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GERMANY:

THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE ELBE RIVER HELD BY THE 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION HAS BEEN FURTHUR EXPANDED. "THUNDERBOLT" TROOPS SMASHED A GERMAN TANK ATTACK YESTERDAY AND HAVE BEATEN OFF ANOTHER SERIES OF GERMAN COUNTERATTACKS TODAY. THE BRIDGEHEAD WAS LAST REPORTED TO BE 5 MILES DEEP. SOUTH OF THE NINTH ARMY SECTOR, THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAS MADE SLOW PROGRESS IN THE DESSAU AREA AND OTHERS ARE ENGAGED IN BITTER STREET FIGHTING IN HALLE. THE BIG CITY OF LEIP-SIG HAS ALMOST BEEN ENCIRCLED BY GENERAL HODGES' MEN AND THEY HAVE PUSHED 15 MILES BEYOND IT. THE FINAL ASSAULT ON LEIPSIG ITSELF IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEGUN.

GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY COLUMNS HAD MADE FURTHUR PROGRESS IN THE CHEMNITZ AREA AND WERE LAST REPORTED 2 MILES FROM THIS CITY AND 30 FROM DRESDEN. SOUTH-WEST OF CHEMNITZ THIRD ARMY SPEARHEADS ARE ADVANCING TOWARDS THE SUDETAN FRONTIER OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. AMERICAN PILOTS OUT OVER THIS AREA YESTERDAY REPORTED SEEING HUGE COLUMNS OF GERMAN VEHICLES AND TROOPS STREAMING TOWARDS SOUTHERN GERMANY BETWEEN THE ELBE AND ODER RIVERS.

ALL OF HOLLAND EAST AND NORTH OF THE ZUIDER ZEE IS PRACTICALLY CLEARED OF GER-MANS. CANADIAN TANKS HAVE DRIVEN 17 MILES PAST ARNHEM AND HAVE OUTFLANKED A BIG FORCE OF GERMAN IN THE APELDOORN AREA. OTHER CANADIAN TANKS WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 6 MILES FROM THE ZUIDER ZEE. THE DESPERATE GERMAN HAVE OPEN-ED THE FLOOD GATES OF THE ZUIDER ZEE IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE APPROACHES TO AMSTERDAM AND ROTTERDAM. IN NORTHWESTERN GERMANY, THE BRITISH 7TH AND 11TH AR-MORED DIVISIONS WERE LAST REPORTED LESS THAN 40 MILES FROM THE GREAT PORT OF HAM-BURG. THE GERMAN LEFT IN THE RUHR HAVE BEEN COMPRESSED INTO A SMALL POCKET. MORE THAN 260,000 GERMAN HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THIS POCKET SO FAR. YESTERDAY, AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS TOOK THE ASTOUNDING NUMBER OF 97,000 PRISONERS. OF THIS FIGURE, 88,000 CAME OUT OF THE RUHR POCKET. IN SOUTHERN GERMANY, A DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY HAS BROKEN INTO THE BAVARIAN CITY OF NURNBERG WHILE 4 OTHER SEVENTH ARMY DIVISIONS BEGAN TO ENCIRCLE THE CITY.

THE ALLIED AIR FORCES HAVE KEPT UP THEIR ROUND-THE-CLOCK HAMMERING OF THE RAP-IDLY SHRINKING REICH. TODAY, A FORCE OF 1000 AMERICAN HEAVIES POUNDED RAIL TAR-GETS NEAR DRESDEN AND IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. LAST NIGHT, TWO SEPARATE FORCES OF RAF LANCASTERS WORKED OVER THIS SAME AREA ALONG THE GERMAN-CZECH BORDER. THE CITY OF PILSEN, HOME OF THE SKODA GUN WORKS, WAS HEAVILY HIT. RAF MOSQUITOS AND RUS-SIAN BOMBERS ATTACKED BERLIN DURING THE NIGHT. YESTERDAY ALLIED AIRMEN DESTROYED THE RECORD NUMBER OF ALMOST 900 GERMAN AIRCRAFT. ALL BUT 47 OF THESE PLANES WERE DESTROYED ON THE GROUND. AMERICAN FIGHTERS ESCORTING AMERICAN HEAVIES IN ATTACKS ON AIRFIELDS NEAR THE SLOVAK BORDER TEAMED UP WITH AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS TO DESTROY HUNDREDS OF PLANES ON THE GROUND. A FORCE OF AMERICAN THUNDERBOLTS WORK-ED WITH RUSSIAN PLANES TO ATTACK TARGETS SOUTHEAST OF BERLIN YESTERDAY.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN HAVE CONTINUED TO PUT OUT REPORTS OF AN ALL OUT RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE ALONG THE MIDDLE REACHES OF THE ODER EAST OF BERLIN. THE GERMAN ADMIT PENE-TRATIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF FRANKFURT-ON-ODER AND SAY THAT ZHUKOV'S MEN HAVE OVER-RUN FORWARD GERMAN POSITIONS AT SEELOW, 30 MILES FROM BERLIN. IT IS ALSO REPOR-TED THAT THE RED ARMY HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE ODER 30 MILES FROM STETTIN AND THAT MARSHALL KONEV'S FORCES HAVE MADE SEVERAL CROSSINGS OF THE NEISSE RIVER IN A "NEW, MIGHTY RUSSIAN THRUST". ONE OF THESE NEISSE BRIDGEHEADS IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MADE AT GORKLITZ. MOSCOW HAS SAID NOTHING ABOUT THESE REPORTS. IN SOUTHERN AUSTRIA, TOLBUKHIN'S MEN HAVE CAPTURED FURSTENFELD, EAST OF GRAZ.

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ITALY:

AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY TROOPS COMING UP FROM THE SOUTH ARE ABOUT 10 MILES FROM BOLOGNA WHILE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS DRIVING FROM THE SOUTHEAST IN A PIN-CERS DRIVE WERE LAST REPORTED ABOUT 12 MILES FROM BOLOGNA. IN A WEEK'S FIGHTING, EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN 7,000 PRISONERS.

PACIFIC:

A FORCE OF 150 SUPER FORTRESSES FLYING FROM THE MARIANAS TODAY ATTACKED AIR-FIELDS ON KYUSHU, THE MOST SOUTHERLY OF THE JAP HOME ISLANDS. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES IN A WEEKEND ATTACK ON KYUSHU ISLAND DESTROYED 368 JAP PLANES.

AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE MADE ANOTHER LANDING ON AN ISLAND IN THE KYUKYU GROUP, 3 MILES FROM OKINAWA ISLAND. STEADY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AT THE NORTHERN END OF OKINAWA BY U. S. MARINES BUT THE SITUATION AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND REMAINS THE SAME.

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