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PINPOINTING THE NEWS

At the end of this country road once stood the busy little village of Lidice. Two years ago, on the orders of Goering, German soldiers wiped out the entire place. President Benes and 100,000 Czech citizens pay homage to its memory. Honoured guests are the few survivors, nearly all of them women, their menfolk were shot, the women went to slavery - and worse. Lidice will live in human memory as one of the blackest of German crimes. All's quiet now on the Western Front and this is the long road back from Holland for the beaten German armies. The one time iron clad Wehrmacht treks back towards the German border. It's taking time, a long time to rid other men's countries of Germans.

Defeat is written in their every gesture. Never again will a new German Army be built on the lying myth that the Wehrmacht was never defeated. Road signs warn Allied soldiers that friendly Holland is behind them and Germany ahead.

The tide of European migration goes on. Millions of displaced persons are leaving Germany to search for their own homes while back into Germany come the remnants of Hitler's shattered Reich. At a forward Allied base in the Pacific Australian troops move to landing ships which are to take them to Tarakan Island - first step in the all-out invasion of Borneo. The Diggers have shed their parade ground smartness, getting down to battle-kit for the big job ahead. For a last minute word with his men comes the Australian Commander-in-Chief, General Blaney.

Royal Australian Air Force squadrons back up the land forces.

Showers of - - leaflets warn the Japs of what's coming to them. Thousand pound bombs provide other showers with which to drive the warning home.

Meanwhile, Australian troopships and their Naval escort head for the Tarakan shore, beating off all Jap efforts to stem them.

So heavy was the Naval fire that the Japs couldn't take it. They withdrew three miles inland. Landings were unopposed and ~~HE~~ went through with clockwork precision and scarcely a casualty.

Without rest, Aussies head forward to smoke out the Jap in the steaming depths of Tarakan. This ~~XXXXXX~~ landing, since followed by others on the Borneo mainland, was an essential part of the grand strategy designed to whip Japan. Another War secret is out. "Bridge carrying tanks," one of the main factors in our swift drive across Germany. This type is the "Scissors." With these thirty feet bridges two men can beat tank traps, ditches and artificial obstacles in a matter of minutes. The bridge can support loads up to nearly 40 tons and can be laid under fire without the crew leaving the tank. First used in Italy, the scissors is now playing a big role against the Japs.

Another type bridge is mounted on a Churchill tank. The bridge-launching girder is worked by hydraulic pressure derived from the tank engines. Lowered into position, the girder fits into sockets and picks up its bridge with an uncanny slow motion skill.

British inventors and British factories turned out these stepping stones to victory. Infantry Tank Brigades and the Royal Engineers put the tank bridge layers to work and proved them war-winners. With intermeshing rotor blades revolving in opposite directions, the Kallet Helicopter, America's new flying beetle, goes through its paces. It can go up or down, hang motionless in the air and fly backwards, sideways and forwards. Put the baby in it and the Kallet will rock it to sleep.

If your house has a flat roof, you can drop in to lunch.

22 feet long, with rotor span of 40 feet, the Kallet hops around like an airborne flea. Just now its for war purposes only - - but there'll come a day. A Skymaster 'plane brought fifteen Hollywood big-shots to Britain on a "see for yourself" trip. On the list of visitors appear the names of Jack Warner, of Warner brothers, and Daryll Zanuck. The biggest party of film chiefs ever to invade this country, they are here to get a first hand picture of war's aftermath in Europe.

Their first meal in England they get span. (PAUSE)
All the big Hollywood studios are represented and they will come to London as guests of the Government to see how the City "took it" in the days of blitz, buzz-bomb and rocket.