

# Air Power Back to Support Invasion

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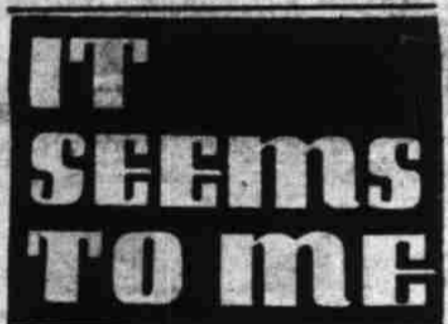
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### Reinforcements Pour In



Airborne Troops—Troop-carrying planes (top) of the Ninth air force C-47's, towing gliders loaded with airborne infantry, are seen on their way to the French coast and hinterland, to participate in action behind the enemy lines. Breaching the invasion barriers (bottom), allied troops use the Germans' own obstacle emplacements for protection as they fire from the surf upon the enemy. They are covering other troops coming in on a French beachhead on landing boats, which appear in the background. The soldiers lay low under heavy artillery and machine gun fire from concrete pillboxes. The enemy was finally silenced. (International Radiosoundphoto.)

### Violence Already Underway Against Collaborationists in Liberated France



By Charles A. Sprague

In the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post the first story is "After April" by Frederick Faust. The name will be recognized at once as the pen name of Max Brand, who was killed in Italy just a few weeks ago. He had gone to Italy to view the war as representative of Harper's magazine when he was struck by fragments of a German shell and soon succumbed to his wounds. The SEP story was probably then in type, but the news of his death should give it added interest.

"Frederick Faust" was but one of the pen names of Brand, a native of Seattle, who was a most prolific writer. It is estimated that his wordage ran to 30 million words, matching or exceeding that of Edgar Wallace, the British author. Where Wallace ran to crime stories Brand devoted his writing talent chiefly to "westerns". He came to be known as "King of the Pulp Writers", but his greatest fame attaches to his authorship of the Dr. Kildare stories which have been extensively filmed for the movies.

Brand's writing method was said to be to dictate to relays of stenographers while he subsisted on "an incredible amount of black coffee." Brand found a ready market for his work, and was one of the few men in the trade who got the top rate of four cents a word from his stories for the pulps. He had ability however to reach the "slicks" as the Post story shows. He even wrote some poetry of good quality and published two volumes of his poems.

### First Prisoners of Invasion Land in Camp

SOMEWHERE IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND, June 9—(AP)—The first enemy prisoners taken in the western invasion and brought to this marshalling area arrived today.

There were over 1000, of which about 100 were casualties and possibly nine dead. A total of about 1000 will be lodged in a prisoner camp already set up. Arriving also are several hundred walking wounded American soldiers.

By ROBERT G. WILSON

LONDON, June 9—(AP)—Violence already has broken out against collaborationists in liberated Bayeux, where a manhunt was under way for suspected traitors, reports from the invasion battlefield said today, but for the most part many French patriots were biding their time and exercising considerable control.

Except for incidents in Bayeux, where enraged French citizens were reported to have marched one collaborationist through the streets, lashing him with whips and sticks, and to have beaten a Vichyite policeman, the French appeared to be carrying on blandly with their every day affairs in the midst of the fighting.

Fliers reported seeing farmers working in their fields in the battle zone, and one front report told of a calm old lady sitting down a street where fighting was raging, placidly calling out, "Vive les Anglais."

This reaction is precisely what the allied leaders had worked for and hoped for. What had been feared was an unguided popular uprising which would only deliver allied sympathizers into the hands of the gestapo. Supreme headquarters has been hammering away for weeks by leaflet and radio, telling the people to stay their hands until they get specific instructions, coordinated with the advance of the army of liberation. Until that time the underground is asked to help with information about the terrain and about German movements.

Members of police forces in France who still remain loyal to the underground movement received instructions today from an official French representative in London, who told them by radio to continue to assure (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

### County School Heads Elect McAtee President

Approval of the legislative committee report and election of officers highlighted the closing session of the annual conference of the Oregon County School Superintendents Association here Friday.

All counties, with the exception of one, were represented. R. H. McAtee, Crook county, was elected president to succeed Mrs. Agnes Booth of Marion county. Other officers include E. H. Castle, Benton county, vice president, and Mrs. Lillian Watts, Jefferson county, secretary.

One outstanding legislative committee recommendation provides that salaries of county school superintendents shall be increased and graduated upon a scale commensurate with the work involved as indicated by the school census of the various counties.

Other recommendations: In counties operating under the county unit system the salary of county school superintendents

### America's 3 Top Officers Reach London

WASHINGTON, June 9—(AP)—At a critical state of the invasion of Europe, America's three top commanders arrived in London today for a close-up review and possible major decisions on the strategy of the grand offensive.

President Roosevelt, through his secretary, Stephen Early, announced the arrival in Britain's invasion capital of Gen. George C. Marshall, United States army chief of staff; Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the American fleet, and Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the air forces. The four-star officers went to Britain, Early said, to attend a meeting of the combined chiefs of staff which had been planned to be held "as soon as possible after D-day," which was Tuesday.

The president, Early said, is "happy to announce" that the officers have "arrived safely in London."

The trio had conferred with President Roosevelt on Tuesday a few hours after the invasion (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

### Fifth Troops Pursue Nazis At Fast Pace

#### Clark's Men Sweep Through Viterbo, Vetralla, Tarquinia In Speedy March Up Coast

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ROME, June 9—(AP)—Pursuing the shattered German 14th army at continued breakneck pace northwest of Rome, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army forces swept through the communication centers of Viterbo, Vetralla and Tarquinia today as Nazi troops in the Adriatic sector joined the general enemy flight up the Italian peninsula.

Viterbo, a vital highway and rail junction 40 miles from Rome, fell before a swift seven-mile thrust from the area of Lake Di Vico. Tarquinia, on the main coastal highway 55 miles northwest of the capital, was seized in a 10-mile stab by allied troops driving on from the captured port of Civitavecchia.

Vetralla is on a lateral highway connecting Viterbo and Tarquinia. There yet was no sign that Field Marshal Albert Kesselring had been able to rally his fleeing remnants, and it was doubted here that he would attempt to make another serious stand short of a line beyond Florence, some 150 miles from Rome. Although Clark's forces were averaging roughly 15 miles a day in their grim chase they found it difficult to keep within shooting distance of the nazis.

### Allied Forces Advance in All Burma Sectors

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, June 9—(AP)—Allied forces have punched suddenly forward on all major sectors of the India-Burma front. In the east, they seized the northern end of the north Myitkyina airfield; near Kamaing, occupied several villages and routed enemy troops in disorder, and on the India side, pursued Japanese south from Kohima, headquarters announced today.

As Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese-American forces penetrated the northern air strip of the besieged north Burma stronghold, Chinese inside the town fought to new positions from the south and repelled enemy night attacks, and two miles north of the city, Maj. Gen. W. D. A. Lentaigne's airborne Chindits captured the village of Holo, near Maingana.

At the same time Chinese troops further hemmed in the enemy base of Kamaing, 40 miles northwest of Kamaing, and Sakan. More than 200 Japanese were killed in the fighting there, and Chinese seized three 150 mm. guns, two 75 mm. guns and other equipment.

Near Nanyaseik, 10 miles north of Kamaing, where the enemy was reported withdrawing in disorder (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

### High Command Praises Work Of Paratroops

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 9—(AP)—The high command in its first detailed story disclosed today that US parachute troops descending on the Ste. Mere Eglise sector below Cherbourg Tuesday brilliantly carried out a vital part of history's most successful airborne operation—a vertical attack far excelling the German sky assault on Crete.

The official report said losses approximated two per cent of the more than 1000 US and RAF planes used, and a high staff officer who accompanied the Americans, in ridiculing German claims of inflicting heavy casualties on the paratroops, said: (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

### Leon W. Girod Lost at Sea

FRUITLAND—Leon William "Bill" Girod, son of Mrs. Anna Girod, has been reported lost at sea, his mother was notified Friday by the maritime commission. Born here in 1913 and reared here, he attended Salem high school but completed his school work and was graduated from high school at Cortez, Colo., where his oldest brother, Frank, taught. He was employed as a welder at Tacoma and Long Beach prior to enlisting in the merchant marine approximately one year ago. Survivors, in addition to his mother, include brothers, Capt. Frank Girod, with the army in the Pacific, and Lt. (jg) Lloyd Girod, at a submarine base on the Pacific, and one sister, Mrs. Esther Jensen, Monterey, Calif.

### Bombers Sink 4 Warships

#### Mac's Planes Rip Into Jap Fleet Off New Guinea

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Saturday, June 10—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's Mitchell bombers sank four Japanese destroyers off Manokwari, Dutch New Guinea, it was announced today.

Headquarters reported a fifth destroyer was damaged. A cruiser and a sixth destroyer fled.

Ten Mitchells were credited with blocking the enemy attempt to reinforce its Biak garrison Thursday.

It was the first daring venture by an enemy task force into waters of New Guinea in many months. The amount of damage inflicted was perhaps the greatest ever accomplished by such a small bombing formation in the history of the 5th air force.

The attack upon the cruiser and six destroyers took place in Geelink bay, the entrance to which is guarded by Biak and the other Schouten islands.

Ten enemy fighters attempted to prevent the bomber attack, and shot down three American (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

### Destroyers Hit 4 Nazi Ships, Destroying 2

By NED NORDNESS

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, June 10—(AP) Eight British, Canadian and Polish destroyers intercepted four German destroyers apparently bent on a sneak smash at the allied Normandy coast line before dawn yesterday, blowing up one of them, chasing another aground in flames and scoring hits on the other two which escaped, a communique announced early today.

The grounded enemy vessel was believed to have been finished off later by a bombing attack.

This point-blank engagement—which cost the allies damage and a few casualties on only one ship, the British destroyer Tartar—was the most dramatic of three surface action announced, and was fought off the tip of Brittany near Ushant (Quessant) island. In addition, allied naval units continued their battering of the invasion coast, plastering 46 shore targets during the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. yesterday.

Spotted by a patrol plane before midnight Thursday the quartet of German destroyers was intercepted by the British destroyers Tartar, Ashanti, Eskimo and Javelin, the Canadian destroyers Haida and Huron, and the Polish (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

### Public Market Open Today

Second Saturday of operation of the municipal public market, today will see fresh dressed chickens, eggs, strawberries and a variety of vegetables offered by farmers to the city's homemakers at the new Union and High street location, members of the market commission said Friday. Market hours are 9 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Patronage the first market day was good and produce sold out early, but a larger farmer participation is anticipated today.

### German's Concern Over Mediterranean Grows

MADRID, June 9—(AP)—German concern over the possibility of new allied invasion landings on the Mediterranean coast of France from Corsica, Sardinia and Africa increased today when it became known the allies had refused a week ago to give navicerts to a Swiss chartered ship seeking to go to Marseille. Allies still are withholding permits.

### Salem Sizzles at 89 On Year's Warmest Day

Warmest day of 1944 to date was Friday, when mercury in the official thermometer at the Salem airbase rose to 89 degrees at approximately 5 p. m. An early breeze lowered the temperature almost immediately, employes there said.

### Beachhead on Cherbourg Peninsula In Danger for at Least Next 10 Days

By WES GALLAGHER SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 9—(AP)—The allied beachhead along the Cherbourg peninsula entered its most critical phase tonight with little prospect that the danger would pass for at least 10 days more.

This is the situation on the opening of the western front as seen from military and information available here: The initial phase of the great operation has passed with landings made and a beachhead established. It now remains to be seen whether the Germans can throw the allies back into the sea or break them up. While the Germans' greatly publicized Atlantic wall proved to be something of a myth, it always has been the strategy of their leaders to make the best showing against beachheads by counterattack. They did this in Sicily at Gela

### Bad Weather Doesn't Stop Allied Advance

#### American Flying Wedge Cuts Main Nazi Communication To Cherbourg Landing-Port

By JAMES M. LONG

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, June 10—(AP) Allied air power roared back to the support of the French invasion during the night after bad weather that found the American, British and Canadian ground forces advancing against hard-fighting Germans on the Cherbourg peninsula and southwest of Bayeux without their accustomed aerial aid.

Shortly before dawn today it was announced that RAF heavy bombers went out over France in strength during the darkness. Their targets were not disclosed immediately.

Even without the vital weapon of air support, allied headquarters announced in a post-midnight communique that an American flying wedge of paratroops and infantrymen had cut the main German communications lines to the potentially great landing-port of Cherbourg by capturing the town of Ste. Mere Eglise and sweeping on across the broad-gauge Cherbourg peninsular railway and the parallel highway in heavy fighting, and that repeated German naval attempts to interfere with the beachhead operations had been nipped at their inception.

Axis broadcasts said 400,000 men were fighting in Normandy, about 200,000 on each side, and that allied reinforcements had been pouring into the beaches all Friday night with many tanks.

The allied communique, in reporting the fourth day of the invasion of Normandy, gave these additional points: Further allied gains have been made west and southwest of captured Bayeux;

Heavy fighting continues in all areas; Fighting is severe in the area of Caen, where the Germans are making a desperate effort to stop the British-Canadian advance;

The weight of armor on both sides is increasing; Numerous enemy strong-points that originally were bypassed have now been eliminated;

The weather has deteriorated but the beachheads nevertheless are being developed steadily;

Poor visibility and stormy weather cut air activity to a minimum;

The previous communique, issued Friday shortly before noon, had announced continuing gains in all sectors.

The Germans said the Americans had advanced another mile beyond Ste. Mere Eglise, which is 18 miles southeast of Cherbourg, and intimated that the weak secondary roads left to the nazis in the peninsula were already threatened if not broken by allied paratroops who, the enemy said, were operating on the other side of the peninsula near Lessay, bottleneck of the west coast road and a small spur railway.

The Americans, commanded by Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, who himself was in the field, also made gains on the southeast flank of their 28-mile stretch of beachhead by capturing Formigny, midway east between St. Mere Eglise and Bayeux.

West and southwest of Bayeux the allies held onto an important hill and poured their armor into a fight that may prove to be the key to the tank battleground between Bayeux and Caen.

The fiercest fighting of the whole invasion swirled around Caen, nine miles inland from the bay of the Seine, where at least two German panzer divisions were trying to hold that strong-point and win maneuverable control of the good tank-fighting zone to the west.

The headquarters communique made clear that the allies also were getting their heavy armor into action and that the Germans had not been able to out-match it. It was disclosed that the allies have taken 4000 to 5000 prisoners since the invasion began.

Near the allied left flank in the Caen sector the British and Canadians withstood a furious German armored counter-attack. One German spearhead gouged into the Canadian lines, said a front dispatch, but was thrown back again. (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

### Women Plan Active Part In Bond Sale

Women must play an increasingly important part in working to help finance the war, representatives of Salem Business and Professional Women's club, Zonta and Soroptimist clubs were told Friday night as they met with Mrs. Winifred Pettijohn, Marion county women's division chairman, to lay plans for their work in the Fifth War Loan campaign.

Members of these three clubs will man a desk at bond sales headquarters, clubrooms at the southeast corner of Court and Commercial streets, throughout the drive. They also are training as saleswomen, prepared to present war bonds as investment and to aid purchasers in determining what types of the US paper are most desirable for their particular needs.

Besting Berlin by buying bonds will be advertised on the lapels of Marion county residents, who may before the Fifth War Loan campaign is completed, cash in their invasion buttonnieres, and "warbags" as part of the purchase price of war bonds, women selling the dainty bouquets of cellophane covered stamps declared Friday.

First of the invasion buttonnieres was sold Friday by Miss Lena Blum, "warbag" chairman, to Gov. Earl Sells. A variety of the lapel decorations will be available and others will be made to order, Miss Blume said. Her assistants are Mrs. Lloyd Riches, Mrs. Myrtle Stewart, Mrs. R. C. Warner and Mrs. Bessie Kaiser.

### Weather

Maximum temperature Friday 89 degrees; minimum 50; no precipitation; wind south, scattered clouds. River -13 ft. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday; slowly rising temperature along the coast. (Turn to Page 2—Story A)