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ALLIES LAUNCH NEW ATTACK

—German Communique

QUICKLY FOLLOWING THE CAPTURE OF BAYEUX, COMES AN OFFICIAL GERMAN STATEMENT THAT THE ALLIES HAVE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK BETWEEN CAEN AND BAYEUX.

Christopher Buckley, Combined Press Correspondent, says that the high ground east and south-east of Bayeux—more important than possession of the town itself—is in Allied hands.

THE GERMAN COMMUNIQUE SAYS: AN AMERICAN ATTEMPT TO WIDEN THE VIERVILLE BEACHHEAD HAS FAILED, EXCEPT FOR SMALL LOCAL GAINS NORTH-EAST OF TREVIERES (10 MILES WEST OF BAYEUX).

Landing Attempt Report

The Allied bridgehead is now 31 miles wide, admits the communique.

IT IS CLAIMED BY THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY THAT THE GERMAN STRONG POINT OF DOUVRES HAS BEEN ABLE TO RESIST ALL ALLIED TANK ATTACKS.

"WEST OF DOUVRES VIOLENT TANK BATTLES ARE GOING ON. AN ENEMY LANDING ATTEMPT IN ST. MARTIN BAY ON THE NORTH-WESTERN TIP OF THE COTENTIN PENINSULA WAS DEFEATED," IT ADDED.

German Radio said this afternoon: "Vast air-bourne landings have been made seven miles deep on the East Coast of the Cherbourg Peninsula. All yesterday hundreds of transport planes and gliders landed in quick succession in the area of Granveilla (west of Cherbourg Peninsula), which had been bombed shortly before."

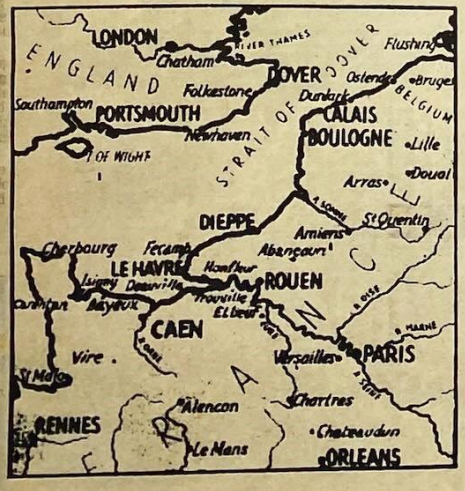
Berlin estimates that the Allies have landed ten divisions in France.

ROSS MUNRO, COMBINED PRESS REPORTER, SAYS THAT IN ONE AREA GERMAN INFANTRY AND GUNS ARE REPORTED TO BE WITHDRAWING IN FACE OF PERSISTENT CANADIAN ATTACKS. SEVERAL HUNDRED PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THIS SECTOR, AS WELL AS BATCHES OF GERMAN VEHICLES.

Headquarters is jumping forward to keep up with the advance. The strength is building up rapidly in the Allied bridgeheads for the big battles which should come any day or even any hour.

Stanley Burch, from Advanced Command Post, says General Eisenhower in a statement to-day said: "My complete confidence in the ability of the Allied Armies, Navies and Air Forces to do all they are asked to do has been completely justified."

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'DANGERS BEHIND—DIFFICULTIES AHEAD'

—PREMIER

"GREAT dangers lie behind; enormous difficulties lie before us," said the Prime Minister in the House of Commons to-day.

He announced that he did not then propose to make any statement about the battles. "I shall not do so," he added, "unless something exceptional turns up."

"As a matter of fact," said Mr Churchill, "I think all the points which had occurred to me are very fully met in the excellent reports furnished by our able and upright Press.

"I would say that if this is the last time I speak to the House before the week-end, I earnestly hope that when members go to their constituencies they will not only maintain morale as far as that is necessary, but also give strong warnings against over-optimism and against the idea that these things are going to be settled in a rush."

Sir Joseph Lamb (C. Stone): Is he fully aware of the great sense of satisfaction that was felt by the whole community at the statement made by the King and the service held later?

Mr Granville (Ind., Eye): Will he give an assurance that the reason he is not going to make a statement in the immediate future is not that he is going to make a visit to the coast of France?

There was no further reply.



LEICESTER FILM ACTOR IN 'AIRCREW' — Mr. F. L. Attenborough, Principal of Leicester University College, and Mrs. Attenborough, visit the "Aircrew" set—the film in which their son, A.C. Richard Attenborough, plays a leading role. This film is an R.A.F. production, and is intended to tell the story of Training Command in the same way that "Target For To-night" told the story of Bomber Command. F.Lt. John Boulting, who is directing the film, is seen showing the script to Mrs. Attenborough, and Richard Attenborough is talking to his father.

LEAVE FROM INVASION

A young R.A.S.C. soldier was said by Mr. C. G. Du Cann, barrister, at Old-street, London, today, to have been 'brought back from the invasion," to give evidence in a case.

"He has been given special leave from the invasion," said Mr Du Cann.

THREE RAIDERS DOWN

Three enemy aircraft were destroyed in raids on this country last night. A small number of planes dropped bombs at places in East Anglia. Slight damage was done, but no casualties have been reported.

Russian Offensive Reported

The German News Agency reported to-day that the Russians have launched an offensive on a broad front in the sector north of Jassy.

The agency added that the Russians advanced several kilometres on the central and left wing.

The agency said that by the evening German and Rumanian operational reserves were able to recapture most of the lost territory.

Saved 444 On Invasion Beaches

THE small, 63-foot cutters of the coastguard Rescue Flotilla, operating with both American and English forces during the amphibious assaults on the French coast, have rescued at least 444 troops and sailors from drowning, and have been instrumental in keeping casualty lists far below the numbers anticipated for "D" and "D-plus-One" days, writes Carter Barber, a Combined Press reporter.

The wooden cutters were allocated between the American and British task forces, and accompanied the initial invasion waves to within 1,660 yards of the hotly-contested beaches, darting back and forth among assault craft rescue crews and troops spilled into the waters by enemy fire and mines.

Coastguard boat number 16 accounted for 126 lives alone. Heading the boats attached to the Eastern Task Force, comprised of British units. Coastguard rescue cutter No 34 pulled out 32 survivors aboard.

LEICESTER BLACK-OUT
11.11 p.m. to 4.57 a.m.

Brigadier Morley Awarded C.B.E.

Brigadier C. B. S. Morley, R.A., T.A., Stoughton-road, Leicester, who has been awarded the C.B.E., (Military Division) was with the old 4th Leicesters, and was a major in the regiment just prior to the 44th Battalion R.E. (Searchlights).

He went to staff duties some time after the war started.

Air Commodore George Beamish, once noted Tigers forward, is awarded the C. B; (Military Division), and another Tiger gaining a C.B.E. is Air Commodore H. A. Constantine ("Conny"), a strong forward who played for four seasons for the Leicester team.



S.Q.M.S. Kathleen Barbara Ingham, daughter of Mrs and the late Dr. H. N. Ingham, 15, Springfield-road, Leicester, is one of 14 A.T.S. N.C.O.s awarded the British Empire Medal.

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'HOME AGAIN SOON'

Teheran (Persia), Thursday. - Russian soldiers are patting American and British Tommies on the shoulder s in the streets here and greeting them with "Bravo, second front." Refugees who found shelter from Hitler here fell in each others arms and with tears in their eyes, said: "God bless them - soon we will be home again." - Reuter.

Raid on Cologne

The Air Ministry communique says: Last night aircraft of Bomber Command attacked Colgone and laid mines in enemy waters. None of our aircraft is missing.

RHEUMATISM

Who are the people most likely to suffer?

Is the outdoor worker more susceptible to Rheumatism than the indoor worker? Are women more liable to suffer than men? The middle-aged, rather than the young? Are you, yourself, a possible victim? If so, what can you do to avoid the trouble?

Authorities now believe that a great deal of Rheumatism is caused by poisons absorbed into the bloodstream — and this, it is found, is of more importance than other factors such as age, conditions of work, etc., which are more in the nature of contributory causes.

Poisons in the blood are believed to be a *direct* cause. Your own blood, for instance, may be absorbing poisons from bad teeth, or septic tonsils perhaps, or what is even more likely, from stagnating material in the bowel.

It is known that people who are constipated are more likely to suffer from Rheumatism than those who are not. It is also known that a reliable laxative like Fynnon Salt has helped a great many Rheumatic sufferers.

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INVASION BEACHHEADS SECURED

4,000 Ships Take Troops Across Channel

ALLIES ALSO MAKE LANDINGS ON GUERNSEY AND JERSEY—GERMAN REPORT

THE ALLIED INVASION OF NORTHERN FRANCE IS GOING WELL. BEACHHEADS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THE TROOPS ARE SLASHING INLAND, ACCORDING TO PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE PILOTS BACK FROM THE LANDINGS.

This afternoon the Germans reported that Allied troops have also landed on Guernsey and Jersey.

THE BERLIN MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THIS AFTERNOON: "BY NOON IT HAD BECOME PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THE ALLIED LANDINGS REPRESENTED THE BIG INVASION."

THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ADMITTED THAT TANKS HAD BEEN LANDED, AND THAT CONTINUOUS LANDINGS WERE BEING MADE BETWEEN CHERBOURG AND LE HAVRE.

To a cheering House of Commons Mr. Churchill said to-day: "An immense armada of upwards of 4,000 ships, with several thousand smaller craft, have crossed the Channel, and massed airborne landings have been successfully effected behind the enemy's lines.

"THE LANDINGS ON THE BEACHES ARE PROCEEDING AT VARIOUS POINTS AT THE PRESENT TIME.

"THE FIRE OF THE SHORE BATTERIES HAS BEEN LARGELY QUELLED.

11,000 First-Line Aircraft

"THE OBSTACLES WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SEA HAVE NOT PROVED SO DIFFICULT AS WAS APPREHENDED.

"The Anglo-American Allies are sustained by about 11,000 first-line aircraft, which can be drawn upon as may be needed for the purposes of the battle.

"THERE ARE ALREADY HOPES THAT ACTUAL TACTICAL SURPRISE HAS BEEN ATTAINED, AND WE HOPE TO FURNISH THE ENEMY WITH A SUCCESSION OF SURPRISES DURING THE COURSE OF THE FIGHTING.

Ardour Of Troops Splendid

"THE ARDOUR AND SPIRIT OF THE TROOPS AS I SAW THEM MYSELF EMBARKING IN THESE LAST FEW DAYS WAS SPLENDID."

Replying to Mr. Greenwood, Mr Churchill said that certainly in the early part of the battle he would endeavour to keep the House fully informed. "It may be," he added, "that I shall ask their indulgence to press myself upon them before we rise to-night."

"SO FAR THE COMMANDERS WHO ARE ENGAGED REPORT THAT EVERYTHING IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN—AND WHAT A PLAN. THIS VAST OPERATION IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOST COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT WHICH HAS EVER OCCURRED," ADDED THE PRIME MINISTER.

Mr. Churchill's speech is reported in full on Page 3.

It is learned at Allied Headquarters that the aircraft conveying airborne troops did their job and got back without very heavy casualties.

Penetrations Of Several Miles

THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON THAT AT ONE POINT THE ALLIED TANKS HAVE PENETRATED SEVERAL MILES TO THE SOUTH.

"FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE ISIGNY-CARENTIN AREA AT THE VIRE ESTUARY.

"BETWEEN CAEN AND ISIGNY THE ALLIES LANDED SEVERAL TANK GROUPS ON THE COAST AT TWO POINTS.

"PARTICULARLY EXTENSIVE LANDINGS WERE MADE AT THE SMALL COASTAL VILLAGE OF ST. VAAST LA HOUGUE."

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'Monty' Supremely Confident



General Montgomery, on the eve of battle, told correspondents: "I personally have absolute and complete confidence in the outcome.

The party is in first-class shape to win the match.

"We are a great Allied team—a terrific Allied team—the integration of the British Empire and America going out to battle together.

"I don't think any other two nations could have done it.

"I don't know when the war is going to end, but I don't believe the Germans can go on much longer with this business."



EAGER FOR INVASION NEWS—A.T.S. girls reading the news of the invasion at the Clock Tower, Leicester, to-day, when the special edition of the "Leicester Mercury" was eagerly scanned.

Record Activity In The Air

THE air activity during the night and early morning has been on an unprecedented scale, and R.A.F. announcements gives the news that part of the work of the aircraft was the laying of smoke screens in the English Channel.

Transport channels over Northern France were pounded throughout last night by Dutch Mitchells and R.A.F. Polish and Australian Mosquitoes of the R.A.F. Second Tactical Air Force, says an R.A.F. announcement.

Attacks were concentrated on roads, railways, bridges, embankments, cutting and junctions, and on other points in the transport network over a huge area where traffic blocks would be a nuisance to the enemy.

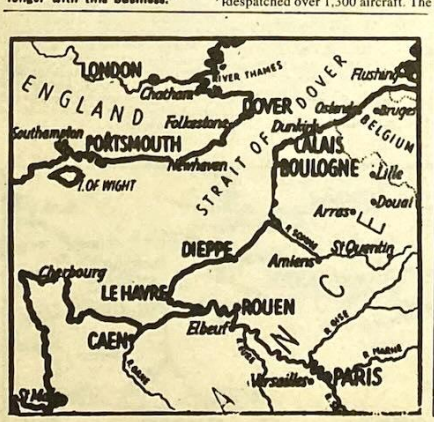
R.A.F. Bostons were engaged in smoke-laying operations in the English Channel.

Attacks on Batteries

Last night Bomber Command made its heaviest attack to date on the German batteries along the French coast. There were ten attacks each made by 100 or more heavy bombers, state the Air Ministry News Service.

In all Bomber Command despatched over 1,300 aircraft. The attacks were made between 11.30 last night and sunrise. There was then ten-tenth cloud over a number of the batteries, but this was no obstacle to efficient marking and the target indicators were clearly seen and bombed.

Bomber Command attacked, without loss, the railway centre at Osnabruck, in North-West Germany last night.



King On Radio To-night

It is officially announced from Buckingham Palace that the King will broadcast at 9 o'clock to-night.

PETAIN TELLS FRENCH 'STAY PUT'

Petain, in a broadcast on Paris Radio, said: "Frenchmen, obey the orders of your Government. Everyone must stay in his place."

"Frenchmen, do not pile up misfortune by acts which will bring about terrible reprisals," the Marshal continued.

"France can only save herself by observing the most rigorous discipline."

The Marshal appeared to be speaking under great emotional stress, adds Reuter's radio station.

KING RECEIVES THE PRIME MINISTER

The King received the Prime Minister in audience at Buckingham Palace to-day, and Mr Churchill remained for lunch.

Leicester Mercury

In view of the fact that special editions of the "Leicester Mercury" are occasionally issued when news of exceptional importance is to hand, readers are reminded that the price of the paper on all editions is 1½d., and that in no circumstances should they pay more.

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Planes Collide: Women Among Victims

An elderly woman and a young girl were killed in bed at Gillingham (Kent) early to-day when an American plane crashed on a row of houses, after colliding with another plane in mid-air. The second plane fell in an orchard. The bodies of five airmen have so far been recovered. A man named Williams is missing.

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PERSIAN GULF WINS CORONATION CUP

Newmarket, to-day.

11.30—BARTLOW STAKES (Div. 1); with £200 added. (T.Y.O.) Five furlongs.

HIGH PEAK (H Wragg) 1, The Shoveller (P Evans) 2, Goldhill (Lt Richards) 3.

Also ran: Turkish Flag (F. O'Neill), Rustics (L. Moore), Torch of Freedom (M Beary), Rhoteus (T Carey), Milly Polly Mandy (T Lowrey), Ladyship (E Smith), Hastra (Gds. Richards), Wily (E Gothia), Golden Orion (C Jarvis), Ballerina (P Maher), Clock Tower (A Richardson), Lady Mere (T Burton). Off at 11.32. Trained by Earl.

S.P.: 4—1 HIGH PEAK, 15—2 Hastra, 6—1 Ladyship, 100—6 The Shoveller, 33—1 others.

Won by a head; 1½.

Tote: Win 8s. 3d.; places 2s. 3d., 5s., 4s. 3d.

12.0—FAKENHAM STAKES, with £300 added (3-Y.O.) One mile and one furlong.

SALVER (P Evans) 1, Stone Age (Gds Richards) 2, Wraggle (G Bridgland) 3.

Also ran: Cinquefoil (E Smith), Treble Crown (P Maher), Vitellius (Cliff Richards), Pamela (F Rutter), Rosewood (C Jarvis), Platypus (F Lane), Finola (D Allen), Windlass (R A Jones), Versatility (H Smith), Coral Pearl (T Carey), Sunlight (F O'Neill). Off at 12.4. Trained by R J Colling.

S.P.: 2—1 SALVER and Order Ah, 100—30 Cinquefoil, 100—6 Treble Crown and Rosewood, 20—1 Windlass, 33—1 others.

Won by a length and a half; neck.

Tote: Win 6s.; places 2s., 2s. 9d., £1 7s. 6d.

12.30—FITZWILLIAM STAKES (Div. 1), with £500 added (T.Y.O.) Six furlongs.

FORDHAM (Gds. Richards) 1, Fairhaven (F Evans) 2, Blue Bream (E Smith) 3.

Also ran: Treasurehunter (T. Burton), Jubilant (J Thwaites), Scottish Star (P Maher), Wayside Inn (H Wragg), Cape Race (T Freed), Gibes (T Lowrey), Vale (J Sime), Path of Peace (Cliff Richards), Anklaria (M Beary). Off at 12.31. Trained by Frank Butters.

SP.: 4—6 FORDHAM, 11—4 Fairthorn, 11—2 Blue Bream, 20—1 Wayside Inn, 33—1 others.

Won by a head; one.

Tote: Win 3s.; places 2s 1d., 2s 1d., 2s 1d.

1.0—FITZWILLIAM STAKES (Div. 2), with £500 added. (T.Y.O.) Six furlongs.

PLUSH (P Maher) 1, Midas (E Smith) 2, Welsh Light (R A Jones) 3.

Also ran: Vestal Virgin (M Beary), Night Legend (P Evans), Voluntary (H Westbrook), Dancing Flame (T Carey), Red Shark (P Smith), Paris c (F Lane), Pandimah (H Wragg), Magic Flute (Gds. Richards), Saintly Thoughts (J Thwaites). Off at 1.2. Trained by F. S. Butters.

S.P.: 11—10 Midas, 7—2 Equimalt, 4—1 Vestal Virgin, 10—1 PLUSH, 100—6 Welsh Light, 20—1 Dancing Flame, 25—1 others.

Won by a short head; neck.

Tote: Win £1 6s.; places 4s. 6d., 2s. 6d., 11s. 9d.

1.30—BOTTESDALE HANDICAP of £500, for three-year-olds. Seven furlongs.

HABRAGH (Gds. Richards) 1, Southern Chum (D Greasley) 2, Thread Fred (R A Jones) 3.

Also ran: Sandhouse (E Smith), Seven Seas (H Wragg), Foire de Lyons (C Worker (Cliff Richards), Billy May (F Evans), Sky Blue (D Smith), Friar's Fancy (A Richardson), Lafayette (J Potter), Siesta (P Maher), Black Salome (F Rutter), Lady Mere (J Sirett), Bonfrant (J Sime), Bronze Vizen (W Pickford), Honours List (J Wibberley), Heathern (D Allen), Little Britain (G Laidlaw). Off at 1.34. Trained by Fk Butters.

S.P.: 11—4 Seven Seas, 9—2 Friar's Fancy, 8—1 HABRAGH and Chanot Frost, 100—8 Sandhouse and Sky Blue, 100—7 Red Shark and Siesta, 100—6 Bonfrant and Little Britain, 20—1 Moon Mistress, Billy May, Eastern Morn and Foire de Lyons, 33—1 others.

Won by a head; neck.

Tote: Win 13s. 6d.; places 4s., 2s., £11 15s. 6d., 6s. 3d.

2.0—CORONATION CUP (Sweepstakes, with £1,000 added). 1¼m.

PERSIAN GULF (R A Jones) 1, High Chancellor (T Lowrey) 2, Dandelion (Gds. Richards) 3.

Also ran: Kingsway (F Smith), Dust-a-Blowing (T Carey) and Effervescence (F Lane). Off at 2.4. Trained by Boyd-Rochefort.

S.P.: 7—4 Umiddad, 8—2 PERSIAN GULF, 7—2 Kingsway, 5—1 High Chancellor, 33—1 Effervescence, 50—1 Dust-a-Blowing.

Won by three-quarters of a length; 3 l.

Tote: Win 11s. 3d.; places 6s. 9d., 5s. 9d.

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2.30—MELBOURN HDCP. (Sweepstakes, with £500 added). 1m.

PINK FLOWER (T Carey) 1, Tiffin (J Sime) 2, Samson (Gds. Richards) 3.

Also ran: Volcano (T Lowrey), Tweets (F Lattimer), Lysander (D Greasley). Off at 2.33. Trained by H Leader.

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INVASION—From Page 1.

Hell Let Loose—Then Bayonets!

THE first Allied announcement of the landings came in "Communique No. 1," issued at 9.33 a.m. from Supreme H.Q. Allied Expeditionary Force. This said:—

Under the command of General Eisenhower, Allied Forces, supported by strong air forces, began landing Allied armies this morning on the Northern Coast of France.

Behind the bald announcement that "D" Day had arrived is the story of eventful hours crammed with radio flashes, the roar of countless bombers streaming towards the Continent, jubilation and speculation in cities and villages.

For three hours before General Eisenhower released the momentous news, German Radio stations had been reporting "the invasion," with long accounts of battleships and destroyers off the mouth of the Seine, air-borne landings in Normandy, and air attacks on the vital coast between Cherbourg and Le Havre.

Minesweepers Clear Way

The landings, it is understood in London, were made in Normandy between 6 a.m. and 8.15 a.m., minesweepers clearing a way.

Naval bombardments, in which U.S. ships took part, were carried out, and airborne landings made.

Before the assaulting troops embarked each man was handed a copy of a stirring Order of the Day, in which General Eisenhower told his men that the eyes of the world were on them, and that "the hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you.

"We will accept nothing less than full victory," added the Supreme Commander. "Good luck, and let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

(The Order of the Day is given in full on Page Five).

Tanks Landed

"The greatest concentrations of invasion forces detected so far are at Cherbourg and Havre," says the German News Agency. "Obviously both these towns are wanted by the enemy as his principal disembarkation ports.

"A very strong landing from the air was made at Harfleur and also at a point west of Cherbourg."

Later the German News Agency said: "Landing craft made continuous landings in the vicinity of Ouistreham, on the mouth of the Orne about halfway between Cherbourg and Le Havre.

"Tanks have been landed in the region of Arromanches—a small fishing village 15 miles north-west of Caen.

More than 200 craft approached this part of the coast nine hours after the first landings.

"The enemy are trying to scale the steep coast with the aid of special ladders.

"Hard fighting is going on everywhere.

"Over many points of the Channel numerous balloons are floating at a great altitude with enemy fighter planes continuously circling around. These balloons are probably being used for artillery observation."

Paris Radio this afternoon said:—

"The Germans are putting up very stiff resistance in the Caen area. The town area itself has been sorely tried. The enemy appears to be penetrating deeper inland."

Supreme H.Q. Allied Expeditionary Force states that over 640 naval guns from 16-inch to 4-inch are bombarding the beaches and enemy strong points in support of the armies.

The Overseas German News Agency this afternoon reported Allied landings on Guernsey and Jersey in the Channel Islands.

Quoting the German High Command's spokesman, the agency said:

"Early to-day Allied airborne formations landed on Guernsey and Jersey. They were at once engaged in extremely costly battles."

The German Story

A special announcement issued by official quarters in Berlin to-day said:—

"The long expected attack by the British and Americans on the coast of northern France began last night.

"A few minutes after midnight the enemy landed airborne formations in the area of the Seine Bay, simultaneously making heavy bombing attacks.

"Shortly afterwards numerous enemy landing boats, protected by heavy Allied naval units, approached the coast on other sectors.

"The German defenders were nowhere taken by surprise.

"Many parachute units were wiped out or taken prisoner. Others were torn to pieces by exploding mines.

The German News Agency says: The fleet of landing craft was protected by strong naval forces on either flank. On the eastern flank were six battleships and 20 destroyers, whilst the western flank was protected by a naval fleet of similar composition.

"One enemy cruiser and one big troop transport were sunk."

The umbrella bombardment from Allied warships began to-day as soon as dawn broke, reports a military observer who landed with the first assault forces.

"It seemed that hell itself had been let loose," he said. "From left, right and centre our guns opened up and from our vantage point at sea we could see that targets ashore were being pounded out of existence as the assaulting infantry sailed slowly and surely ahead to let bayonets do whatever work remained.

"From sea and sky the bombardment continued, until our infantry went ashore.

"It was a magnificent sight. "Wave upon wave of khaki-clad figures surged up the beaches, overcoming any opposition in their way, and surging on.

"Within a very short space of time the immediate bridgehead was ours, and shortly afterwards beachmasters, beach parties and the like were ashore and putting their organisations into effect.

Hitler Takes Command

Reuter's military correspondent learns that Hitler is taking personal command of all anti-invasion operations. He is surrounded by a staff, including four marshals, and is believed to have moved his H.Q. to a place somewhere in northern France.

Reuter's military correspondent said the news reached London from underground sources.

Hitler's marshal are:

Rundstedt, Titular Commander-in-Chief;

Rommel, Inspector General;

Sperrle, in charge of air forces; and

Blaskowitz, acting deputy to Rommel.

S.P.: Evens PINK FLOWER, 5—2 Baron, 6—1 Valency and Tiffin, 25—1 others.

Won by a length and a half; three.

Tote: Win 3s. 3d.; places 3s. 9d., 4s. 6d.

3.0—BARTLOW STAKES (Div. 2), with £200 added. (T.Y.O.) 5f.

HAPPY MORN F. (R A Jones) 1, Golden Meadow (E Smith) 2, Sirona (Cliff Richards) 3.

Also ran: Nice Day (M Beary), Rustic (P Evans), Gold Vista I (Tolton), Gusty (H Allison), Trimmest c (T Burton), Pieces of Eight (A Richardson), Darbanga (Gds. Richards), Patheilon (H Westbrook), Palermo (T Carey), Naples II f (J Parker), Castaer (H Wragg), Chatford I (G Littlewood), Marine Rose (G Bridgland), Set Sail (J Simpson), Suivez-Moi (J Parker), Turki Begum (J Wibberley), Devon Glory (T Lowrey), Ballet I (P Darry), Cross Fox (J Thwaites). Off at 3.4. Trained by Jellies.

S.P.: 7—4 Derbanga, 5—2 HAPPY MORN F., 3—1 Golden Meadow, 100—6 Gold Vista and Sirona, 20—1 Century, Devon Glory and Palermo, 33—1 others.

Won by four lengths; one.

Tote: Win 8s 6d.; places 4s. 3d., 3s., 5s. 3d.

Gusty whipped round at the start and took no part in the race, but came under orders.

3.30—RAMSEY STAKES, with £400 added. Six furlongs.

SIR EDWARD (M Beary) 1, Brunel (F Smith) 2, Peace Envoy (P Evans) 3.

Also ran: Fortunate Trial (T Lowrey), Eve (Gds. Richards), Ferry Pool (Cliff Richards), All Moonshine (W Pearson), The Lawyer (J Sime). Off at 3.34. Trained by Lambton.

S.P.: 5—1 Uta, 7—2 Brunel and SIR EDWARD, 5—1 Peace Envoy, 6—1 All Moonshine, 100—8 Ferry, 20—1 Fortunate Trial, 50—1 The Lawyer. Won by half a length; 1½.

Tote: Win 14s. 3d.; places 4s. 6d., 2s. 9d., 7s. 9d.

2nd Tote Daily Double: Win £9 (112 Tickets.) Pool £1,124 10s.

Leicester Council And Pensions

A recommendation from the Leicester Local Pensions Committee asking for old age pensions for all at the age of 70 irrespective of means is in the committee's report which will be before the Leicester City Council meeting this evening.

Some of the Conservative members intend to support a motion that the presentation of this recommendation to the Government be deferred until the publication of the White Paper on the Beveridge proposals for the revision of pension allowances.

Gordon Pemberton (19), of 63, Central-street, Leicester, has been admitted to the Leicester Infirmary with an injury to his left hand after an accident at work.

To-Night's Radio

HOME.

6, News. 6.30, Make Your Own Music. 7, At Longford's Farm. 7.15, Jack Payne's Orchestra. 7.30, Charlie McCarthy Programme. 8.15, Brains Trust. 9, King's Broadcast; News. 9.25, Talk. 9.40, Tuesday at 9.40. 10.20, Belief and Experiment. 10.40, Songs from the Shows. 11.35, Gramo: Organ. 12-12.30, News.

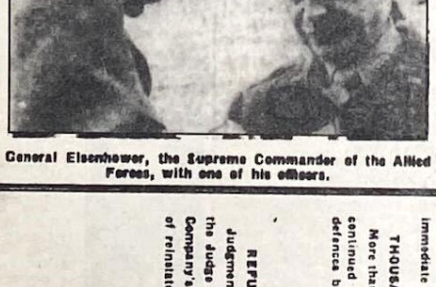
GENERAL FORCES.

6, Orchestra. 6.30, War Office Calling the Army. 6.45, Twelve Men and a Girl. 7, News. 7.10, News from Canada. 7.15, Gramo: Forces Favourites. 8, Hello, Gibraltar! 8.30, Rhythm Club. 9, King's Broadcast; News. 9.5, News from Australia, New Zealand. 9.30, Sportsmen's Corner. 9.35, Orchestra. 10.30, Trotse, and Banjoliers. 10.56-11, News Headlines.



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LATEST NEWS [Tel. 20834 Twelve Lines]

NO SERIOUS AIR OPPOSITION

The first ten waves of Ninth Air Force fighter bombers to go into action reported no serious opposition from enemy fighters anywhere over the Channel or the beachheads says A.E.A.F. The Germans threw up tracers, light flak and even small arms fire, but none of the Marauders encountered enemy fighters. Only two Marauders were lost. The 1,350 Bomber Command aircraft which carried out attacks last night dropped over 5,000 tons on ten coastal batteries. It was the heaviest of all air attacks on a single night but not one of the crews knew that their own attacks were the immediate prelude to invasion.

THOUSAND BOMBER ATTACK

More than a thousand heavy bombers continued attacks on French coastal defences by daylight to-day.

REFUSED JOB — Page Six

Judgment was given for defendants, the Judge saying he was satisfied the Company's offer was a bona fide offer of reinstatement.

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NEW LANDING ATTEMPT REPORTED

Attack 'Across Straits Of Dover'

6,000 SHIPS OFF CHERBOURG, STATES PARIS RADIO

AN AMPHIBIOUS ATTACK AGAINST ANOTHER PART OF NORTHERN FRANCE, THE PAS DE CALAIS REGION, WAS REPORTED TO-DAY BY THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, WHICH SAID THAT IN DAYLIGHT THIS MORNING GERMAN NAVAL LONG-RANGE GUNS SHELLED THE ENEMY SHIPS WHICH PUT UP A SMOKE-SCREEN.

"The results of this fire could not be observed," added the message, which followed a Press Association report from the coast that enemy long-range batteries had fired across the Straits of Dover for nearly two hours.

THE SHELLING WAS FAIRLY HEAVY FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES, DURING WHICH PERIOD SALVOES OF FOUR OR SIX SHELLS WERE SEEN BURSTING IN THE DOVER AREA. THE SHELLING WAS RESUMED ABOUT AN HOUR LATER.

Paris Radio reported this afternoon that a huge Allied Armada comprising some 6,000 vessels, including cruisers, other warships and swarms of landing vessels, is cruising off the Cherbourg Peninsula.

The Armada's guns are engaged in artillery duels with tanks towards Bayeux were without avail.

Bridgehead 'Six Miles Deep'

THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY THIS AFTERNOON STATED THAT THE ALLIES NOW HAVE A BRIDGEHEAD IN THE ORNE DISTRICT ABOUT 20 MILES BROAD AND SIX MILES DEEP.

The Agency claims Allies had failed to include Caen into the bridgehead position and that thrusts with shore batteries, says the radio.

JOHN W. JARRELL, WRITING FROM THE FLAGSHIP AUGUSTA, SAYS THE GERMANS 7th AND 15th ARMIES, PERSONALLY COMMANDED BY ROMMEL ARE HASTENING ADDITIONAL PANZER AND INFANTRY DIVISIONS TO THE AREA WHERE AMERICAN AND BRITISH TROOPS HAD ESTABLISHED BEACHHEADS.

'Battle Of Normandy Begun'

The Berlin Military Spokesman said this afternoon that the battle in Normandy began early to-day. "The German operational reserves are now attacking," he said.

HE ADDED: "THE ALLIES NOW COMMAND A LANDING STRIP IN SEINE BAY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE MOUTH OF THE ORNE.

"GERMAN COUNTER-MEASURES ARE IN FULL SWING, AND INTENSIFICATION OF THE FEROCITY OF THE FIGHTING CAN BE RECKONED WITH.

NEW GERMAN TANKS, HITHERTO ONLY USED IN MANŒUVRES ARE OPERATING IN THE INVASION AREA."

Very Heavy Fighting

VERY HEAVY FIGHTING IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE INVASION AREA WAS REPORTED FROM SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, EARLIER TO-DAY.

THERE WAS HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE BEACHES YESTERDAY, BUT BY MID-DAY THE BEACHES WERE FREE OF DIRECT GERMAN FIRE.

Allied planes in support of the Second Front flew more than 13,000 sorties from first light yesterday to first light to-day—and to-day great numbers of planes took up the attack after the night assault by more than 1,000 heavy bombers.

THIS AFTERNOON THE WEATHER WAS STILL UNSETTLED, WITH CLOUD AND SUNSHINE.

THERE WERE LIGHT SHOWERS AFTER MID-DAY. VERY COOL. NORTH-WESTERLY WIND STILL GUSTY.

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Churchill Wanted To Go Too

Mr. Churchill was persuaded only with the greatest difficulty from accompanying the invasion force to the hostile coast, says McNicoll, representing the Combined Press in a despatch from H.M.S. Hilary.

McNicoll said: "It was pointed out to him that the extra work involved in safeguarding him would be very great, and the bulldog-hearted Prime Minister finally agreed.

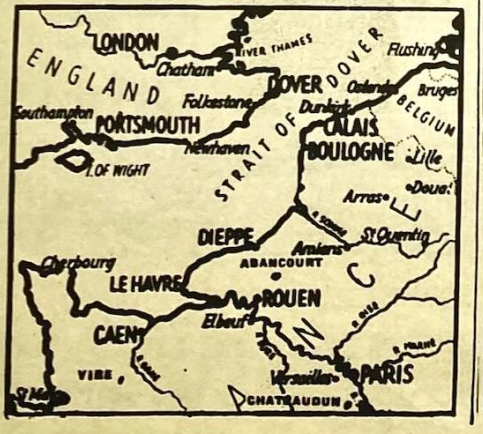
"These facts were revealed by Admiral Ramsay when he paid a visit to the ship to which I am attached."

Sent To Reich In Closed Coal Trucks

About 3,000 Jewish inhabitants of Athens, men, women and children were sent to poland by the Germans during May in closed trucks of the type used to transport coal or wood, states the Greek Information Office in London.

They were in the trucks for two days without food or water.

LEICESTER BLACK-OUT
11.10 p.m. to 4.57 a.m.





POLISH EXHIBITION IN LEICESTER—A Polish airman showing a visitor some of the pictures at the Polish Air Force Exhibition in Leicester.

Allied Break-Through West Of Rome

—NAZI ADMISSION

THE German Communique and German News Agency reports the opening of large scale Allied offensive west of Rome and both admit a break-through.

The German communique states: In Italy the enemy resumed his large-scale attack west of Rome after assembling strong forces.

'With his superior infantry and tank formations he was able after grim fighting to advance on either side of the coastal road, and he succeeded in breaking into our positions.

'North of Rome also the enemy was able to drive a rather deep breach into our front in spite of the heroic resistance of our troops.

'Heavy fighting continues here.'

(Other news of operations in Italy is on Page Six).

Wounded Brought To Leicester

An ambulance train with sick and wounded men reached Leicester last evening. They were, it might be made clear, not casualties from the Western Front, but from further afield. there were round about 200 cases, and they were distributed between the hospitals in the area.

In convoys of the past the unloading from the train and the stretcherbearer work was carried out by the Civil Defence organisation.

This time the unloading and transferring to ambulances were done by men of the Royal Army Pay Corps, but there were generally supervising the job, officers of the first-aid and transport side of the Civil Defence, and it was the Civil Defence transport and Corporation buses which took the cases to hospital.

Islands Bid Fails Say The Nazis

THE Germans to-day made the following claim:

"Strong Anglo-American airborne troops who yesterday attempted to gain possession of the Channel Islands of Guernsey and Jersey ran into stiff opposition put up by the German garrisons.

"In the course of the heavy fighting the invasion troops suffered exceedingly heavy losses, and were finally destroyed to the last man."

Greek Landing: Unconfirmed Story

Turkish Radio, quoting 'a Berlin Radio report' says that Allied motorised troops have landed at Patras, in Greece, and that very great Allied air activity over Greece has been reported 'from Bulgarian sources.'

The story is not confirmed from any other sources, adds Reuter.

Casualties From Sunk Destroyer

Howard Whitman, writing from an invasion port to-day, says that wounded evacuees reached the port from where he was writing at six a.m. to-day.

This was the first large load of evacuees brought to that port.

On board were survivors of a destroyer sunk by the enemy, says Whitman.



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