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DIGEST OF WAR NEWS

Coldstream Guardsmen of the Guards Armoured Division get a rousing welcome in friendly Holland. The people of Eindhoven on the Dutch-German Frontier, really appreciate their first taste of liberty in five years.

The excited town doesn't see much of them; they have urgent business on the other side of the German border. Swift moves which cut off the rocket-zones, resulted in the capture of a train loaded with V.2. rockets on their way to launching sites. The war-heads are missing but otherwise the rockets are sectionally complete. Giant liquid oxygen fuel tanks are packed with insulation wadding made of spun glass used to prevent the fuel exploding when the rocket is fired.

Full firing instructions were discovered in this train load. Official disclosures are now showing that "V.2" is the wars' most menacing weapon. It took 200 Americans to make the final capture of Heidelberg, one of Germany's oldest cities. American money built a new wing to the towns most famous building, the University, now sporting the usual Nazi signs.

As Germany touches rock bottom looting becomes almost as familiar a sight as those ever-lengthening lines of surrendering prisoners. Killing crowds pillage stocks of clothing or anything else that's movable from shops and transport barges. Here's what happens when Nazi discipline of the whip and the rubber truncheon breaks down.

A contrast in mood is provided by Russian slave labourers. Ninth Army Americans opened up the prison camp at Kaunitz and freed nine thousand captives. These are the survivors. 30,000 of their comrades died from privations. Women received similar treatment. Jewish women were forced to wear a yellow cross painted on their clothing. Their prison numbers have been tattooed on their arms; their fingers bear marks of torture.

New bestialities come to light almost daily as the advance thrusts deeper into the Reich. German officials and officers are compelled to look on the evidence of mass murder which came to light at Hadamar Asylum. These are the only pictures fit to be shown. A record of unforgettable horror.

The Dortmund-Ems Canal. Once an artery for German transport now a vista of derelict barges and broken bridges. In the same region, a British Marine checks over Osnabruck streets with his "walkie talkie."

Osnabruck has not been as badly damaged as most other German towns. Commandos were quickly through the city. Time's short and, as their banner says, they "Bash on regardless."

Hungarian soldiers, kept prisoners by the Germans, march to freedom. They still wear a look of bewilderment. ~~XXXXXXXX~~

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Changing sides is a confusing business.

Allied loud speaker vans patrol the streets of Osnabruck, marshalling crowds and issuing orders.

Posing as a Dutchman, a Gestapo man is spotted among the crowd of civilians. A Russian girl tells him a few things she thinks about the Gestapo after her years of slave work in Germany. An interesting scene which will be repeated again and again in many places.