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BELGIUM:

THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED THAT TROOPS OF THE UNITED STATES NINTH ARMY HAD LAUNCHED A BIG SCALE ATTACK ON A 30 MILE FRONT ACROSS THE ROER RIVER BETWEEN DUREN AND HOERMOND AND THAT THE AMERICANS HAD SECURED SEVERAL SMALL BRIDGEHEADS BETWEEN DUREN AND LINNICH. THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE PUSHED ON BEYOND THE ROER AND THAT ONE FORCE HAS REACHED THE FRINGES OF DUREN. THEY ALSO SAY THAT THE AMERICAN ATTACK WAS BACKED UP WITH "THE USUAL GREAT ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT." HEAVY FIGHTING IS SAID TO BE GOING ON.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH BOMBERS REPRESENTING SEVEN BOMBER COMMANDS TEAMED UP YESTERDAY TO DEAL THE MOST DEVASTATING ASSAULT OF THE WAR ON GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN GERMANY AS WELL AS IN HOLLAND, DENMARK AND AUSTRIA. WELL OVER 6000 PLANES TOOK PART IN THE SHATTERING ATTACKS AND 32 GERMAN RAIL CENTERS WERE POUNDED. RAF MOSQUITOS KEPT THE ROUND-THE-CLOCK ATTACKS MOVING LAST NIGHT WHEN THEY HAMMERED BERLIN FOR THE THIRD NIGHT RUNNING. AMERICAN PLANES TOOK UP THE OFFENSIVE AGAIN TODAY WHEN 1250 HEAVY BOMBERS FLEW DEEP INTO CENTRAL GERMANY TO BLAST RAIL TARGETS FROM LEIPSIG TO SOUTH OF NURNBERG IN BAVARIA.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE LINKED UP THEIR TWO BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS THE SAAR RIVER TO THE SOUTH OF SAARBURG AND NOW HAVE CONSIDERABLE FORCES ACROSS THE RIVER. GENERAL PATTON'S MEN HAVE ESTABLISHED A NEW BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE SAAR ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES NORTH OF SAARBURG AND AT ONE POINT ARE WITHIN 4 MILES OF TRIER. THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE MADE GAINS AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG A 50 MILE FRONT AND NOW HOLD A 25 MILE STRETCH OF THE RIVER SAAR. ACROSS THE RIVER FROM THE NEW BRIDGEHEADS THE YANKS ARE RUNNING INTO STIFF OPPOSITION. THE AMERICANS HAVE INCREASED THEIR SALIENT BETWEEN PRUM AND ECHTERNACH.

AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY FORCES NOW HOLD 2/3 OF THE TOWN OF FORBACH AND HAVE CUT THE MAIN RAIL LINE BETWEEN FORBACH AND SAARBRUCKEN. THE YANKS HAVE TAKEN HIGH GROUND OVERLOOKING SAARBRUCKEN.

TROOPS OF THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF MOYLAND AND HAVE PUSHED BEYOND IT. CANADIAN TROOPS WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 1/2 MILE OF CALCAR.

RUSSIA:

MOSCOW RADIO REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON THAT MARSHAL KONEV'S FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY TROOPS WERE ENGAGED IN BITTER FIGHTING TO CROSS THE NEISSE RIVER IN EASTERN SAXONY. RUSSIAN ARTILLERY AND FLEETS OF SOVIET PLANES ARE SMASHING THE GERMAN DEFENSES ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE RIVER. THE RUSSIANS CLAIMED LAST NIGHT THAT KONEV'S MEN HAD REACHED THE NEISSE RIVER ON A 25 MILE FRONT BETWEEN GUBEN AND FORST AND THAT ENGINEERS WERE PREPARING TO BRIDGE IT. MOSCOW SAYS KONEV'S TROOPS ARE WITHIN 2 MILES OF GUBEN, 4 OF FORST AND 12 OF COTTBUS. THE GERMANS SAID TODAY THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE ATTACKING GUBEN AND FORST AND THAT THE REDS WERE MAKING MIGHTY EFFORTS TO CROSS THE NEISSE. KONEV'S TROOPS DRIVING THROUGH BRANDENBURG TOOK ANOTHER 160 PLACES IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING.

IN THE POLISH CORRIDOR, MARSHAL HOKOSSOVOSKY'S TROOPS HAVE CONTINUED THEIR ADVANCE THROUGH THE FORESTS AND LAKES SOUTH OF DANZIG. THE RUSSIANS ARE REPORTED TO BE WITHIN 30 MILES OF THE BIG PORT. IN EAST PRUSSIA THE SOVIETS HAVE CAPTURED ZINTEN IN THE HEART OF THE GERMAN POCKET SOUTH OF KOENIGSBERG.

TODAY IS THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED ARMY. IN AN ORDER OF THE DAY MARKING THE OCCASION, MARSHAL STALIN SAID THAT IN THE FIRST 40 DAYS OF THE GREAT RUSSIAN WINTER OFFENSIVE, 1,150,000 GERMANS HAD BEEN KILLED OR TAKEN PRISONER, 4500 TANKS AND SELF-PROPELLED GUNS HAD BEEN DESTROYED OR CAPTURED AND 12,000 GUNS AND 3000 PLANES HAD BEEN DESTROYED OR TAKEN.

ITALY:

ALLIED BOMBERS FROM ITALY JOINED IN ON THE COMBINED ATTACKS ON GERMANY YESTERDAY AND MORE THAN 2500 SORTIES WERE FLOWN. IT WAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN BY MEDITERRANEAN AIRCRAFT SO FAR THIS YEAR.

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PACIFIC:

AMERICAN MARINES ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA HAVE RESUMED THEIR DRIVE TOWARDS THE CENTRAL AIRSTRIP ON THE ISLAND AFTER SMASHING TWO BITTER JAP COUNTERATTACKS YESTERDAY. ON THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND THE MARINES HAVE PLANTED THEIR FLAG ON THE TOP OF MT. SURIBACHI. SINCE THEY LANDED ON THE ISLAND THE MARINES HAVE SUFFERED JUST UNDER 5400 CASUALTIES.

AMERICAN ARTILLERY TODAY OPENED A TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT OF THE OLD WALLED CITY IN MANILA WHERE A JAP GARRISON IS HOLDING OUT. THE AMERICAN GUNS ARE ELASTING THE WALLS FROM POINT BLANK RANGE.

TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN EIGHTH ARMY HAVE LANDED ON THE SMALL PHILIPPINE ISLAND OF CAPUL, OFF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF LUZON.



HE CLAIMS IT WILL PUT UP A BETTER BARRAGE.