

Pictorial History of Allied Forces Invading Beaches of France



Medics carry a wounded Yank from a landing craft to ambulances on an English dock to be rushed to a station hospital. These wounded were among the first to engage the enemy in the invasion.—International Radiosoundphoto.



General Dwight Eisenhower talks to his men before they set out for France. His order of the day is "full victory." General Eisenhower is pictured talking to paratroopers before they board their planes for the aerial assault on northern France. Note that the paratroopers have their faces blackened to aid their camouflage.—International Radiosoundphoto.



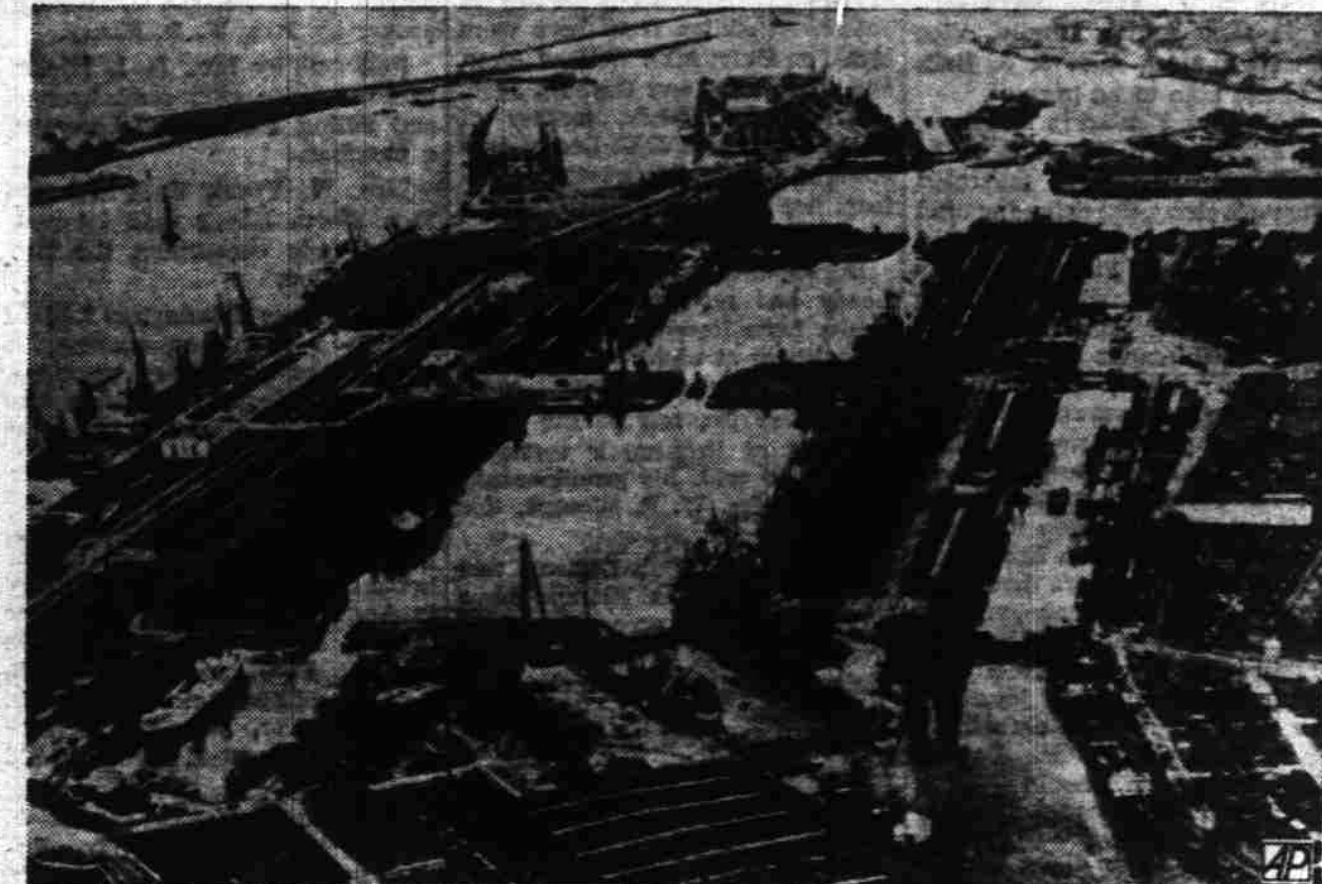
The American battleship Texas opens up with her big guns to shell the coast of northern France, as the allied invasion of Europe gets under way. The Texas was among more than 600 naval craft that tortured German positions and protected landings. This picture was made by Jack Rice, Associated Press photographer in the wartime still photo pool.—(AP Wirephoto via Signal Corps Radio.)



Plotting courses of the Ninth troop carrier command on their invasion flight over France with paratroops and gliders, left to right—Brigadier General Paul W. Williams, commanding general Ninth troop carrier command, Major William Forwood—seated—Colonel Ralph E. Fisher, Major Rufe Ward, Colonel Silas S. Richards of the Ninth USAF. This is a US Army Signal Corps radiophoto telephoned from London.—International Soundphoto.



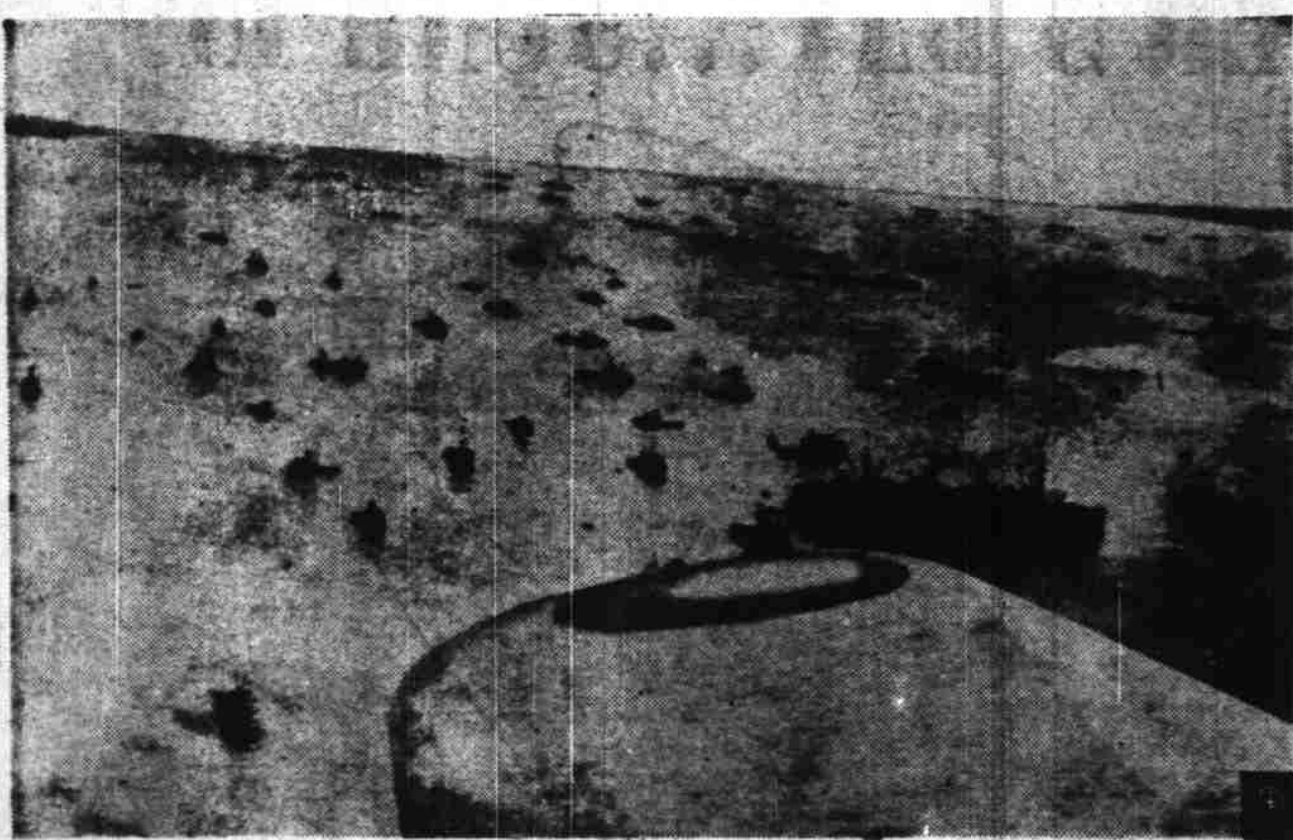
Men, barges, landing craft and assault vehicles reach the beachhead in France on D-Day of the allied landings on the continent of Europe. This is the first picture showing the allies on French soil.—(AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps).



This is a view of the dock areas of the French port of Le Havre where German sources claimed allied forces landed in their invasion of the mainland.—(AP Wirephoto)



Pinpointed in wakes of spray, landing craft approach a beachhead on the northern shore of France on D-Day morning as the allies thrust against fortress Europe. This reconnaissance photo is one of the first two showing invading forces on the French side of the channel.—(AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radiophoto).



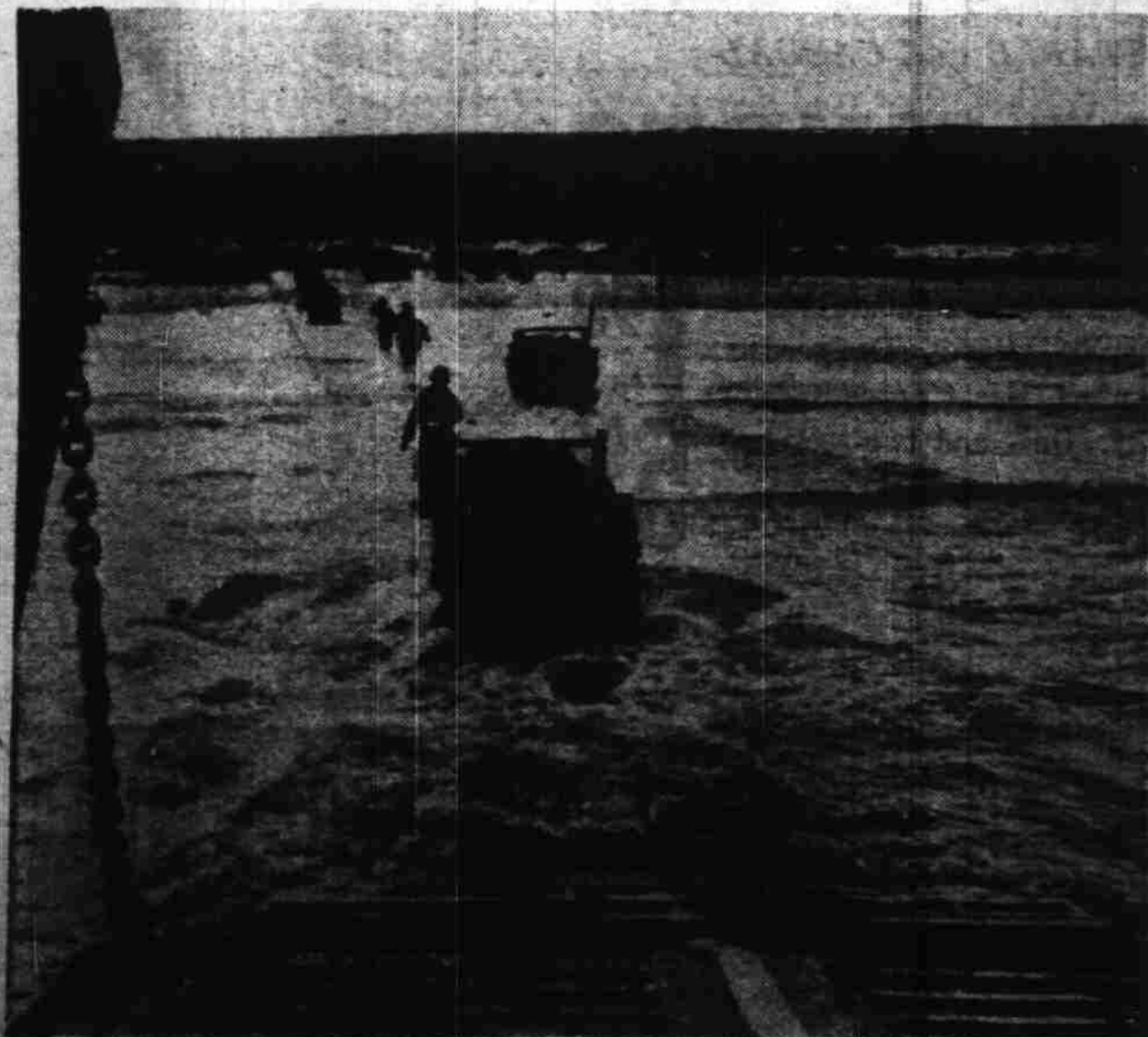
Fleet of warships, transports, landing craft of all kinds and sizes wait for the signal.—International Soundphoto.



Moving into the invasion picture right along with the fighting men is this small boat carrying a chaplain's unit. The chaplain's flag flies beside the American ensign. Troops France-bound talk quietly on the stern of the chaplain's ship.—International Radiosoundphoto.



American infantrymen receive rations of candy and cigarettes before embarking for the "D" day allied assault on the French coast.—International Soundphoto.



View from one of the allied transports showing jeeps and men making a landing on a beach in France.—International Radiosoundphoto.



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left), allied invasion commander in chief, gives his order of the day—"full victory—nothing else"—to paratroopers somewhere in England just before they took off in planes for the D-day invasion of France.—(AP Wirephoto from signal corps radio.)



Company commander briefs his men on a model of the invasion coast. Every detail is marked and the men are ready. Others study latest photos of beach obstacles.—International Soundphoto.