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WESTERN FRONT

British Second Army troops, supported by flame-throwing tanks and artillery, have broken the hinge of the German defence line west of HERTOGENBOSCH in Holland, and have advanced to positions half way between the AFWATERINGS Canal and the MEUSE River.

Canadian First Army troops have freed STEENBERGEN and are now only two miles from the estuary of the MAAS and the WAAL RHINE Rivers. Polish troops of the Canadian Army have enlarged their bridgehead over the MARK and are now within a mile of KLUNDERT. Today's communique officially announces the British liberation of FLUSHING. All but a few German guns have been knocked out on WALCHEREN Island.

American troops southeast of AACHEN are fighting their way back toward the German village of SCHMIDT, from which they were driven yesterday by a German counter-attack.

ITALY

The muddy battle-line in Italy has barely moved today, although the weather has cleared somewhat.

General Alexander announced a few days ago that German casualties since May 11th had reached 194,000. It was announced today from Italy that Allied casualties from May 11th to November 4th total 116,150 men.

BALKANS

British troops have landed on the Greek mainland in the vicinity of SALONIKA, which had already been freed by Greek Partisans. Greece is believed to be now completely free of Germans.

Germans in Yugoslavia are under attack from Partisans at BITOLJ, thirteen miles north of the Greek border, and also at SKOPLJE, seventy miles north of BITOLJ.

EASTERN FRONT

Russian motorized forces and tanks are reported to be within the suburbs of BUDAPEST. Fifty miles southeast of BUDAPEST other Red Army troops have captured the TISZA River stronghold of SZOLNOK. Unconfirmed despatches from STOCKHOLM say street fighting has broken out between workers and German Elite Guards.

CHINA

The Chinese High Command reveals that Japanese troops have penetrated the eastern, western and northern suburbs of the city of KWEILIN. Japanese forces have also reached a point thirty-three miles southwest of KWEILIN.

PHILIPPINES

Allied ground forces on LEYTE are consolidating positions for a final three-way drive toward the last enemy-held port at ORMOC, on the west coast of the island. Land-based enemy planes have caused some damage and the Japs have managed to land some reinforcements.

TOKYO reports that three hundred Allied planes attacked MANILA.

AIR

Night raiders of the Allied Air Forces attacked railway yards at BOCHUM - the Ruhr's fourth largest city. Today raiders are continuing the blasting of the Reich begun last night by a thousand R.A.F. bombers.

WASHINGTON

Field Marshal Sir John Dill, head of the British Joint Staff Mission, died last night in WASHINGTON, at the age of sixty-three. He has been awarded posthumously the Distinguished Service Medal by President Roosevelt.

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