



BELGIUM:

THE GERMANS ARE CONTINUING THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WESTERN TIP OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT. BRITISH FORCES AT THE FAR WESTERN TIP OF THE SALIENT HAVE PUSHED AHEAD FROM THREE TO FOUR MILES AND HAVE TAKEN A TOWN 5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF ROCHEFORT AND AT ONE POINT HAVE PUSHED TO WITHIN 3 MILES OF LA ROCHE FROM THE WEST. AMERICAN FIRST ARMY FORCES YESTERDAY DROVE AROUND LA ROCHE FROM TWO SIDES AND THEN ATTACKED THE TOWN FROM THE REAR. OTHER YANKS WERE ENGAGED IN HEAVY FIGHTING AS THEY DROVE TO CUT THE HOUFFALIZE-ST VITH HIGHWAY. THE AMERICANS WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 4 MILES OF THIS LAST MAIN GERMAN SUPPLY ROAD IN THE SALIENT. FURTHER DOWN THE LINE ON THE NORTHERN FLANK, AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE TOWN OF SAMREE. YANK TANKS LED THE ASSAULT ON THE TOWN AND THE GERMANS LEFT AN ESTIMATED 1000 DEAD AND 23 WRECKED TANKS WHEN THEY WITHDREW FROM THE TOWN. BITTER FIGHTING HAS BEEN GOING ON AROUND THE SMALL TOWN OF BIHAIN. NEAR THE BASE OF THE GERMAN SALIENT AMERICAN TROOPS DRIVING FROM THE NORTHERN FLANK HAVE ESTABLISHED A BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE RIVER SART, ONLY 9 MILES FROM THE BIG SUPPLY BASE OF ST VITH. OTHER FIRST ARMY TROOPS ADVANCING BELOW STAVELOT AND MALMEDY HAVE NOT CONTACTED THE ENEMY.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY FORCES ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT HAVE MADE MORE GAINS IN THE WILTZ AREA OF NORTHERN LUXEMBOURG. THIRD ARMY YANKS WERE LAST REPORTED HOLDING HIGH GROUND A MILE FROM ST HUBERT. THE GERMAN RADIO SAID TODAY THAT THE GERMANS HAD EVACUATED ST HUBERT. ONLY 9 MILES NOW SEPARATES AMERICAN THIRD TROOPS IN THE SOUTH FROM FIRST ARMY YANKS ON THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE SALIENT. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN KEEPING UP THEIR PRESSURE IN NORTHERN ALSACE AND AROUND STRASBOURG. YESTERDAY AMERICAN THUNDERBOLTS DESTROYED 29 TANKS AND ARMORED CARS EAST OF THE RHONE-RHINE CANAL IN FRANCE.

RAF MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT FLEW TO HANNOVER AND ATTACKED IT WITH 4000 POUND BOMBS. OVER 1100 AMERICAN HEAVIES YESTERDAY BLASTED BRIDGES, RAIL YARDS, AND FIGHTER AIRFIELDS IN WESTERN GERMANY AS WELL AS KEY POINTS AT THE BASE OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT. IN THE 24 DAYS SINCE RUNDSTEDT LAUNCHED HIS OFFENSIVE, THE U. S. EIGHTH AAF HAS DROPPED MORE THAN 40,000 TONS OF BOMBS ON GERMAN TARGETS.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS MADE MORE BIG GAINS IN THE FIGHTING IN BUDAPEST YESTERDAY. THE REDS NOW HOLD 3/4 OF THE CITY. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE GERMAN ATTACKS FROM THE WEST AND NORTHWEST AIMED AT BUDAPEST, ARE SLACKENING. MARSHALL MALINOVSKY'S FORCES NORTH OF THE DANUBE WERE LAST REPORTED NEAR THE OUTSKIRTS OF KOMARNO, KEY COMMUNICATION CENTER HALFWAY BETWEEN BUDAPEST AND BRATISLAVA. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE RUSSIANS HAVE DRIVEN TO WITHIN 90 MILES OF VIENNA.

ITALY:

THE FIGHTING IN ITALY HAS BEEN CONFINED TO PATROLLING FOLLOWING THE HEAVIEST SNOWFALL OF THE WINTER. ALLIED FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS WERE OUT OVER NORTH ITALY YESTERDAY IN GREAT STRENGTH.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN PATROLS ON LUZON ISLAND WERE LAST REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED A RIVER BETWEEN 20 AND 25 MILES INLAND. WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE FIRST LANDING THE AMERICANS HAD LINKED UP THEIR 4 BEACHHEADS AND HAD DRIVEN INLAND ON A FRONT OF 15 MILES. THE YANKS QUICKLY SEIZED THE TOWNS OF SAN FABIAN, DAGUPAN, MANGALDAN AND THE AIRFIELD AND THE TOWN OF LINGAYEN. JAP RESISTANCE SO FAR HAS BEEN WEAK FOR THE JAPS EXPECTED THE AMERICANS TO LAND AT THE SOUTH OF LUZON AND THEY WERE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE WHEN THE AMERICANS CAME ASHORE ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE ISLAND. THE NIPS HAVE BEEN SENDING LARGE NUMBERS OF REINFORCEMENTS NORTHWARD FROM THE MANILA AREA. AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE INTERFERED WITH THE JAPANESE PLANS AND

PACIFIC CONTINUED:

HAVE BOMBED JAP COLUMNS MOVING NORTHWARD. JAPANESE LOSSES IN MEN AND EQUIPMENT DUE TO THE AMERICAN BOMBING HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "INNUMERABLE." THE AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING OVER BRIDGES ABOVE THE MANILA AREA. OTHER YANK PLANES HAVE CONTINUED THEIR ATTACKS ON JAP AIRFIELDS ON LUZON AND ANOTHER 54 PLANES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR DAMAGED ON THE GROUND.

AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FLYING FROM INDIA HAVE BOMBED TARGETS IN MALAYA. THE JAPS SAY THE BOMBERS RAIDED THE GREAT NAVAL BASE OF SINGAPORE. BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CONTINUED THEIR PUSH BELOW SHWABO IN CENTRAL BURMA. THEY ARE WITHIN 50 MILES OF MANDALAY.

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, DIV. G-4 OFFICE

LOST:

STERLING SILVER IDENTIFICATION BRACELET IN VICINITY OF DIVISION C.P.

FINDER PLEASE RETURN TO LT. ROYCE
C. MC DONALD, MESSAGE CENTER OFFICER.



GO AHEAD, TELL HER THE PLACE IS RESERVED.