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Inventor of V-2 Professor Von Braun, is a prisoner. His broken arm is a testimonial for R.A.F. bombing. V-2 cost 60 million pounds, he said, but he didn't seem concerned over what his rockets cost in civilian lives. The Europa, Germany's finest liner and one-time holder of the Atlantic Blue Riband, fell a prize to Allied troops when they captured Bremerhaven.

German submarines, Hitler's misfired hope of victory at sea, have surrendered in droves. This one was nabbed at Emden when she returned to her base after a six weeks cruise. No Scapa Flow followed this war. Surrender was forced upon the German Navy here, there and everywhere. U.249 put in to Weymouth Bay, the first U-boat to surrender in a British Port. Allied Navy men issued orders to the U-boat crew assembled on the deck with their Captain, Ober-Lieutenant Koek, wearing a white hat.

Londonderry Harbour netted 16 U-boats, now the total passes the 300 mark. It has taken some considerable time for the big ocean types to come in. Any attempt to turn pirate would have been met with summary justice.

Here is one of the big fellows, U 532, docked at Liverpool. A cargo-carrying submarine, U 532 was weighed down in the water with a freight of tin, wolfram, rubber and quinine. In British hands, these vital materials will come in useful against the enemy who provided them - the Japanese. A tonic for Londoners was the sight of U776 heading up old Father Thames towards Westminster.

Sailing past well-loved landmarks towards Westminster, it was fitting that she should fly the flag of the men who beat her off the seas, the white ensign. German Naval men were picked for toughness. Their total defeat is written in their surrendered ships, and the suicide of Admiral Friedeburg, their commander-in-chief. First German Army prisoners to be put to work in London. A four storey block of flats is going up on this site - a drop in the ocean of Britain's Housing problem, and the sewer trench is dug by Nazis. "We March Against England" they used to sing. Today it's got a new twist - digging their way back to Germany.