

ASSAULT TEAMS CRACK WALLS OF FORTRESS EUROPE

Tactics Perfected in North Africa, Sicily and Italy Are Used in Invasion

Washington, June 7—(U.P.)—Specially trained, picked assault teams of the U. S. army made the initial attack on Fortress Europe knocking out pillboxes and other fortifications of the vaunted Atlantic wall, the war department said today.

Putting to use tactics perfected in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, the assault units hit the beach under cover of heavy naval artillery fire.

These units, actually infantrymen, were given special training to spearhead the massive assault. These men were equipped with special engineer weapons.

The war department is reporting that these men were the first to land in western Europe and ran on the doors of the west wall, told how such an assault operation is carried out.

Artillery First
The preparation was provided by artillery by naval guns, by air bombardment and by water-proof tanks firing hull-down in the water.

The purpose of this is not only to knock out pillboxes but to tear up the enemy's field of fire by providing shell craters as cover for attacking units.

Each assault section is composed of 30 men—one officer and 29 GI Joe's. This is the capacity of the assault boats and it is also the most convenient size unit for attacking a single pillbox. As the landing craft comes into the beach, under cover of heavy naval and artillery

fire, the assault sections dash through the surf and begin the fight—first clearing a lane through land mines.

Torpedo Wires
It is the job of the first men ashore, to locate the mines, and mark safe lanes with special tracing strips. As part of this operation, the barbed wire itself must be cut, and American soldiers have an efficient weapon for this purpose.

It is the bangalore torpedo, which comes in long sections capable of being made into any length necessary, depending upon the depth of the barbed wire.

One member of the assault team, under cover of small arms, fixes the bangalore, sets the fuse and ducks for cover. The torpedo explodes with a terrific blast, blowing a wide swath through the wire. The other members of the team follow through the wire and move up the beach.

An assault section is composed of seven separate teams of varying sizes, beginning with riflemen who build up a line of fire to protect the others.

The rifle team is equipped with Garand rifles, grenade launchers, anti-personnel grenades, bangalores, wire cutters and other normal infantry equipment.

Five in Team
There are five men in this team and, upon the initial landing, they move forward into position and attempt to silence fire from the pillbox by employment of rifle fire and grenades.

They are followed by wire cutters who clear out wire not blown by the bangalores. They also provide fire support to the initial group.

Next in line of approach is the Browning automatic rifle team, whose mission is to deliver fire on pillboxes of the emplacement and keep the heads of the enemy down. There are four men in this team.

Then there is the next team—the rocket gunners, firing the famous bazooka rockets. Their mission is to attack the pillbox aperture to silence enemy fire.

"The accuracy of American rocket gunners is remarkable," the war department observed. "They rarely miss the target."

Flame Is Climax
The climax of the entire operation is played by the soldier with the flame-thrower and the man with the demolition charge. These are engineer weapons, but the infantrymen have become proficient in their use. After enemy fire has been neutralized, the flame-thrower goes through the wire and takes a position as near as possible to the pillbox.

He opens up with a jet of flame which creates terrific heat within the concrete and keeps the enemy out of action for the final assault.

The final assault is accomplished by the demolition men, equipped with what are known as "pole charges."

The "pole charge" is a device resembling an ordinary bricklayer's hod and upon it is placed a block of TNT. The purpose of this design is to enable the demolition men to lean the entire charge against the pillbox aperture.

As soon as the pillbox blows up, the entire section moves forward for another attack. During a landing operation, these tactics are repeated by many squads along a considerable front.

The Bay of Monterey, California, was discovered by Cabrillo in 1542.



MACARONI CASSEROLE

By George Rector

A popular time and point saver is this all-in-one main dish I created to help you busy homemakers. Pop it into the oven and by the time the rest of the meal is ready, out comes the main dish ready for first honors.

No points are needed except for the small amount of meat and margarine. Here's how I make it:
6 to 8 oz. macaroni 2 tbsp. fat
1 tsp. salt 1 cup soft bread
6 cups boiling water crumbs
1/2 lb. hamburger 2 eggs
(or meat ground 1 1/2 cups milk, leftover) scalded
1/2 tsp. salt 3 tsp. B-V
3 tsp. minced 4 tsp. margarine
onion crumbs
Cook macaroni in boiling salted water 15 min. or until tender; rinse and drain

well. Brown meat (which has been salted) and onion in the hot fat. Mix macaroni, meat, bread crumbs and beaten eggs. Add hot milk in which B-V has been dissolved. Mix well, transfer to well-oiled casserole, sprinkle margarine crumbs over top and bake in moderate oven, 350° F., for 30 min. or until a knife, inserted in center, comes out clean. Serves 6.

Complete the menu by serving green beans, a tossed salad and milk with chilled rhubarb sauce for dessert. Looking for time savers? Why not bake cup custards for tomorrow's dinner while the casserole is baking? If you have any of the macaroni casserole left over, simply slice and brown in bacon drippings. It makes a delicious, quick luncheon dish.

GI's In London Found Naive But Their Zest Is Admired

By Dudley Ann Harmon

United Press Staff Correspondent

London—(U.P.)—One of the last persons Joe Doakes of Paducah meets in London is Lady Cholmondeley (pronounced Chumley).

Such a person not only actually exists, but answers an average of a thousand questions a day from GI's at the Red Cross Mostyn club here.

This charming Englishwoman, who joined the Red Cross "because I didn't know a thing about Americans and wanted to learn," says that the famous pronunciation of her name has reached the remotest ranches of Texas, so that GI's do not comment on it. But in her two years of dealing with them she has achieved her purpose of getting to know Americans, and here is what this titled Englishwoman has to say about Joe Doakes:

"He's the most eager person to learn I've ever seen. His questions range from sightseeing to 'Why don't the British give independence to India?'

"He is under the impression that England got herself entangled in a mess and that he was sent over here for the sole purpose of rescuing us."

"He comes to England with an anti-British chip on his shoulder. He expects to find us rude, superior and snobbish. I'm glad to say he takes those criticisms back after he's been here a few months. But he never gets over the impression he is here to save England."

"He's the most homesick man in the world. I really feel terribly sorry for your boys because they have such a difficult time adjusting themselves. The other foreigners in our midst are happier. They left Europe as refugees and to them this country is a haven of peace."

"Your soldiers strike us as very naive. They are completely unsophisticated. But we envy them their whole-hearted enjoyment of things. They have far more zest than we."

"The two things your soldier dislikes most about England are the climate and our habit of understatement. He never gets used to the latter no matter how long he stays here."

Lady Cholmondeley said it was encouraging to see how much happier GI's are after they have been in England several months.

"Most of them finally settle down and form warm English friendships," she said.

In two years of answering queries Lady Cholmondeley has never been stumped. Her most difficult question came her first day at work when a GI wanted the address of a Mormon church. She found him the only one in England—at Bristol.

The majority of questions fired at her fall into three categories: sightseeing queries, looking up ancestors born in England, and requests as to how to get an English present to send to the folks back home.

"Sometimes," she sighed, "I wish your countrymen weren't such ancestor worshippers. They frequently bring me an address such as Shepherd's Lane, London. There may be half-a-dozen

Shepherd's Lanes. One of them may have been renamed in the past 10 years. But fortunately for my job, I happen to know all the twistings and turnings of old London pretty well."

Because GI's ask so many questions about politics—centering chiefly on the India question—Lady Cholmondeley arranged a series of forum discussions for them. She has obtained many of the leading allied statesmen to appear and talk informally with the soldiers.

Paratroops Catch Germans Napping In Invasion Drop

By United Press

Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier Base, England, June 6—(U.P.)—American parachute infantry spilling from troop carrier planes with deadly stealth apparently caught German defenses by surprise before dawn Tuesday and struck the first American blow at selected targets in Normandy.

Thousands of paratroopers were dropped "dead on targets" by hundreds of Dakota carrier planes operating in three wings from myriad bases in Britain. The surprise was shown in the lack of opposition to the first plane arriving over the drop zone and the moderate and inaccurate flak encountered by those which followed.

Night fighter opposition was negligible, although the big C-47's and C-53's which carried up to 18 men each, were escorted by allied night fighters and intruders.

More than 20 quarts of culture fluids are required to yield one gram (.033) of an ounce of penicillin.

AXIS AGENTS MAY TRY SABOTAGE, IS HOOVER WARNING

San Francisco, June 7—(U.P.)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today warned the people of the western hemisphere to stand on guard against "dramatic" sabotage attempts by agents of axis nations now under pressure of allied invasion.

All German war prisoners in this country are potential saboteurs who must be carefully guarded by law enforcement officers, Hoover said.

"The public must be constantly alert as the invasion advances so there will be no backwash in our security against the axis," the FBI chief said. "We can't afford the delusion that everything is going so well now that the war is practically over. It isn't over. When the enemy is in a corner we must expect dramatic and intensified attempts at sabotage by enemy agents in this hemisphere."

Hoover urged the public to report suspicious persons to FBI or local law enforcement agents. However, he asked individuals not to personally investigate such suspicious persons.

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Superior Judge A. A. Scott said he had placed the boy under care of an aunt in Oroville, Calif., upon the suggestion of Ellsworth's parents.

Judge Scott said Ellsworth had been ordered not to communicate with his bride, Mrs. Elaine Monfredi Wisecarver,

who is awaiting trial on charges of child stealing as a climax to their Yuma, Ariz., elopement in April.

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