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The ever growing U.S. Navy in the Pacific [redacted] escort of General Rupertus's Marines in new drives against Rabaul. Liberator bombers softened up before the landings.

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(14 barges) [redacted] fighting men were making one more landing [redacted].

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From largest-type invasion ships came the armour and transport. The Americans are veterans in this kind of warfare, [redacted] Japs know [redacted], but never before have we had such vivid pictures of fighting in the South Pacific. [redacted] the Marines advanced. Parties landing from Cape Gloucester and from [redacted] Bougainville Island are converging on Rabaul.

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The landings took the enemy by surprise and the Japs paid a heavy price. But the road to Rabaul is no rose-strewn path. That much-prized air base is defended by stream, swamp and jungle, no less than by the Japanese. [redacted] the enemy's hold on New Britain grows [redacted].

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(50 af kratr) Under [redacted] the Allies' unrelenting pressure the outposts of Japan, far flung though they are, are caving in. The spectacular conquests of two years ago cannot be held against our attack. Measured by time, the war has been brought very near to Japan itself.