

*Donald Weber  
Was with First  
Troops in Paris*

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Lieutenant Donald J. Weber has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber of Newton, that his outfit, a troop of Mechanized Cavalry, was with the first troops to enter Paris when the capital of France was captured from the Germans.

He participated in the assault on St. Malo, where the "mad" colonel held out for two weeks against hopeless odds and was in Belgium when the letter was written.

It is probable that he is in the American First army and is now participating in the assault against the Siegfried line in the vicinity of Aachen, Germany.

He said that the troops had to advance behind bulldozers, because the roads had all been blown up. This passage is obscure, but is supposed to mean that the Germans had mined the roads before their armies retreated over them and then set off the demolition charges behind them.