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Nazi Effort At Escape By Sea Is Foiled

Five of Seven Merchantmen Trying To Leave Port Sunk

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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE — (AP) — British motor torpedo boats smashed a German attempt to flee Cherbourg, sinking evidamaging five of seven merchantmen in a night-running convoy. Supreme Headquarters announced today, as a American spearhead battered to within 2,000 yards—little more than a mile—of the port from the south.

Field dispatches declared German defenses ringing Cherbourg "showed signs of crumbling," and Supreme Headquarters said German resistance at the transatlantic port "might turn into stubborn street fighting."
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The German High Command apparently tried to sness valuable technicians and important material out of Che bourg under cover of darkness last night, but the swift corpedo boats crashed through the protecting German esconships into the center of the convoy.

Two of the seven merchantmen were sunk, and three damaged before the convoy ran for the reduce of the channel islands west of the jutting Charlourg peninsula. The Skritish ships suffered come damage and casualties.

Supreme Headquarters declared the Nazi garrison Cherbourg had been ordered to "fight to the last." Stefighting would delay Allied capture of the great support.

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American troops today widened a breach carved in Cherbourg line by spearhead forces that battered with 2,000 yards of the great port city itself, Associated P. Correspondent Don Whitehead reported this afternoon.

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This thrust from the south drove through the stubb interlaced Naß pillbox defenses to the railroad southeas Octeville on Cherbourg's outskirts. It was strengthen this morning, Whitehead,said, when doughboys knot out one of the enemy's strongest points, by-passed by forward troops.

Octeville lies just southwest of Cherbourg, and Joceville is closer to the city on its southern outsk Whitehead wrote that 1,200 prisoners have betaken in the last 24 hours, and that the Cherbourg in had become a "death trap" for hundreds of Nazis wirefused an Allied ultimatum to surrender and yet forced to fight by German officers holding guastheir backs.

Medium bombers, dive-bombers, artillery and me tars hurled tons of explosives onto German positior and Whitehead; said "the entire froth has broken dow into hard knots of resistance; some of them even hind our own lines," skirted in the doughboy advan Cherbourg's elaborate defenses buckled under the

GERMAN REPORTS

(Berlin radio this morning said after several hours of the same several hours of the same several hours of the same several hours of the were stopped there. It declared 'no less than eight infantry and two tank divisions' had been thrown if the assault.

(The German communique today acknowledged the Americans had captured a number of strong points and several had captured a number of strong points and several had captured a number of strong points and several had captured a number of strong points and several had captured a number of strong points and several had captured a number of strong points and several had captured a number of strong points and several had captured a number of strong points and several had captured and several had several had been several hours of the several had several had several had several had several had been several had been several had been several had several had several had been several had been

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British Knock Out 20 Nazi Tanks In Battle

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