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THE WORLD AT WAR --- THE FAR EAST.

Since this film was taken, events in the Malayan Jungle have become very much more hectic; but despite the bad news that comes from that new theatre of war it gives a feeling of confidence to see this river patrol carried out so calmly. ~~Australians won a tremendous reputation in the first offensive in Libya; now north of Singapore they are defending their commonwealth in this outpost.~~ In the wet heat of this dense jungle, Australians and Japanese are matching cunning and courage in guerilla fighting ^{with Singapore.} You don't need to know anything of local conditions, to be able to say that Australians will give the Japanese all the fighting they want, even though they swarm out of the vegetation thick as mosquitoes.

Almost as big a problem in Malaya are the resident mosquitoes; that's why the first consideration of an engagement among the swamps is protection against them. Commanding the Australians here is General Gordon Bennett --- ~~unhappily reported captured by the Japanese~~ *since claimed to have captured him.*

Even in this heavy climate, these hefty sons of the British Empire find plenty of energy --- digging earthworks and trenches for the coming onslaught.

Bombs in Singapore: the great island fortress of the Pacific has had many raids since the Far East War began: once again the aggressors have professed to be liberating the country they attacked; the same technique as was used by the Nazi aggressors in Europe. Such obvious absurdity needs no denial; the twisting of words by knaves to make a trap for fools has become all too commonplace in the last few years. Liberation by the Axis nations means death and terror; indiscriminate bombing from the skies, bloodshed, misery, the breaking up of family life; this is the attempted new order in Asia, as it was in Europe. It's obvious now that the battle in the Far East will be another long, grim struggle: but we shall hang on here until the turn of the tide: and when aggressor nations have been taught by hard experience that gangsterism doesn't pay, decent people will have a much better world to live in.

Police in Singapore carry rifles, living as they do so close to the war zone; and they're rounding up Japanese civilians to be taken to prison camps. Events have shown that Japan has little to learn from Germany in the art of training a Fifth Column. Leniency in this direction is likely to be paid for in tears; Japan is a dangerous enemy of law and order.

Lastly, we have received from the Gaumont British cameraman in Singapore this record of the arrival of air reinforcement: Beauforts made in Australia. At the first onset of battle in the Far East the Japanese had the skies pretty much to themselves: we must hope that that heavy disadvantage may soon be adjusted.