

U.S. ANNIHILATE JAPANESE ON BOUGAINVILLE

Those two American heroes of the South Pacific, General MacArthur and his naval colleague, the victorious Admiral Nimitz, planned the final assault in Bougainville Island, in the Solomons group. The famous 37th Infantry led the ~~assault~~^{attack} in a desperate four day battle. The days when the Japanese were the best Jungle fighters in the Far East have passed. They were first equalled and then completely mastered in this type of warfare. Nevertheless the enemy still fanatically defends his Island conquests. Through tank-slits the Americans sighted their retreating foe.

(26 stretcher) Before that withering fire the enemy fell back. Still contesting every yard of ground he was relentlessly pursued, through jungle country in which the defender has every advantage.

8,000 Japanese were killed on ~~Bougainville~~, 22,000 taken prisoner. ~~Bougainville was conquered~~, ^{are} The Solomon Islands wrested from the Japanese.