

LIFE'S MISCELLANY

RETREATING GERMANS WRITE DEFIANCE TO ALLIES IN HOLLAND

The rage and frustration of defeated men can easily be discerned from the pictures on this page. The Germans who retreated before British troops in the Netherlands last month wrote threats of vengeance

against the enemy on walls and houses of a Dutch village. Then they fell back. These messages are the sort small boys write on walls, but the Wehrmacht is not composed of urchins. If these signs were painted

by despairing men, that despair is of a special kind which does not involve defeat for the spirit. The signs show that Germans are ridden with the belief that they will come back fighting in this or a next war.



THIS SIGN READS, "IN SPITE OF ALL, VICTORY WILL BE OURS." NOTE THE IRON CROSS



"GERMANY IS UNITED—THEREFORE WE WILL CONQUER" IS PRINTED IN WHITE PAINT



"AT THE END STANDS GERMAN VICTORY." DUTCH FLAG NOW FLIES FROM A WINDOW



BRITISH TROOPS IN A JEEP STOP BEFORE SIGN READING "HAVE FAITH, FIGHT, WIN"



"WE WILL NEVER SURRENDER," SAYS SIGN ON WALL ALONGSIDE SHELL-STRUCK HOUSE



"VICTORY OR SIBERIA" SHOWS GOEBBELS-INSPIRED GERMAN FEAR OF RED RUSSIA