

THE BATTLE OF FRANCE

The gigantic pattern of Eisenhower's strategy unfolds more clearly now as the Allied victory plan is seen working out to the last detail. ^{PAUSE} On the ^{North West} ~~East~~ front a great concentration of British, Canadian and Polish armour is moving forward, cracking every attempt at resistance by the now overwhelmed and broken Nazi remnants. It is working slowly and thoroughly north ~~west~~ mopping up isolated pockets, picking up prisoners, and ~~is~~ winking wrecked towns free of the faintest suspicion of a live Nazi.

St. Raphael — PAUSE.
Meanwhile in Brittany/American air attacks on St. Malo force the ~~last~~ ^{fanatical} German ~~Commander~~ ^{COMMANDER WHO SWORE NEVER TO SURRENDER} ~~into a change of heart.~~ INTO A CHANGE OF HEART. PAUSE
~~the scene of many Frenchmen in the place, in circumstances~~

North of Le Mans a U.S. transport column meets a group of over 200 Russian women taken from the Leningrad area three years ago as slaves to labour on German military roads in France. On these same roads the U.S. 8th Fighter command is taking appropriate revenge on their behalf. PAUSE.

(Camera gun)

Now seen to be only a part of the plan for overwhelming victory/with Berlin and the Rhine rather than Paris and the Seine as its objectives, the springing of the Falaise trap yet broke the back of the Nazi will to resist. ~~by~~

~~Falaise the encircling arms joined to enclose a struggling mass of men.~~ *pause.*

At the time of going to press 30,000 prisoners have fallen into our hands. ~~the cream of the Nazi divisions.~~ Thousands more/who have fought on/have been wiped from the face

of France

leaving behind them hardship and destruction.

~~from the face of France. In the killing ground buildings were wrecked by the score, but far greater destruction was wrought on the elite Panzer divisions here reduced to mounds of scrap metal, enclosing slaughtered humans.~~

(PAUSE)

~~Churches can be repaired. In this building let the vow be made that the armed might of Germany shall never again be allowed to deface again the beauty that man builds. rise high enough to knock one brick off another.~~ PAUSE

(PAUSE)

In this greatest battle of the war the Poles have had a chance to join the allies in the spearhead of attack, and they have availed themselves with fervour of that chance. The commanders of the Polish Armoured Division told General Montgomery that they were with him to Warsaw. And in that general direction R.A.F. Lancasters bombing the enemy rear, ready for the next circle forward. PAUSE

The victory in ~~XXX~~ North West France has taken U.S. forces across the Seine. The combined allied army is at full stretch to eliminate the last desperate thousands of Kluge's Seventh Army. More than 300,000 are already accounted for. "The end of the war is in sight, let us finish off the business in ~~XXX~~ record time".

HERE ARE the first pictures of the
preparations ^{which} took — ~~in France~~

~~The fifth? successful airborne landing took~~
thousands of ^{allied} ~~allied~~ troops into the South of France.
Prepared with more chance of secrecy than D Day
this new invasion on the European fortress has gone
with out a hitch from the start. Planning, under
General Alexander Patch, lacked nothing in thoroughness.

(PAUSE)

A great initial victory has been achieved and the stunned
Nazis behind the coastal area are in full retreat, denied
even the faintest hope of reinforcement, and fleeing by
escape routes which may any day ^{be severed as the} ~~become canals in which~~
^{Axis sweep forward.}
~~they will be trapped~~ roped and thrown.

(PAUSE)

~~glider-borne,~~ the troops crossed the Southern
^{France} ~~France~~ coastline without opposition, for down below
the navy was keeping the coastal batteries fully
occupied. ✓ A German plane that interfered was quickly
shot down.

PAUSE

When the big guns had done their work, the troops in the
invasion barges found themselves heading for shore
under the blanket of a smoke-screen.

(PAUSE)

Once through the thin defensive crust ~~with its~~
dummy wooden guns the troops moved inland with few
incidents. Hardly more than an hour later the first
disconsolate prisoners signified that ~~the~~ Nazi
demoralisation is as complete here as in the North of
France.

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overwhelming ~~immediate~~ victory, ~~the~~
~~the~~ with Berlin and the Rhine
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~~approximately~~ 30,000, probably more, who were ~~of~~ the cream of
the Nazi divisions. ~~And that cream is wiped~~ *from the face of France.* *And that cream is wiped*
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here reduced ^{to mounds of} ~~to~~ scrap metal, enclosing slaughtered ~~men.~~ *huns*

In this ~~the~~ building
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the armed might of Germany shall never again rise high
enough to knock one brick off another.

In this greatest, ~~maybe final~~, battle of
the war the Poles have ~~never~~ had a chance to join
the allies in the spearhead of attack, and they have
availed themselves with fervour of the chance. ~~the~~
~~Polish armoured Division has worked hard to earn the~~
~~congratulations of General Montgomery~~

System in W. Europe ^{of the whole Nazi}
For four years the centre ~~from which the Nazis~~
~~have dominated Europe~~, Paris has yet remained a symbol of

freedom in the minds of all free men/whatever their
race or creed. Now she is rising largely by her own
effort to meet the tide of victory flowing past
her gates.

~~(Paris)~~

General Koenig victor of Bir Hacheim, has been
appointed governor of the city by General De Gaulle.

The Vichy government/which never dishonoured by its
presence the city of light has walked out into the
unknown. For Paris the reign of the beast is over.