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RUSSIA:

IN GERMAN SILESIA THE RUSSIANS UNDER MARSHAL KONEV ARE WITHIN SIGHT OF THE RIVER ODER. IN EAST PRUSSIA RED TROOPS WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 25 MILES OF KOENIGSBERG, THE CAPITOL. IN SOUTHERN EAST PRUSSIA WHITE RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE TAKEN ALLENSTEIN AND ARE ABOUT 60 MILES FROM DANZIG.

MARSHAL IVAN KONEV'S FORCES FIGHTING IN RICH GERMAN SILESIA ARE REPORTED TO BE IN SIGHT OF THE RIVER ODER AND RUSSIAN GUNS ARE ALREADY SHELLING GERMAN FORTS ON THE FAR BANK OF THE RIVER. KONEV'S TROOPS ARE CLOSE TO THE RIVER BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BRESLAU AND OPPEIN. RUSSIAN SOURCES SAY THAT THE REDS ARE WITHIN 30 MILES OF BRESLAU AND THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT HARD FIGHTING IS GOING ON AT BOTH SIDES OF OPPEIN.

IN WESTERN POLAND MARSHAL ZHUKOV'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY SPEARHEADED BY TANKS AND INFANTRY WAS AT DAWN THIS MORNING WITHIN 25 MILES OF THE BIG POLISH CITY OF POZNAN. ZHUKOV'S MEN ARE NOW IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MAIN GERMAN DEFENSE ZONE IN WESTERN POLAND AND ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE CITY OF BROMBERG. BROMBERG IS ALSO SHARPLY THREATENED BY TROOPS OF THE FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY.

MARSHAL KONSTANTIN K. KOKOSSOVOSKY'S FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY DRIVING INTO EAST PRUSSIA FROM THE SOUTH HAS TAKEN THE BIG CITY OF ALLENSTEIN AS IT DRIVES DOWN THE WARSAW-DANZIG RAILWAY. KOKOSSOVOSKY'S FORCES WERE LAST REPORTED ABOUT 40 MILES AWAY FROM ELBING NEAR THE BALTIC COAST AND ABOUT 60 MILES FROM DANZIG AND HAD CUT ONE OF THE TWO REMAINING LINES LINKING EAST PRUSSIA WITH THE REICH.

GENERAL IVAN CHERNYAKHOVSKY'S THIRD WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY KNIFING THROUGH THE EASTERN PART OF EAST PRUSSIA HAS REACHED A RIVER WITHIN 25 MILES OF KOENIGSBERG, THE CAPITOL OF EAST PRUSSIA.

MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT MARSHAL KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY ALONE HAS PUT 85,000 GERMANS OUT OF THE WAR SINCE THE RUSSIAN WINTER OFFENSIVE BEGAN. JITTERY BERLIN HAS HALTED CIVILIAN TRAVEL IN GERMANY AND HAS CUT FUEL RATIONS.

BELGIUM:

BOTH THE AMERICAN FIRST AND THIRD ARMIES HAVE MADE BIG GAINS IN THE FIGHTING IN THE ARDENNES BULGE. FIRST ARMY TROOPS ON THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE SALIENT WERE LAST REPORTED TO HAVE ENTERED THE OUTSKIRTS OF ST VITH. THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE PULLED OUT OF ST VITH AND LEFT REAR GUARD BEHIND TO DELAY THE YANKS. ON THE SOUTHERN SHOULDER OF THE SALIENT GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE OVER-RUN SEVERAL VILLAGES BETWEEN HOUFFALIZE AND ST VITH. GERMAN RESISTANCE ON THIS SOUTHERN FLANK IS COLLAPSING AND RUNDSTEDT IS TRYING TO PULL HIS MEN AND VEHICLES BACK INTO THE SIEGFRIED LINE. YESTERDAY 1200 FIGHTER BOMBERS AND 300 MEDIUMS OF THE U. S. NINTH AIR FORCE CAUGHT RUNDSTEDT'S VEHICLES NEAR THE GERMAN TOWN OF PHUM AND IN THE SLAUGHTER THAT FOLLOWED, 1593 MOTOR VEHICLES (INCLUDING 65 TANKS) WERE DESTROYED, ANOTHER 1179 WERE DAMAGED ALONG WITH 18 LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED AND SOME 600 TRAIN CARS DESTROYED. CORRESPONDENTS REPORT THAT RUNDSTEDT IS STILL TRYING TO PULL BACK INTO THE SIEGFRIED LINE TODAY.

IN SOUTHERN ALSACE THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY HAS MOPPED UP THE SUBURBS OF MULHOUSE AND CLEARED A FOREST WEST OF THE TOWN. THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY IS ENGAGED IN HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN THE MAAS AND ROER RIVERS AND HAS DRIVEN THE NAZIS ACROSS THE LINGE CANAL.

MORE THAN 200 YANK HEAVIES TODAY BOMBED RAIL YARDS AHEAD OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY. LAST NIGHT RAF HEAVIES ATTACKED A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT NEAR DUISBERG AND HIT TARGETS AT HANNOVER AND GELSENKIRCHEN.

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ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY FLEW MORE THAN 1000 SORTIES YESTERDAY ATTACKING TARGETS IN THE PO VALLEY AND BRENNER PASS IN NORTHERN ITALY.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN TODAY ATTACKED JAPAN. TOKIO RADIO REPORTS THAT THE BOMBERS ATTACKED THE AIRPLANE WORKS AT NAGOYA.

ON LUZON ISLAND AMERICAN SIXTH ARMY TROOPS ARE WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE GREAT CLARK AIRFIELD GROUP, 45 MILES FROM MANILA. THE YANKS ARE NOW MORE THAN A DOZEN MILES PAST TARLAC. GENERAL YAMASHITA'S FORCES HAVE BEEN SWITCHING AROUND SO AS TO AVOID A BIG BATTLE WITH THE AMERICANS.

ADMIRAL MONTBATTEN HAS REPORTED THAT THE LEDO ROAD IS NOW OPEN AND THAT ALLIED SUPPLIES ARE NOW ABLE TO BE SENT INTO CHINA ONCE MORE OVER A LAND ROUTE.

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WHAT DO YA MEAN - ITS THE ONLY TIE YOU CAN FIND?