

maintaining a lengthening supply line rendered precarious by incomplete control of sea lanes and islands dotting these lanes. Arms and supplies for the Americans are reported being transported to Leyte by transport planes, indicating the difficulty of sending supplies by sea-craft. Needless to say, war materiel transferred in this manner from bases thousands of miles away amounts to only a trickle.

The American task force east of the Philippines suffered a heavy blow November 18 when the Japanese airforce sank two cruisers, and heavily damaged one aircraft carrier, one battleship, and four transports. Four American transports in Leyte Gulf were heavily damaged

and set ablaze by intrepid Japanese airmen that body-crashed on their objectives.

Intrepid day and night attacks of Japanese air and ground forces on American positions on Morotai have resulted in the crippling of four out of six airbases taken over by the Americans when they landed on the island in September 15. From November 1 to 29, the Japanese set ablaze 130 and damaged 114 American planes. The strategic location of Morotai has been utilized by the Americans in their Leyte landing operations. Relentless Nippon attacks have considerably weakened American positions on the island. Meanwhile, the Japanese are pouring in reinforcements to drive out the one division of American troops holding the island.



War in Europe

ON THE WESTERN front in Europe, the British 2nd and the American 1st and 9th armies tried to break through near Aachen but were repulsed. A few sectors changed hands several times, indicating the severity of the fighting. Three allied armies were able to advance five miles northeast of Aachen in a drive on the plains of Cologne, despite heavy German resistance. Dosendorf, however, fell again in German hands after it was captured by General Patton's American 3rd Army. Part of Metz has been taken by an

allied army, while de Gaullis' French troops reached the Rhine after breaking through the Burgundy Gap. Four of the six main passes through Vosges to the Rhine were taken by French units and the American 7th Army.

On the eastern front, the Soviets are reported to have advanced toward Luchene, communications center on the Hungarian-Slovak frontier, while farther to the south in Hungary, other Soviet forces captured Gyongyos, 40 miles northeast of Budapest.



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