

ALLIES SEVER GERMANY

Sweeping through Germany before the dramatic link-up with the Russians the Americans captured Jena, scene of Napoleon's smashing victory <sup>over</sup> the Prussians in 1806. As in most places German civilians tried to ingratiate themselves with their conquerors. No desire to prolong the war is shown anywhere by the German people. Hungarian soldiers were rounded up during the advance, men who <sup>earlier on</sup> willingly marched with Hitler in the hope of sharing the spoils.\* When the 9th Army, penetrating farthest east of all the Allies, marched into Brunswick, the German Commanding General begged that the city be declared an open town. He was bluntly told that the Allies demanded unconditional surrender and was permitted to convey that news to his garrison.

The great ball-bearing plant at Schweinfurt was in ruins. More than once it was the target of American bombers and the enemy moved much of the machinery into nearby caves <sup>to</sup> and continued manufacturing that vital component of the war machine. The occupation of Germany had produced much evidence that bombing alone could never have won the war. The final defence of Schweinfurt was left to youngsters little more than boys, another proof that German manpower was all but exhausted.

*The 7th Armoured Div captures Fallingsb. ~~booked~~*  
The notorious Stalag XI B at Fallingsbostel was captured

by the 7th Armoured Division, ~~was with the Monty's~~  
~~immortal 6th Army.~~ 6,500 men, <sup>part</sup> representing nearly all the countries fighting Germany, were set free. ~~More than~~

~~500 of the men taken part in the 500 mile winter march from Olsztyn.~~

\* German civ e kept clear while to traps  
opened at ~~center~~ Camp here - ~~at~~  
insurances Stalag 11 B

(45 fingers) ~~One prisoner had been a prisoner five years. The camp had 100 men, nearly 7000 were crowded in it at Christmas.~~ Warrant Officer

George Boot of Leeds was the first Englishman to be taken prisoner in the war. The German guards, left without time to get away, were quickly rounded up.

So crowded and lice-infested was the camp that men were allowed to make their <sup>own</sup> shacks. A Welsh miner built himself an underground <sup>one</sup> place. The men now tore down the disused wooden huts to make fuel for their blower cookers.

(CU pan down) ~~It was unbelievable but~~ there was now bath water available <sup>if just cold</sup> ~~so why wait till~~ Friday?

In the camp hospital-tents men were still recovering from the effects of the winter forced-march. In the cemetery lay the ~~2~~ 600 who died at the end of it, killed by exhaustion and under-feeding. *Many thousands of allied soldiers met by death in 7 terribly camp*

(CU Brian Woods) They died but thousands lived, restored to freedom by the Allied victory.