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NORTH WEST
EUROPE

British and Canadian troops have pushed the German garrison into two tight pockets with the capture of MIDDLEBURG and VEERE. The Nazis on the island are no longer in a position to blockade the SCHELDE Estuary and Allied mine sweepers are now clearing a channel to ANTWERP. British troops in HOLLAND have cleaned out the last enemy garrison south of the MASS River in the EMPEL sector. Troops of the American First Army are attempting to fight their way on to the plain leading to COLOGNE and at present American infantry is meeting stiff resistance at VOSSENACK, 13 miles south-east of AACHEN. Heavy fighting continues in the area around the village of SCHMIDT.

ITALY

Polish troops of the Eighth Army have captured several important hill features near FORLI including the villages of SAN MARTINO and MARSIGNANO.

EASTERN
FRONT

The battle for BUDAPEST continues and Soviet columns are now within two miles of the large airdrome at BUDAPEST. Enemy troops in this sector have been reinforced and stiff fighting continues. Refugees from BUDAPEST indicate the capital is in a chaotic state with Russian workers occupying the main armament works and going on strike in other large industries.

S.W.P.A.

Carrier-based aircraft either sunk or damaged six more Japanese warships in an attack on MANILLA on Sunday. The Japs lost nearly two hundred aircraft in this attack. U.S. Forces are advancing on the West coast port of ORMOC from two directions. A column pushing down from the north is reported 16 miles from ORMOC where numerous Jap counterattacks have been repulsed.

AIR

R.A.F. bombers last night pounded COBLANZ, GELSENKIRCHEN and other objectives in Western GERMANY. The Air Ministry reports that night fighters supported the sweeps. Four enemy aircraft were destroyed by aircraft of the bomber command and one by aircraft of the fighter command. Fifteen R.A.F. bombers failed to return.

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