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SAIPAN: BASE FOR THE B-29'S

Saipan on the approaches to the Japanese homeland captured by United States troops only last June. In intervening months, Navy construction battalions and Army engineers have labored incessantly to convert this tiny island into a workable base for the Twenty-First Bomber Command, the mighty B-29 Superfortresses. The airstrip **gradually** takes shape.

Coral rock is dug from flooded quarries and from hillsides foundation material for a landing field that the Japanese radio had predicted could never be built.

Fleets of trucks bumper to bumper work on fast schedule to transport crushed rock to the field.

The base layer is delivered. An asphalt plant, set up on the island itself, turns out tough surfacing material for heavy-duty runways. Here on Saipan, an amazing force of modern machines run by skilled and tireless hands rushes the new base to **speedy** completion.

At Bolling Field, Washington, D.C., General Henry Arnold, Air Forces Commander, greets the pilot and crew of the first Superfort bound for Saipan. The fliers take with them a message from General Arnold "To the War Lords of Japan - We have not forgotten. The B-29's will remind you **AGAIN** and **AGAIN** and **AGAIN**."

The first B-29's arrive at Saipan, seven thousand miles from their starting point in the U.S.A. Every man on Saipan has worked toward this day. Now they welcome the big bombers.

General Haywood Hansell, leader of the Twenty-First Bomber Command second of the Super-Air-Forces now dropping thousands of tons of explosives on Japan even at Tokyo itself. All of Japan now comes within range thanks to the men who make, who fly, who service and who build the bases for the B-29's!

Long Island, New York the proud family of thirty-eight-year-old General Euseb O'Donnell, who led the first Superfort raid on Tokyo. Says young Mr. O'Donnell: "Nice going, Dad!"