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Three months ago mixed British forces, setting out from Tamu (1), advanced southeast to Mawlaik. They built new roads and improved old ones. From the Sumprabum area (2) Kachin levies moved to the outskirts of Myitkyina (3), harassing the foe. From the Chin Hills (4) tribal units advanced to carry on aggressive patrolling. All this prepared the way for a spectacular march by a special force that proceeded from the border of Assam across difficult country to the railroad running from Mandalay (5) to Myitkyina, which it cut at seventy-five places. Encircled by the Japanese, it fought its way out and most of it has reached safety.