

ALLIES INVADE BORNEO.

As news breaks of further Australian landings on Borneo come first pictures from forward Pacific bases from which the famous Australian 9th Division launched the original attack. ~~THEY SAID THE JAPS WERE~~

~~ENTER~~ The Australian Commander in Chief, General Blamey supervised the embarkation and Australian Liberator squadrons took part in the softening-up air bombardment ~~ahead of the invasion~~, combined operation tactics well-proved already in the Pacific. Borneo oilfields, supplying the enemy with two thousand tons of high-grade oil a day, were soon blazing.

By one more route the Allies were on the road back to Singapore. Hundreds of landing craft carried the Australian towards the beaches. As they drew near aircraft screened their approach with smoke. Allied warships opened up ~~and~~ ^{an} all-out bombardment

(BV landing craft) Initial landings were unopposed. The Japs had gone back a few miles to escape the ~~bombardment~~ ^{shell} ~~bombardment~~. Hundreds of half-starved natives welcomed the spearhead of the liberating army. In every key outpost of Pacific conquest the Japs are ~~being~~ wide open to attack.

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PART I

1. TITLE: NEW PACIFIC BATTLEFIELDS

Sub-title: TARAKAN-BATTLE FOR OIL

2. The invasion of Tarakan. New Pacific fury as the Allies head for this strategic oil center--first move in the reconquest of the Dutch East Indies and the road back to Singapore.

9. A plane lays down a smoke screen as a terrific naval bombardment hits the island.

16. Now, Alligators repeat their battle-tested trip to one more shore. Men of the illustrious 9th Australian division--veterans of Tobruk and New Guinea--are aided by Americans and Dutch. Before the war, this Borneo island produced 2,000 tons of almost pure oil every day, oil that will now go direct to Allied Fleets. Now, half-starved civilians are evacuated. Their Jap rulers are dead. With victory on Tarakan assured, one more road is open for the great invasion.

PART II