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### GERMANY:

THE AMERICAN THIRD AND SEVENTH ARMIES HAVE CONTINUED THEIR ARMORED SWEEPS ACROSS THE PROVINCES OF SAXONY AND BAVARIA BUT THE OTHER ALLIED ARMIES ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT ARE RUNNING INTO STIFF RESISTANCE,

THE BRIDGEHEAD ESTABLISHED BY THE SECOND ARMOHED DIVISION OVER THE ELEE RIVER NEAR MAGDEBURG HAS HAD TO BE ABANDONED. GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE SHATTERED THE BRIDGE SOON AFTER ENGINEERS HAD COMPLETED IT AND INFANTRYMEN OF THE SECOND AR-MORED HAD TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE BRIDGEHEAD BECAUSE HEAVY EQUIPMENT COULD NOT BE PUT ACROSS THE RIVER TO SUPPORT THEM. THE INFANTRY WAS FERRIED BACK ACROSS THE RIVER IN ASSAULT CRAFT AND DUCKS. CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED AS HEAVY. MEAN-WHILE THE BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE ELEE HELD BY THE 83 RD INFANTRY DIVISION IS STILL EXPANDING. TANKS AND TANK DESTROYERS ARE ACROSS THE RIVER WITH THE INFANTRY, WHO HAVE BEEN MEETING CONTINUOUS GERMAN ATTACKS. THE 83RD INFANTRYMEN WERE ARIE TO ADVANCE TODAY WITH THE ALD OF AIR SUPPORT. NINTH ARMY TROOPS TOCK A TOTAL OF 44,000 PRISONERS YESTERDAY PLUS 65 GERMAN PLANES CAPTURED ON AN AIRFIELD. MOST OF THE GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN WERE MOPPED UP IN THE MAGDEBURG AREA. IN MAGDE-BURG ITSELF, GENERAL SIMPSON'S TROOPS ARE MEETING STUBBORN RESISTANCE. JUST SOUTH OF THE NINTH ARMY FRONT, AMORED COLUMNS OF THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAVE DASHED 30 MILES TO THE AREA OF DESSAU BUT HAVE KUN INTO TOUGH FIGHTING HERE.

UNITED KINGDOM TROOPS HAVE RUN INTO FANATICAL GERMAN RESISTANCE 25 MILES FROM THE LOWER ELBE RIVER AND OTHER BRITISH FORCES ARE MEETING DETERMINED OPPOSITICN AT THE APPROACHES TO BREMEN, EMDEN AND OLDEN BURG. THE TOWN OF ARNHEM HAS BEEN CLEARED AND BRITISH FORCES ARE WELL BEYOND IT. THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY HAS MADE MORE GOOD PROGRESS BETWEEN THE ISSEL AND EMS RIVERS. THE BATTLE FOR THE RUHR POCKET IS REACHING ITS FINAL STAGES. YANKS OF THE FIRST ARMY HAVE DRIVEN PRAC-TICALLY CLEAN THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE POCKET FROM THE SOUTH AND ALMOST LINKED UP WITH NINTH ARMY FORCES ON THE NORTH. OVER 140,000 PRISCNERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE POCKET SO FAR.

WITH GENERAL PATTON'S RIGHT VING ALMOST TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SPLIT THE COMMAND OF THE WESTERN FRONT INTO 2 GROUPS. THE FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION OF THE THIRD ARMY WAS LAST REPORTED 7 MILES FROM THE BIG RAIL CENTER OF CHEMNITZ IN SAXONY. PATTON'S RIGHT WING IS NOW WITHIN 13 MILES OF THE CZECH BORDER. THIRD ARMY TANKS HAVE TAKEN BAYREUTH. AMERICAN FIRST ARMY COL-UMNS HAVE MET FIERCE OPPOSITION IN THE AREAS OF HALLE AND LEIPSIG. SEVENTH ARMY SPEARHEADS WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 18 MILES OF NURNBERG.

FRENCH TROOPS HAVE MADE PROCHESS IN THEIR ATTACK AGAINST THE GERMANS HOLDING OUT IN THE GIRCND ESTUARY NORTH OF BORDEAUX. TODAY, OVER 1300 UNESCORTED YANK HEAVY EOMBERS SHOWERED 460,000 GALLONS OF FLAMING GASOLINE ON GERMAN POSITIONS IN THE GIRCND ESTUARY IN THE WAKE OF YESTERDAY'S MASSIVE BOMBING ATTACK ON THE SAME AREA. LAST NIGHT 700 RAF HEAVIES POUNDED POTSDAM AND THE CENTER OF BERLIN.

### RUSSIA:

MARSHALL TOLBUHKIN'S FORCES ARE BATTERING AT THE TOWN OF ST. POITEN, 35 MILES WEST OF VIENNA WHILE OTHER COLUMNS HAVE BY PASSED THE TOWN AND ARE HEADING FOR THE DANUBE CROSSINGS AT MELK FURTHUR WEST. THE GERMANS SAY THAT THE RED ARMY IS IESS THAN 20 MILES FROM GRAZ IN SOUTHERN AUSTRIA.

# ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE ESTABLISHED A BHIDGEHEAD OVER THE RIVER SHIL-LARO AND HAVE ALKEADY BEATEN OFF A GERMAN ATTACK AGAINST THEIR POSITIONS. TURN PAGE

## PACIFIC:

BRITISH CARLIER PLANES HAVE KEPT UP THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST AIRFIELDS ON FOR-MOSA AND THE RYUKYUS. BRITISH 14TH ARMY THOOPS IN CENTRAL BURMA ARE MEETING FIERCE JAP RESISTANCE SOUTHEAST OF MEIKTILA 75 MILES FROM MANDALAY.

#### UNITED STATES:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS BURIED TODAY IN THE FLOWER GARDEN OF HIS HYDE PARK HOME OVERLOOKING THE HUDSON RIVER.

THE FIRST AMERICAN THIRD ARMY BRIDGE OVER THE RHINE RIVER HAS BEEN NAMED, "FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT", IN MEMORY OF THE PRESIDENT.

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Don't you Wolves Begin to Pant For when you're Here They say you Can't THIS IS GERMANY

