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RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND TODAY MADE NO MENTION OF THE FIGHTING IN THE PROVINCE OF BRANDENBURG BUT THE GERMAN OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY SAID THAT MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S FORCES HAD REACHED THE ODER ON EITHER SIDE OF FRANKFURT AND ALSO REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF KUSTRIN, JUST UNDER 40 MILES FROM THE GERMAN CAPITOL. ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS THE FIRST RED ASSAULT ON KUSTRIN WAS HURLED BACK. MOSCOW'S LATEST OFFICIAL REPORT PUT ZHUKOV'S TROOPS AT FROM 20-30 MILES FROM FRANKFURT BUT RED CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ZHUKOV'S SPEARHEADS HAD REACHED THE ODER AT SEVERAL PLACES. MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK HAS ENCIrcLED THE TOWN OF SCHNEIDERMUEHL AND HAS DRIVEN TO WITHIN 60 MILES OF THE BALTIC BETWEEN DANZIG AND STETTIN. ZHUKOV'S LEFT FLANK IS REPORTED TO HAVE BROKEN THROUGH GERMAN DEFENSES BETWEEN BRESLAU AND FRANKFURT AND TO HAVE REACHED THE GERMAN ODER. THE GERMANS HAVE BROUGHT UP LARGE NUMBERS OF TANKS AND PLANES TO TRY AND CHECK ZHUKOV'S SWEEP BUT RED AIR FORCE PLANES ARE DEALING WITH THE LUFTWAFFE AND HUNTING DOWN NAZI ARMOR. IN BERLIN, FORTIFICATIONS ARE BEING THROWN UP ALL OVER THE CITY. BERLIN RADIO SAYS THAT BERLIN WILL BE DEFENDED AND SAYS THAT CIVILIANS STREAMING INTO THE GERMAN CAPITOL HAVE CAUSED A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF CIVILIAN SUPPLIES.

THERE HAS BEEN NO NEWS OF MARSHALL KONEV'S FIRST UKRANIAN ARMY IN GERMAN SILESIA OTHER THAN THAT HIS TROOPS HAVE LINKED UP WITH THE LEFT FLANK OF MARSHALL ZHUKOV ALONG THE ODER RIVER. IN EAST PRUSSIA THE RUSSIANS HAVE SMASHED MORE GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO BREAK OUT OF THE RUSSIAN KING. GENERAL CHERNYAKHOVSKY'S TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE MASSING FOR THE FINAL ASSAULT ON KOENIGSBERG.

BELGIUM:

AMERICAN FIRST AND THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE NOW ON OR ACROSS THE GERMAN FRONTIER ALONG A 30 MILE STRETCH. YANKS OF THE FIRST ARMY PUSHING INTO THE SIEGFRIED LINE BEYOND MONSCHAU ARE REPORTED TO BE MEETING SLIGHT RESISTANCE. GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY FORCES HAVE ADVANCED UP TO 2 MILES ON A 5 MILE FRONT BEYOND ST VITH. IN NORTHERN ALSACE, SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE PUSHED ON $1\frac{1}{2}$ MILES OVER THE MODER RIVER AGAINST DETERMINED RESISTANCE. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, THE COLMAR POCKET IS RAPIDLY COLLAPSING. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE GERMANS ARE EVACUATING PART OF COLMAR. CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT THE NAZIS ARE PULLING BACK ACROSS THE RHINE. FRENCH TROOPS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH TO THE RHINE ABOUT 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF COLMAR.

WELL OVER 1000 RAF BOMBERS LAST NIGHT PLASTERED RAIL CENTERS IN BERLIN, MAINZ, LUDWIGSHAFEN AND ZEIGEN IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE. MOSQUITOS IN GREAT STRENGTH HAMMERED BERLIN TWICE DURING THE NIGHT WITH 4000 POUND BOMBS. RAF MOSQUITOS OUT IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY WENT FOR RAIL TARGETS EAST OF COLOGNE AND BOMBED AND CANNON-SHELLED 500 RAILWAY CARS. MORE THAN 700 AMERICAN HEAVIES YESTERDAY ATTACKED MANNHEIM, LUDWIGSHAFEN AND BRIDGES OVER THE RHINE. RAF HEAVIES OUT IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY HIT TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY.

ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY YESTERDAY FLEW MORE THAN 1400 SORTIES INCLUDING ATTACKS ON TARGETS IN AUSTRIA AND THE PO VALLEY.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS OF THE U. S. EIGHTH ARMY UNDER LT. GEN. EICHELBERGER HAVE LANDED ON THE WEST COAST OF BATANGAS ON LUZON SOUTHWEST OF MANILA. MANILA IS NOW THREATENED FROM THREE SIDES. SIXTH ARMY TROOPS FROM THE NORTH WERE LAST REPORTED JUST OVER 20 MILES FROM THE CITY. ANOTHER AMERICAN FORCE IS ADVANCING ACROSS THE BASE OF THE BATAAN PENINSULA.

TROOPS OF THE 15TH INDIAN CORPS HAVE MADE ANOTHER LANDING ON AN ISLAND SOUTH OF RAMREE ISLAND OFF THE WESTERN COAST OF BURMA.