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PACIFIC BATTLEFRONT --- COMBINED OPERATIONS LANDING AT
CAPE GLOUCESTER.

Further pictures from the South West Pacific where United Nations forces are converging in a drive on the Japanese stronghold at Rabaul. We have already shown the bombing of Cape Gloucester which aided the landing at Arawe; this is the softening up for the landing at Cape Gloucester itself. Giant Liberators drop their deadly loads on the Japs below.

2 Now the warships manoeuvre into position and open a terrific bombardment.

2 Now for the landing, under the crack of guns and the whistle and whine of bullets. American Marines pile into the landing craft to be first ashore.

Tanks and artillery are going ashore to support the men on foot.

Tanks leading, the ~~fi~~ infantry go on to gain and consolidate the strip that is their first beachhead.

Once again, it was a surprise assault. Japs dead by their posts and planes which never took off tell that much of the story.

First objectives are taken and passed; and the advance towards Rabaul continues. Always the same devilish conditions confront the men who fight in New Guinea and New Britain; jungle, heat, rains and swamps. They're pushing on; but not an inch of the ground they cover is anything less than a victory.

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