

GUAM CAPTURE COMPLETED

The Americans are back on Guam Island. First U.S. territory to be captured by the Japs, this Pacific stronghold shares with the neighbouring ~~ma~~ Island of ~~Sep~~ Saipan the advantage of being only 1500 miles from Tokio, ~~many~~
~~stomachs~~

(10 GV flak in air) The bombers ^{weighed} ~~WAD~~ in after the men-o-war had put over their terrific bombardment.

(12) Glasses) Japanese planes were clawed out of the sky. Then the first wave of ^{marines} ~~landing craft~~ went ashore, ~~they~~ ~~carried~~ ~~marines~~ some of them friends of the little garrison on Guam that was ~~was~~ swamped by the Japanese attack after Pearl Harbour. They had a hot reception from shore batteries.

... ~~In this picture one of the invasion barges gets a direct hit.~~

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(28 GV from shore) These pictures reach Britain as news comes that Guam is completely captured, and that super flying Fortressés have raided the mainland of Japan, only five hours distant as the bomber flies.

~~(Tank fire)~~ Guam is the kind of victory that induced the Prime Minister to say that the defeat of Japan may come very soon after the downfall of Germany. Once ^{again} the U.S. flag flies on the Island. It will not be hauled down again.

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The Navy's high-speed offensive in the Pacific engulf the island of Guam, first American territory captured by the Japs. Liberation coming, but first a hail of steel. The fifth U.S. Fleet "pouring it on". Planes climax seventeen days of terrific bombardment. Warships, close inshore, sharpshoot Jap planes out of the sky.

The best amphibious soldiers in the world, with tanks and mechanized equipment, churn toward the shore and ~~in~~ battle. Amphibious tanks lead the invasion parade...The Marines return to Guam...Yes, the Japs seized the island from their comrades, but they can't keep it...For the Leathernecks, this is homecoming and revenge all rolled into one...After two and a half years, Old Glory is on its way back. This stogy-chewing Marine, like most of the others, has been up against the Japs before, and it's no picnic.

The first assault wave boils in under heavy attack and in one of the most spectacular war scenes yet filmed, an American landing craft takes a direct hit. Nothing can stop the American tide of victory...The last hundred yards they wade ashore onto Orote Peninsula...Ten miles away the Army's 77th Division is making similar landings under the barrage of the fleet. Armor comes ashore almost without opposition...As Admiral Connolly says: We simply blasted the Japs to hell out of there".

Guam and Saipan on Nippon's front doorstep...Five bomber hours from Tokyo and the Philippines...the next thrusts may be at the very hear of the enemy. The first wounded on Guam...Casualties are high, ~~for~~ the Japs, ten to twenty thousand strong, fighting like cornered ~~beasts~~ beasts, have two hundred square miles to fall back in...American blood and American lives are paying for every one of those miles. Orote air-strip in American hands..and ammunition is brought up to blast the Japs out of the surrounding jungle.

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The battle for Guam goes on...As this newsreel is issued, the Japs still hold one-third of the island, taking daily toll of men and machines, but their days are numbered...The stars and stripes again fly over Guam...This time to stay.

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