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PACIFIC:

AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS AND CRUISERS OPERATING ABOUT SIX MILES OFF THE SHORE OF THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA HAVE KEPT UP THEIR TERRIFIC BATTERING OF THE JAP SHORE DEFENSES ON THE ISLAND. TODAY MARKS THE THIRD DAY THAT THE AMERICAN WARSHIPS AND AIRCRAFT HAVE POUNDED IWO JIMA. AMERICAN LAND-BASED BOMBERS FROM THE MARIANAS HAVE JOINED IN THE ATTACK. THERE HAS BEEN NO ALLIED CONFIRMATION OF THE JAPANESE REPORT THAT THE AMERICANS HAD TWICE ATTEMPTED LANDINGS ON THE ISLAND. THE TOKIO RADIO SAID TODAY THAT THE AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES THAT HAD ATTACKED THE JAPANESE CAPITOL FOR TWO DAYS IN A ROW HAD NOT RETURNED TODAY. THE JAPS SAY THAT THE AMERICAN PLANES YESTERDAY HAD ATTACKED A SMALL ISLAND ABOUT 200 MILES SOUTH OF TOKIO BESIDES TARGETS IN THE JAP HOMELAND. THE JAPS HAVE MADE NO CLAIMS THAT THEY ATTACKED THE HUGE AMERICAN TASK FORCE OPERATING WITHIN FIGHTER PLANE RANGE OF THE JAPANESE COAST.

AMERICAN PARATROOPERS AND SEABORNE INFANTRYMEN HAVE LANDED ON THE ISLAND FORTRESS OF CORREGIDOR IN MANILA BAY. THE PARATROOPERS DROPPED ON THE ISLAND AND ATTACKED THE JAPS FROM THE REAR TAKING THEM BY SURPRISE. ABOUT THE TIME THAT THE JAPS WERE RECOVERED FROM THE SHOCK OF THE PARATROOPERS, AMERICAN SEABORNE INFANTRY STORMED ASHORE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND AND IN A MATTER OF A FEW HOURS THE TWO FORCES JOINED UP AND HAD SEIZED ALL DECISIVE POINTS. THE JAP GARRISON LEFT ON THE ISLAND IS NOW BEING CLEANED UP. BEFORE THE LANDINGS ON CORREGIDOR THE ISLANDS DEFENSES WERE BOMBARDED FROM THE SEA AND AIR.

BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE A NEW LANDING ON THE ARAYKAN COAST OF WEST BURMA.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN RADIO SAID TODAY THAT MARSHALL KONEV'S TROOPS ARE EXERTING TERRIFIC PRESSURE TO WIPE OUT THE GERMAN WEDGE ALONG THE ODER BEND. THIS WEDGE SEPARATES THE RUSSIANS UNDER MARSHALL KONEV FROM MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S LEFT FLANK. THERE IS FIERCE FIGHTING GOING ON AROUND THE TOWN OF KROSSIN. KONEV'S DRIVE TO THE WEST THROUGH SAXONY HAS CONTINUED AND MOSCOW SAYS TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT ARE MOVING UP TO THE NELISSE RIVER ON A BROAD FRONT. RED STAR, THE RUSSIAN PAPER, SAYS RED ARMY ASSAULT TROOPS HAVE BROKEN INTO ONE OF THE DEFENSE BELTS COVERING BRESLAU. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEY HAVE FORTIFIED EVERY HOUSE IN ENCIRCLED BRESLAU.

THE GERMANS SAID THAT THEY HAVE HAD TO GIVE UP MORE GROUND TO MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S FORCES ON THE ODER OPPOSITE BERLIN. BERLIN RADIO SAYS A SERIES OF DAMS ALONG THE ODER RIVER BETWEEN THE RUSSIANS AND THE PORT OF STETTIN HAVE BEEN BLOWN UP. IN EAST PRUSSIA, THE REDS HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER TWO TOWNS.

BELGIUM:

INFANTRY OF THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY HAVE DRIVEN TO A POINT LITTLE MORE THAN A MILE NORTHEAST OF GOCH AND HAVE TAKEN HIGH GROUND OVERLOOKING THE TOWN. THE ROAD RUNNING FROM GOCH TO CALCAR HAS BEEN CUT. THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY IS ATTACKING "IN STRENGTH" AROUND CLEVE AND GOCH.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE ADVANCES UP TO A MILE AT POINTS ON A 28 MILE FRONT EAST OF THE BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE OUR AND SURE RIVERS.

RAF MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT ATTACKED TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY WITHOUT LOSS.

ITALY:

ALLIED BOMBERS FROM ITALY YESTERDAY FLEW OVER 2100 SORTIES INCLUDING ATTACKS ON AUSTRIA. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS OVER AUSTRIA. BOTH THE FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES IN ITALY HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO PATROLLING.

ARGENTINA:

ARGENTINA HAS PROTESTED TO GERMANY AGAINST HER REFUSAL TO GRANT SAFE CONDUCT TO ARGENTINE DIPLOMATS NOW IN SWEDEN ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM GERMANY.