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GERMANY:

THERE ARE SIGNS THAT MARSHALL RUNDSTEDT IS SHIFTING THE WEIGHT OF HIS ATTACKS IN THE ARDENNES TO HIS NORTHERN FLANK IN BELGIUM. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN STRONGLY ATTACKING ON THEIR NORTHERN FLANK BUT THEY HAVE GAINED NO NEW GROUND. IN THE CENTER OF HIS SPEARHEAD IN BELGIUM, RUNDSTEDT HAS TRIED TO REACH THE MEUSE RIVER AT DINANT BUT HAS BEEN HELD. ONE GERMAN SPEARHEAD WAS THROWN OUT OF THE LITTLE TOWN OF CELLS, FOUR MILES FROM DINANT. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS BELIEVE THAT THE GERMANS ARE BEGINNING TO GO OVER TO THE DEFENSIVE AT THE TIP OF THEIR SALIENT IN BELGIUM. THE NAZIS HAVE BEEN BLOWING BRIDGES, PUTTING UP ROAD BLOCKS AND LAYING MINEFIELDS AT THE POINT OF THEIR DEEPEST PENETRATION. YESTERDAY IN SAVAGE FIGHTING ON THE CENTRAL SECTOR THE YANKS CAPTURED 500 CRACK PANZER TROOPS AND 50 TANKS THAT HAD RUN OUT OF GAS. IN SOUTHERN BELGIUM THE AMERICAN GARRISON THAT HELD OUT AT BASTOGNE FOR A WEEK HAS BEEN RELIEVED BY AN AMERICAN ARMORED COLUMN. THE GARRISON THAT HAD BEEN CUT OFF HAD DEALT DAMAGING BLOWS AT THE GERMANS WHILE THEY WERE SURROUNDED. JUST YESTERDAY THE GERMANS ATTACKED THEM THREE TIMES. IN THE FIRST ASSAULT ALONE THE AMERICANS DESTROYED 27 GERMAN TANKS. TODAY THE NAZIS WERE TRYING TO CUT THE LINK TO BASTOGNE BUT THEY FAILED.

THE MASSIVE AERIAL ONSLAUGHT AGAINST THE GERMANS WAS KEPT UP TODAY DESPITE BAD FLYING WEATHER. FOR THE SIXTH DAY RUNNING AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS WERE OVER THE REICH. LAST NIGHT RAF HEAVY BOMBERS ATTACKED RAIL CENTERS JUST NORTH OF COLOGNE. MOSQUITO INTRUDER PLANES LAST NIGHT POUNDED GERMAN TRANSPORT MOVING UP TO THE LINES. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY AMERICAN AND BRITISH PLANES OF ALL TYPES WERE OUT IN GREAT STRENGTH. A FORCE OF 600 YANK HEAVIES ESCORTED BY 400 FIGHTERS HIT GERMAN SUPPLY LINES AND RAIL HEADS JUST BEHIND THE SIEGFRIED LINE. BRITISH HEAVIES YESTERDAY WENT FOR SUPPLY CENTERS JUST INSIDE THE GERMAN BORDER. AMERICAN AND BRITISH TACTICAL PLANES WERE OUT IN VERY GREAT STRENGTH YESTERDAY HAMMERING NAZI TRANSPORT AND ARMOR. THE BRITISH TACTICAL AIRFORCE HAD EVERY ONE OF ITS SQUADRONS OUT YESTERDAY.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGES IN THE FIGHTING ON THE REST OF THE WESTERN FRONT.

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN ASSAULT TROOPS ARE ADVANCING BLOCK BY BLOCK THROUGH THE SUBURBS OF BUDAPEST. ONE SPEARHEAD WAS REPORTED TO BE A MILE FROM THE CENTER OF THE CITY. THE GERMANS HOLDING OUT IN THE CITY AND THE GERMANS FIGHTING JUST NORTH OF BUDAPEST HAVE BEEN CUT INTO TWO GROUPS. THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY SAID TODAY THAT THE GERMANS HOLDING OUT IN THE HUNGARIAN CAPITOL HAD WITHDRAWN TO THE INNER DEFENSES OF THE CITY.

ITALY:

THE GERMANS HAVE DRIVEN FIFTH ARMY FORCES FROM OUTPOSTS IN THE SERCHIO VALLEY, ABOUT 15 MILES FROM THE WEST COAST OF ITALY.

GREECE:

THE ATHENS ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE THAT WAS BEING HELD IN THE GREEK CAPITOL AMONG MEMBERS OF THE GREEK REBEL PARTISANS, GREEK REGULAR TROOPS AND ENGLISH REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING MR. CHURCHILL AND MR. EDEN, HAS BEEN ADJOURNED INDEFINITELY BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT OVER DEMANDS MADE BY REBEL DELEGATES. MR. CHURCHILL SAID THAT AN INTERNATIONAL TRUST MAY HAVE TO BE SET UP IN GREECE SOON IF THE GREEKS THEMSELVES FAIL TO PROVIDE A TRUSTWORTHY DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. MR. CHURCHILL AND MR. EDEN HAVE LEFT TO RETURN TO LONDON.

PACIFIC:

THE JAPANESE RADIO TODAY REPORTED AMERICAN SUPER BOMBERS OVER JAPAN. YESTERDAY, A LARGE FORCE OF SUPER FORTS FLYING FROM SAIPAN ISLAND BOMBED THE JAP CAPITOL. LAST TUESDAY A JAP NAVAL FORCE BOMBARDED AMERICAN POSITIONS ON MINDORO ISLAND. THE JAPS DID LITTLE DAMAGE AND AMERICAN PLANES AND TORPEDO BOATS SANK THREE OF THE RAIDING DESTROYERS. AMERICAN PLANES DAMAGED A BATTLESHIP AND A CRUISER.

AMERICAN PLANES HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED CLARK FIELD AT MANILA. AMERICAN WARSHIPS AND PLANES HAVE ONCE MORE ATTACKED THE BONIN ISLANDS 700 MILES SOUTH OF JAPAN.

BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS IN FAR WESTERN BURMA HAVE DRIVEN TO A POINT OPPOSITE THE PORT OF AKYAB.

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HE SAYS THE MONEY IS FOR THE WAR EFFORT!