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PHILIPPINES

After landing on MINDORO, General MacArthur's troops are setting up their installations. So complete was the surprise they achieved that the lights were burning brightly along the shore as the convoy pulled in toward land. This landing not only cuts the Jap PHILIPPINE Defences in two but also the Allies can now disrupt enemy communication lines from the CHINA Coast to the SOUTH PACIFIC.

WESTERN FRONT

SEVENTH Army forces battling across the German border are now 10 miles from KARLSRUHE and are running into stiff opposition.

ITALY

FIFTH Army troops have thrown back repeated German counter-attacks. On the EIGHTH Army sector, British and Canadian forces have renewed their drive SW of FAENZA.

EASTERN FRONT

Russian troops advancing from Northern HUNGARY have crossed the WESTERN Slovakian border for the first time to seize a town on the road to VIENNA. This Red Army spearhead is about 115 miles from the Austrian capital.

CHINA

Chinese forces on the Asiatic mainland have continued their victorious drive against Japanese troops falling back into KWANGSI Province. The Chinese have outflanked and pushed 18 miles beyond the provincial city of HOCHIA.

GREECE

The British radio says that the R.A.F. has gone into action against Greek resistance forces in ATHENS. The E.L.A.S. held ATHENS radio station has not returned to the air since its transmitter was attacked yesterday by R.A.F. planes.

AIR OPERATIONS

The German city of LUDWIGSHAFEN, threatened by the SEVENTH and THIRD U.S. Army took a pounding from the air last night. More than 500 British and Canadian heavy bombers attacked the city.

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