

(Information as of 1215 hrs 14 Dec 44)

ITALY

Canadian troops of the EIGHTH Army have enlarged the bridgehead over the LAMONE River NORTH of FAENZA. Units of the FIFTH Army have been active SOUTHWEST of IMOLA, a key town between BOLOGNA and RIMINI. Allied fighters and fighter bombers have been active over the front.

ATHENS

There is no major development reported from the city. Military observers believe that E.L.A.S. forces are regrouping. British forces within ATHENS are being reinforced.

WESTERN FRONT

The U.S. NINTH Army has swung into action again with a drive that has captured a town below JULICH on the INDE River. To the SOUTH, FIRST Army troops have made a two mile gain. SEVENTH Army troops have reached the RHINE beyond SELZ.

EASTERN FRONT

Russian siege guns have begun shelling the suburbs of BUDAPEST. Towns 7 miles NORTH and 10 miles EAST of the city have been captured in the advance.

PHILIPPINES

Allied forces on LEYTE Island are driving the Japanese back into the mountains from ORMOC. The retreating enemy is suffering heavy casualties.

GREENLAND

A determined Nazi effort to establish fortified bases in GREENLAND has been smashed by American coastguard cutters operating in ARCTIC Waters. One armed trawler was sunk, another captured, a third was found abandoned. 60 prisoners were taken and a radio station was captured and destroyed.

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