

JAPS TRAPPED AT IMPHAL.

India's Minister of Information says: "We have trapped the enemy in the IMPHAL AREA. HE must either withdraw or be annihilated." These pictures from the Assam-Burma border take us into the hills of MANIPUR where men of the 5th and 7th Indian Divisions are in action. The main fighting has so far centred along the roads, where the Japanese have sprung out of the jungle in force at several key points, and attempted to establish road blocks to prevent us from concentrating our forces against him. Tanks, artillery and infantry are in process of knocking the enemy before he has time to become established.

Japanese held villages are consumed by flames as his attempt to seize our offensive base at IMPHAL is thwarted.

This is any man's country. Large opposing forces can wander for scores of miles without ever meeting each other - - - but when they meet it becomes a massacre. Japanese corpses are strewn thickly where they fall after being caught in a merciless crossfire from Infantry and tanks.

They have no further interest in Tojo's gamble. For them it has meant death in a strange jungle three thousand miles from Tokyo.