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March 4 the Garden on the roof of the Montparnasse Train Station

We went looking for the museum of the liberation of Paris, which Barbara had told us is in the Garden on the roof of the Gare Montparnasse.

It was just after the weather had broken and the green was beginning to turn green. Here is the beginning of spring at the Atlantic Garden on the rooftop.



At the end of the walk this woman is following, is a building holding three exhibitions. One is a memorial to Jean Moulin, a brave partisan who was part of the resistance against the occupying Nazis and the Vichy government of France. It was photographs and recordings of speeches in French commemorating his contribution to the resistance.

The other is a Museum of Leclerc, the French general who marched into Paris with General De Gaulle. There is a moving video presented on a panoramic screen showing the forces marching into Paris, De Gaulle, people waving flags, the singing and general joy of a people being liberated. It shows the American troops marching in and tanks rolling in.

As we were leaving I took this photo that shows the modern buildings next to a traditional Paris building.



Ernie's cousin Louise Vincent lives in one of those modern buildings.

Here is one more photo of the garden as spring is coming.



The Montparnasse tower is in the background. The lower white circular building is where the museum/exposition hall is located. It was still cool but the trees were beginning to bud.