

ALLIES MASS FOR NEW OFFENSIVE.

Though the smoke of battle still rises from Cherbourg the Americans are not resting on their laurels. Fresh from the capture of that invaluable port they have turned south again, in the gigantic <sup>allied</sup> battle which aims at the French capital itself. Mopping up remained to be done in Cherbourg after the general surrender. In this town, where only the swastika was displayed until a few days ago, the Union Jack is now a common sight. ~~The~~ Rejoicing in their liberation the French people hastened to tear away all traces of Nazi ~~occupation~~ <sup>rule</sup>. It is hard for them to realise that the nightmare of German ~~rule~~ <sup>oppression</sup> ~~is over~~ <sup>is over</sup>.

(CU laugh) The people can laugh <sup>now</sup> at the oppressors of yesterday. The speedy collapse of the enemy in ~~Germany~~ <sup>the Peninsula</sup> has surprised all except those who realise that the foundations of Hitler's Germany have received shattering blows in the last two years. Cameramen who entered Cherbourg with the spearhead troops secured dramatic pictures of street fighting. *It's sun time but*

*enemy resistance of overk.*  
(27 surrender) The German army had no stomach ~~left~~ for another Stalingrad. It is unlikely - to put it mildly - that Hitler will ever again persuade any isolated garrison to fight to the death. German Red Cross women attended their own wounded.

There was something symbolic about the prisoners' haste to enter the compounds. The legions of the third Reich are everywhere on the run. The shadow of complete collapse spreads over the whole German army.

There was a deeply moving scene in the Russian section of the compound. ~~Some of the wives~~ Some of the wives thought their husbands were going to be shot. ~~The Russians~~ The Russians were forced into the German army after the capture of Orel. They were allowed to bring their wives with them. Unable to understand the American's assurance that all would be well the demented women still believed that their husbands were going to their death. That story had been drilled into them by the Nazis and no amount of gesture and persuasion could convince them it was untrue.

Other Russians were overjoyed to be with their Western Allies and to hear of the tremendous triumphs of the Red Army.

Meanwhile the British have widened their bridgehead across the Odon River, South-West of Caen.

In the ripening cornfields of Normandy is fought the battle whose outcome may be the Allied capture of Paris. The whole pace of the war has increased in the last month. Gains which formerly meant weeks of hard fighting are now accomplished in a few days. The war in the West has not yet gathered the speed of the Russian campaign but military experts believe it ~~may~~ will do so before long. However, the rout is not yet on this front. It is here that the enemy has massed his armour and there will be no sensational development till Rommel has been defeated in this rural scene.



(70 tank K.O%) So far the German tanks have had the worst of it. Rommel made his reputation in the desert. He has not adapted himself to the restrictions of less open country.

(81 People out) Inhabitants of ruined villages are being cared for in special camps. To leave them to tramp the roads would have been to disrupt military traffic .

That lesson of the Fall of France has been well learned. As the result the British war machine goes forward unhindered.

Every additional capture of prisoners affords proof that German manpower is stretched nearly to the limit. Many youngsters of no more than sixteen have been taken on this sector. Over the rich soil of Normandy the British infantry probed their way, consolidating the ground won by the tanks. The Odon salient forms an increasing threat to the town of Caen. That road and rail junction, lynch-pin of the enemy position in Normandy, will soon be wrested from the Nazis.

(Next ) (CU tank smoke) Though losing much armour in <sup>yields</sup> the severe fighting the enemy hereabouts ~~knows~~ nothing without a struggle. Nevertheless in prisoners, killed and wounded his losses are crippling.

The flail tank, familiar enough to the army but only just permitted mention in the press, is clearing minefields in Normandy with much success. Its revolving chains dig them out <sup>and</sup> explode them, all without harm to the tank itself.

Throughout the army there is a feeling that the harvest of victory, so long awaited, will soon be reaped.

Against an enemy compelled to put in the front line boys fresh from school the allies are fielding the most powerful, highly trained armies the world has ever seen.

The empire of Hitler is as bedraggled as his army.

More than ~~forty~~<sup>40</sup> thousand prisoners were taken in less than a month. The allies ~~irresistibly~~<sup>irresistibly</sup> go forward.

The fabric of Nazi conquest is cracking beneath our unrelenting blows.