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BELGIUM:

AMERICAN AND BRITISH TROOPS UNDER FIELD MARSHALL MONTGOMERY ARE DRIVING HARD AFTER THE GERMANS WHO ARE PULLING OUT OF THE WESTERN TIP OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT. MARSHALL RUNDSTEDT IS PULLING BACK HIS ARMOR AND TROOPS AND THE BRITISH TROOPS REPORT THAT THERE ARE NO GERMANS BETWEEN THE ROADS RUNNING FROM LA ROCHE TO ST HUBERT. THERE ARE HARDLY ANY GERMANS NOW LEFT PAST THE OURTHE RIVER. THE YANKS AND THE BRITISH CHASED THE GERMANS ALL LAST NIGHT AND TODAY AND THE SALIENT WAS REDUCED TO EIGHT MILES AT ITS NARROWEST POINT. THE EMBATTLED TOWN OF LA ROCHE IS NOW IN ALLIED HANDS AND AMERICAN THIRD ARMY YANKS AND BRITISH TROOPS HAVE JOINED UP IN THE TOWN OF ST HUBERT ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE SALIENT. OTHER THIRD ARMY TROOPS STRIKING NORTHWARD TO JOIN UP WITH FIRST ARMY YANKS DRIVING SOUTH, HAVE MADE SLIGHT GAINS. THE MAIN GERMAN FORCES HAVE NOW PULLED OUT OF THE WESTERN TIP OF THE SALIENT AND THE SALIENT HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED BY ONE THIRD. AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS YESTERDAY WERE ENGAGED IN VERY HEAVY FIGHTING ABOUT 8 MILES ABOVE HOUF-FALIZE. THE GAP HERE IS STILL 12 MILES WIDE. THE GERMANS COUNTERATTACKED ON THIS FRONT YESTERDAY BUT THEY WERE REPULSED AND THE AMERICANS WENT OVER TO THE ATTACK LAST NIGHT.

IN NORTHERN ALSACE THE GERMANS ARE STILL EXERTING STRONG PRESSURE BUT THEY HAVE BEEN HELD. THE NAZIS YESTERDAY LAUNCHED AN ATTACK WITH ARMOR ABOUT 11 MILES SOUTH OF STRASBOURG BUT THEY WERE CHECKED BY FRENCH TROOPS. HARD FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON IN THE GERMAN BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE RHINE ABOVE STRASBOURG.

RUSSIA:

THE RUSSIANS LAUNCHED THE FINAL ASSAULT FOR THE CITY OF BUDAPEST THIS MORNING. THE REDS WERE ATTACKING THE REMAINING GERMANS FROM THREE SIDES AND THERE ARE SIGNS THAT GERMAN RESISTANCE IN THE CITY IS COLLAPSING. THE GERMAN COMMANDER IN BUDAPEST ADMITTED YESTERDAY THAT THE GERMANS LEFT IN THE CITY HAD BEEN CUT OFF FROM ALL HELP EVEN BY AIR AND SAID THAT THE GERMANS WERE SHORT OF SUPPLIES. WEST AND NORTHWEST OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITOL THE RED ARMY HAS THROWN BACK MORE GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE TRAPPED BUDAPEST GARRISON.

THE GERMAN OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY CLAIMED TODAY THAT THE RUSSIAN ARMIES IN SOUTHERN POLAND HAD LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ACROSS THE VISTULA BRIDGEHEAD IN THE DIRECTION OF THE BIG CITY OF CRACOW. MARSHALL KONEV'S TROOPS ON THIS FRONT HAVE BEEN COMPARATIVELY IDLE SINCE THE END OF LAST SUMMER. THE RUSSIANS ON THIS FRONT ARE THE CLOSEST RED ARMY FORCE TO GERMANY ITSELF.

ITALY:

PATROLLING HAS CONTINUED ON BOTH FRONTS IN ITALY. ALLIED FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS FLEW MORE THAN 1100 SORTIES YESTERDAY HAMMERING COMMUNICATION TARGETS IN NORTHERN ITALY.

PACIFIC:

THERE ARE REPORTS OF HEAVY FIGHTING ON LUZON ISLAND NEAR A ROAD JUNCTION 10 MILES INLAND FROM SAN FABIAN. SOME AMERICAN SPEARHEADS HAVE DRIVEN INLAND FOR MORE THAN 20 MILES. AMERICAN CASUALTIES SO FAR HAVE BEEN "EXTREMELY LIGHT." ONE YANK COLUMN HAS REACHED THE AGNO RIVER. THE JAPS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR FIRST REAL STAND ALONG THIS RIVER. MEANWHILE THE UNLOADING OF MORE TROOPS, TANKS AND GUNS GOES ON ALONG THE 20 MILE BEACHHEAD. AMERICAN BOMBERS HANGING OVER THE MANILA AREA HAVE BEEN PLAYING HAVOC WITH THE JAPS WHO ARE TRYING TO REGROUP AND MOVE TO MEET THE ADVANCING YANKS. AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN HIT THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA SOUTH OF JAPAN AND THE KURILS ISLANDS NORTH OF JAPAN.

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PACIFIC CONTINUED:

U. S. CARRIER BORNE PLANES OF THE PACIFIC FLEET TODAY WERE ATTACKING JAP TARGETS OFF THE COAST OF INDO CHINA. ONE CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THE ATTACKS WERE AIMED AT THE JAP FLEET BETWEEN SAIGON, CAPITAL OF INDO CHINA, AND THE BIG PORT OF CAMRANH BAY ABOUT 150 MILES TO THE NORTHEAST. AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FROM INDIA YESTERDAY BOMBED THE GREAT NAVAL BASE OF SINGAPORE.

IN CENTRAL BURMA, BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED A PLACE 35 MILES SOUTH-EAST OF YEU.

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. McDONALD, MESSAGE CENTER OFFICER.



HE SAID HE WISHED HE HAD SOME ICE CREAM.