

(Information as of 1000 hrs 17 Dec 44)

PHILIPPINES

Allied transports are pouring more men and supplies ashore on MINDORO Island. The troops have penetrated 7 to 9 miles inland and have captured the town of SANJOSE and the Airfields adjacent. Resistance has not yet become serious. On LEYTE Island Americans troops have improved their positions to pinch the Japs in the ORMOG Corridor. Allied aircraft have destroyed 235 Jap planes at LUZON in the last three days.

ITALY

Troops of the 8th Army have captured FAENZA, important town on the highway to BOLOGNA. To the North-east of FAENZA Canadian troops have enlarged their bridgeheads over the NAVIGLIO Canal despite sharp German counter attacks.

WESTERN FRONT

German Forces are counter attacking savagely along the Belgian-Luxembourg front of the American First Army. The German drive appears to be pointing towards the ARDENNES forest. Farther south the American 7th Army has gained 3 to 4 miles at several points east of SAARBRUECKEN. The German border has been crossed in two places near LAUTERBOURG. The American 3rd Army has enlarged its bridgeheads at DILINGEN and SAARLAUTERN.

AIR

Allied heavy bombers yesterday raided STUTTGART and in the afternoon Lancasters attacked SIEGEN, which is 45 miles east of COLOGNE.

HUNGARY

Soviet troops are battling to enter the Plain of BRATISLAVA, 115 miles east of Vienna. The Red Army is moving forward from new positions in Western SLOVAKIA.

GREECE

Allied Headquarters has rejected terms offered by the E.A.M. insurgents and the deadlock continues.

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