DESERT RATS IN BERLIN

T capital o Germany, shattered symbol o Prussian military arrogance, is in full allied occupatn. Outside the luxury Adlon Hetel, and on many solve the sharefares, great posters portraying the Big Three ram home into t stunned Corman intelligned t unkpromising facts o utter "erman defeat. New & a few yrs ago t vast gov bldgs erected 2 glorigy t Nazi regime r new blackened shells. Never in history / tr 9 ruin on such a scale as 7. But balcony o t Chandlery, • Hither boasted t 3rd "eich wd last 1,000 yrs, "epectatorter geography" a bhastly area o fantastic ruin.

(eagle) T devastated interior o t Chancelry evokes comparatively recent memories o t half-scared diplomatic corps o Europe paying homage 2 t maniac mhaidminishmanismemonomemonismemonist.mn w n bribe could persuade 2 refrain f war. In Europe Much tt z rotten in t old tt war is over. fimohdminishmany diplomacy has n survived; t maniac q / disappeared f t scene.

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It is a fitting monyment, 7 Chancelry, 2/lust 4 power. Never difference of retion fall - of remaining encoders - 7. Allied soldiers now wander through t tomb o sordid sppendour; see Hitler's desk, his chair - t desolation in w t Nazis came 2 grief.

T Reichstag, in t flames o w fire perished t is now a modest freedoms o t Weimar Republic, muwmanhandamm still more delapidated ruin. Berliners gloated over t London y thought destroyed. What must y think 2day? Women try 2 clear a way 2 t doors o tr wrecked homes. T human instinct 2 survive pits q gs utter chaos. Queues, such as even we at home have not seen, wait hours for food and t few buses tt still ply t streets.

General Lyne, G.O.C. British occupation troops in Berlin, took t salute as Desert Rats o t 7th Armoured Div entered t capital. T allies v taken good care find n 2 repeat t mistake o t last war. 7 time we v gone 2 4 t benefit o even t most unimaginative German Berlin. 7 time/ww are underlining t grim lessons o defeat.

Up t Charlettenburger Chaussee marched more Desert Rats men w fought to 7 fro in t desert before t victory e Alamein set m on t direct road 2 Berlin. To witness the flag breaking ceremony at the 1870 Victory Column stood Gen. Weeks (representing Monty), Gen. Parks, U.S.A., Generals, Baranov, Beauchesne and Lyne. Under these men the allies will administer the capital of Germany till it is deemed safe to hand the country for back to its chastened people.

Gen. Weeks took the salute and **Haminim** people saw Serg.-Maj. Cole, a veteran of Dunkirk, break the Union Jack. It flies today in Berlin, proclaiming the triumph of freedom's cause.

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