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AIR OPERATIONS

Allied bombers and fighters resumed their attacks against GERMANY synthetic oil plants and railroads in the RUHR by blasting GELSENKIRCHEN and COBLENZ. BERLIN announced that heavy bombers from bases in ITALY have attacked targets in Southern GERMANY.

The Germans retaliated with more flying bomb attacks on ENGLAND.

Canadian Spitfire squadron yesterday scored direct hits on railway lines in Eastern HOLLAND.

NAVAL OPERATIONS

British submarines are credited with sinking 45 more Japanese vessels in FAR EASTERN WATERS.

WESTERN FRONT

American 3rd Army has deepened the wedge SOUTHEAST of METZ. Reaching the town of LUCY 17 miles SOUTHEAST of METZ Armoured units stand only 2 miles from the METZ - SAAREBOURG railway. This is the enemy's main supply route from GERMANY and they will probably be unable to continue using it.

Six miles to the NORTHWEST other 3rd Army units entered the town of LUPPY 3 miles from the METZ - SAAREBOURG railline. Another spearhead has plunged 7 miles NORTH of captured CHATEAU SALINS to a point 20 miles from the SAAR.

JAPAN

An enemy broadcast says some 80 Super-forts attacked KYUSHU and also the island of SAISHU.

CHINA

The Japanese official news agency says that Super-fortresses bombed SHANGHAI in CHINA today.

ITALY

EIGHTH Army troops in ITALY are attacking German defenses NORTH of captured FORLI.

EASTERN FRONT

Soviet forces in HUNGARY are attacking along a 200 mile front today threatening to outflank the besieged capital city of BUDAPEST. While the main Russian strength is engaged in fighting off desperate counter-attacks SOUTH of the capital, other Red Army units are edging forward to the NORTH and the SOUTH.

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