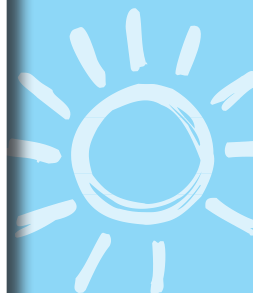
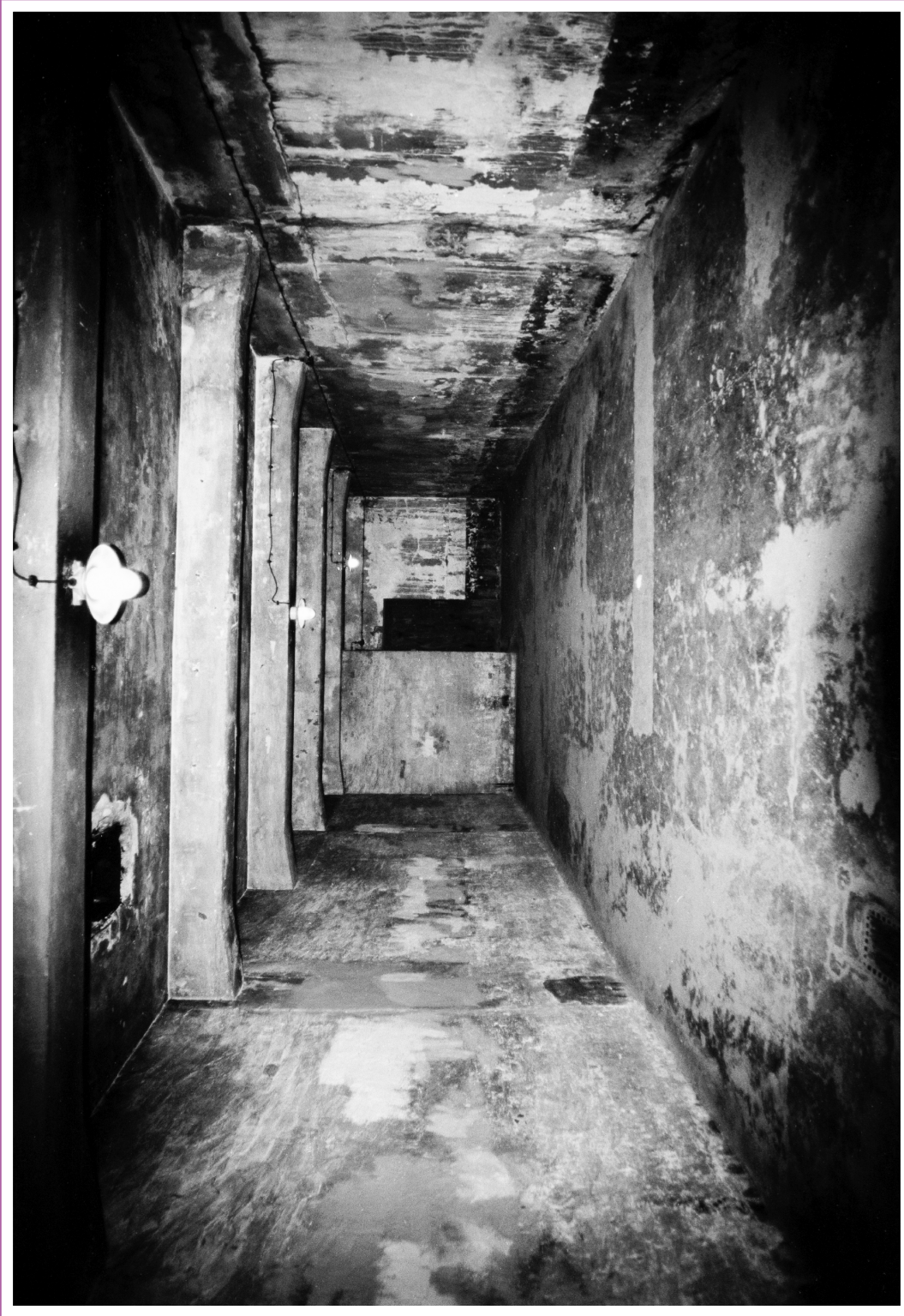
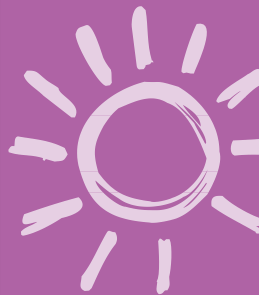


American WW II Cemetery, Normandy





Auschwitz Gas Chamber



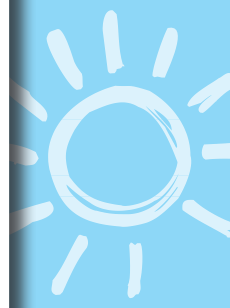


Battle Sign





Destruction of WW II





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Daily Mail

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FOR KING AND EMPIRE

NO. 15,286 ONE PENNY

ITALY, AUSTRIA, the REDOUBT, BERLIN fall with 1,000,000 prisoners. Then—

COLLAPSE: GOEBBELS IS — OFFICIAL

Committed suicide
with Hitler: CAPTURED
DEPUTY

HITLER and Goebbels committed suicide, Hans Fritzsche, director of Nazi radio propaganda, gave this dramatic news to the Russians, it was announced in Marshal Stalin's communique early today. Fritzsche was taken prisoner with a number of other German military and political chiefs when Berlin was captured, said the communique. Fritzsche was described as "first deputy of Goebbels for propaganda and press." The communique went on:

Fritzsche, when interrogated, stated that Hitler, Goebbels and the newly appointed Chief of the General Staff, General Keitel, were in the bunker. No further details of the suicides were contained in Stalin's communique, but it is presumed the Soviet authorities will do everything possible to find the bodies and obtain complete proof of Fritzsche's statement.

Last news of Goebbels — who was in charge of Berlin's defence — was on April 22, when he was stated to have declared: "I and my colleagues are of course remaining in Berlin. My wife and children are also here and will remain."

NAZI GENERALS SHOT DOWN

Panic-stricken remnants of German Army in north are "at Dunkirk with no Dunkirk" which to escape," said a German source. More than 1,500 German vehicles destroyed by R.A.F. Second T.A.F.'s 83 Group — achievement greater than Falaise. Believed several of planes shot down were airmen or German generals or other important persons seeking escape. — Reuter

Their Flavour
of Good Beef
which Improves
Dishes so much

Flash at 2a.m.: End near in
Holland, Denmark, Norway

Britain's Chief
in Reich
"MONTY"

By Daily Mail Reporter

THE appointment of the head of the British Control Commission for N.W. Germany is about to be announced. In official circles in London last night it was thought that the appointment would go to Field-Marshal Montgomery, Commander of the British and Canadian forces in France.

THE Wehrmacht has collapsed. Berlin has fallen. Hitler and Goebbels are now reported to have killed themselves in the dying capital. The German armies — 1,000,000 men — in Northern Italy and Western Austria have surrendered unconditionally. The Southern Redoubt has been torn to pieces. And, according to San Francisco reports, surrender in Holland, Denmark and Norway is expected at any hour.

These are the highlights of the war news this morning as Germany totters to complete defeat. Surrender of the shattered remnants of Berlin's garrison was announced in an Order of the Day by Marshal Stalin to Marshals Zhukov and Koniev. The end came at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. By nine o'clock 70,000 German prisoners had been counted.

It was left to General Webber, an obscure artillery commander, to give up the keys to the city after 11 days of fighting. Stalin's Order described Hitler's former capital as "the centre of German aggression and cradle of 'German imperialism'."

Surrender of the German armies in Italy and Western Austria was announced by Mr. Churchill to a cheering House of Commons. President Truman, giving the situation of the everywhere-defeated German armies.

In Northern Germany the whole pocket covering the North Sea ports and Denmark is swiftly collapsing. German troops running blindly from the Russians are being swamped. Denmark is cut off. British troops have entered the island across its southern approaches and swept beyond to another Baltic port — Wismar.

CIVILIANS IN CHAOS

Roads leading from the Lubbeck area towards Denmark are an inferno of destruction. British planes, swooping on the fleeing Germans, have smashed more than 1,000 lorries. For miles the highways are cluttered with burning German transport mingled with frantic civilian refugees.

An hour before announcing the fall of Rostock last night, the German High Command announced that a pocket south-east of Berlin has crumbled. The Russians captured more than 120,000 Germans.

In the doomed Southern Redoubt, Patton's tanks are closing on the ruins of Hitler's Berchtesgaden "fortress." Swarming into Austria, other Third Army forces are 18 miles from Linz — about 70 miles from the Russians beyond Vienna.

News of the military position in Western Holland is obscure. But, food is now pouring in to the hungry Dutch by land and air with full German agreement.



Hitler
is Dead

'Plenty of
the good
news still
to come'

By WILSON BROADBENT
Diplomatic Correspondent

IT is thought in London, in spite of yesterday's chaotic events in Germany, before there will be any political developments of first-class importance.

Hitler's death was added to the chaos which now governs Germany. For the time being, therefore, it is expected that Admiral Doenitz will endeavour to exercise some kind of authority in the hope that he can snatch something from the wreck.

It is a hopeless venture on his part, but he is described as a man of security, a firm Nazi, and not necessarily a mass deserter.

The unconditional surrender of the German armies in Italy and Austria, which was presumably arranged before the death of Hitler, will be followed by other acts of surrender or mass desertion.

"This is not all the good news — we have plenty more to come," said a member of the Government after Mr Churchill had made his statement in the House of Commons last night.

Ultimately, it is thought that Admiral Doenitz will have to face the death of Hitler. It is expected to have a profound effect on Germans in all walks of life.

Lost Magic

The spell is broken. While Hitler lived, most Germans thought, or hoped, that by some magic stroke he might yet save them.

But now that hope is gone, and Admiral Doenitz will have to face the hard fact, as Himmler did more than



Hitler

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