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GERMANY:

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS PUSHING ACROSS THE PLAIN OF COLOGNE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF MODRATH, 5 MILES FROM THE CITY OF COLOGNE. THE BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE RHINE CANAL HAVE BEEN ENLARGED AND OTHER FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE CLOSING UP TO THE RHINE AT MANY POINTS. THE BLANKET OF SECURITY CLOAKING THE MOVEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY HAS NOT YET BEEN LIFTED. IT IS KNOWN HOWEVER THAT GENERAL SIMPSON'S TROOPS CONTINUED THEIR DRIVE ON ALL SECTORS YESTERDAY AGAINST MODERATE RESISTANCE FROM THE GERMANS. TO THE NORTH OF THE NINTH ARMY FRONT, THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING SAVAGELY AGAINST THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY AND HAVE BEEN SHELLING AND MORTARING THE CANADIANS HEAVILY. GERMAN INFANTRY HAVE REPEATEDLY COUNTER-ATTACKED THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY FORCES.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 2½ MILES OF THE CITY OF TRIER AND AMERICAN ARTILLERY IS SHELLING THE CITY. TWO AMERICAN TANK COLUMNS ARE MOVING ON TRIER BUT HAVE RUN INTO HEAVY MINEFIELDS AND ROAD BLOCKS. THE ROADS ON THIS SECTOR RUN THROUGH GORGES AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ARMOR AND INFANTRY TO DEPLOY.

AMERICAN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBERS HAVE BEEN OVER GERMANY AGAIN TODAY. THEIR TARGET OR TARGETS IS STILL UNKNOWN. THE BOMBERS FLEW OVER THE EASTERN COAST OF ENGLAND FOR TWO HOURS HEADING FOR GERMANY. LAST NIGHT RAF MOSQUITOS HIT BERLIN FOR THE 9TH NIGHT RUNNING. MOSQUITOS ALSO ATTACKED MUNICH AND NUERNBERG IN SOUTHERN GERMANY. ALLIED TACTICAL PLANES FLEW OVER 1300 SORTIES YESTERDAY AND ATTACKED TARGETS IN WESTERN GERMANY. THE PLANES SAW FEW SIGNS OF THE GERMANS WITHDRAWING ACROSS THE RHINE BUT BARGES CLUSTERED AROUND FERRY POINTS WERE HEAVILY ATTACKED.

RUSSIA:

MARSHALL HOKOSSOVOSKY'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY DRIVING ACROSS NORTHERN POMERANIA ARE WITHIN SIGHT OF THE BALTIC SEA. THE RUSSIANS ARE FANNING OUT ON A BROAD FRONT BETWEEN STETTIN AND DANZIG. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE FIGHTING HAS MOVED TO THE NORTH OF CAPTURED NEUSTETTIN WHERE THE REDS ARE FOLLOWING THE RETREATING GERMANS INTO THE NARROW COASTAL CORRIDOR.

PACIFIC:

CHINESE FIRST ARMY TROOPS DRIVING DOWN THE BURMA ROAD IN NORTHEASTERN BURMA ARE WITHIN 19 MILES OF THE RAILHEAD TOWN OF LASHIO. JAP RESISTANCE ON THIS FRONT SEEMS TO HAVE COLLAPSED.

AMERICAN MARINES ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA ADVANCED SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS AT SEVERAL POINTS IN YESTERDAYS FIGHTING.

TOKIO RADIO TODAY REPORTED AN ATTACK BY AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES ON THE RYUKU ISLANDS. THIS CHAIN OF ISLANDS STRETCHES FROM NORTH OF FORMOSA TOWARDS JAPAN. THE NIPS SAY THAT THE PLANES ATTACKED SOON AFTER DAWN THIS MORNING AND WERE STILL ATTACKING 6 HOURS LATER.

ITALY:

ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY FLEW SOME 1900 SORTIES YESTERDAY. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED THAT TWO FORMATIONS OF ALLIED BOMBERS WERE FLYING OVER AUSTRIA.