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FALL OF BERLIN

AT LAST THOSE LONG-AWAITED FIRST PICTURES FROM BERLIN. The Brandenburg Gate, near the Tiergarten, is the heart of the city. Victorious Russian troops walk through the rubble where the Nazis made their last stand.

Berlin unfolds beneath the camera of a reconnaissance aircraft as the Reich Capital falls to the Russians. Not enough buildings were left to house Russian Generals and their staffs.

Burning buildings in the Wilhelmstrasse and Unter den Linden make a funeral pyre for the city which Hitler once boasted would never capitulate.

Unter den Linden, where the goosestep used to swagger, is now ground into the dust. German Government buildings, the Reichstag, Hitler's Palace, the Reichs Chancellery have been battered into ruin by Russian field guns and R.A.F. Bombers. The Adlon houses Red Army men, and the Wilhelmstrasse is a street of empty husks of buildings.

The Hammer and Sickle flies over the Borsig Palace. Men from the great Steppes, from Stalingrad and Siberia have come a long way. This was Ivan's V-E Day.