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RUSSIA:

MARSHALL GREGORY ZHUKOV'S WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY IS BATTERING ITS WAY ACROSS THE NORTHEASTERN GERMAN PROVINCES OF BRANDENBURG AND POMERANIA. THE RUSSIANS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN NUMEROUS TOWNS AND VILLAGES, ONE OF WHICH IS 90 MILES FROM BERLIN AND ONLY 55 MILES FROM THE GREAT BALTIC PORT OF STETTIN. MOSCOW SAID THAT ZHUKOV'S FORCES WERE 14 MILES INSIDE GERMANY AT ONE POINT AND AT THE BASE OF ZHUKOV'S SALIENT THE RUSSIAN FRONT STRETCHES 70 MILES. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT ZHUKOV'S MEN HAD JUMPED OFF FROM A POINT INSIDE GERMANY IN A NEW DRIVE TO THE WEST TOWARDS THE RIVER ODER ABOVE FRANKFURT, JUST 40 MILES FROM THE SUBURBS OF BERLIN. ZHUKOV'S TROOPS HAVE ALREADY FORCED TWO SMALL RIVERS INSIDE GERMANY. IN WESTERN POLAND THE GERMANS ENCIRCLED IN POZNAN ARE STILL FIGHTING SAVAGELY. MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S FORCES TOOK ANOTHER 400 PLACES IN WESTERN POLAND IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING. ON ZHUKOV'S LEFT FLANK HIS TROOPS HAVE LINKED UP WITH THOSE OF MARSHALL KONEV AND THE GREAT CITY OF BRESLAU IS NOW IN DANGER OF BEING DEEPLY OUTFLANKED. THE GERMANS SAY THAT KONEV'S TROOPS HAVE ENCIRCLED THE CORE OF UPPER SILESIA.

THE GERMANS TRAPPED IN EAST PRUSSIA, INCLUDING THE HERMAN GOERING PANZER CORPS, HAVE BEEN TRYING DESPERATELY TO SMASH OUT OF THE RUSSIAN RING IN THE AREA OF ALLENSTEIN BUT THEY HAVE BEEN SMASHED BACK. MARSHALL KOKOSOVOSKY'S TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE RAPIDLY CLOSING ON THE BIG PORT OF DANZIG. GENERAL CHERNYAKHOVSKY'S THIRD WHITE RUSSIAN HAS ALMOST ENCIRCLED KOENIGSBERG AND HITLER FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE SUBURBS OF THE EAST PRUSSIAN CAPITOL.

BELGIUM:

AMERICAN FIRST AND THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE NOW UP TO THE GERMAN BORDER ON A 40 MILE FRONT NORTH AND SOUTH OF ST VITH. AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS NORTHEAST OF ST VITH HAVE TAKEN 13 PLACES SINCE SUNDAY MORNING AND BAGGED 1000 PRISONERS IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING. ABOUT 8 MILES SOUTH OF ST VITH GENERAL PATTON'S FORCES HAVE CROSSED THE GERMAN FRONTIER AND HAVE CROSSED THE OUR RIVER AT TWO PLACES AND CAPTURED THE TOWN OF SINZ. IN NORTHERN ALSACE, THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUED LULL IN THE FIGHTING ON THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY FRONT. FRENCH FIRST ARMY FORCES IN SOUTHERN ALSACE ARE WITHIN $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE OF COLMAR AND ARE SHELLING THE COLMAR SUPPLY ROAD THAT LEADS TO THE RHINE. GERMAN TRANSPORT IS REPORTED MOVING SOUTHWARD OUT OF THE COLMAR CORRIDOR.

GERMAN TRANSPORT AND MILITARY TRAFFIC CAME IN FOR A TERRIFIC LACING YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT. ALLIED FIGHTER BOMBERS YESTERDAY RANGED ALL ALONG THE WESTERN PART OF GERMANY HAMMERING AT RAIL AND MOTOR TRAFFIC AND MORE THAN 1500 MOTOR VEHICLES WERE DESTROYED. EAST OF THE ARDENNES SECTOR ALONE, ALLIED PLANES BAGGED NEARLY 50 LOCOMOTIVES, 700 FREIGHT CARS AND 600 MOTOR VEHICLES. LAST NIGHT MOSQUITOS PLAGUED BERLIN, WITHOUT LOSS, FOR THE THIRD NIGHT IN A ROW. MEDIUMS AND HEAVIES YESTERDAY BOMBED RAIL TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY. LAST WEEK ALONE, ALLIED PLANES DESTROYED 8000 MOTOR VEHICLES, 3500 RAIL CARS AND HUNDREDS OF TANKS.

ITALY:

THE FIGHTING IN ITALY HAS AGAIN BEEN CONFINED TO PATROLLING BECAUSE OF HEAVY SNOW. ALLIED PLANES FLEW 900 SORTIES YESTERDAY.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS ON LUZON HAVE TAKEN SAN FERNANDO ABOUT 30 MILES FROM MANILA. JAP CASUALTIES ON LUZON SO FAR HAVE BEEN OVER 25,000; AMERICAN LOSSES HAVE BEEN 4250. THE JAPS SAY THAT AMERICAN SUPER FORTS TODAY BOMBED NORTHERN LUZON. IN CENTRAL BURMA, BRITISH TROOPS ARE 12 MILES FROM MANDALAY.

GILBERT

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HE HANGS IT UP WHEN HE'S NOT THERE - ITS HIS GAL'S HOUSE!

