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GERMANY:

SPEARHEADS OF THE AMERICAN SECOND ARMORED DIVISION HAVE BROKEN OUT OF THE NINTH ARMY BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE WESER NEAR HAMEIN AND THE TANKS HAVE RACED TO A POINT 10 MILES FROM THE CITY OF HANNOVER. THERE IS FIGHTING GOING ON IN THE TOWN OF HAMEIN ITSELF AND THE BRITISH 11TH ARMORED DIVISION AND SIXTH AIRBORNE DIVISIONS HAVE STRENGTHENED THEIR BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE WESER ABOVE HAMEIN NEAR THE TOWN OF MINDEN. MEANWHILE THE BRITISH 7TH ARMORED DIVISION, THE "DESERT RATS" OF NORTH AFRICA, HAVE KNIFED UP THE VALLEY OF THE WESER RIVER TO WITHIN 12 MILES OF THE GREAT GERMAN PORT OF BREMEN. CANADIAN FIRST ARMY TANKS MADE 20 MILES YESTERDAY IN THEIR DRIVE TOWARDS THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE ZUIDER ZEE. THEY MET LITTLE OPPOSITION. AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS ALONG WITH TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAVE CONTINUED TO CUT THE TRAPPED GERMAN FORCES IN THE RUHR TO PIECES. NINTH ARMY TROOPS GAINED 13 MILES YESTERDAY AS THEY DROVE INTO THE POCKET AND FIRST ARMY YANKS GAINED 3 MILES. OTHER FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE SWIFTLY CLOSING TO THE WESER RIVER SOUTH OF THE NINTH ARMY FRONT.

ARMORED COLUMNS OF GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY HAVE AGAIN DEEPENED AND BROADENED THEIR WEDGE ALREADY AT ERFURT AND LEIPZIG. THIRD ARMY TANKS WERE LAST REPORTED 23 MILES SOUTHEAST OF GOTHA. NORTH OF THE CITY OF WURZBURG, A PRISONER OF WAR CAMP IN THE TOWN OF HALLSBURG HAS BEEN LIBERATED. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED 1/3 OF HEILBRONN AND THE 12TH ARMORED DIVISION HAS REACHED A POINT 38 MILES NORTHWEST OF NUENBERG. DURING MARCH, ALLIED ARMIES ON THE WESTERN FRONT TOOK 340,000 PRISONERS.

MORE THAN 1300 AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS TODAY POUNDED 4 JET PLANE AIRFIELDS, 3 ORDNANCE AND ARMY DEPOTS, 2 RAIL YARDS AND AN OIL DEPOT, ALL IN NORTHERN GERMANY.

RUSSIA:

THE ENTIRE FRONT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS BEEN SET ABLAZE AS TWO RUSSIAN ARMIES HAVE SUDDENLY LAUNCHED POWERFUL OFFENSIVES. GENERAL YEREMENKO, RECENTLY OPERATING NEAR THE BALTIC, HAS STRUCK OUT IN A POWERFUL THRUST FOR THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE MORAVIAN G.P. THROUGH THE SUDETEN MOUNTAINS. THE ARMY OF MARSHALL MILINOVSKY HAS ALSO LASHED OUT IN A BIG OFFENSIVE IN SLOVAKIA. THERE ARE SIGNS TOO THAT THE GREAT FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY GROUP UNDER MARSHALL ZHUKOV MAY ONCE MORE RESUME ITS OFFENSIVE TOWARDS BERLIN FOR THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN THROWING BIG FORCES OF TANKS AGAINST THE GREAT RUSSIAN FORCES MASSED ALONG THE MIDDLE REACHES OF THE ODER. THE RUSSIANS HAVE KNOCKED DOWN MORE THAN 150 PLANES IN THE PAST 3 DAYS ON THIS SECTOR.

MARSHALL TOLBUKHIN'S THIRD UKRAINIAN ARMY GROUP HAS BROKEN INTO THE SOUTHERN, WESTERN AND NORTHWESTERN SUBURBS OF VIENNA AND FIERCE STREET FIGHTING IS GOING ON. THE GERMANS SAY THAT FIGHTING IS GOING ON INSIDE THE CITY AS WELL AS IN THE SUBURBS AND THEY CLAIM THAT GERMAN FORCES HAVE CHECKED ONE OF TOLBUKHIN'S COLUMNS BEFORE IT REACHED THE CENTER OF THE CITY. MARSHALL MILINOVSKY MEAN WHILE IS DRIVING ON THE AUSTRIAN CAPITOL FROM THE NORTH TO COMPLETE THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF THE CITY. THE RUSSIANS HAVE ALSO MADE NEW GAINS IN YUGOSLAVIA AND ARE WITHIN 40 MILES OF ZAGREB.

PACIFIC:

IN A BIG AIR AND SEA BATTLE IN THE PACIFIC A POWERFUL AMERICAN CARRIER FORCE HAS SUNK 6 JAPANESE WARSHIPS THAT TRIED TO SNEAK OUT OF THE INLAND SEA AND ENGAGE UNITS OF THE AMERICAN PACIFIC FLEET OPERATING OFF THE ISLAND OF OKINAWA IN THE KYUKYU CHAIN.

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PACIFIC CONTINUED:

AMERICAN NAVAL SCOUT PLANES SPOTTED THE JAP WARSHIPS MOVING OUT OF THE INLAND SEA AND THE PLANES RADIOED BACK THE INFORMATION AND A POWERFUL TASK FORCE SOON WAS ON ITS WAY TOWARDS THE JAPS. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES CAUGHT THE JAP SHIPS AND DEFINITELY SANK JAPAN'S MOST POWERFUL BATTLESHIP, THE 45,000 TON "YAMATO", 2 CRUISERS AND 3 DESTROYERS. THREE TORPEDOES AND 8 HEAVY BOMBS SANK THE JAP BATTLESHIP. AMERICAN LOSSES WERE 7 PLANES. IN TODAY'S BATTLE AND IN FIGHTING YESTERDAY OFF THE ISLAND OF OKINAWA, 381 JAP PLANES WERE DESTROYED. YESTERDAY, LARGE NUMBERS OF JAP PLANES ATTACKED UNITS OF THE U. S. PACIFIC FLEET LYING OFF OKINAWA. THREE AMERICAN DESTROYERS WERE SUNK AND SEVERAL OTHERS WERE DAMAGED IN THIS ALL DAY ENGAGEMENT. BRITISH WARSHIPS OPERATING AGAINST THE RYUKYU ISLANDS HAVE ALSO SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE DUE TO JAP PLANE ATTACKS.

TWO LARGE FORCES OF SUPER FORTS FROM THE MARIANAS TODAY ATTACKED THE TOKIO AND NAGOYA AREAS OF JAPAN. AMERICAN MUSTANGS FROM IWO JIMA ESCORTED THE SOME 300 BOMBERS TO JAPAN AND BACK. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT LAND BASED PLANES HAVE ESCORTED THE GIANT BOMBERS TO JAPAN. AMERICAN HEAVIES HAVE AGAIN BOMBED HONG KONG AND THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

THE BATTLE FOR THE MANDALAY PLAIN IS OVER AND THE JAP 15TH ARMY BETWEEN MANDALAY AND MEIKTILA HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY WIPE OUT AS A FIGHTING FORCE. THE SURVIVORS OF THIS ARMY ARE FLEEING INTO THE HILLS BETWEEN SIAM AND BURMA.

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I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS TOWN WAS TAKEN LAST NIGHT.