

U.S. Armed Forces

Escaped Germans To Be Returned To Camp Hale

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Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 22—
(AP)—Two German prisoners-of-war whose attempted escape to Mexico led to charges of treason against an American soldier, will be returned to Camp Hale, Colo., tonight or tomorrow, D. A. Bryce, FBI agent, said today.

The pair, Henrich Kikillus, 32, and Erhard Schwichtenberg, 24, and PFC Dale H. Maple, 23-year-old American soldier, who is charged with aiding the Germans escape, were captured last Friday just across the border from Columbus, N. M. They had fled Camp Hale three days before.

Maple, from Middletown, R. I., was described by U. S. district attorney Howard Houk as defiant and holding the German government in higher esteem than that of the United States. He is under \$100,000 bond and will be held here for grand jury action, March 6, on charges of treason, Houk said.

Bryce's announcement that the two Germans would be sent back to Camp Hale indicated that questioning of the trio, underway since Sunday, had been completed.