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N.W. EUROPE

The 1st Canadian Army forces are mopping up the last German pocket SOUTH of the MAAS River. The strong resistance is being met in the Northern part of WALCHEREN Island. Further to the EAST the American attack in the HUERTGEN forest SOUTHEAST of AACHEN has been brought to a standstill. 3rd American Army forces are advancing on a 25 mile front between METZ and NANCY and are making steady progress. Seven more towns have been captured.

RUSSIA

No major changes have been announced by MOSCOW for the last three days, German broadcasts claim that Russian offensives are imminent in EAST PRUSSIA and HUNGARY.

ITALY

Polish troops of the 8th Army have continued to advance SOUTH of FORLI and are now on the outskirts of FORLI airfield 1 mile SOUTH of the town.

PHILIPP INES

The Japanese are putting up a strong defense from hill positions on both sides of the ORMOC Road. However, the Americans continue to make steady gains in this area.

BURMA

14th Army troops have captured the Jap stronghold of FORT WHITE on the TIDDIM - KALEMYO Road after two days of heavy fighting.

AIR

Mosquito bombers raided HANOVER last night. Large forces of Allied planes are reported to be crossing the channel this morning.

CANADA

Last night Prime Minister King declared that the voluntary system of enlistment for overseas services had not broken down and that would be continued. He disclosed that reinforcements are needed only for infantry units.

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

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