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THE WAR IN NEW GUINEA.

General MacArthur's offensive in New Guinea was crowned with success when Australians followed up the capture by American paratroops of the Markham Valley ... gloriously expansive after the steaming, sweating jungle.

Signallers have maintained communications under difficulties. To be able to lay a line like this instead of hacking a way through the jungle is money for old rope. Now they're up against a new obstacle; swift flowing rivers have to be forded.

More than one man has reckoned it was a job for the Navy in the first place.

The campaign in this territory has been greatly assisted by the loyalty and help of the natives, who are doing stout work as carriers. In the Markham Valley area a new type is met with. It's said that they were head hunters no so long ago. Maybe they still "crack a cranium" on the quiet.

Here's a problem for the engineers... a mountain torrent that has to be crossed. It has a 12 knot current. It's marvellous what they can do with a few tree trunks, a wire cable and the Volga boatman.

Captured Uniforms disclose the reason why Jap Marines fought with their backs to the wall.