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N.W. EUROPE

Six American Divisions have launched a powerful offensive in the MOSELLE Gap between METZ and NANCY. The American Troops have forced two new crossings of the MOSELLE River NORTH of METZ and have made gains to the SOUTH EAST. Several villages have been liberated NORTH EAST of NANCY. The American First Army is advancing slowly in the HUERTGEN Forest sector. Snow is falling on the front.

Polish Troops of the First Canadian Army are mopping up the German Bridgehead at MOERDYK. The town has been cleared. On WALCHEREN Island small groups of Germans are being mopped up.

ITALY

The Eighth Army is closing in on the city of FORLI. British troops control most of the air field and are within one mile of the town. On the west coast American troops have captured two villages on the road to SPEZIA.

BALKANS

Russian troops have been advancing in HUNGARY after being held up by four days of bad weather. The BUDAPEST Radio says that Russian tanks have made penetrations into the outskirts of the city.

The Germans state that they are evacuating the STRUMICA Valley in the mountains between YUGOSLAVIA and BULGARIA.

BURMA

British and Indian troops have advanced four miles beyond FORT WHITE which they captured yesterday. In Northern BURMA a Chinese force made a forced march of twenty miles to reach the IRRRAWADDY.

Chinese Headquarters charged that the Japanese were using poison gas in the KWEILIN area.

PHILIPPINES

American troops are engaged in fierce fighting outside ORMOG on LEYTE Island.

AIR

Large force of Lancasters escorted by fighters bombed targets in the RUHR today.

(From B.B.C. News and Press Releases)

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