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RUSSIA:

THE FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY UNDER MARSHALL ZHUKOV IS CLOSING TO THE RIVER ODER ALL ALONG THE FRANKFURT-KUSTHIN SECTOR. BOTH THE RUSSIANS AND THE GERMANS SAY THAT FIERCE FIGHTING IS GOING ON AT THE APPROACHES TO THE ODER DUE EAST OF BERLIN. THE GERMANS HAVE BROUGHT UP FRESH INFANTRY AND TANK DIVISIONS PLUS BATTALIONS OF POLICE IN AN EFFORT TO CHECK ZHUKOV'S POWERFUL THRUSTS. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN HEAVILY COUNTERATTACKING WITH THEIR BACKS TO THE RIVER BUT THEIR POSITION IS GROWING DESPERATE. ACCORDING TO BERLIN, ONE RUSSIAN SPEARHEAD DROVE TO WITHIN 4 MILES OF FRANKFURT ITSELF AND THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT ZHUKOV'S FORCES HAD REACHED THE LOWER ODER FOR THE GREATER PART OF ITS LENGTH. MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK WAS LAST NIGHT REPORTED WITHIN 35 MILES OF THE BALTIC PORT OF STETTIN AND HIS THRUST ON THIS SECTOR CONSTITUTES AN OUTFLANKING THREAT TO KUSTHIN. IN GERMAN SILESIA ALONG THE UPPER ODER THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEY HAVE CHECKED KONEV'S THRUSTS BEYOND HIS BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE ODER.

IN EAST PRUSSIA RUSSIAN ARTILLERY IS FIRING POINT BLANK AT THE GERMANS HOLDING OUT IN KOENIGSBERG. LITTLE MORE THAN 10 MILES NOW SEPARATES THE ARMIES OF MARSHALL HOKOSSOVOSKY AND GENERAL CHERNYAKHOVSKY IN EAST PRUSSIA.

BELGIUM:

FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS THE ANGLO-AMERICAN AIRFORCE HAS HAMMERED GERMAN MILITARY TARGETS NON-STOP. TODAY, MORE THAN 1000 FLYING FORTS UNLOADED OVER 2500 TONS OF BOMBS ON THE HEART OF BERLIN. THE GERMAN RADIO SAYS THAT AMERICAN BOMBER FORMATIONS WERE STRETCHED OUT FROM THE COAST OF HOLLAND TO THE GERMAN CAPITOL, A DISTANCE OF 300 MILES. A SECONDARY FORCE OF 400 LIBERATORS BLASTED MARSHALLING YARDS AND A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT AT MAGDEBURG. THE HUGE FORCE OF AMERICAN HEAVIES WAS ESCORTED BY SOME 900 MUSTANGS. LAST NIGHT OVER 1200 RAF HEAVIES ATTACKED MARSHALLING YARDS AND OIL TARGETS AT THE GERMAN CITIES OF MAGDEBURG, MANNHEIM, WIEBADEN, KARLSRUHE, AND WANNE-EICKEL. A LARGE FORCE OF MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT WENT FOR MARSHALLING YARDS EAST OF BONN. GERMAN MILITARY TRAFFIC IS STILL PULLING OUT OF THE RUHR VALLEY HEAD-ING FOR HANNOVER AND YESTERDAY ALLIED MEDIUM AND FIGHTER BOMBERS STRUCK FROM NORTH HOLLAND DOWN TO SOUTHERN ALSACE AND INSIDE GERMANY RIPPING GERMAN ROAD AND RAIL TRAFFIC. THE BOMBERS DESTROYED 64 LOCOMOTIVES, 1300 RAILWAY CARS AND 300 MOTOR VEHICLES AS WELL AS BOMBING AND SHOOTING UP RAIL YARDS AND BRIDGES.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN NEARLY THREE MILES DEEPER INTO THE SIEG-ERIED LINE IN THE MONSCHAU AREA. GERMAN RESISTANCE SO FAR HAS NOT BEEN HEAVY. THE YANKS HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER 6 GERMAN TOWNS. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, FRENCH AND AMERICAN TROOPS ARE MOPPING UP IN THE CITY OF COLMAR. YESTERDAY ALLIED FIGHTER BOMBERS HEAVILY STRAFED GERMANS PULLING OUT OF THE COLMAR POCKET. NORTH OF COLMAR, FRENCH TROOPS HAVE CUT THE MAIN ROAD TO THE RHINE BRIDGEHEAD AT BIELSACH AND HAVE SECURED A 30 MILE STRETCH OF THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE.

PACIFIC:

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S FORCES ARE CONVERGING ON MANILA FROM THREE SIDES AND NOW CONTROL ALL THE MAJOR ROADS AND RAILWAYS IN THE CENTRAL PLAIN. THE AMERICANS COMING IN ON THE CITY FROM THE NORTH ARE ABOUT 20 MILES AWAY. A SECOND FORCE COMING IN FROM THE EAST HAS PUSHED ANOTHER 6 MILES ACROSS THE BASE OF THE BATAAN PENINSULA. FROM THE SOUTH, AIRBORNE TROOPS HAVE TAKEN AN AIRFIELD AND HAVE DRIVEN 9 MILES INLAND.

AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE SUNK A JAP DESTROYER AND DAMAGED TWO OTHERS IN PHILIPPINE WATERS. AMERICAN BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA.