

HOME REJOICING IS RESENTED BY MEN IN INVASION

False Report On Sailing Reveals Lack Of Comprehension Of Struggles Ahead.

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Aboard Admiral Kirk's Flagship off the French Coast, June 6.—(U.P.)—The press news received aboard this vessel said Sunday morning, June 4, that "millions of persons were thrown into premature rejoicing late yesterday when an American press service falsely reported that allied troops had landed in France."

This report, coming at a time when some of the allied invasion convoys actually had left British ports but had not yet approached the French coast was serious as a possible "tipoff" to the enemy of impending operation. The invasion convoys subsequently were recalled because of unfavorable weather and the invasion was delayed.

Rejoicing Resented
But one word in the message that particularly caught the eye of many officers aboard this ship was the word "rejoicing."

That word strikes an incongruous, almost a brutally callous note, here in the Bay of Seine in waters where American bodies lie fathoms deep near beaches whose blood-drenched names will be forever emblazoned on the battle streams of regimental colors, forever recorded in the history of our people.

It is a word which epitomizes a lack of comprehension of the grim issues here involved, of the long chances and hard struggles ahead. It signifies a sense of over-confidence and hence is repugnant to the men who are doing the fighting and who know the hard and relentless strength of the enemy.

Nerves Long Taut

In one sense, however, "rejoicing" is understood. This operation has been so long prepared and the "war of nerves" so great that there is a positive sense of relief when the first shots are fired and when one knows that now the grapple to the death has been started.

But, in this correspondent's deliberate opinion, this is no time for rejoicing but rather for prayer. Let us beat the enemy first and then rejoice.

It will be a hard, tough, brutal job, the landings now being made and the battles on the beaches. Bloody though they undoubtedly will prove to be, they are only the first and perhaps the easiest part of the job.

The German coast defense batteries and beach positions are very strong, but it has always been hoped that we could effect landings, break through this strong coastal crust, and establish beachheads.

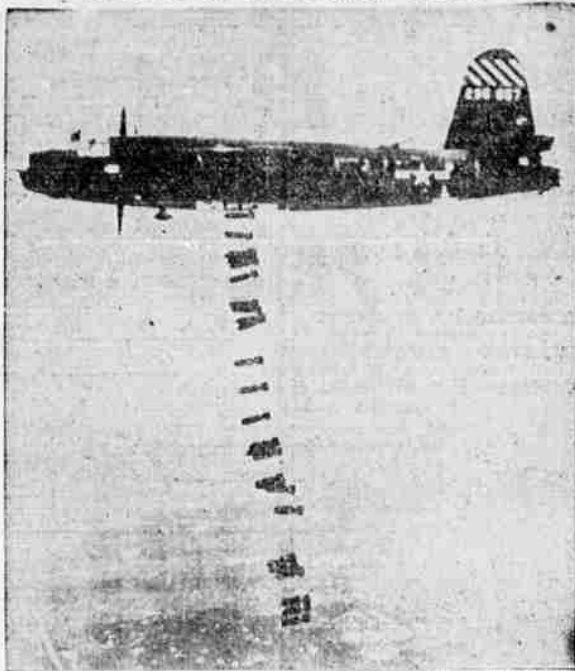
But the main test then comes.

Must Defeat Army

For it is the German army we must defeat, and the German army is very strong.

In France and the low countries there are probably 60 divisions or more, including coastal divisions in training and some understrength units. Of

Shower of Bombs for Nazis



(Acme Telephoto)
A high-explosive shower of 26 100-pound bombs can be seen in midair just after release from this B-26 Marauder medium bomber of U. S. Army Ninth Air Force. They're headed for vital Nazi installations in France. Army Air Force photo.

these, there are at least 21 first class divisions, some of them the best troops the Germans have.

Six of them have panzer divisions, one a panzer grenadier unit, two are parachute divisions, and 12 are good infantry divisions. The remaining divisions are not as good quality as these 21 but they are nevertheless good.



Olive Barber's Observations

Night life and gangsters aren't what threatens a country woman's safety in a city; its morning life and newsboys. Out at 6 a. m., I met a newsboy; a tall gangly boy with golden curls and an engaging grin. He said he'd been up since midnight and was just through delivering papers. I took to him and he took to me and after talking for some time it seemed very natural for me to accept an invitation to go with him and a friend to visit the zoo that afternoon.

When I called at the address he had given me, he said the crowd had grown a bit and that he was taking his car. "It's in my mother's name. She's working at the shipyard but she won't mind." He said the car was better than it looked. Frank always says that about our cars so this didn't alarm me. There were seven of us—three boys, three girls and I.

Even when we had to shove the car to get it started, I thought nothing. To me, that was ordinary car behaviour. After a few miles the boy stopped the car and poured something out of a jug into the engine. Well, I'd seen that done before too, and still thought nothing.

Arriving at the park, the boy allowed us only the sketchiest view of the animals. He said

monkeys with bare behinds depressed him; said he was going on to Everett and get his dog. I said how about gas. I had no tickets and a 60-mile trip took a lot of gas.

"Oh, I don't use gas," he explained. "The kids each brought some cleaning fluid. That's what's in them jugs and cans in the back. The only trouble is, there's no gas tank. That's why I have to stop every eight miles and fill the carburetor."

Yes, I knew I should have backed out right there. But I have the average adult's fear of losing face with the young, so I went. And not only did we have to fill the carburetor with cleaning fluid every eight miles but the lugs around the tires had to be tightened ever so often. Even I learned when the danger point was nearing. The car would add a rolling motion to its other extra curricular activities.

At Everett we picked up a dog and three pups. Then back to Seattle, stopping every eight miles to give the car its shot of cleaning fluid; stopping even oftener to tighten lugs. At 8:30 I staggered into the hotel.

I didn't go out at 6 this morning. Morning life is so dangerous in the city. I might meet a newsboy.

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COUNTY RECEIVES HEALTH PLAQUE

Jackson county this week received the plaque awarded by the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Public Health association for outstanding health achievements last year. The plaque was mailed to the county Chamber of Commerce from where it will be presented to the health department staff. Jackson county was the only Oregon county to receive the award and one of but four western counties so honored.

The plaque reads: The National Health Honor Roll is awarded to Jackson County for public health achievement during 1943. Presented by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States

and the American Public Health association."

This year's award was on a national, instead of a district basis. In 1939 and 1940 the county won the award of merit for this district. Winning of the national award is considered to reflect much credit on both the county public health department and upon the Jackson County public health association.

4-H COMPETITION

New Orleans —(U.P.)— The Good Provider competition conducted for adult farmers of Louisiana during the past four years, will be centered on the state's 4-H clubs during 1944 because of the altered programs of adult farmers brought about by wartime conditions. The competition will be open to all of the 50,000 boys and girls enrolled in the program in Louisiana, judging will be on the basis of a score card credit of production projects carried on.

Medford Soldier On Switchboard in Great Britain

Included on the switchboard personnel of the U. S. army telephone system in Great Britain is Pvt. Wilbur M. F. Smith, son of Mrs. Mary S. Smith of Route 2, a news story from his headquarters states. The report says the soldier telephone operators have some difficulty in speaking to British and American callers in language understandable to each, with differences in words and enunciation chief obstacles.

English girls working on the exchange with the army men find the "Yanks" interesting, and different from the English men in that "they always do everything in a hurry."

Most of the men at the switchboard had little or no experience with such work in civilian life and were taught their work by the army.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

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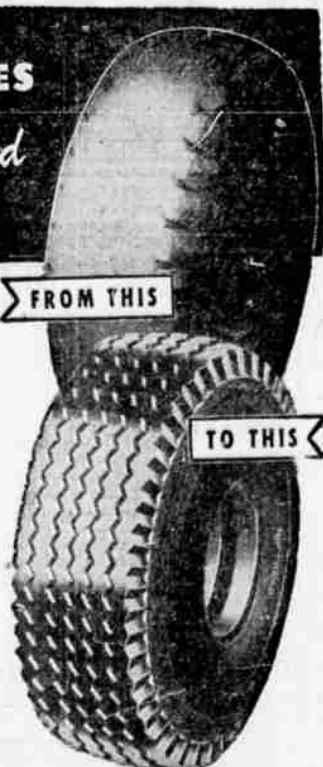
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