

Allied Planes Blast Enemy Troops, Guns

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tag of the newly constructed landing strips — whose existence placed allied aircraft in action from French soil for the first time since 1940 were American C47 troop carriers which were used to fly wounded back to Britain.

They landed on one of the three strips built since last Wednesday by a newly formed Ninth air force engineering unit in the heart of the territory held by the allies, picked up wounded and returned to Britain within 4½ hours of their original takeoff.

British fighters also were over Normandy in strength and some of them used for the first time a landing strip just completed by RAF servicing commandos. They refueled and returned to battle without having to return to home bases.

Bombs, rockets and a hail of bullets were poured down upon the Germans as the allied airmen put a protective roof over the embattled infantrymen around and blasted positions in and behind the German lines.

Supreme headquarters announced that for the first time since 1940 allied air units were operating from French soil, but did not disclose the extent of these vital forward bases, which may have been captured, constructed, or both, in the five days of fighting on the continent.

The first planes to fly from the liberated coast of France were RAF Spitfire fighters and twin-engine American C-47 troop carriers which landed at an airfield in Britain today with the first wounded to be flown out of the battle zone. The carriers flew from landing strips built in the beachhead area.

Up to 500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators pounded German airfields and gun positions behind the battle area, following up similar night blows by the Royal Air Force, while light and medium bombers by the hundreds bombed as close as a mile to the battle lines and over a 15-mile stretch behind.

Channel skies remained thick with aircraft throughout the afternoon and evening. The Vichy radio said two air raid warnings had been sounded in the Paris area.

Nazis Ponder On What to Do

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German communique admitting that in fierce fighting the Germans had given ground in the Caen-Bayeux areas — territory which presumably would feel the first effects of new German divisions.

The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid paper "ABC" wrote that "If the Germans brought 50 or 60 divisions to bear, every allied soldier could be thrown back into the sea in a few hours. But this is not being done because reserves must be held for other landings or other offensives on other fronts."

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Two thousand Marion county men and women are going into the field tomorrow to add to their own bond purchases those of thousands of other persons.

Fifty more persons are needed for a half-hour of service on Tuesday. Those 50 will give something that not all the warbonds we can buy could do. They will give life-blood to our men on world battlefronts.

All over the United States, blood donations have swelled immeasurably since the invasion. Those who stop to think realize that blood spilled must be replaced. It's pretty nice to be able to fasten on your bond-buyer's badge with a blood donor's pin! The First Methodist church—Tuesday—Tel. 9277 for your reservation.

Yank Troops Smash Across Peninsula

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ing in the Montebourg area, a Vichy broadcast said, was Valognes, the communications key to Cherbourg. Valognes is only 10 miles southeast of the big port.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, overall commander of the American, British and Canadian ground forces, now has established advance headquarters in France, a headquarters statement said.

Berlin broadcasts said the Americans were attacking their withdrawing units just south and east of Montebourg, 15 miles from Cherbourg on the Caen-Valognes highway.

The Germans previously had reported the dropping of American paratroopers in the Lessay and Coutances areas on the western side of the peninsula. Lessay is only 13 miles beyond US spearheads cutting across the peninsula from the east.

Legion Plans Big July 4

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be unique in the history of Salem parades.

Exercises of the day will be held at Marion square, where a special platform will be constructed. Old-fashioned Fourth will be recalled by the invitation to the public to take basket lunches and enjoy a picnic in which the people of Salem "can really get acquainted."

Stanley Krueger and Tom Hill comprise a dance committee planning a victory grand ball at the armory for Monday night, July 3.

There will be entertainment of some type each night from June 29 to July 4, Abrams said, as he announced other committees consisting of: concessions, Rex Kimball, Don Madison and Ralph Campbell; police, Ike Bason; platform, O. E. "Mose" Palmateer; ladies auxiliary, John Olson; finance, Harry Caldwell; program, Abrams; boys' sports, Olives Huston.

Nazi Forces Making Stand Near Viterbo

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spokesman had described the German army as "retreating in a completely disorganized fashion," with the fifth army "unable to catch up with any important element of it," despite the speed of pursuit.

Tucker wrote tonight that the Germans were beaten "but by no means disorganized."

The German withdrawal before the British eighth army on the Adriatic front, first announced yesterday, continued with the Allies advancing more than five miles and capturing the battle-wrecked towns of Orsogna, Guardigle, Niglonico and Filetto and crossing the river Foro.

The eighth army front east of Rome also was advanced as Allied troops, fighting their way through demolitions and minefields in the rough country, captured Moricone, 11 miles north of Violi, and Anelli, nine miles northwest of Subiaco.

The cutting up of the German 14th army was providing the great drama to the moment, however, observing that stragglers and deserters were continually being picked off "from all manner of units," the Allied spokesman said that the only organized body of troops yet met here were from the 20th Luftwaffe field division, hastily rushed from Denmark to Italy.

As the shattered remnants of the 14th army fled toward the safety of northern Italian mountains, it left its fellow tenth army to the east and south to guard its own flanks as best it could. This army on the west side of the Tiber has been withdrawing more slowly and with more order before the British eighth army, principally because of the mountainous terrain making pursuit difficult.

Nevertheless the peril to this army too was so great that a spokesman for the Allied command included it along with the 14th in the forces which he declared now were being enveloped by "catastrophe."

German losses in prisoners and equipment were mounting steadily and although no new figures have been disclosed recently it appeared probable that great additions have been made to the more than 22,000 prisoners taken in the first three weeks of the offensive, which now is a month old.

The fifth army pounded on north of Viterbo, important junction 49 miles above Rome which fell yesterday, in an advance which represented the most direct flanking threat to the German tenth army.

Allies Chase Jap Vessels For 14 Hours

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The Allied command announced that "here too there is much disorganization, and prisoners recently taken include cooks, butchers and bakers from ages of no more than 14."

Losses in the tenth army continued to run heavy and the once-proud Hermann Goering division in particular has been reduced to a strength comparable to that with which it struggled back from Sicily, later to be rebuilt.

Reds Launch Big Offense

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units had broken up an attack by a battalion of German infantry and tanks southeast of Stanislaw in old Poland.

Berlin said there was accelerated action on five sectors of the eastern front in addition to the new action in Karelia.

From the bloody last front in Romania to the long-dormant northern theater, suspense was heightened as the third anniversary of Hitler's June 22 invasion of Russia approached, and in high places everywhere it appeared that master soviet strokes could not be deferred much longer if they were not already under way.

The Finnish army communique broke the first word of the reported new offensive, declaring that the Russians early yesterday morning started a general offensive on the Karelian isthmus supported by "particularly heavy artillery fire and strong air forces."

The German Transoceanic commentator Von Olberg said over the Berlin radio that it was "too early to judge what tactical and strategic significance can be attached to this blow," but he said that it might well be the initial swing of a soviet sledge-hammer assault developing across the entire eastern front.

Suggesting that "it may also constitute a diversionary maneuver to camouflage the real aims of the Russian summer offensive," Von Olberg said that German reconnaissance "has determined that the main Russian concentrations are in the northern sector, particularly in the rear of Pakov and Ostrov."

Guy Hickok Named To Linfield Board

McMINNVILLE, Ore., June 10 (AP)—New members of the board of trustees of Linfield college are: Palmer Hoyt, Portland, publisher of the Oregonian; Elmo Chase, Eugene; Dr. Irving Roddy, Boise, Idaho; and Guy Hickok, Salem.

Marshall Dana, Portland, editor of the editorial page of the Journal, has been reelected chairman of the board.

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ippines, the invaders mopped up Japanese in caves along ridges near the airfield.

To the west of the invasion scene, near Manokwari, three small enemy merchantmen were sunk Friday by Liberators.

Seizure of Biak's Mokmer field also has put Palau in the western Caroline within fighter range of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's air arm. It already was brought within bomber range by earlier capture of the Wakde island airbase 200 miles southward, and today, headquarters reported that Palau was bombed Thursday night.

This was the first announced land-based air strike at Palau, previously hit by carrier planes of a task force.

Headquarters today also announced a 44-ton bombing of Truk in the central Carolines by Liberators from the Admiralty islands.

This strike continued an intensifying two-way strike at Truk by southwest Pacific bombers from the Admiralties and central Pacific bombers from the Marshalls.

The 44-ton strike in daylight Thursday stirred up a 30-minute battle with 30 enemy interceptors and one was shot down. Another attack was made on Nomol atoll southeast of Truk. The attack on Palau that night touched off fires and explosions.

In the air assault on shipping in the vicinity of Manokwari, a coastal vessel was sunk and two enemy fighters shot down in addition to the destruction of the three 1000-ton cargo ships.

5th War Loan Drive Opens

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will be given every bond purchaser, are among the features planned.

R. D. Paris has loaned for the drive's duration his fine electric organ, which Douglas Jaquith is installing at bond sales headquarters, 180 North Commercial street, and which Ethel Benner, prominent Salem musician, will play at 12:45 each noon hour as part of the bond program to be broadcast over KSLM. Personnel of the bond campaign and entertainment talent will be featured daily in the 15-minute program.

Women, who play an increasingly important role in this as in other war activities, according to

Yester, have records of previous drives to top. The Salem Credit Women's Breakfast club alone sold more than \$200,000 worth of bonds during the last campaign and will operate as an integral part of the women's division this year, according to Mrs. Winifred Pettijohn at their club luncheon table.

First of the industrial competitions opened Saturday when Reinhold & Lewis challenged the Keith Brown Building Supply plant to race on a percentage basis. The challenge was accepted.

French Fight Nazi Troops

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to action in southern France and reportedly planted its banners of liberation almost at Vichy's gates.

Free for the first time since France's fall in the bitter summer of 1940, Frenchmen on the coast—some of whom were pressed into service to build the German Atlantic wall — have been telling the allies:

"Gen. De Gaulle, as well as Britain and America, has been our constant hope through the darkest hours. He is the only leader for us."

Reports from Spain said a flame of revolt was sweeping through central and southern France, and heavy fighting between the underground and collaborationist militia was reported at many points, including Gannat, only 10 miles from Vichy itself.

On the fighting front the French underground was carrying out orders of the supreme headquarters of the allied expeditionary force, serving as guides and furnishing information on German troop movements as requested in a broadcast before D-day.

Judge-Writer Makes Crime Pay Double

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 10 (AP)—L. D. Miller has a lot to do with crime sentences.

As judge of Hamilton county's second division criminal court he pronounces them; as a successful contributor to national detective story magazines, he writes them.

"I've always wanted to write," says the slightly graying jurist who also admits some early attempts at poetry, "but I didn't hit a national magazine with a murder story until four years ago."

"Since then, I've kept it up pretty regularly. I expect I average one a month over a year's time."

Twice Judge Miller has writ-

Grange Convention Will Open Monday

GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 10 (AP)—The 71st annual Oregon state grange convention will open here Monday.

The agenda includes talks by Prof. Ray G. Johnson, head of the animal husbandry department of Oregon State college, and Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneyville power administrator.

C. H. Brooks, convention chairman, said 1000 persons will attend.

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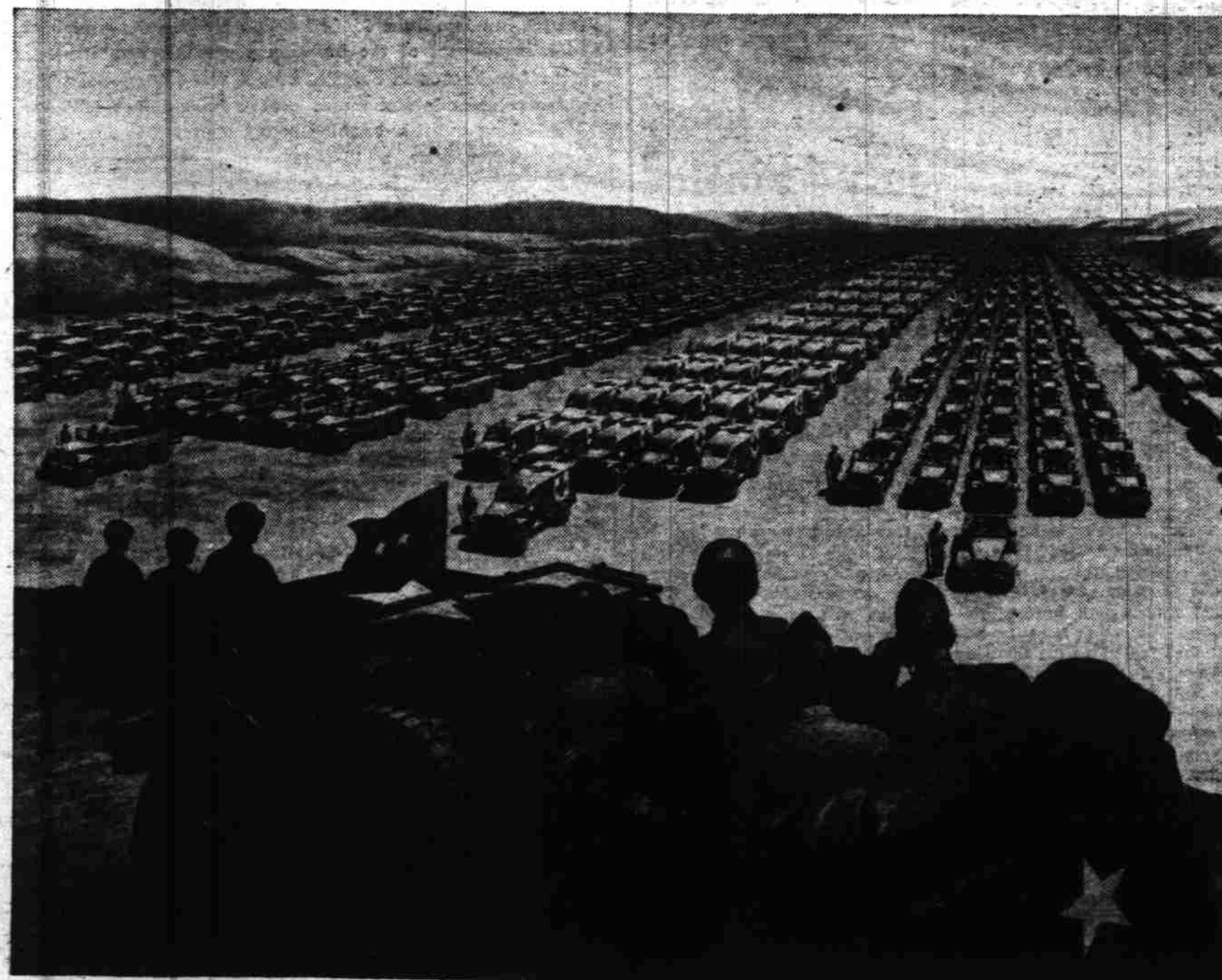
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