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HAMMERING AT HERTOGENBOSCH

General Dempsey's army passage on in Holland. Flame-throwing Crocodiles driving on to capture the important road and railway junction of Hertogenbosch, chase German snipers from their hideouts with jets of fire. Snapshot of a sniper, snapped up and shepherded by a soldier with a nice sense of honour. Assault troops dig furiously at an air-raid shelter smothered by the collapse of a cottage under fire. One of the great tragedies of this struggle are the civilians and their homes, trapped by the tide of war and the suffering. In this case both mother and daughter were rescued safely by soldiers who remember scenes like this at home. In the ruined steeple of a church the Nazis have left a flag as a last insolent gesture. A soldier flings it to the ground. A desolate scene of destruction in a once peaceful town, destruction marks the passage of the fighting. The Germans leave mines in their retreat. The British flail tank beats a passage. Avre tanks carrying fascines to fill the ditches and streams. Britain's D-Day secret weapon in action. From the marsh to the sea our advance marches on, tanks and guns, guns and men. Men who despite a tenacious enemy and adverse weather are sloggng resolutely along the road that leads to Berlin.