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The biggest amphibious force America has yet employed in the Pacific, completely air-supported, assaulted Hollandia on a wide front. Just over the border of Dutch New Guinea, Hollandia and the neighbouring Humbolt Bay afford the best naval anchorages for 300 miles. Their value as a naval jumping off place for wider operations, the gallant General Macarthur well knew as he watched the heavy attack.

(13 sv @ 3 aft Mc) U.S. veterans of the 41st Infantry repeated their triumphs of many former landings. They went in expecting the invasion to be hotly contested, but already the Japs had fallen back. In the last 12 months the Yellow men have learned to fear the hard-fighting Americans and Australians under Macarthur's command. And as the U.S. infantry cautiously probed the jungle there was no answering fire. It was soon evident from the amount of stores the enemy abandoned and left burning that the landing took him by surprise. What time the Japs had they used for getting away.

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General Macarthur himself was soon ashore. This is the man whose direction of war in the South Pacific was recently described by Premier Curtin as coming near to genius.

He and his armies have had a long, hard fight to get on top, but military experts in Washington

It gratified him to see the bodies of the few Japs who stayed to fight. After a long, hard campaign the Allies are on top in this theatre of war. Experts say that remaining Jap outposts will fall in his hands like ripe fruit.