

ALLIED JAWS TIGHTEN

From Wesel to Bremen and beyond Field Marshal Montgomery's path lay through devastated cities, the ghost towns of the Reich that was to last a thousand years. To our reconnaissance planes Wesel looked like any one of scores of enemy cities flattened by Bomber Command and the conquering regiments of the British liberating armies.

On towards Bocholt went Dempsey's Second Army in the attack that swiftly carried them to Munster, ~~the~~ through ~~the~~ ~~important~~ ~~city~~, into the heart of north Germany, on the road to Berlin.

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(15 GV smoke) Bocholt was plastered with posters reading: "Now More Than Ever - Heil Hitler." That once magic name has ceased to inspire the vast majority of German soldiers and civilians. But some arrogance remains. ~~At~~ ~~Bocholt~~ ~~at~~ Nordkirchen Castle, in Westphalia, the Princess Valerie Schleswig-Holstein, ~~grand daughter of Queen Victoria,~~ *confused to a* ~~more~~ ~~rooms~~ *more 14* objected to being ~~allowed a more~~ ~~rooms~~ when the rest of the building was used for army purposes. That sort of attitude, by no means confined to German aristocracy, our armies *offer* ~~encounter here and there wherever they advance~~ *as they advance.* That is why the mass surrender of less spirited Germans is not enough to end the war.

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 To cage and feed the great host of prisoners tests our organization to the full. Every man among them is closely questioned.

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We are now using a special de-lousing gun. It is to be hoped they don't load it with bullets by mistake.

Tempests and rocket Typhoons of the British Second Tactical Airforce have brought the German railway system in the north almost to a standstill.

Four
 (~~Eight~~ out)

~~At 10~~ (41 planes zoom) On Patton's front the RAF bombed Aschaffenberg, - typical example of Allied co-operation.

Munster, great junction of roads and railways, was the key to north Germany between the Rhine and Bremen. Tanks of ~~the~~ a Guards Armoured Division carried American paratroops on a joint assault of the town. Not long ago this scene of utter desolation was a thriving city, ~~of nearly 150,000 people.~~ In the ten days fighting that carried us from Wesel to Hanover, German killed, wounded and prisoners reached the stupendous total of half a million. The days of organized enemy resistance are numbered.