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WESTERN FRONT

The heaviest fighting continues to be in the SAAR Valley where the 3rd Army have penetrated a mile and a half into the Siegfried Line. The city of SAARBRUCKEN is being heavily shelled. The U.S. 7th Army is within 4 miles of COLMAR in the SOUTH and a French Arm'd Div has cleared RHEINAU 17 miles below STRASSBOURG. There has been little air activity because of continual rain.

ITALIAN FRONT

Lieut. Gen. Foulkes has replaced Maj.Gen. Burns as Commander of the 1st Canadian Corps and the latter has relinquished his acting rank of Lieut. Gen. British and Polish troops have extended their bridgehead over the LAMONE River, capturing CASTEL RANIERO, OLMATELLO and PIDEURA. Polish troops repulsed a strong enemy counter-attack.

EASTERN FRONT

Berlin states that Soviet spearheads have reached the DANUBE 20 miles north of BUDAPEST. Fresh enemy troops have moved into the line and resistance to the Russian offensive is increasing.

GREECE

Unprovoked attacks on British troops in ATHENS are increasing and 900 Extremists have been rounded up and disarmed, many of whom were women. Outside the city parties of Extremists were reported to be gathering to cause further trouble. A general strike is taking place in SALONIKA.

PACIFIC

Americans have carried out a co-ordinated attack of heavy bombers B29's and warships on the island of IWOJIMA some 750 miles from TOKYO. The island has some valuable airfields and has previously been under attack from the air and sea.

JAPAN

TOKYO admits that an earthquake has caused some damage in the important city of NAGOYA and surrounding districts.

PHILIPPINES

U.S. troops carried out an amphibious landing some 3 miles below the port of ORMOC on LEYTE Island and are advancing on the latter through the hills.

BURMA

East African troops are meeting strong opposition in the CHIND/IN HILLS but to the NORTH Chinese troops are continuing to advance against little resistance as the enemy still appears to be withdrawing.

CHINA

Chinese troops are reported to have recaptured the town of TUSHAN, 75 miles SE of KWEIYANG, the latter place being on the BURMA Road to CHUNGKING.

ENGLAND

Mr. Churchill has called for a vote of confidence in the Government's action towards GREECE. He denied that the Government had broken any joint agreements with United States in regard to ITALY. He also stood firm on the intervention of British troops in BELGIUM.

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