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WESTERN FRONT

Allied counter-measures continue to make further progress against the German salient with the American Third Army striking successfully at the southern flank of the salient on a 35-mile front. The Americans made gains of up to 16 miles and the Germans admitted withdrawals. Several towns near BASTOGNE have been recaptured. There were no further details regarding the northern flank except that the Allies appear to be grouping forces satisfactorily. The German drive to the MEUSE has been definitely blunted. The Germans are pulling back from MARCHE, HOLON and GRANDMENIL.

ITALY

The German drive against BARGA which forced slight Allied withdrawals 17 miles from the WEST coast seems to have petered out.

GREECE

British troops have resumed their attacks against the ELAS rebels.

HUNGARY

Russian troops have taken 12 suburbs of the city of BUDAPEST. Other columns to the WEST of the city have advanced to within 90 miles of VIENNA.

PHILIPPINES

The Japs report a large American convoy moving in the PHILIPPINES, probably preparing for a new landing. Jap planes raided SAIPAN and TINIAN.

AIR

Three thousand Allied planes were active yesterday. A large force of RAF bombers attacked BONN and MUENCHEN-GLADBACH.

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