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# Beaches Clear of Enem



# **Allied Craft** Keep Skies Free of Foe

Allied aircraft, maintaining their 200to-one air superiority over invasion beachheads, dominated the skies over France again yesterday as they hammered German troop concentrations and smashed enemy lines of communication almost without challenge from the Luftwaffe.

After a record day in which the Allied air forces, flying the staggering total of 13,000 sorties, rocked the French coast with 22,500 tons of explosives at a cost of but 31 aircraft, U.S. planes roared out from their bases at dawn and on through the day to blast everything

Although enemy aerial activity picked up slightly yesterday, at 5 PM the Allies had lost only 70 planes since the first landings in Europe, most of them presumably to flak.

Heavies Bomb Near Caen

Eighth Air Force heavy bombers con-tinued their support of ground troops yesterday afternoon by attacking a number of road intersections near towns

south of Caen in an effort to block off possible German reinforcements.

In addition to escort duty, Eighth fighters strafed and bombed over a 40-50-mile arc in advance of Allied ground

Up to early afternoon only two formations of 12 enemy aircraft approached the beaches and had no chance to attack Allied troops. A total of 20 German fighters were destroyed for the loss of five

Every type of aircraft in the Ninth Air Force—mediums, light and fighter bombers—gave close support to ground troops, strating German forces and pounding enemy supply and communication lines in a belt 30 miles inland from

the French coast, Fighter-bombers shuttled Britain and France throughout the day. By noon more than 500 P47 fighter-bombers had flown more than 17 separate missions over the Cherbourg Peninsula. In the only reported engagement with the P47 12 feet above the ground. By late afternoon only 12 fighter-bombers had been lost, all of them to ack ack fire.

Concentrating mainly on the Cher-bourg Peninsula, the tactical aircraft struck to the rear of the battle line, hit-ting troop concentrations and all German

targets sighted.

Marauders, flying as low as 1,000 feet, Marauders, llying as Jow as 1,000 feet, for the first time strafed German troops, vehicles and supply convoys. Havoes hit a German headquarters behind the line on one of the heachheads.

Planes of the RAF's Second Tactical Air Force flew from dawn to early even-

ing over the beaches and deep in France. Twenty-three enemy planes were de-stroyed in missions on which the RAP also lost 23.

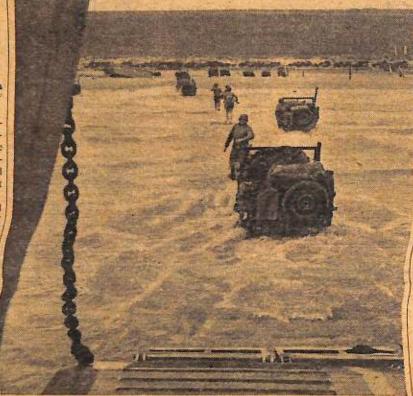
Preceding the assault by Forts and Liberators, medium bombers hit Rennes, Le Mans and Laval, three main railway centers on the east-west railroad line leading into the Brest peninsula, just west of

the Cherbourg peninsula, Just west of the Cherbourg peninsula.

Rounding out the greatest day of air activity of the war, the RAF on Tuesday night struck another 5,000-ton blow, battering roads and railways from 15 to 40 miles belind the bridgeheads. Thirteen are self-west days.

It was announced yesterday that the Allied air forces, hammering rail centers before D-Day, flew the stupendous total of 71,000 serties in the first six days

So effective was the offensive, SHAEF said, that before the landings 25 railroad bridges and nine highway bridges across the Seine were destroyed.



Here are the first pictures of the landings in France. At top, American infantrymen wade through the surf to the shore, while to the right are the transports from which they disembarked. Directly above, a view from a troop transport as jeeps and men land. In the background, left, is a Higgins boat which has been damaged on the coast defenses.

# Air Train 200 Mi. Long Takes Troops to France

On an aerial train, nine planes wide and 200 miles long, that zipped across the Channel at 300 feet, thousands of dirty-faced Yankee paratroopers and airborne infantrymen rode to France at H-hour.

And yesterday-after the initial airborne operations, the most massive ever conceived, had gone successfully—inree more waves of C41 Skytrains and

#### Strike Now, French Told By Algiers Commissioner

A call to French patriots to "strike now with full force and all the resources at your disposal" was broadcast over Algiers radio yesterday by M. Emmanuel d'Astier, French National Liberation commissioner for the interior.

"Here are your instruuctions for the decisive hour which has now struck," d'Astier said, calling for a campaign to immobilize German communications and harass the enemy "so that every single German in France feels himself person-

gliders continued the cross-Channel shuttle in the clouds, flying in many more troops and equipment of all kinds— artillery, ammunition, food, medical supplies, jeeps, gasoline.

The whole Cherbourg peninsula was

mantled in the white and colored silks of

the dropped and discarded parachutes, returning pilots reported.

There were more than 900 C47 transports and gliders from a score of bases in the opening blow by the U.S. Ninth Air Force alone—the British and Canadians added others.

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In command of the lead plane was Lt.
Col. John M. Donaldson, of Birmingham, Ala.—he dumped the first paratroopers. All the 81 planes of his group, which actually launched the invasion, re-(Continued on page 4)

# **Troops and Supplies** PourOntoContinent; Battle Rages at Caen

The Allied Expeditionary Forces, battling stubbornly to wedge open a gateway to Hitler's Europe through the Normandy coast of France, made considerable progress along the whole front yesterday in spite of bad weather and stiffening German resistance, Supreme Headquarters reported last night. It was also revealed that Gen, Eisenhower had visited the beachheads.

There were these developments:

1-All beaches are now clear of the enemy, although it is presumed that some of them are still under enemy artillery fire. Some of the beaches have been linked together.

2—The landing of additional troops and supplies is going on continuously.
3—For the second consecutive day airborne forces have been landed in France and have carried out "all tasks allotted" to them and

4-Allied troops have repulsed a counter-attack near Caen, ten miles in from the sea between Cherbourg and Le Havre, an important rail and road junction between Paris and the two ports.

5—Although reports of Allied progress early in the morning were "disappointing," by midday they had showed a "decided improvement."

6—Resistance from German air forces continued to be surprisingly light,

objectives, 9—Enemy coastal batteries still action yesterday were finally silenced by Allied naval forces. Aircraft were used to direct the fire of the U.S. battleship Texas and the British cruiser Glasgow, which, with other ships, have been bom-barding inland targets behind the beaches.

Most furious fighting of the entire front was raging in the vicinity of Caen, according to reports from Berlin and

other enemy radio stations.

Caen, center of a bridgehead which the Germans say is now 20 miles wide and at least six miles deep, was bombed by Fortresses and Liberators as Allied in-fantry and armor advanced to the immediate vicinity of the town. The Germans said more than 100 American and British tanks were being hurled into the battle

The British Sixth Parachute Division has taken bridges north of the city, Allied headquarters revealed.

At Bayeux, in the same general vicinity, (Continued on page 4)

# 6—Resistance from German air forces continued to be surprisingly light, only two formations of 12 aircraft approaching the beaches up to early afternoon and these failing to inflict casualties on Allied ground forces. 7—Rangers and Commandos, which were revealed yesterday to have played an important part in the initial assaults, have functioned as special task forces linking regular formations which otherwise might have been uncoordinated. 8—Allied aircraft were giving close support in great strength to both land and sea forces. For the first time, Allied fighter pilots reported attacking tanks in direct support of ground troops, and pilots were answering radioed requests from infantry units to attack specific objectives. 8 For the first time, Allied fighter pilots reported attacking tanks in direct support of ground troops, and pilots were answering radioed requests from infantry units to attack specific objectives. Riflemen, Navy Teamed to Win In Beach Duel

Stars and Stripes Navy Writer ABOARD THE USS HENRICO OFF THE FRENCH COAST, June 6 (delayed) —Naval guns and army rifles combined today to win one of the toughest beach-heads the Allied forces have established on the Normandy coast during the past 12 hours 2 hours.

U.S. infantrymen, who left this assault transport before dawn this morning, met determined resistance by German defenders. Pillboxes and landing obstacles guarded the landing area despite a drenching rain of bombs and naval shells.

The Americans crossed the sandy beach. However, by late this afteroon they gained the top of the coastal rise and were advancing intend. and were advancing inland. Going ashore in an LCVP a few hours ago, I could see long lines of doughboys climbing the slopes and only occasional longrange shells dropped along the beach.

#### Nazis Hold Fire

A landing was almost impossible at two of the three chosen points in our sector. When the first of our LCVPs ground ashore at 6.35 this morning it was H hour exactly. German gunners in concealed positions held their fire. At the third point landing obstacles jutted from the water. Barbed wire was enclosed in the visible V-shape. Mines dangled from

Wave after wave of the Americans came ashore, firing rifle and carbine. Nazi spotters on the ridge directed mortar and 88mm, fire to the attackers. Battleships, cruisers and destroyers moved slowly along the area crashing out salvos against the strongpoints.

Finally a U.S. destroyer came in almost to the water's edge, swung about and blasted at the pillboxes. Her fire overpowered the Nazi guns and the advance

Barking army rifles killed off the enemy Barking army rifles killed oil the enemy wherever he came into the open. In the center of the beach was a white house, frequently the target of warships' guns. It was set afire and abandoned by German snipers.

Two small boat coxwains from this vessel told me they saw a German come (Continued on page 4)

## Eyewitness Tells of Beach Battling

By James McGliney

United Press Correspondent SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, June 7-I have just heard the first eyewitness story of the battle of the beaches, a story of heavy fighting, untold heroism and

supreme sacrifice. It was told to me by Bert Brandt, a well-knows news photographer, who was on the beaches on the invasion morning for 30 minutes and then spent hours more craising within gunshot of the

bloody scene. Brandt, who was with U.S. units, told me how some of the first assault troops which stormed the beaches went down under a withering German cross-fire, but more and more men climbed ashere over their bodies until a footbold established.

"The Germans laid down an intense pattern of fire on the beaches with 88s and raked them with cross-fire from machine-gun emplacements. American casualties were spotty-heavy on some beaches, light on others,

"On one beach, German machine-guns wiped out some of the first men to land as soon as the doors of their landing craft were opened. Because of opposition met by the demolition parties which went in first, later boatloads with heavy equipment were delayed getting ashore. But by the time I left the beachhead at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the troops were firmly ashore and beginning to

"I doubt whether the German defenders

Brandt said: "It was hotter than hell over there. I was at Anzio, but Anzio was nothing like this, "The Germans laid down an intense while and then shift it to the next beach, while and then shift it to the next beach, while the first beach was again quiet.

while the first beach was again quiet.
"American assault boats went in at high tide over huge iron obstacles, some of which were mined. When the tide receded, many boats were stuck-on top of the obstacles. A fair number of mines went off in the water and on the beaches. The whole thing was an unbelievable sight. Planes criss-crossed overhead constantly. You never could look up without seeing formation planes somewhere. Lightnings and Thunderbolts zoomed

right over our heads all the time, blasting German defenses,
"Some boats were burning and a pall (Continued on page 4)

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#### Across the Channel

YEWS from the French coast indicates that slashing attacks against the Germans have resulted in satisfactory progress, with beachheads being expanded and extended as thousands upon thousands of additional Allied soldiers pour into the fray.

Our air force has provided a completely successful air cover for the operations in addition to carrying out all types of raids far behind the lines and attacking strategic enemy areas.

Details of operations are closely marded. That is for a very good pur-ose. We may not know as much as we would like to know about the battle, but the enemy knows even less.

At this critical stage it would be playing into the enemy's hands to divulge any improper hint of the success or failure of any individual maneuver.

Already the Germans are making claims of Allied landings, either along the coast or by airborne infantry at inland points, and so-called news commentators. from Germany are recounting in great detail what we are doing and how the

That is an old trick designed to assist the enemy on two points. First, the Germans hope that by reporting some event they will provoke the Allied Supreme Command into affirming or denying it. And second, it is easy for them to, for example, tell of an Allied landing, which in actuality never occurred or was a feint, and then later claim in broadcasts to their own people that the landing was repulsed with heavy losses to the Allies. That is an old trick designed to assist

In either case, it is well for us to keep silent. At the same time it is well to remember that enemy radio reports are not broadcast to help the Allies and should be taken with more than a grain of ralt.

Meanwhile, we have extensive news reports of our own that give every detail of the assault that can be given. The reaction to news of the cross-Channel operation in America and Britain is well known.

In Russia, the Army newspaper "Red Star" declared: "The Atlantic Wall is being overcome. This day will remain memorable in history. One cannot overestimate the significance of this leap across the Channel which is being the Channel, which is being carried out in masterly fashion by one of the greatest of contemporary strategists.

#### German Reaction

TITH the Allied armies of liberation on the march, a number of questions are pre-eminent in public discussion: How much pressure can the German military machine stand? Can civilian morale hold? What is the German reaction to Allied landings on

German communiques give the impression that, in general, "there was a deep breath of relief that the long period of tension was ended." Swedish reports give a slightly keener insight into public reaction, stating, 'One of the first comments made by Berliners was, Now at least, perhaps, we shall escape the air great emphasis being put on the word "perhaps.

But an even more significant picture of is revealed report that drastic changes in military law to deal with "subversive activities among the armed forces of the Reich" have been made by the German High Command. Military courts have been ordered to impose the death penalty or life imprisonment in cases where a lesser punishment is laid down by existing military law.

The new measure is similar to one taken by the Imperial German High Com-mand in 1918 and indicates that present day leaders of the Reich recognize the possibility of mutiny. Whether mutiny materializes or not, the mere threat of such action works to the advantage of the Allies. Constant pressure from within prevents full concentration by Nazi leaders on threats from outside the realm. Allied advance increases this

#### Reverse Needed

CIENCE is wonderful. Sooner or later a cure for almost anything is developed. For example, if during a hearty laugh or yawn you throw your jaw out of joint, a new drug from America will put it right.

When Newcastle-on-Tyne hospital asked for a supply of the new drug. American medical authorities in New York sent some. The drug, which has been used in the U.S.A. to cure air-men who developed "snapping jaws," proved a success.

At the moment we would like to see At the moment we would like to see the scientists produce a version of their cure "in reverse"—a drug to close the traps of habitual gabbers and put the lid on careless talk for the duration, and six months or so thereafter.

# Hash Marks

Tis rumored the Army is trying to find a substitute for meat-and we thought all

Signs of the Times: The Officer of the Day, personally posting one of the outfit's newer men, pointed to a red light and



said, "That is the limit of your post." Three days later the guard reported back to the OD and told him the red light turned out to be a navigation light on a bomber bound for Berlin.

There's a mail clerk over here named Pvt. Jacobs who has the perfect answer for the guys who bellyache about mail delivery. Jacobs posted a sign reading, "Stop Squawking! Write Home!"

Street Scene, Lt. Gerard W. Van Loon composed this verse while watching three busses pass him by. It's titled "Request

op.

Request stops, bud, are places where You stand, feet firmly planted And flag a bus in silent prayer, To find requests are seldom granted.

To find requests are seldom granted.

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T/5 Donald C. Moss sends us this little story of Army life in the States. Bouncing along in a truck, a major was stopped by a sentry on duty at an important crossroads. "Who goes there!" called the sentry. "One American major, a one-ton truck of fertilizer and one buck private," came the reply. The vehicle was stopped several times in the area and the same answer given. Finally the private asked, "Sir, do you think we'll be stopped again?" Told that they probably would, he pleaded, "Well, major, the next time would you mind giving me priority over the fertilizer?"

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And then there was the GI. discussing

And then there was the GI, discussing the big push, who said, "I'd like to go over with the first WAVE."

A GI, hearing one of his old buddies had arrived in the ETO, made plans for a reunion. He finally reached the small



English village near which his buddy stayed and was quite surprised to see his old pal walking down the street calmly pushing a baby carriage. "Say," he exclaimed, "you didn't tell me you were married. Let me see the cute little rascal." Whereupon he pulled back the covers— to find a carriage full of empty beer bottles. His pal was on his way to the local to return his empties.

Incidental Information: An improvised shaving brush can be made by tying a small bunch of steel wool on a shelter tent pin, using dog tag tape. (It says here in tine print.)

# Ike Pays Airborne Fighters Last-Minute Visit



Before the take-off for the landings in France, Gen. Eisenhower paid airborne units a visit and talked with several hundred men individually.

Second Front Sidelights

# Sleeping 'Stowaway' Wakens, Has to Land With Glider Men

A private, member of a Ninth Air Force service group, fell asleep in the tail of a Ninth Troop Carrier Command glider just before it was towed into the air for its journey to the battle zones of France yesterday morning and became a front-line participant in the "Greatest Show on Earth."

After beloing to service the troop

After helping to service the troop-carrying glider for its flight behind enemy

carrying glider for its flight behind enemy lines, he climbed into the tail of the laden glider and fell asleep unnoticed.

The glider took off behind its C-47 towplane and headed over the Channel. No one noticed the sleeping soldier until he awoke and asked the surprised glider pilot where they were.

The glider pilot quickly consulted the pilot of his tow-ship and it was decided that the "stowaway" would have to land with the airborne infantrymen in the glider.

The private and the glider were last seen landing in a troop-carrier drop zone in the midst of heavy fighting.

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The first fighter pilot of the Ninth
AF to land in Allied territory in France
was 1/Lt. Norman T. Johnson, of Vernal, Utah. Forced to make a crashlanding near the coast, Johnson coasted
to safety inside friendly lines.

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Outwardly, Paris is calm and composed and going along as usual, but there is an undercurrent of elation at the prospect of liberation, the Paris correspondent of German News Agency said, according to Reuter. The government yesterday issued a circular, the radio report was quoted, demanding that all officials should remain at their posts "in all circumstances." all circumstances.

"The Allies have now great experience in amphibious operations," a Berlin military spokesman said, but he refuted the prevalence of Allied secret weapons.
"Not secret weapons," he declared, "just special machines adapted for the rapid transport of tanks and artillery."

Prime Minister Churchill was per-suaded only with the greatest difficulty against accompanying the invasion force to the French coast, Adm. Sir Bertram

Ramsey, invasion naval chief, revealed in a visit to one of the convoy vessels. It was pointed out to him that the extra work involved in safeguarding him would be very great and the Prime Minister finally agreed.

The big show is really on this time, and the Barney-Maru is in it. Few other American naval vessels have displayed quite the flair she has for getting into the front row when the curtains go up

quite the flair she has for getting into the front row when the curtains go up on the big ones.

She made the original landing at Guadalcanal. Her tough young coxswains put the first waves on the beaches at Sicily and again at Salerno. She was in the first group of Allied transports into Naples harbor.

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The British battleships Rodney and Nelson and the U.S. battleship Nevada took part in initial operations, a German report said. The Nevada was damaged in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Something of the superman went ashore with British units, according to the Berlin correspondent of a Swedish news agency. He said the Tommies "seem to have bullet-proof uniforms. They surged through a hail of machinegun bullets without a casualty."

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The beachhead was so secure, a Ninth AF pilot reported after a flight, that American soldiers were visible standing alongside roads, leaning on their rifles and awaiting chow.

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awaiting chow.

More than 100 Allied warships and landing ships are still lying off Le Havre, said the German Overseas News Agency last night, as quoted by United Press. They include battleships, cruisers, destroyers, large tank-carrying craft and innumerable landing barges and small ships, it said.

The U.S. Rangers eliminated a beach-head obstacle when they scaled a chalk and shale cliff rising 200 feet above the beach with rope ladders to silence enemy artillery batteries which were menacing the approaching transports.

One of the most important pre-D-Day conferences was held last Sunday during an informal confab at Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters. "Gen. Ike's" guests, present to study detailed maps of invasion beaches, included Winston Churchill, Gen. De Gaulle, Gen. Smuts and Anthony Eden.

A British news agency misinterpreted a dispatch from an American correspondent, which read: "Groups of GIs were aboard tank landing crafts which took part in operations," and had "Girls" in the fighting instead of "GIs."

### Maybe We Should Raise Our Subscription Rates

AN EIGHTH LIBERATOR STATION, June 7-Twice 2/Lt. James M. Dobson, of St. Cloud, Minn., and his B24 crew read in The Stars and Stripes of how Flying Forts, one each in Britain and Italy, landed safely using parachutes for

The other day Dobson applied the same trick after the hydraulic system on his ship had been shot away by flak. But Dobson and his men had to query the control tower for advice they had forgotten from what positions to release the chutes.

Obtaining the information, Dobson brought the Lib in smoothly. It rolled to a stop just short of the runway's

# 3 Mighty Words, 'This Is It,' Gave Press the News

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent Three words-which didn't mention "invasion," "Second Front," "landings in Europe" or "beachhead"-revealed in London at 8 AM Tuesday the first news of the invasion of Western Europe by Allied forces.

"This is it," said a staff officer of Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force, opening the first SHAEF press conference behind locked and heavily-guarded doors at the Ministry of Information.

More than a hundred Allied correspondents, waiting tensely to learn and spread the news throughout the world, knew what he meant.

Then the fateful Communique No. 1 first report to the world by Gen. Eisenhower on AEF operations in Western Europe-was handed out.

SHAEF officers spoke briefly, elaborating on the communique, outlining naval and air operations of the invasion, and giving general background information. Correspondents, during a half-hour interval, wrote their first invasion stories on typewriters provided by SHAEF, filed the stories and had them censored-all inside the locked conference room.

No one was allowed out of the room except in emergency, only then with an MP escort, who had been instructed that no correspondent be allowed to speak to anyone. MP guards lined the walls inside the conference room and kept close watch outside the entrance.

MP dispatch riders carried the first invasion stories to cable companies, where the stories were held until the communique was officially released.

Raising his arm at 9.31 AM, a SHAEF officer said, "In just 15 seconds the invasion flash will go out to the world"and in 15 seconds his arm dropped. The doors were unlocked, correspondents from all the Allied nations raced to the exits, and the tremendous news went out to the world.

"The biggest news story since the deluge," as Brig. Gen. T. J. Davis and his SHAEF public-relations division have called it, had started.

From then on the greatest military undertaking in history was reported by Allied correspondents attached to ground, air, and naval forces-and by exceptional SHAEF-prepared copy revealing the long pent-up details of invasion preparations in a deluge of words that poured into the Ministry of Information press room all day Tuesday and were still coming steadily yesterday.

The man who released the flood of AEF information with the key words, "This is it," U.S. Col. R. Ernest Dupuy, acting chief of SHAEF PRO, told corre-

"We've had to surrender before in the war of words."

But there was every indication at SHAEF headquarters that release of Allied words on the fighting in Western Europe will keep the world as well informed on AEF progress as possible, partly through Gen. Eisenhower's communiques at 11 AM and 11.30 PM and through explanatory SHAEF conferences twice daily.

# PRIVATE BREGER



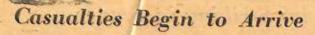
"Maybe we'd better not tell him it's only wax fruit!"

# Bomb Weight Tripled In '44 Raids on Reich

WASHINGTON, June 7-USAAF planes dropped 174,719 tons of bombs on Germany and 43,085 tons on Japanese-occupied territory in the first four months of 1944-greater than the tonnage dropped in the whole of last year, Gen. Henry H. Arnold told the House Appropriations Committee in testimony made public today.

The committee recommended an appropriation of \$49,109,000,000 to meet the Army's estimated needs for the year beginning July 1.

Gen. Arnold said the air force would reach a planned strength of 2,375,000 men at the end of June to insure aerial supremacy over the European battlefields.







A landing craft comes back from the Second Front with the first wounded. They are carried (at top) from the craft by medics to a waiting ambulance (directly above) on the English shore to be taken to a station hospital.

port today in minesweepers with 19 sur-vivors of the first landings who were

"picked up at sea."

"Bring up ambulances" came the command as the first vessel bearing casualties pulled into a pier cleared of all persons without proper credentials.

Negro litter bearers began placing stretchers beside the gangplank. Then British sailors brought ashore a litter. Lying in it was a small canvas-covered

shape. Carefully they placed it on the dock.

Then as gently as though the soldier were alive and able to feel pain, British sailors, helped by the U.S. litter bearers, shifted the burden to an American stretcher.

Four litter bearers took the stretcher away to an ambulance.

7,000 Ships Convoyed WASHINGTON, June 7 (Reuter)—The U.S. Navy has convoyed 7,000 ships to England since Jan. 1, 1942, and lost only

#### Wounded Return, Tell Their Story

# Unopposed, Shock Troops Blast Nazi Block 'Exactly as Briefed'

By Howard Whitman

AN INVASION PORT, June 7-AN INVASION PORT, June 7—Assault troops of the first invasion wave which hit the beach near Cherbourg saw not a single German during their first hour of demolition work. They destroyed a concrete tank barricade according to a pre-arranged plan, blasting it with their dynamite charges so that an Allied tank column could charge through

Allied tank column could charge through.

The only evidence of the enemy they saw was a lone Messerschmitt which promptly scrammed when dived upon by American fighters. German batteries behind the beach began lobbing shells over after the landing, but casualties were

The story of this beachhead was told

The story of this beachhead was told by wounded evacuees who reached this port at six o'clock this morning. Anong them was a Brooklyn boy, Cpl. Johnay Lacognata, who suffered a slight fracture of the right wrist.

"We crossed the Channel in an assault transport and were put overside in a Higgins boat for a ten-mile run to the beach." Johnny said. "I was as scaed as hell on the transport, but once we got into little landing craft and started got into little landing craft and started chugging beachward I forgot all fear.

As I saw the beach loom up ahead, I was so damned mad I just wanted to get in there and fight like hell."

Johnny and his buddies said that the bombardment which preceded the land-ing was "magnificent." So perfectly was ing was "magnificent." So perfectly was the operation timed that the Higgins boats hit the beach within a minute after the last bomb fell. "The entire beach was still wreathed with smoke and bomb explosions when we charged ashore,"

plosions when we charged plosions when we charged Johnny reported.

A few of the Higgins boats hit underwater mines as they plowed through shallow water and were capsized, throwing out their loads into the water.

"Our engineer team found the wall we were to demolish as easily as if we had rehearsed the whole show on this very rehearsed the whole show on this very heach," said Johnny. "It was wonderful beach," said Johnny, "It was wonderful heach," said Johnny, thing explained to us beach," said Johnny. "It was wonderful to have the whole thing explained to us in advance and then find it exactly as they said it would be. We planted our charges and blasted hell out of the wall charges are single one of our men. without losing a single one of our men.

"Then, 'zing'—a shell came over and exploded nearby. A hunk of shrapnel smacked my right hand and—well, I guess my part in the show was over. I was ordered back to the Higgins boat for evacuation."

This was Johnny's first taste of action.

This was Johnny's first taste of action.
"I sure thought it would be tougher than that," he said.

## First Americans Killed Come Back to Britain

By Ruth Cowan Representing Combined U.S. Press SOUTHERN ENGLISH PORT, June 7—The first Americans killed storming Europe were brought back to this

# Gillette Victor In Ia. Primary

DES MOINES, Ia., June 7—Jowa Democrats gave Sen. Guy Gillette a four-to-one endorsement in his bid for renomination in Monday's primary, virtually complete returns showed today. Gillette defeated Ernest Seeman, Waterloo munitions worker, and will run in November against Gov. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, who was unopposed for the GOP senatorial nomination.

Lt. Gov. Robert Blue won the Republi-

Lt. Gov. Robert Blue won the Republican gubernatorial nomination over Henry Burma and Milton Strickland. He will run against Richard Mitchell, who was

unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Rep. Fred Gilchrist, one of eight
Republican congressmen seeking renomination, lost to James Dolliver, former
state commander of the American Legion.

Portugal Bars Wolfram Export
WASHINGTON, June 7—Portugal
has agreed to immediate cessation of
export of wolfram to Germay—an action
that "should be a factor in shortening
the war inasmuch as it will deprive the England since Jan. 1, 1942, and lost only ten merchantmen and no troopships in that period, Adm. Royal Ingersoll, Atlantic fleet commander, said today.

**D-Day Sports in States** 

# Baseball, Racing Cards Postponed as Tribute

NEW YORK, June 7-With few exceptions, the nation's sports palaces canceled or postponed scheduled events yesterday as a tribute to the Allied forces who stormed the beaches of France,

Those which conducted business as usual augmented the program with prayer, donated proceeds to the Red Cross and interrupted frequently to broadcast bulletins about the invasion's progress. In all, two minor leagues,

two race tracks and one boxing show com-prised D-Day's athletic docket on the

Yesterday's patriotic fervor far over-shadowed that of June 27, 1917, when the first contingent of Americans reached the battle zones of World War I. Sports were presented as usual that day with newspapers printing box scores, race results and selections and everything else. The only difference was a line saying "The Regulars Have Landed in France."

This time, however, even the most enthusiastic sports partisans had been sweating out D-Day for many weeks. When it came, they didn't bother to study the batting averages or racing entries; they were interested only in news about the coastal strip invaded by the Allies.

Good News Influences Moguls

Most sports promoters and officials announced yesterday that they would go through with their scheduled events, adding appropriate preliminary ceremonies. But when the spectacular initial success of the landings became known they changed their minds.

Ford Frick, president of the National League, said early in the day that night games at Pittsburgh and Brooklyn—the

games at Pittsburgh and Brooklyn—the only major league games on the day's slate—would be played. But club owners met later and postponed the games.

Herman Taylor, Philadelphia boxing promoter, closed the doors of his arena and announced that the ten-rounder between Ike Williams and Sammy Angott would be shelved until tonight. At Hartford, Conn., meanwhile, Willie Pep, former featherweight champion, outformer featherweight champion, out-pointed Julie Kogan in a ten-round tiff before a meager turnout, part of the take being donated to the Red Cross.

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A ten-race program was called off at the Raynham, Mass., dog track, and the only horse tracks which didn't close down were Delaware Park and Bay Meadows. Racing-strips which cancelled the day's card included those in New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit and smaller tracks in New England and Ohio.

Bay Meadows officials donated receipts to war charities, while Delaware doubled purses and paid off in War Bonds. An announcement from the Delaware Park office said, "Last Saturday, at the time of the false invasion report, a meeting was held of our highest military authorities and our racing commissioners. It ties and our racing commissioners. It was decided that closing our track wouldn't help, but that carrying on would

Jockeys Strike, Then Capitulate

Jockeys at Delaware staged a brief sitdown strike in protest against riding, but they capitulated in time for the first race. After the eighth race, Bryan Field, general

#### Tulsa Boxing Board Reverses Nova Verdict

TULSA, Okla., June 7-The Tulsa Boxing Board today reversed the decision Boxing Board today reversed the decision which gave Lou Nova the nod over Buddy Scott in a ten-round heavyweight scrap here last week, changing the verdict to a draw. The referee and one judge had balloted for a draw but the other judge had awarded the victory to Nova.

When informed of the turnabout, Frank Parassi Nova's manager said "Nova" manager said "Nova"

Pecassi, Nova's manager, said, "Nova won the fight and got the decision. No action by the commission can change the facts."

manager of the track, disclosed that \$51,000 had been netted for the Red Cross.

On the minor league baseball front, the On the minor league baseball front, the Eastern and International leagues and the American Association, decided not to compete with the day's news. The Southern Association and Pacific Coast League, however, played their regular schedule, all games being preceded by prayer for the invaders.

President Frank Shaughnessy spoke for when he said, "I have two sons over there and when the invasion comes, I won't have much interest in baseball. I'm going to church, then home, and I'm sure a lot of other people feel the same way."

The position's specific program was ex-

The nation's sports program was expected to revert back to normal today, with baseball parks, race tracks and boxing arenas again making a bid for customers. But facilities have been arranged to give the fans invasion bulletins whenever they become available.

#### Katie Expands Her Fight Stable

NEW YORK, June 7 - Katie Jenkins, former wife of ex-lightweight king, Lew Jenkins, announced today she will become the manager of Carmine Fatta, New York light-

Fatta is the second pug to join Katie's stable. Her other boxer is Harold Valand, also a lightweight.

#### Hack Changes Mind; To Return to Cubs

CHICAGO, June 7—Third base troubles of the Cubs will be solved next week when Stan Hack, one of the National League's best hot corner custodians, rejoins the club after a brief "retirement" on his Oregon ranch.

Hack's return will bolster the Chica-goans considerably. Thus far the Cubs have experimented with Tony York, Roy Hughes, Eddie Stanky and ancient Jimmy Foxx in a futile effort to adequately fill the veteran's shoes.

# Minor League Results

Southern Association

New Orleans 6, Memphis 4
Birmingham 5, Little Rock 2
Chattanooga 10, Knoxville 9 (first game)
Chattanooga 9, Knoxville 8 (second game)
Only games scheduled,
W. I. Pet.
Memphis 21 17 553 Atlanta 20 17
Little Rock 21 17 553 Nashville 19 18
Birmingham 21 17 553 N. Orleans 15 23
Knoxville 20 17 541 Chattanooga 13 24

Pacific Coast League San Francisco 5, Sacramento 2 Oakland 5, Seattle 2 (13 innings) Only games scheduled:

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Portland . 13 25 .569 Los Angeles 27 31 . 466
Hollswood 33 26 .559 Oakland . 25 34 .424
Scattle . 33 27 .550 Sacramento 19 37 . 339
All games postponed in International League,
American Association and Eastern League.

#### Terry and the Pirates

BIG APE SOCK HER

OR YOU'LL HAVE TO

COURT MARTIAL A

GHOST!

GEE BUR -- AH-

MISS SAINT LOUIS

HOW DID YOU

THINGS ?

I NOTICED D'MAMA WAS ALWAYS WEARING SILK STOCKINGS WITHOUT RUNS ... AND YOU COULDN'T DO THAT IN AMERICA ... BESIDES, HER FIGURE WAS SO WELL PACKED IN IT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN STAYED UP BY A NEW CORSET ... SAYING HAPPEN TO THINK THEY WERE BROUGHT BY A BOY FRIEND THAT MADAME SINGH WAS WEARING ENEMY PILOT WAS A SHOT IN THE DARK ... BUT IT CAUSED SINGH-SINGH TO SING SILK STOCKINGS ... AND





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By Al Capp









# Warweek

Psycho-Warfare is Phonus-Balonus Herman German and Herman Vermin SS Troops-They're Goosing Jerry

Thursday, June 8, 1944



# Sh'-h!-Nazi Brains Dept. Working



GERMAN propaganda leaflets, like German broadcasts and German "news" stories, are the

result of a typically Teutonic application of science to a practical matter. They are high-pressure advertising pieces, dreamed up by a gent in a white coat who is always called "Herr Doktor" around the labora-

Li'l Abner, helping to "De-Rumble-ize" America, is a typical gag based on American advertising. The leaflets, re-produced on this page, are the result of long huddles by Hitler's crew of 'scientific" advertising men.

They are intended to bring about a calculated effect—the lessening of combat efficiency on the part of men who read them. Just as the boys in green eye-shades figure out how to make a million American housewives buy Crunchy-Nutsies for breakfast—the Nazi brain department schemes up this stuff to make American fighting men ease up on the

They use the same kind of material-"leg-art," slogans and a very simple idea which is repeated over and over again until—they hope—it sinks in. They backstop this printed matter with radio and rumor, the terrible twins of the propaganda business.

Now any man who stops to figure it out knows perfectly well that just because the Crunchy-Nutsie Company has enough dough to hire a bevy of Hollywood stars for a national hookup, it doesn't neces-sarily mean that Crunchy-Nutsies are fit

Just because Hitler's adjective mechanics have worked up a leaflet or a radio show—it doesn't mean that it is on the level. In fact, it means exactly the opposite. Remember, Crunchy-Nutsies are trying to sell their "giant economy package." Hitler is trying to sell defeat, slavery and the end of our country as we

When you listen to the Crunchy-Nutsie Hour the worst thing that can happen is that you might get stuck a dime for the "giant package." But this made-in-Germany stuff is a lot more serious. Pay any attention to it and the barbed wire of the nearest Stalag (German Prisoner of War Camp) yawas open for you.

That's no joke. Fortunately most Americans, having been subjected to some very smart adver-tising material ever since they were old enough to read, have developed a sales resistance which is all their own. It takes a lot to fool us-in fact, good

advertising men, the \$25,000-a-yearmen, don't try to fool anybody.

In spite of that, the German propaganda boys are still peddling the same
stuff. They figure it's "scientific," therefore it's got to work. If it doesn't—well,
then, there's something wrong with the
stupid Americans or the lunk-headed
British who don't step up and buy.

The whole deal is a kind of fast razzledazzle play based on what the "Herr Doktors" think is the secret of American

These leaflets show just how far they missed the boat. Take, for instance, the pathetic "poem" which is offered as the work "of an American soldier." "Take me back to Michigan, let me hear that Mission bell,

For this God-forsaken foxhole is a substitute for Hell."

That's the smash line which the Nazi author thinks will cause a lot of Joes to take it over the hill in the direction of the German lines.

How many American housewives, do you suppose, would go for Crunchy-Nutsies if the smash line which closed the

show went this way: ". . and remember, mothers of America, under the spreading palms of Wisconsin, amid the maple-crested mountains of Florida—CRUNCHY-NUTSIES ARE BEST?"

## Goebbels' Pet Adjective Mechanics Make Psychological Ammo to Hit Gls Where They Think-He Thinks

aganda!

By Hamilton Whitman

Warweek Staff Writer

WHEN the going gets tough for Hitler's troops, when wire and barragefire, mines and machine-guns fail to hold the attack of United Nations

fire, mines and machine-guns fail to hold the attack of United Nations troops, his generals bring their leaflet boys into action.

The shells and the bullets keep on coming—but along with them comes a shower of propaganda leaflets. These are intended to destroy a man's willingness to fight, exactly the way a machine-gun bullet, or a shell splinter, destroys his ability to fight.

The more a soldier knows about shells and bullets the better able he is to protect himself against them. The same thing is true of the propaganda projectile. The Joe who understands what they are and what they are intended to do and how they are intended to do and how they are intended to do and how they are intended to do isn't "wounded" by the fluttering paper bullets.

Here's how these word barrages work. Suppose, for instance, that you belong

Suppose, for instance, that you belong to a platoon which has been ordered to make an offensive patrol into a village which is known to have been held by the enemy, but which has been heavily



pounded by our aircraft and artillery.

Okay, so you go on in.

There's no opposition from the enemy until you are all the way through the town. Then you get some enfilade machine-gun fire from the flanks. You hit the dirt. Then a Jerry barrage closes down behind you. You are scattered out, dug in and in a fairly decent position to hold on. You have ammunition, field rations and full canteens. You have light machine-guns, maybe a mortar or two

rations and full canteens. You have light machine-guns, maybe a mortar or two and some bazookas for tanks.

Now a platoon or so of experienced and well-led men in a position like that is a pretty tough nut for Jerry to crack.

He shells you for a while, You are down in and it doesn't do him much good. Then he tries an infantry attack. You break it up with BAR and mortar fire. Meanwhile your flank men spot a bunch of Jerries trying to infiltrate toward the rear. A few mortar shells and a burst or two cook that.

Time for Paner Punch

#### Time for Paper Punch

Things quiet down, Now is the moment for the Germans to try to hit you where you think. A salvo of shells bursts in the air, high over head, and a little cloud of paper leaflets flutters down over the position. Somebody picks

Here's a square of paper, printed in English, and headed:

You read down.

"In case you are taken prisoner," the leaflet says, "you will very likely wish to have your relatives informed with as little delay as possible that you are alive and out of danger."

"Jerry's Front Badio to the conventional manner.

Now just in case anybody in the conventional manner.

Now just in case anybody in the conventional manner.

#### Looks on the Level

Be prepared and fill in this blank. It will be useful to you if you should be captured."

The other side has spaces for a man's name, rank, serial number and home town address. A box is provided for a message of not more than 15 words.

It looks like a fair offer and nobody could blame the uninstructed soldier for saving to himself.

saying to himself:
"Well, maybe I better hang onto one

very much about how some American family might worry over the lack of news from a husband or son. They didn't worry about civilian non-combatants in Rotterdam or Warsaw or Coventry—why should they worry about somebody in Vermont or Virginia, in Kansas or California.

The answer to that, of course, is that they are not in the least worried about families back in the States. But they are plenty worried about the dog-face running a BAR in the ruins of that shelled-up





European village. He—not his family—is the real object of consideration.

Let's suppose this platoon, pinned down in the village and without communications to the rear, has to hold out for a day or so. Things get pretty rough. Nobody gets any sleep. Men get hurt.

Nobody gets any sleep. Men get hurt. Pfc Joe Dope, who has that broadcast leaflet tucked into his pocket, keeps think-ing about it. Thinking about the leaflet also means thinking about surrender. Figure it out for yourself.

# DON'T READ IT!

#### You may get the blues. This is a bit of poetry by an American soldier.

and each one is followed by another slightly worse, where the cold wind blows hearier than the shifting and a soldier dreams and wishes for a quiet and peace ful land

Somewhere in Italy where the nights are made for love where the moon is like a searchlight and the Southers Cross above sparkles like a dismond necklace in a balmy tropic night if a shameless waste of brouty when there's not a gir

Somewhere in Italy where the mail is always late, where a Christman card in April is considered up-to-date, where we never have a payday and we never have a cent, but we never miss the money 'cause we'd never get if spent. Oh, take me back to Michigan, let me hear that mission hell.

for this God-loreahen Joxhole is a substitute for hell. DO YOU THINK YOUR PAL IS RIGHT?

# **AMERICAN AND BRITISH SOLDIERS!**

#### REMEMBER THE HELL OF DUNKIRK 2

How great were the hopes of the British expeditionary force and how decadful was the end! Think of the terrible house when the German hopes event your fellow addlers, lanks, guess.

many brase Tommies kicked the bucket!

#### And now the Hell of Nettuno!

The American and Beitish divisions that landed at Nethers me with GERMAN soldiers and not with Italian troops. Since the

Boy! What a hot reception the American and British lorces got this time again!

sands upon thousands of plucky soldiers, of lanks and gues ore going to the bottom. The branches of Nettons are correct in the Dunkirk Sastion with debris and dead American and British addiers crushed by the German military mathius.

A week after the landing of Nettono one thing is clear

YOU'LL have to bear the brunt of the fighting just as before.



who take him lightly, and he is capable of giving any careless Joe some very uncomfortable moments.

Besides, Herman the Vermin is in a particularly vicious frame of mind at this time, what with having to get along largely on a Nazi diet for so long. Breakfast, dinner, supper-always the same, day in and day out. Nothing but Kraut juice! Who wouldn't be sick of it?

Pediculus is even now jumping up and your coming and the change of fare you

beat-up old storm trooper's grizzled follicles.

According to the latest L-2 (Louse Intelligence) bulletins, the common, ordinary body louse is liable to latch onto you just about anywhere on a street car or bus, in a crowd or from a borrowed bed, blanket or nightie.

#### Romance—Oh Boy!

Usually you won't realize at first that you have picked up any of these sly little down on his six legs in anticipation of creatures, but it shouldn't be long before accompaniment of doubtful humor by you know it. When some big, virile louse your comrades-at-arres.

itch, scratch and do anything else, such as sleep or aim a rifle, all at the same time.

After awhile this interference with your sack time begins to tell on you. You are busier scratching than the proverbial cat on the tin roof. The increasing necessity of tying yourself into knots in order to get at the remote areas of your surface with your finger nails at unseemly moments becomes more and more annoying, especially as these contortions are usually accomplished to the

in short, you come down with the customer, the crab louse, can jump 15ft. jitters, if nothing worse. This interferes He has been confused with some Nazi

# Carries Typhus, Too

the Vermin. Often he carries the deadly

You got shots in the arm against typhus and these give you lots of protection, but they may not be 100 proof. You can't afford to take chances.

Typhus fever is one of the most painful of all diseases. You feel like 10,000 gremlins are trying to teat out your brains. Often the disease is fatal.

There is another type of louse which is related to the body louse and about which there are many rude jokes, none of which will be repeated here. Besides, it is strictly a bowl three rumor that this

with your greater mission of delousing who was hot-seated by a Maquis.

While the Ordnance Department was Of course you can come down with man the German, the Medical Departsomething a lot worse than the juters ment developed a secret formula anti-louse powder to bump off Herman the Vermin. typhus germ around with him and desoldier, is absolute poison to lice when posits it in your blood whilst feeding, it is dusted thoroughly into your under-



wear-especially under the arms, along the seams and around the waistline and crotch of the drawers every ten days or

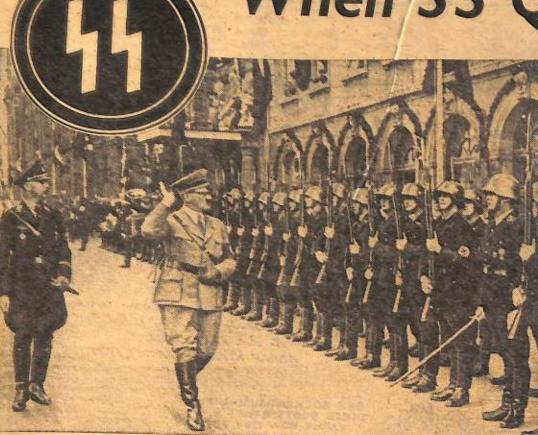
If you should forget to put on the powder and get a family of bugs, just Continued on page iv





Don't use the wrong exterminator on the wrong vermin.

# When SS Quits-Adolf's Done



SPIT AND POLISH, click and snap! SS troops, elite guard of the German Army, present arms as Schickelgruber and their boss, Heinrich Himmler, make inspection. Now forming a fourth and independent branch of the service, the SS looms behind Jerry on the Invasion Front, ready to whip him on if he gives any sign of cracking. Watch out for these babies. They can be tough.

PARATROOPS form one of roughest SS branches. These guys are the whip to spur on flagging German line outfits. When you meet them you must be fiercer than they.

R EMEMBER several years ago when you picked up your Sunday paper gravure section and spotted a bunch of pix like the one above? "More Nazi monkey shines," you said, and turned over to the jokes.

Well, you didn't pay much attention to these brownshirted bullies on Sunday mornings at home, but one of these days you'll wrap your nuteracker around an especially tough Jerry—one that won't bust open until you've given him all you've got.

When that happens, chances are you'll be up against the same crowd of Nazi glamor boys you saw in the newsreels years ago. These days they are busy doing lots of things besides parading around in flashy uniforms. They have become the sour cream of the German Army.

have become the sour cream of the German Army.

Nazis call these guys Schutz-Staffel, or SS. Their boss,
Heinrich Himmler, calls them "our community of
knightly order." Others call them the elite guard. We
call them gang bums.

call them gang bums.

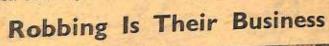
Originally organized as a super police force to protect Schickelgruber and his party stooges, the SS since the war has become a fourth military service—on an equal plane with the army, air force and navy.

The SS are the boys who goose along the regular German foot sloggers. They are used as spies within the ranks to report any hint of revolt. In occupied countries Himmler's G- (for gun) men are busy murdering civilians who don't bow low enough before the Nazi gangsters.

Here is the SS as it looks today. These yeggs are older, tougher, meaner and more experienced now than they were in the old beer-hall days. They're the best armed, best fed and best equipped soldiers in Germany.

Every SS guard is hand-picked. His "Aryan" pedigree must go back 200 years. His eyes must be a certain size and color and every detail of his build must fill specific qualifications.

Watch out for the Schutz-Staffel. No matter how quickly the German armies on the invasion coast are whipped, behind them loom 1,000,000 SS, ready to whip the survivors on to fanatical hatred of the Allies. If they are given a chance to escape after the final defeat of Germany, they are ready to dive underground to prepare another "revenge movement," another world-wide propaganda campaign, another World War.





LOOTING AND RAPE are one of the chief jobs of the SS. Here they start down main street in Oslo, Norway, systematically robbing the city. Thieving by individual German soldiers is heavily Oslo, Norway, systematically robbing the city. A few years ago these thugs had dreams punished, but organized burglary is standard practice. A few years ago these thugs had dreams punished, but organized burglary is standard practice. A few years ago these thugs had dreams of doing this on Fifth Avenue. Now, with defeat ahead, they are busy planning to squelch revolt.



HIMMLER'S GANGSTERS, wearing battle dress instead of parade uniform shown at left, talk it over after one of their blood orgies. These are the guys who wiped out Lidice, who massacred the civil population of Poland. Every one is hand picked, and tough—but SS divisions on Russian front suffered same fate as other Jerries who went through Red meat grinder.

# Roundup Squad in Action



ROUNDUP OF PARTISANS in occupied territory is job of the SS. Schutz-Staffeln are super police force, experts at "criminal" detection and brutal as they come. These prisoners will get torture, third degree and concentration camp. SS are all fanatical Nazis, will be last to crack. When we lick them—we've won.

### by Lt. Dave Breger GI JERRY Nazi Guide-THE HIGH COMMAND SAYS HOLD OUT FOR A LITTLE WHILE, ... LUDWIG - THERE'S A SLIGHT HITCH IN THE SECRET WEAPON! . THOUSAND APOLOGIES, YOUR EXCEL-LENCY, BUT FIVE YEARS IS A LONG TIME! "I have once more put on that coat... most The moment could come very soon when we will apply a weapon by which we could not be attacked." sacred ... to me. I will not take it off again until victory is secured, or I will not survive the outcome. " as ADOLF HITLER, SEPT. 19, 1939 ADOLF HITLER, SEPT. 1, 1939 PVT. KOCKENHAUSEN, PUT THOSE BOOTS BACK! YOU KNOW HOW OUR FUEHRER TRUE GENIUS OUR LOOTING! AMERICANS INTO "We do not want anything that did not formerly belong to us, and no State will ever be robbed by us of its property." "The new plans for Berlin are ... calculated for the years 2000 or 2200 or even 2500. For I believe in an eternal Germany. ADOLF HITLER, JULY 18, 1938 ADOLF HITLER, APRIL 28, 1939

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# ropaganda!

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that the leaflet quoted in this story was scattered over American positions in Italy and was released by Headquarters, ETO, for the information of all concerned. It is one of a batch which hit the front at about the same time.

Jerry doesn't expect all this stuff to be effective and he doesn't expect it to work the first time a man reads one of the paper bullets. All he wants to do is make the first dent in your sales-

Did you run right down to the corner drug store and buy a tube of Marvel



Gooey Toothpaste the first time a radio announcer unleashed a flock of fancy language? You did not. But if you heard arvel Gooey every time you tuned in on Moishe Ginsburg and his Manhattan Hillbillies-sooner or later you probably tried a tube.

Well that's all this psychological war-fare is, in spite of its eight-dollar name. Instead of selling the social advantages of sparkling teeth, the Germans will be trying to sell you the advantages of getting out of that box you're in—getting out of it with a whole skin—your skin.

You see, there may be times when he has a product to sell that may look pretty good unless you've developed sales resistance beforehand.

The Germans are no dopes—as every-one who has fought against them or studied their methods knows damn well. The Germans know that psychological warfare doesn't work when the Joes they're fighting are in the groove and going places.

#### It Has Worked Before

Their psychological warfare worked best against countries and people that had a sneaking suspicion, after studying the record and listening to the rumors, the record and issenting to the tumors, that the Nazis really were the Master Race. Those were the days when the democracies took a look at the bulging biceps of the German Army and Air Force, and then at their own shaking knees, and agreed that maybe they ought to give included a little. to give in-just a little.

That "just a little" is all psychological warfare asks—at first.

That's all the Germans hope for with their first message to you and your pals in that tight box. All they want you to do is to read their leaflet. It will be in good English, with enough slang in it to sound friendly.

To go back to the advertising business, the grand-daddy of psychological warfare, the Germans are saying, in effect:

"Clip This Coupon and Send It In—You Are Under No Obligation to Buy..."

Leaflet messages and loudspeaker messages to lonely, boxed-up units aren't ali the form of psychological warfare you want to be prepared for.

Rumors are the dryrot, the termites, of military morale and military effective-ness. They make a little hole way over there and you don't see 'em again until one day, lo and behold, the whole struc-ture begins to creak in the breeze.

Rumors don't just pop up from

Mostly rumors are planted by the enemy, though you won't know that. You have just to remember it, without trying to trace them down to prove it to your-self. For you can't prove it. The gentle art of planting rumors is a big business

#### Don't Believe it All

Rumors can, and do, cover every phase of activity. You may hear (from a 100 per cent sure-fire source, of course) that X Division has been cut to pieces by a new German secret weapon—this just before you're to go into action on the

You may hear that the Germans opposite you have been replaced by a skeleton crew of elderly cripples—this to try to make you ease up, and consequently get knocked on the head all the easier because you're bound to let up in the light of this "intelligence."

You may hear, even, that the Germans are asking for an armistice—this just at



the moment when they're mounting a counter-attack. Remember what happened in Washington on the day of the Pearl Harbor attack. It's an old gag, but, obviously, it still works—like the Statue of Liberty play almost any Saturday afternoon during the football season at home.

#### Enemy Stuff Isn't Marked

You'll hear everything, and nothing. Just remember that even though you heard it from Joe, whom you've known since Basic days, it doesn't mean that the enemy wasn't behind it originally.

The enemy was behind it, just as sure as you're behind your ML.

It may have started a thousand miles away from you, planted in an innocent newspaper in a neutral country. But the dirty hand of the enemy was there just same.

Remember Marvel Gooey Toothpaste We Americans have bought a lot of that kind of stuff in our time,

# The Old Sergeants' Corner

Dear Sarge: —Maybe you can answer this one. My outfit is equipped with the Bag, field, type of pack which is swell for a weekend pass but is plain murder when you have to make it up with F/field equipment—and then start covering Is there any known way of keeping those musette-bag straps from cutting hunks out of a man's collar bone?—Pfc Willie Krotzmeyer.

Dear Willie:-Best stunt we've heard of along that line is to get some strips of felt packing and make a cushion for the under side of the straps. Most supply depots have the stuff. Half-inch thick-



ness is best. It should be cut about an inch wider than the strap and about an or seven inches long. Sew or tie it in place. If you can't get felt for a permanent job, an emergency pad can be contrived from a folded towel, a fatigue hat, a pair of work gloves or almost anything else.—Sarge.

When you are going through mine-infested roads and fields, carpet the floor of your jeep or truck with sandbags. If you hit a mine the ballast will give you pretty good protection against the blast and keep the flying metal from ramming

you in the er-nose.

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From the South Pacific comes this From the South Pacific comes this story, showing how the Japs tried to fool our men into giving away their positions. Sandwiching in a few words of English occasionally, a bunch of Nips screamed and yelled, giving the impression Yanks were being tortured. The idea: To attract U.S. troops to scene so they could be mowed down by enemy fire.

Road craters are almost always lined with anti-personnel mines—often just over the lip of the crater, where they are especially hard to detect. If there is a shell hole in the road, don't be the curious cat and look over the edge. In fact,

cat and look over the edge. In fact, unless you know how to recognize and

unless you know how to recognize and handle mines, don't go near the craters.

Here's a booby trap the Jerries have used successfully several times. When they are forced to abandon stores of ordnance equipment they remove the delaying mechanism from their stick hand grenades. If a Yank tries to hurl one of the sticks at the enemy, it explodes as soon as he pulls the pin. as soon as he pulls the pin.

Another handy item you should toss into your field pack: A roll of adhesive tape. Aside from its obvious use in holding a bandage in place, the tape can be used for any number of other purposes-such as repairing your glasses frame or reinforcing a cracked tent pole. From the medics (if you can talk them out of it); from the PX (if they have it); from a civilian drug store (if you can find one open). 老

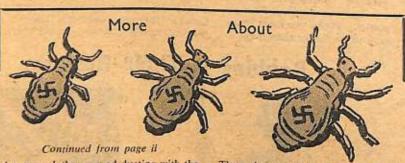
There are dozens of ways a good jack knife will come in handy when you get into the field, so if you haven't one already hustle around and find same. Despite the popular notion that none is to be had, many British department have a pal who has two knives, try to wheedle one out of him.

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Don't become a souvenir sap when you get on the Continent. Some Yanks are like pack rats—they load themselves down with everything in sight when they pass an enemy position.

Souvenir collectors are a nuisance to the Intelligence boys, too. Lots of valuable information on the enemy has been destroyed by GI souvenir saps.

In the same connection, remember that the Army is severe as hell about looting of civilian-property. Even the German Army deals out stiff punishment for this sort of thing. All their looting is organized on an "official" basis.

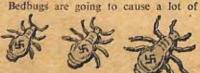


give your clothes a good dusting with the powder and most of the crawlers will be dead within 24 hours. Keep your clothes well dusted for the next few weeks to kill cootie kiddies which may hatch from eggs that have been laid.

#### Bathe Whenever You Can

Bathe, and wash your clothes, as often as you can. Frequently examine the inside of your garments along the seams for lice and their eggs.

If you get a dose of crabs take a bath and dust the powder onto the hairy parts of the body, paying particular attention to you-know-where. Don't bathe again for 48 hours and take a second treatment a week later.



alcepless nights for GIs on the Continent if they forget to keep their cans of insect powder handy. And sometimes a bunch of fleas and chiggers will come in for their share of the drinks. A few shakes of the powder into bedding or clothing will make these insects keep their distance.

Then, because the Jerries won't be giving you enough trouble, mosquitoes and flies will hunt you out in foxholes and in camp. But the Quartermaster issues things to beat these pests' rackets, too.

Insect repellent rubbed onto exposed



skin and clothing which is tight and thin enough for the insects to bite through will keep them from sticking their hollow bayonets into you for several hours:

#### Spray Bomb Effective

A spray bomb which works almost automatically will knock the Schlitz out of any mosquitoes and flies that get into tents, barracks and mess halls.

So don't be a GIrk (pronounced jerk) and throw away or waste the stuff you are given to fight insects. This will often be the only ammunition you have against

are given to light insects. This will often be the only ammunition you have against the insects. Beat the bugs and you will be able to delouse Europe without taking

time out to scratch.

Remember: It's no disgrace to get lousy, but it's bad business if you stay that way.

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# Yanks Close In On Biak Airfield Off New Guinea

#### Mile and Half From Goal; Japs Flee Kohima Area, Near Changsha Gates

American forces striving to capture Mokmer Airfield on Biak Island in the Schoutens off Dutch New Guinea have advanced to within one and a half miles of their objective, Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur's communique announced yester-

day.

American heavies blasted airfields in Truk atoll and at Ponape in the Carolines.

On the Chinese front, a Chungking message said the Japs reached the outskirts of Changsha, capital of Hunan province on the Hankow-Canton railroad. Meantime, Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced the Allies gained two areas on the northern edge of

Mytkyina.

The Southeast Asia communique reported the enemy retreating rapidly from the vital base of Kohima on the Burma-Assam front, Eastern Air Command bombers Monday gave Bangkok, capital of Thailand, its heaviest pounding of the way.

# 10.000 Nazis Die In Jassy Battle

Eight days' bloody hammering at Soviet defenses north and northwest of Jassy have cost the Germans 10,000 dead and hundreds of tanks and planes, the Soviet communique said last night, reporting that the enemy's tank and infantry thrusts have now weakened to the point where only small forces were in-

point where only small forces were involved yesterday.

Moscow said the Nazis lost 450 planes, 315 tanks and self-propelled guns, up to 400 trucks and 29 armored cars between May 30 and June 6.

Long-range Soviet bombers raided the Jassy rail junction Tuesday night, firing

enemy trains and stores, Fifteenth Air Force Fortresses shot down six enemy interceptors Tuesday in their first raid from Soviet bases, an attack on the German airport at Galatz, Rumania, at the mouth of the Danube. Returning crews said they believed the field destroyed. The Fortresses were escorted by Mustangs, two of which did

# General's Blab Costs His Stars

SHAEF HQ, June 7 (AP)-An American major general was reduced to the rank of lieutenant colonel and sent from Britain back to the U.S. for disclosing the date of the invasion at a cocktail party. Supreme Command passed the

story today after holding it up for several weeks on security grounds.

(The War Department last night identified the officer as Lt. Col. Henry J. F. Miller, of Salem, N.J., former head of Eighth Service Command.)

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In the presence of several guests, he said: "On my honor, the invasion takes place before June 13."

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He was reported to security police by a woman, and Gen. Eisenhower immediately ordered that he be reduced to lieutenant-colonel and sent home.

The story was withheld because it was feared that enemy agents would realize the significance of a high officer's being reduced, and would trace back the cock-

#### Confirms Cruiser Given USSR

tail party and find out what he said.

WASHINGTON, June 7 (UP) — Reports that a U.S. light cruiser has been transferred to Russia under Lend-Lease ere confirmed today by Sen. Walsh (D.-Mass.), chairman of the Senate

#### AFN Radio Program

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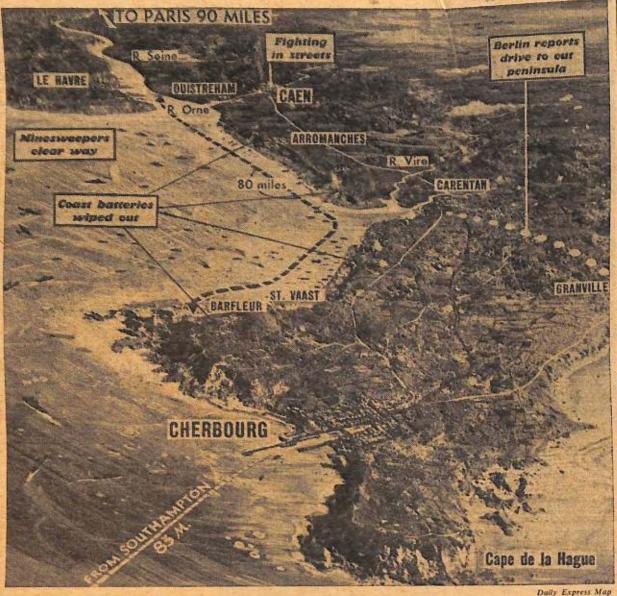
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# Where Allies Are Striking in France



# **Beach Battles**

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of smoke hung over the beach. I saw some bodies of our soldiers who had been killed in the first landings floating on the water. Some of the boats were swamped in the choppy seas.

"There were tremendous rafts just floating offshore, jammed with trucks, tanks and ambulances.

"On one beach we landed tanks in LCTs. Then some waves of infantry went in, followed by engineers and then

more infantry again.

"On the beaches the men crouched behind jeeps and tanks, anything they could find. At one point they made their way to a German concrete defense wall

way to a German concrete defense wall and that was the first cover they found.

"On the right of the beach were tall cliffs which were scaled by Rangers. They captured gun positions there within 15 minutes after they went in.

"Despite fierce resistance, everybody was calm and the whole thing was tremendously well-organized. On the landing boats going over, the assault troops were supremely confident—so much so that I was worried.

"One lad presented an incongruous picture sitting in the middle of a collection of bangalores, bazookas, TNT and other deadly weapons reading a little black

deadly weapons reading a little black Bible. Five minutes before the landing,

he was asleep on top of a jeep.

"As the assault troops went over the side of the big boat into smaller boats, one yelled: "If you see Gen. Ike, tell him we are the boys who can do it."

"Two Negro jeep drivers stood at the boat's rail peering for a first sight of France. One spied it, laughed and said: 'Yassuh, theah she am.'

"Everybody thanked his lucky stars for the tremendous air cover which was

always in evidence.
"I hitch-hiked my way back across the Channel. One of the boats I got a lift on was returning wounded from the

"There was a surprisingly large number of only minor casualties. In one corner of the boat with the wounded was a boy sobbing.

"'For three years I've been training for this,' he told me, 'and what happens? As soon as I start off the boat, I get a hit in the eye. I didn't even get to fire a single shot at Germans.'"

#### Invasion No. 6 for Many 9th Troop-Carrier Pilots

It was the sixth invasion for many pilots of the Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier Command, who dropped thousands of parachute troops over northern France. They had flown paratroopers and airborne infantry to battle behind enemy lines as many as five times in the North African. Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

The dispatch with which this largest of airborne operations was carried out sur-

airborne operations was carried out sur-passed any previous troop-carrierlandings, said Col. G. M. Jones, of Lafayette, La., the operations officer. Col. Jones, a veteran of the Sicilian landings, said, "The operation was satisfactory beyond expectations. It was the best example of sirborne tractives that I have seen." Figure S Parade.

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Sign off intil 1100 hours Friday, June 9.

Airborne tactics that I have seen."

# Tells of Bitter Beaches Cleared; Allies Pour More Troops Onto Continent

(Continued from page 1) Allied tanks driving from the Arromanches area "are through the Atlantic Wall," German radio said.

German radio commentators were increasingly cautious in their predictions, and Gen. Dietmar, in his weekly talk, stated flatly that the Allies were in to stay indefinitely and warned that Germany was facing increasing dangers not only on the invasion coast but also in Italy and on the Russian front.

Allied acknowledgment of stiffening German resistance coincided with German claims that the invasion forces now had claims that the invasion forces now had come face-to-face with the first reserves being rushed to the front. The German Overseas News Agency reported that massed formations of reserves, concentrated during the night, were attacking "with terrific ferocity" in the Caen-Bayeux vicinity where, it said, the Allies had brought up considerable reinforcements during the night by ship and glider. Disclosure of further large-scale Allied

Disclosure of further large-scale Allied airborne landings provided the most dramatic part yesterday in the drama of the Second Front. The Germans also were dropping fight-

ing men from the skies over a wide area of the Cherbourg peninsula, apparently members of an airborne army which the Nazis had developed for precisely the purpose of defense against invasion.

Fresh Allied troops and supplies were

flown in on three waves of gliders towed by C47s, which winged across the Channel in a veritable sky train, 50 miles long. Twelve of the C47s and 12 gliders were lost, Ninth Troop Carrier Command announced. Mosquito pilots an-

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out in front of the building and carefully aim his rifle in front of the entire invading force. "We cut guns," they said. "We cut him in half with our

Some of the beach debris already has been cleared away. The wounded have been loaded onto small craft returning to the transports. Corpsmen aboard this

of the transports. Corpsmen aboard this ship have been bringing casualties, mostly of a minor nature, into her sick bay.

Flights of Allied bombers have been overhead all day, speeding unmolested to hammer at positions inland. At times this morning the beach was so obscured by the smoke of the bombing and shelling that it could not be seen from our trans-port formation, 12 miles offshore.

Our troops never stopped coming, although the toll in lives was heavy at first. Already the first are inland at this point and those on the beach are eager to push on into ex-Fortress Europe.

Typical of these was the infantryman we took aboard our small craft after he had been hit by a shrapnel burst: "If that doggone lieutenant had let me

go on ahead and shoot some Germans instead of ordering me to fix a half-sunk jeep, I wouldn't have been wounded," he lamented. "Now I can't fight any-body and I got to ride in one of these boats agin."

nounced the destruction of five Nazi Ju88 roop carriers.

The airborne successes constituted one The airborne successes constituted one of the most satisfactory points in the operations so far, a SHAEF spokesman said. Not only had glider and parachute troops accomplished "all the tasks set for them," but in some cases they had even captured some bridges intact. Such an achievement was not expected by SHAEF, which believed that the Germans would be able to blow up any bridges in terri-

which believed that the Germans would be able to blow up any bridges in territory they evacuated.

The German Official News Agency reported last night that new forces of Allied parachute troops—about a division—had been landed on the western side of the Cherbourg peninsula north of Coutances, apparently to cut off the peninsula by joining with the forces on the Valognes-Carentan sector.

"At the same time enemy formations of numerous landing vessels and units of light naval forces approached the northwestern point of the peninsula to establish another beachhead east of Cap Dela Hague," said the agency.

It claimed that the concentration of

It claimed that the concentration of German fire brought to bear on it was so heavy that it was forced to withdraw.

#### Not Decisive Stage

Despite the stiffening German resistance, it was not believed that the Germans had brought up troops for a decisive battle at this stage. Such action may come after perhaps two days, when both sides have gained a "second wind" and when the Germans may decide as to the direction and strength of the main Allied. ection and strength of the main Allied

Weather so far has not been favorable to the invasion forces, a SHAEF spokes-

man said.

The German Official News Agency reported last night that between eight and 13 divisions of 80 which it said Gen. Eisenhower had at his disposal have been

After naming six American, British and Canadian divisions—including the 82nd and 101st U.S. airborne—the agency con-

tinued:

"These forces have increased by from two to five divisions during yesterday and last night. Out of 80 divisions which Eisenhower has at present at his disposal in England and Scotland, only a part has been thrown into battle, so that the probability of further invasion operations must be taken into account if this first phase of the whole plan is to come to a phase of the whole plan is to come to a satisfactory conclusion from the Anglo-American point of view."

Fighter pilots returning to bases re-ported that Allied troops were streaming across the beaches and marching off along the roads inland as if on parade.

Landing craft were queueing up to discharge their cargoes without visible opposition. Battleships were pouring broadside after broadside into German gun positions east of Le Havre.

Other fighter pilots reported masses of gliders landing near the beachhead area. Motor transport and supplies were being unloaded and airborne troops were filing away to their battle positions.

One pilot said there was no doubt the Germans were trying to bring up rein-forcements from the south, but Allied airpower was making the job very diffi-

# Lt.Gen.Bradley Commands U.S. **Ground Forces**

#### Veteran Infantry Expert Observed Landings From Cruiser

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who is recognized as one of America's foremost infantry experts, is in command of U.S. ground forces now assaulting Northern France, SHAEF announced yesterday.

It also was disclosed that Bradley watched the preliminary operations Tuesday from the deck of a warship. There he admitted that the heavy surfunde the undertaking hazardous.

Bradley is no stranger to the Germans. He served with distinction in the African and Sicilian campaigns, first as deputy, then later as commander of the Second Army Corps.

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The general is a firm believer that "it's the infantry which must bear the brunt of the battle." Ultimately, too, he claims that the infantry wins the decisive battles

of any war.

"An infantry unit must have the will and the ability to close with the enemy and destroy him," Bradley recently said.

Bradley has been an infantry officer so long he is known as the "doughboys" general." He looks like a school teacher, and it is said that he has not taken a

long he is known as the "dougnooys general." He looks like a school teacher, and it is said that he has not taken a day off for the last two years.

The general is popular with his troops. He seldom raises his voice and prefers explaining his orders in person to writing them. Even then he still maintains his reputation of not using a word when none will do.

The 50-year-old tactician was dispatched hurriedly in February, 1943, from his post as commander of the 28th Infantry Division to serve under Gen. Eisenhower in Africa. He was credited with keeping casualties in the Second Corps to a minimum because of his personal reconnaissance at the front, precision planning and "hitting the enemy first to find out what he has, then hitting him again to take it away from him."

# Mines Slow 8th North of Rome

NAPLES, June 7—The pursuit of the beaten German forces in Italy was a breeze for the Fifth Army northwest of Rome today, but a battle for the Eighth Army northeast of the city.

The Allied communique reported the hardest fighting centered northeast of the capital, where the Eighth was "in contact with the enemy who is offering strong resistance. Some progress has been made in difficult country despite the heavy demolitions and minefields which have been encountered."

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The Fifth, after crossing the Tiber, fanned out about ten miles above Rome and met "only light resistance to their advance."

Meanwhile, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander broadcast a call to the patriots of northern Italy to harry the German communica-tion lines to hamper the enemy's efforts "to disengage from the present battle of destruction." He urged the Italians to do "all in your power to impede enemy movement."

## U.S. Forces Network And BBC Broadcast ToTroops in Europe

"This Is the Allied Expeditionary Forces service of the BBC."
These words will be the new station identification of the combined operation identification of the combined operation of the American Forces Network with the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Canadian Broadcasting Company. Through powerful transmission this service will broadcast to all Allied troops in Europe the outstanding programs of these Europe the outstanding programs of these three networks.

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This new combined operation, 1,050 ke on the dial, 285 meters, will be on the air 6 AM to 11 PM every day, Monday through Sunday, broadcasting old AFN favorites, including Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Fibber McGee and Molly, Barracks Bag (now Duffle Bag), On the Record, new shows such as "Rise and Shine," two hours of your favorite orchestras, from 6 to 8 every morning.

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Regular newscasts will be handled by BBC, CBC and AFN, with headlines every hour on the hour. In addition there will be news from America and sports broadcasts.

Address comments and suggestions to the AFN, APO 887, U.S. Army. The American Forces Network will still be heard throughout the United Kingdom. Kingdom.

# Airborne

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turned safely. The first glider to land was the Fighting Falcon, purchased with \$20,000 subscribed by school children of Greenville, Mich., and piloted by Lt. Col. Mike C. Murphy, veteran stunt flier of Lafayette, Ind.

From the later three-phase operations Tuesday night and yesterday morning, a dozen C47s and as many gliders were