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BELGIUM:

FIELD MARSHALL RUNDSTEDT HAS STARTED TO PULL HIS FORCES BACK FROM THE WESTERN END OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT. AMERICAN TROOPS MADE IT NECESSARY FOR THE GERMANS TO PULL BACK WHEN THEY CUT THE LA ROCHE-ST VITH HIGHWAY. THE GERMANS ARE NOT FALLING BACK IN DISORDER BUT THEY ARE SLOWLY BUT STEADILY FALLING BACK LEAVING THICK MINE FIELDS BEHIND THEM. BRITISH FORCES FIGHTING AT THE WESTERN TIP OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT HAVE PUSHED AHEAD FOR TWO MILES AND AMERICAN AND BRITISH TROOPS ARE ON THREE SIDES OF LA ROCHE. AMERICAN ARMOR WAS LAST REPORTED WITHIN A HALF MILE OF LA ROCHE. FURTHER EAST AN ALLIED FORCE YESTERDAY REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF SAMREE. THERE HAS BEEN NO FRESH NEWS OF AMERICAN PROGRESS TOWARDS THE HOUFFALIZE HIGHWAY, RUNDSTEDT'S LAST MAIN SUPPLY ROAD IN THE ARDENNES SALIENT.

THE GERMANS HAVE CONTINUED THEIR COUNTERATTACKS AGAINST THE BASTOGNE BULGE. AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG BOTH FLANKS OF THE SALIENT ONLY 10 MILES SEPARATES AMERICAN FIRST ARMY FORCES FROM TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY. IN NORTHERN ALSACE THE GERMANS YESTERDAY ATTACKED WITH 100 TANKS NORTH OF THE HAGUENAU FOREST BUT THEY WERE DRIVEN BACK BY AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS SUPPORTED BY TANK DESTROYERS.

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS FROM BASES IN BRITAIN WERE OVER GERMANY TODAY.

RUSSIA:

MARSHALL RODION MALINOVSKY'S FORCES SWINGING DOWN BOTH SIDES OF THE DANUBE VALLEY TOWARDS AUSTRIA HAVE REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE BIG COMMUNICATION CENTER OF KOMAROM. THIS TOWN IS THE SUPPLY POINT FOR THE GERMANS' THRUSTS TOWARDS BUDAPEST FROM THE WEST AND NORTHWEST. THE GERMANS ARE STILL TRYING TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE TRAPPED DEFENDERS OF BUDAPEST BUT THE RUSSIANS HAVE THROWN THEM BACK ONCE MORE. ONE COLUMN OF GERMAN TANKS AND INFANTRY MANAGED TO PENETRATE THE RUSSIAN LINES TO THE WEST OF BUDAPEST YESTERDAY. THE REDS SEALED OFF THE BREAKTHROUGH AND WIPED OUT THE GERMANS. THE GERMANS ADMIT THAT THEY HAVE EVACUATED ANOTHER SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF BUDAPEST.

ENGLAND:

THERE HAS BEEN A FLARE UP OF U-BOAT ACTIVITY LATELY AND AN INCREASE IN THE ALLIED MERCHANT SHIPPING LOSSES.

ITALY:

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE LAND FIGHTING IN ITALY. ALLIED PLANES YESTERDAY FLEW ABOUT 1000 SORTIES DESPITE POOR WEATHER.

PACIFIC:

POWERFUL AMERICAN FORCES STORMED ASHORE ON LINGAYEN GULF ON LUZON ISLAND YESTERDAY MORNING. THE AMERICANS LANDED FROM 2000 LANDING CRAFT AND FROM 800 SHIPS INCLUDING AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN WARSHIPS. THE ASSAULT FORCES QUICKLY SEIZED 4 BEACHHEADS AND THEN DROVE INLAND ON A 15 MILE FRONT. JAPANESE LAND OPPOSITION WAS LIGHT. THE JAPS TRIED DESPERATELY TO SLOW DOWN THE INVADING FORCE BY THE USE OF PLANES AND NAVAL CRAFT. TWO DESTROYERS, A MIDGET SUBMARINE, SEVERAL SMALL SHIPS AND 79 PLANES WERE LOST IN THIS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT. THE AMERICAN SEVENTH FLEET AND AN AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON PLOSTERED JAP SHORE INSTALLATIONS BEFORE THE ASSAULT TROOPS WENT IN. THE AMERICANS ALREADY ARE WORKING ON AIRFIELDS AND HAVE TANKS AND HEAVY GUNS ASHORE. THE JAPS ADMIT THAT YANK TANKS AND INFANTRY ARE FANNING OUT INLAND. ONE REPORTS SAYS THAT THE AMERICANS ENTERED THE TOWN OF SAN FABIAN LAST NIGHT. ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF TROOPS THAT LANDED ON LEYTE ARE TAKING PART IN THIS INVASION (60,000).

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GENERAL MACARTHUR LANDED ON LUZON WITH HIS TROOPS AND HE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AMERICAN LOSSES WERE "INSIGNIFICANT" AND SAYS THAT THE MAIN JAP SUPPLY LINES TO THE PHILIPPINES HAVE NOW BEEN CUT AND THE JAPS WILL HAVE TO FIGHT WITH THE SUPPLIES THAT THEY HAVE ON HAND. LINGAYEN GULF IS ABOUT 120 MILES NORTHWEST OF MANILA.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ REPORTS THAT 626 JAP PLANES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND 342 SHIPS SUNK, PROBABLY SUNK OR DAMAGED IN ATTACKS ON AND AROUND LUZON SINCE LAST FRIDAY.

IN BURMA, INDIAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED THE SHWABO AIRFIELD AND ONE FORCE HAS REACHED A POINT 8 MILES BELOW SHWABO.

LOST:

WHITE GOLD HAMILTON POCKET WATCH WITH INITIALS "S.G.H." ON BACK. WATCH LOST IN VICINITY OF DIVISION C. P.

FINDER PLEASE RETURN TO:

LT. COL. HUGHES, DIVISION G-4 OFFICE.

FOOT STEPS!!

