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GERMANY:

THE GERMANS HAVE LAUNCHED A POWERFUL COUNTEROFFENSIVE AGAINST AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS IN THE ARDENNES ALONG THE FRONTIERS OF BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG. THE NAZIS HAVE MADE THREE MAIN THRUSTS INTO AMERICAN POSITIONS AND AT PLACES HAVE MADE PENETRATIONS OF SOME DEPTH. THEY HAVE BROKEN INTO BELGIUM NEAR MONSCHAU AND HAVE MADE TWO THRUSTS ALONG THE LUXEMBOURG BORDER. ONE OF THE SOUTHERN THRUSTS HAS TAKEN THE GERMANS INTO THE LUXEMBOURG TOWN OF ECHTERNACH AND ACCORDING TO AN ALLIED CORRESPONDENT THE GERMANS HAVE MADE A FAIRLY DEEP PENETRATION IN THIS SECTOR. SEVERAL OF THE PENETRATIONS WERE SEALED OFF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY THE SAVAGELY RESISTING YANKS BUT THE NAZIS SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING INTO THE AMERICAN LINES DURING THE NIGHT. FIELD MARSHALL RUNDSTEDT IS EMPLOYING LARGE FORCES OF INFANTRY, TANKS AND PLANES. SOME PARATROOPERS WERE DROPPED BEHIND THE AMERICAN LINES BUT THEY WERE SOON ROUNDED UP.

CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THIS IS THE MAJOR GERMAN ATTEMPT TO THROW BACK THE ALLIED ARMIES FOR THE GERMANS HAVE MASSED SOME OF THEIR CRACK INFANTRY AND PANZER DIVISIONS FOR THEIR DRIVE. THE NAZIS WERE BRINGING UP FRESH INFANTRY AND TANK FORCES TO THROW INTO THE BATTLE TODAY. THE LUFTWAFFE PUT ON THE BIGGEST SHOW OF POWER SINCE THE OPENING OF THE WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY WHEN LARGE NUMBERS OF GERMAN PLANES WERE OUT IN SUPPORT OF THEIR COUNTEROFFENSIVE. SOME GERMAN FIGHTERS FLEW OVER HOLLAND TO ATTACK BRITISH POSITIONS. THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE MET THE CHALLENGE AND IN BIG AERIAL DUELS 108 GERMAN FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN FOR A LOSS OF 33 YANK FIGHTERS. AMERICAN DIVE BOMBERS WERE OUT IN VERY GREAT STRENGTH YESTERDAY HAMMERING GERMAN ARMOR AND TRANSPORT IN THE ARDENNES AREA AND INSIDE GERMANY. OVER 400 MOTOR VEHICLES AND SEVERAL HUNDRED RAIL WAGONS WERE DESTROYED. THE LUFTWAFFE WAS OUT IN SOME STRENGTH AGAIN LAST NIGHT OVER THE ARDENNES FOREST. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN. MARSHALL RUNDSTEDT HAS TOLD HIS TROOPS THAT "IT IS THE HOUR TO STRIKE."

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE GRINDING OUT GAINS AT THE DILINGEN AND SAAR-LAUTERN BRIDGEHEADS. THE GERMANS ARE POURING A HEAVY FIRE OF ARTILLERY ON THE ADVANCING AMERICANS. BEYOND SAARGUEMINES, 3RD ARMY TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED ANOTHER 3 VILLAGES. TO THE SOUTH, 4 DIVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY ARE BATTERING THROUGH THE SEIGFRIED LINE UNDER THE COVER OF MASSED ARTILLERY FIRE AND AMERICAN DIVE BOMBERS.

A MIGHTY FORCE OF MORE THAN 1300 RAF HEAVY BOMBERS LAST NIGHT PLASTERED GERMAN RAIL AND INDUSTRIAL TARGETS AT MUNICH, ULM AND DUISBERG. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED Bomber FORMATIONS APPROACHING SOUTHERN AND WESTERN GERMANY.

RUSSIA:

RED ARMY TROOPS ADVANCING NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST OF THE HUNGARIAN RAIL CENTER OF MISKOLCZ HAVE REACHED THE BORDER OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. RUSSIA AND FRANCE HAVE SIGNED A 20 YEAR PACT. THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL UNITE IN THE DEFEAT OF GERMANY AND IN THE REBUILDING AFTERWARDS.

ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE PUSHED BEYOND CAPTURED FAENZA TOWARDS BOLOGNA. ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY FLEW 2000 SORTIES YESTERDAY INCLUDING ATTACKS ON OIL REFINERIES IN GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND COMMUNICATIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA.

GREECE:

AFTER A 24 HOUR LULL IN THE FIGHTING IN ATHENS, SHELLING WAS RESUMED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THE TRUCE TERMS EXCHANGED BY THE BRITISH GENERAL IN ATHENS AND THE GUERRILLAS GIVE SOME HOPE FOR A SETTLEMENT.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES HAVE BOMBED THE JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF NAGOYA AND THE CHINESE CITY OF HANGKOW. AMERICAN TROOPS NOW CONTROL THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND OF MINDORO. THE YANKS ARE NOW 11 MILES INLAND AND THEY HOLD HIGH GROUND OVERLOOKING THE GROUND AHEAD OF THEM. JAP OPPOSITION TO THE INVASION HAS BEEN LIGHT SO FAR.

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THE AMERICAN 32ND DIVISION HAS PULLED A SURPRISE ATTACK DOWN THE ORMOC CORRIDOR ON LEYTE ISLAND AND HAS DRIVEN TO WITHIN 2 MILES OF THE JAP HEADQUARTERS THERE. THE AMERICANS CAPTURED A HUGE STORE OF JAP TANKS, BIG GUNS AND AMMUNITION.

IN BURMA THERE HAS BEEN A LINK UP OF GURKHA, INDIAN TROOPS FROM THE CHINDWIN AND THE BRITISH 36TH DIVISION TO THE WEST OF KATHA. A SECOND TOWN OF INDAW, AN OIL CENTER EAST OF THE CHINDWIN, HAS BEEN CAPTURED. IN ARAKAN IN FAR WESTERN BURMA, WEST AFRICAN TROOPS ARE ADVANCING EAST OF BUTHIDAUNG AND THE BRITISH NAVY HAS SHIELLED JAP POSITIONS NEAR THE TOWN OF MAUNGDAW.

