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WESTERN FRONT

Canadian troops have driven on to WALCHEREN Island encountering intense machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. The Germans are showing no signs of surrender. The German radio says that Allied forces have begun an amphibious landing at FLUSHING, assaulting the big German gun positions after an artillery barrage from the SOUTH bank of the SCHELDT Estuary. No confirmation. The Germans have lost control of one of the two bridges over the MAAS and their only escape now is by ferry or the remaining bridge at MOERDIJK. At the SCHELDT bridgehead five hundred more German prisoners were captured as the Canadians closed to within one and half miles of KNOCKE S/MER. On the EAST side of the NIJMEGEN salient the Panzer thrust WEST of VENLO has been checked and British troops have recaptured LIESEL. In the SOUTH, Americans have captured ST BENOIT and have repulsed strong German attacks. Americans also launched heavy attacks SOUTHEAST of LUNEVILLE. On the French sector there is heavy fighting for key positions in the VOGES Mountains.

ITALY

Indian troops have secured important positions across the RONCO River. On the Adriatic coast Allied patrols are edging forward in difficult terrain. SOUTH of BOLOGNA the Germans hit back savagely with flame throwers, mortars and machine guns.

Foreign Secretary Eden arrived in ROME by air and he is now visiting Sir Herald Alexander's HQ.

GREECE

British troops have reached SALONIKA which the Germans say they had evacuated. The Liberation of all Greek territory is near. The Nazis are leaving the country by every available means at their disposal. Cutting of communication roads northward through SERBIA is forcing the remaining Germans to trek through the mountains of ALBANIA. They are doing a work of destruction on the way, firing villages and burning crops.

AIR

Allied planes pounded the railway yards at HAMB and struck at HAMBURG and targets in southern AUSTRIA. Mosquitos made a low-level attack and completely destroyed Gestapo Headquarters in DENMARK.

EASTERN FRONT

Powerful Russian tank formations followed by antitank and field artillery are moving on BUDAPEST. Russian infantry is fighting in the streets of KECKSKMET. Artillery duels only are taking place in EAST PRUSSIA.

In RUMANIA a political crisis is said to have forced the Cabinet to resign. Mass demonstrations by the National Peasants Party have taken place in BUCHAREST, demanding redistribution of large land holdings.

PHILIPPINES

Allied troops have driven to within five miles of the Jap forces which are bottled up at CARIGARA on LEYTE Island. The Japs are expected to put up a last ditch fight.

BURMA

British forces have advanced two miles southward along the MOGAUNG-MANDALAY railway to a point less than twenty-eight miles from KATHA. The Chinese have reached MYOTHIT, seventy miles EAST of MAWLU.

JAPAN

The Jap radio reports 4-engined US bombers over TOKYO. Civilians have been told to take fire precautions.

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