

CUTTING OFF HOLLAND

Churchill tanks of the Grenadier Guards Armoured Brigade give a lift to men of the American 17th Armoured Division. They are working together after the link up for the first time into the great thrust through Bocholt, Munster and Bremen to the River Weser and the North Sea.

Another great trap is primed for German Armies on the Western Front. Infantrymen of a Welsh Regiment share in the joint drive to seal off the whole of Northern Holland.

As Allied columns go forward into the Reich, German prisoners move in the opposite direction. Enquiringly, children watch the sunset of the Herrenvolk. As the enemy retires Eastward, the R.A.F. harrasses him all day and every day.

On the road to the vital Dortmund-Rhin canal, Munster proved a tough nut to crack. Every kind of armour was called in - including a new and menacing mystery vehicle, but don't tell anyone.

Munster was given a chance to escape annihilation. The German commander rejected Allied demand for his surrender.

The price paid for delaying the Allies no more than a few hours was total defeat for the Defenders and the destruction of their city.

Already by-passed by the Allied vanguard, Munsters' resistance was a suicide bid. Fighting side by side, through blazing suburbs, the British Guards and American EBF paratroops fought their way to the heart of the city. Among its many objectives, the long awaited sweep cuts off the rocket and flying bomb sites in Holland which have menaced Southern England for so long. For this relief much thanks.