

WEEKLY WAR NEWS—June 15, 1945.

NEW LANDINGS IN BORNEO. Supported by a heavy naval and air bombardment, Australian forces on 11 June made simultaneous landings at four points in British Borneo—at two points on Labuan Island, and at Brooketon and Muara on the western coast of Borneo. The Japanese were taken by surprise, and Australian casualties were negligible. This landing follows the Australian seizure of Tarakan, 600 miles away on the opposite side of Borneo.

AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES RAZED. Continuing the Allied plan for the systematic destruction of Japanese war industries, Super Fortresses in big formations on June 8th, 9th and 10th hammered vital military targets in the Tokio-Yokohama district.

On June 1st Super Fortresses blitzed Osaka with 3,500 tons of fire-bombs. The target area was the highly industrialised portion of the city bordering on Osaka harbour and south of the Shin Yodo River.

On June 4th the port of Kobe was left a smouldering ruin after a mid-day fire-bomb raid by nearly 500 Super Fortresses. This was Kobe's third raid. The city is now largely burnt out as were Tokio, Osaka and Yokohama.

Meanwhile systematic raids on airbases in Kyushu by carrier-based aircraft continue.

OKINAWA. Japanese lines on Okinawa have been cut in two south of Naha. The main terrain still held by the Japanese has been reduced to a small area on the south-western tip of the island. An estimated 15,000 men bottled up there have no room in which to manoeuvre. American forces are already pressing on the Japanese line in Kiyanzaki area. It is worth noting that allowing for differences in time and scale the developments on Okinawa are closely following the pattern of the Saipan and Iwo Jima campaigns.

PHILIPPINES. Driving swiftly down the Cagayan Valley, the Americans on 8th June captured the town of Bambang. Large quantities of food and medical stores were taken.

CHINA. Chinese successes in the coastal area opposite Formosa were reported from Chungking on 9th June. The Chinese have laid open a 105-mile stretch of the Fukien coast above liberated Foochow, and are now less than 10 miles from the Chekiang border.

INVASION OF HOMELAND? A special session of the Japanese Diet was called in view of the possibility of an Allied invasion of Honshu. On June 9th, Premier Suzuki told the Diet that the Americans would invade Japan.

The Government introduced an Emergency Measures Bill asking the Diet to transfer to the Government virtually all rights and powers to deal with the production of munitions, food and other necessities.

TARGET: Japanese Troops—General.

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戦況週報

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聯合軍ホルネオ新上陸

六月十一日、英領ホルネオ西北岸に對しての聯合側の爆轟、艦砲射撃の結果、四地英に新たなる上陸を敢行、此れはタラカンより三百料はなれたる英領西岸ラファン島の二所、北岸のマウラ島及びブルクトンの二所であつた。日本軍は此の無血上陸に對しあつげにとられ居るとの事である。

航空機製作所の爆轟つゝのる

日本航空勢力に對する聯合側作戦は組織的計画的に進捗して居るが六月八、九、十と連続に京浜其他の製作所がビ一廿九大編隊の徹底的爆轟を蒙りたる他、一日には大阪が新淀より港にかけての工業地帯に三千五百噸の焼夷弾を投下され、四日には神戸が又々ビ一廿九五百機に才三回目の襲撃を受け、同市も東京、横浜、大阪と同様其の大部分は焼跡と變つた。此間九州諸飛行場に對する艦載機襲撃も亦組織立て行はれた。

沖繩の戦況

日本軍の抵抗線は那覇南に於て中斷され、其主部は喜屋崎方面断崖地帯で其兵力は約一万五千、既に米兵猛攻の的となつて居るが、こゝに注目し値する英は沖繩本島も規模時間の相違こそあれサイパン、硫黄等と同一の徑路をたどてゐる一事である。

フリッツピン方面戦況

カバヤン溪谷地帯作戦中の米軍は六月八日バンバンを占領、日本軍の糧秣、医薬等多量を鹵獲した。

中華民国方面戦況

六月九日附重慶公報によれば其軍は台湾對岸福建省沿岸約百七十料を把握、浙江省境へ十六料の地英にまで進出した。

本土敵軍の上陸に備ふ

日本本土に對する聯合軍上陸の可能性にかんがみ之に備ふるため鈴木首相は六月九日臨時議會を召集、緊急處置法案を上程、政府が軍需糧食等の生産に關する徹底的所置權を認められた。