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COCH GRABBED

United Kingdom troops fight their way into the Siegfried Stronghold of Coch. A synchronized advance hit into the town's defenses from three directions, cutting the enemy's escape routes.

In this sort of battle, machine-guns can tell you the exact requirements of a "better hole".

The lightning speed and punch of the attack was too much for the German Commander in Coch; he was captured in bed. But, if he was asleep, those tankmen were not. At least one unwary Coch chicken is taken for a ride.

Recognize the back? Field Marshal Montgomery moves up to the forward area.

British troops are collecting even more than the usual bag of prisoners. One thousand taken in Coch swell the total from 12 days' fighting to 9,500.

Scottish and Welsh regiments hurled the massive bulwarks of this strategic pivot of the Siegfried Line. Coch adds to the list of successes won by General Crerar's First Canadian Army. Three quarters of its men hail from England, Scotland and Wales, and its victory is, in the widest sense, an all-British one.