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DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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GERMANY:

THE SECOND ARMORED DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY HAS CROSSED THE RIVER ELBE BETWEEN 60 AND 70 MILES FROM BERLIN. THE "HELL ON WHEELS" DIVISION REACHED THE ELBE RIVER AT MAGDEBURG LAST NIGHT BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHERE THE BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE RIVER HAS BEEN MADE. ANOTHER DOZEN ARMORED COLUMNS OF THE NINTH, THIRD AND FIRST ARMIES ARE RACING TO THE ELBE. THE BIG TOWN OF BRUNSWICK HAS BEEN BY-PASSED TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH AND INFANTRY ARE REPORTED TO BE MOPPING UP INSIDE THE TOWN. SPEARHEADS OF THE SECOND ARMORED ACROSS THE ELBE ARE WITHIN 100 MILES OF A LINKUP WITH THE RUSSIANS UNDER MARSHALL GREGORY ZHUKOV. THE BIG CITY OF HANNOVER HAS BEEN TAKEN. NORTH OF HANNOVER, TROOPS OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY HAVE CROSSED THE RIVER ALIER. THE BRITISH ARE STILL MEETING STIFF RESISTANCE IN THE BREMEN AREA BUT THE GERMANS CLAIMED TODAY THAT BRITISH FORCES HAD BEGUN AN ALL OUT ASSAULT ON THE GREAT PORT. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE ESTABLISHED A BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE RIVER ISSEL IN HOLLAND AND ARE ATTACKING TOWARDS AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM AND THE HAGUE. THE GERMANS ARE CONTINUING TO PULL THEIR TROOPS OUT OF THE SALIENT BETWEEN THE EMS AND WESER RIVERS. THE RUHR POCKET HAS BEEN SQUEEZED AGAIN AND THE AMERICAN 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION HAS TAKEN ESSEN.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY INFANTRY HAS SURROUNDED ERFURT WHILE TANKS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF COBURG ABOUT 40 MILES FROM THE BORDER OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THIRD ARMY INFANTRYMEN ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ENTERED THE TOWN OF WELMAR, 40 MILES SOUTH-WEST OF LEIPSIG. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED SCHWEINFURT WHILE FRENCH FIRST ARMY TROOPS ARE ADVANCING INTO THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE BLACK FOREST.

WITH THE GERMANS MOVING GREAT NUMBERS OF MEN AND GREAT QUANTITIES OF MATERIAL INTO SOUTHERN GERMANY FOR A LAST DITCH FIGHT, THE ALLIED AIRFORCES HAVE TURNED TO TARGETS IN BAVARIA. YESTERDAY MORE THAN 1300 AMERICAN HEAVIES ATTACKED RAIL TARGETS BETWEEN NURNBERG AND MUNICH. ELEVEN AMERICAN THUNDERBOLTS CAUGHT 360 GERMAN PLANES ON THE GROUND NEAR LEIPSIG AND DESTROYED 70. DURING THE NIGHT, RAF MOSQUITOS ATTACKED BERLIN 3 TIMES. RAF BOMBERS HAVE SUNK THE GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP, ADMIRAL SCHEER, IN AN ATTACK ON THE KIEL NAVAL BASE.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMANS TODAY REPORTED BIG RUSSIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS ALONG THE ODER RIVER EAST OF BERLIN. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE CONSIDERABLY STEPPED UP THEIR AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE. MARSHALL TOLBUKHIN'S TROOPS HOLD ALMOST ALL OF THE CITY OF VIENNA. THE GERMANS SAY THAT RUSSIAN COLUMNS ARE 40 MILES WEST OF VIENNA.

ITALY:

THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY SWEEPING FORWARD FROM THE SENIO RIVER HAVE REACHED AND CROSSED THE NEXT WATER BARRIER, THE RIVER SANTERNO. AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY TROOPS ARE DRIVING UP THE WESTERN SIDE OF ITALY TOWARDS THE BIG NAVAL BASE AT SPEZIA.

PACIFIC:

A VERY LARGE FORCE OF AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES TODAY ATTACKED THE TOKIO AREA OF JAPAN IN DAYLIGHT. ONE FORCE OF SUPER FORTS MADE A ROUND TRIP FLIGHT OF 3800 MILES TO HIT A TRANSPORT CENTER 100 MILES ABOVE TOKIO. THE GIANT BOMBERS HAD AN ESCORT OF FIGHTERS TO TOKIO. AMERICAN HEAVIES HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED HONG KONG.

THE BRITISH 14TH ARMY HAS SMASHED A BIG JAP FORCE ON THE MANDALAY PLAIN IN BURMA. AMERICAN TROOPS ON LUZON HAVE ADVANCED 14 MILES AT THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND.

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AND WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE WAR?