

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Back from attending the governor's conference at Harrisburg...

The cold water on the last suggestion is that the Willkie people think Stassen's entry in the Wisconsin primaries...

House Group OK's 49 Billion Fund for Army

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP) - Backing up the war department with virtually every dollar it requested...

The committee pointed out that some of the funds might not be used, should Germany collapse within the next six months...

The unanimity of the committee is expected to be duplicated by the house when the near-record bill reaches the floor late this week.

Pope Pius XII Urges Writers To Plug Peace

ROME, June 7 (AP) - Pope Pius XII urged correspondents today to write of a peace that can meet the approval of all well-meaning peoples...

"If it would be well to have a message for you, it would be those words spoken back in 1940 on the eve of Christmas."

Allies Capture Bayeux, Beat Back German Counterattacks

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Caen Highway Cut as Inland Push Continues

Headquarters Says Forces Doing Better Than Hoped; Landing Beaches Cleared

By WES GALLAGHER SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Thursday, June 8 (AP) The allies announced today capture of their first French city, the nazi-fortified town of Bayeux...

Germans Admit Breakthrough in Italy

5th Army Advances Rapidly

By EDWARD KENNEDY ROME, June 7 (AP) - The fifth army smashed ahead north and west of Rome toward the key Tyrrhenian port of Civitavecchia tonight in a drive so rapid and powerful that the Germans themselves described it officially as a "major break" through their lines.

Fanning out above the city the allies advanced so far along the vital coastal highway No. 1 that one official announced this evening that they "continued a rapid advance in the direction of Civitavecchia, the closest port to Rome, 40 miles to the northwest by road."

This morning's communique placed the allied armies more than 10 miles above Rome on a wide front, and today's advances apparently were well beyond these lines.

The German high command said that the allies had "succeeded in achieving a major break" north of Rome and had "succeeded in breaking into our positions" west of the capital.

The allied command described German resistance as "only light." It had dwindled to disorganized activity by delaying infantry units and self-propelled guns.

The advance was along all main highway west and northwest of the city, including the routes numbered one and two and the Magliana coastal road, the allied troops covering a distance of ten miles from Rome as they reached northward to within five miles.

Senate Votes OPA Change

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP) - Dealing the administration a setback in its drive to re-enact the price control law without substantial change, the senate voted 47 to 27 today to free merchants of damage liability for price ceiling overcharges which they can prove are unintentional.

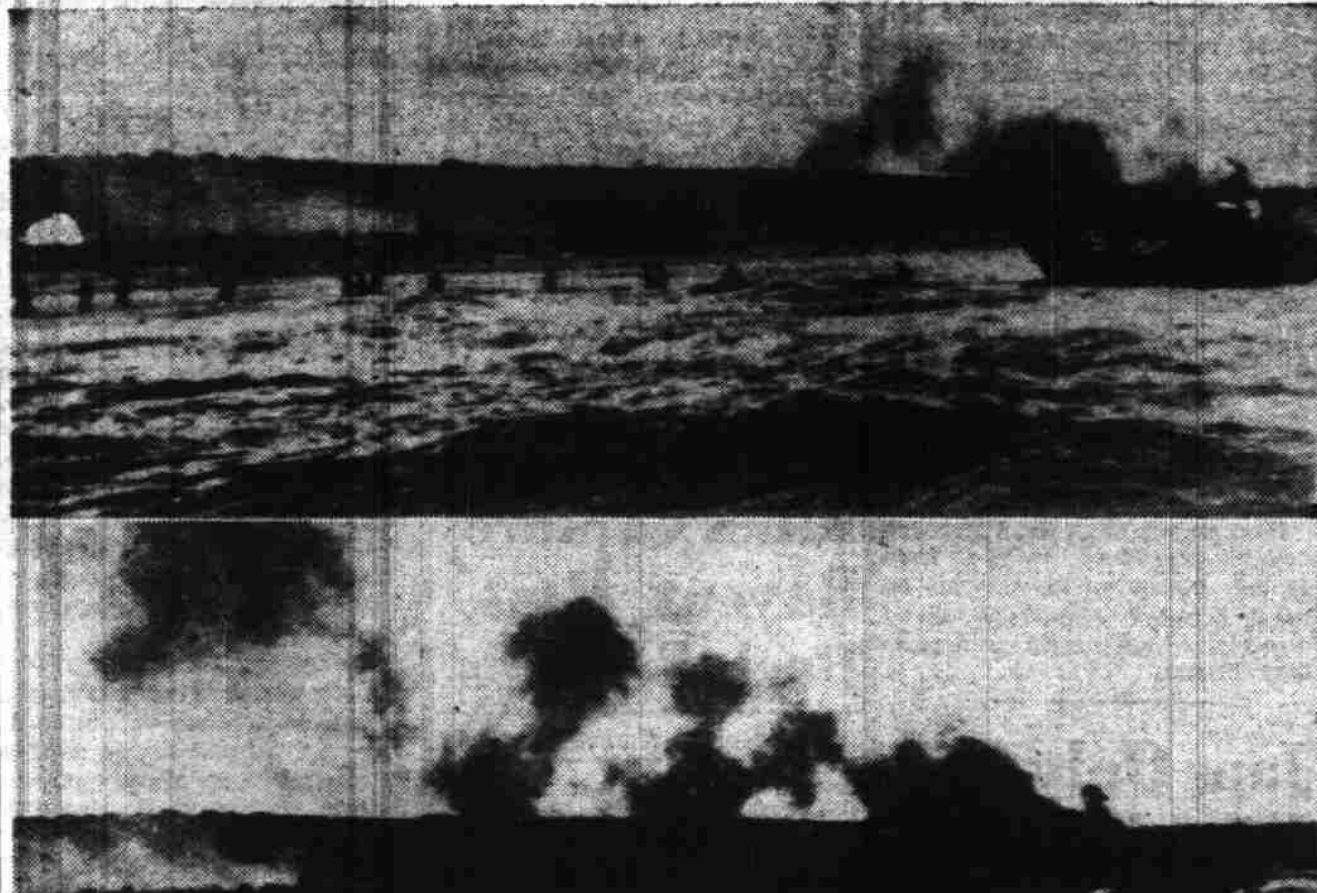
At present consumers can sue retailers for ceiling violations and collect three times the amount of any proven overcharge or \$50, whichever is greater.

Approved over strong administration protests, the amendment provides that in such civil suits it will be an adequate defense if the defendant proves that the violation was neither willful nor the result of failure to take practicable precautions against a violation.

The Germans know this simple, kindly lieutenant-general as a master tactician who outsmarted them in the climactic battle of North Africa and who ushered them unceremoniously out of the mountains in the epic 35-day conquest of Sicily.

In the initial stages of the landings in France, Gen. Bradley was tied up by the need for communications to the deck of the flagship USMS Augusta—birthplace of the Atlantic charter—off the French coast, but before the western Europe front opened he indicated he would move right in with the troops at the earliest possible moment.

Fast Action As Second Front Opens



American infantrymen wade (top) through surf under the cover of naval shellfire to make first landings on the Normandy coast of France as the second front opened. Ship from which the men disembarked is at right. Below an allied landing craft of unidentified type (right) burns just off shore somewhere on the north coast of France a casualty of the invasion of Fortress Europe.

German Air Troops Try to Stop Allies

By W. W. HERCHER SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7 (AP) - Savage fighting for key points behind the Normandy beachheads was developing tonight as the Germans began moving troops by air in efforts to cope with the constantly reinforced allied airborne divisions whose successes highlighted the invasion.

The allied airborne operation, largest ever undertaken anywhere, was a complete success, at least as far as its shock phases were concerned, and parachutists and airborne infantry were ranging swiftly behind the German frontlines, it was said at supreme headquarters.

Authorities were tight-lipped about the progress of troops that landed from the sea but stated the airborne soldiers had carried out every assignment given them, and in some cases had seized bridges which the command had been almost certain the Germans would have time to demolish.

It was confirmed tonight, for example, that the British sixth airborne division had captured a series of bridges north of Caen. Front dispatches said airborne troops had joined those from the sea in some places after capturing towns, roads and various bridges, and that reinforcements poured in today aboard a 50-mile long train of ninth air force gliders.

The German radio yesterday listed four to six allied airborne divisions as having landed behind the Atlantic wall defenses, and said tonight that another British division had landed during today.

South of Caen 250 to 500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators heavily attacked road junctions to block off German reinforcements. In this unusual front-line use of heavy bombers neither anti-aircraft fire nor German fighter opposition was encountered.

Clouds prevented assessment of the damage done.

Gen. Bradley is known as the "doughboys' general" because he is sparing of the lives of men under his command.

But he is a tough, knotty fighter with the tenacious, sledgehammer persistence of Gen. U. S. Grant, the shrewdness of a New England horse trader, but with a personal dignity and integrity that can be compared with that of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

A native of Clark, Mo., he was in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's class of 1915 at West Point and it was Gen. Eisenhower who gave him his first chance to show what he could do in the field in North Africa. He responded with the smashing offense that captured Bizerte.

Bulletins

LONDON, Thursday, June 8 (AP) - RAF bombers, sweeping across the channel in support of allied invasion forces, blasted targets in France again last night, the British announced today, and axis broadcasts indicated that vital communications centers were among the targets.

A Paris broadcast said the suburbs of that city, a vital rail hub, had been bombed and also reported attacks on Nantes and Lorient on the French coast. The broadcast declared the assaults were carried out in great strength.

LONDON, June 8 (AP) - Allied heavy bombers in great strength headed out across the English channel at daybreak today in the direction of the Pas de Calais area of France, following up a big RAF night attack in support of allied invasion forces.

The weather was better in Dover strait, with a light breeze from the west, but a haze and light mist limited visibility.

LONDON, June 7 (AP) - A report to the London press through Switzerland said today that a large allied fleet was cruising off Genoa and that "an allied landing on the Ligurian coast (Italy), or even on southern France, was expected hourly."

NEW YORK, June 7 (AP) - Allied parachute troops in hit-and-run operations have landed 30 miles south of Caen in the region between Argentan and Falaise, the German radio said tonight in a broadcast recorded by the CBS.

A BBC report heard by the blue network quoted a Berlin broadcast as saying the point was 40 miles southeast of Caen and adding that a "vast force" of airborne infantry was fighting its way toward the main beachhead at the north of the Orne river.

Huge Meteor Flashes Across Oregon Sky

EUGENE, Ore., June 7 (AP) - An invasion night meteor, so large that some witnesses said "the moon is falling," was reported to J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon extension astronomer, today.

Maximum temperature Wednesday 85 degrees; minimum 48; trace of precipitation; river -3 feet.

Yankees Capture Biak Field

Mac's Men Get Behind Enemy To Grab Base

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Thursday, June 8 (AP) - The Mokmer airdrome on Biak island, giving Gen. Douglas MacArthur a base within bombing range of the Philippines has been stormed and captured, headquarters announced today on the 13th day of the invasion of the Schoutens.

Stalled and bloodily repulsed earlier in a frontal stab from the initial beachhead, established May 27, MacArthur got in behind the enemy positions and swept on to the airfield from the rear.

The airfield is within 850 miles of the Philippines to the northwest and is within good fighter range of Palau, western Caroline naval base of the Japanese, guarding the approaches to the Philippines.

Headquarters said the Japanese were routed Wednesday and that American losses in the victorious move were light.

After the May 27 landing two battalions of Yankeys were caught in murderous fire of Japanese on ridges and in caves while attempting to move west along a shore road to Mokmer.

Biak, which is in a group of (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

General Who Talked Sent Home Demoted

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP) - The army reported today that Maj. Gen. Henry J. F. Miller was "broken" to lieutenant colonel and sent home from England for an indiscreet remark at a cocktail party hinting at the time set for the invasion of Europe.

The rank to which he was reduced is his permanent grade, held since 1936. The rank of major general was temporary.

The story came out piecemeal from supreme headquarters of the allied expeditionary forces and from the war department here. Dispatches from Shaf told of the incident but on orders from the supreme command withheld the officer's name.

Here, in response to inquiries, the war department issued a memorandum naming the officer as Miller, 53, a graduate of the command and general staff school with a 33-year honorable record (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

increasing resistance that was expected to become still stronger as the Nazi command struggled to discern and meet the allied strategy.

(The Cherbourg-Caen-Paris railway and a main highway run through Bayeux, so that capture of the town cuts both, contributing to isolation of the Cherbourg peninsula.)

Caen, 18 miles southeast of Bayeux and nine miles from the sea, was the scene of a German armored counter-attack which has been hurled back, headquarters disclosed, and the allied forces were said to be doing generally "better than expected."

Aside from these two towns, supreme headquarters gave no place-names, ignoring a continuing stream of German broadcasts which reported new allied attacks all the way from the Pas De Calais area on Dover strait to Nantes at the base of the big Brittany peninsula jutting out into the Atlantic.

A headquarters communique said the allied landing beaches had been cleared of the enemy and had been linked up by flank extensions in some cases during the second day of invasion while steady reinforcements poured in by sea and air.

The supreme commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, toured the beach areas in a British vessel for four and one-half hours Wednesday, conferring with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and other operational chiefs less than five miles from German-held territory.

The German accounts, many apparently designed purely to provoke replies, claimed the British Sixth parachute division had been "annihilated"; that a beachhead on the right bank of the Orne river had been wiped out; that a new amphibious attack had been made on the Calais area nearest Britain and heaviest bombed spot prior to the invasion; that new allied airborne operations were directed against Lorient, Nantes and St. Brieuc—all on the Brittany peninsula, and on Falaise and Argentan, 30 miles south of Caen and 40 miles inland.

The Germans spoke at length of the "surprising" strength of airborne operations, and allied headquarters confirmed that these were continued Wednesday on a large scale, without mentioning localities.

The Germans said Caen was aflame, and allied accounts inferentially confirmed this by describing heavy air attacks in that area and shelling of it by the 16-inch guns of the British battleship Nelson.

Heaviest fighting apparently centered around Caen and Bayeux, the latter a cathedral town, once of 9000 population. Reports from the front mentioned many casualties, although there was no solid evidence of the actual number or proportion. Both the US and British navies reported their casualties in personnel and ships were so far very small.

Resistance of the German navy and air force continued relatively light, with E-boats driven off in two attacks and 51 German planes downed Wednesday by the overwhelming allied air cover, which lost 23 of its own planes. Lightning fighter-bombers demolished a German headquarters Wednesday afternoon.

One returning flier said the Germans had flooded three large lowland areas near the beaches in efforts to hold up the allied advance.

The German land forces put up increasing resistance that was expected to become still stronger as the Nazi command struggled to discern and meet the allied strategy.

Allied airborne operations, a (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

Public Invited To Trailblazer Birthday Party

CAMP ADAIR, June 7 (Special) - The 70th division will celebrate its first birthday as an organized military unit in conjunction with the nationwide observance of Infantry day June 15.

The division will play host to the general public, who are invited to Camp Adair for a day-long program of speeches, parades, athletic events and exhibits of the infantry's tools of war, beginning at 9 a. m. and extending into the evening.

Joining with Maj.-Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Trailblazer division commander, in the dual celebration will be other high military authorities and Oregon state and city officials. Events will include a formation of the entire 70th division to hear speeches commencing at 10 a. m., and a parade of the unit's personnel in review immediately afterward.

Evening events will include a division ball led by Gen. Dahlquist.

Mt. Angel Will Observe Corpus Christi Sunday

By LORETTA E. DEHLER MT. ANGEL - Corpus Christi will be observed by the city of Mt. Angel in the traditional manner next Sunday. Lack of gasoline may dwindle the number of visitors that the church celebration usually brings to town and the absence of several hundred young men in the armed forces will shrink the line of men in the procession, but the presence of the visiting Foresters, meeting here in their convention that day, should swell the crowd to almost the size of old times.

The custom was brought here from the old country. The Swiss and German Catholic people and priests who first settled the town celebrated the feast that honors the Holy Eucharist, with the public processions that had marked its celebration in their homeland. Whether these pioneers of Mt. Angel had more faith, more ardor, more endurance or just more time