

Recaptured Treasure

Visit the Reich Bank, conducted by Col. Bernstein, Finance Minister for the American Army. Here we see untold quantities of German gold bullion, currency of all nations, art treasures, etc., all captured from the German salt mines. We are told there is two and three-quarter billions of Reich marks in currency; two million dollars in U. S. currency (greenbacks); and three hundred million dollars in gold bars from Germany and Hungary—each gold bar estimated to be worth about thirty-eight thousand dollars (I found one of them rather heavy to lift).

We saw the Hungarian crown jewels—thousands of sacks of currency from all countries of Europe, even some of our own gold pieces—some 87 suitcases (common, ordinary, cheap suitcases) of which 2 or 3 were filled with gold teeth taken from the dead of the prison camp . . . wedding rings . . . thimbles . . . babies' picture frame . . . watch cases and various things of gold . . . 900 bags of Russian rubles in currency . . . 87 monstrosities . . . huge rooms full of securities of German corporations . . . spacious rooms filled with priceless paintings of old masters. One authority said that the Hungarian Royal Crown, which I lifted, was valued by an antique dealer at over a million dollars. There were sacks and bags of bracelets and every other conceivable kind of gold trinket. We saw rooms filled with silver bars, sacks of gold coins of every country, weighing about 100 pounds each, all of which was indeed an impressive sight.

The cases of gold teeth were in themselves an everlasting recollection of the fiendishness of the Nazis.

The Germans meticulously catalogued everything, which is of great assistance to our officials.

Bad Fogs to Berlin

We took off from Hanau airfield for Berlin at 4:25 p.m. This was the worst flight of our entire trip. The weather