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WESTERN FRONT

Canadian troops are reported in action on German soil for the 1st time. They are fighting in the NIEJEGEN salient between the MEUSE and RHINE Rivers. The American FIRST Army have cleared the towns of HUERTGEN and JUNGERSDORF on the edge of the COLOGNE plain. The U.S. NINTH Army has cleared the enemy from KOSLAR, 2 miles from JUELICH. The THIRD Army has made further advances up to 10 miles and SAARBRUECKEN is under Allied artillery fire. Further SOUTH Allied troops are closing in on HAGENAU.

ITALY

Heavy rains are hampering operations and both sides are using heavy mortars and tanks in bitter fighting WEST of FAENZA where the Allies have made slight progress.

EASTERN FRONT

Russian troops in Eastern CZECHOSLOVAKIA are within 10 miles of the gateway through the Carpathian Mountains into POLAND. More than 60 towns have fallen into Russians hands in that sector.

PACIFIC THEATRE

JAPAN claims to have landed troops on MORTOAI Island, occupied by the Americans in September. She also claims to have sunk 8 Allied warships and transports in the PHILIPPINES, while a third attack has been made on the B-29 base on SAIPAN.

CHINA

Chinese troops are reported to have succeeded in halting the Japanese drive on KWEIYANG, an important city on the BURMA Road in the province of KWEICHOW.

AIR

Allied heavy bombers have attacked MAGDEBURG unloading their bombs on an oil refinery while other attacks were made on ESSEN and NEUSE.

ENGLAND

Mr. Churchill in a speech in the House of Commons uttered a warning against any forecasting of the war with GERMANY being over in the near future. He stated that the weather on the Western front was the most important factor at the present time and that any break in the German line around COLOGNE or further NORTH would have far reaching strategical consequences. He also stated that the Allies had suffered over 40,000 casualties in the taking of ANTWERP.

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