

AIR ARMY STRIKES

German Army Say 'Vast Force' 40 Miles Inland ALLIES TAKE BAYEUX AND CUT CAEN ROAD



YANKS STORM ASHORE AT INVASION BEACHHEAD—United States assault troops, heavily laden with full equipment, push ashore on French coast as other landing craft follow theirs in.

German Armored Attacks Hurlled Back; Invasion Losses 'Less Than Expected'

70 Nazi Planes Downed Since Invasion Start

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7 (AP)—Allied war planes, which have flown a total of 31,000 sorties against Europe since June 1, threw down blazing curtains of bombs and bullets intended to cut off both troops on the pedimeters of the expanding beachheads in France. South of Caen 250 to 500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked road junctions to block off German reinforcements. In this unusual front-line use of heavy bombers, neither antiaircraft fire nor German fighters were encountered.

Clouds prevented assessment of damage. Allied fighter planes were holding an aerial cordon around the beachheads, while swarms of other planes scoured the German reinforcement routes. Flying weather continued bad and enemy resistance slowly increased. The German air force, See AERIAL Page 4

NEW YORK, June 7 (AP)—Allied parachute troops in hitherto unknown strength have landed 30 miles south of Caen in the region between Argentan and Falaise, the German radio said tonight in a broadcast recorded by the C. B. S.

A B. B. C. report heard by the Blue Network quoted a Berlin broadcast as saying the point was 40 miles southeast of Caen, and adding that a "vast force" of air-borne infantry was fighting its way toward the main beachhead at the north of the Orne River.

(The Allied communique said air-borne operations were resumed "on a very large scale" Wednesday.)

(Front dispatches said Allied reinforcements poured in aboard a 50-mile-long glider train.)

Invasion in Brief

Invasion troops are officially declared to be "doing better than expected" against stiffened German resistance.

Allies announce capture of Nazi-fortified cathedral town of Bayeux, five miles inland, and cutting of the Caen-Bayeux highway.

Allied leaders Eisenhower, Montgomery and Ramsay confer aboard cruiser off the invasion coast.

Invasion casualties still "lighter than expected."

Troops and supplies continue to reinforce units storming inland.

Allied air force maintains solid cover over invasion beaches; planes hammer at German gun emplacements, communications and troop movements. Nazi air force offers slightly stronger resistance. Fifty-three German planes are destroyed Wednesday and 23 Allied planes fail to return.

Eyewitness Describes Tank Battle at Caen, Arrival of Air Troops

By S. L. SOLON
(Representing the Combined British Press). (Distributed by the Associated Press)
WITH ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN FRANCE, June 7.—We are on the outskirts of Caen and are joining up with the Canadians. A German tank counterattack has been smashed. The Luftwaffe is making desperate efforts to hold up our advance.

We were witnesses to the arrival of a great Allied airborne army last night. Literally hundreds of planes swept overhead, flying very low, and disgorged colored parachutes marking different parachute units. The skies were filled with these bunches of brightly colored silk unfolding flowers.

Frenchmen nearby cheered the spectacle, probably the largest for

BULLETINS

Allied Fleet Off Genoa?
LONDON, June 7 (AP)—A report to the London press through Switzerland said today that a large Allied fleet was cruising off Genoa and that "an Allied landing on the Ligurian coast (Italy), or even on southern France, was expected hourly."

Eight Divisions Landed
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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 8 (Thursday)—A German news agency said that Allied reinforcements landed yesterday were between two and five divisions, raising the total force landed to between eight and 13 divisions, out of a total of 80 divisions they say Gen Eisenhower has at his disposal.

Invasion Waters Calmer
DOVER, England, June 7 (AP)—The English Channel was clouded over tonight after a period of sunshine during the early evening, but the barometer was rising steadily and a northerly wind moderated so that the sea was smoother.

Calais Landing Reported
LONDON, June 7 (AP)—The Paris radio said tonight that the Allies had made two new landings during the day on the French coast—one in the Pas de Calais area and the other at Cap de la Hague at the tip of the Cherbourg Peninsula.

Nurses Reach Normandy
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 8 (Thursday)—A hint of the size of the Allied bridgehead on the Cherbourg peninsula was given today in the publication of reports that women nurses are already ashore and tending the wounded. Women are usually not sent into a battle area until they can be posted outside of shell-fire range.

Italy 5th Army Races North of Rome

ROME, June 7 (AP)—The 5th Army smashed ahead north and west of Rome toward Lake Bracciano and the Tyrrhenian port of Civitavecchia tonight in a drive so rapid and powerful that the Germans themselves described it officially as a "major break" through their lines. Civitavecchia, the closest port to Rome, is 40 miles to the northwest by road.

New Guinea Yanks Capture Key Airdrome

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Thursday, June 8 (AP)—The Mokmer airdrome on Biak Island, giving Gen Douglas MacArthur a base within bombing range of the Philippines, has been stormed and captured, headquarters announced today on the 13th day of the invasion of the Schoutens.

Stalled and bloodily repulsed earlier in a frontal stab from the beachhead, established May 27, MacArthur got in behind the enemy positions and swept onto the airfield from the rear.

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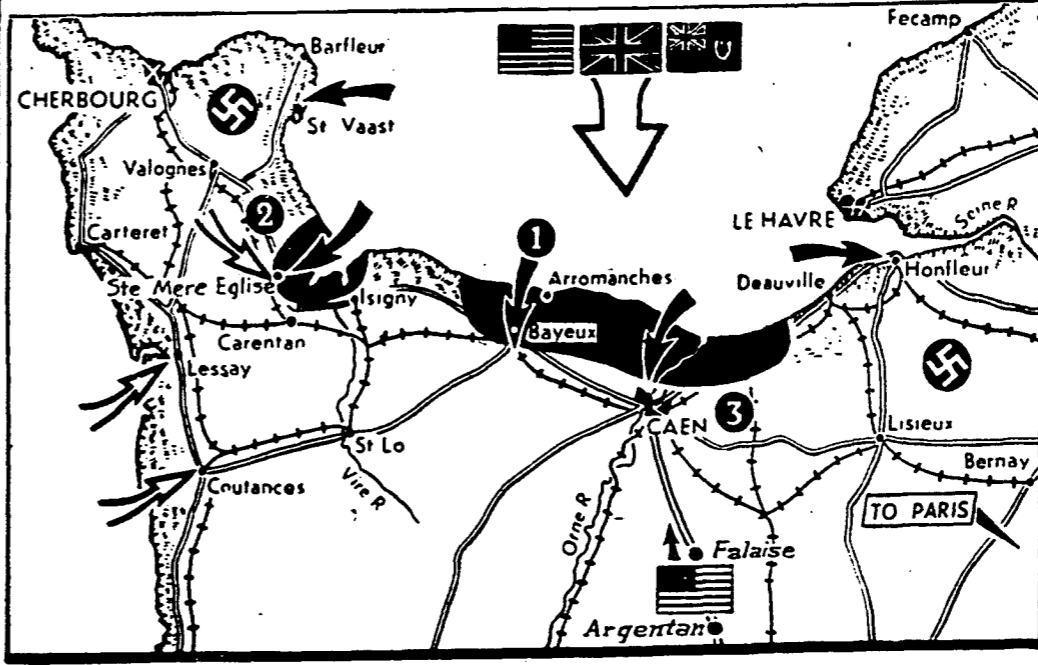
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ALLIES TAKE FRENCH TOWN in invasion drive. Bayeux (1) captured. Germans report Allied beachheads north of Carentan (2) and at mouth of Orne River (3), and "vast force" of airborne troops landed between Argentan and Falaise. Open arrows indicate other airborne landings.

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SUNDAY—Melrose, curb collections; Waltham, North Section; Boy Scouts; Walpole, curb collections.

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