

# Paratrooper Drive For Redoubt

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Paratroopers along with the towns of Oberammergau, Allentau and Berchtesgaden.

(Inset) The Third and Fourth Infantry Divisions landed across the intact Danube bridge at Dillingen to within a short distance of a camp where at least 500 American prisoners of war were held. Twenty American planes were released last night at Spielberg.

Munich, in the center of the Alpine faucon to the south, was being sought in a motorcade success.

J. G. George Patton's power-plant Third Army units in the Regensburg area, 20 miles in the Regensburg area.

Patton's troops charging forward unimpeded on a broad front entered Cham, 20 miles northeast of Regensburg and closest to Berchtesgaden, Linz and Salzburg.

GAINS IMPRESSIVE

All along the 225-mile southern front, impressive gains were made. During April alone, more than 37,000 men—a total of more than 1,015,000 men—had been committed to the crucial battle by the American Third and Seventh Armies and the French First.

German disintegration proceeded swiftly. During April alone, more than 1,015,000 prisoners have been captured by Gen. Eisenhower's Western armies which since D-Day have captured upwards of 2,545,000 Germans.

The southern "redoubt" was coming swiftly to its supreme test in the same hour that ruined Berlin was falling to masses of charging Russians.

SIEGE OF BREMEN

In the north, the British intensified the siege of the blasted Bremen. The city of Hamburg, which lies across the broad Elbe south of Bremen, was being cleaned up.

The Canadian First Army announced it had captured 20,000 Germans since crossing the Rhine exactly a month ago and the bag was swelling at the crucial rate of 1,000 to 1,500 a day. The entire garrison of 600 surrendered yesterday at Wagnhorn, fifteen miles east of Groningen. White flags went up at nearby Appingedam after a short, bitter fight.

FLAMES CO-OPERATE

The 18th (Lightning) Irish regiment of the 27th Division found Japanese clinging doggedly to a ridge behind its slowly advancing troops. Proclaiming bombing by American planes wiped out one enemy stronghold, reported Associated Press Correspondent James Lindley.

JAPS REBOUND

In one sector, each of 20 enemy machine gun positions was eliminated at some time during the day—but they returned in a few minutes and resumed fire. Supporting these light weapons the enemy was using 40 mm. Howitzers and mortar fire from the next escarpment.

First Battalion under Lt. Col. Delbert Bjork of Astoria, Oregon, met stubborn resistance in areas where the Japanese had dug in on one side of a ridge, saw their flame emerging from the other side of the hill.

SOVIETS NEAR BERLIN'S HEART

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First White Russian Army, driving into and sweeping around the city to the north, captured Oranienburg, seventeen miles northeast of the heart of the city, took nearby Strower, crossed the Havel River, and won Hennickdorf, 17 miles north of the city. They were then on into the northwestern suburb of Helligenberg.

NEWSPAPERS

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I told Willie that would happen if he didn't stop that high altitude power diving!

## Under \$500 Bond Rogers Bound Over On Assault Charge

Walter Edward Rogers, operator of Riverside Lodge, 10 Wilkinson Boulevard, was bound over to Superior Court today under \$500 bond on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the shooting of Massey Kennedy, North Belmont, on the night of April 1.

After hearing Kennedy's testimony, Judge Fred H. Nease of County Recorder's Court rendered a finding of probable cause. Kennedy told the court, in substance, this story:

He left the place when it closed about 11:30 P. M. and went to the highway to wait for a bus. While standing there, he saw the flash of pistol fire at the rear of the building. He walked about 75 feet and fell, wounded in the abdomen. He was taken to hospital in Belmont.

NEW YORK—(AP)—The United States Rubber Co. said today four of its textile mills would install 90 new units of machinery to meet increased war production schedules.

The mills are located in Wainsboro, S. C.; Shelbyville, Tenn., and in the Reid and Stark Mills at Hot Springs, Ga.

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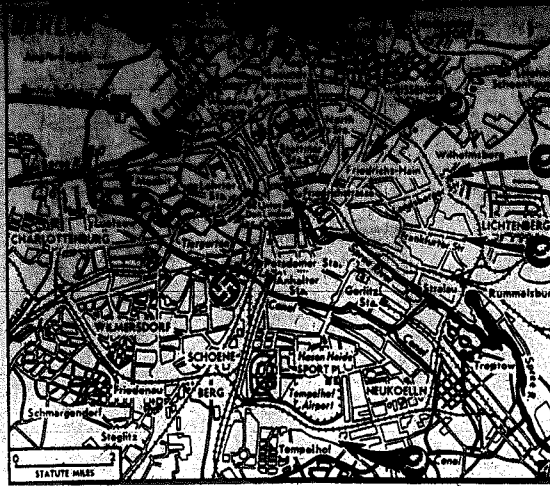
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FASHION FLOOR (REAR)

## BELK BROS.



RUSSIANS PUSHING INTO BATTERED BERLIN—Russian drives (arrows) in Berlin are reported by Soviet front dispatches to be pushing along Mueller Strasse from the northwest, with fighting under way also along Landsberger and Frankfurter Strassen in the eastern part of the city. From the southeast, other Russian units fought their way into the Tempelhof area. This map locates principal streets and strategic points in Berlin. (AP Wirephoto Map).

## Pétain Returning To Face French Justice Gun Pockets Halt Yanks

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leave his automobile during the frontier deliberations, which required about an hour.

Dressed in civilian clothes with a grey topcoat, he seemed tired.

However, he waved to the crowd as he drove away to Saint Gallen, where he and his party presently are housed.

One car of German SS troops accompanied the marshal, turned back at the frontier.

A daughter and son-in-law of the aged marshal followed in a second car of the convoy.

Gen. Marie Eugene Debussy, commander of the French First Army in the First World War and a close confidant of Pétain, was among those in the party.

The victory rally reported on Nov. 10, 1943, when Debussy had died of wounds suffered two months previously when French guerrillas hit a bomb in his automobile.

Saint Margarethen, on the Austrian frontier, a village which Pétain's party had, come from Blimingen, France, to find a safe entry.

FACE OF EXCITEMENT

Pétain is scheduled to go on trial in Paris May 17. French followers of Gen. De Gaulle in Switzerland yesterday say they believe that Pétain will be shot, since otherwise war guilt against his subordinate.

However, all the French made clear that Pétain's dramatic arrival with an offer to surrender was embarrassing.

The return to Paris of one of France's greatest figures of the First World War to stand trial would revive old wounds of the British coast. But Pétain was adamant.

He has been called the "The Apostate" by the French. The diary of Raymond Poincaré, French President in the last war, studied with interest about Pétain's pessimism over the possibility of the Allies winning that conflict.

PROSECUTION SAID PÉTAINE'S dossier would show with almost complete accuracy the extent to which the political maneuvers acted on direct instructions from him.

Posters summoning Pétain to appear for trial May 17 already have been printed. Normally they would be posted in public buildings throughout France ten days before the hearings.

Few Frenchmen ever expected to see an old man actually appear in the dock. But they anxiously awaited the reading of his private papers. Under a trial by proxy whatever decree the court might render would remain valid until his death or until he appeared and found means of clearing himself of his charges.

URGED FRENCH NOT TO HELP ALLIED FORCES

Marshal Pétain, who rose to heroic heights during World War I when he held 90 of Germany's best divisions at bay at Verdun and coined the slogan "they shall not pass," lost most of his heroic stature when he did not join the Allies.

With Pierre Laval, distrusted by Pétain himself, he headed the collaborationist Vichy regime.

In the days preceding the Allied landings he appealed to Frenchmen not to support any invasion. When the invasion came last June 6 he broadcast another appeal to the French not to heed "outrageous rumors calling upon you not to listen to our decrees." Support of the invasion, he said, "would call down on you the vengeance of God."

Then he fled to Germany.

Leopold has been a German captive since he ordered the Belgian Army to lay down its arms on May 28, 1940, near the start of the seven-month campaign over the Low Countries and France. His government deposed him the same day.

A dispatch from Switzerland on April 10 said that Swiss government negotiations to free the monarch had failed. The Nazis previously were reported toying with the idea of using Leopold and other prominent prisoners as hostages in their Bavarian mountain redoubt.

TRUMAN VISITS HULL IN HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman drove to Naval Hospital today spent about an hour with Cordell Hull, former Secretary of State.

The White House disclosed that the President drove out to the hospital at nearby Bethesda, Md., some time before noon and returned to the White House a little more than an hour later.

Do YOU OWN A "Scratching" Dog?

If you own a dog of any breed, you know that the itching, rubbing, and scratching that dogs do is a real nuisance. It is not only annoying to the dog, but it is also a sign of skin trouble. The only way to get rid of it is to use a special medicine that will cure the itching and prevent it from coming back.

FACE'S AGED MARSHAL

PARIS—(AP)—Formal arrangements to return Marshal Pétain, former Vichy chief of state, to France have been completed, the government announced late today.

A communiqué declared "Marshal Pétain has asked that his government for permission to pass through Swiss territory in order to return to France as a prisoner at the French frontier."

"The Swiss government has notified the French government, and the French government in fixing the place and date where the transfer of Marshal Pétain will be made."

Pétain will be summoned to appear at a trial May 17, as scheduled by the French government. He is to be given his time to prepare a defense. Earlier today the Ministry of Justice announced that Pétain would be tried by proxy, and the date had been set.

The news that Pétain was returning electrified France. The aged marshal is being accompanied by his wife and "some officers."

Andre Marchoux was named prosecutor for Pétain's trial on a charge of high treason.

It is based on probably the largest and most complete collection of documents, official communications, letters and records of his correspondence with the Germans will be introduced. In short the whole story of redoubt.

...the view of the limited time for disposal in Washington... the San Francisco conference... the presence of T. V. Soong... the four opposing powers already have... the attitude of less powerful nations... the presence of Gen. De Gaulle... the attitude of less powerful nations... the presence of Gen. De Gaulle... the attitude of less powerful nations... the presence of Gen. De Gaulle...

WEATHER

WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 24, 1945

NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA: Considerable cloudiness and warmer this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday, except scattered warm coastal section.

Extended forecast for period ending 8:30 P. M. April 25: Warmer today and Tuesday, cooler Wednesday night and Thursday, warmer again Friday and Saturday. Showers Wednesday night and again Saturday.

Temperature

City	High	Low	Wind
Charlotte	50	7:20	51
Asheville	51	30	52
Greensboro	52	30	53
Winston-Salem	54	10:30	53
Charlotte	55	11:30	53
Asheville	55	12:30	54
Greensboro	56	1:30	53
Winston-Salem	58	2:30	54

Highest temperature 55; lowest this morning 50; average yesterday 54; record for month 138; excess for year 55.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending at 8 A. M.: 42; total for month 3.04; normal for month 3.31.

Official Weather Bureau records of air temperature for each hour ending at 8:30 A. M.:

City	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Asheville	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
Charlotte	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
Greensboro	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
Winston-Salem	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51

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