The seaborne troops were led by Gen. Sir Definite Landsmery.

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Expeditionary Force was silent concerning the location for actical reasons.

Reconnaissance pilots said the Allied troops had secured the beaches and were slashing inland, some of them actually running in a swift advance. The unofficial word at head-quarters confirmed this, while the Vichy radio admitted the Allied drive inland was going right ahead.

More than 640 naval guns, ranging from 4 to 16-inch, hurled many tons of shells accurately into the coastal fortifications.

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German naval opposition was confined to destroyers and motor-torpedo boats which Headquarters said succinctly were being "dealt with." The Germans, as expected, blared on their radios all sorts of claims of vast destruction done to Allied fleets and forces, but with no confirmation.

In one defiant gesture, some of the German cross-channel guns opened a sporadic fire on Dover during the afternoon.

Unconfirmed reports said Adolf Hitler was rushing to France to try his intuition against the Allied operation. Presumably Field Marshals Karl Gerd von Rundstedt and Erwin Rommel were directing the defenses from their headquarters in France.

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German accounts through Sweden admitted that steady
streams of Allied troops were continuing to land, particularly
in the vicinity of Arromanches, about midway between Le
Havre and Barfleur, and that tanks were ashore at several
places. They said there was especially bitter fighting at
the mouths of the Orne and Vire Rivers.

The alrborne troops' principal scenes of operations
were placed by the Germans at Caen and Barfleur. The
Germans said the American 25d and 10 lots Parachute
Divisions had landed on the Normandy Peninsula, along
with the American 25d and 100th Airborne Divisions.

They said the British First and Sixth Airborne Divisions were operating in the Seine Bay area. The Germans complained that at some points dummy parachutists were dropped, exploding on touch.

The tenor of their accounts lent support to Prime
Minister Churchill's assertion that "there already are hopes
that actual tactical surprise has been attained" and that
"we hope to furnish the enemy with a succession of surprises during the course of the fighting."

If the Germans were correct about the locations, the
Allied plan apparently was to seize the Cherbourg Peninsula
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The German radio began broadcasting a constant stream of invasion flashes almost as soon as the first troops landed, and continued with extensive reports of the gigantic naval and air bombardments that covered the assault.

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Allied headquarters, however, kept silent until 9:32 A.

M. British time (3:32 A. M., EWT), when the following communique was issued:

"Under the command of Gen. Eisenhower, Allied naval forces supported by strong air forces began landing armies this morning on the northern coast of France."

A high officer explained that Gen. Eisenhower had kept resolutely silent until he was absolutely certain the landings had "taken hold."

It was disclosed that a number of unannounced feints had taken place in the pre-invasion period, so that the Germans would not know when the real blow was coming.

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Warships of both the British and United States Navies, including British and American battleships, hurled chells into the coastal defenses which the Germans have been building for four years. The Germans acknowledged that this fire was tremendous and that it had set the whole bay of the Scine area afire.

The parachutists and glidermen went in after a personal farewell from Gen. Eisenhower. The Germans acid they landed at Caen and made depenetrations at many points, with at least four British parachute divisions employed besides the Americans and Canadians.

Great flotillas of minesweepers led the way to the bagehes for the Allied ground troops, and the sweeping operation alone was described by SHAEF as "the largest in history."

CHANNEL ROUGH

The Channel was rough and there was a shower sain at dawn. At Suprome Headquarters it was stated that the condition of the sea had caused some great anxiety at that the troops had gone ashore, even though many that that the troops had gone ashore, even though many that the the troops had gone ashore, even though many that the Allies had lained at twelve points between the Orne sand-Wire Rivers with the central assault directed at Caen. At the base of the Cherbourg Peninsula. The Germans them selves called Caen the "center of gravity" of the attack seems directed against the most heavily defended section. What success they would meet no one could say with season with the second that the second that the second that the base of the Cherbourg Peninsula. The Germans directed against the most heavily defended section of the French coast and nimed directly at Paris.

The German radio called it "a grand-style operation" both la area and numbers of troops and admit toops "in great depth."

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nuty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than it little victors. The Allied forces had been ready for days, but were awaiting the best moment from the weather standpoint. We have been months and years waiting for this said a senior officer giving correspondents the story at headquarters.

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headquarters.
"Geography made it evident to the Germans as well as us that the shortest way to Europe was across the Channel." I don't know how much tactical surprise we achieved. It is too early to tell."

The Allied officer commented that landing against the fixed defenses of western Europe was a task quite different from that in the Mediterranean and sketched briefly the German defensive plan of underwater barriers, and shore guns.

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Every weapon that has proved its worth since Pearl Harbor was in the hands of the fighting men of the United Nations.

Mental Warfare Hits New Peak Against Nazis

Against Nazis

By E. D. Ball.

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Nazi Story Of Invasion

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F. R. Writes Victory Prayer (Continued from Page One)

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The text of the prayer Mr.
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for publication later in the day.

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