

(Information as of 0800 hrs 12 Dec 44)

WESTERN EUROPE

Third Army Infantry troops have broken the back of stubborn German resistance in the town of SARREGUEMINES.

The Seventh Army has advanced through HAGUENAU to the town of WOERTH.

No further gains reported on this front.

GREECE

Fighting has been resumed on an increased scale in ATHENS. Large areas of the city are in flames. There have been sharp clashes outside the capital.

EASTERN FRONT

BUDAPEST is now virtually encircled by the Russians and according to PARIS and ALGIERS radio the Russians have entered the flaming Hungarian capital. According to Russian claims they are within three miles of the city at the closest point.

PHILIPPINES

On LUYTE the entire Japanese garrison at ORMOG has been destroyed by the Allies. According to the news report the southern segment of the YAMASHITA line has been torn loose and eliminated.

PACIFIC

Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser has been named commander of the new British Pacific Fleet and will have the thirty-five thousand battleship "HOWE" as his flag ship.

AIR

The biggest bombing fleet in history made up of sixteen hundred American bombers and eight hundred fighters, yesterday dropped nearly six thousand tons on FRANKFURT - ON - MAIN rail system. Twelve bombers and two fighters are missing.

POLITICAL

In MONTREAL Camillien Houde was elected Mayor for the fifth time. Voters approved a proposal to extend the Mayers term of office from two to three years.

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