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Operations in part of the Nazi's much boasted Siegfried Line which had fallen into Allied hands. High explosive had a tough time blasting the concrete dragon's teeth. Americans drive through this weird country of anti tank obstacles.

In Belgium the enemy, having failed to hold the Allies on the Albert Canal, tried desperately to halt our drive towards Holland by blowing the Escaut Canal bridges further North. But Bailey bridges are swiftly thrown across, and the advance continues past knocked-out German artillery.

German wounded, out of the war for good, are helped through our lines towards prison camps by their captured comrades - and the unwounded do a cross-country supported by a Tommy with a bayonet.

Eindhoven, across the Dutch border, is the next objective of the British 2nd Army. Liberated civilians turn out to cheer them on their way.

The Dutch frontier is reached. North of this point the British came up against stiff opposition; but by a brilliant outflanking threat the Germans were forced back, and Eindhoven first big Dutch town to fall into our hands, was occupied intact. The liberated inhabitants show their feelings in no uncertain way.

A few people do not join in the celebrations - German troops caught in the advance. But the unhappiest man in Eindhoven is a Dutch Nazi...facing the jeers of his fellow citizens. The rest of the townsfolk go wild with joy. Eindhoven's streets echo to dancing feet and laughing voices. These people do-not have not known happiness for four long years - and they make the most of it.