

BURMA LANDING OUTWITS JAPS

~~East of the Akyab Peninsula~~

East of Akyab the Myebon Peninsula was invaded by the 14th Army - regiments of the 15th ~~Indian~~ ^{Indian} Corps included - sloops of the Indian Navy in support.

Through deep water the men went ashore ~~under~~ ^{under} enemy fire. [This operation was part of the general outflanking movement aimed against Japanese defending Mandalay.

It took place under a commander recently arrived in this theatre of war, General Leese, formerly leader of the 8th Army in Italy.

200 miles inland an American Task Force ~~forced~~ ^{made} the crossing of the Irrawaddy. They were going to the rescue of Chinese detachments under U.S. command which had been cut off at Bhamo, ten miles away. Mules and light pontoons enabled the task force to make its way through thick jungle country intercepted by streams. Specially trained ~~Alsatians~~ ^{Alsatians} accompanied the ~~task force~~ ^{troops} as message carriers. Bhamo was not reached without hazardous marches, but this force, like all sections of the Allied armies in Burma, had the measure of the enemy and succeeded in relieving the Chinese.

(TV after CU feet) Latest news from this front is that British and Indians are strongly established over the Irrawaddy, thirty miles west of Mandalay. The end of Japan's invasion of Burma is in sight.