

HOUR OF DEFEAT

Bomber Command and every other section of the Royal Air Force intensified its ~~already~~ stupendous efforts against the disintegrating war machine of the Third Reich. Against the still active submarine squadrons based on Heligoland ~~on~~ RAF heavies, more than a thousand strong, <sup>airfield and</sup> struck at the/U-boat hide-outs on that heavily fortified island.

\* In hiding at Swinemunde, outer port of Stettin on the Baltic, Lancasters sank the pocket battleship Lutzow. There was no direct hit, but such is the earthquake effect of the 12,000 pounders, that the battleship was sent to the bottom.

\* On land the Second Tactical Airforce blitzed every visible target. Rockets and cannon shells murderously swept the paths of German retreat.

\* Nor were the occupied countries forgotten. Mosquitoes destroyed a thickly camouflaged Gestapo headquarters in Denmark.- ~~an important point in the attack which has been a major success in the campaign~~  
~~in the air and the ground forces have made a great advance~~

All this time the land armies had swept forward. Magdeburg fell.

(Next) Magdeburg stands on the Elbe 150 miles from Hamburg. When the city authorities refused to surrender it was heavily air blitzed. ~~When the troops fought their way in.~~

A sad blow indeed to Nazi pride was the fall of Nuremberg. Tattered and desolate lay the huge military stadium. To such an end has come the mailed fist that Hitler shook in the face of <sup>pre-war</sup> Europe. Here were held the party rallies that inflamed the German lust to become all-powerful and destroy whoever stood in the way...

(GTV) We call to mind the prophecy of President Roosevelt: "They asked for it - they are going to get it."

Another great prize falling into allied hands was Leipzig, city of three-quarter million people, scene of the world-famous international fairs in time of peace. Street-by-street the Americans <sup>Battle of</sup> fought their way to the city centre. ~~fighting~~

Civilians ~~who~~ vied with each other in eager surrender.

But everywhere in ~~the~~ Germany, ~~as~~ as was seen in the Leipzig Town Hall, there are <sup>died</sup> ~~in~~-in-the-wool Nazis to whom suicide was preferable. The Mayor, his wife and daughter, poisoned themselves with cyanide.

~~an~~ A general of the Volksturm also took his own life.

However, many millions of these unattractive people prefer to live. More than fifty thousand were herded into this camp alone, some of the three-hundred-and-fifty-thousand captured in the Ruhr. An army of that size could have put up a great fight if the will had been there. What happened in the Ruhr seems to indicate that a prolonged fight to the death in the Bavarian Redoubt is unlikely.

*To link-up ✓ to  
Ruhr an arm is ✓  
to last nail in the coffin  
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German Women Auxiliaries and some French collaborators  
were among the fifty thousand. Headed by a German priest  
arrived a further batch of prisoners, most of them very  
young, ~~hardly able to believe that the god who had~~  
~~everything he had done for them gone down to unconquerable~~  
~~nothing~~ What an hour it must have been for this Czech  
soldier to be the gaoler of the men who enslaved his  
country. For six years this man has worn a prison  
number. . . .

*In contrast to 7 pictures a joyful scene*  
~~On the opposite side of the picture is the joyful scene~~  
~~of thousands of British soldiers restored to freedom.~~

~~from the army~~

*o thanks o Br soldier  
restored 2 freedom*