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**GUAM.**

The Americans high-speed offensive in the Pacific engulfs the important Island of Guam, first American territory captured by the Japanese. Liberation is coming - but first a hail of steel from the 5th United States Fleet.

Planes join in to round off seventeen days of terrific bombardment.

Warships, close inshore, shoot Japanese planes out of the sky.

Shock troops, with mechanized equipment churn towards the shore and battle. Amphibious Tanks lead the invasion. The Americans are coming back - - Yes, the Japanese seized Guam, but they can't keep it. After two and a half years, it's homecoming and revenge all in one for these Marines. Most of them have fought the Japs before, and they know its going to be no picnic.

In one of the most spectacular war scenes yet filmed, the first assault wave goes in under vicious fire from the enemy. The Americans press on through heavy punishment....nothing can stop them now. The last hundred yards they wade ashore on to the OROTE PENINSULA. Along the coast, ten miles away, the Army is making similar landings under cover of a barrage from the Fleet. Here, armour goes ashore almost without opposition...the Japs have been blasted off the map.

GUAM and Saipan are on Japan's doorstep... five bomber hours from Tokyo and the Philippines. The next thrusts may be at the very heart of the enemy. The first American casualties are high, for the Japs are nearly twenty thousand strong and fight like cornered beasts. Two hundred square miles have to be recaptured, and each of those miles must be paid for in human lives.

Since these Newsreel pictures were taken, the American troops have heard the heartening words "All organized resistance has ceased". The Stars and Stripes again fly over Guam - - this time to stay.