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R.A.F. AIDS ~~INDIAN~~ DIVISION IN BURMA.

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the 7th~~

On the Arakan front the 5th Division under the command of General Briggs, co-operated in the action in which ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> Japanese ~~5th~~ Division was encircled, with the loss of 5,000 dead. It was the biggest defeat the enemy has suffered on this front.

(Men forward) Meanwhile our beleaguered 8th Indian Division was supplied by air, ~~by~~ the air-supply company, in ~~which~~ which many Indians are serving, packed everything necessary into containers, to be dropped by parachute inside our lines. There was no stinting. The 7th Division was as fully supplied as if it had not been cut off, Ammunition was sent as well as food; for part of the plan was for the division to fight its own way out, something the Japs thought impossible. Fully laden the big transports took off.

(interior) It's old history now that the supplies were safely delivered, enabling the 7th Division to turn the tables and defeat the Japanese. ~~held the ammunition containers.~~

Meanwhile Stinson planes, which can take off from a very short runway, were used to bring out the wounded. For twenty-one days they made their flights to and fro, often through heavy fire. The Pilots stuck to their task and the wounded were got safely back.

In this way a near defeat was turned into Victory! and the 5th Division, too, severely mauled the enemy.

After the battle we collected the biggest haul of prisoners yet captured ~~on this front.~~ <sup>on this front.</sup> When the time comes for a Major offensive the Allies are confident of driving the Japanese clean out of Burma.

BURMA.

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On the Arakan Front in Burma Japanese prisoners, taken during the victorious Allied assault are brought back into camp.

Wounded prisoners receiving the same medical attention as that given to Allied casualties.

Swiftly encircled, the Japanese found themselves cut off. More than five thousand enemy dead and seriously wounded have so far been counted. Never before in this theatre of war has the Japanese Army suffered such a heavy defeat.

Through driving rain and clinging mud of the Arakan Front tanks manned by British and Indians moved to attack the enemy's 55th Division - crack fighters of the Japanese Army.

General Briggs, Commanding the British Fifth Division gives final orders for the assault and keeps in touch with the 7th Division by radio. Within a few hours the enemy 55th Division had been thrashed, and the Allied forces were moving into position ready for their next crack at the wily and treacherous Japs.

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