

## LEVY'S PATROL

TIMES hadn't forgotten the LA FIERE bridge and bridgehead. It was about mid-morning when he called LT LEVY and told him to take 10 men, move southward, capture the ground around the church and establish a fire position which would dominate the Causeway from the western end. The order thus loosely given became one link in a chain of events which resulted in one of the bravest episodes of the MERDERET battle. It was the supreme irony of the day that this same heroism came of an episode which thwarted GEN GAVIN of his main chance for a quick victory. The LEVY group moved out equipped with rifles, grenades, one tommy gun, one BAR and a rifle equipped with anti-tank grenades.

Halfway to the church, LEVY ran into LT JOSEPH KORMYLO of Company D and about 20 men, including a crew with a light machine gun. KORMYLO had already seen the bridge; in fact, he had seen quite a lot of the countryside that morning. He had dropped into a field covered by enemy fire near the GREY CASTLE, and after working his way cautiously out of that hot spot, he had traveled south, collecting men as he went along. The first were glider men and anti-tank men; finally he found a machine gun crew and some riflemen from his own unit. The group steered clear of farmhouses as it moved along; on coming to the group of farmhouses northwest of the church at CAU-  
KORMYLO, KORMYLO figured that he had better set up a defensive