

(Information as of 1215 hrs 13 Dec 44)

WESTERN EUROPE

The southern wing of the US First Army has advanced a mile and is now about a half mile from the RUER River opposite the town of DUREN. The enemy is putting up fierce resistance in efforts to hold the WEST bank of the river. The Third Army has repulsed a number of enemy counter attacks near DILLINGEN six miles inside the German frontier. Troops of the Seventh Army have broken through the Maginot line north-east of STRASBURG and are approaching SELS. The Germans are reported to be using their new Fifth Tank Army against US First Army in the COLOGNE plain.

ITALY

The Canadian troops of the Eighth Army have broken through the main enemy defense line between FAENZA and the sea and were last reported astride the railway to LUGO one mile from FAENZA. The attack achieved complete surprise and the Canadians scaled a thirty foot bank and stormed the enemy lines with the bayonet.

EASTERN FRONT

Another Soviet drive is developing NORTH of BUDAPEST aimed at an important railway junction ninety miles to the NORTH. The Germans are reported to be evacuating military depots, and war plants in AUSTRIA near the Hungarian frontier.

JAPAN

Following the air attack on NAGOYA, TOKYO announces that vital war industries will be transferred underground.

BURMA

Allied troops have entered KATHA on the IRRAWADDY one hundred fifty five miles NORTH of MANDALAY and occupied NABA without much opposition. The Chinese have made some fresh advances in the BHAMO sector. In the CHINDWIN area East African troops have entered SHEDWYIN.

CHINA

Chinese troops claim to have pushed the Japanese to within fifteen miles of HOCHIN in KWANGSI Province.

GREECE

Troops of the ELAS launched two counter attacks to-day against British forces in ATHENS and both were repulsed. The British Labour Party has called on the government to bring about immediate armistice in the Greek Civil War.

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