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Homma Knows What He's In For

By Taking Bataan Rap, Writer Asserts.

Jan General Calm, White
Says Reeling Meeting
In North China.

BY JAMES D. WHITE.

San Francisco, Sept. 17, (AP)—

If you can figure out the personal
paradox of Lt. Gen. Masaharu

Homma you may be close to one
key to the Japanese military and
the system which makes him per-

H. J. K. E.

Homma, you can't in the main

Americans think of as the butcher

a form of death march. He steps
calmly off a train in Tokyo and
tells American newspapermen that

he, really didn't know about the

responsibility for what his subordi-

nates may have done.

On U.S. Homma was Commander

Chief of Staff in North China.

The story then was that he

wasn't one of the military radicals

but that he had been sent there

by the Japanese High Command as a

"diluted" commander to control

the rebellious young officers who were

back of the blockade of the British

commander and who were having a

rebellion against the Chinese

and other Westerners at the black

side barrier.

Homma had an interview. We

were surprised to find this boyish,

general quite jovial, frank and

showing none of the jittery,

self-consciousness which affected

some of his Japanese officers.

TALKS IN ENGLISH.

Homma needed the cultural

Japanese officer I had ever met and

He only impatience with was

a Japanese interpreter whose

English was very poor. Homma

became upset and talked to us directly

in polished English. He seemed

perfectly reasonable except that he

insisted he knew of no instance

where Japanese troops were mis-

behaving.

At another time I watched him

speak at a Japanese military

meeting. He made the usual bow

and turned quickly and walked
down the stairs. As he passed us

correspondents he smiled briefly.

He argued about that afterward, be-

cause stories are written places

and other Japanese were fairly

quaking with the usual "bureaucratic

nervousness."

Still later, I saw Homma person-

ally lift the blockade. As the bat-

teries swung upon a gigantic crowd

of thousands of Chinese who'd been

isolated from their homes and jobs

by the blockade surged through

the city.

Homma stood like a rock almost

separating a small squad of his

troops. Anyone could have stuck

knife in his back and escaped to

that spot that flowed past him

like a flood. He just stood there.

Homma accepted what

weightless commander on Occipidiot,

I was still in Shanghai. A Japanese

urgent message had gone down

to be converted in 24 hours.

TWO DIVISIONS MOVE

INTO ST AGNÉS.

Paris, Sept. 17—(AP)—The Ar-

nachus into the city had been

Divisions were moving into staging

area on the right where the 51st

Div and 32nd Infantry Divisions

were assigned a zone of advance.

The German 51st and 32nd Divisions

were captured in France.

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Homma Little Interest in POWs

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