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PACIFIC OFFENSIVE --- FURTHER PICTURES FROM THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

More despatches from the South Pacific warfront record the approach of the combined American and Australian force that made the counter offensive in the Solomon Islands. Attacking the left flank of the Japanese spearhead in position to attack Australia. The Far Eastern enemy's wild rush had been checked and held --- this was the first big attempt at hitting back by the United Nations

Japanese guns replied; ~~an Australian warship has~~ ~~and Australia's cruiser Canberra's~~ been heavily hit: but she's going down with guns blazing.

Now the marines are going ashore: objective is the big airfield.

They captured the airfield and more marines took Guadalcanal and Florida. No doubt at all our great ally across the Atlantic is doing his stuff: he's got right down to business and this is solid evidence that ~~has~~ not fooling.

We've got a long way to go yet before we win the war in the east and in the west --- but this is real achievement. This smashes the illusion that the Japanese always fight to the death: Japanese prisoners by the score: the little Nazis of the Orient can be beaten by determination and skill and courage: with Australian help, Americans have shown the world they have the qualities that win in the last reckoning.