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WESTERN FRONT

In HOLLAND the British Second Army has cleared the Germans from a pocket three miles NORTH of VENLO. The American Ninth Army has reached the ROER River and has been fighting in several villages. Advanced forces are now within five miles of JEULICH and within four miles of DUREN. The town of KIRCHBERG has been captured. The American Third Army has gained about four miles to within five miles of SAARLAUTERN, and within ten miles of SAARBRUECKEN. In the SOUTH the wedge to STRASBOURG has been widened and the French claim that Allied troops have crossed the RHINE three miles north of STRASBOURG.

ITALY

Eighth Army troops have tightened their grip on FAENZA. Patrols have crossed the LAMONE River and other troops are threatening to outflank the town from the EAST and the WEST.

HUNGARY

Heavy snow fall has slowed up Russian operations and the Germans are establishing defence positions in a twenty-six mile arc EAST of BUDAPEST. There has been some heavier fighting in CZECHOSLOVAKIA with the Partisans aiding the Russians.

AIR

Last night heavy bombers attacked NEUSS, FREIBURG and COLOGNE while Mosquitos raided BERLIN.

S.W.P.A.

Japanese planes raided the superfortress base at SAIPAN and lost thirteen planes

LONDON

The magnitude of Great Britains War effort was revealed in a white paper to-day. It was disclosed that despite five hundred thousand casualties Britain has four and half million men in the armed forces. Britain has suffered a total of seven hundred and thirty-three thousand casualties of which one hundred and thirty-six thousand were civilians.

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