISH FORCES CUT THE SUPPLY ROUTE TO FAENZA YESTERDAY AND THE NEW ZEALAND TROOPS MOVED IN AND TOOK THE STRONGPOINT ON THE ROAD TO BOLOGNA. EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS ARE DRIVING NORTH OF THE CITY.

GREECE:

THERE WAS SPORADIC STREET FIGHTING IN ATHENS YESTERDAY. BRITISH AND GUERRILLA FORCES HAVE EXCHANGED TRUCE TERMS AND IT IS HOPED THAT PEACE WILL BE DECLARED SOON.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS THAT LANDED ON THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND OF MINDORO HAVE QUICKLY MOVED INLAND AND AT ONE PLACE THEY HAVE DRIVEN 9 MILES FROM THE BEACHES. THE TOWN OF SAN JOSE HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

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WE'LL CROSS HERE MEN, WHERE IT ISN'T VERY DEEP!