

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday; scattered showers and thunderstorm. Temp. Highest yesterday 73. Lowest this morning 46. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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GERMANS FLEE FROM CHERBOURG

NINTH DIVISION CLOSING ESCAPE ROAD OF NAZIS

Suicide Force Left In City; Artillery Rakes Transports; In Retreat.

By United Press
CBS Correspondent Larry Leiser, with American forces in Normandy, reported that the Americans reached the west coast late Saturday night and that elements of the U. S. 9th Division were fighting north and south of Barneville. The thrust sealed the last enemy escape route from Cherbourg, barring a new German counter-thrust.

By Henry T. Gorrell
United Press War Correspondent
With U. S. Assault Forces, St. Sauveur Le Comte, June 17 (U.P.)—For hours now a steady stream of German transports has been running a hellish gauntlet of American artillery fire in the last coastal escape road out of Cherbourg and there is every indication that the Germans are abandoning a suicide defense force in the port city while they try to save the bulk of their forces for a fight farther to the east.

Spearheading the westward advance to cut off the Cotentin peninsula is the U. S. 9th Division, it may now be revealed. The 9th is the seventh U. S. division officially identified as being in action in France.

We can see the German transport vehicles careening down the highway between here and the ocean, shimmering in the sunlight only nine miles away. The road runs through an impenetrable marshland so the Germans have scant room in which to dodge the barrage of shellfire which is raining down upon their escape corridor. The road is lined with shattered and up-ended vehicles—many of them staff cars which probably carried officers.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Sunday, June 18—(U.P.) American battle patrols slashed westward to within five miles or less of the last Nazi escape road from the top of the Cherbourg peninsula today and front dispatches said the bulk of the German forces were retreating down the highway under a hellfire of bombs and shells, leaving a band of expendables to defend the prize port of Cherbourg to the death.

Spearheads of the American 82nd airborne division that captured St. Sauveur-Le Comte raced on through the hills northwest and southwest of the town to within sight of the sea, almost closing the Allied lines across the peninsula and threatening the coastal fishing villages of Barneville and St. Lo D'Ourville.

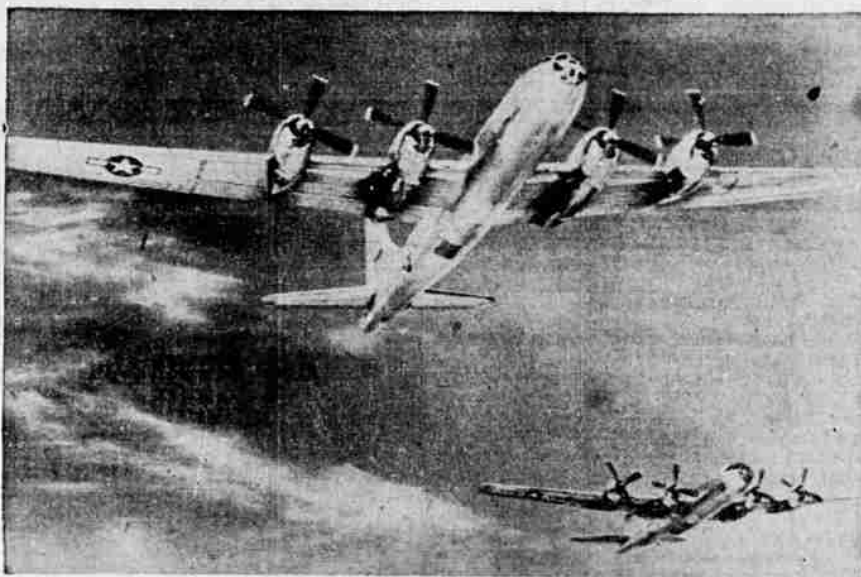
The German position on the upper half of the peninsula was deteriorating rapidly, and it appeared the enemy high command had decided to evacuate as many troops as possible through the coastal bottleneck and make a stand on the high ground north of La Haye Du Puits, a four-way highway junction and the key to the Nazis' peninsular defenses.

The latest Allied communique reported additional though slight progress in the American thrust across the center of the peninsula and in the fighting further to the southeast, below Isigny and around Tilly.

A number of unidentified villages east and west of Tilly were captured and American units striking southward from Isigny advanced two miles to reach the Vire river and the Taute canal.

SHEELY NAMED
San Francisco, June 17—(U.P.)—Big Earl Sheely, manager of the Sacramento Solons, tonight was selected to manage the army all-star baseball team in its classic with the San Francisco Seals here Monday night. Dave Kelly, athletic director at McClellan Field, Sacramento, announced.

Artichokes were introduced into the United States by the Italians of California.



B-29 SUPER-FORTS RIP JAPAN—This is the first picture of B-29 "Super-Fortresses" which attacked Japan proper in what Gen. George C. Marshall hailed as opening step in new-type offensive against Japanese. Engineered by Boeing and built by Boeing, Bell and Martin aircraft companies, they're powered with four 18-cylinder air-cooled engines of 2,200 horsepower each. Have speed of over 300 miles per hour and can fly above 30,000 feet. They bristle with guns and cannon, most of which have been deleted from photo for security reasons. U. S. Army Air Force photo.

RUSSIANS DRIVE WITHIN 23 MILES VITAL FINN CITY

London, Sunday, June 18—(U.P.)—Russian troops advancing on a 65-mile front, pushed to within 23 miles of the Finnish gateway city of Viipuri at two points on the Karelian winter march across the Ukraine.

Veteran troops of Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad army advanced five to 11 miles through rugged forest and lake country and captured more than 120 towns and settlements, a record one-day bag for their eight-day-old campaign.

(The British radio said the Finns, preparing for a "desperate" stand, were rushing reserve troops into their last powerful defense belt, the so-called "manheim line, guarding the "bottleneck" entrance to the Finnish mainland at Viipuri.)

Stockholm reports said the Finns were evacuating Viipuri, a city of 50,000, which was ceded to the Soviet Union after the 1939-40 Russo-Finnish "winter war."

LT. BOB HAMMOND WOUNDED IN ITALY
Mrs. Maxine Hammond of this city has received word that her husband, Lieutenant Robert R. Hammond was slightly wounded at the opening of the big Italian offensive last month. He returned to his outfit before the drive on the Italian capital, but no word has been received from him since the fall of Rome.

Lt. Hammond is the executive officer of his company and in direct command of the machine guns and 81 mm. mortars. He is a graduate of the infantry school at Fort Benning and has been at the Anzio beachhead since January.

Lt. Hammond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hammond of Fern Valley road and a brother of Captain Bruce Hammond, U. S. Marine, now in the south Pacific.

UTILITIES CHIEF HURT AUTO CRASH
Salem, Ore., June 17—(U.P.)—Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg was resting easily at a hospital here today after he was injured in an automobile accident late Friday afternoon.

Flagg's car collided with one driven by Mrs. Echo Neal of Portland on the Pacific highway south of Aurora. He suffered severe cuts and bruises. None of the occupants of the other car were injured.

VETERAN FRENCH COMMANDOS RAID ELBA, EXILE ISLE

Nazi Resistance Strong—Fifth Army Continues Gains in North Italy.

Rome, June 17—(U.P.)—Veteran French commandos and colonials, supported by American, British and French warships and planes, invaded Napoleon's exile island of Elba early this morning and tonight they were reported charging inland at several points against strong German resistance.

Another French force meanwhile seized the tiny triangular island of Pianosa, 14 miles off the southwestern tip of Elba and 28 miles east of Corsica, while on the Italian mainland Allied 5th and 8th army troops swept forward from the Adriatic to the Tyrrhenian sea and reached a point 100 miles northwest of Rome.

(The Exchange Telegraph agency, in an Algiers dispatch, said the French already had captured Napoleon's exile villa on the north coast four miles from the capital city of Porto Ferro and that both the French tricolor and the Fighting French cross of Lorraine were fluttering over it.)

Two special headquarters communiques announcing the first major French thrust of the current Italian offensive did not specify at what point the French entered the arrow-head shaped island lying between Corsica and the Allied-held Grosseto area of the Italian mainland.

On the mainland, the 5th and 8th armies, advancing more than a mile an hour on some sectors of the 175-mile front, plunged clear off the maps in headquarters here and officials had to send out an emergency call for new ones to plot the latest progress. There was even some speculation that the battered Germans would be unable to carry out more than delaying actions this side of the Alps.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th army, which swept up the west coast beyond Grosseto to a point 100 miles from Rome, was revealed to have taken more than 21,000 German prisoners in the 37-day offensive. The French drive into Elba put the Allies in position to strike at coastal sealanes the Germans have been using to supply their armies on the west coast.

WARREN FREES DELEGATES
Fresno, Cal., June 17—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Warren of California today released the state's delegation to the Republican national convention at Chicago "without equivocation" from its pledge to support him as the party's presidential nominee, and added that he sought no national political office.

MASS-KILLER GRUMBLES
Salt Lake City, June 17—(U.P.)—Not in the least concerned that his attorney had spent the day pleading to save him from the firing squad at dawn Monday, mass-killer Austin Cox, 38, tonight slowly paced his bare death-row cell and grumbled at his last mail.

TRUCKERS READY TO STRIKE JULY 1 FOR 7% INCREASE

(By United Press)
Labor unrest continued throughout the nation Saturday while 20,000 truck drivers serving vital war centers in the Midwest prepared to leave their jobs July 1 unless 11% leading trucking firms grant a seven-cent per hour wage increase which has been approved by the War Labor board.

Earlier in the day 600 workers at the huge Dodge plant of the Chrysler corporation in South Chicago, where motors for the B-29 super-fortresses which bombed Japan are made, walked out but returned a few hours later pending arbitration of a dispute involving a 10-cent per hour wage increase for one tool grinder.

United Automobile Workers (CIO) union officials said the walkout was not authorized and urged the men to return to work. A union committee was appointed to confer with the management over the disputed 10 cents per hour issue.

In Florida, approximately 5,000 commercial fishermen remained on strike while National Labor Relations board officials attempted to end the walkout. The fishermen are demanding the right to establish set prices for various fish in order to protect the fishermen.

6 WAVES, SAILORS KILLED IN CRASH
Oklahoma City, June 17—(U.P.)—Six persons were killed and more than a score injured, several critically, tonight when an interurban car packed with sailors and Waves plowed into the rear of a second interurban halfway between Oklahoma City and Norman.

Among the dead were A. D. Hopper, motorman of the rear interurban, two waves and an unidentified civilian woman. Shore patrolmen at Norman said at least six were known to be dead.

Seventeen of the injured, at least three of whom were in a critical condition, were brought to Oklahoma City hospitals. A number of others were in Norman naval and public hospitals. Most of the injured were trapped in the shattered wreck of the second interurban which telescoped the rear of the trailer unit of the two-section interurban ahead.

State Bond Sales 2 Million A Day
Portland, Ore., June 17—(U.P.)—First week tabulations show that Oregonians have bought war bonds at the rate of more than \$2,000,000 a day in the fifth war loan drive. Statewide sales totaled \$13,111,504 towards the \$125,000,000 goal.

HEAVIEST ROBOT ATTACK YET HITS ENGLISH SHORES

Nazi Weapons Shot Down Like Clay Pigeons, Report; Rhine Bombed.

(By United Press)
Radio Paris broadcast a Berlin report that the British night raiders bombed the Rhineland cities of Duisburg and Oberhausen, while a few planes hit the German capital.

London, Sunday, June 18—(U.P.)—The heaviest robot attack of the Germans' three-day-old bombardment was directed against southern England last night as Gen. Sir Frederick Pile, commander-in-chief of the anti-aircraft command, announced that a huge concentration of guns had been set up in south coast areas to combat the new Nazi weapon.

United Press correspondent John Frankish reported at 3 a. m. (9 p. m. Saturday EWT) that he saw a number of the pilotless flying bombs streaking across the sky together, followed within less than three minutes by two more. Frankish said the tempo of the raids was the heaviest since the Germans began their robot attacks late Thursday night.

Reports from the south coast areas said gunners were knocking down the robot planes like clay pigeons, and authoritative quarters revealed that a "considerable number" were being destroyed in the air.

During previous nights there has been an interval of at least 20 minutes between the recent bombs, but last night it was apparent that the Germans were using two or three emplacements to project the missiles simultaneously.

Shortly after blackout tonight more winged bombs were reported over southern England and were met by heavy gunfire including tracer bullets.

At the same time, the German DNB agency made the fantastic claim that the British government had ordered the evacuation of London as neither raid shelters nor subway stations were able to withstand the new bombs. The report was immediately denied in London.

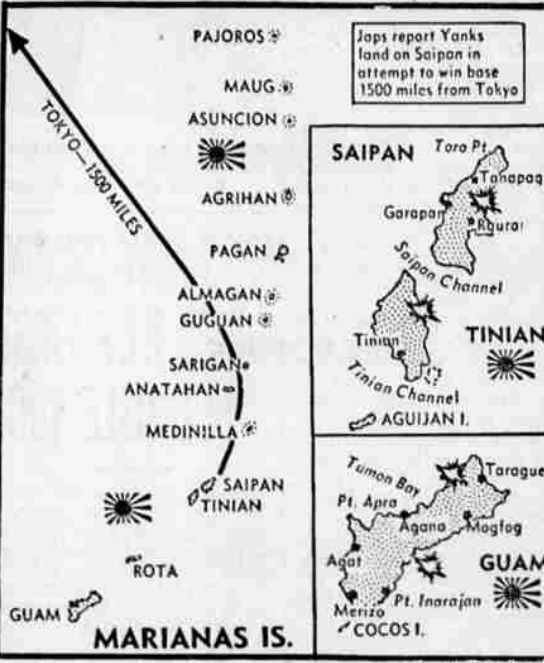
MISSING SEATTLE YOUTH, 20, VICTIM FOUL PLAY, FEAR

Seattle, June 17—(U.P.)—Norman Buschmann, 20-year-old son of a prominent and wealthy Pacific coast family, was the object of an intensive search by police tonight, who disclosed the boy disappeared Wednesday afternoon and is believed to have been a victim of foul play.

News of the youth's disappearance at first was withheld by police at the request of the boy's father, Eigil Buschmann general superintendent of the Nakat Pacific company here, one of the largest salmon packing firms on the west coast.

Mrs. Buschmann told police her son had driven from their country home to Kent, Wash., to pick up some packages. Last person to see the boy was a clerk who said young Buschmann left his store about 5:30 p. m. Wednesday. No trace since has been found of Norman or the family car, a 1938 Packard sedan.

War Bulletins
London, June 17—(U.P.)—A German communique, broadcast by the Berlin radio, asserted today that Nazi U-boats had sunk two Allied ships totaling 11,000 tons and one destroyer in the Atlantic.



NEW INVASION?—The Japanese radio and news agencies report troops from U. S. invasion task force attempted to land on Saipan Island in the Marianas 1500 miles southeast of Tokyo, and engaged the Japs in "heavy fighting" an indication the Americans may have gained a foothold on island.

PATRIOTS HINDER HITLER RESERVES IN COMBAT ZONE

An Advanced Command Post, Allied Supreme Headquarters, June 17—(U.P.)—The Allied high command, in the first official acknowledgement since D-day of spreading operations by the French underground, announced tonight in a special communique that a reinforced army of the French forces of the interior had effectively tied up Nazi reserves in "its assigned role" behind the German lines.

The communique cited large-scale sabotage which has crippled rail and road traffic, reportedly completely stopped in the strategic Rhone valley. It also mentioned disruption of telephone and telegraph communications, power plants, and canals, and successful battles against enemy units.

"These multiple and simultaneous cases of sabotage, coordinated with the Allied air force, have delayed considerably the movement of German reserves to the combat zone," the communique said.

AIRMADA POUNDS LUFTWAFFE BASES

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 17—(U.P.)—Upwards of 1,000 U. S. four-engine bombers and fighters, grinding down the lean strength of the Luftwaffe, attacked seven German airdromes in the Paris, Boulogne and southern Normandy areas today while thousands of other Allied warplanes pounded the French rocket coast and raised havoc with Nazi reinforcements.

Allied air pressure over the battle zones was restricted again today by weather, but 500 U. S. 8th air force Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by a similar number of Mustangs, Lightning and Thunderbolt fighters, battled high wind and overcast to unload some 1,500 tons of bombs on Nazi front-line droves.

VICTIM OF GUN
Chicago, June 17—(U.P.)—Mrs. Paula Proctor, 36, wife of a civilian official of the Army Ordnance Department, died tonight of a bullet wound inflicted by her husband's .32 caliber pistol.

SAILOR SOUGHT
San Francisco June 17—(U.P.)—Police tonight were seeking Al-len (Barney) Dale, 45, merchant seaman, in connection with the fatal shooting last night of a 47-year-old woman hotel clerk.

ALL CHEESE BUT CHEDDAR, RATION FREE TWO WEEKS

Washington, June 17—(U.P.)—All cheese except Cheddar and processed Cheddar will be ration point free for two weeks beginning Sunday, the Office of Price Administration announced tonight. The cheeses placed on the free list make up about 28 percent of all cheese sold, it was said.

The June values for cheese are 10 points a pound and Cheddar—sometimes known as American—and Cheddar products will continue at that value. Points normally used for the cheeses which go on the free list by tonight's action may be used for butter, beef steaks and beef roasts, the other products for which red stamps are used. OPA explained that soft cheese stocks are generally at the highest level during the latter half of June and the sole purpose of this action was to prevent spoilage in the hands of producers and dealers.

Zero point values are assigned to the following cheeses: Cream, Neufchatel or creamed cottage cheese containing more than five per cent butter fat and other group two cheeses on the ration value chart; Swiss, Italian, Munster, Limburger, Camembert, Liederkranz, Gouda, dehydrated, brick, Greek, Edam, Bleu, Brie and other group three cheeses on the ration point value chart.

BULLETINS

Night Games
Oakland 7 13 0
Portland 0 8 2
Kleinke and B. Raimondi; Heiser, Ott, Pulford and Adams.
Los Angeles 3 8 3
Seattle 5 6 0
Templer, Stein and Fernandez; Turpin and Sueme.

Washington, June 17—(U.P.)—The Boston Red Sox evened the series at a game apiece by overcoming Washington here tonight 11-4. While Joe Bowman held the Senators his mates took kindly to the offerings of Roger Wolff, Alex Carrasquel and Bill Lefebvre. Six of the Red Sox fifteen hits were for extra bases.

St. Louis, June 17—(U.P.)—George Munger chalked up his eighth victory of the year here tonight as George Kurowski pined his tenth home run of the season with the bases empty in the sixth inning to break a 1-1 tie and give the St. Louis Cardinals a 2-1 triumph over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive
\$589,047.25
"E" Sales.....\$134,656.25
Quota\$600,000
Total Quota for County.....\$2,262,000

YANKEE INVASION FORCE ON SAIPAN BEACH ADVANCES

Japs Lose Ships, Tanks and Guns; Widen Beachhead—New Guinea Victory.

Washington, June 17—(U.P.)—American invasion forces on Saipan in the Marianas have widened their beachhead in fierce fighting which has cost the Japs? nese five more cargo ships, 25 tanks, many more lives and an additional strong point, the navy announced tonight.

The enemy cargo vessels were destroyed June 15 by an American destroyer transport which reverted back to its combat status for the occasion, the Pacific fleet communique revealed.

Pearl Harbor, June 17—(U.P.)—American soldiers and marines aided by aerial and naval bombardment had fought northward and eastward through muddy cane fields on Saipan island in the Marianas to secure a beachhead 5 1/2 miles long and two miles wide at the point of deepest penetration by Friday night, Admiral Nimitz announced tonight.

Despite determined Japanese counter-attacks which cost the enemy 25 tanks and a large toll of lives, the marines and army troops made gains averaging 1500 yards across the southern portion of the island, Nimitz said.

Nimitz said our positions were under intense Japanese fire during the night of June 15-16. Before dawn Friday the enemy launched a determined counter-attack which "cost the enemy heavily in lives and destroyed more than 25 tanks."

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sunday, June 17—(U.P.)—Billy Mitchell medium bombers and P-38 Lightnings destroyed at least 50 Japanese planes in a Friday raid on Sorang, on the northwestern tip of Dutch New Guinea, Gen Douglas MacArthur announced today.

It was one of the greatest air victories in the southwest Pacific in recent months since the major reserves of Japan's waning air power was wiped out in heavy raids on Hollandia preceding the Allied invasion there. MacArthur's communique termed Sorang the "enemy's last effective air base in New Guinea."

ADMIRAL HALSEY TO NEW COMMAND

Washington, June 17—(U.P.)—Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr., who drove most of the Japanese out of his former command in the south Pacific, will continue the chase in a new role as commander of the U. S. third fleet in the Pacific, the navy announced today.

In February, 1942, Halsey led his force in the first raid on Wake Island. The next month he went within 950 miles of Tokyo to raid Marcus Island. Previously he had hit the Marshall and Gilbert islands, now in U. S. hands.

Halsey is a veteran navy aviator as well as sea dog. He graduated from the naval academy in 1904 and served as a destroyer commander in the first World War. After his air training at Pensacola, Fla., when he was 52, Halsey became commanding officer of the aircraft carrier Saratoga and later of a division.