

## NEW LEDO ROAD RE-OPENS WAY INTO CHINA.

The Ledo road from North Burma, through Myitkyina to the old Burma Road, is complete. One of the biggest engineering triumphs of the Far East it was begun by General Joseph Stilwell and to-day Chinese troops who were in Vinegar Joe's command ~~marched~~<sup>is</sup> along the highway against the Japanese. Stilwell ~~was~~ not there to see them, for after his outspoken criticism of the Chinese government Chiang Kai Shek asked for his re-call. Chinese and Burmese labourers ~~have~~ kept in repair those southern sections of the great highway which the enemy shelled as he fell back.

Weeks before ~~was~~ schedule the first convoy bound for China travelled the Ledo road. Ever since the <sup>Japanese</sup> invasion ~~of~~ closed the Burma Road ~~transport~~ planes have carried war goods into China. Now, the land route <sup>re-opened</sup> guns, tanks and heavy ~~ammunition~~ goods impossible to transport by air ~~will once again feed the Chinese war machine.~~ A large pontoon bridge <sup>over</sup> ~~spanning~~ the Irrawaddy ~~shows~~ ~~illustrates~~ that no difficulties deterred Stilwell's engineers in the construction of the Ledo Road. The lorries refuel at filling stations, from a pipeline running the whole length of the ~~road~~ <sup>highway</sup>.

~~once~~ Over the Salween River the convoys came to the place, near the border of China, where the Ledo ~~Road~~ and Burma Roads <sup>meet</sup> ~~join~~. At a ceremonial gateway built for the occasion by the Chinese there was a little ceremony of welcome, and at Kunming, terminus of the Burma Road, General Pick and his men were welcomed again.

~~Restoring land communication with China~~ Restoring land communication with China the Ledo Road tightens the ring of doom round the Far Eastern enemy.