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BELGIUM:

AMERICAN THIRD ARMORED DIVISION TANKS HAVE CUT ONE OF THE TWO MAIN SUPPLY LINES OF THE GERMAN SALIENT IN THE ARDENNES. THE TANKS SEVERED THE SUPPLY ROAD ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN LA ROCHE AND ST VITH TO MARK THE DEEPEST PENETRATION SO FAR IN THE NEW ATTACK ON THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE SALIENT. RUNDSTEDT'S LAST MAIN SUPPLY LINE RUNS BETWEEN ST HUBERT, HOUFFALIZE AND ST VITH. THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH ARE ATTACKING ON A 30 MILE FRONT ON THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE SALIENT. SOUTHWEST OF STAVELOT ONE COLUMN HAS DRIVEN AHEAD FOR A TWO MILE GAIN. AT THE WESTERN TIP OF THE SALIENT BRITISH TROOPS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE VILLAGE OF BURE, 5 MILE SOUTHWEST OF ROCHEFORT. ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE SALIENT GENERAL PATTON'S TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE TOWN OF TILLET BETWEEN ST HUBERT AND BASTOGNE. IN THE BASTOGNE AREA GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS HAVE EASED OFF. OTHER THIRD ARMY FORCES HAVE GAINED IN THE WILTZ AREA OF LUXEMBOURG AND WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 1 1/2 MILES OF THAT TOWN. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS ARE REDUCING THE GERMAN WEDGE IN THE BITCHE AREA IN THE VOSGES. THE GERMANS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN REACHING THE ROAD BETWEEN SAARGUEMINES AND HAGUENOT BUT THEY HAVE BEEN ENCIRCLED BY THE AMERICANS. THE GERMAN BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE RHINE JUST NORTH OF STRASBOURG HAS BEEN ELIMINATED EXCEPT FOR ONE SMALL POCKET.

THE GREAT ANGLO-AMERICAN AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANY WENT ON WITHOUT INTERRUPTION TODAY AND LAST NIGHT. MORE THAN 1000 AMERICAN HEAVIES WERE OUT OVER GERMANY TODAY BLASTING 2 RHINE BRIDGES, 5 MARSHALLING YARDS AND 6 RAIL JUNCTIONS. LAST NIGHT RAF HEAVY BOMBERS OUT IN GREAT STRENGTH WENT FOR THE RAIL CENTER OF HANAU NEAR FRANKFORT. OTHER TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY WERE ALSO ATTACKED. THIS WAS THE 11TH NIGHT RUNNING THAT BRITISH BOMBERS HAVE BEEN OVER GERMANY IN GREAT NUMBERS.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS ARE LOSING HEAVILY AS THEY ATTEMPT TO BREAK THROUGH THE RUSSIAN LINES TO BUDAPEST FROM THE WEST. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THE NAZIS HAVE GAINED ANY GROUND DESPITE THEIR FIERCE EFFORTS. IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING WEST OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITOL, MASSED RUSSIAN ARTILLERY DESTROYED 65 GERMAN TANKS AND MORE THAN 1000 TROOPS WERE KILLED. IN BUDAPEST THE RED ARMY HAS CLEARED ANOTHER 170 CITY BLOCKS AND TOOK 1300 PRISONERS. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT THE SOVIETS ARE ATTACKING ACROSS THE RIVER HRON IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SAY THAT THE REDS HAVE PENETRATED THEIR LINES AT PLACES.

UNITED STATES:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS MADE A PLEA FOR ALLIED UNITY IN WHAT HE CALLED "THIS MOST CRITICAL PHASE OF THE WAR." HE SAID THAT THE "NEARER THE ALLIES CAME TO VANQUISHING THEIR ENEMIES, THE MORE THEY WOULD BECOME CONSCIOUS OF DIFFERENCES AMONG THE VICTORS." THE U. S. PROPOSES TO STAND TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED NATIONS NOT FOR THE WAR ALONE BUT AFTER VICTORY." THE PRESIDENT FURTHER SAID THAT "THE ALLIED CAMPAIGN IN THE PACIFIC WAS THE FASTEST MOVING OFFENSIVE IN THE HISTORY OF MODERN WARFARE." HE CALLED FOR A NATIONAL SERVICE ACT SO THAT AMERICAN MAN POWER COULD BE FULLY MOBILIZED AND FOR UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING AFTER THE WAR.

ITALY:

CANADIAN TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE REACHED THE ADRIATIC COAST NINE MILES ABOVE RAVENNA AND THEY HAVE CUT OFF A NUMBER OF GERMANS.

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PACIFIC:

TOKIO RADIO REPORTED ALL DAY YESTERDAY THAT ALLIED TROOP SHIPS AND WARSHIPS WERE STANDING OFF LINGAYEN GULF ON LUZON ISLAND IN THE PHILIPPINES. THE JAPS SAY THAT AMERICAN WARSHIPS SHELLIED THE COAST OF THE GULF ALL DAY YESTERDAY. THE JAP RADIO CLAIMED TODAY THAT THE ALLIED SHIPS HAD ENTERED THE GULF AND SPOKE OF OTHER ALLIED CONVOYS SIGHTED FURTHER SOUTH IN THE PHILIPPINE GROUP. AMERICAN PLANES, INCLUDING CARRIER BORNE AIRCRAFT, HAVE BOMBED COMMUNICATIONS ON LUZON FOR 7 DAYS RUNNING. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES YESTERDAY PULVERIZED TARGETS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF LUZON. THE JAPANESE RADIO ALSO REPORTED TODAY THAT A FORCE OF ABOUT 100 BOMBERS HAD ATTACKED THE JAP HOME ISLAND LAST NIGHT. AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE MADE A NEW LANDING IN THE WESTERN CAROLINES.

BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS IN CENTRAL BURMA ARE MEETING FIERCE JAP RESISTANCE EAST OF YEU.