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Front Cover: Carinhall — Hermann Göring's retreat in former East German territory — was not only his private mansion but a shrine to his first wife Carin. Here with Hitler he emerges from her underground tomb (see back cover for comparison).

Centre Pages: *Left:* The Kall Trail, still much the same now as in 1944 when the US 28th Division used it in their abortive attempt to capture Schmidt — one of the costliest actions of the Second World War. *Right:* Relics of the battle of Hürtgenwald.

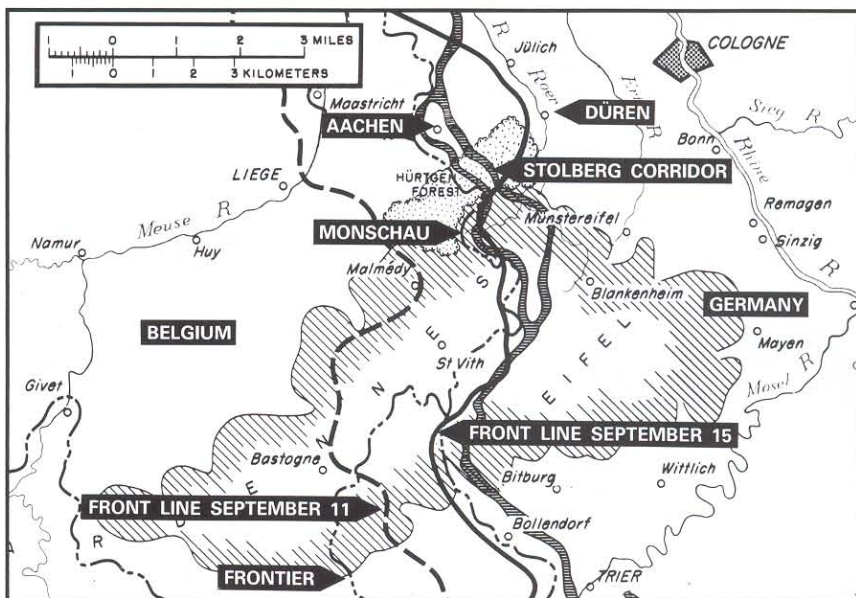
Back Cover: Her former resting place demolished (top), Carin Göring now at last at peace having been returned to her family plot in Lovö Cemetery in Sweden.

Dedication: Courtney West would like to dedicate his story on Carinhall to Caja, Carin Göring's great-niece.

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COMPETITION

Winners of our Winston Churchill caption competition (issue No. 70): Robert Chapman of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk; John Cook, Nottingham; and Michael Hill of Bournemouth.



On September 10 the first Allied patrol to cross the German frontier did so just south of Aachen (see *After the Battle* No. 42). At that time the front line (dotted) lay in front of the Siegfried Line — Germany's West Wall. Astride the Line south of the city lay a deep belt of forest — the Hürtgenwald — through which the Americans launched their attack on September 13. The bloody battle lasted three months, sucking in more and more men from both sides. By December 15, just as the major part of the Hürtgen Forest had been cleared (solid line), Hitler launched his counter-blow through the Ardennes, halting any further American advance for a month.