

PACIFIC CLIMAX

The beginning of the end on Luzon (biggest of the Philippine Islands) is speeded up by new American landings on Lingayen Gulf. Jap 'planes, more numerous than usual, get a rough handling.

The skies cleared, naval bombardment hammers out the chosen landing beaches. Rising seas make the job on hand more difficult than usual, but the invasion operation sticks to schedule.

Into one more beach goes General Mac Arthur. In six weeks his troops recaptured Manila, Corregidor and Bataan. Key base for new offensives, Luzon is another cross-roads passed on the long route to Tokio.

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