

BATTLE ON CHERBOURG MOUNTING IN FURY

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NORMANDY INSTALLATIONS BLASTED AS U. S. AIR FLEET INCREASES FORAYS

Bombs Leave Rail Line to Paris Afire

Assault on Caen Opened; Bridges, Airdromes and Transport Shattered

(By W. W. HERCHER)
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 8.—(AP)—A powerful force of 750 to 1,000 American bombers swept a wide arc of south Normandy early today, smashing bridges, airdromes and railroad yards and junctions in a vigorous effort to clamp an air seal on the beachhead battlefield.

While Fortresses and Liberators, in the biggest aerial operation of the third day of the invasion, hit hard at installations from 100 to 150 miles behind the front, Marauders began the day of battle with a dawn attack on Caen.

The bombers left the city on the main railway between Cherbourg and Paris, burning with at least 20 fires from an attack at 4,500 feet.

Those blows followed RAF strikes last night in which a series of rail targets near Paris and German transport 12 miles behind the invasion coast, were riddled with heavy cargoes of bombs. The transport target was a concentration in the forest of Cerisy where the road runs from Bayeux to St. Lo.

Air Blows Increasing
Air operations were mounting today as weather improved. Thunderbolt and Lightning fighter-bombers since 6 p. m. yesterday flew so continuously that they stopped only to refuel and re-arm between flights, setting out on new missions without waiting to repair bullet holes in their wings.

Among the fighter-bomber targets hit were 15 bridges and a chateau used as a German headquarters.

More than 2,000 of the 9,000 sorties flown by the allies in the 24 hours ending at midnight were made by these fighter-bombers which shot down six enemy aircraft.

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Recapture of Two Localities Taken By Nazis Narrated

(By EVERETT VILANDER)
ABOARD H. M. S. SCORPION, June 8.—(AP)—Strongly-reinforced German detachments plined down advanced allied units in this area last evening and threw them out of two localities by determined counter-attacks. The allied position appeared critical.

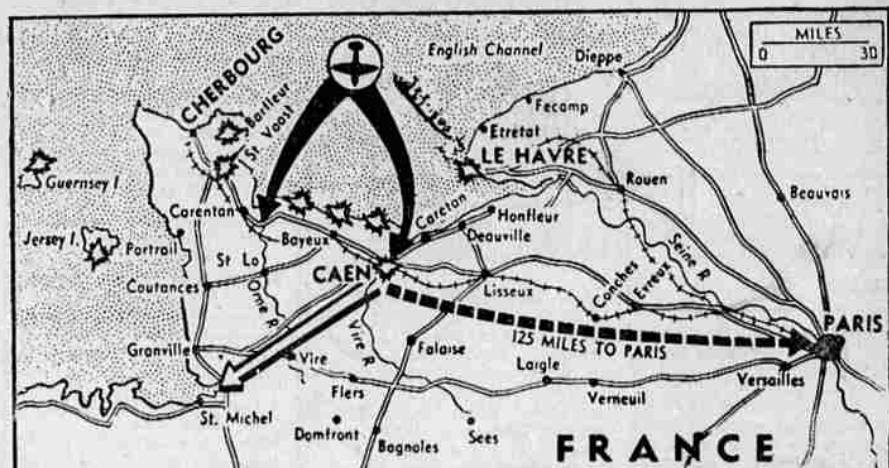
From the bridge of this destroyer I watched the great British battlewagon H. M. S. Rodney move to a point directly opposite the threatened area. Her 16-inch guns began to belch smoke and shook this ship like a terrier as scores of 2,000-pound shells hurtled into the German strongpoints. The British cruiser H. M. S. Mauritius and the Norwegian destroyer Stord joined the attack at the request of the armed forces. They bombarded two houses on the coast. I watched the shells burst creep up the beach. When the ships found the range, they poured hundreds of shells into the houses until they were enveloped in smoke and dust.

Then British troops advanced through the shell holes and recaptured the localities they had lost.

The seafloor of the little town off which we are patrolling today resembles one of the world's thriving ports. Hundreds of craft, including more than 30 big merchant vessels and LSTs, are crowded along the beach.

The weather is ideal for landing reinforcements. Allied fighter planes buzz helter-skelter through the azure sky like a swarm of flies.

Where Allies Launched Berlin-Bound Invasion



Above map shows the locations of the two-pronged landings of the allied invasion forces on the Cherbourg peninsula. They were accompanied by the occupancy of the Guernsey and Jersey islands, shown at the left and seized early in the war by the Germans. The important city of Caen, a junction on the Cherbourg-Paris railroad, is now at stake in a bitter battle and the rail line itself is reported on fire in several places from allied air bombings. Bayeux, shown west of Caen, was captured by the allies yesterday.

K. G. Denman Put On Game Board

SALEM, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—Kenneth G. Denman, Medford, was appointed to the state game commission today by Governor Snell, who announced that Denman would serve in the place of Game Commissioner Kenneth S. Martin, Grants Pass, who is in the navy.

Denman, born in Corvallis and an Oregon State college graduate, will serve either until Martin returns, or until the term expires Feb. 25, 1948, whichever occurs first.

The governor said Denman, a past president of the Rogue River Sportsmen association, long has been active in sports circles.

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Gale Ruins Crops in California District

WOODLAND, Calif., June 8.—(AP)—A gale of more than 50 miles an hour struck Woodland and Yolo county early today and in more than three hours duration destroyed crops valued by brokers in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, uprooted fruit trees, damaged business establishments and some residences and interrupted power communication services.

Grain brokers said the damage to the barley crop was possibly the greatest loss. Damage to 20,000 acres of tomatoes, the largest planting in the history of the county, also was reported great.

Street trees by the score were blown down.

Woman Near Death Says Two Men Attacked Her

SEATTLE, June 8.—(AP)—Sixteen-year-old Mrs. Chasie Beatrice De Lockroy, expecting a second baby, was near death here today from a slashed throat and depressed skull fracture after being discovered near a gravel pit, where she whispered through a severed windpipe, two men attacked her about 12 hours earlier.

The former Dallas, Texas, girl told detectives she was kidnapped as she alighted from a bus near her home Tuesday night. She had attended a motion picture show with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Jones. Her husband, Joe, a war worker, reported her missing at 3 a. m., yesterday.

Jockey Held After Fire Kills Four Race Horses

SEATTLE, June 8.—(AP)—A 39-year-old former jockey, arrested in an intoxicated condition at a tavern last night, was held for investigation today in connection with the fire in which four race horses, valued at \$10,000, were burned to death at the Longacres track barns yesterday. They were Mio Plum, Just Jack, Papente and Alcantoro.

Further Deferments in Lumber Field Refused

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—An appeal for draft deferments for more workers in the logging and lumber industries has been rejected by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director.

The interagency committee which selects the types of workers to be deferred, recently placed "high climbers" in the deferred list and Senator Cordon (R., Ore.) and Rep. Norman (R., Wash.) appealed to Hershey to extend deferment to other workers in the two industries.

Hershey replied that because of the urgent need of the armed forces for young men the committee had greatly restricted the number of activities that could be placed on the deferred list.

County Finances Trip Of 25 Blood Donors

MADRAS, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—A chartered bus carrying 25 volunteer blood donors left here today for the Red Cross blood bank at Portland.

The one-day trip for donors from this area was financed by Jefferson county.

PORTLAND, June 8.—(AP)—Mother of four sons in the armed services, Mrs. H. O. Mansfield, Milton-Freewater, flew to Portland to give her second pint of blood at the plasma center here, blood bank officials said today.

She plans to give at least two more pints, one for each of her sons.

Laval Slated to Hang, Russian Paper Declares

MOSCOW, June 8.—(AP)—Russian newspapers reported on all phases of the invasion of France today, carrying maps and pictures of barges and tanks—exceptional coverage of an operation by the other allies.

"Russian infantry will march soon across German land," Red Star promised. Ivestia observed that Pierre Laval should be hanged "because he has to be hanged on the first lamp post."

Dillard, Rice Creek Vote School District Merger

Consolidation of the Rice Creek and Dillard school districts was almost unanimously approved at an election held here this week. It was learned today when the vote was canvassed by the school district boundary board. The Dillard district favored the consolidation by a vote of 20 to 0, while the action was approved in the Rice Creek district by a vote of 6 to 1.

News-Review, Radio Staff Exceed Bond Goal

The men and women who serve the Roseburg News-Review and Radio Station KRNR gave proof today that the appeals made by the newspaper and radio station to the general public to buy War bonds are sincere. Olive Iles, News-Review auditor and Treasury representative for the newspaper and radio station in bond sales, announced today total sales of \$3,675, or \$675 more than the quota of \$3,000 assigned the News-Review and KRNR organization. Payroll deductions for the period of the Fifth War Loan campaign will swell this total, while various members of the two staffs have pledged additional purchases.

Fire Destroys Sawmill Near Junction City

JUNCTION CITY, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—Sparks from a burning slash pile started a blaze which destroyed the Arthur G. Valle & Sons sawmill five miles west of here last night, with an estimated loss of \$25,000, mill officials said.

Volunteers joined the city fire department in preventing the fire from spreading to other equipment and lumber piles. About \$1000 worth of lumber and a truck in the mill also were destroyed. The mill employed 25 men and turned out 25,000-30,000 board feet of lumber a day.

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Biak Air Base Won After 12 Days' Fighting

Victory Gives M'Arthur Springboard for Attack On Philippine Islands

(By the Associated Press.)
Gen. MacArthur owned an air base today within bomber range of the Philippines—the allies' first since Japan's steamroller crushed them back against Australia early in the Pacific war.

Toughened American invaders of Biak, largest island of the Schouten group off Dutch New Guinea, outmanned the Japanese defenders to grab Mokmer airdrome after 12 days of fighting. Mokmer is only 880 miles south-east of the Philippines.

Announcement of the Yank's Mokmer triumph highlighted Japanese setbacks in every Pacific theater except central China, where fierce Chinese resistance was being overcome around Changsha.

This key Hankow-Canton railway center in Hunan province was being strangled slowly by six Japanese spearheads in a drive to split China from north to south.

But the Chinese pressed ahead on the Salween river front in their thrust through Yunnan province toward Burma, where other allied forces are fighting to link the Burma and Ledo roads, Bangkok blasted.

Bangkok, capital of Japanese-held Thailand, was rocked in the heaviest attack of the war by strong forces of bombers, allied southeast Asia command headquarters announced today. The raid Monday battered railway shops and marshalling yards and the port "city's defenses apparently were caught by surprise," the communiqué said.

American fliers, striking from central Pacific bases, carried new attacks to Guam, prewar U. S. naval base 1,595 miles east of Manila, to Nauru and Ponape. Possession of Mokmer airfield came in a sudden drive which

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Rome's Chief Port Taken in Allied Lunge

Civitavecchia's Capture Followed by Continuing Pursuit of Fleeing Foe

ROME, June 8.—(AP)—The Fifth army has captured Civitavecchia, Rome's principal port, 38 miles northwest of the capital, and today was thrusting swiftly up the west coast to maintain contact with the retreating enemy.

Other Fifth army units, speeding in a more northerly direction, captured the town of Bracciano, 20 miles north of Rome, on the west shore of the large lake of the same name. Still another column was last reported passing the lake on the east side, 15 miles north of Rome.

The Germans still appeared to be withdrawing in a bad state of demoralization, without any indication yet available as to when they might turn and attempt a determined stand.

An official spokesman declared "the battered remnants of the German 14th army are in a considerable state of disorganization. Upwards of 40 wehrmacht formations are represented in the collection of prisoners taken in the exodus from Rome and beyond. Apparently even battalions are attaching themselves to whatever high echelon is available."

Allied forces driving due north of Rome captured Marshal Kesselring's former headquarters, about three miles southeast of Civita Castellana. It was described as an "elaborate, tunnelled underground stronghold."

Civita Castellana is about 25 miles northeast of Rome.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson reported today that a recent three-day period of heavy fighting preceding the fall of Rome cost American forces in Italy 2,379 casualties.

American casualties in the Italian campaign from the landings last September to May 30 amounted to 57,529, Stimson said. Of these 9,904 were killed, 38,554 wounded and 9,011 missing.

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Pope Meets U. S. Army Chiefs, Urges Just Peace

ROME, June 8.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII and Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth army, talked for ten minutes today in the Vatican.

Afterwards the pope greeted Maj. Gen. Alfred H. Gruenther, chief of staff for the Fifth army; Maj. Gen. H. H. Johnson, Rome area commander; Brig. Gen. Edgar E. Hume, chief of the American military government, and Col. (chaplain) Patrick Ryan, 5th army chaplain.

In his first press conference since becoming pope, held in the throne room of the Vatican, the pontiff said yesterday:

"This war should be only a means to a peace. Write for a peace that can meet the approval of all well meaning peoples—that can assure one and all those conditions necessary so that they may live in a manner befitting the dignity of a human being."

Markets Overcharging On Meat, Survey Reveals

PORTLAND, June 8.—(AP)—A secret survey showed heavy meat overcharges ranging as high as 65 cents a pound for cube steaks ceiling priced at 28 cents, a special OPA investigator said today.

The survey, carried on in central and eastern Oregon and in Portland, will lead to suspension proceedings for meat markets found to be willfully violating regulations, the OPA said.

Repatriated Soldiers Invest in War Bonds

NEW YORK, June 8.—(AP)—Wounded American soldiers repatriated on the exchange liner Gripsholm collected their accumulated back pay at Halloran hospital yesterday, but it didn't stay in their pockets long.

Fifteen of the 49 wounded men bought more than \$4,000 in war bonds within four hours.

Allies Advance in Combat of Tanks, Infantry; Offensive of Soviet in Big Squeeze Begun

(By the Associated Press)

The allies advanced deeper into the base of the Cherbourg peninsula today in a violent tank-infantry battle, and the Germans asserted that Russia had launched a broad offensive north of last in the most ambitious military squeeze in all history.

On yet a third front in Italy, the broken remnants of two German armies were in rout 38 miles above Rome. The allied armies invading France, and Russians north of the Old Romanian rail center of last were 1,300 miles apart; other Russians in the western Ukraine were within 1,500 miles of burning Caen, which the Americans and British in France have invested. Troops in Italy were 600 miles from Caen.

The Germans said British troops had pushed through the captured French town of Bayeux and are advancing toward the Vire river which cuts across the base of the peninsula tipped by Cherbourg. The enemy was committing more reserves and the battle in Normandy was nearing a climax.

Moscow rarely announces an offensive until it is rolling and was silent on the last blow, where the Russians said 10,000 Germans died in a week of disruptive attacks. The Romanians said "heavy fighting is in progress."

Progress Against T. B. Told Douglas Health Assn. Meet

Capt. Murlin of U. S. Army, Saidie Dunbar are Speakers; Annual Officers Elected

Complete eradication of tuberculosis, instead of just control, was urged by Captain W. R. Murlin, U. S. army, with the public health service, Portland, at the 23rd annual meeting of the Douglas County Health association at a noon luncheon at the Hotel Umpqua Wednesday. Captain Murlin reported that 50 per cent of deaths in Oregon from tuberculosis the last year were adults and that an educational program is now being advanced by the state to contact adults and let them know of the opportunities in the state that are now available to combat this disease.

Dr. Murlin, who is in the x-ray department of the state T. B. hospital in Portland, stated he had x-rayed 50,000 adults since October, 1943. Of these persons, one per cent showed evidence of T. B. needing treatment and 62 per cent showed early T. B. symptoms.

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, Portland, secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, outlined the program for obtaining a truck and trailer completely equipped with x-ray machines to be sent to the association to begin these examinations for T. B. Mrs. Dunbar stated that it is hoped by the association to begin these examinations by early fall. Details of the various counties' part in payment of this equipment are now being worked out.

Mrs. Fred Fisher, retiring president, had charge of the meeting with Mrs. Jane C. Allen, luncheon chairman, and Mrs. Ethel C. Litterer and Mrs. Mary Barrett, Douglas health nurses, arranging the floral decorations, which were furnished by Mrs. Foster Butler.

Nazi Reports Numerous

Bayeux is 37 miles from the nearest point on the west coast of the Normandy peninsula. Gen. Eisenhower withheld most specific details about the battle in France, better to keep the enemy confused.

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War Bond Sales In Roseburg First Day Total \$55,000

War bond sales in Roseburg Wednesday, launching the Fifth War Loan campaign, totalled approximately \$55,000, Dr. E. E. Boring, county campaign chairman, announced today. These figures do not include sales from any other communities, such as Oakland, which was the first town to report its quota complete, advising the committee early Wednesday that it had raised the assigned \$15,000.

Douglas county, launching its drive three days ahead of the national schedule, was given a coast-to-coast radio salute on the Kellogg program, heard over Station KRNR Wednesday.

Dr. Boring will speak Monday night, June 12, on a national bond drive program, when the Mutual Broadcasting system will call the roll of Oregon counties between 6:30 and 7 p. m.

The radio station was manned Wednesday by members of Umpqua post of the American Legion, and radio appeals resulted in pledges amounting to approximately \$25,000.

Levity Fast Rant

As a sequel to a cocktail party, a U. S. army officer has been demoted and sent home for talking too much—the result perhaps of "taking" too much.