

# Conquest in Philippines

Rushed to Britain by air come first pictures of the converging attacks which rapidly carried MacArthur's now veteran forces to Manila, capital of the Philippines. To the island of Mindoro, ~~neighbouring the main Philippine island of Luzon,~~

MacArthur sent <sup>an outflanking</sup> ~~a sea-borne~~ expedition, ~~aiming to cut off any~~ reinforcements the enemy might himself try to land <sup>in</sup> on the west ~~of Luzon.~~ Well screened and under heavy protecting fire MacArthur's men were successfully put ashore.

Synchronizing with <sup>Ormoc</sup> the ~~landing at Ormoc Bay~~ the Mindoro expedition made possible a <sup>twin</sup> ~~concentrated~~ drive on Manila.

~~The Americans thus obtained almost complete~~ <sup>Philippine</sup> control of ~~the Philippines~~ <sup>through</sup> the road to Tokyo ~~is~~ wide open.

~~The conquest of Mindoro went according to plan,~~

Now for the important landing at Ormoc Bay. ~~Striking on~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~the third anniversary of Pearl Harbour~~ the convoy left

Leyte Gulf, The Americans were in a victory mood. Behind them was the record of two years of Pacific conquest and the knowledge that ~~not only are they more than a match for~~ ~~the enemy man for man~~ they are overwhelmingly superior by land, sea and air.

~~The~~ Filipinos ~~w~~ d of hiding ~~f~~ +  
Japs, joyfully returned to Ormoc Valley,

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~~the Japanese forces are reported to have~~

A third landing put the American Sixth Army on the shore of the Lingayen Gulf, also on the island of Luzon.

Friendly Filipinos guided the Doughboys through the maze of ricefields towards the little town of San Carlos.

American control of the Philippines is now almost complete. The path of Japanese reinforcements is cut off and any army that cannot reinforce itself is doomed.

Another stage is reached on the way to the overthrow of Japan.