BELGIUM:

The German salient in Belgium has been further reduced at its tip and on the southern flank in the Bastogne area. American forces have recaptured the town of Rochefort at the tip of Marshall Rundstedt's salient. At the southern flank of the German salient, General Patton's Third Army forces have made good progress in a large-scale attack begun on Saturday between St. Hubert and Bastogne. American tanks and infantry have ground out gains in this sector despite heavy German counter-attacks by German infantry backed up by armor. Third Army troops have also made gains on both sides of the corridor leading to Bastogne. The Nazis are still trying to cut off the American corridor to Bastogne but they have been beaten back.

American Seventh Army forces just inside Germany are meeting the strongest counter-attacks they have seen in weeks. American Third Army forces in the Saar Valley have hit into very heavy artillery fire especially round the bridgehead at S. Arnstein.

The tremendous Allied offensive against the German salient in the Ardennes and against Western Germany was kept up today. A strong force of over 500 U.S. Eighth Air Force fortresses and Liberators flew deep into central Germany to attack oil and industrial targets. The American heavies over Germany for the 10th day running had in escort of more than 900 Thunderbolts and Mustangs. A small force of U.S. heavy's today went for rail bridges near Coblenz behind the Rhine line battlefront. Last night a strong force of R.P. long-stickers attacked a large marauding Yird in the Ruhr. One of the strongest forces of R.P. mosquitoes ever sent out flew to Berlin last night and plastered it with 4,000 pound bombs. British tactical planes last night went for trucks and trains behind the battle area. In daylight yesterday more than 1,300 American heavy bombers escorted by 700 fighters pounded communication and oil targets in Germany. In aerial battles the bombers and their escort shot down 78 German planes. American losses were 35 bombers and 16 fighters.

Adolph Hitler in a radio speech at midnight last night forecast victory for Germany in 1945.

RUSSIA:

The Germans are resisting fanatically as the Russians dismantle and shell their way through the heart of Budapest. Two Russian peace envoy sent to the Germans in Budapest were brutally murdered and the mad-dened Russians are ruthlessly wiping out German troops dug in among the ruins of Budapest's public buildings. The Nazis are trying to gain time for the defense of Austria. The Germans trapped in the Danube bend north of Budapest have been wiped out. The Russians took 5,000 prisoners.

Moscow radio says that there are 2,000,000 civilians seeking refuge in the blasted cellars of Budapest. The Germans may fight to the end for the Hungarian capital. Yesterday they counterattacked 15 times in the western part of the city. The German radio today reported that the Russians have made a new breach in the German lines in Latvia.

GREECE:

The Arch Bishop of Athens, Bishop Damaskinos, has taken the oath as Regent of Greece. British and Greek regular forces now control 2/3 of Athens.

ITALY:

Fifth Army forces have pushed on for 3 1/2 miles in the Serchio Valley and have gained back most of the ground that they gave up in recent withdrawals.

PACIFIC:

Indian troops in far western Burma have taken Rakhine. British 14th Army troops in central Burma are within 36 miles of Yeo on the rail line to Mandalay. The 4th P. 8. H. lost another 34 planes in attacks on American positions on Mindor Island in the Philippines.
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