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#### RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN SAID TODAY THAT TROOPS OF MARSHALL GREGORY ZHUKOV'S FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY HAD ESTABLISHED BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS THE ODER NEAR THE CITY OF KUSTRIN DUE EAST OF BERLIN. THESE BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS THE MIDDLE REACHES OF THE ODER HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY MOSCOW. THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT THE BRIDGEHEADS HERE HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED AND SAY THAT GREAT NUMBERS OF RUSSIAN TANKS AND INFANTRY HAVE BEEN THROWN INTO THE BATTLE "EAST OF BERLIN." THE RUSSIANS HAVE ASSEMBLED A RECORD-BREAKING AMOUNT OF BIG FIELD GUNS IN THE AREAS OF FRANKFURT AND KUSTRIN AND ARE HEAVILY SHELLING THE TWO CITIES. IN BERLIN THE GERMAN "PEOPLES' ARMY" IS LEARNING STREET FIGHTING IN THE RUINS OF HOUSES SHATTERED BY ALLIED BOMBING.

MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY NOW HOLDS A GREAT BRIDGEHEAD 50 MILES WIDE AND SOME 12 MILES DEEP ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE ODER RIVER SOUTHEAST OF BRESLAU. THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND SPEAKS OF THE BRIDGEHEAD AS "MASSIVE" AND SAYS THAT IT IS BEING BUILT UP ALL THE TIME. KONEV'S ENGINEERS HAVE EMPLOYED BRIDGES OF THE GREATEST CAPACITY ABLE TO HANDLE THE HEAVIEST EQUIPMENT, IN SPANNING THE UPPER ODER AND SOVIET SUPPLIES AND REINFORCEMENTS ARE POURING ACROSS THE GREAT SPANS. THE LUFTWAFFE HAS BEEN FLYING AS MANY AS 700 SORTIES A DAY AGAINST KONEV'S BRIDGEHEADS BUT MASSED RUSSIAN ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS AND THE RED AIR FORCE ARE DESTROYING GREAT NUMBERS OF GERMAN AIRCRAFT.

#### BELGIUM:

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS IN A NEW ATTACK LAUNCHED THIS MORNING HAVE SMASHED INTO GERMANY AT SEVEN PLACES ALONG A 22 MILE FRONT SOUTH OF ST VITH. THE YANKS CAUGHT THE GERMANS BY SURPRISE AS THEY PADDOLED ACROSS THE OUR AND SAUER RIVERS IN RUBBER BOATS. THE FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION ATTACKED EAST OF ECHTERNACH AND HAS PENETRATED  $\frac{1}{2}$  MILE INTO GERMANY. OTHER DIVISIONS TAKING PART IN THE ATTACK WERE THE 80TH INFANTRY, THE 6TH ARMORED AND THE 17TH AIRBORNE.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY FORCES HAVE MADE MORE GOOD PROGRESS IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE EAST OF MONSCHAU. ONE YANK FORCE DRIVING TOWARDS SCHMIDT HAS PUSHED FORWARD 1000 YARDS AND WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN A MILE OF THE TOWN. EAST OF STECKENBORN THE AMERICANS HAVE DRIVEN ANOTHER 1000 YARDS AND ANOTHER COLUMN WAS LAST REPORTED  $\frac{1}{2}$  MILE NORTH OF THE BIG TOWN OF SCHLEIDEN. IN SOUTHERN ALSACE, AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE SEIZED THE WESTERN END OF THE RHINE CROSSINGS AT NEUFBREISACH AFTER SCALING THE WALLS OF THAT TOWN WITH RUBBER BOOTS AND SCALING LADDERS. THE AMERICANS HAVE ALSO THRUST 5 MILES BETWEEN THE RHINE RIVER AND THE RHONE-RHINE CANAL.

THE BRITISH SECOND TACTICAL AIRFORCE YESTERDAY FLEW MORE THAN 1000 SORTIES IN THE NORTHERN RUHR AND HOLLAND ATTACKING GERMAN RAIL TARGETS. ONE FORCE OF TEMPESTS WAS OPERATING 100 MILES WEST OF BERLIN.

THE GERMAN NEWS COMMENTATOR, DIETMAR, TOLD THE GERMAN PEOPLE YESTERDAY THAT "GERMANY WAS BALANCING ON THE ABYSS OF CAPITULATION AND ONLY THE CALM AND SURE-FOOTEDNESS OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE CAN KEEP GERMANY FROM FALLING."

#### ITALY:

THE FIFTH ARMY HAS MADE A LIMITED ATTACK SOUTH OF BOLOGNA AND IN THE SERCHIO VALLEY AND HAS PUSHED AHEAD SOME 600 YARDS. THE GERMAN RADIO SAID THAT ALLIED BOMBERS WERE APPROACHING AUSTRIA TODAY.

#### PACIFIC:

IN MANILA THERE ARE ONLY JAP SNIPERS AND DEMOLITION SQUADS LEFT IN THE CITY. THE JAPS HAVE DESTROYED MUCH PUBLIC PROPERTY AND HAVE FIRED PARTS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

TWO SEPARATE FORCES OF AMERICAN SUPER FORTS TODAY BOMBED TARGETS IN SIAM AND INDO CHINA. IN BURMA, BRITISH TROOPS HAVE WIPED OUT A JAP BRIDGEHEAD 30 MILES WEST OF MANDALAY. IN SOUTH CHINA THE JAPS HAVE CAPTURED A BIG AIRBASE EAST OF THE CANTON-HANGKOW RAILWAY.

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HE WANTS TO BORROW A RANGE FINDER !