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WESTERN FRONT The American 3rd Army has deepened its bridgehead over the SAAR River at SAARLAUTERN, gaining about a mile and entering two towns. The West bank of the River has been cleared as far as FRZIG. The British 2nd Army cleaned out the last German pocket at BLERICK West of the MAAS River near VENLO. Ninth Army has driven the German across the ROER at JULICH and the 1st Army is in the outskirts of DUEREN. Canadian forces at NIJMEGEN are said to have repulsed a sharp counter-attack by German paratroops.

ITALY Eighth Army troops made extensive gains North of FAENZA to captured the towns of RUSSI and GODO and to cut the railway between BOLOGNA and RAVENNA.

HUNGARY Russian troops made gains of 17 miles and more yesterday Southwest of BUDAPEST and are now passing around Lake BALATON which is about 60 miles from the Austrian frontier. Gains were made Northeast of BUDAPEST and the Germans suffered heavy losses. The town of MITROVICA, 41 miles Northwest of BELGRADE, has been captured by troops operating in Yugoslavia.

GREECE It is rumored that Premier PAPANDREOU has resigned as results of disorders in ATHENS yesterday which took 27 lives. The E.A.M. forces are defying the present Government.

PHILIPPINES An American destroyer was sunk in an engagement in ORMOC Gulf.

AIR Last night heavy bombers attacked KARLSRUHE and HEILBRONN. Allied planes were out over Germany in large numbers to-day.

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