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THE 14th's VICTORY

Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, Governor of Burma, meets Burmese leaders on board a British warship in Rangoon Harbour to discuss Burma's future. Epilogue to the 14th Army's total victory in that country.

It was in Rangoon, that men of the 14th celebrate with a victory march their hard-fought triumph over the Japs.

Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander in South East Asia took the salute. Once the Forgotten Army, the 14th has written its name large in the history of Burma. The Monsoon rain, the old enemy of these jungle campaigners, couldn't even leave their victory parade alone.

Famous regiments of fighters from many nations were among the thousands of troops who took part in the march past. West Africans, Indians, Gurkhas proudly paraded alongside British Marines and the men of County battalions. To round off the 14th's triumph, it's Commander General Sir William Slim (filmed at Pathe's Studios) has this to say on the war situation.

GENERAL SLIM

"The war against Japan is going well."
"Our American Allies in the Pacific have won great victories; we have had our own successes in the liberation of the greater part of Burma; but the Japanese is a tough enemy and much must be done before he will admit defeat. Nothing can stop us winning, but a great deal can be done to speed up and render less costly the final victory. That depends on how soon and to what extent we can marshal against Japan the resources which now become available."