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BELGIUM:

THE GERMANS ARE FIGHTING SAVAGELY TO KEEP THEIR LINES OF RETREAT OPEN AS THEY PULL OUT OF THE WESTERN END OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT. AMERICAN INFANTRY AND TANKS DRIVING INTO THE HEART OF THE SALIENT FROM THE NORTHERN FLANK ARE MEETING TOUGH RESISTANCE. ONE AMERICAN ARMORED COLUMN WAS LAST REPORTED ENGAGED IN BITTER FIGHTING ONLY 5000 YARDS FROM THE HOUFFALIZE-ST VITH HIGHWAY, LAST MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE FOR RUNDSTEDT'S FORCES. BRITISH TROOPS ON THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE SALIENT ARE PUSHING SOUTHWARDS FROM LA ROCHE. BOTH THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH ARE RUNNING INTO ROAD BLOCKS, DEMOLITIONS AND THICK MINE FIELDS LEFT BY THE GERMANS AS THEY PULLED OUT. ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT, AMERICAN THIRD ARMY YANKS HAVE MET NO STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE WEST OF BASTOGNE. A GERMAN POCKET SOUTHEAST OF BASTOGNE HAS BEEN WIPE OUT AND 3000 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES LAUNCHED A NEW **ATTACK** ALONG THE WILTZ RIVER AND THEY SAID THAT THE AMERICANS HAD MADE PENETRATIONS AT SOME POINTS.

AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS ARE COUNTERATTACKING NORTH OF THE HAGUENAU FOREST IN ALSACE AND THEY HAVE MADE LIMITED GAINS AGAINST THE GERMAN WEDGE THERE. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE FIGHTING IN THE GERMAN BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE RHINE RIVER ABOVE STRASBOURG. SOUTH OF STRASBOURG, FRENCH FORCES HAVE CHECKED A GERMAN ARMORED THRUST BETWEEN TWO CANALS.

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS WERE OUT OVER GERMANY TODAY. EARLY THIS MORNING RAF MOSQUITOS OUT OVER THE ARDENNES SALIENT CAUGHT A GERMAN MOTOR COLUMN WITH ITS HEADLIGHTS ON AND HEAVILY ATTACKED IT. RAF BOMBERS WERE OVER WESTERN GERMANY DURING THE NIGHT AND IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY A FORCE OF RAF LANCASTERS FLEW TO BERGEN NORWAY TO BLAST U-BOAT SHELTERS THERE WITH 12,000 POUND BOMBS.

RUSSIA:

ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN RADIO POWERFUL RUSSIAN ARMIES HAVE LASHED OUT IN NEW OFFENSIVES AT THREE PLACES ALONG THE EASTERN FRONT. ONE OF THE NEW OFFENSIVES IS REPORTED TO BE TAKING PLACE ABOVE BUDAPEST ALONG THE HUNGARIAN-CZECHOSLOVAKIAN BORDER WHERE THE REDS HAVE ATTACKED WITH 8 DIVISIONS AND ARE ADVANCING ON A BIG RAIL CENTER. THE SECOND REPORTED OFFENSIVE IS IN SOUTHERN POLAND ACROSS THE VISTULA BRIDGEHEAD WHERE THE RUSSIANS ARE STRIKING OUT FOR CRACOW AND GERMAN SILESIA. THE NAZIS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HERE ARE ATTACKING WITH 24 DIVISIONS AND 3 TANK CORPS ON A 25 MILE FRONT. THE GERMANS ADMIT SOME PENETRATIONS HERE. THE THIRD REPORTED OFFENSIVE IS IN EAST PRUSSIA WHERE, ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS, SOVIET FORCES LAST NIGHT AND EARLY TODAY LUNGED FORWARD ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE RAILWAY TO INSTERBURG AND KONIGSBERG. MOSCOW RADIO HAS REMAINED SILENT ABOUT THESE THREE REPORTED OFFENSIVES.

IN BUDAPEST THE RUSSIANS HAVE MADE MORE BIG GAINS AND IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE CITY ARE WITHIN A MILE OF THE DANUBE RIVER. THE RUSSIANS TOOK ANOTHER 1000 PRISONERS IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING IN THE CAPITOL.

ITALY:

THERE HAS BEEN NO BIG SCALE FIGHTING IN ITALY.

PACIFIC:

THE JAPS HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY SHIPPING LOSSES IN TWO BIG ACTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO REINFORCE THEIR GARRISON ON LUZON. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES HIT FOUR CONVOYS ASSEMBLED AT THE INDO-CHINA PORTS OF SAIGON AND CAMRANH BAY, SINKING 25 SHIPS (INCLUDING A CRUISER AND SEVERAL DESTROYERS), AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGING 13 OTHERS. IN ADDITION 29 JAP PLANES WERE DESTROYED. OFF LUZON 5 YANK DESTROYERS CAUGHT 46 JAP SHIPS TRYING TO UNLOAD SUPPLIES NEAR SAN FERNANDO UP THE COAST FROM LINGAYEN GULF, AND SANK OR HEAVILY DAMAGED ALL OF THEM.

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AMERICAN TROOPS ON LUZON ISLAND ARE CONTINUING TO ADVANCE ACROSS THE PLAIN OF LUZON TOWARDS MANILA. THE LEFT FLANK OF THE AMERICAN LINE IS ENGAGED IN TOUGH FIGHTING IN MOUNTAIN FOOTHILLS AND THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE LINE HAS RUN UP AGAINST SMALL ENEMY GROUPS BUT THE CENTER OF THE LINE HAS SWEEPED ON UNCHECKED AND THE YANKS WERE LAST REPORTED IN SAINT CARLOS. THERE ARE SIGNS HOWEVER THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE ENTERED THE FIRST BIG JAP DEFENSE ZONE AND HEAVY FIGHTING IS EXPECTED SOON. THE JAPS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO MASS THEIR FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND AND SEND THEM NORTHWARDS TO MEET THE ONCOMING AMERICANS. AMERICAN MEDIUM AND FIGHTER BOMBERS ARE CONSTANTLY HARASSING THE ENEMY FORCES AND ONE GROUP OF 200 TRUCKS AND 5 TANKS WAS WIPED OUT IN A LOW LEVEL ATTACK.

TROOPS OF THE 15TH INDIAN CORPS SPEARHEADED BY COMMANDOS HAVE LANDED ON THE ARAKAN COAST OF WESTERN BURMA ABOUT 30 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE PORT OF AKYAB. THE LANDING WAS SUPPORTED BY A NAVAL AND AERIAL BOMBARDMENT.

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.

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