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GERMANY:

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TANK SPEARHEADS REACHED THE RHINE RIVER NORTH OF COLOGNE DURING THE NIGHT AND AMERICAN INFANTRYMEN WERE LAST REPORTED JUST OVER 2 MILES FROM THE CITY ITSELF. GERMAN RESISTANCE BEGAN TO CRUMBLE ON THIS FRONT YESTERDAY AND GENERAL HODGES' MEN TOOK 42 TOWNS AND VILLAGES. SOUTH OF COLOGNE FIRST ARMY YANKS HAVE MADE TWO NEW CROSSINGS OF THE RFT AND ARE WITHIN 10 MILES OF BONN.

GENERAL SIMPSON'S AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CONTINUED THEIR PUSH NORTHWARDS ALONG THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RHINE. IT IS REPORTED THAT NINTH ARMY MEN HAVE REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF HOMBERG ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE RHINE OPPOSITE DUISBERG. THE GERMANS AND NINTH ARMY TROOPS ARE BOTH RACING FOR THE RHINE BRIDGES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN BLOWN UP. THE GERMAN 15TH ARMY AND FIRST PARACHUTE ARMY HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY DESTROYED AS ORGANIZED FIGHTING FORCES WEST OF THE RHINE RIVER AND REMNANTS ARE STREAMING BACK ACROSS THE RHINE BETWEEN WESEL AND DUSSELDORF. THE GERMANS ARE FIGHTING DESPERATELY TO HOLD THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE RHINE OPPOSITE WESEL. WHEN THE NINTH ARMY JOINED UP WITH UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS A NUMBER OF GERMANS WERE TRAPPED ALONG THE EASTERN BANK OF THE MAAS RIVER AND THIS FORCE IS BEING ELIMINATED. THE GERMANS DESTROYED ALL 3 DUSSELDORF BRIDGES ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND LAST NIGHT BLEW THE BRIDGE BEYOND KREFELD JUST AS NINTH ARMY TANKS WERE APPROACHING IT. THERE ARE THREE BRIDGES STILL LEFT STANDING OVER THE RHINE NORTH OF KREFELD. UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADIAN TROOPS ARE NOW CLOSING ON THESE LAST BRIDGES.

AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE WON A BRIDGEHEAD OVER A TRIBUTARY OF THE MOSSELLE ABOUT 8 MILES NORTH OF TRIER. THE THREE AMERICAN ARMIES ON THE NORTHERN END OF THE WESTERN FRONT TOOK NEARLY 10,000 PRISONERS YESTERDAY. SINCE THE START OF THE NEW OFFENSIVE, THE AMERICANS HAVE BAGGED 50,000 GERMAN PRISONERS.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH HEAVY BOMBERS FROM THE WEST TODAY STRUCK A DOUBLE BLOW AT THE REICH. AMERICAN EIGHTH AIR FORCE HEAVIES, OVER 1000 STRONG, WERE OVER GERMANY FOR THE 14TH DAY RUNNING. THEY ATTACKED TARGETS IN SOUTHERN GERMANY. A STRONG FORCE OF RAF HEAVIES TODAY BOMBED THE MARSHALLING YARDS AT WANNE EICKEL IN THE RUHR. LAST NIGHT RAF Bomber Command sent a strong force of heavy bombers to hit a synthetic oil plant at KAMEN IN THE RUHR. THE HEAVIES ALSO ATTACKED THE DORTMUND-EMS CANAL. RAF MOSQUITOS LAST NIGHT FLEW TO BERLIN TO ATTACK THE GERMAN CAPITAL FOR THE 12TH NIGHT RUNNING.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS TODAY WERE SPEAKING OF POWERFUL SOVIET TANK THRUSTS TO THE EAST AND NORTHEAST OF STETTIN, AT THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER ODER. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THEIR FORCES HAVE PULLED BACK ON THIS SECTOR. MOSCOW HAS SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE TROOPS ON MARSHALL ZHUKOV'S RIGHT FLANK RESUMING THEIR DRIVE TOWARDS STETTIN. THE NAZIS ALSO CLAIMED THAT MARSHALL ROKOSSOVOSKY'S SPEARHEADS HAD CUT THE COASTAL RAILROAD BETWEEN STETTIN AND DANZIG AND THAT HIS TANKS HAD REACHED SCHLAWA, 20 MILES DOWN THE COASTAL RAILWAY FROM KOSLIN. MOSCOW HAS ADMITTED THAT ROKOSSOVOSKY HAS AGAIN BROADENED AND DEEPENED HIS WEDGE AND SAY THAT ANOTHER 80 PLACES WERE OVERRUN YESTERDAY.

ENGLAND:

THE GERMANS SENT SOME PLANES OVER ENGLAND DURING THE NIGHT ON RAIDING SORTIES. SIX OF THE RAIDERS WERE SHOT DOWN. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL MONTHS THAT THE GERMANS HAVE SENT AIRCRAFT AGAINST ENGLAND.

ITALY:

IRISH INFANTRY OF THE EIGHTH ARMY SUPPORTED BY TANKS AND FLAMETHROWERS ARE ATTACKING TO CLEAR THE GERMANS FROM THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE RENO RIVER, A TRIBUTARY OF THE SENIO. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED ALLIED BOMBERS FROM ITALY FLYING OVER AUSTRIA.

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PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM THE MARIANAS THIS MORNING BOMBED THE TOKIO AREA. OVER 150 SUPER FORTS TOOK PART IN THE ATTACK.

BRITISH 14TH ARMY TROOPS PRESSING DOWN FROM THEIR BRIDGEHEAD NORTH OF MANDALAY ARE WITHIN 27 MILES OF THE BIG TOWN. AMERICAN FORCES HAVE LANDED ON TWO MORE ISLANDS NEAR LUZON.

ON IWO JIMA, AMERICAN MARINES HAVE COMPRESSED THE JAPS INTO SUCH A SMALL AREA THAT IT IS HARD FOR AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES TO SUPPORT THE GROUND FORCES.

