GERMANY:
The cloak of secrecy blanketing operations in the Ardennes Forest along
the 60 mile front in Belgium and Luxembourg has been partially lifted. ShAFE has an
nounced that by 11th-day on Monday Field Marshal MONTGOMERY’s armor and infantry
had broken across the Belgian and Luxembourg borders at four places for a depth
of five to 20 miles. The deepest German penetration was in the area of the Bel-
gian town of Stavelot, where the Germans penetrated 20 miles after crossing over
into Belgium near Malmedy. The town of Malmedy is reported to be in German
hands. Around the German town of St. Vith, just across the border from Belgium, the Ger-
mans cut off a force of American troops in a pincer’s drive. The German spearhead
thrown at the northern American flank near Monschau has been reported as stopped
by veteran American First Army Troops. Both sides are bringing up reinforcements.
MONTGOMERY was still attacking this morning supported by the Luftpaffe but the
Americans have slowed the German drive down after bringing up large numbers of
reinforcements. The roads behind the American lines are jammed with troops and
armor moving up to the front. The Germans may continue to gain for a few days
yet before they are checked and the front is stabilized.

The Luftpaffe was active over the Ardennes front yesterday and during the night,
last night, the Americans also used large numbers of flying bombs over the Ardenne
sector. American and British fighter bombers yesterday heavily pounded German front line
positions and targets behind the lines. Allied heavies attacked roads and rail
lines behind the battlefronts.

German resistance has stiffened all along the western front. In the Saar Valley,
Third Army forces are edging forward at Dillingen and Saarlautern in spite
of very heavy German artillery fire. In southern Alsace, French troops have lim-
ited gains yesterday against the German pocket west of the Rhine.

A Washington spokesman reports that the Germans are employing a light V-2
rocket against American Ninth Army troops.

RUSSIA:
Russian troops have advanced on a broad front from northern Hungary into Cze-
cho-Slovakia and are closing in on a big Slovakian rail center from three sides.
Just north of Budapest, the Reds have cleared more places as they attempt to
break through towards Austria.

Yugoslav Partisans have taken the big town of Podgorica in Montenegro.

ITALY:
New Zealand troops have launched an all out drive north of Faenza. Northeast
of Faenza, the Germans still hold a 7 mile stretch of the Lavone River. For the
fourth day running, 15th United States Air Force heavy bombers yesterday plaster-
ed oil and rail targets in Germany, Austria and northern Yugoslavia. The German
radio today reported that Allied bomber formations were over upper Austria and
Bavaria.

GREECE:
General Scobie, the British general in Athens, has warned ELAS forces that “if
their guns are still firing after nine o’clock tomorrow morning, the guerrillas will
be attacked with all the things at the disposal of the British forces including
artillery, naval guns, planes and rockets.” Fighting was still going on today near the supply road between Athens and the
port of Athens.

PACIFIC:
On Leyte Island, American forces have captured the two Jap strongholds of Loney
and Valencia. The battle for Leyte is nearing its end as the Jap defense line
between these two towns is being battered to pieces and rolled up. The Yanks ad-
vancing on Mindoro are still not meeting any land opposition. Yesterday, 13 Jap
planes were shot down over the island. American Liberators heavy bombers have
attacked the Philippine Islands of Cebu, Luzon and Mindanao with 1000 pound bombs.

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CHINESE FORCES FIGHTING IN SOUTHWESTERN CHINA HAVE CHECKED THE JAP DRIVE DOWN THE CHUNGKING HIGHWAY AND ARE FORCING THE NIPPONESE BACK IN BITTER COUNTERATTACKS.

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WHAT'S DA MATTER, DON'T YA WANT TO HELP PUT OVER DA XMAS SPIRIT?