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BELGIUM:

THE GERMANS HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK AGAINST THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY ON THE SAAR FRONT SOUTH OF THE ARDENNES. THE NEW ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED BEFORE DAYBREAK YESTERDAY ALONG A 40 MILE FRONT AND THEY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE MADE SOME GAINS. THE NEWS FROM THIS SECTOR IS 36 HOURS OLD BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT ONE GERMAN SPEARHEAD IS ATTACKING JUST WEST OF SAARGUEMINES ON THE BORDER BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY FORCES DRIVING NORTH BETWEEN BASTOGNE AND ST HUBERT ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE GERMAN SALIENT IN THE ARDENNES HAVE ADVANCED ON A 15 MILE FRONT. AT SOME PLACES THE YANKS DROVE AHEAD FOR FIVE OR SIX MILES. THE GERMANS COUNTERATTACKED STRONGLY IN THE AREAS OF WILTZ AND BASTOGNE BUT THEY WERE REPULSED. DURING THE DAY YESTERDAY THE GERMANS CONTINUED THEIR COUNTERATTACKS AGAINST AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS.

THE NON STOP AERIAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANY AND THE GERMAN LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN THE ARDENNES WENT ON AGAIN TODAY. FOR THE 11TH DAY IN A ROW AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS FROM ENGLAND WERE OVER WESTERN GERMANY. LAST NIGHT RAF HEAVY BOMBERS IN GREAT STRENGTH WERE OVER GERMANY POUNDING MARSHALLING YARDS AND OIL TARGETS IN THE RUHR AND AT HANNOVER AND NEAR FRANKFORT. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY THE LUFTWAFFE WAS OUT IN STRENGTH OVER HOLLAND AND BELGIUM. MORE THAN 250 GERMAN FIGHTERS SWEEPED OVER RAF AIRFIELDS ATTACKING BRITISH FIGHTER PLANES ON THE GROUND. THE NAZI FIGHTERS MANAGED TO INFLICT CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE BEFORE THE BRITISH FIGHTERS GOT INTO THE AIR. AS THE NAZI PLANES WERE RETURNING THEY WERE JUMPED BY RAF FIGHTERS FROM OTHER FIELDS AND IN BIG DOGFIGHTS THAT LASTED MORE THAN AN HOUR 125 GERMAN PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN FOR A LOSS OF FOUR BRITISH PLANES. THE U. S. EIGHTH AIR FORCE SENT 800 HEAVIES OVER GERMANY ATTACKING OIL PLANTS AND SUPPLY LINES. IN ALL YESTERDAY, 193 GERMAN PLANES WERE DESTROYED. BRITISH HEAVY BOMBERS BREACHED THE BIG DORTMUND-EMS CANAL FOR THE FOURTH TIME YESTERDAY. ALLIED TACTICAL PLANES FLEW OVER 1000 SORTIES YESTERDAY. ALLIED PLANES FLEW OVER 4000 SORTIES YESTERDAY.

RUSSIA:

RUSSIAN TROOPS FIGHTING IN BUDAPEST NOW HOLD ALMOST ALL OF THE CITY ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE DANUBE RIVER. THE GERMANS ARE STILL FIGHTING FIERCELY IN THE EASTERN HALF OF THE CITY. MOSCOW SAYS THAT AN ESTIMATED 80,000 GERMANS AND HUNGARIANS ARE HOLDING OUT IN BUDAPEST.

IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE RUSSIANS ARE WITHIN 2 MILES OF THE BIG COMMUNICATION CENTER OF LUCENEZ.

ITALY:

ACTIVITY IN ITALY HAS BEEN CONFINED TO PATROLLING. DESPITE BAD WEATHER ALLIED AIRCRAFT FLEW MORE THAN 850 SORTIES YESTERDAY.

PACIFIC:

BRITISH 14TH ARMY FORCES HAVE DRIVEN TO WITHIN 12 MILES OF YEU IN CENTRAL BURMA. LAST NIGHT BRITISH HEAVY BOMBERS BOMBED THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN BURMA AND SIAM. AMERICAN PLANES OPERATING OFF THE WESTERN COAST OF LUZON ISLAND HAVE BADLY DAMAGED 5 JAP CARGO SHIPS AND 2 DESTROYERS.