

CALAIS AND DOVER MAKE SEPARATE PEACE.

* Dover retires from the war with all the honours.

* Her people have been shelled and bombed till they feel more at home underground.

(4, GV Interior) Dover's women hold all records for calmness in disaster. If thoughts have power, / With every needle click / a Nazi head somewhere falls. For four years the Nazis at Calais have been free to pump 16" shells across the Channel.

(11 LV Pan troops) In 1940, so much heavy damage was done / that troops in the vicinity were drafted to aid the town. There were victims by the score. But Dover with all her scars kept to her daily tasks. Now the long ^{night} ~~day~~ is over. Bridge, town and guns, Calais is in Canadian hands. The manner of its capture offers one more piece of evidence / that all is not well within the German command. The Nazis offered a truce, during which the civilians were evacuated, before the battle was to begin again on the grand scale. Men women and children left the town, / crossing the Calais Canal by a barge / that had been quickly converted into a pontoon bridge.

(24. SV men carrying stretcher) A mother / with her new born baby carried by a friend beside / her / was in the pitiful procession. There were ^{ambulances} ~~stretcher~~ cases, too. Many thousands left the town.

(24 Gen. Air View, bombing) Then R.A.F. Lancasters and Halifaxes went into pinpoint ^{fortified positions} ~~strong points~~ everywhere, in one of the most accurate raids that has ever been put on by any airforce.

(38 GV bombs) After that, perhaps not so surprisingly, the battle did not re-commence. In six hours the town was in allied hands. The Nazis had had enough.

These were the guns that used to menace Dover. The Canadians found

~~them destroyed. Bombing, shell fire from Dover and in some cases time bombs left by the retreating Germans have reduced this section of the Atlantic wall to ^{rubble} ~~impotent masses of shattered material.~~ If ~~size and thickness of concrete had any bearing on victory, these great emplacements, these tremendous guns, would have been the master weapons of the master race.~~ But the war drawing to its final phase, ~~the fabrication of defences or conquest planned in terrifying detail, can set the inner disease.~~~~

(44 GV camouflaged gun) Where there is no liberty, there is no victory. ^{As at Calais} ~~On every fortification of Germany~~

the white flag is scheduled soon to fly.

