

ALLIES DRIVE INTO GERMAN TERRITORY

Out flanked by air and in places carried by frontal assault the Siegfried Line goes the way of the rest of the vaunted Atlantic War and ceases to be of account in the defence of Germany. The walls of steel and concrete which only a few weeks ago the Nazis thought unassailable, avail nothing against the Allied Drive in the West. Advanced patrols of Americans were among the first to enter German towns, after a brisk action in the Eupen Forest.

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(GV after glasses) The Americans were now on German soil. The first place they entered was a small town with an interesting history. Eupen was ceded by the Germans to Belgium after the last war, and noisily grabbed back by the Nazis after Dunkirk. Ninety per cent of the people are German speaking. For the first time since D-Day Allied troops found themselves unwelcome. The few Germans who could be persuaded to show themselves confessed they had expected harsh treatment, and said that they had been threatened with imprisonment if they helped the Allies.

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(After Mortar)STV) The little German town of Wallendorf was no more than a smoking ruin by the time its defenders were driven out. It was good to see that the land war had at last come to Germany. A broken down German Panther tank blocked the road until the engineers cleared the way.

Further north the Americans entered Maastricht the Dutch frontier town of Maastricht, where the people were eager to give their lives oor possible help. The attack was gathering speed, U.S. First Army Commander, General Hodges conferred with General Dempsey, G.O.C. British Second Army, The spearhead of whose forces now stormed the Escout Canal, Part of the swift British move to roll up the enemy Right Flank.

(LV After pan tank) Advancing into Holland our troops were everywhere, aided by men of the Dutch Resistance Movement. They were soon to learn of a new Allied attack in the most ambitious airborne operation of the war.