

BORNEO, THE LAST PHASE

Japanese surrender was already in the air when the 7th Australian Division landed reinforcements on Borneo. The Balikpapan oilfields were ablaze - fired by the enemy - and one of the Diggers' objectives was to save what they could. First they had to drive the Japs out of range.

(Mac af F/T) ✓ Oil from the East Indies kept the Jap war machine going in the south Pacific. Its loss would have been another nail in the enemy coffin, even if the coffin itself hadn't since been blown skyhigh. General Macarthur had time to visit Borneo just before the war ended. Next time we hope to ^{Macarthur} see him in Tokio, enforcing peace