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#### GERMANY:

AMERICAN FIRST AND NINTH ARMY TROOPS MOVING ONTO THE PLAIN OF COLOGNE HAVE DRIVEN SOME 7 MILES PAST THE ROER RIVER AND HAVE ELBOWED THEIR FRONT OUT TO ALMOST 30 MILES WIDE. TROOPS OF THE NINTH ARMY AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE FRONT ARE WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE INDUSTRIAL CITY OF MUNCHEN GLADBACH. BOTH THE NINTH AND FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE BEING SUPPORTED BY ARMOR AND BOTH ARMIES ARE WITHIN 15 MILES OF THE GREAT CITY OF COLOGNE ON THE RHINE. NINTH ARMY TROOPS ALONE TOOK 900 PRISONERS IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING AND CAPTURED ANOTHER 12 PLACES. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN THROWING IN RESERVES STRAIGHT FROM THE MARCH BUT RESISTANCE IS STILL DESCRIBED AS "MODERATE."

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY FORCES HAVE PUSHED ACROSS THE PRUM RIVER AT SEVERAL PLACES AND HAVE DRIVEN  $3\frac{1}{2}$  MILES ON A 15 MILE FRONT AND ARE NOW THREATENING THE BIG ROAD JUNCTION OF BITBURG. IN THIS AREA ALONE THE YANKS BAGGED 2700 PRISONERS YESTERDAY. ONE THIRD ARMY ARMORED DIVISION HAS DRIVEN 16 MILES ACROSS THE GERMAN BORDER NEAR BITBURG. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN COUNTERATTACKING THE THIRD ARMY BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE SAAR NEAR SAARBURG BUT HAVE BEEN BEATEN BACK.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK BEFORE DAWN THIS MORNING AND GAINED  $1\frac{1}{2}$  MILES IN THREE HOURS TO THE SOUTH OF CALCAR. WELSH TROOPS ARE WITHIN 1200 YARDS OF WEEZE.

MORE THAN 1200 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 700 FIGHTERS TODAY ROCKED RAIL TARGETS IN THE CENTER OF BERLIN. THE YANK HEAVIES UNLOADED THEIR BOMBS FOR AN HOUR ON THE GERMAN CAPITOL. AS THE AMERICAN BOMBERS WERE COMING BACK, A FORCE OF RAF LANCASTERS ATTACKED A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT NEAR DORTMUND. THIS IS THE THIRD DAY RUNNING THAT LANCASTERS HAVE POUNDED GERMAN OIL TARGETS IN THE DORTMUND AREA. RAF MOSQUITOS HIT BERLIN WITH 4000 POUND BOMBS LAST NIGHT FOR THE SIXTH NIGHT RUNNING. IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, OVER 1150 AMERICAN HEAVIES ATTACKED THE MUNICH RAIL YARDS AND 2 OTHER MAIN LINE JUNCTIONS IN SOUTH GERMANY. ALLIED TACTICAL PLANES FLEW NEARLY 3000 SORTIES YESTERDAY. BRITISH TYPHOONS FLEW TO HANNOVER IN CENTRAL GERMANY YESTERDAY AND SCORED HITS WITH 90 ROCKETS ON OIL TANKS.

#### RUSSIA:

THERE IS SAVAGE FIGHTING GOING ON ALONG THE COAST NEAR KOENIGSBERG IN EAST PRUSSIA WHERE THE RUSSIANS ARE SLOWLY WIPING OUT THE LARGE FORCE OF GERMANS TRAPPED THERE. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN COUNTERATTACKING NORTHWEST OF THE EAST PRUSSIAN CAPITOL BUT HAVE BEEN BEATEN BACK. SOUTHWEST OF KOENIGSBERG THE REDS HAVE DRIVEN NEARER TO THE CITY.

THERE HAS BEEN BITTER HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF BRESLAU. RUSSIAN ASSAULT TROOPS BACKED BY ARTILLERY AND MOBILE GUNS HAVE BROKEN INTO THE HINDENBURG SQUARE.

CORRESPONDENTS IN MOSCOW SAY THAT MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK IN POMERANIA IS MOVING TOWARDS STETTIN AGAIN.

#### PACIFIC:

THREE MARINE DIVISIONS ON IWO JIMA HAVE CAPTURED MOST OF THE CENTRAL AIRFIELD ON THE ISLAND. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES AND BIG GUNS OF THE PACIFIC FLEET ARE SUPPORTING THE MARINE ADVANCE. AMERICAN LIBERATOR BOMBERS HAVE STRUCK AT AIRFIELDS IN THE BONIN ISLANDS.

ON LUZON, AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE TAKEN 2 MORE TOWNS, ONE ABOUT 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF MANILA.

THERE IS SEVERE FIGHTING GOING ON AT THE 14TH ARMY BRIDGEHEAD WEST OF MANDALAY.

#### ITALY:

ALLIED BOMBERS FROM ITALY FLEW 2100 SORTIES YESTERDAY. AMERICAN HEAVIES HIT COMMUNICATIONS IN THE VIENNA AREA AGAIN. MEDIUM BOMBERS CUT THE BRENNER RAIL LINE IN 13 PLACES. FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS WENT FOR TARGETS IN WIDE AREAS OF AUSTRIA AND NORTHERN ITALY. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBER FORMATIONS OVER AUSTRIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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