

ALLIED ARMIES IN BURMA BATTLE JAPS ON WIDE FRONT.

Despite the season of heavy rainfall, Allied armies gather for new thrusts against further Japanese penetration in Burma.

Here is the theatre of operation. In this sector, Brigadier General Frank Merrill commands. His men, seasoned veterans of fighting on Guadalcanal and New Guinea, are known as Merrill's Marauders. Now in Burma they go to wage their third major campaign against the Japanese invader.

Here, Merrill's men are encamped. Here, thousands of miles from their homes in America, they carry on in a strange country; prepare for action against a foe they twice have met and defeated.

For many there are medals for heroism....for valor....for wounds received in action. Now they're on the march. Seasoned, well-equipped, they are a formidable threat to Japanese dreams of conquest in this part of the world.

Near Imphal, the enemy, striking to cut the vital railway linking Bengal and Assam, faces veteran British units known as Wingate's Raiders. In the tragic death of General Wingate, seen here with Admiral Mountbatten, the Allies lost a brilliant leader. But the strategy General Wingate so carefully planned is being carried out to the letter.

Here, the Japs face the forces of General Stilwell. There below is the Lode road....designed to bypass Jap positions on the lower Burma Road and open a new supply route to China. Using equipment flown in by

planes, they are carving airfields from the jungles.

American-trained Chinese troops of Stilwell's command push on with but one determination....to drift back into China and liberate their homeland.

So far have they penetrated, supplies are flown to them by air. Flying freight cars maintaining an aerial supply line in skies no longer dominated by the Japs.

Rifle flung over his shoulder, General Stilwell marches with his men as they move into the Mogaung Valley. Now, less than one hundred miles from China, they open fire on the enemy.

Killing and cutting off large forces of Japanese in Burma's interior, the combined Allies Armies in Southeast Asia are striking back. Tanks playing an important role as United Nations forces drive forward to the aid of embattled China.