

## FLASHES

Intensifying the assault on Rabaul, Jap air and sea base in New Britain, a U.S. bomber surprised an enemy cruiser in the act of escaping. This action is only a facet of ~~the big offensive against the remaining Japanese bases in New Britain and New Guinea.....~~ the big offensive against the remaining Japanese bases in New Britain and New Guinea..... The cruiser was well and truly sunk.

Corn in Egypt! Large cargoes of wheat are arriving at a Middle East Port from Australia. They're being stored against the day when the Balkans are liberated and the Allies have to feed the population. The Germans are sure to attempt to lay ~~summing~~ the occupied countries waste before they are driven out. Temporary famine can only be avoided by the measures now being taken by the allies.

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The Under Belly of the Axis turned out to be anything but soft, but before this year is out the Balkans should be in our hands. Food for the people will be the next concern.

Behind the lines in Italy Gen. Clark, U.S. Commander, presented medals won on the Fifth Army front.

Using 16 mm mortar shells as hand grenades Serg. Kelly covered his patrol's retreat from an enemy strong point. He was under withering fire but he held on and his comrades got back in safety. America's highest honour fittingly rewards the brave sergeant congratulated by Gen. Clark.