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BELGIUM:

UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS OF THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY ARE REPORTED TO BE ENGAGED IN BITTER STREET FIGHTING IN THE FORTIFIED TOWN OF CLEVE, 4 MILES FROM THE RHINE RIVER AND ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE REICHSWALD FOREST. CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT OTHER FORCES HAVE BY-PASSED THE TOWN AND ARE FIGHTING BEYOND IT. BRITISH TANKS AND FLAMETHROWERS ARE ATTACKING CLEVE FROM THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST. GERMAN PARATROOPERS ARE DUG IN AROUND THE TOWN, REDUCED TO RUBBLE BY RECENT RAF ATTACKS. OTHER CANADIAN TROOPS ARE STARTING TO REDUCE THE TOWN OF GENNEP, SOUTH OF CLEVE, AND THE ALLIED TROOPS ARE ALMOST UP TO THE ROAD RUNNING BETWEEN CLEVE AND GENNEP. ONE FORCE OF CANADIANS IS REPORTED NEAR THE TOWN OF MILLINGEN ON THE RHINE AND ARE REPORTED TO HAVE CLEARED SOME OF THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE.

THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY HAS DRIVEN FORWARD SOME 8 MILES SINCE THEY LAUNCHED THEIR ATTACK. GROUND CONDITIONS ARE STILL TERRIBLE AND IN SOME PLACES THE CANADIANS HAVE SAILED THROUGH THE SIEGFRIED DEFENSES BECAUSE OF THE FLOOD WATERS. GERMAN RESISTANCE HAS STIFFENED ALL ALONG THE FRONT HERE BUT THE ALLIED TROOPS ARE PRESSING FORWARD AND HOLD MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE REICHSWALD FOREST. THE GERMANS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PARTS OF THE FOREST. THE BRITISH SECOND TACTICAL AIR FORCE WAS GROUNDED MOST OF YESTERDAY DUE TO POOR WEATHER BUT LATE IN THE AFTERNOON THEY MANAGED TO GET OUT AND HAMMERED THE SUPPLY ROADS RUNNING INTO CLEVE AND ALSO BOTTLENECKS ALONG THE RHINE RIVER.

THERE HAS BEEN A LULL IN THE FIGHTING ON THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY SECTOR EAST OF MONSCHAU WHERE THE YANKS HAVE GAINED CONTROL OF THE GREAT ROER RIVER DAMS. THE AMERICANS ARE WAITING FOR THE FLOODED WATERS OF THE ROER TO RECEDE BEFORE THEY PRESS ON. THE FLOOD CAUSED BY THE BREACHING OF THE BIGGEST DAM HAS ALREADY REACHED ITS PEAK AND THE WATERS ARE RECEDING DOWN STREAM. AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS NOW HOLD THREE MAJOR BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS THE OUR AND SURE RIVERS. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT STREET FIGHTING WAS GOING ON IN THE ROAD CENTER OF PRUM. IN NORTHERN ALSACE, AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS YESTERDAY BEGAN A NEW ATTACK BETWEEN HAGENAU AND THE RHINE. BY LAST NIGHT THEY HELD MOST OF A TOWN 5 MILES FROM THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER.

AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS FOR THE SECOND DAY RUNNING HAMMERED GERMAN MOTOR FUEL STORAGE PLANTS NEAR MUNSTER TODAY. LAST NIGHT A STRONG FORCE OF RAF MOSQUITOS ATTACKED HANNOVER.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY MADE THE STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TANKS AND INFANTRY OF MARSHAL KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY HAD DRIVEN TO THE EASTERN BANK OF A RIVER 65 MILES TO THE NORTHWEST OF BRESLAU. THE GERMANS SAY THAT STRONG RUSSIAN FORCES HELD A 20 MILE STRETCH OF THE EASTERN BANK OF THE RIVER ABOUT HALFWAY BETWEEN THE RIVER ODER AND THE BIG CITY OF DRESDEN. THE GERMANS ALSO CLAIMED THAT KONEV'S FORCES HAD REACHED A POINT 12 MILES DUE WEST OF BRESLAU AND SAID THAT THE REDS HAD THROWN A PINNERS AROUND BRESLAU FROM THE NORTH AND SOUTH. THE GERMAN RADIO FURTHER CLAIMED THAT KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY TROOPS HAD TAKEN THE BIG TOWN OF LIEGNITZ ON THE WEST BANK OF THE ODER NORTHWEST OF BRESLAU. MOSCOW RADIO AS YET HAS NOT CONFIRMED ANY OF THESE REPORTS.

IN EAST PRUSSIA, MARSHAL BOKOSSOVOSKY'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE PORT OF ELBING ON THE VISTULA ESTUARY AND ANOTHER STRONGHOLD ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF KOENIGSBERG. VAST BOOTY WAS TAKEN IN THE CITY OF ELBING AND SEVERAL THOUSAND GERMANS DIED DEFENDING IT.

MARSHAL GREGORY ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK HAS DRIVEN CLOSER TO THE BALTIC PORT OF STETTIN. THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER 40 PLACES AROUND THE TOWN OF SCHNEIDER-MUHL WHERE THEY ARE FIGHTING TO WIPE OUT A TRAPPED GERMAN GARRISON.

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PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM INDIA TODAY BOMBED THE RANGOON AREA OF BURMA. BRITISH TROOPS IN CENTRAL BURMA HAVE MADE GAINS NORTH AND WEST OF MANDALAY. ON RAMREE ISLAND OFF THE WESTERN COAST OF BURMA, BRITISH FORCES HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF RAMREE.

AMERICAN TROOPS FIGHTING IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF MANILA ARE MEETING SAVAGE JAP RESISTANCE. ABOUT 70 MILES NORTH OF MANILA, AMERICAN SIXTH ARMY TROOPS DRIVING ACROSS THE CENTRAL PLAIN OF LUZON ARE WITHIN 20 MILES OF THE EASTERN COAST OF THE ISLAND. LIBERATOR BOMBERS FLYING FROM NORTHWEST AUSTRALIA HAVE BOMBED A JAP POWER STATION IN JAVA.

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TAKE IT EASY - ALL HE SAID WAS, "THERE ARE THINGS MORE BEAUTIFUL TO PAINT"