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CAPTURE OF MIDDLEBURG

Middleburg, the chief town of Walcheren falls to the allies and the island is cleared of the enemy. . On the eastern approach to the town, engineers comb the ground for mines. Their search is well rewarded for the Germans have planted plenty.

Streets become rivers, for Middleburg is flooded by water from the dykes we broke open. If we had not done this, the Germans would have done so during our attack and many allied troops would have been drowned....Flags fly in the streets as the prisoners are marched away. The complete bag numbered nearly two thousand.

One of the prisoners, (and a very unhappy one), is the German Commander of the 70th Division, General Daser. He had counted on holding out right through the winter, and so bitter was his disappointment that he burst into tears when captured....He's still feeling rather sully.

In the streets of Middleburg, troops and civilians fraternise.... The complete freeing of Walcheren opens up Antwerp to our supply ships... an important victory.

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