

49/91"BURMA BILL" CHECKS UP IN MALAYA

Welcome arrival in Kuala Lumpur - Field Marshal Sir William Slim, chief of the Imperial General Staff. With the British and Colonial troops in Malaya thinking they have become another "forgotten army," the presence of "Burma Bill" - who led the almost forgotten fourteenth army to victory - focuses the nation's attention on a guerilla war that has still to be won. From the commanders on the spot - Generals Harding and Boucher - the Field Marshal hears the latest operational plans that, it is hoped, will enable countless refugees to return to their homes, at present held by the bandits. Final appointment for Britain's army chief (before flying on to Hong Kong) is with his old regiment - the Gurkha Rifles - only Indian unit left in the British Army.

In America, General Omar Bradley welcomes Navy and Air Force chiefs to a military demonstration at Fort Denning.

Rocket-firing jets soften up the target.

The infantry isn't fooling. All ammunition today is live. New types of equipment were tested under conditions simulating actual warfare.