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MANILA RETAKEN

Manila burns as the American drive to liberate the Philippine capital ends in victory. Parachute infantry drop in a surprise attack behind the enemy positions. Down below are fanatical Jap defenders who have been in control of the city for over three years.

Tanks spearhead the land offensive on Manila, the final prize at the end of weeks of bloody fighting on Luzon.

On the outskirts of the town the people turn out with gifts for their liberators. In the suburbs bells ring a joyous welcome, but inside Manila Japanese suicide squads set the entire centre of the town ablaze. Fanned by a stiff wind the flames consume the flimsy buildings adding a new terror for the one million stricken people. It took three weeks of savage fighting to smash the Jap garrison holding out in Intramuros, the original walled citadel of Manila.

Civilians stream out of the shattered town carrying with them what few possessions they have managed to salvage.

Hungry native children are silent witnesses to the criminal rule of Japan. Elsewhere, one more sickening Japanese atrocity is discovered. Innocent men, women and children butchere. But Manila is free again. General MacArthur enters the capital and formally turns the Civil Government over to President Osmena.

A hard trail lies ahead, a trail like the one left behind - the Aleutians - Guadalcanal & Tarawa - Guam & Manila. Today the slogan in the Pacific is "On To Tokyo."