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ITALY

Canadian troops in ITALY are established in a new bridge-head this morning. The new position WEST of the steeply banked NAVIGLO CANAL was won in a night attack. Allied Headquarters says heavy fighting is continuing.

ATHENS

GREEK Left Wing elements are continuing their fight against British Troops. GREEK Premier George Papandreu has issued a call for more men to join the Regular Greek army. Papandreu's Government at present is in control of only five square miles of ATHENS and about twenty per-cent of the Greek Capital's port facilities.

WESTERN FRONT

The U.S. 7th Army has gained another 6 miles in NORTHERN ALSACE and at present is within 2 miles of the border. BERLIN radio has admitted that shells have fallen in the big industrial city of KARLSRUHE. The U.S. 1st and 9th armies have set up a solid 15 mile front on the west bank of the ROER RIVER before COLOGNE. There is nothing to report from the 1st Canadian Army and British 2nd Army fronts.

EASTERN FRONT

Soviet columns are pushing ahead in the mountains of HUNGARY, and they are now within 2 miles of the iron and coal centre of SZENDRO. This city is about 95 miles north-east of BUDAPEST. This drive is aimed at enveloping the Germans in eastern SLOVAKIA. Fighting for the Capital BUDAPEST is increasing in intensity.

PEARL HARBOUR

The Japanese radio this morning announced that super fortress bombers have carried out another attack on TOKYO. Still other super fortress bombers were reported over the OSAKA and KOBE district on the east coast of HONSHU.

PHILIPPINES

Japanese troops, during the first 55 days of the Allied invasion of the central PHILIPPINES, suffered casualties amounting to more than 82,000 men.

LONDON

Prime Minister Churchill disclosed in the House of Commons today that he and Premier Stalin have agreed that POLAND should be compensated in territory at the expense of GERMANY, both in the north and in the west.

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