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## MEN OUT OF GAGES

Gates that have held Allied soldiers prisoner, in some cases for as long as five years, are opened in Stalag eleven B. Look closely. You may recognise someone you know.

Five years. And now it's over. British "desert rats" of the 7th Armoured Division cut through to Fallingbommel in Westphalia to open the doors of this Stalag. A touching ~~GOODBYE~~ goodbye to Hitler, and out of the barbed wire cage to freedom.

It's the same story at Stalag 357, also at Fallingbommel and also opened up by the "desert rats."

The Germans have now decided to leave all Allied prisoners behind in camps in the path of the advancing armies. For the German camp commandant the tables have been well and truly turned.

At Oflag 79 in Brunswick, (biggest camp in Germany for Officer prisoners), two thousand two hundred British and Empire Officers were freed by the 30th Division of General Simpson's American 9th Army.

German General Karl Veith, commander of the Brunswick Garrison is among the Allied bag of prisoners. He seems proud of being a Nazi even now.

On the look-out for known Nazis, the Allies check up on civilians in Schweinfurt. What a farce it would be if a hick turned up with a little moustache and a paper-hanger's bucket - you never know. The Hitler Youth - Europe's problem for the future - line up for identification.

Besides a good catch of prisoners, Schweinfurt yielded up yet another prize. This much-bombed town was the centre of Germany's ball bearing industry. Vital components for aircraft, submarines, tanks and everything on wheels. The German Army has had it's last ball bearing from Schweinfurt. Buried treasure another haul, more precious if not more useful, was found hidden in a salt mine at Moerkers a hundred tons of Germany's gold reserve were discovered here - a veritable King Solomon's Mines.

Also found were priceless art treasures, stolen by the Germans from galleries such as the Paris Louvre.

But Paris has not forgotten treachery as an inset into our story shows. Press pictures in back issues of A French paper show French traitors in Nazi uniform. The camera indicts the Vicky collaborators, Lafont and Bony, and shows Allied prisoners being ill-treated at their orders by men and women hired by the French

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Gestapo chiefs to demonstrate against Allied servicemen for propaganda purposes.

A French cameraman risked his life to take these pictures during the German occupation. They were used in evidence at the trial of Lafont and Bony. They paid the price of treachery before an F.F.I. firing squad.

All the way from Paris to Berlin the cleaning-up process is on. German civilians hand over all the paraphernalia of war. It's an Allied order.

Fitting end to pictures of the writing-off of Germany is a reminder, spoken at ~~EXXEX~~ Bristol, that another big job is still on hand.

Churchill's Speech.

We have got the Japanese to finish. We have to stand absolutely with our great American Allies and pay off at the other end of the world debts as heavy as ever we inflicted on her and ..er.. I shall have to ask you - or whoever stands in my place - and whoever it be I shall support him - We shall have to ask you whatever the matter however the matter may go we shall have to ask you for a new.. a new lead forward, a new lift of soul and body in order that this second heavy war for which we have suffered so much insults and injury, the war against Japan will also be brought without undue delay to a conclusion all together free from any doubt.