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More Landings Made As Beach Areas Cleared

By WES GALLAGHER

SUPREME ADVANCE COMMAND POST, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7 (AP)—German armored counterthrusts have been thrown back near Caen and allied forces are striking forward on a broad front in which heavy air-borne reinforcements have been thrown into heavy fighting, allied headquarters said tonight.

At the same time German accounts told of new air-borne landings, not confirmed by headquarters. The Germans indicated a bold attempt to cut off the Cherbourg peninsula and seize the vital trans-Atlantic port might be in progress.

With the enemy cleared from their landing beaches, many of which had been linked into a solid front, the allies sent from 250 to 500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators—part of a day-long aerial parade—to bomb the road intersections south of Caen and block off German reinforcements rolling northward.

German radio announcements declared a new allied sea-borne landing off Le Havre, where a hundred or more allied warships had been previously reported, had been beaten back by coastal guns.

Report Unconfirmed

This report was not confirmed here, nor were other German reports that an entire allied air division had been landed on the west coast of the Normandy peninsula and other air-borne forces dropped at Lessay and Coutance, 30 and 44 miles below Cherbourg.

(The British information service, in a cable from London, said air reconnaissance showed all railroad bridges between Paris and Rouen were down and that only two high bridges remained. Only one railroad bridge and five highway bridges over the Seine between Paris and Le Havre were said to be intact.)

Reports from the Cherbourg peninsula invasion front showed "decided improvement" at midday, and the allies are making "considerable progress on the whole front" despite bad weather and stiffening resistance, a headquarters official said.

Caen is at the base of the Cherbourg peninsula, and southwest of Le Havre.

Headquarters said front reports showed improvement by midday after being "disappointing" early this morning.

Though the initial beachheads—which the Germans said extended over more than a 50-mile stretch—have been cleared and some linked with those nearby, a few may still be under German artillery fire.

31,000 Sorties

Air headquarters declared the allied air forces in mammoth support of the invasion thrust had flown more than 31,000 sorties between June 1 and last night.

The huge numbers of airborne allied troops seized key positions and helped throw back nazified counterblows. The Germans likewise rushed in paratroopers.

For four months the Germans have been building an airborne army for just this purpose, led by Lt. Gen. Kurt Student, who engineered the landings in Crete. RAF Mosquitos last night destroyed five Junkers-52 troop carriers.

The Germans said they beat off new landing attempts near Calais, 150 miles northeast of Cherbourg, but later their reports indicated German coastal guns merely fired at allied ships in the area, and there were no indications supreme headquarters was trying to invade there.

Peninsula Aflame

Airborne troops have seized bridges and roads, and joined sea-landed troops at some points, front dispatches said, and some towns have been captured.

The peninsula, aflame with fighting again supported by allied sea and air power, was strewn with colored parachutes of troops and engineers, rations and equipment dropped from the sky. Two of the reinforcing air waves were two-plane glider combinations.

The German high command admitted "superior forces" had established beachheads more than 40 miles apart, at the mouth of the Orne river and north of Carentan, and a DNB broadcast said American troops, steadily being reinforced, were engaged near St. Mere Eglise, between Carentan and Cherbourg near the peninsula's tip.

DNB said the allied bridgehead at the Orne river was about 21 miles wide and six miles deep at points, but declared a thrust to seize the town of Caen, nine miles inland, had been repulsed. There were consistent reports of heavy fighting at Caen.

Headquarters has cautioned that strong nazid counterthrusts may be expected.

Improvement Shown

The British sixth air force division captured bridges north of Caen, headquarters said. There was no official comment on a German report that an entire allied air-borne division had been landed on the western coast of the Cherbourg peninsula.

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Officials at Washington Temper Invasion Optimism

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—The first crisis of the invasion ended in allied victory today. The second and final crisis has yet to develop.

That is the reason Washington officials from President Roosevelt down are tempering their optimism with cautious words about the next few days. The president told a press conference late yesterday that western front operations were "up to schedule"; that American naval losses up to noon (EWT) had been two destroyers and a tank landing ship and that losses of the airborne force had been one per cent of the force involved.

You Don't Walk In
But, he said, he hopes the country will not become overconfident and went on to emphasize his view that even this first operation isn't over. You just don't land on the beaches and walk in, he said. There has to be a lot of hard fighting.

From the tactical viewpoint it is one continuous push to expand the beachheads and broaden the local fronts into a single huge line of attack, but strategically it shapes up somewhat differently in this way:

The Germans, as their name "west wall" implied, planned their defense from Holland to the Bay of Biscay as a fixed defense in this area they set up a belt of strong-point defenses—known on the Russian front as "hedghogs"—running up to 25 to 40 miles deep.

Hold Back Panzers
To the "wall," because of its vast size, they were compelled to commit most, possibly almost all, of the 54 or more divisions (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Road Accident Takes Lives of 3 Men

Three state highway employes were killed and a fourth injured when a car overturned on the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway near Dairy late Tuesday afternoon.

Toll of the mishap was one of the greatest in several years here.

SEAMAN ACCUSED IN ATTACK CASE

Wendell Wright, 24-year-old seaman stationed at the Klamath naval air station, is being held in military custody pending investigation of a civil charge against Wright accusing him of the statutory rape of a 12-year-old local girl, it was announced by District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore today.

Young Wright, who is married and has two children, has been living with his family at a local auto court, when not on duty at the airbase.

The little girl, who was described as emotionally upset, told her story of the alleged attack to the district attorney and juvenile officers as follows:

She said that Saturday night she went to a local auto court to take care of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wright, while the couple went out for the evening. When the sailor and his wife came home some time around midnight, Mrs. Wright went to another cabin to visit briefly. While she was gone, Wright came in and attacked her, the girl told the local officials.

The 12-year-old girl said she stayed at the Wright home the remainder of the night. She had been warned by Wright not to mention the alleged act. The next morning, according to the girl's testimony, she went home. (Continued on Page Two)

Reds Ready to Open Offensive

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, June 7 (AP)—Russia is prepared to throw the great weight of the red army into the growing offensive against Germany, Red Star, the soviet army newspaper, said today.

"A strong, mounting attack of all the armies of the United Nations will be fully developed," Red Star said.

The great armies which at Teheran gave solemn promises not to make a separate peace are beginning to move forward for a meeting in Berlin, the newspaper added.

Muscovites got up early this morning to read the freshest invasion bulletins, despite one of the wildest nights of celebration during the war. Outside my window the radio is blaring forth the latest details, and the soviet press, in an unprecedented display, turned over whole pages to the momentous military operations Russia had long awaited.

WEATHER

June 7, 1944
Max. (June 5) 75. Min.42.
Precipitation last 24 hours.....0.0
Stream year to date 8.89
Normal 11.24. Last year 17.14.
Forecast: Showers.

Scene of Multi-Fatality Highway Accident



This picture was taken shortly after the accident on the Lakeview highway near Hildebrand late Tuesday in which three-state highway workers were fatally injured. The death car, with a gaping hole in its side and top, is shown in the foreground.

Striking a soft shoulder, the Klamath-bound car first left the highway on one side, careened back to the pavement, struck a soft shoulder on the other side, and overturned.

Killed almost instantly was Ralph C. Turner, 71, of Redmond. Oscar Lucas, 58, Bend, and William Frank Reed, 64, Bend, died just after reaching the hospital here.

Thrown Clear
Fred Harvey Denham, 29, principal of a school at Harper, Ore., who was riding in the back seat, was thrown clear and escaped with only minor injuries.

The accident occurred at about 6:15 p. m., as the men were returning to town after working on the highway all day near Beatty. Scene of the crash-up is at the western foot of Bly mountain, at the place where the Hildebrand logging road crosses the highway.

Men in the car were residing temporarily in Klamath Falls while working for the highway department.

Passed Truck
Lucas was driving the car, and sought to go around a state highway oiling truck, also west bound. The sedan hit the shoulder on the left side first. Denham, the only survivor, went through the top and landed in a pile of sand about 30 feet away.

Lucas came out through the door, and the other two went through the top, which was torn wide open.

State police and Ward's ambulance rushed to the scene, and Dr. Peter Rozenal, county health officer, accompanied them. Turner died on the pavement at the scene of the crash. Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, said that all men died of skull fractures.

The Klamath accident brought to eight the number of persons killed in highway and logging camp mishaps in Oregon in the last 24 hours.

Big Tree Falls
Three of the deaths and all of the injuries occurred when a giant tree, blown from its course by a gust of wind as loggers felled it, flattened the front end of a Valley Stage Line bus on the South Santiam Highway near Cascade late Tuesday.

The dead: Arthur Holmgren, 53, Waldport; P. G. O'Kelly, Mitchell; an unidentified woman.

Treated at Lebanon General hospital were Hugh Kizer, Al. (Continued on Page Two)

General Miller Talks, Demoted

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—The major general who was reduced to his permanent grade of lieutenant colonel and sent home for indicating in advance the time of D-Day was identified today by the war department as Lt. Col. Henry J. F. Miller, of Salem, N. J.

In a memorandum, the department referred to Miller's action as a violation of security. He is an air force officer. (Additional Information, Page 12)

JAPANESE ENTER CHANGSHA'S EDGE

By WILLIAM PHIPPS
Associated Press War Editor

Japanese troops have hammered into the outskirts of Changsha, vital Hankow-Canton railway city in China's central Hunan province, Chungking reported today.

The Japanese closed the final 22-mile gap to the provincial capital against Chinese resistance as fierce as that being put up by Japanese on Blak island where American invasion troops were edging toward airdromes within bomber range of the Philippines.

In China's Yunnan province, however, Chinese troops knifing along the Salween front drove the Japanese from Chiaoou and reached Changtiao and Watten.

Yanks Gain
Americans on Blak extended one column within a mile and one-half of Mokmer airdrome. (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Term Death "Inhuman" Act

NEW YORK, June 7 (AP)—The Japanese have launched what was described as a strong protest with the United States on the death of a Japanese last month at the Tulelake internment camp, said a Tokyo broadcast heard today by NBC.

The broadcast claimed the death was a "shooting" and called it an "overt act against humanity."

The Tokyo broadcast apparently referred to an altercation between a Jap internee and a sentry at the Tulelake internment camp, in which the internee was shot.

Fifth Army Pounds After Retreating German Troops 40 Miles North of Rome

By NOLAN NORGAARD
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, June 7 (AP)—Fifth army troops pounding after the retreating Germans are advancing rapidly in the direction of Civitavecchia, 40 miles northwest of Rome, it was announced tonight.

Civitavecchia is the nearest important port to Rome on the Tyrrhenian sea.

The advance on this second parallel drives north and west of Rome which had already reached more than 10 miles.

It was noted that the German communiqué said the allies achieved "a major crack" in the

Workers Hold Big Aircraft Plant Idle

CINCINNATI, June 7 (AP)—An estimated 450 workers, described by a company official as "bonafide strikers" held most of the huge Wright Aeronautical corporation plant idle for a third day today in disregard to an AAF officer's plea to "help the invasion and halt this monkey-business."

Between 12,000 and 15,000 workers have been absent since Monday, stalling production of airplane engines and parts.

The strike and resultant sympathetic walkout—as it was described by the company—resulted Monday after transfer under armed guard of seven negro workers into a shop hitherto manned entirely by white personnel.

German lines on the coastal road west of Rome, and had "again launched a big attack" with superior infantry and tank forces.

One column pushing behind Rome earlier was reported only five miles from Lake Bracciano. Another column has driven at least 10 miles northwest of the Italian capital after crossing the Tiber and still is forging steadily ahead behind enemy rearguards.

Patrols probing west from Rome reached points three to five miles from the sea and nearly a dozen miles north of the Tiber's mouth.

Resistance Spotty
Only spotty resistance was being encountered by the fifth army forces but the eighth army was engaged in brisk battles with strong German delaying forces in the mountainous sectors east of the capital.

New Zealand troops captured Baisorano, about six miles north of Sora, in their advance up highway 32 toward Avezzano.

The newest gains were reported after Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, allied commander-in-chief in Italy, in a broadcast to Italian patriots, declared that "in less than a month the strength of the German armies has been broken."

Liberation Underway
Alexander urged the patriots to rise against the nazis and do (Continued on Page Two)

Local Man Held On Felony Charge

Dan Robinson, bartender for the Rialto, who allegedly absconded with \$300 in cash taken from his place of employment today, was arrested today in Medford. He is being held there on a felony warrant holding him on charges of larceny by embezzlement.

The sheriff's office here was notified of the alleged theft early today. Sheriff Lloyd Low then called Sheriff Syd Brown at Medford, who arrested Robinson as he was boarding a stage at the Medford depot.

Cabaret Tax Cut By Congress

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—Legislation boosting the nation's debt limit from \$210,000,000,000 to \$260,000,000,000, and at the same time reducing the cabaret tax from 30 to 20 per cent, was approved finally by congress today and sent to the White House.

The measure clears a legal path for the opening June 12 of the \$16,000,000,000 Fifth War Loan.

The night club tax was tacked on the debt ceiling bill by the senate, but another senate provision—exempting service men and women from payment of the levy—was erased.

BULLETINS ON PROGRESS OF INVASION

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7 (AP) Gen. Eisenhower made the journey across the channel today to the beachhead vicinity in a royal navy warship along with Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay and several staff officers. It was announced tonight.

NEW YORK, June 7 (AP)—A broadcast by the anti-nazi Atlantic underground station in Germany, heard by NBC, said today nazid forces had given up the town of Bayeux, six miles inland on the Cherbourg peninsula and 16 miles northwest of Caen, after a night battle with the allies.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7 (AP)—The American ninth air force announced 33 hours after H-hour that its troop carrier command had completed its first assignment.

The sky trains returned to Britain this morning after almost a day and a half of constant movement across the channel. More than 900 air-borne sorties were flown in addition to those by the British.

NEW YORK, June 7 (AP)—The British information service said today that the British sixth airborne division has captured and is holding bridges north of Caen, France.

LONDON, June 7 (AP)—A camp for allied prisoners has been established at Rouen in the invasion area, the Berlin radio said today, adding cryptically: "When the prisoners were (Continued on Page Two)

Segregate Held For Attack on Soldier at Tule

NEWELL, Calif., June 7—Harry Hiroshi Kawai, 25, resident of the Tulelake segregation center, has been placed under arrest by WRA police for attacking a soldier and was turned over to Modoc county authorities. He is being held in the Alturas jail charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

The attack was made with a meat cleaver taken from the mess hall in block 15 of the center. The soldier warded off the blow aimed at him and was not seriously injured. He was struck in the back by a glancing blow with the broadside of the cleaver which had a 6 by 9 inch blade.

The name of the soldier was not made known. Kawai's home before evacuation was at Independence, Ore.

Agreement Made On Kimmel-Short

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—The house and senate approved today a compromise bill which would extend for six months—until after the elections—the time in which Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short could be court-martialed in connection with the Pearl Harbor disaster.

The senate acted after house democrats repulsed a republican effort to reinstate the house's original three-month extension.

The measure now goes to the White House for presidential action.



This telegraphed picture shows a part of the great fleet of surface craft which carried allied troops across the English channel to start the attack on Hitler's west wall.