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PACIFIC:

UNITED STATES MARINES FIGHTING ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA HAVE BATTERED THEIR WAY ACROSS THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND AND HAVE TAKEN THE SOUTHERN AIRFIELD. THE LEATHERNECKS HAVE ISOLATED THE 500 FOOT HIGH VOLCANO AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND WHICH IS HONEYCOMBED WITH JAP CAVES. THE JAPS ARE RESISTING FANATICALLY ON IWO JIMA AND ARE POUNDING THE ADVANCING MARINES WITH MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE. DURING THE PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT THE JAPS TOOK REFUGE IN CAVES BUT CAME OUT AFTER THE MARINES HAD LANDED AND VERY FIERCE FIGHTING IS GOING ON. THE MARINES NOW HOLD ABOUT 1/4 OF THE ISLAND. THE AMERICANS HAVE LANDED TANKS TO SUPPORT THE INFANTRY AND THOUSANDS OF REINFORCEMENTS ARE STREAMING ASHORE.

ON THE ISLAND OF LUZON, AMERICAN AIRBORNE TROOPS HAVE TAKEN FORT WILLIAM MCKINLEY ON THE SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF MANILA. THE JAPS LEFT IN MANILA HAVE BEEN COMPRESSED INTO AN AREA LITTLE MORE THAN A MILE SQUARE. ON THE ISLAND OF CORREGIDOR THE AMERICANS ARE MOPPING UP. AMERICAN LIBERATORS HAVE BOMBED THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS ARE MEETING SAVAGE RESISTANCE AS THEY ENLARGE THEIR BRIDGEHEAD DOWNSTREAM FROM MANDALAY. NORTH OF MANDALAY, THE 19TH INDIAN DIVISION HAS ENLARGED THE SINGU BRIDGEHEAD AND IS DRIVING SOUTH AND EAST. TROOPS OF THE FIRST CHINESE ARMY HAVE DRIVEN TO WITHIN 32 MILES OF THE BURMA ROAD TOWN OF LASHIO.

RUSSIA:

THERE IS HARD FIGHTING GOING ON AT MANY POINTS ALONG THE EASTERN FRONT AS THE RUSSIAN ARMIES KEEP UP THEIR PRESSURE IN SPITE OF STRONG GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS. THE GERMAN RADIO SAID TODAY THAT MARSHALL KONEV'S TROOPS HAD GAINED MORE GROUND SOUTHEAST OF BERLIN AND AT SOME PLACES HAS MADE FAIRLY DEEP PENETRATIONS. THE GERMANS SAY THAT KONEV'S FORCES HAVE SMASHED ACROSS THE SORAU-GORLITZ RAILWAY ON A 3 MILE FRONT AND CLAIM THAT THERE IS BITTER FIGHTING RAGING ALONG A FRONT FROM GUBEN TO A POINT 50 MILES EAST OF DRESDEN. MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT KONEV'S MEN HAVE FURTHER TIGHTENED THEIR RING AROUND ENCIRCLED BRESLAU AND IT IS REPORTED THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE REACHED THE INNER DEFENSES OF THE CITY.

IN THE OLD POLISH CORRIDOR MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKY'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE STABBED 6 MILES ALONG THE WESTERN BANK OF THE VISTULA BEYOND THE ENCIRCLED TOWN OF GRUDZIADZ, SOUTH OF DANZIG. IN EAST PRUSSIA THE RUSSIANS HAVE TIGHTENED THEIR RING AROUND THE GERMANS HEMMED IN AGAINST THE BALTIC SHORE. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE REDS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO YIELD SOME GROUND IN THE FACE OF BITTER GERMAN ATTACKS.

THE RED ARMY'S RAPID ADVANCE THROUGH POLAND HAS FREED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

BELGIUM:

SCOTS OF THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY NOW HOLD MOST OF THE TOWN OF GOCH. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE BEATEN BACK 5 GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS IN 12 HOURS AND HAVE GAINED ANOTHER SECTION OF THE GOCH-CALCAR ROAD AND ARE WITHIN 2 MILES OF CALCAR ITSELF. THE GERMANS ARE STRONGLY RESISTING ON BOTH FLANKS OF THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY'S DRIVE BETWEEN THE RHINE AND THE MAAS.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS ARE SQUEEZING THE FLANKS OF THE GERMAN BULGE BETWEEN PRUM AND ECHTERNACH AND HAVE GAINED UP TO A MILE. THIS MORNING THIRD ARMY TROOPS CROSSED THE MOSELLE DUE EAST OF LUXEMBOURG AND HAVE ENTERED A ROAD JUNCTION

OVER 900 AMERICAN HEAVIES ESCORTED BY 700 FIGHTERS TODAY BOMBED RAIL YARDS IN THE SOUTH GERMAN CITY OF NURNBERG. LAST NIGHT RAF HEAVIES HIT A SYNTHETIC PLANT AND OTHER TARGETS IN GERMANY. RAF MOSQUITOS ATTACKED ERFURT IN CENTRAL GERMANY.

ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FLEW OVER 1400 SORTIES YESTERDAY INCLUDING ATTACKS ON VIENNA AND GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBERS OVER SOUTHERN GERMANY. AMERICAN TROOPS OF THE FIFTH ARMY HAVE IMPROVED THEIR POSITIONS IN THE MOUNTAINS.