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GERMANY:

THE BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE ELBE RIVER 15 MILES SOUTHEAST OF MAGDEBURG HELD BY THE AMERICAN 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION HAS BEEN EXPANDED IN SPITE OF FURIOUS GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS. INFANTRYMEN, TANKS AND GUNS OF THE "THUNDERBOLT" DIVISION TEAMED UP TO SMASH A POWERFUL GERMAN ATTACK BY INFANTRY, TANKS, SELF PROPELLED GUNS AND PLANES THIS MORNING. A CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT THE FIGHTING WAS "VIOLENT ALMOST TO THE POINT OF FANATICISM". DESPITE THE HEAVY PRESSURE THE 83RD MEN HAVE BEEN STEADILY EXPANDING THEIR BRIDGEHEAD AND IT IS NOW 5 MILES DEEP. THE RIGHT WING OF THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY HAS LINKED UP WITH UNITS OF THE FIRST ARMY TO CUT OFF A GERMAN POCKET NORTH OF HALLE. FIRST ARMY COLUMNS HAVE REACHED THE APPROACHES TO DESSAU SOUTH OF THE NINTH ARMY FRONT. NORTH OF THE NINTH ARMY FRONT UNITS OF THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY HAVE BROKEN OUT OF THEIR 3 BRIDGEHEADS OVER THE ALIER RIVER AND ARMOR IS DRIVING FOR THE GREAT PORT OF HAMBURG. OTHER BRITISH TROOPS HAVE REACHED THE APPROACHES TO BREMEN. POLISH AND CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE SEALED OFF ANOTHER GERMAN POCKET BY REACHING THE NORTH SEA AT SEVERAL POINTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TOWN OF IJEEUARDEN. POLISH TANKS HAVE REACHED THE ESTUARY OF THE EMS RIVER ACROSS FROM THE PORT OF EMDEN. OTHER CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE STORMED THE TOWN OF ZWOLLEN, 10 MILES FROM THE ZUIDER ZEE. THE RUHR POCKET HAS BEEN SPLIT IN TWO BY THE LINKUP OF THE YANK FIRST AND NINTH ARMIES AND ANOTHER 3000 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN THERE YESTERDAY.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED 1/3 OF HALLE AND HAVE COMPLETELY ENCIRCLED THE HARZ MOUNTAIN AREA IN CENTRAL GERMANY AND THE GERMANS TRAPPED ARE BEING CHOPPED UP. OTHER UNITS OF GENERAL HODGES' ARMY HAVE STABLED TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF LEIPSIG. GENERAL PATTON'S COLUMNS HAVE PUSHED TO WITHIN 8 MILES OF THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF HOF. THIRD ARMY ARMORED COLUMNS ARE ALMOST TO CHEMNITZ AND WITHIN 45 MILES OF DRESDEN. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS ARE WITHIN 8 MILES OF THE BIG CENTER OF NURNBERG. FRENCH FIRST ARMY FORCES HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS ON THE PLAIN BETWEEN THE RHINE RIVER AND THE BLACK FOREST.

FOR THE THIRD DAY RUNNING, HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS HAVE ATTACKED THE GERMANS HOLDING OUT IN THE GIRONDE RIVER ESTUARY NORTH OF BORDEAUX. FRENCH TROOPS PUSHING INTO THE POCKET HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS. OTHER AMERICAN HEAVIES TODAY HIT TARGETS IN SOUTHERN GERMANY. DURING THE NIGHT RAF MOSQUITOS MADE 3 ATTACKS ON BERLIN.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY HAS PUT OUT AN ORDER OF THE DAY IN THE NAME OF HITLER SAYING THAT THE RUSSIANS UNDER MARSHALL GREGORY ZHUKOV HAD OPENED A FULL SCALE OFFENSIVE ALONG THE MIDDLE ODER ON A 40 MILE FRONT AIMED AT BERLIN. THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT THE FIRST WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY GROUP WENT OVER TO THE OFFENSIVE AFTER A MASSIVE AERIAL AND ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT. TWO OTHER DRIVES, ONE ACROSS THE LOWER ODER 30 MILES BELOW STETTIN AND THE OTHER SOUTHEAST OF BERLIN ACROSS THE NEISSE RIVER ARE ALSO REPORTED BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND. MOSCOW HAS SAID NOTHING.

IN AUSTRIA MARSHALL TOLBUKHIN'S FORCES HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF ST POLTEN 35 MILES WEST OF VIENNA AND ARE NOW SLEEPING ON A BROAD FRONT TOWARDS LINZ.

ITALY:

THE SPRING OFFENSIVE IN ITALY HAS BEGUN. GENERAL MARK CLARK HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY WENT OVER TO THE OFFENSIVE THIS MORNING IN WESTERN ITALY AFTER A GREAT AERIAL AND ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT.

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ALLIED PLANES FROM ITALY FLEW 3750 SORTIES YESTERDAY IN SUPPORT OF THE DRIVES BY THE FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES. POLISH TROOPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY HAVE PUSHED ON 3 MILES AFTER CLEARING IMOLA, 20 MILES EAST OF BOLOGNA.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN SUPER FORTRESSES HAVE PLASTERED TOKIO TWICE IN THE PERIOD OF 48 HOURS AND AN AREA OF 27 SQUARE MILES OF THE JAP CAPITOL AND ITS SUBURBS HAS BEEN BURNED OUT. LAST NIGHT A VERY LARGE FORCE OF THE GIANT BOMBERS SHOWERED THOUSANDS OF FIRE BOMBS ON THE CITY IN A LOW LEVEL ATTACK. FIRES STARTED BY ANOTHER FORCE OF SUPER FORTS WHO HAD ATTACKED THE CAPITOL YESTERDAY WERE STILL BURNING LAST NIGHT.

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