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GERMANS IN FOUR ARMORED DIVISIONS IN THE LINE FOR COUNTERATTACK

D-Day On Channel's Quiet Side

By HAY BOYLE
A BRITISH PORT, June 11—(Delayed)—Explosions from the fighting across the Channel in France air today in echo of this small English port, although through it are being funneled endless streams of troops and supplies to the front. From the day of the invasion, people who would never suspect that anything more exciting than routine maneuvers was going on here. Troops and vehicles move in long lines through the streets and only children wave as they pass. Small boys brag to one another if they throw them a playful stone. British policemen, added by armistice, dressed military police, keep traffic moving without fear of being to the docks, where ships wait to ferry them to France.

De Gaulle Threw Monkey Wrench In Invasion Phase

Refused To Let Several Hundred French Officers Go With Attack
By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—In the final hours before the start of the invasion of France, Gen. Charles de Gaulle is reported here to have suddenly canceled the orders of several hundred French officers scheduled to land with the first waves of Allied troops.

Soviets Within 30 Miles Of Viipuri

LONDON (AP)—Red Army troops have advanced to within 30 miles of the important port of Viipuri, crushing Finnish troops resisting from strongly fortified positions. Moscow announced today and enemy reports said Russian troops were within 30 miles of the White Sea and Gulf of Finland was abate with action.

Japs Admit Attacks On Mariannas

American Navy In Hard Blows
By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Tokyo radio acknowledged today that a "powerful enemy task force" had attacked Japanese bases in and around the Mariannas Islands in a series of operations beginning last Saturday and continuing for three days.

Bombers Keep Up Powerful Assault

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AP)—Fifteen hundred U. S. heavy bombers—the greatest single striking force in air history—attacked France and Germany today in concert with up to 700 American heavies which struck Hungary and Yugoslavia from Italy.

Fight Fiercely To Hold Caen Against Allies

Nazi Attack Follows British Drive 23 Miles Inland
By WES GALLAGHER
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AP)—The Germans have flung four armored divisions into fierce fighting to hold their eastern battle line of Caen, the Allied Command announced tonight, and heavy fighting is raging at Montebourg and Troarn at opposite ends of the 100-mile front with both towns changing hands in the last 24 hours.

Nazis Fear New Attack

LONDON (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 spotted in the Bay of Biscay off southwestern France, near the Spanish coast.

Strike Cut By Invasion

NEW YORK (AP)—The invasion has a profound effect on the life of the nation, it was said today in a report from the War Relocation Authority. The report said that the invasion has cut off the flow of goods and services to the Japanese in the United States.

Troops Fear Home Folk Too Cheerful

By DON WHITEHEAD
WITH AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE (AP)—The high morale of the beachhead landing is past, but everyone is afraid that the troops will be too cheerful at home. The report said that the troops are too happy and that they are not taking the necessary precautions to keep the home front secure.

French Guerrillas Disrupt Nazi Plans

By CHARLES FOLZ
MADRID (AP)—Reports of an underground French resistance today that a methodical, planned effort is being made to disrupt the German invasion. The report said that the French resistance is working to sabotage the German supply lines and to disrupt the German communication system.

Take Italy Junction

By LYNN HEINZELING
ROME (AP)—Fifth Army elements have begun a drive toward the junction of Highway No. 1 and Highway No. 2, a key point in the Italian campaign. The report said that the Fifth Army is making rapid progress and that it is expected to reach the junction of the two highways within a few days.

13 Ships Sunk And 141 Planes Destroyed

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS (AP)—The Navy, posing up the long radio silence usually observed to the Japanese, announced today that 13 Japanese ships and 141 Japanese aircraft had been destroyed. The report said that the Navy is continuing its operations in the Pacific and that it is expected to destroy more Japanese ships and aircraft in the near future.

Allied Landings Deep Within France Reported

PORT HOU, Spain (AP)—Border reports today said the Allies were landing Commandos and Rangers, equipped with jeeps, light tanks and anti-tank guns, on the French coast. The report said that the Allies are making rapid progress and that they are expected to reach the interior of France within a few days.

Supreme Command Announced

It was the old Montgomery tactics 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. A Transcendent broadcast said the Nazis had lost Tilly-sur-Seulles, which several times has changed hands. The German High Command claimed recapture of a number of unidentified localities, and declared Nazi tanks breaking into the beachhead east of the Orne River had inflicted heavy losses on the Allies. The Germans said Allied tank units were being destroyed.

Report Shelling Of Le Havre

LONDON (AP)—The Berlin radio said tonight that "heavy and super heavy Allied naval guns" were shelling Le Havre today. The report said that the Allies are continuing their operations in the French coast and that they are expected to reach the interior of France within a few days.

Imagined Reported Held

It was reported that "imagined" German forces were being held by the Allies. The report said that the Allies are continuing their operations in the French coast and that they are expected to reach the interior of France within a few days.

No American Merchant Seamen Invasion Victims

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AP)—SHIP said today that there was no evidence of a single American merchant seaman being taken prisoner by the Germans. The report said that the Allies are continuing their operations in the French coast and that they are expected to reach the interior of France within a few days.

Weather

Partly cloudy, no temperature change.
Today's Temperatures
5:00 P. M. 72
Sunset 7:00
Summer Time 7:30
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 2.

Battle Front Line-Up

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AP)—The German front line in the Caen area is now held by the 12th SS Panzer Division, the 21st SS Panzer Division, and the 2nd SS Panzer Division. The report said that the Germans are continuing their operations in the French coast and that they are expected to reach the interior of France within a few days.