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THE BATTLE OF STRASBOURG

A Boundary Sign marks the position of the 1914 Frontier between France and Germany in the wooded, mountainous country of the Vosges. Once again the Germans are driven back and over the Rhine in the all-out attack on Germany....U.S. 7th Army Troops move up through newly-conquered Sarrbourg on the route to Strasbourg.

Saverne is overrun as tanks advance Rhinewards in the allied sweep that trapped 50,000 Germans between Strasbourg and Mulhouse.

Frequently during the course of the great offensive, gigantic fighter versus ~~the~~ fighter duels are fought in the skies over Germany....Illustrative of these are the latest 8th U.S. Air Force Combat pictures.

German jet and rocket propelled aircraft are figuring prominently in these dog fights....ME 163a. and 262a.

With 'planes shot up and an outside scramble going on all around, Nazi Pilots make a jump for it....

The town of Mulhouse presents a strange scene on its liberation day. An unemotional reception is given by the Alsations whose geographical nearness to the Reich and repeated absorptions into Germany has left their National feelings confused. Civilians who have been driven from their homes by the Nazis to do forced labour, return jubilant, carrying flags.

German officers (typical specimens) caught in the last round up, are marched off to captivity.

At Gestapo Headquarters hundreds of the enemy were captured and it is likely that further big hauls of prisoners will swell the allied bag before the Germans can get back over the Rhine.... And getting back won't be easy.

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The City of Strasbourg falls to United States and French troops.

"Stadmitte" - to the City centre - but the Germans' only concern now is to get away from it. The beautiful Cathedral City birthplace of France's National Anthem has suffered considerable damage....From across the Rhine the Germans are still sending over shells. Jeeps are hit and set on fire and there are several casualties.... Germans, Allied and Alsatian.

A curious legacy left by the Germans is this litter of Nazi emblems now carpeting the roadway where they were tossed by shell-blast....

The German Commander of Strasbourg makes his formal surrender. He is seen here being questioned by three U.S. Army Officers. Prisoners, 5,000, in all, were taken in the capture of Strasbourg. Line after line of them....lead after lead....Yet another prep struck from Germany's tottering strength in the West.

French Divisions under General Leclerc have performed a feat as spectacular and as far-reaching in effect as his memorable desert drive to the Tunisian front....One way.... and though much hard fighting lies ahead, that way is forward into Germany.
