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WESTERN FRONT

A full scale withdrawal of the German troops in southwestern HOLLAND is taking place under cover of a heavy fog. Close behind the fleeing Nazis are British troops which earlier seized the major German stronghold at ROSENDAAL.

American forces have cleared the enemy from the stronghold of MAIZIERES-LES-METZ six miles north of METZ. South of AACHEN other American forces have taken BRU and JEANMENIL.

It was announced to-day that Allied forces have captured six hundred and thirty thousand prisoners of war on the Western Front since D-Day.

ITALY

Taking advantage of clear weather Indian troops under British command have thrown a bridgehead across the RONCO River below the highway which leads to BOLOGNA, threatening the German position at FORLI.

In the Adriatic sector Allied troops are meeting slight opposition South of RAVENNA.

EASTERN FRONT

In the Russian drive reported by Berlin the Germans admit that the Russians have entered KECSKEMET the fourth largest Hungarian city fifty miles southeast of BUDAPEST.

Berlin says the Russians are attacking across the TISZA River along a fifty mile front.

GREECE

Pursuing the fleeing Germans British troops and Greek Patriots have captured the town of ARNISSA forty miles of liberated KOZANE and only seven miles from the Yugoslav frontier.

PHILIPPINES

At Pearl Harbour American Naval Commanders estimate that the Japs lost nearly thirty five thousand men and two hundred naval pilots in last weeks battle off the PHILIPPINES.

CHINA

The new commander of the American forces in CHINA Gen Gen. Albert Wedemeyer arrived in CHUNGKING to-day taking over the post recently relinquished by Gen Joseph Stilwell

BURMA

British troops advancing SOUTH along the BURMA railroad have reached a point thirty miles NORTH of KATHA.

AIR

British and Canadian bombers have rained four thousand tons of explosives on COLOGNE to give that city its seventh attack in three days. All bombers returned safely. Twice during the night Berlin was attacked by Mosquitos of which two are reported missing.

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