

towards the western bank of the Lys, along the Beynez-Ecloué Canal and near the Dutch frontier, the Germans have been forced to withdraw over the whole front.

"The Belgian army has established itself along the canal. Its left flank is on the Dutch frontier, and the army has occupied the important centers of Aelre, Adegheem, Bellem and Ursel (about 10 miles west of Ghent). These forces have thrown the enemy rearwards back over the Lys and notwithstanding the fact that the river is in flood, they have been able to establish and strengthen bridgeheads. One of these is between Gramme and Ploeghe, and another is east of Ouyhem.

"The Belgian army, in spite of strong resistance and difficulties arising from destroyed communications, has crossed the Lys along the whole of its front and advanced its right flank to the western outskirts of Peq, in the