

BITTER STREET BATTLES RAGE IN TWO TOWNS

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defense of Cherbourg peninsula. American armor forces there smashed the Germans back, and the Berlin radio acknowledged a withdrawal of several miles west and north of Carentan, with doughboys thus apparently cutting half to two-thirds of the way across the narrowest neck of the peninsula.

Give Ground

Headquarters said Americans fighting in the Montebourg area had to give some ground along the road to the sea.

"In some areas we continued our advance and in others the Germans had some local successes," the supreme command said in describing the whole battlefield.

The four Nazi armored divisions plunged into battle around Caen, Tilly-Sur-Seulles, and Caumont included the 21st and 12th S. S. divisions. It was not known whether all the armor of these units was committed in battle, but all their infantry was.

Caen In Flames

The Germans said Caen itself was in flames and was being attacked from all sides. Berlin also reported allied armored thrusts south of Caumont. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery launched a squeeze on Caen with his thrusts reaching 25 miles inland into the area southwest of the big anchor city.

Striking as he often did against Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in the African desert, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, allied ground commander, sent tanks rumbling south of Bayeux along the central sector of the front. They smashed through Caumont and Villers-Bocage, then turned east and north to drive savagely into the German flank protecting Caen on the west.

Bombarded

Caen itself was under heavy naval bombardment from allied warships. A flier who flew over the city said it seemed "scarcely possible for life to exist there."

Villers-Bocage stands athwart a main highway to Caen, 16 miles to the southwest. Caumont, seven miles west and slightly north of Villers-Bocage, commands a secondary route, also leading to Caen.

The British tanks struck with "great effect," the allied supreme command announced. A fierce German counter-attack was made on British forces in newly-captured Troarn in an attempt to blunt or cut off a Montgomery pincer coming to flank Caen on the east.

Front Enlarged

It was the old Montgomery tactic of attacking on the flanks to cut off a large force of Germans and take them prisoner or destroy them rather than push them back.

On the western end of the allied beachhead, now enlarged to a 100-mile fighting front, Americans used armored forces to break a deadlock at Carentan, six miles from the sea. The German radio acknowledged a Nazi withdrawal west and north of Carentan "to spare German lives."

This several-mile withdrawal would put Americans between half and two-thirds of the way across the Cherbourg peninsula at its narrowest point.

Villages Taken

Berlin conceded that Americans advancing on strips of non-flooded land had infiltrated Nazi lines northwest of Carentan, and taken "a number of villages."

A transoceanic broadcast said the Nazis had lost Tilly-Sur-Seulles, which several times has changed hands. The German high command claimed capture of a number of unidentified localities, and declared Nazi tanks breaking into the beachhead east of the Orne river had inflicted heavy casualties. The Germans said allied tank thrusts south of Caumont and near Tilly-Sur-Seulles were broken up and destroyed.

The allies, aided today by fair weather, already have seized a foothold in France of 600 to 700 square miles, and captured more than 10,000 prisoners. Allied officers estimate 250,000 Germans are engaged in Normandy, Berlin, apparently trying to picture allied successes as due to overwhelming numbers, has placed the figure of allied soldiers as high as 500,000.

Cut Roads

The allied advance to Caumont and Villers-Bocage cut two roads leading northeastward to

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Caen, the strongest point still in German possession. This drive swerved southeastward from the Cerisy forest area.

American troops who plunged through the Cerisy forest pushed southwest several miles toward the important German communications hub of St. Lo. German broadcasts acknowledged two advances in that area as allied forces attempted to throw a pincer around the town.

The German radio said St. Lo was a mass of flaming rubble from allied air bombardment. Tanks Attack

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, allied ground commander, threw British tanks into the attack on the German flank south of Tilly-Sur-Seulles and today's communique, No. 17, said the blow had a "great effect," although the exact extent of the drive was not revealed.

Supreme headquarters said Germans were expending a large number of soldiers in a furious assault on Troarn, east of Caen. Troarn is the left arm of a Montgomery pincer movement closing in on Caen. The right arm is the double blow from below Tilly-Sur-Seulles and the Caumont and Villers-Bocage roads.

In a Berlin broadcast, the German transoceanic agency declared that Nazi forces broke through American lines and into Carentan late Tuesday but "Montgomery hastily ordered heavy British warships to the support, which, with all their guns, shelled the Carentan area, whereupon the Germans withdrew again to hill positions more advantageous for defense."

Transoceanic said the "situation changes hourly" in the Carentan area as attacking American forces try to "widen their bridgehead toward the south and west." The allied drive has placed the ground forces out of range of warships in many places on the bridgehead for the first time. American and British battleships still are supporting the flanks of the battle area, but the center is rolling on with the aid of air support only.

Excellent flying weather favored the allied air forces this morning and great fleets of heavy and lighter bombers as well as fighters swept into the attack.

The weather first cleared late yesterday and about 2000 planes, including American Flying Fortresses and Liberators, attacked before dusk, hitting airfields and a string of railroad bridges across the foot of the Brest peninsula from Vannes to St. Malo—a likely route for German reinforcements up the west side of the Cherbourg peninsula to the sector where the American fourth division is battling below Cherbourg. The German air force offered little resistance.

At 20 miles per hour there are 12 fatalities in each 1000 automobile accidents but at 51 miles per hour and over there are 92—more than a seven-fold increase.

BOMBER RAID BLASTS NAZI OIL LIFELINE

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dun in France; Russels-Melsbroeck and Eindhoven in Belgium. Meanwhile, another American heavy bomber force, the German radio said, surged up from Italy for an attack on Hitler's Europe which underwent heavy attacks from the south in the Munich area both yesterday and last night.

The air armadas took full advantage of ideal weather in stepping up the assaults on German fighting forces and strategic targets far inland. It was described here as "a marvelous air support campaign getting more satisfactory every day."

Support Troops

In direct support of troops battling in Normandy, large forces of American Marauders and Havocs and fighter-bombers swarmed across the sun-glistening channel all day. The fighters extended attacks to German shipping while a separate force of American Lightnings patrolled defensively over the allies' sea lifelines.

Supreme headquarters said air chiefs planned to press the two-play air campaign across the channel with tactical and long-range, strategic bombing to split the Germans' dwindling air force into even greater feebleness than it has showed over the battlefield so far.

It was estimated that more than 30 Nazi air fields had been blasted in the past three days. It is now authoritatively reported that the Luftwaffe has been reduced to around 2000 planes against the allies' front line force of more than 11,000. The Germans are said to have 500 single-engine fighters massed at fields in the battle region which is under this current intensive attack.

French Officers' Invasion Orders Reported Cancelled

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ing in the name of the British and American governments, directed General Eisenhower to make use of the French officers. Subsequently the committee assigned several hundred officers to Eisenhower's command in Britain and they were given special training with invasion forces. When General De Gaulle arrived in London two days before D-Day he brought up for review this whole question of the use of French officers and the extent of cooperation between the committee and General Eisenhower's forces. As a result—and officials here say because he was trying to force recognition of the committee as a government—De Gaulle suddenly reversed the long established French position and refused to let the officers go along on their assigned missions.

Relented The insistence of allied commands on having some representation for dealing with the French people finally forced him to relent to the extent of allowing 20 officers to make the trip. Officials here say Eisenhower's reports show that the officers who were forbidden to go were extremely disappointed.

These actions of De Gaulle were understood to have strengthened the White House and state department decision against recognizing the liberation committee as France's provisional government.

LONDON, June 14 (AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle's press attaché denied today a Washington report that the French general suddenly cancelled orders for several hundred French officers to land with the allied first waves in the invasion of Normandy.

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EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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DON'T expect us to win in the next few weeks. WE smacked the Japs hard in the Marianas, sinking and damaging 39 of their ships and downing 141 of their planes with a loss to us of only 15 planes and 15 pilots. Watch this Marianas and Carolines fighting. It's pretty sure to lead up to something important.

OVER in Idaho (on the home political front) a fellow who is known as the "singing cowboy of Pocotello" is running neck and neck for the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator. This writer thinks we have enough singing cowboys and hillbilly band leaders and similar cattle in congress already and hopes this Pocotello crackpot is finally beaten.

Our great need in congress is MORE STATESMEN.

Russian Tanks Roll Along Viipuri Road As Army Hits Finns

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seizure of numerous cannon in contact with ammunition. It was apparent that the Finns still were surprised and unable to make a stand along the Viipuri highway although soviet tanks now are pushing through the very heart of their long established fortifications.

Seven Points The bulletin, broadcast from Moscow and recorded by the soviet monitor, named seven newly captured points and previous advances had placed the Russian vanguard within 30 miles of Viipuri, Finland's second city.

"Fortified centers of Finnish defense that were captured included Kuteiska, Gärvi, Mustalava, Rivarimiyaki, Mulumjaki, Maselka, Vaselja and Firitjula," the Russians announced.

Long-range Russian bombers were officially reported to have conducted heavy raids Tuesday night against enemy airfields at Brestlovsk, major Polish base; Bielostok, Pinsk, Minsk, Bobruisk and Orshl, starting fires and exploding ammunition dumps.

"Many enemy planes were destroyed on the ground," it was announced. Eight of the raiders failed to return.

Fifth Army Takes Highway Junction Beyond Orbetello

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the advance north of Rome, broadened its activities, RAF night bombers attacking the Munich area early today, a few hours after between 500 and 750 American heavies blasted the same region yesterday.

American Marauder mediums hit two 400-foot cargo ships in the harbor at Livorno (Leghorn). It was believed the Germans were preparing to fill them with concrete and sink them at the entrance of the harbor.

RAF coastal Beaufighters roamed southern France, strafing enemy vehicles in the Istres-Montpellier area. Headquarters permitted correspondents to say that the fifth army forces which captured Rome included the first armored, 85th and 88th divisions.

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By J. B. KRUEGER Associated Press War Editor Big guns as well as a swarm of carrier planes poured explosives on U. S.-owned Guam and other Marianas islands during the heavy three-day strike against these enemy defenses flanking the Philippines, Tokyo radio acknowledged today.

Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander in the Central Pacific, reported the carrier task force sank 13 Japanese ships, damaged 16 and destroyed 141 planes, but did not claim that surface ships bombarded the islands. Nimitz did not say, either, that the bold foray into Japan's inner defenses had been concluded.

He and Tokyo agreed that Guam, Saipan and Tinian islands of the group lying approximately 1500 miles south of Japan were the principal targets. Guam, southernmost and largest of the group, was seized by the Japanese in the first six days of the Pacific war.

Changsha Held This sea action and the mounting battle for Changsha in southern China overshadowed developments on the other fronts. Chungking revealed that the Chinese desperately defending Changsha, key point on the Han-Kow-Canton railway, were holding their own. The defenders turned back an enemy attempt to cross a river east of the city and killed 300 Japanese in one sector.

Changsha is besieged from three sides and the invaders at one point were within six miles of the city. The Japanese need it to cut off western China from the allies.

Mokmer airdrome on American-invaded Blak island off Dutch New Guinea is now in use by fifth army air force planes, Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed. This meant the allies have a new base within 880 miles and heavy-bomber range of the southern Philippines.

The field came into allied use five days after the Japanese were pried loose from the drome. MacArthur's troops continued driving westward on Blak to ward two other airfields, Sorido and Borokoe. One infantry column was within half a mile of the latter.

In Geelvinck bay, wherein Blak lies, cannon-firing Mitchell bombers sank four 100-ton cargo ships and three coastal vessels. The Japanese invasion of India, launched with fanfares months ago, was fast receding. A ridge 18 miles from once-threatened Imphal was cleared of enemy troops, southeast Asia headquarters announced.

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Spanish Export Cut Attempted

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP) With a major diplomatic victory in hand—Sweden's agreement to limit substantially her bill-bearing sales to Germany—the United States has concentrated its efforts on Spain and will ask her to ring down a curtain between Spanish production and the Nazis.

American Ambassador Carlton Hayes, it was learned today, has been instructed to ask the Spanish government to ban all war vital exports to Germany, not only of Spanish tungsten, but of every other commodity important to the Nazis such as olive oil, hides, skins and wool.

Germans Expect New Invasion

LONDON, June 14 (AP)—The Germans are expecting a new allied invasion in France, their propaganda indicated today.

Vichy radio, quoting a Berlin military spokesman, said important allied shipping had been sighted in the Bay of Biscay off southwestern France, near the Spanish coast.

The Berlin correspondent of La Suisse in Geneva said German observers expected "important new events" on the Atlantic coast within 48 hours, with the expectations based on alleged reports of allied fleet movements in the English channel and activity in British invasion ports.

Gable Inactive; Works For Army

HOLLYWOOD, June 14 (AP)—Although Maj. Clark Gable was back in civilian clothes today after 23 months in the uniform of the army air forces, he is still working for the army.

An official of the 43-year-old actor's studio said that an air training film would keep Gable busy until mid-summer. He added that Gable had no immediate plans for a return to the screen.

Leaving a \$250,000 a year salary to enlist, Gable spent more than a year in England. He saw service on five raids, as combat photographer and gunner, and is now on the inactive list.

LONDON, June 14 (AP)—The Berlin radio said tonight that "heavy and super heavy allied naval guns shelled Le Havre today."

There was no allied confirmation of the report. German broadcast frequently have asserted that the allies were planning a land drive to take the strategic port at the mouth of the Seine river.

Car Plunges Into Canal After Wild Trip Down Hill

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roll down hill. The handle was off the driver's door of the car, and he reached inside to operate the inside handle. His hand slipped off, and on a second try, he knocked off the inside handle.

Car Rolling By that time, the car was rolling rapidly down hill. Guderian guided it by reaching through the open window as it gained speed and momentum, deciding to stick with the machine rather than to turn it loose.

Fortunately, no cars were met at the busy Ninth and Lincoln intersection, and the speeding machine went on toward the canal. There were cars parked on both sides of Lincoln, between Ninth and Tenth streets, and Guderian was hard put to guide the car between them. His body struck two of the parked cars, but the speeding car went through untouched.

Gains Speed By that time, the car was going more than 50 miles an hour. As it passed Tenth street, Guderian decided to jump "for it" and leaped onto a parking, skidding and rolling a considerable distance.

The car struck the steel fence barricading the canal at the dead end of Lincoln street there. The fence gave, and the car went under it, plunging completely across the big ditch, striking the opposite bank and then sinking back into the water.

Walks Home Guderian walked back to his home to treat his wounds and call for aid. About that time, Malcolm Epley, managing editor of the paper, received a telephone call from an acquaintance telling him there was a car in the canal and suggesting a news picture.

Epley called Guderian at his home to ask that he take the picture. "Say, Wes," he said, "there's a car in the canal. Can you get a picture?"

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Allies Reported In South France

PORT DOU, Spain, June 14 (AP)—Border reports today said the allies were landing in the south of France, with jeeps, light tanks and tank guns, on airfields prepared by French partisans deep in France.

The reports mentioned the south of France, about 45 miles southeast of Limoges and 80 miles southwest of Vichy, one place where jeeps and tanks had been put down. (There is no allied confirmation of these rumors.)

AFL Truck Drivers Favor Walkout

CHICAGO, June 14 (AP)—Ter L. Lewis, director of the Central States Drivers union, announced today that AFL union truck drivers in states who participated in a strike ballot had voted in favor of walking out to bring about a new labor board election.

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