COLOGNE CAPTURED

The victorious read to Gologne was first hammered out by R.S.F. bombers by attack after attack in which more than 32,000 tons of bombs went down. Seven hundred aircraft of Bomber Gummand, including, Ganadian and Australian squadrons, add a last three thousand tons to pave the way for the land forces. The Hnime, (of all landmarks the most German), is swallowed up in the smoke and turnoil of blanket bombing.

From the camera aircraft we see the death of a Lancaster which received a direct hit.

We press forward through towns and villages ground between the twin millstones of air bombardment and land artillezy. The white flag has replaced the erooked cross of the Swastika here in Kevalagr as it is doing throughout the Rhineland.

Men and machines, deggedly, irresistibly, ploughing deeper into Germany. "Heil Hitler is the Germans" greeting," the sign says, in Munschen-Gladbach.

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The chaos of the Refuges, the mark of Cain which Namian set upon the face of Europe, is fult now in Germany.

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How alike they are, these towns through which the Allies fought their way to the Rhine. This is Krefeld.

There is a hush and an air of suspense in streets and buildings in these first hours after surrender. What life there is seems unreal as a background to the purposeful concentration of the seldiers.

Of all these conquered cities of the Rhineland, biggest, proudest and most German of all is Oslegns. "Heil Hitler"; that follow must have been popular. Cologne Cathedral, through the steel tracery of the Hohenmollern bridge. The Kaiser opened the bridge with pomp in 1911, in 1945 Hitler closed it with dynamite at the insistence of General Hodges' American First Anny. Somewhere there are a hundred thousand civilians in the dead rubble that was Cologne. For the past two years they have lived fifty feet below the streets. A service comeranan sees the swift execution of a tank. A shall bursts inside it blewing the gummer through the turret.

Dr. Goebbels' handimork warns, "The enemy is listening." On the contrary, we're doing the talking. Even the closest observer might find it hard to pick out houses from streets in this City where 85 to 90 per cent of the buildings have been destroyed.

This shattering through and over the Hhine at Galegne must bring home to the Germans more forefully than any blow they have yet sustained, the Nemenis which has descended on them. Little but the Cathedral remains standing. In the wreak and wretchedness of Germany's Third Largest dity is written the spitaph of Hitler's Rhineland.

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