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GERMANY:

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST THE GERMAN COUNTEROFFENSIVE ALONG A 60 MILE FRONT OF THE BORDERS OF BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG ARE DEVELOPING. IT IS NOT KNOWN JUST WHERE THE GERMANS ARE ATTACKING BUT ONE OF THEIR SPEARHEADS IS REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED THE BELGIAN TOWN OF STAVELOT, 20 MILES INSIDE BELGIUM. FIRST ARMY YANKS YESTERDAY SEALED OFF ONE OF THE GERMAN SPEARHEADS AND THE AMERICANS TOOK BACK SOME LOST GROUND. THE ATTACKS IN THE SOUTH HAVE BEEN HELD AFTER THE GERMANS SUCCEEDED IN MAKING SOME PENETRATIONS AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE 60 MILE FRONT. AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE FRONT IS "FLUID" AND THAT FIELD MARSHALL RUNDSTEDT HAS A SUPERIOR WEIGHT OF ARMOR AND INFANTRY. THE CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE SAVAGE FIGHTING GOING ON IS UNPARALLELED SINCE THE NORMANDY LANDING AND THE AMERICAN BREAKTHROUGH AT ST LO.

BOTH THE ALLIED AND GERMAN AIRFORCES HAVE BEEN OPERATING OVER THE BATTLEGROUND IN STRENGTH. AMERICAN AND BRITISH FIGHTER BOMBERS FLEW MORE THAN 1000 SORTIES YESTERDAY IN SUPPORT OF THE GROUND FORCES. AT LEAST 265 MILITARY VEHICLES WERE DESTROYED BY THUNDERBOLT DIVE BOMBERS AND BRITISH ROCKET FIRING TYPHOONS. TYPHOONS HAMMERED A GERMAN TANK CONCENTRATION WEST OF STAVELOT YESTERDAY AND DURING THE DAY, 95 NAZI ARMORED VEHICLES WERE DESTROYED. IN FIERCE AIR BATTLES OVER THE FRONT, 46 GERMAN FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN FOR A LOSS OF 11 ALLIED FIGHTERS. A FORCE OF MORE THAN 500 AMERICAN FLYING FORTS BLASTED THE RAIL YARDS BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES AT MAINZ, COBLENZ AND COLOGNE WITHOUT LOSS. THE LUFTWAFFE LAST NIGHT DROPPED ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMBS ON THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY FRONT AND WAS VERY ACTIVE DURING THE DAY OVER THE BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURG FRONT AND OVER THE SAAR VALLEY ON THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY FRONT.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS MADE SLIGHT PROGRESS IN THE SAAR VALLEY YESTERDAY AND ACROSS FROM NORTHERN ALSACE, SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS PUSHED AGAINST HEAVY RESISTANCE THROUGH THE SEIGFRIED LINE. NORTHWEST OF COLMAR IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN STRONGLY COUNTERATTACKING.

RAF HEAVY BOMBERS MADE A ROUND TRIP FLIGHT OF 1600 MILES LAST NIGHT TO BOMB GERMAN WARSHIPS IN THE BALTIC PORT OF GDYNIA. OTHER RAF HEAVIES POUNDED THE GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CENTERS OF MUNSTER AND NUREMBERG. DURING THE DAY, SPITFIRE FIGHTER BOMBERS ATTACKED GERMAN ROCKET LAUNCHING SITES.

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN FORCES DRIVING NORTH OF MISKOLCZ HAVE REACHED THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER ON A 20 MILE FRONT AND ARE DRIVING INTO THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY.

ITALY:

FIERCE FIGHTING IS GOING ON BEYOND FAENZA AS THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY PUSHES TOWARDS BOLOGNA. THE GERMANS HAVE COUNTERATTACKED WITH TANKS AND INFANTRY AND HAVE SUCCEEDED IN FORCING THE BRITISH BACK AT ONE PLACE. ALLIED PLANES FLEW SOME 1500 SORTIES YESTERDAY. AMERICAN HEAVIES ATTACKED GERMAN OIL REFINERIES IN SILESIA AND TARGETS NEAR VIENNA AND FIGHTER BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS WENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA. FROM ALL THESE OPERATIONS, 24 ALLIED PLANES ARE MISSING.

GREECE:

FIGHTING FLARED UP IN ATHENS AGAIN THIS MORNING AFTER A QUIET NIGHT. ELAS GUERRILLAS HAVE SURROUNDED A BRITISH RAF HEADQUARTERS. A BRITISH RELIEF COLUMN IS ON ITS WAY TO RELIEVE THE HARD PRESSED GARRISON. THE MAIN ROAD RUNNING FROM THE CITY OF ATHENS TO THE PORT OF ATHENS HAS BEEN CLEARED BY BRITISH TROOPS.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS BASED IN CHINA TODAY ATTACKED THE JAP HOME ISLAND OF KYUSHU. IT IS THE SECOND DAY RUNNING THAT THE GIANT BOMBERS HAVE RAINED THE JAP HOMELAND. AMERICAN TROOPS ON THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND OF MINDORO ARE PUSHING TO THE NORTH WITHOUT MEETING ANY RESISTANCE FROM JAP GROUND TROOPS. THE ONLY RESISTANCE BEING ENCOUNTERED IS FROM JAP PLANES AND AMERICAN PLANES AND NAVY SHIPS HAVE SHOT DOWN LARGE NUMBERS OF JAP PLANES IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. ON LEYTE ISLAND, THE YANKS HAVE CAPTURED ANOTHER JAP AIRFIELD AND THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE JAPANESE 26TH DIVISION HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT.

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IN THREE DAYS LAST WEEK 460 JAP PLANES WERE DESTROYED OVER THE PHILIPPINES. OFF THE ISLAND OF LUZON, AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES HAVE SUNK 28 JAP SHIPS AND DAMAGED 66 OTHERS. AMERICAN SUBMARINES HAVE SUNK 33 MORE JAP SHIPS IN PACIFIC WATERS.

IN ARAKAN IN WESTERN BURMA, BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS SPEARHEADED BY SHERMAN TANKS HAVE LINKED UP TWO BRIDGEHEADS AND HAVE PUSHED PAST CAPTURED NAUNGDAW FOR 20 MILES.

BRITISH HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE ATTACKED JAP TARGETS ON THE BAY OF BENGAL.



EVEN IF ITS A GOOD RUMOR, HE DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR IT!