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#### RUSSIA:

ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS A RUSSIAN SPEARHEAD HAS REACHED THE BALTIC COAST NEAR THE EAST PRUSSIAN TOWN OF ELBING THEREBY CUTTING OFF THE GERMANS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY. THE GERMANS ALSO SAY THAT MARSHALL KONEV'S FORCES IN GERMAN SILESIA HAVE BRIDGED THE RIVER ODER AFTER TAKING THE CITY OF OPPEIN. MOSCOW SAYS THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE REACHED THE OUTER DEFENSES OF THE EAST PRUSSIAN CAPITOL OF KOENIGSBERG AND IN SILESIA HAVE STARTED THE ASSAULT ON BRESLAU. A SIXTH RED ARMY HAS JOINED THE SOVIET SWEEP TO THE WEST.

THE GERMAN OVERSEAS NEW AGENCY SAID TODAY THAT A RUSSIAN SPEARHEAD, PRESUMABLY TROOPS OF MARSHALL HOKOSSOVOSKY'S FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY, HAD REACHED THE BALTIC COAST NORTHEAST OF ELBING AND SAID THAT THE GERMANS FIGHTING IN EAST PRUSSIA HAD BEEN, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, CUT OFF. HOKOSSOVOSKY'S FORCES LAST NIGHT WERE REPORTED 17 MILES FROM ELBING. IN EASTERN EAST PRUSSIA, THIRD WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY TROOPS UNDER GENERAL CHERNYKHOVSKY WERE REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSES BEFORE KOENIGSBERG. THE REDS HAD THROWN BACK 14 ARMORED COUNTERATTACKS BY THE SAVAGELY RESISTING NAZIS AND WERE MASSING TO ASSAULT THE CITY.

IN WESTERN POLAND, MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S WHITE RUSSIAN TROOPS YESTERDAY STORMED THE CITY OF KALISZ, 25 MILES FROM THE BORDER OF NORTHERN SILESIA AND 60 MILES FROM BRESLAU. THE GERMANS TODAY REPORTED THAT ZHUKOV'S MEN WERE ATTACKING THE BIG CITY OF POZNAN.

MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY IS NOW FIGHTING IN GERMAN SILESIA ON A 100 MILE FRONT. KONEV IS GRINDING AHEAD BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF BRESLAU. MOSCOW SAYS THAT RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE ALREADY BEGUN THE ASSAULT ON BRESLAU AFTER THE NAZIS DECLARED IT TO BE A FORTRESS AND SAID IT WOULD BE DEFENDED TO THE LAST. DOWN THE ODER RIVER FROM BRESLAU KONEV'S FORCES HAVE STORMED THE CITY OF OPPEIN AND THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD A BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE ODER AT OPPEIN.

MARSHALL STALIN ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT A SIXTH RUSSIAN ARMY, THE SECOND UKRAINIAN, UNDER MARSHALL RODION Y. MALINOVSKY HAD JOINED IN THE GREAT WINTER OFFENSIVE. MALINOVSKY'S TROOPS ATTACKING ALONG A 25 MILE FRONT IN THE RUGGED COUNTRY OF LOWER CZECHOSLOVAKIA ABOUT 100 MILES NORTHEAST OF BUDAPEST, HAVE SMASHED STRONG GERMAN DEFENSES AND PUSHED AHEAD FOR A DOZEN MILES.

THE GERMANS HAVE AGAIN SUFFERED HEAVILY IN VAIN ATTEMPTS TO RELIEVE THEIR BUDAPEST GARRISON.

#### BELGIUM:

THE GERMANS HAVE LAUNCHED THEIR LONG AWAITED ATTACK AGAINST THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY. THE NAZIS ARE ATTACKING ALONG A 20 MILE FRONT RUNNING FROM THE HAGUENAU FOREST DOWN TO THE LOWER VOSGES. THE HEAVILST FIGHTING IS GOING ON AROUND THE CITY OF HAGUENAU. THE GERMANS ATTACKED AFTER A ARTILLERY AND MORTAR BARRAGE AND HAVE MADE SOME GAINS.

IN THE ARDENNES AMERICAN THIRD ARMY FORCES LAST NIGHT WERE REPORTED 4 MILES FROM THE GERMAN BORDER. RUNDSTEDT ATTEMPTED TO PULL HIS ARMOR AND TROOPS BACK INTO THE SIEGFRIED LINE AGAIN YESTERDAY. AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS DESTROYED SEVERAL HUNDRED MORE NAZI TRUCKS MOVING EASTWARD. BRITISH TACTICAL PLANES YESTERDAY RIPPED GERMAN MILITARY TRAFFIC AROUND MUNSTER AND OSNABRUCK IN GERMANY. THEY CAUGHT 63 BIG TRAINS MOVING IN DAYLIGHT AND HEAVILY ATTACKED THEM. IN THREE DAYS, BRITISH PLANES HAVE KNOCKED OUT 230 LOCOMOTIVES AND HUNDREDS OF CARS.

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BELGIUM CONTINUED:

FRENCH FIRST ARMY TROOPS ATTACKING BOTH FLANKS OF THE COLMAR SALIENT HAVE MADE GOOD GAINS. ON THE NORTHERN FLANK THE FRENCH HAVE ADVANCED 3 MILES ON A 10 MILE FRONT AND HAVE CROSSED A RIVER SEVERAL MILES FROM COLMAR.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY TROOPS IN THEIR DRIVE FOR THE ROER VALLEY IN GERMANY HAVE PUSHED TO WITHIN 3 MILES OF ROERMOND WHERE THE MAAS AND ROER RIVERS MEET.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS ON LUZON ISLAND HAVE TAKEN ONE OF THE OUTER GROUP OF CLARK AIRFIELDS ABOUT 45 MILES FROM MANILA. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE ATTACKED CORREGIDOR ISLAND FOR THE FIRST TIME.

IN BURMA THE JAPS HAVE HEAVILY SHELLLED THE BRITISH BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE IRRAWADDY RIVER ABOUT 40 MILES UPSTREAM FROM MANDALAY. THE TOKIO RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT BRITISH CARRIER PLANES WERE ATTACKING TARGETS ON SUMATRA.



HE'S BEEN LARN'EN HOW TO APPRECIATE ART FROM DAT GUY!