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WESTERN FRONT WAR REPORT.

Aachen as allied airmen see it, battered and beaten.....The battle for Aachen has been a test case which the rest of Germany watched anxiously. The German people must realize, by now that the continuation of the war inside the Reich can mean only terrible losses and the smashing of their towns and cities.

Somewhere beneath this throud of smoke lies what was once the City of Cologne.....Now it's gone —smashed—wiped out. Flying five miles above, we witness the R.A.F.'s heaviest raid on Cologne, blotting it out for keeps.

German grip on South Western Holland is loosened another stage as British troops advance into the Cathedral City of Hertogenbosch.

Captured Germans take one of their wounded for a ride.....They're all in the cart really and they know it.....The rest of the uninjured prisoners, have to make do with Shanks' Pony.

North of Antwerp, British troops and tanks drive on in yet another thrust. This move brings our forces one stage nearer to the Clearance of all approaches to Antwerp. The Scheldt estuary, key to the port, is the prize.

Canadian Army Film Unit cameramen turn in the first pictures of the amphibious invasion of Beveland. Alligators plough their way across the Scheldt towards the long low line of the coast.

The shore is reached and the Alligators claw their way up the muddy slopes. Beach heads are soon established and men and their supplies swarm in to join with forces advancing along the neck of the peninsula.

From Alligators, to another item in the Allies' Zoo of surprises for the Germans - the weasel....which is equally at home in mud, water, ditches and if necessary on ordinary solid earth or roadways.

Then there is the IVT 4 - also amphibious.... which hatches out reconnaissance cars - a simple operation.

Second Tactical Air Force Medium Bombers scored a major success when they bombed a large road bridge over the River Maas at Roermond.....It was completely destroyed...and with it went one of the Germans' most important supply routes in East Holland.

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At Tilburg the fortune of the Nazis is no better. Allied troops, crossing the canal in assault boats, hustle the Germans out of the fortress town. A formidable series of obstructions were left by the Germans. Blown bridges caused our forces considerable trouble but could not prevent their determined advance.

At a quarter-to-eleven, the streets begin to fill with the excited citizens of Tilburg who rush to receive their liberators.

The winning of renewed freedom in enemy occupied countries in Western Europe has proved hardest of attainment in Holland, but difficulties, however great, will prove no deterrent to ultimate success.