German Army suffers shortages

Narrator: This was a battle that the Germans were conscious of not winning. Their industry had done marvels throughout the war. Their armies were admirably equipped. But there was a limit.

Now, as British production, backed by American industrial power, reached a zenith, and every front clamoured for arms and men, the Germans suffered a sense of helplessness.

German officer: The loss of ground was of no strategic importance, but the course of the fighting must not be measured by this. A great loss is in men. The heavy expenditure of material ate only too deep into the strength of the German army.

The enemy's material superiority didn't fail to have a psychological effect on the German soldier.