

單行報

十一月廿日發行

〔フィリピン方面〕

戰はレイテ島西北隅に退却、集結陣を布いてゐる日本軍命脈たるオルモク街道爭奪に集中、前進日本軍陣地後方の一部に於て米軍は之を遮断、且つ前記街道の大部は米軍砲兵の制圧下に置かれてゐる。日本側空軍最近の主要作戦は卅機編隊による米軍飛行場の爆撃にあたが、十ハ機は未帰^{ミサカ}。又十三日マニラ湾空襲で米軍のあげた戦果は日本側艦船喪沈確実十六隻、乙巡一、駆逐四を含むものである。

〔ボルネオ方面〕

ボルネオ方面日本海軍根據地ブルネイは十九日最初の大空襲を受け、戦艦一は直撃五発を浴び、甲巡一は四発を受けた。又ボルネオの油田タラカンも空襲を受け、一千トン及三千トン級貨物船各一隻が附近海上で喪沈された。

〔英國潛水艦の活躍〕

十一月十五日の公表によれば、英國潛水艦戦隊は日本艦船大小計六十九隻を喪沈した。

〔マピア列島上陸作戦〕

百廿二料にあるマピア列島に上陸作戦を開始した。この列島は日本側が聯合側空軍の南よりの飛沫の監視哨として利用してゐたものである。

〔ヨーロッパ方面〕

十二日一千残存戦艦二隻のうちチルビツ号(四万五千噸)がノルウェー峽江に潜泊中を英國空軍が之を沈め、こゝに英國海軍は他方面作戦に対し一大予備をうる事といた。又一方陸上作戦では英米佛聯合軍は西部戦線六百四十料の正面に於て六個の攻撃戦力における進撃を開始其四軍は既にナチドイツ国内に進み戦爆連合三千機よりなる空軍が毎にこの攻撃を支援してゐる。

東南ヨーロッパの戦況はロシア軍がハンガリーの首都ブダペスト数料に迫てゐるが、目下のナチドイツ国内の状勢にからんが、日本政府はドイツ駐在日本外交官其他の中立國スイスへの立退きの爲十三万八千円の支出をする事を決定した。



戦艦千ルピツ支那沈したランカ
スタ型爆重機。穿鋼五噸爆弾一
個を搭載する。

24 NOV. 44

J.238

WEEKLY WAR NEWS, NOVEMBER 20

Philippine Islands.

Storms of heavy tropical rain have slowed down operations on Leyte island. The main fighting is for control of the Ormoc road, which is vital to the Japanese forces penned up in the NW corner of the island. American forces have cut the road and established strong blocks at one place in the rear of the forward Japanese forces. Most of the road is under shellfire from American long range artillery.

The Japanese airforce made its biggest recent air effort on Leyte when it sent 30 planes to attack American airfields. 18 of them were shot down.

In another strike by U.S. carrier planes against Manila Bay on November 13, 16 Japanese ships, including a light cruiser and 4 destroyers were definitely sunk.

Borneo.

The Japanese naval base at Brunei Bay in Borneo has received its first mass raid. 5 direct hits were scored on a battleship, and 4 on a heavy cruiser.

Tarakan, one of the Borneo oil centers, was also attacked. Two freighters of 1000 and 3000 tons were sunk off the coast.

British Submarines Active.

On November 15 it was announced that British submarines had sunk 69 Japanese ships within 5 days.

Landings in Mapia Islands.

On November 15 American forces began to make landings in the Mapia islands, 232 km. northwest of Biak. These islands were used by Japanese coast watchers to observe northward flights of Allied planes.

Europe.

On November 12 the German battleship "Tirpitz," one of the only two remaining battleships, was sunk by RAF planes, while lying in a Norwegian fiord. This means that more British warships now in European waters will be freed for action elsewhere.

In western Europe, British, US and French armies are attacking Germany's defences at 6 points along a 640 km. front. Four of the Allied armies are fighting inside Germany. As a spear head, more than 3,000 Allied bombers and fighters struck ahead of the attacking land forces.

In SE Europe, Russian forces are now within a few kilometers of Budapest, capital of Hungary.

On account of Germany's present position, the Japanese government has allocated 138,000 yen for the removal of Japanese diplomats from Germany to neutral Switzerland.

Reverse: Photograph of Lancaster bomber loading up for strike against "Tirpitz."

Caption: One of the Lancaster bombers which sank the "Tirpitz." It is being loaded with a 12,000 lb. armour piercing bomb.

TARGET: Japanese forces—general.

LATEST DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 10 days after receipt.