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RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED FIERCE FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE ODER DUE EAST OF BERLIN. THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT THEY DROVE MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S FORCES BACK CLOSER TO THE BANK OF THE ODER. MOSCOW RADIO AS YET HAS NOT CONFIRMED THAT THE RUSSIANS HOLD BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS THE LOWER ODER EAST OF BERLIN. MOSCOW RADIO DOES SAY THAT RUSSIAN ARTILLERY IS DEALING OUT TERRIFIC PUNISHMENT TO THE CITY OF KUSTHIN AND SAYS THAT KUSTHIN IS ALMOST SURROUNDED. RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT ZHUKOV IS MASSING MIGHTY FORCES OF GUNS, TANKS AND INFANTRY IN THE AREAS OF KUSTHIN AND FRANKFURT WHERE THE GERMANS SAY THE REDS HOLD SEVERAL BRIDGEHEADS. ALL OF THE RUSSIAN VEHICLES HAVE THE WORD, "BERLIN" PAINTED ON THEM. ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK IN POMERANIA HAS DRIVEN CLOSER TO THE MOUTH OF THE ODER AND THE PORT OF STETTIN. LATEST REPORTS PUT THE REDS AT ABOUT 25 MILES FROM STETTIN AND 10 MILES FROM THE RAIL CENTER OF STARGARD. IN EAST PRUSSIA, MARSHALL KOKOSOVOSKY'S MEN HAVE SURROUNDED THE PORT OF ELBING AND HAVE CAPTURED A TOWN ON THE COAST LESS THAN 20 MILES TO THE NORTHEAST OF ELBING. SOUTH OF KOENIGSBERG, THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER 30 PLACES.

MARSHALL IVAN KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY IS REPORTED BY THE GERMANS TO HAVE BEGUN AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT ON THE ODER BASTION OF BRESLAU. THE GERMANS ALSO SAY THAT KONEV'S SPEARHEADS DRIVING AHEAD FROM THE RUSSIAN BRIDGEHEAD AT STEINAU HAVE PUSHED 25 MILES WEST OF THE RIVER. MOSCOW RADIO HAS REMAINED SILENT ON THE REPORTED ASSAULT ON BRESLAU.

BELGIUM:

CANADIAN AND UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS OF THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY ATTACKING TO THE SOUTHEAST OF NIJMEGEN HAVE PIERCED TWO OF THE THREE SIEGFRIED LINE BELTS AND WERE LAST REPORTED AT THE APPROACHES TO THE FORTIFIED TOWN OF CIEVE. CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT CANADIANS HAVE REACHED A TOWN ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE RIVER AND THAT FIERCE HAND TO HAND FIGHTING IS GOING ON HERE. THE ALLIED TROOPS FOUGHT ALL DURING THE NIGHT IN HEAVY RAIN AND BROKE THROUGH THE SECOND OF THE DEFENSE BELTS AFTER GOING THROUGH THE FIRST BELT EASILY. THE SECOND LINE IN THE SIEGFRIED DEFENSE WAS MADE UP OF CONCRETE FORTS BUT IT WAS UNDERMANNED.

THE ATTACK IS STILL GOING FORWARD ALTHOUGH THE CANADIANS AND UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS HAVE RUN INTO BITTER OPPOSITION. THE ALLIED FORCES JUMPED OFF ON A FRONT OF ABOUT 6 MILES AND NOW HAVE EXPANDED IT TO ABOUT 15 MILES. AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE REICHSWALD FOREST, THE ALLIED TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN CLEAN THROUGH THE SECOND DEFENSE BELT OF THE SIEGFRIED LINE. THEY STILL HAVE ONE MORE LINE TO CRACK BUT IT IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE AS STRONG AS THE SECOND ONE WAS. SO FAR THE ALLIED FORCES HAVE TAKEN OVER 2500 PRISONERS.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS FIGHTING THROUGH THE SIEGFRIED LINE EAST OF MONSCHAU HAVE DRIVEN TO THE EDGE OF THE BIGGEST OF THE ROER RIVER DAMS. YANK INFANTRYMEN REACHED THE EDGE OF THE DAM LAST NIGHT. WHEN THEY TRIED TO CROSS IT GERMAN ENGINEERS BLEW A HOLE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SPILLWAY BLOCKING THE WAY OF THE AMERICANS. LATE REPORTS SAY THAT THE YANKS ARE DUG IN ALONG THE EDGE OF THE DAM AND ARE TRYING TO GET ACROSS IT TO CONTROL THE FLOOD WATERS OF THE RIVER. THE GERMAN ENGINEERS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BLOWN UP THE SLUICE MACHINERY OF THE DAM AND THE WATER LEVEL OF THE ROER HAS RISEN.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE LESS THAN 3/4 OF A MILE FROM THE ROAD CENTER OF PRUM IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE. THE YANKS HAVE CROSSED THE PRUM RIVER AT FOUR PLACES NORTH OF PRUM AND ARE THROUGH THE MAIN SIEGFRIED BELT ON A 9 MILE FRONT IN THE PRUM AREA.

A FORCE OF 150 FLYING FORTRESSES TODAY BOMBED MUNSTER AND U-BOAT PENS ALONG THE COAST OF THE NETHERLANDS. YESTERDAY THE BRITISH SECOND TACTICAL AIR FORCE FLEW IN SUPPORT OF THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY'S ATTACK AND RIPPED GERMAN RAIL, MOTOR AND WATER TRANSPORT IN HOLLAND AND IN WESTERN GERMANY.

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ITALY:

THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY FRONT IN ITALY HAS FLARED UP ALONG THE RIVER SENIO WITH HAND TO HAND FIGHTING BY RAIDING PARTIES AND INCREASED ARTILLERY FIRE. ALLIED BOMBERS FROM ITALY FLEW MORE THAN 500 SORTIES YESTERDAY INCLUDING ATTACKS BY AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ON OIL TARGETS IN THE VIENNA AREA OF AUSTRIA.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM THE MARIANAS TODAY ATTACKED THE MAIN JAP ISLAND OF HONSHU. TOKIO RADIO SAYS THAT ABOUT 90 SUPER FORTS RAIDED THE TOKIO-YOKAHOMA DISTRICTS.

IN MANILA, TWO AMERICAN AIRBORNE DIVISIONS ARE LOCKED IN FIERCE HAND TO HAND FIGHTING WITH JAP TROOPS WHO ARE MAKING A "LAST DITCH STAND" IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CITY. OTHER AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE PUSHED 10 MILES DOWN THE WEST COAST OF THE BATAAN PENINSULA AND HAVE REACHED THE TOWN OF MORON. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS ARE APPROACHING IMPORTANT OIL FIELDS IN CENTRAL BURMA ABOUT 100 MILES SOUTHWEST OF MANDALAY. EAST AFRICAN TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE NEAR THE OIL TOWN OF CHAUK.

