

GERMANY

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correspondent Kenneth Dixon reported from the Ninth Army front.

The joining of Ninth Army and Russian forces was accompanied by a last minute rush of terrorized Germans, attempting to flee across the Elbe into American lines southeast of Barby. Patrols have been going back and forth from the Elbe for ten days. Twice, the patrols have been halted by accepting too many German prisoners. Some 4,500 surrendered last night during a six-mile advance from the bridgehead northeast of Zerbst.

Capt. Ploehn who led the patrol which met the Russians is a former Michigan state policeman.

Matter of Days

Indications at Supreme Headquarters were that hostilities in Europe would last—at the most—only a matter of days. High ranking Nazi survivors were reported seeking peace while the western Allies drove swiftly into the southern and northern redoubts, advancing almost at will in Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia.

The notorious Dachau concentration camp near Munich was captured and 32,000 political and religious prisoners were freed. The Third Army crossed the Isar River and beat down the last 65 miles toward Salzburg and the 70 to 75 miles to Berchtesgaden, headquarters of the Alpine hide-away.

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