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WESTERN EUROPE

American troops of the Ninth Army have made good headway EAST of GEILENKIRCHEN. Troops of the First American Army have reached a point four miles from DIEREN. On the Third Army front American troops have moved forward one mile. In spite of counter attacks they are within two miles of MERZIG and about the same distance from SAARLAUTERN. In the SOUTH the Germans are putting up strong resistance in the VOSGES Mountains and are holding up the Allied advance with antitank weapons. Seventh Army troops were last reported fifteen miles SOUTH of STRASBOURG. In the NORTH the MAAS River is dropping but the RHINE remains high. There has been some enemy shelling opposite VENLO and a spurt of activity around WILLEMSTAD. Allied planes bombed a German Headquarter at ROTTERDAM.

General Eisenhower has issued special instructions to the foreign workers in the Reich, telling them what to do when the Allied Armies approach and also after they have arrived.

EASTERN FRONT

The new Russian offensive SOUTH of BUDAPEST is going well. Men and guns are pouring across the DANUBE in large numbers. Meanwhile BUDAPEST remains under close siege from the northeast by units of the Second Ukraine Army. BERLIN admitted further losses along the front stretching eighty-five miles northeast of the Hungarian capital. Other Soviet troops continue to push their way westward in SLOVAKIA.

ITALY

The fiercest fighting for weeks has broken out on the Fifth Army front where the Allies have had to give up some positions. German counter attacks on the Eighth Army front have been repulsed. Allied patrols are active in the mountains southwest of FAENZA.

AEGEAN

The Allied Balkan airforce is maintaining a strangle hold on the remnants of German garrisons in the DODECANESE.

AIR

American Flying Fortresses bombed MUNICH and INNSBRUCK. DUNKIRK, railway yards at LEIPZIG and railway bridges NORTH of ARNHEM were also attacked. R.A.F. Mosquitoes attacked HANOVER.

ENGLAND

Casualties and damage resulted from flying bomb attacks southeastern ENGLAND.

BURMA

The British Fourteenth Army continues its advance in the Upper CHINDWIN Valley. British forces are now fifty miles from SITTANG. In the Middle CHINDWIN the Japs are still holding grimly on KALEWA. Brig Irwin stated in LONDON that during the past eighth months fifty thousand Japs have been killed in BURMA with only six hundred prisoners captured.

JAPAN

American Superfortresses which attacked TOKYO bombed industrial targets. Results are not known.

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