

# Nazis Weaken In Their Hard Attack at Iasi

LONDON, Wednesday, June 7 (AP)—An indication that the Germans are weakening in their savage eight-day battle near Iasi, Rumania, was given by Moscow early today.

"The Germans in the last few days have suffered heavy losses and Tuesday brought into action comparatively smaller forces of tanks and infantry," the broadcast supplement to the Russian communique said.

MOSCOW, June 6 (AP)—The three-year-long dream of a western land front came true for the Russian people today when they heard by radio that the allies had invaded France.

At the same time the red army was understood to be massing for its expected blow from the east following up the assault from the west.

News of the invasion was welcomed with a heart warming reaction — the full import of the action being realized gradually here as successive broadcasts brought the people word of the developments from London.

There was no public shouting and cheering, but Russian citizens and officials alike were discussing events with lively enthusiasm. Foreign diplomats expected the reaction to the news to grow as operations developed and the Russians saw concrete results. Loud speakers had been switched on in the streets and squares of the capital for the announcements.

(The German commentator Von Hammer broadcast from Berlin that with the attack from the west a big Russian offensive is expected soon along the low Dnieper "where a strong Soviet offensive army has taken action stations and where Soviet artillery and mortar fire is gaining in intensity." Other German commentators said multiple assaults could be expected.)

(Tonight's broadcast Russian communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor in London, said the red army had repulsed continuing Nazi attacks north and northwest of Iasi in Rumania and that Russian bombers had carried out a mass raid Monday night on Iasi itself.)

# EDR Prays For Victory

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ence discussion left no doubt that he thought an auspicious start has been made on that task. His manner was buoyant, despite his loss of sleep, when he said the invasion was "up to schedule" and authorized direct quotes of the words.

That, he remarked, was, as Prime Minister Churchill said, a mouthful.

At the same time, he warned against overconfidence which might lead to any let down in war production. He said he knew the whole country was thrilled by the developments, and rightfully so, but that the war wasn't over by any means.

You don't just land on the beach and march to Berlin, he added. What was he looking for in the future, a reporter asked, and Mr. Roosevelt replied to win the war and win it 100 per cent.

Copies of Mr. Roosevelt's prayer were dispatched to congress, where it was read on the floor, and the White House put it out for advance publication so that Americans might be familiar with it and pray in concert with the president in the broadcast from the White House at 10 p. m., EWT.

# Exchange Ship Reaches US

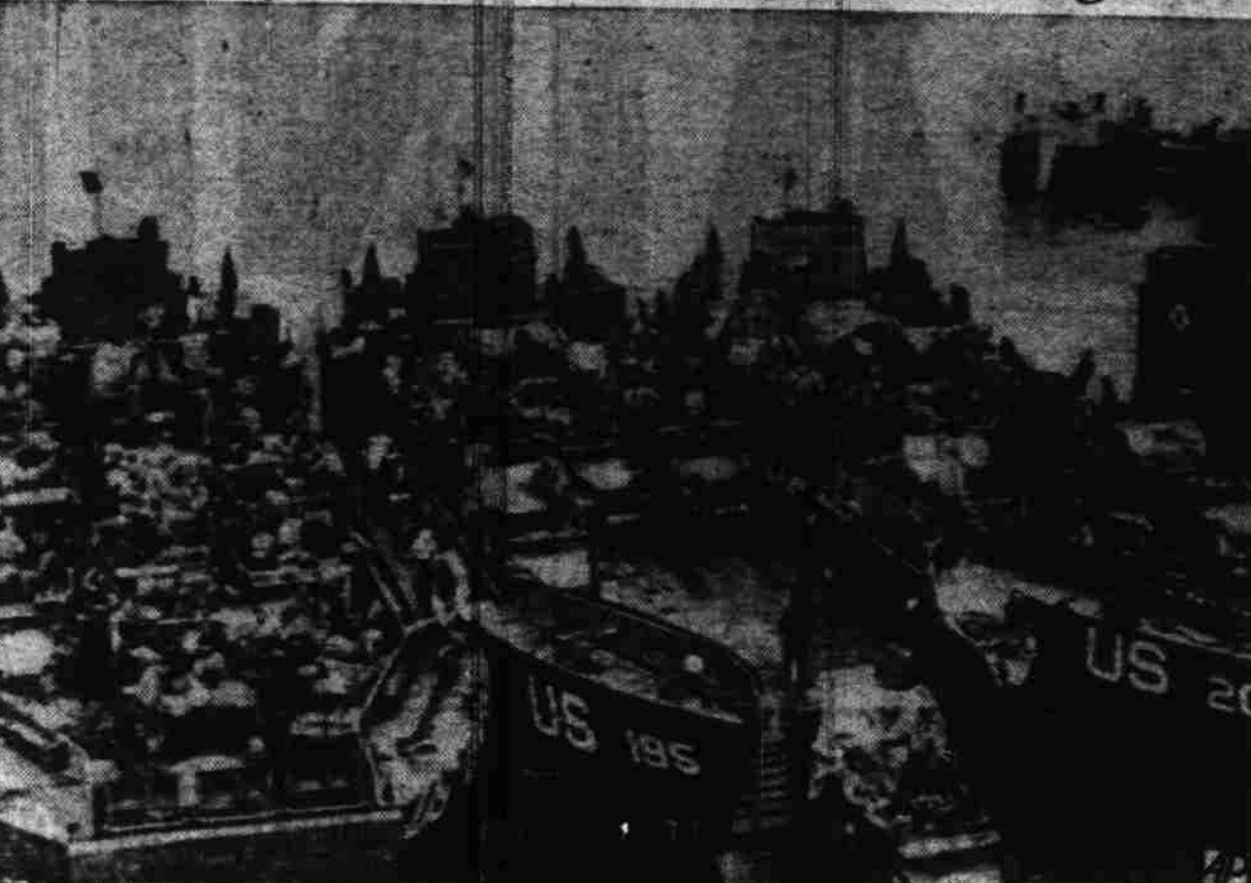
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Germany as victory," he said. "The average German still has great confidence that Hitler has a trump card to play. There is nothing wrong with German morale. They won't worry until the allies set foot on German soil. Then I think they will capitulate."

Allen said the German air force was still powerful and that Germany had deliberately led the allies to believe that its strength was waning.

**HOLLYWOOD**  
Last Times Tonight  
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Frank Albertson  
"ROSIE, THE RIVETER"

# As D-Day Got Under Way From England



LST's are loaded with half tracks and other armored vehicles by American troops just before heading for D-day invasion of the French coast. (AP Wirephoto via signal corps radio.)

# Invasion Goes Well; Allies Move Inland

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flight leader, Lt. Arthur Washburn of Plainville, Mass., as "a beautiful job."

"The American beachhead was going along very successfully," he said, "but the British and Canadians were getting the hell beat out of them for a while. In the afternoon their position eased off."

Channel weather was adverse, a strong northeastern kicking up the waves. But this was not permitted to halt the stream of reinforcements and supplies for the forces hacking out positions along a 100-mile front between Cherbourg and LeHavre.

The German radio expressed fear of further landings. Fresh and strong naval forces were reported sighted this morning off the Dunkerque-Calais area, opposite Dover and some 200 miles airline northeast of Cherbourg.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander, was serene and confident of success in the great land, sea and air blow, launched before dawn Tuesday under a screen of bombs and shells from 4,000 warships and 11,000 warplanes.

The Allied high command disclosed that more than 1000 troop-carrying aircraft, including gliders bore fighting specialists on invasion missions and said this phase was executed with "unexpected success." Allied bulldozers slashed out coastal landing strips.

Naval casualties were officially regarded as "very light."

It was disclosed that among the Allied armada was the USS Nevada, 29,000-ton battleship repaired and restored to duty after she was badly damaged at Pearl Harbor.

The USS Augusta, 9,050-ton heavy cruiser on which Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt signed the Atlantic Charter, went into action as the flagship of Rear Admiral Alan G. Kirk, a veteran of the Sicilian campaign who commands "the western naval task force."

Another American cruiser involved was the Ponatouton Tuscaloosa, commanded by Rear Admiral Morton L. Deyo.

Allied air forces maintained their missions despite the wind. The US ninth air force alone flew 4,000 sorties yesterday. Clearing the way for ground troops, 10,000 tons of explosives crashed down upon the German positions from the air, among them some described in a field dispatch as "huge bombs of a mysterious type."

# Stimson 'Surprised as Anyone' Over Invasion

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WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today he was "about as surprised" as anyone else when he heard that the invasion had started.

Stimson told a reporter that he happened to awake at 4:20 a. m. and turned on a radio beside his bed.

"I was just as surprised as anyone else when I heard a news correspondent telling how he had just returned from an airplane trip from France where parachutists were dropped," he said.

# Allied Planes Land Troops

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also the air far inland. Prime Minister Churchill told parliament that an armada of 11,000 front line planes sustained the assault. Some 10,000 tons of bombs cleared the way for the ground troops. US aerial losses were 50 planes—25 bombers and 25 fighters.

The attacking planes which swept through the French skies encountered only 50 German planes. At least 26 were shot down.

"Continuous fighter cover was maintained over the beaches and for some distance inland and over naval operations in the channel," the supreme headquarters communique said. Night raiders protected the troop-carrier force, which included gliders, and reconnaissance aircraft maintained a day and night watch over shipping and ground forces.

Scores of US heavy bombers conducted the first American raid of the war from their new bases in Russia yesterday, showering tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs on an airdrome at Galati, a Rumanian city on the lower Danube river. The 15th air force sky giants were escorted by both soviet and American fighters.

A communique issued at a Russian air base said that six enemy interceptors were shot down and two American fliers had not yet returned. An Associated Press dispatch from the base also quoted returning American bomber and fighter pilots on the results of the raid, showing that the operation was not of the shuttle type such as was the original landing of the American planes in Russia several days ago after the hammering of Debrecen, Hungary.

(The German radio claimed 11 American planes were lost over Rumania yesterday and said the raid produced "fierce air battles.")

The 7500 sorties between midnight and 8 a. m. made by allied aircraft in the west yesterday did not take into account the hail of bombs, rockets and bullets that crashed down upon the French coast in the hours following.

# Sgt. Don McEldowney Prisoner of Germans

MONMOUTH — Mrs. Donald McEldowney received word from the war department Monday that her husband, Sgt. McEldowney, is a prisoner of the German government. He was reported missing in action over France, April 20, and no further word had been received until yesterday. He was tall gunner on a bomber. He was graduated from Monmouth high school in 1942.

His wife lives here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tomkins. His mother, Mrs. T. L. McEldowney, a former Monmouth resident, lives at Burnt Woods, on the coast road.

# Bond Groups To Be Chosen

In 20 Salem industrial plants today, committees to help raise the fifth war loan will be organized. Friday night those plant committees will meet with Harry V. Collins, industrial chairman for the fifth war loan, and his master committee to plan the strategy of the campaign. Designed to reach every worker and to give him or her an opportunity to purchase war bonds to be credited to particular plant and to the industrial division, the skeleton plan was worked out at a meeting of the industrial committee Tuesday.

# Medical Kits Go to Ships

Through contributions by Polk-Marion county and Multnomah county auxiliaries, the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee of America has sent valuable equipment kits to four Pacific coast vessels.

Urgent pleas are frequent for supplementary medical equipment for use by pharmacists on small, doctor-less craft. The committee has supplied over 1100 kits to sub-hunting and patrolling vessels and requests continue to pour in. The organization has accepted the various donations of over \$634,000 worth of medical supplies, instruments and equipment. Oregon doctors who are members of the Medical and Surgical Relief committee include Dr. T. Homer Coffin and Dr. Thomas H. Joyce of Portland and Dr. Gussie Niles of Salem. Mrs. U. C. Coe of Oswego is the committee's active representative in Oregon.

# Canuck Forces Capture Base, Move Inland

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By ROSS MUNRO  
Canadian Press War Correspondent

WITH CANADIAN FORCES LANDING IN FRANCE, June 6—In two hours and 45 minutes of fighting on the beaches here the Canadian invasion force won its beachhead and shoved on inland.

This morning the Canadian commander sent this message to Lt. Gen. H. D. G. Crerar: "Beachhead taken. Well on way to immediate objective."

The strip of coast won by the Canadians in this initial assault was quite narrow, but it gave them beaches and provided a base for further penetration.

There was some stiff street fighting in little coast towns and the Canadians also met considerable enemy fire on the beaches as they worked their way into the defenses.

They had to overcome numerous steel and wooden obstacles which had been placed out on the tidal part of the beach and which are covered at high tide to trap landing craft.

However, the assault went in just as the tide began to rise and many of these obstacles were cleared away by engineers before the water covered them, enabling follow-up craft to beach and unload.

The Canadians suffered some casualties from machine guns, mortars and artillery.

By 10 a. m. the Canadians were about 1000 yards inland, going strong, and meeting only small pockets of Germans.

The first prisoners taken were identified as belonging to a coastal defense unit.

# Allies Select Landing Spot Months Back

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High places as the Germans again and again showed marked signs of nervousness about this spot or that but never about the chosen stretch.

Not until Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's first extensive western inspection in February did the enemy show increased interest in these invitingly bare beaches. Even then he gave first attention to multiplying mine fields in the immediate inshore areas, to lengthening and deepening anti-tank ditches close to the water line, to emplacement of many light field guns to fire each way along the beaches and to general improvement of the deeper defenses.

Only after the winter's storms had blown out along toward the middle of April did the four commonest types of offshore beach obstacles begin to appear. They were thick along our target areas although still not as numerous as at many other points.

# Navy Company Hits Farragut

Salem's Victory Volunteers, a naval company of this spring's high school graduates from the mid-Willamette valley, will have at least two anniversaries to remember before they see combat.

A telegram from Jim Crona, ships writer, to The Statesman on Tuesday afternoon pointed out the fact that the 80 young men had arrived at Farragut on June 6 and were "backing up D day." Included also was mention of "having good time."

Today, 18 months after Pearl Harbor, they don navy blue. The day of their departure was selected so that June 7 might be date of their first appearance in their country's uniform, Lt. Cmdr. John F. Biesler, officer in charge of recruiting for this district, said here last week as he swore in a portion of the company at a public farewell party.

# Dubach Lauds YMCA's Work

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the Marion club for the purpose of discussing the organization of the coming bond drive.

Among the guests introduced by Charles A. Sprague, master of ceremonies, were Gov. Earl Snell, a special guest just back from his trip east, Mayor I. M. Doughton, of Salem, Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university, and Paul B. Wallace, president of the board of directors of the Salem YMCA.

Other men introduced who were at the speakers' table included the present directors and two men who were charter members when the Salem "Y" was founded 52 years ago, John H. Farrar and A. A. Lee.

Following the conclusion of the formal program, the luncheon guests circled the swimming pool to watch Nancy Merki and Suzanne Zimmerman, national swim stars of Willamette university, give a ten-minute demonstration of their winning back-stroke, side-stroke and relay free-style strokes.

Head waiter at the dinner was Don Yocom, assisted in table service by girls from Salem high school. The luncheon itself was prepared by Mrs. Damon Fleener and Mrs. R. V. Comstock.

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BETTY HULLES

"Bullets And Saddles"

# Nazis Retreat In Disorder

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spread out over a wide area.

Whatever hope Nazi Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring might have had of establishing a strong defense line anywhere south of the northern Apennine range guarding the Po valley undoubtedly suffered a sharp blow when the allied armies struck in northern France. The Mediterranean air force's methodical destruction of rail lines in northern Italy and

southeastern France has curtailed the mobility of Nazi reserves that the German command must decide quickly and irrevocably whether to risk any more precious manpower south of the Genoa-Florence limits line.

Enemy divisions still in the flatlands below the city were in desperate straits. Westward from Rome to the sea all the Tiber's bridges have been blown up or have been captured by the allies, and in the coastal area alone, well over 2000 Nazis apparently will be unable to extricate themselves.

Only isolated rear guards offered any serious resistance.

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