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RUSSIA:

MARSHALL KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE SHATTERED THE GERMAN DEFENSES ALONG THE UPPER ODER AND NOW HOLD A MASSIVE BRIDGEHEAD 100 MILES LONG EXTENDING FROM ABOVE STEINAU TO OPPELN. ONLY AT THE SEVENTH CITY OF GERMANY, BRESLAU, DO THE GERMANS STILL HOLD BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER AND THIS CITY IS ALMOST SURROUNDED. AN ESCAPE GAP 15 MILES WIDE IS THE ONLY ROUTE LEFT OPEN TO THE GERMAN GARRISON LEFT IN BRESLAU. KONEV'S VANGUARDS HAVE RACED 40 MILES PAST THE RIVER AND ARE ABOUT 80 MILES FROM THE GREAT CITY OF BRESLAU IN THE PROVINCE OF SAXONY. THE GERMAN RADIO SAYS THAT THE RUSSIAN SPEARHEADS ARE WELL OVER 40 MILES WEST OF THE ODER AND ARE OPERATING IN A THICKLY WOODED COUNTRY ABOUT 60 MILES WEST OF THE ODER. MOSCOW SAYS THAT KONEV HAS SENT SEVERAL COLUMNS RACING NORTHWEST TOWARDS THE BERLIN FRONT AND THESE TROOPS ARE ABOUT 100 MILES FROM THE GERMAN CAPITOL. THE REDS ARE POURING FRESH TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT ACROSS THEIR GREAT BRIDGES.

KONEV'S FIRST BREAK CAME AT STEINAU WHERE THE RUSSIANS HELD A BRIDGEHEAD NORTH OF THAT CITY. THE SOVIET FORCES SWEEPED THROUGH STEINAU WIPING OUT THE GERMAN GARRISON OF 3000. SINCE THEN THE REDS HAVE WHEELED TO THE WEST AND NORTHWEST, TAKING SOME 500 PLACES INCLUDING THE MANUFACTURING TOWN OF LIEGNITZ. OUT AHEAD OF KONEV'S SPEARHEADS THE RED AIR FORCE IS BLASTING GERMAN TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT MOVING UP TO THE FRONT. THE GERMANS HAVE SUFFERED STAGGERING LOSSES IN MEN AND EQUIPMENT SINCE KONEV LAUNCHED HIS NEW OFFENSIVE. THE RIVER ODER IS GREATLY SWOLLEN WITH FLOOD WATERS AND HAS BURST ITS BANKS. SOVIET ENGINEERS HAVE BEEN WORKING IN WATER UP TO THEIR WAISTS TO PROTECT THE PONTOON BRIDGES FROM THE HIGH WATER AND FLOATING ICE.

IN POMERANIA, MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK IS DRIVING TOWARDS STETTIN AND THE MOUTH OF THE ODER. THE GERMANS SAY THAT ZHUKOV'S SPEARHEADS ARE ABOUT 15 MILES FROM STETTIN. UNITS OF THE POLISH FIRST ARMY OPERATING WITH RUSSIAN TROOPS ON ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK HAVE TAKEN TWO IMPORTANT PLACES BEYOND THE ENCLOSED GERMAN GARRISON AT SCHNEIDEMUHL. IN EAST PRUSSIA THE REDS HAVE CONTINUED TO CLOSE IN FROM BOTH SIDES ON THE MAIN GERMAN GROUP TRAPPED THERE. IN BUDAPEST, THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN THE MAIN RAILWAY STATION IN BUDA AND HAVE CLEARED ANOTHER 45 CITY BLOCKS.

BELGIUM:

CANADIAN AND UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS OF THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE PROGRESS SOUTHEAST OF NIJMEGEN DESPITE MOUNTING GERMAN RESISTANCE AND APPALLING GROUND CONDITIONS. SCOTTISH TROOPS ARE CLEARING OUT THE TOWN OF CLEVES WHERE THE GERMANS ARE DUG IN IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE TOWN. ALLIED TROOPS HAVE TAKEN GENNEP, THE SOUTHERN ANCHOR OF THE GERMAN DEFENSE LINE. THE ALLIED TROOPS NOW HOLD 3/4 OF THE REICHSWALD FOREST. THE GERMANS SAY THAT ALLIED TROOPS HAVE BY PASSED CLEVE AND ARE MOVING DOWN THE ROAD TO GOCH.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE PUSHED ON ANOTHER 2000 YARDS AND HAVE CLEARED THE LOOP OF THE ROER RIVER NEAR THE DAMS. THE ROER HAS SWOLLEN WITH FLOOD WATERS AND IS MORE THAN 1/2 MILE WIDE BELOW DUREN. AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED ABOUT HALF OF THE TOWN OF PRUM AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SCHNEE EIFEL. OTHER THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE ENLARGED THEIR THREE MAIN BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS THE OUR AND SURE RIVERS AND HAVE REACHED THE SIEGFRIED DEFENSES. IN NORTHERN ALSACE, SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CONSOLIDATED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE MODER RIVER AND HAVE DRIVEN BACK STRONG COUNTERATTACKS.

ALLIED TACTICAL PLANES FLEW ABOUT 1500 SORTIES YESTERDAY AND DESTROYED OR DAMAGED OVER 150 LOCOMOTIVES AND 550 RAIL CARS.

GREECE:

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND EAM DELEGATES OFFICIALLY ENDING THE CIVIL WAR IN GREECE WAS SIGNED IN ATHENS EARLY TODAY.

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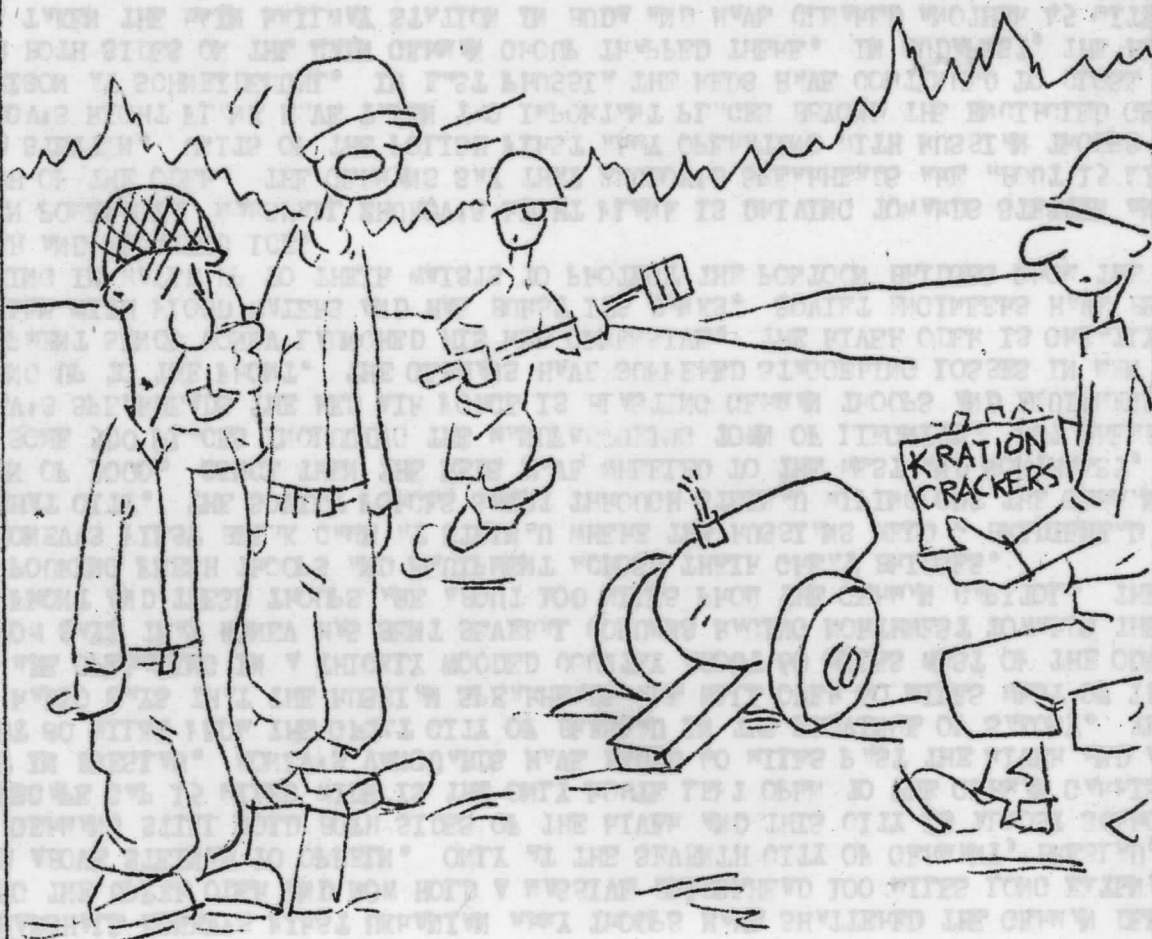
PACIFIC:

IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF MANILA, THREE AMERICAN DIVISIONS HAVE COMPRESSED THE JAPS IN AN AREA THREE MILES ACROSS. THE JAPS ARE FIGHTING FROM ANCIENT PORTS BUILT BY THE SPANIARDS AND THEY ARE FIGHTING TO THE LAST MAN. AUSTRALIAN TROOPS HAVE RUN INTO STIFF OPPOSITION ON THE ISLAND OF BOUGANVILLE IN THE SOLOMONS. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE AGAIN HIT FORMOSA. AMERICAN SUPER FORTS FLYING FROM THE MARIANAS TODAY BOMBED THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA.

CHINESE TROOPS IN NORTH BURMA ARE ABOUT 70 MILES FROM THE BURMA ROAD TOWN OF LASHIO. BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE GAINED MORE GROUND ON THE EAST BANK OF THE IRRAWADDY. IN ARAKAN IN WESTERN BURMA, WEST AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE CONTACTED THE BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS BLOCKING THE JAP ESCAPE ROAD AT KANGAW.

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