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BRITISH TROOPS CROSS GERMAN FRONTIER.

The German Frontier at the town of Beek. Pathe Gazette cameraman Ken Gordon was the first newsreel representative to enter Germany. During a short spell of leave in London he gave us this account of his experiences.

"Bill Warhurst of the Times and I made a dash over the border as men of the Sherwood Ranger Yeomanry, original D. Day boys, set feet on Germany territory - the first British troops to enter the Reich. I got a big kick out of the white flags that had been hung out and it was great to see German sentry boxes now manned by our own boys. I don't mind admitting I didn't stay there long. The town of Beek is half in Holland and half in Germany; now it's wholly in our hands.

I met up with some of the First Airborne Division boys who got back from Arnhem. Every man had brought back his arms; many of these magnificent troops had swam across the Rhine and had fought their way back under mortar and small-arms fire. See the undefeatable spirit of Britain's Red Devils.....I never want to meet finer men in war"

The Commander of the First Airborne Division - Major General Urquhart, whose leadership inspired the men of Arnhem. He was met on his return to Britain by Major-General Paul Williams, Commander of the American Troop Carrier Force, and recorded this message:-

They smile after their ordeal - the men who have turned the name Arnhem from a speck on the map to a symbol of endurance and infinite bravery.