

PHILIPPINES.

The battle in the Philippines is still largely a fight between Japanese attempts at reinforcement and Allied efforts to prevent these reinforcements from landing.

Seven Japanese convoys have now been destroyed off the west coast of Leyte. During November 28 and 29, ten cargo and troop transports and 3 destroyers were destroyed. The next day one 9,000 ton troop transport and 3 smaller transports were sunk, and a 5,000 ton freighter and a destroyer set on fire. It is only possible to make a rough estimate of the numbers of men and the amount of stores carried by these ships, but the wastage is obviously on an unprecedentedly high rate.

Strikes by American carrier planes over other parts of the Philippines and the surrounding seas have continued. During November 24, off Luzon, 20 Japanese ships were sunk, including a heavy cruiser of the Kumano class, a destroyer, and several tankers. At the same time 87 Japanese planes were destroyed.

On land tropical rain storms have reduced the battlefield to a sea of mud, making any significant progress impossible.

MORE TOKYO BOMBINGS.

On December 3 Super Fortresses from Saipan attacked industrial targets in the Tokyo-Yokohama area for the fourth time within ten days. The previous raids took place on November 24, 27 and 30. An average of 70 planes took part in each attack.

After the third attack, a night raid, fires raged fiercely in Tokyo.

SHIPPING.

A recent announcement discloses that during the past year, the United States has built approximately 19,000,000 deadweight tons of merchant shipping, and now has at her disposal over 40,000,000 tons. These figures explain the ability of the American forces to transport huge quantities of munitions and other supplies to so many different battlefields.

EUROPE.

The drive of British and American forces into the Saar and Ruhr industrial regions of Germany continues. The U.S. 9th Army has captured about 182 square km. of German territory in the past fortnight, including several large coal mines which crop out from the main Saar seam.

Russian forces in Hungary have made a new advance of 80 km. and now stand only 120 km. from the frontiers of Austria.

TARGET: Japanese troops—general.

LATEST DATE

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戦況週報

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フィリピン方面

此の方面戦況は日本側増援の企に対し、聯合側が之を阻止の舉に出てゐるのが目下の特徴であるが、レイテ西岸に於て日本側は既に七船団を破碎され十一月廿八・九の両日の如き物資及兵員輸送船十隻、駆逐艦三隻を沈められ、廿日には九千噸級輸送船一隻、小型輸送船三隻を失ひ六千噸級貨物船、駆逐艦各一が大破炎上、兵員及器材損傷の的確な数字はしばらくおくも其甚大である事は否めぬ。又米空母よりする全フィピンに対する攻撃は引續き敢行され十一月廿四日、ルソン島沖合では熊野級甲巡一、駆逐一、油輸送船数隻、其他計廿隻の艦船が重沈された。レイテ島地上作戦は目下のところ熱帯特有の豪雨の爲大規模な作戦行動は行はれてゐない。

東京又々爆撃を受く

十二月三日サイパンよりするビー・廿九の東京地方爆撃はこのところ十日間に於て四回目のもので、オーが十一月廿四日、オニが廿七日、オ三が廿日であつた。一空襲平均七十機内外、オ三回は夜間爆撃で其爲東京の各所に火災を生じ長時間燃え續けた。

輸送船片鱗

最近発表の数字によると過去一年間米國が造つた船量は千九百万噸、又其爲目下の手持は四千万噸に上り、其結果米國は各方面戦線を支持、戦役遂行を可能ならしめてゐる。

ヨーロッパ戦況

ドイツのザール及ルール工業地帯に指向されてゐる米軍の進撃は着々進捗、ザール炭坑中の主を砒区を含む数地帯と共に、半月に約百八十二平方キロの地域を占領、又ロシア軍は新に八十キロ前進、其中の一軍はオーストリア國境へあと百廿キロの地帯迄進出してゐる。