

HOISTING HERMANN

Seven months tunnelling by a Bomb Disposal Squad and Hermann, Oroyden's 4,000 pound time-bomb comes up, fin first. When he fell in January 1941, Hermann was just an incident; now he's an event. Buried 40 feet down and the last survivor of blitz days, the bomb remained a continual threat until Royal Engineers reached it. When they unearthed him, Hermann was bedded down in Woe Water, Oroyden's subterranean river. Pumps have been running continuously to prevent Woe Water living up to its name by flooding the shaft. Local residents were ordered to evacuate their homes for the lifting attempt. After five years in English soil, Hermann remained German and vicious.