

By The Associated Press

LONDON, May 2 .- Capture of fortress Germany was other bituminous pits have been virtually complete today and a torrent of rumors of the im- held by the government as a reminence of general capitulation followed swiftly the an- sult of strikes during the soft coal nouncement of Nazi Production Minister Albert Speer that the German nation "is defeated."



SGT. MARTIN SILVER STAR **TO SGT. MARTIN** Nephew Of Mr. And Mrs. D. L. Putnam Wins

Medal Sgt. Eugene C. Martin, nephew of D. L. Putnam of route 2, Shelby, has recently been awarded the twenty thousand pounds or more in cer.

Army somewhere in Italy.

The citation that accompanied highly pleased with the success of the medal stated: "For gallantry in the drive. Those who failed to make action on September 17, 1944, near a contribution are asked to .nd Casa Nova, Italy. When a numeri- any donation they have thi. week to the Rogers building on East cally superior enemy force engaged the leading elements of nis Marion street and all who car are company in a fierce fire fight, Sgt. asked to volunteer as sorters and packers in order that the shipment The Big-Four were reported near Martin, a machine gunner, quickly hight go forward this week. moved his weapon into position and opened fire. Before the enemy could take cover, four were killed Casar Section

and two injured. "The enemy immediately opened Has Hail Storm fire from another flank. Although

enemy fire was striking the ground less than a foot from him. Sgt. Martin quickly moved his machine gun to another position and, with day afternoon did practically no sets out for Moscow, as he is now an accurate and intense stream of damage to the crops, it was learn- expected to do next week. fire, forced the Germans to aban- ed this morning. The hail was

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nants thrashed about hopelessly in that part of Germany proper B-29'S ATTACK Tired and broken German remstill in Nazi hands, which consisted of harrowing pockets with a total area no bigger than the state of Pennsylvania. Within that part JAP HOMELAND of the Reich disintegration was reported so swift and the general situation so chaotic that there

overcrowded craft.

'final surrender.

bsent from Commons' yesterday,

and the British Press association

speculated whether "Mr. Churchill

GUAM, May 4-(P)-Fifty to 100 B-20s today made their 14th neumight be no need to negotiate a trailing attack in 38 days on Japhomeland airfields from anese What fighting there was on which the enemy could stage raids this 332nd day since the Noron American forces in the Ryu-

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mandy invasion--it was be-coming increasingly difficult to kyus. The demolition bombing, made call it a war-was mostly on in daylight with visibility good, the soil of Austria, Czechoslowas the eighth in 11 days on Kyuvakia and Holland, and in the shu airfields and also included waters off the east coast of Matsuyama airfield-hit for the Denmark, where Allied bombfirst time-on Shikoku island. ers slaughtered Nazi troops Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay, comtrying to flee by all manner of mander of the Marianas-based

21st bomber command, reported Prime Minister Churchill was Kyushu objectives were Omura in West Olta prefecture and Seaki on the eastern shore.

might have gone to Germany to SIX FIELDS HIT be at the surrender ceremony or Six Kyushu fields were bombed to some meeting with President yesterday, without loss of any Su-Truman." The Paris radio said lull perforts, after a three-day surrender of the entire German which followed six successive days army was imminent and that Churof neutralizing bombing of Kyuchill would be in the Reich for the shu's many airdromes.

The Superforts today encounter-Germany's new Fuehrer, Grand ed moderate fighter opposition, including a few Nipponese pilots who

See CAPTURE Page 2 definitely pressed their attacks, said Lt. Col. Beverly H. Warren, **Clothes Drive Nets** (3106 Dodge St.) Omaha, Neb. deputy commander of the strike. 20,000 Pounds Here Fighters stayed with Lt. Bert H.

The old clothes drive netted Tenn., (2911 East 37th St.) offi-Shelby and sorters and packers are

Mrs. R. H. Rogers, chairman, is damage.

Radio Tokyo reported today's

the newsna

Two hundred and thirty-six him was his aide, Capt. von Seyd- to get the German people to help litz.

The German marshal-the quivalent in rank of an American five-star general-was found by a couple of infantry privates with his 25 handbags already packed. At first he refused to surrender. A gun pointed at his head changed his mind

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While he was talking to the Americans, Von Kleist sent his wife into the kitchen to brew some She returned with the news tea. that there was no water, and anyway, there had been no tea in the house for days. The marshal sat-isfied himself with a piece of white

bread produced by the American privates, and ate heartily, while he marveled that enlisted men should have such fare. Von Kleist handed over his ba-

ton and surrendered, in order that "I might be spared the embarrassment of being captured later in

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IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.- (P) Army, Navy and Federal Bureau of Investigation authorities said they could explain nothing about mysterious bright flash of the light followed by a tremor which shook buildings in Philadelphia and vicinity early this morning. Calls swamped newspaper fices who had checked all possible sources for information. Several no reduction in his replacement persons reported they had been thrown from beds. There were no authentic reports of damage in the

Ruef's Superfort throughout its bomb run, said the Chattanooga city. First rumors indicated there might be an explosion in Mary-

land. Other reports said the source Silver Star medal for gallantry in action, while serving with the 91st Infantry Division in the Fifth verified by any authorities.

Von Kleist's wife was at his side and technicians of every category when he surrendered. Also with to the German capital in an effort themselves. Soviet specialists were

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Hopes For Cut In Draft Quotas **Given Set-Back**

WASHINGTON, May 4 .- (P) Congressional hopes for a sharp cut in army inductions immediate- partment at Rutherford college ly after V-E day received a severe

Not only will the army be unable to meet replacement demands for May and June under the present program, the chief of staff told Chairman May (D-Ky) of the house military committee, but the current shortage is expected to be increased "by some 50,000 men over the next three months." Many congressmen have felt that as soon as Germany falls, army and navy manpower needs can be

filled by taking only 18-year-olds. This would reduce sharply the current induction rate of around 120,-000 men a month. NO REDUCTION

Within the last week, Marshall wrote May that "General Eisenhower has informed me that his losses are currently averaging 2,-000 men daily and he anticipates requirements for June." The letter did not explain the

"While the success of our armies in Europe has recently exceeded our expectations," Marshall continued, "it is too early to assume that the replacement flow to Europe can be cut off. General Eis-

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Marshall.

whole state as his territory but will explanation. being landed at Tempelhof air- operate mainly in western North Carolina. He will maintain his headquarters in Shelby where he ever. will still keep his home. His suc-

cessor on the Shelby circuit will be named within the next few p.m. were only a few miles from through which the Canadian First days by Bishop Clare Purcell, who has approved the appointment of at dawn from the city of Schleswig German broadcasts said toward Rev. Mr. Hauss to his new post. 25 miles away. Earlier Swedish re-23 YEARS

Rev. Mr. Hauss, a graduate of had been invaded. Duke university, has been con-nected with the Western North Carolina conference for the past WHERE IS HITLER? 23 years. For four years he was head of the Bible and history de-

and has held pastorates for the jolt today from Gen. George C. past 18 years at Badin, Winston-

See HAUSS Page 2 **Enemy Vehicles In** Flight To Denmark **Destroyed By Airmen**

SUPREME HEADQUAR-TERS ALLIED EXPEDITION-ARY FORCE, Paris, May 4 .--(AP)-Some 1,200 enemy vehicles, among the thousands in headlong flight toward Denmark from the north German border area, were destroyed or damaged in Allied air attacks yesterday, supreme headquarters

Nine enemy ships were sunk and more than 100 others damaged, some of them left in flames, by rocket-firing fighters and fighterbombers, as the Germans attempted to evacuate troops in all types of craft in the Kiel and Luebeck bay areas, the communique said. Many enemy aircraft were destroyed or damaged on the ground in attacks on airfields other fighterbombers, and enemy aircraft were shot

promoted by eleven of the leading clared that the Allies had not even crossed the Kiel Canal. The abrubt denominations in North Carolina. Rev. Mr. Hauss will have the British halt went without official Accounts quite in conflict with

Supreme headquarters came in profusion from Scandinavia, how-

had ceased in western Holland. The free Danish press service at Fighting still continues except in Stockholm said the British at 3:30 the truce area of that kingdom the Danish border, having started army is feeding Dutch civilians, dusk. ports had asserted that Denmark

The Kiel canal is 38 miles south of the Danish peninsula. Earlier Adding to the confusion, the British had to advance past 500,-See ENEMY Page 2

completely that the foe proba-

bly had only the vaguest sort

of idea where his units and

Oslo radio reports that hostilities

earlier

where the British were.

The Germans scotched

Chancellery Of Third Reich Is In Flames

Telegrapher's Ribbons Tell Stories Of Last Hours Of **Berlin; Leaders Ran Out**

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW. May 4.-(AP)-The chancellery of the Third Reich in the Wilmhelmstrasse has failed to yield the body of Hitler and now the building is burning, a Red Star dispatch from the German capital said today.

The disclosure that the chancellery where Hitler had his offices was ablaze indicated that it might be difficult ever to prove that the fuehrer committed suicide along with Propaganda Minister Goebbels, as the Germans report.

The statement that the bodies were not found in the building. however, indicated that it had been Single British searched, and strengthened the theory that if Hitler did not kill himself it was not in the chancel-

Soviet correspondents reported how they, with Soviet soldiers, enhow they, with Soviet soldiers, en-tered the building and found dead Rangoon On Foot German machinegunners with iron rosses

"Hitler's chancellery is hot," said a Red Star reporter. "The fire is getting closer. The floor is burning and at any moment will fall. In the smoke and

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More War Captives Are Liberated

MOSCOW, May 4 .- (AP)-The U. system which would allow the 2,000 to 3,000 Allied war prisoners burg (Stalag 2-A) by Marshal Kon-Earlier, Commander Harold E. statin Rokossovsky's drive to the Baltic and that it understood many gation met with representatives of more were freed at Camp Barth (Stalag-Luft 1) near Stralsund. The mission said it believed many Americans were at both camps, there, and made his way 30 miles but it had no official word on them

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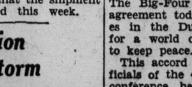
Airman Entered CALCUTTA, May 4 -(P)- The

initial British entry into Rangoon, Burmese capital which Allied troops have been fighting to regain since 1942, was effected by a single British airman on foot, it was disclosed today.

A formal report disclosed that RAF Wing Cmdr. A. E. Saunders made a one-man capture of Mingladon airdrome and entered Rangoon by himself Wednesday, reporting back that the way was clear for the forces which entered vesterday and now are mopping

Saunders was flying over the area when he noted the lack of any kind of activity aground and suddenly decided to land on Mingaldon airdrome. He learned no Japanese had been on the field for days. He camouflaged his plane

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A considerable sprinkling of toward preventing deadlocks even hail in the Casar section yester- after Foreign Commissar Molotov

Secretary of State Stettin-ius has told friends he is exfine, according to Sheriff Cline tremely pleased with the prowho was caught in the downpour.

conference here as a long step

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4-(A)agreement today on major chang-es in the Dumbarton Oaks plan for a world organization designed This accord was regarded by officials of the 46 United Nations in

gress made thus far in his talks about amending the Dumbarton Oaks charter with Molotov, Foreign Secretary Eden of Britain and Foreign Minister Soong of China. There was no evidence that the

concentrating in a security council authority to use armed forces to smack down trouble-making nations of the future.

But there are signs that the held today. Three members of the council may be permitted to rec- senate naval committee-Byrd (D-

which automatically would, pro- bey (R-NH)-along with Senator duce help for an attacked nation Capehart (R-Ind) presented perwhile through the process of deciding on their proposals for a trusteeship S. military mission said today from onger-range measures. Stettinius held last night the United States to retain control of were liberated near Neubranden-Big-Four intend to favor any a- latest of a series of conferences strategic islands in the Pacific. mendments which would alter the with Molotov, Eden and Soong, basic Dumbarton Oaks idea of going over amendments which the Stassen of the United States dele-Big Four have in mind. One official said that "very enthe British, French, Chinese and

announced today.

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Big Four Near Agreement On Changes

regional defense pacts , Va.), Eastland (D-Miss) and Tothe council was going sonally at the Big-Four meeting

couraging progress" had been made Russian delegations to seek a forand another meeting would be mula on territorial trusteeship. He

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