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HONOUR FOR MONTY

Field Marshal Montgomery, wearing the famous black beret with its twin badges, came back to Chiswick to receive the freedom of the joint borough of Brentford & Chiswick. Monty - born in London is Chiswick's favourite son - the Sunday school teacher who grew up to be one of Britain's greatest Commanders. Monty drove in the open landau that General Eisenhower used when he made his triumphal progress through the City of London.

The ceremony was held at the Chiswick Empire, packed with local citizens who remembered the Field Marshal as a boy, and others who knew him only as a leader of armies.

Monty signed the roll of Freeman and the Mayor presented him with a scroll and a Cromwellian clock. After that the assembled citizens heard a statement of faith in Britain's future by the victor of El Alamein; he who led his men from Libya to the German North Sea Coast.

NATURAL SOUND - Monty Speaks.

Mr. Mayor, and Ladies and Gentlemen. I have come here today from Germany, from Berlin, to accept this high honour which you have conferred on me, and I would like to say that it is a very great pleasure for me to come here.....

~~THE~~ The war in Europe is now happily over and war in Pacific will be pressed relentlessly to its absolutely certain conclusion.....No tyrant could afford to disregard a strong British Empire that stands for Freedom and Justice.....Firstly, we must build our post war civilisation with a good leavening of spiritual matter, secondly, if we want peace we must understand war, and thirdly, we must maintain a strong and united British Empire."