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BELGIUM:

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY FORCES DRIVING NORTH BETWEEN ST HUBERT AND BASTOGNE HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE PROGRESS. ONE ARMORED SPEARHEAD DRIVING INTO THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT HAS BATTERED ITS WAY FOR A FIVE MILE GAIN BEYOND BASTOGNE. THE YANKS HAVE HELD THE CORRIDOR RUNNING TO BASTOGNE AND IT HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY ENLARGED. THE GERMANS IN THE BASTOGNE AREA ARE FIGHTING BITTERLY AND ARE CONTESTING EVERY YARD THAT THE THIRD ARMY ADVANCES. GERMAN ARMOR HAS BEEN MOVING INTO THE BASTOGNE AREA AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT MARSHALL HUNDSTEDT WILL FIGHT A DETERMINED REAR GUARD ACTION ON THIS SECTOR WHILE THE GERMANS PULL OUT TO A NEW LINE OF DEFENSE. THE NAZIS HAVE DUG IN MANY TANKS AND HAVE A STRONG SCREEN OF HEAVY ANTI TANK GUNS ON THE BASTOGNE SECTOR. AMERICAN PATROLS LAST NIGHT WENT INTO ST HUBERT BUT LATER WITHDREW.

THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING AT A NUMBER OF POINTS ALONG A 70 MILE FRONT BETWEEN SAARBRUCKEN AND THE RHINE. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CHECKED THE GERMANS AFTER THE NAZIS MANAGED TO MAKE SOME GAINS. CORRESPONDENTS BELIEVE THAT THE GERMANS' MAIN ATTACK ON THIS SECTOR IS YET TO COME.

THE ROUND THE CLOCK AERIAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANY AND THE GERMAN SALIENT IN THE ARDENNES WENT ON DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS TODAY AND ALSO DURING LAST NIGHT. TODAY, AMERICAN BOMBERS WERE OVER THE REICH FOR THE 12TH DAY RUNNING. LAST NIGHT, MORE THAN 1000 RAF BOMBERS BLASTED A NUMBER OF TARGETS IN GERMANY. MOST OF THE BOMBERS ATTACKED THE ARMAMENT CENTER OF NUREMBURG AND THE CHEMICAL CENTER OF LUDWIGSHAFEN ON THE RHINE. A SMALLER FORCE OF BRITISH BOMBERS PAID THEIR RESPECTS TO BERLIN. THE GERMANS ADMITTED TODAY THAT THE CITY OF NUREMBURG WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED LAST NIGHT BY THE RAF ATTACK. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY OVER 1000 AMERICAN HEAVIES WENT FOR SUPPLY POINTS AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS BEHIND THE FRONT. AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS YESTERDAY KNOCKED OUT 62 GERMAN TANKS.

IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT THE LUFTWAFFE SENT ABOUT 900 PLANES OUT ON MONDAY OF THIS WEEK TO RAID BRITISH FIGHTER PLANES ON AIRFIELDS IN HOLLAND AND BELGIUM. THE NAZI PLANES MANAGED TO DO SOME DAMAGE TO THE PARKED BRITISH PLANES BUT WHEN THE RAF FIGHTERS TOOK TO THE AIR AND ENGAGED THE GERMANS, THE BRITISH FLIERS EXACTED A TERRIFIC PRICE. DURING THE DAY 364 NAZI PLANES WERE DESTROYED.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS HAVE DRIVEN THE GERMANS FROM MANY MORE STRONG POINTS IN BUDAPEST. MOSCOW RADIO SAYS THAT RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE DANUBE INTO THE EASTERN PART OF THE CITY FROM THE WESTERN HALF. BOTH THE GERMANS AND THE RUSSIANS SAY THAT A GREAT BATTLE IS BEING FOUGHT AT KOMAROM, 40 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITOL AND ONLY 90 MILES FROM VIENNA. MOSCOW SAYS THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE THROWN IN GREAT NUMBERS OF TANKS AND INFANTRY.

ITALY:

CANADIAN TANKS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE CLEARED A NUMBER OF STRONG POINTS NORTHWEST OF RAVENNA.

PACIFIC:

BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS DRIVING THROUGH CENTRAL BURMA HAVE ENTERED THE RAIL TOWN OF YEU ON THE MAIN RAIL LINE TO MANDALAY.

AMERICAN PLANES HAVE SET FIRE TO FIVE JAP VESSELS OFF FORMOSA AND HAVE POUNDED KEY POINTS IN SOUTHERN LUZON. AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM SAIPAN ISLAND WERE OVER JAPAN FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF YESTERDAY BOMBING INDUSTRIAL TARGETS. THE JAPS SAY THAT THE SUPER BOMBERS ATTACKED THE INDUSTRIAL CENTERS OF OSAKA AND NAGOYA.

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