



# 戦況週報

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## 九州東部南部及名古屋の大空襲

のべ約千三百機に上る機動部隊よりの米空軍編隊は三月十八日朝六時より十一時間に亘り九州南部及東部に波状攻撃を敢行、名古屋に対しては又々ビー廿九三百機を以て爆轟工場地帯約二方里が火の海と化し、神戸も爆轟され、東京都では八大軍需工場が其機能を失してしまつた。

## 硫黄島攻略戦終了

硫黄島に於ける日本軍の組織的抵抗は既に止み、唯同島西岬に残した小部隊の抵抗のみとなり、ビー廿九は対日航空戦の補助基地として同島を使用し始めた。

## 比島に新上陸作戦

三月九日のミンダオ島ザンボアンガ附近上陸は米軍に比島西方海面の制圧権を弁へるもので、其の千三百料正面に点在する飛行基地より南支那海の封鎖はより完全を期しうる事となる。

## ナチドイツ益逼塞

ナチドイツ崩壊の兆は西部戦線北方、ライン河西岸に於けるナチ軍抵抗の消極的を事でも解るが、同方面聯合軍の進出は中十六料、深さ六料半、南部のナチ軍はザール盆地よりラインに後退、又コブレントツ方面残存ナチ軍も聯合軍機甲部隊の重圧を受けてゐる。

## 東部戦線概況

モスコイ公表はバルチック沿岸の要地コルベルグの占領を告げ、其為同地以東ナチ軍の退路は断たれ、スウェンデムン軍港もロシア軍の脅威に晒される事となり、ソ聯の大軍は目下伯林北方、ステチン港方面に攻勢方向を向けてゐる。

## イタリー方面

此方面では戦況に大した変化なく、聯合軍の作戦は順調に進んでゐる。イタリー國民救済事業は益拍車をかけて、昨年米國より到着した食料、医薬等の救恤品は百十八万六千トンに及んでゐる。

**JAPANESE WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN****ATTACKS ON JAPAN**

Waves of American carrier-borne aircraft have been attacking Kyushu for about eleven hours on March 18th., from 6 a.m. Aggregate sorties were about 1300 planes. With the stepping up in the bombing of Japan, Superfortresses have made several heavy attacks on Japanese cities. A devastating incendiary raid by 300 of these planes left the two square mile centre of Nagoya in flames. Kobe was also heavily attacked. Tokyo's most recent raid resulted in severe damage being caused to eight large industrial concerns.

**IWO JIMA CAMPAIGN ENDED**

All organised resistance on Iwo Jima has been eliminated by the Americans and only small unco-ordinated groups in the north-west tip of the island are still active. Superfortresses attacking Japan are using the Iwo Jima airfield as an auxiliary base.

**ANOTHER PHILIPPINES LANDING**

Latest American Philippines landing—near Zamboanga, on Mindanao—on March 9 gives them control of the entire western shores of the Philippines Group. Air bases dotted along this 1300 kilometre line will make possible a watertight blockade of the South China Sea, supply lane to the Japanese armies garrisoning the conquered territories in the south.

**NAZI GERMANY COLLAPSES**

Indicative of the coming German collapse is the cessation of all organised German resistance west of the Rhine at the northern end of the Western Front, where the Allies now have a bridgehead 65 kilometres deep and 16 kilometres long. In the south, as the Germans withdraw back to the Rhine from the Saar Basin, Allied armour has been thrown against the remaining pockets of resistance at Coblenz.

On the Eastern Front Marshal Stalin has announced the capture of Kolberg, on the Baltic, one of the main German escape routes. Swinemunde, last important German naval base in the Baltic is now threatened by the Russians. The Red Army is also closing in on Stettin.

**ITALIAN FRONT**

The Italian front land fighting is continuing without much change. The Allies are still gradually advancing. During 1944, 1,186,000 tons of food and medical supplies were sent from the U.S.A. to the people of Italy.

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