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GERMANY:

THE BRITISH SEVENTH ARMORED DIVISION HAS SEVERED THE BREMEN-HAMBURG HIGHWAY AND AFTER SWEEPING FORWARD ABOUT 20 MILES YESTERDAY REACHED A POINT WITHIN 10 MILES OF HAMBURG. THE BRITISH 11TH ARMORED DIVISION HAS CLEARED THE TOWN OF LUNEBURG AND REACHED THE LOWER ELBE RIVER LAST NIGHT UPSTREAM FROM HAMBURG. BRITISH INFANTRYMEN HAVE ENTERED ONE OF THE SUBURBS OF BREMEN. CANADIAN TROOPS AFTER REACHING THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF THE ZUIDER ZEE ARE WITHIN 20 MILES OF AMSTERDAM. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE GERMANS HAVE BLOWN THE GREAT SEA WALL NEAR THE WESTERN END OF THE CAUSEWAY ACROSS THE ZUIDER ZEE. HITLER HAS ISSUED A "SCORCHED EARTH" POLICY TO THE GERMANS HOLDING OUT IN PORTS ALONG THE COAST OF NORTHWESTERN GERMANY. IN THE RUHR VALLEY ALL ORGANIZED RESISTANCE HAS ENDED AND 317,000 GERMAN PRISONERS, THE REMNANTS OF 17 DIVISIONS BOTTLED UP IN THE RUHR, HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

AMERICAN FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE CLEARED ALL OF THE BIG CITY OF LEIPSIG EXCEPT FOR A FEW SMALL POCKETS OF RESISTANCE. THE PEOPLE OF LEIPSIG HAVE HUNG OUT THEIR WHITE FLAGS AS THE AMERICAN SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION MOVES THROUGH THE CITY. MORE THAN $\frac{1}{2}$ OF THE GERMAN POCKET IN THE HARZ MOUNTAINS HAS BEEN CLEARED BY FIRST ARMY FORCES. FURTHER SOUTH, AMERICAN THIRD ARMY TROOPS HAVE CROSSED OVER INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA SOUTHEAST OF THE TOWN OF HOF AND HAVE SPLIT GERMANY IN TWO. GENERAL PATTON'S MEN WERE LAST REPORTED TO BE APPROACHING THE OLD CZECHOSLOVAK LINE OF FORTIFICATIONS, AT ONE TIME REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE STRONGEST IN EUROPE. AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE ENTERED THE BAVARIAN CITY OF NURNBERG FROM 4 POINTS AND ALL 4 COLUMNS ARE NOW IN CONTACT. BITTER STREET FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE OLD CITY. HITLER SENT A MESSAGE TO THE GAULEITER OF NURNBERG SAYING THAT HE EXPECTED "THE MOST GERMAN OF ALL CITIES TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH".

AMERICAN AND BRITISH BOMBERS SWARMED OVER THE REICH AGAIN TODAY HITTING THE BADLY SAGGING GERMAN RAIL SYSTEM. THIS MORNING SOME 600 FLYING FORTS ATTACKED 5 RAIL YARDS IN SOUTHERN GERMANY AND NORTHERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. A FORCE OF RAF LANCASTERS OUT IN DAYLIGHT TODAY POUNDED A BIG ELECTRIC PLANT NEAR MUNICH. DURING THE NIGHT LANCASTERS WENT FOR A MARSHALLING YARD IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHILE FLEET MOSQUITOS STUNG BERLIN TWICE.

RUSSIA:

THE GERMAN TELEGRAPH AGENCY SAID THIS AFTERNOON THAT SOVIET COLUMNS WERE FIGHTING IN THE TOWN OF WRIESEN, 30 MILES NORTHEAST OF BERLIN AND CLAIMED THAT OTHER RED ARMY UNITS WERE ADVANCING LITTLE MORE THAN 20 MILES FROM THE EASTERN OUTSKIRTS OF THE GERMAN CAPITOL. THE TELEGRAPH AGENCY SAID THAT THE SITUATION HAD "DETERIORATED CONSIDERABLY" IN THE PAST 24 HOURS. THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, ALTHOUGH NOT ADMITTING THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE ABOUT 20 MILES FROM BERLIN, SAID THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE ATTACKING WITH 8 MECHANIZED CORPS IN THE COTTBUS AREA AND CLAIMED THAT MARSHAL KONEV'S TANKS HAD BROKEN THE MAIN GERMAN DEFENSE LINE SOUTHEAST OF BERLIN AND THAT THE RED ARMY COLUMNS WERE SWEEPING TOWARDS FINSTERWALDE, 45 MILES WEST OF THE NEISSE RIVER. THE HIGH COMMAND ALSO ADMITTED THAT THE GERMANS HAD GIVEN UP THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ON THE EAST BANK OF THE ODER SOUTH OF FRANKFURT AND THAT THEIR TROOPS HAD DESTROYED THEIR BRIDGES OVER THE ODER. MOSCOW IS STILL SILENT ABOUT OPERATIONS ALONG THE ODER BUT DOES SAY THAT ANOTHER 9000 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN IN EAST PRUSSIA YESTERDAY IN THE LAST GERMAN POCKET IN THE COUNTRY NEAR THE PORT OF PILLAU.

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IN UPPER SILESIA, GENERAL ANDREI YEREMENKO'S TROOPS FIGHTING BEYOND THE TOWN OF RATIBOR HAVE REACHED THE OUTER DEFENSES OF MORASKA OSTRAVA AND ARE WITHIN 3 MILES OF OPAVA(TROPPAU). IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MARSHAL MALINOVSKY'S SECOND UKRAINIAN ARMY HAS BROADENED ITS DRIVE TOWARD BRNO AND THE RUSSIANS WERE LAST REPORTED WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE CAPITOL OF MORAVIA.

MARSHAL TITO'S YUGOSLAV PARTISANS ARE LESS THAN 15 MILES FROM THE BIG PORT OF FIUME.

ITALY:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF ARGENTA AND HAVE BROKEN THROUGH THE ARGENTA GAP LEADING TO THE PO VALLEY. LAST REPORTS PUT THEM AT ABOUT 15 MILES FROM FERRARA. BOTH THE FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES ARE 9 MILES FROM BOLOGNA.

PACIFIC:

AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE MADE A SECOND LANDING ON MINDANAO, THE SECOND LARGEST ISLAND IN THE PHILIPPINE GROUP. THE YANKS HOLD A 35 MILE BEACH HEAD IN THE ELANA BAY AREA. AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES HAVE KEPT UP THEIR DAILY ATTACKS ON THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA. AMERICAN MARINES ON OKINAWA ISLAND IN THE RYUKYUS HAVE REACHED THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND. IN BURMA, THE BRITISH 14TH ARMY HAS CAPTURED CHAK, LARGEST OF THE OIL FIELD TOWNS IN BURMA.

Some say they won't
Some say they will
But either way
You pay the bill
THIS IS GERMANY