# YANKS SMASH 18 MILES INLAND IN MIDDLE OF FRENCH FRO

### Tremendous Air Pressure Germans

More Than 7,000 Planes Pound Nazi Lines During The Morning

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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—(AP)—American heavy bombers and
streams of lighter craft pumped a steady hail of bombs and i
lead into German defenses today in the greatest aerial blows
to date supporting the French invasion.

Flying in fine weather, the Allied air forces by neon i
had run up more sorties than all day yesterday—when d
7,000 planes shammed the Germans from davn—after
a night in which RAP bombers pounded four key rail centters in France and went to Berlim—heavies, mediums,
lights, fighter-bombers and fighters rared over the battle.

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### Battle Often Turns On Little Things

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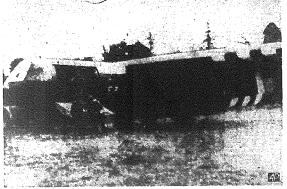
#### WEATHER

### Fifth Army Racing Up West Coast

71 Miles Northwest Of Rome

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ROME — (AP) — Fifth
Army troops have occupied
Montefiascone, an important
road junction near the shores
of Lake Bolsoma, and other
columns pushing along the
Italian west coast are approaching Orbetello, 71 miles
morthwest of Rome, Allied
Headquarters announced today.

### Nazis No Match For Americans In Air





YANKS WADE THROUGH FLOODED FRENCH FIELD—American troops more inland in Fr ding through a field flooded by the Germans in a futtle attempt to prevent glader landings in su the beaching-all invasions. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radiophoto.)

## Against Caen Against Finland

# Allies Move | Reds Open Drive

### Food Production

### Deepest Dent Yet Pushed In Germans' Line

#### Nazis Concede Loss Of Carentan: Caen Threatened By Encirclement

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—(AP)—Field dispatches stated that Carentan had been occupied by American troops.

By JAMES M. LONG

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—(AP)—American troops have driven eighteen miles inland in the middle of the Normandy beachhead, capturing the whole forest of Cerisy, and the German High Command said today the strategic stronghold of Carentan had fallen to U.S. forces.

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Headquarters did not confirm the fall of Carentan, guarding the narrowest neck of Cherbourg Peninsula, but said Americans were within fourteen miles of Cherbourg itself from the southeast, and had punched halfway across the cape, threatening to seal off the tip. The Germans said Carentan, whose floodgates control the main peninsular water defense system, was evacuated in order to continue a stand on ground less exposed, to Allied naval guns.

German broadcasts said Caen, castern bastion of the 60-mile long front, was menaced by encirclement—with British troops slashing nine miles east of the city.

A front dispatch today said Caen had not yet been captured, although "a considerable German force has been brought to battle and hit hard." Another story dated Sunday declared Allied troops pressed within a few miles of Caen "after blasting the Germans out of the town" late Friday. This suggested the Nazis had pulled back at least the main part of their armored force from the city.

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The doughbays were cracking the Cherbourg Pennisula line in the center, and a Berlin broadcast reported seaborne forces had landed at St. Vaast La Hogue, fifteen miles cast of Cherbourg port.

In the widening hole in the center of the beachhead to the southeast, Berlin said British formations were concentrating in the Balleroy area, twelve miles inland, flanking Cerisy forest to the cast, thus in position to aid the American drive on St. Lo.

Headouarters said the beachhead front now had been lengthened to 60 miles, and said the German command had been forced to throw in reserves piecemeal, sapping potential strength from his anticipated major counter-attack. Tilly Sur Sculles area southeast of Bayeux, and there were strong indications the Allies had lost the town of Tilly itself, twelve miles inland, although still occupying high ground around it. Heavy fighting raged in this sector seven miles below Bayeux.

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Despite the battling there and the hard fight around Caen, headquarters described the general situation as "better than satisfactory."
Cerisy forest was used as one of the greatest ammunition and fuel dumps in western France by the Germans, and had repeatedly been bombled. Headquarters declared fally that a Nazi report of fightine for St. Lo itself was not true.
Allied planes battered ficreely at the Germans, flying See AMERICAN on page 5

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