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ON THE ARAKAN FRONT

A Commando excursion from somewhere in India, to a Forward Assault base on the Mayu Coastline of Burma. Start of a diversionary raid to set as a cover-up to the main thrust elsewhere, thus drawing Japanese attention from the real point of attack. Indian, West African and British troops form the body of this striking force.

Note how some of the boats are propelled. Levers geared to a central shaft driving a screw.

The signpost points to BUTRIDAUNG and MAUNGDAW, a region where one of the strangest incidents on the Mayu Ridge took place. Through the ridge runs a tunnel. Tanks were drawn up to the mouth of the tunnel, and, turning their searchlights on the entrance, fired their guns at point blank range at the Japs occupying the shaft. One way traffic, now reserved for those killing the King's enemies.

British and Empire troops travel the dusty roads and tracks that wind through the Province of Arakan. Hill and jungle fighting bewildering and remote. Men moved from one map reference to another, yet always able to draw upon that limitless reserve of power of endurance.