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THE FAR EAST FRONT --- BURMA --- ACTION IN THARRAWADDY.

Latest pictures from the Far East front are from the cameraman with a patrol of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. During this stubborn rearguard fighting in Burma they had frequent contact with infiltrating Japanese.

They had recently come from the fighting on the Sittang River --- ^{this is} ~~now it's~~ Tharawaddy, South of Prome.

Many innocent Indians ~~had~~ here were found murdered by ~~traitor-Burmans~~ ^{Fifth Columnists}; terror tactics designed to create panic; but here retribution was on the way; Indian troops --- a mountain battery and cavalry which had just fought ~~the~~ ^a way out of the encircling ring of Japanese at Toungoo. North of Toungoo, General Wavell with General Alexander, Burma G.O.C. made contact with the Chinese front. The Chinese C.O. with them is General Tu Lee Ming.

Another link here ⁱⁿ the great alliance that ~~links~~ ^{joins} the United Nations across the world. We should have done much more for China when she first fought aggression in Manchuria; but it's something that now we are fighting the same thing together.

There's not much fear of anti-climax when the war is over; the fight for a decent life will still be just as desperate, with half the globe sacked and pillaged; this is a little village, bombed by Japanese culture; the blaze in the foreground is a funeral pyre -- the air raid's victims.

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And so to another instalment of that tragic trek that began ten years ago; the hopeless wandering of the weak and innocent, whose homes and lives have been wrecked by man's greed and lust for power; oh yes --- there's a tremendous reckoning to be made after the war; there's been so much agony: no one must have too much, in a world where so many have less than enough: we shall never dare to claim that the war is won, so long as one child goes hungry to bed --- one man or woman is sick without shelter --- and without hope.