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GERMANY:

AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CONTINUED TO CHASE THE GERMANS ALL ALONG THEIR FRONT. THE VETERAN 35TH INFANTRY DIVISION HAS TAKEN VENLO AND HAS RACED TO A POINT ONLY 5 MILES FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADIAN TROOPS. THE BATTLE ALONG THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY FRONT HAS TURNED INTO A RACE FOR THE RHINE BRIDGES AND IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE GERMANS WILL BLOW UP THE BRIDGES LEAVING LARGE NUMBERS OF THEIR TROOPS TRAPPED ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE RIVER. GENERAL SIMPSON'S MEN HAVE TAKEN VENLO, ROERMOND AND KREFELD. KREFELD IS THE LARGEST PLACE TAKEN SO FAR BY NINTH ARMY FORCES. NINTH ARMY TANKS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE RHINE ABOUT 3 MILES NORTH OF NEUSS. THERE WAS BITTER FIGHTING GOING ON IN PARTS OF NEUSS THIS MORNING. YANKS ARE CLOSING UP TO THE RHINE ALONG A 12 MILE STRETCH. LAST EVENING TROOPS OF THE 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION HAD REACHED THE RHINE SOMEWHERE NEAR DUSSELDORF AND ARTILLERY IS SHELLING THE BIG CITY THAT LIES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RHINE. THE NINTH ARMY TOOK ANOTHER 3000 PRISONERS YESTERDAY. NORTH OF THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY FRONT, UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS ARE FOLLOWING THE GERMANS WHO ARE FALLING BACK IN FULL SCALE RETREAT BETWEEN THE MAAS AND THE RHINE. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM FORCES TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH THE BACK PEDALING GERMANS. CANADIAN TROOPS OF THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY ARE STILL MEETING FIERCE GERMAN RESISTANCE IN THE FOREST THAT COVERS THE RHINE CROSSINGS.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF MODRATH AND HAVE PUSHED BEYOND IT. THEY WERE LAST REPORTED TO BE 6 MILES FROM THE OUTSKIRTS OF COLOGNE. FIRST ARMY YANKS HAVE ENLARGED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE ERFT TO 13 MILES LONG BY 3 MILES DEEP. THE GERMANS ARE RESISTING STRONGLY ON THIS SECTOR. GENERAL EISENHOWER SAID LAST NIGHT THAT "THE PROGRESS OF THE AMERICAN NINTH AND FIRST ARMIES DURING THE PAST WEEK HAD BEEN 'HIGHLY SATISFACTORY' AND CASUALTIES WERE GRATIFYINGLY LIGHT."

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE CITY OF TRIER. THE AMERICANS THAT TOOK TRIER HAVE JOINED UP WITH OTHER THIRD ARMY YANKS ADVANCING FROM BITBURG AND A GERMAN FORCE HAS BEEN ENCIRCLED. THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE ADVANCED ALONG A 45 MILE FRONT FROM TRIER TO SOUTHEAST OF PRUM. IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING THE AMERICANS BAGGED AN ESTIMATED 4600 PRISONERS.

THE ALLIED AERIAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE REICH HAS GONE ON WITHOUT LETUP DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS. TODAY, MORE THAN 1100 AMERICAN HEAVIES WENT TO EASTERN GERMANY TO HAMMER BRUNSWICK, MAGDEBURG AND CHEMNITZ. LAST NIGHT RAF MOSQUITOS ATTACKED BERLIN FOR THE 11TH NIGHT RUNNING. THEY ALSO BOMBED THE TANK-MANUFACTURING CITY OF KASSEL DURING THE NIGHT. ALLIED PLANES YESTERDAY FLEW OVER 9000 SORTIES AGAINST GERMAN TARGETS.

RUSSIA:

MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKY'S SECOND WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY TANKS WERE REPORTED TODAY TO HAVE REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF KOSLIN ON THE MAIN COASTAL RAILWAY HALFWAY BETWEEN STETTIN AND DANZIG. KOSLIN IS ABOUT 8 MILES FROM THE BALTIC SEA. ROKOSSOVOSKY'S RACING COLUMNS ARE THREATENING TO COMPLETE THE ENCIrcLEMENT OF THE GERMANS IN THE DANZIG POCKET. MOSCOW RADIO SAID TODAY THAT "WITH THE THREAT TO ZHUKOV'S FLANK OVER, THE RUSSIANS ARE READY ONCE MORE TO RESUME THEIR OFFENSIVE TOWARDS BERLIN."

FRANCE:

GENERAL DE GAULLE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FRENCH ARMY NOW NUMBERS 1,200,000 MEN BUT IT STILL LACKS ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

PACIFIC:

CHINESE FIRST ARMY TROOPS PUSHING DOWN THE BURMA ROAD IN NORTHEAST BURMA WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 8 MILES OF THE RAILHEAD TOWN OF LASHIO. THE JAPS SAID TODAY THAT AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES HAD ATTACKED THE RYUKU CHAIN OF ISLANDS NORTH OF FORMOSA.

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PACIFIC CONTINUED:

AMERICAN MARINES ON THE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA HAVE DRIVEN A DEEP WEDGE INTO THE JAP POSITIONS AND ARE SPLITTING THE JAP GARRISON IN TWO. THE MARINES HAVE ALMOST REACHED THE NORTHERN COAST OF THE ISLAND. OVER 7000 DEAD JAPS HAVE BEEN COUNTED ON IWO JIMA SO FAR.

BY LANDING ON THE ISLAND OF LUBANG, AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE CLEARED THE SEA ROUTE TO MANILA.



HURRY MEN LETS GET UNLOADED - WE HAVE TO LOAD AGAIN

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