

ROYAL NAVY BOMBARDS TRUK.

By heavy guns and carrier-borne fighter-bombers the British Navy bombarded Truk, strategic island-outpost of Japan. The enemy sent up several of his suicide bombers. One of them got a direct hit on a British carrier.... Not vitally hit the carrier was in action again a few hours later, and meanwhile the guns opened fire.

American Liberators based on the Carolines ~~XXXXXXXX~~ raided the Palau Islands, part of the general softening up for the rapidly approaching invasion of Japan. Now a remarkable shot of a Liberator hit by a ~~shell~~ <sup>bomb</sup>.

Allied air casualties are far smaller than they used to be in the Pacific, <sup>and</sup> The 8th Airforce, based on Okinawa, is a powerful re-inforcement. Off Borneo, motor-torpedo-boats made a lightning raid on Japanese oil-wells. This operation supported the Australian ~~assault~~ <sup>assault</sup> of the island.

~~(3 out) (insert)~~ One way and another Japan has been made desperately short of oil. Their natural supplies are gone, the synthetic plants are being ~~systematically~~ <sup>well</sup> bombed. The invasion will not be long.