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Days Of Fighting
PARIS, Thursday, April 19
—(P)—Infantrymen and tanks
of the U. S. Third Army

slashed across the border of Czechoslovakia yesterday, cutting Germany in two geographically, while other American forces conquered Magdeburg, 60 miles south west of Berlin, and drove al-

most to the heart of Leipzig, the Reich's fifth largest city. The city was taken into the Sudetenland, which Hitler annexed in 1938, was made north of Austria by doubtings of the 90th Infantry Division's tanks. Last night they were reported two miles inside Czechoslovakia in the vicinity of Blatná, the major town on the east of the German city of Hof.

The last eight miles of the plume to the border was made without opposition, a symbol of the present low state of Nazi military morale. Front dispatch said brisk fire was encountered after Lt. Gen. Georg Stetten's line and armor had crossed the mine and the town of Chemnitz, at the western tip of the Ore Mountains.

Reich's Leaving Hamburg

As Patton's veteran troops plunged into one of the last of Hitler's stolen nations, three other American armies fought to clear the last of the Reich. One army, from Nuernberg and Dusseldorf, a

Front dispatches last night said the historic city of Leipzig, site of Germany's renowned fair

might fall within hours to Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army. On the sixth day of the siege this city of more than 700,000 population doughboys had driven the Elsterbecken canal and the Pilsener river, deep within Leipzig. Magdeburg, the ruined industrial metropolis on the west bank

of the Elbe river, was cleared by Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson and the Ninth Army after two days of bitter fighting in which flame-throwing tanks were used to burn out the last fanatical Hitler Youth

Halle And Dessau Besieged
Troops of Hodges' First Army drove to within 4,000 yards of the center of Leipzig after five days of bitter fighting against a determined garrison and others.

Hodges' forces closely besieged the cities of Halle and Dessau southwest of Berlin. Halle was cleared except for its southern outskirts.

The Nazi shrine city of Nuremberg

berg had been penetrated at four different points by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army, but enemy resistance still was fierce in that bastion at the approaches to Hitler's holdout, *for* *known to the Russians, also, since*

Julius Streicher, the Nazis' master Jew-baiter and bully who had directed the defense of Nuernberg

was reported to have fled the city four nights ago. Women were reported manning guns inside Nuernberg, as they were in Leipzig. Among prisoners taken from the Nuernberg garrison was a soldier.

Reach Zuider Zee
Canadian forces topped off the steady successes in Holland by reaching the Zuider Zee in the northern Netherlands. They were

less than two miles from the great inland sea on the south and west, moving steadily toward Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Utrecht. The Nazis now hold only a fragment of the whole coastline of northern

Duesseldorf, last big city held by the Nazis in the devastated Ruhr pocket, was falling to the 17th American Airborne Division. Only 125 square miles of the town

Up to Tuesday night a total of 309,484 prisoners had been taken

in the blackened area which was the cradle of German military might, and there were believed to be still some 50,000 Nazis in the region. German losses in killed and captured at Stalingrad were over 312,000.

**GI'S WILL PREVIEW
ERNIE PYLE MOVIE**

The motion picture of Ernie Pyle's life, "G.I. Joe" will be released as planned some time in July, it was announced today by Lester Cowan, head of the company that made it.

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Pyle for showing to troops when
he was stationed. Because Pyle
was killed at Okinawa, the print
will be sent to troops there, Cov
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