

YANKS LAND ON MOROTAI AMERICANS SURROUND PHILIPPINES

Seize Nancy & Maastricht From Nazis

Yanks Smash 10 Miles Into Germany As Siegfried Line Gouged

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON — (AP) — Powerful United States armies grasped the Germans' kingdom city of Aachen in an encircling ring of steel today and captured Nancy and Maastricht, strongholds at opposite ends of their 180-mile front. Doughboys drove ten miles into Germany in a Siegfried Line-busting offensive which had pierced the first zone of that fortified system at two places and deeply dented it at a third.

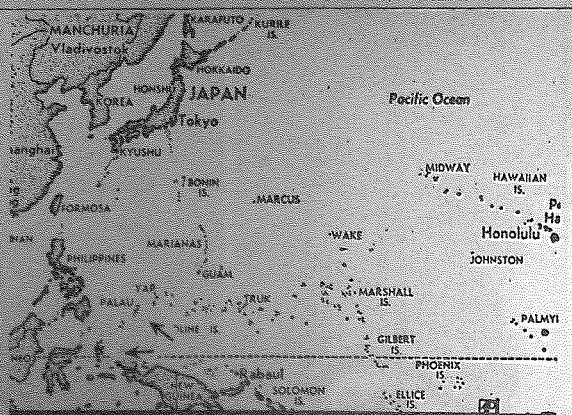
Brest May Fall Soon

LONDON — (AP) — Suggesting the fall of Brest was near, the German radio said today that the city was surrounded. The broadcast said that the city was surrounded by American troops and that the city was in a state of siege.

Soviets Gain In Battle For Warsaw

Storming Into City Proper

By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW — (AP) — Russian and Polish troops were holed storming into Warsaw proper today across the broad and swift Vistula from the captured industrial suburb of Praga.



NEW PACIFIC INVASIONS—American forces strike closer to the Philippines as the Palau Islands, 300 miles from Mindanao and 200 miles from the Philippines, are taken. Morotai, 300 miles from the Philippines, is taken. Arrow at left points to Morotai.

U. S. Forces Closing In On Philippines

Land On Palau, 600 Miles From Mindanao & On Morotai, 300 Miles Away

By CHARLES H. MCMURTRY
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor — (AP) — American assault forces converging on the Philippines from the south and east landed on the fortress-like Palau Islands and Morotai today (Manila time) on the heels of the most crushing aerial bombardment the island archipelago ever received.

Marines and Army assault forces from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz' Central Pacific command landed on unnamed islands of the Palau group, 600 miles east of Mindanao Island in the Philippines, while Gen. Douglas MacArthur's landing troops made a surprise landing on Morotai, 300 miles south of Mindanao.

(Tokyo radio said the Palau landing was on Peleliu Island, southernmost of the group within the great barrier reef and the most accessible to small landing craft. The broadcast claimed the "enemy was repulsed" after 2,500 Americans were killed in the first two and a half hours of fighting.)

Both commanders, now operating their forces as a co-ordinated team, are seeking Japan's prize conquest of the Pacific War, announced the invasions a few hours after they were accomplished, indicating initial success and confidence in the final outcome.

Tiny Morotai Isle Seized

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea — (AP) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur, heading back to Manila, landed today with invasion forces virtually unopposed on tiny Morotai Island to the south.

1. Build air bases quickly for powerful attacks on the Philippines, 300 miles to the north. 2. Hasten, by severance of sea supply lanes, the isolation of the Japanese army, totaling 300,000 men, guarding the oil-rich East Indies.

LONG STRIDE

It was a 300-mile stride by MacArthur from Dutch New Guinea to ward his big objective.

The carrier-protected convoys of warships, transports and landing craft, stretching out for miles with MacArthur aboard a cruiser, caught the Japanese by surprise.

The Japanese had looked for landings further south on Balabac Island, Palawan, and had been air attacks decaying the enemy into settling up heavy defenses there. But MacArthur's men and ships went right on by to grab the northwestern point of the Malayan archipelago.

The baffled enemy had only two men on Morotai's invaded Southwest beach. Those ten were trying to flee by barges and a destroyer took them prisoner.

No planes or warships were lost while supplying a flyover for the landings and Yank ground troops were reported light as the invaders pushed inland across the island and jungle-covered coast.

WARSHIPS FIRE

MacArthur watched the warships pour shells on ectopus-shaped Malabara proper to prevent the enemy from hastily correcting his wrong guess; he watched the naval guns blast Morotai; then he went ashore on a small landing craft.

"You now dominate the last stronghold which barred you from the Philippines," he later told his soldiers.

"The enemy, at usual, was right in the right places at the right time."

To his officers, he promised: "We shall shortly have an air and light naval base here within 300 miles of the Philippines."

The southwest coast of Morotai is ideally suited for heavy and medium bomber bases and is within fighter plane range of Manila.

The way for daily air raids on the Philippines of the same heavy caliber as the four-day attack by carrier planes which have just been told his soldiers.

Today's Temperatures
2:30 P. M. 82°
Sunrise 5:45
Sunset 6:45
Additional U. S. Weather data will be found on page 6.

UMW Raps Roosevelt

CHICAGO, Sept. 15 (AP) — The United Mine Workers of America today rapped President Roosevelt for his handling of the coal strike.

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Storm Blows Out To Sea Off Maine

The great Atlantic hurricane blew out to sea off Maine today and headed toward St. John, New Brunswick, leaving in its wake death and widespread damage throughout the Northeastern states.

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Talks May Continue

By W. L. BEALE JR.
QUEBEC — (AP) — The second Quebec conference will definitely continue tomorrow the conference in Quebec.

"Does your use of 'Quebec' mean they may talk elsewhere?" Early was asked.

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Say Eisenhower May Lead Attack Against Japan

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP) — The London Daily Mail said today that appointing Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as commander in chief for the combined Allied assault upon Japan is one of the decisions likely to be made by the Prime Minister.

The newspaper declared that the appointment of Eisenhower would be a foregone conclusion but for the fact that operations against Japan are being held down in Quebec.

"Adding this," it added, "one can see the fact that Eisenhower is already going far towards breaking the back of German resistance and it shouldn't be difficult to find someone to follow him."

Defeat Faces Japan, Declares MacArthur

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea — (AP) — General Douglas MacArthur today declared that Japan's defeat was a matter of time.

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