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ATTACK ON HOLLANDIA.

In a six day campaign, General MacArthur's forces have wiped out the Japanese at Hollandia in Dutch New Guinea. Fifth Air Force Bombers smash an invasion path from the sky.

General MacArthur, with the greatest concentration of Naval strength he's ever had, sees the opening bombardment.

Under the Commander's critical eye, landing craft head shorewards under the guns of the fleet.

Three landing places are selected, with HUMBOLT BAY receiving the main thrust. In succeeding waves the assault craft rush the shore.

Veteran American Infantrymen of the 41st Division are employed. But even old timers take unexpected duckings.

Where they expected ten thousand Japs to fight to the last ditch, only hastily abandoned supplies remain - many in flames. The landings came as a complete surprise and little opposition was encountered.

On the edge of low-lying, swampy area behind the Cyclops Mountains, three important airfields are situated. Their capture was given priority.

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Hollandia, first pre-war Dutch territory retaken from the Japs, lies eleven hundred miles from the Philippines - - MacArthur's avowed goal. As the General comes ashore, the evidence of complete victory is plain to see.

Another notch for MacArthur's gun. To the men who sealed his latest triumph, he says "Well done".