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Red Army Drives U.S. Bombs Ready For To Threshold Of Port Of Viipuri

Fortress At Mouth Of Bay Captured By Surging Russian Forces

By HÉNRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW—(AP)—Soviet field dispatches declared to
that the Red Army had smashed forward to the threshof Vilpuri, key city in southern Finland, after breaking
Mannerheim Line and capturing Koivista Fortress at

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WEATHER

Ahead On Saipan

Donald Nelson Gives Reconversion Views

Rained On Calais Area

Heavy Bombers Make Strike

By GLADWIN HILL

War Supply Bill Backed



Churchill Talks Of Early Victory

Finn Envoy Is Praised

Nazi Rocket Bomb Assaults Continue

Yankee Forces Only 8 Miles From City Now

Corridor Cut Through Peninsula Widened By Twice Its Size

By WES GALLAGHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDI-TIONARY FORCE—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American troops squeezed within eight miles of Cherbourg today and shelled the strategic port with their big guns

tonight.

Steadily strengthening their hold all across the peninsula the Yankees turned back a single desperate German attack to break out of the trap, struck out both north and south to widen their cordon and captured Bricquebec, only eleven miles south of the southern edge of Cherbourg.

CORRIDOR'S SIZE DOUBLED

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Dispatches from Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st. Army Group headquarters said as many as 50,000 Germans may have been caught in the Cherbourg net. The Nazi atempt to break out was made at a point about thirteen miles due south of the port.

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The New The Statem flank of the 116-mile Normandy front. Gen frees battled into the northern end of shelten Tilly-sur-Sculles, with the Germans still holding in the Southern art of the town between Bayeux and Caen. PLAN "THE NEXT STEP"

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's troops, laying siege to Cherbourg after thrusting a seven-mile-wide corridor clean across the peninsula, now are building up strength for "the next step." Supreme Headquarters said.

German guns laid a heavier shell barrage on Americanheld Carentan, stronghold near the eastern base of Cherbourg Peninsula.

Other Americans on the northeastern end of the line choking off Cherbourg fought toward the port from the Montebourg area, fourteen miles to the southeast.

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(Berlin radio said U. S. forces had made a "slight advance in the direction of Valognes." ten miles southeast of Cherbourz, indicating the German stronghold of Montebourz possibly is being by-passed.)

Local advances were scored on other sectors of the beachiead, headquarters said.

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BROADEN CORRIDOR

The Americans quickly broadened the corridor flung across Cherbourg Peninsula.

The trapped Germans appeared to have the choice of fighting to the death or surrendering.

The spearhead of General Bradley's spectacular drive to capture this big port, developed by Napoleon, was the U.S. Ninth Division. Capture of a French naval base would be an old story for this division, for the Ninth broke through German defenses to take Bizertie, Tunisis, thirteen months ago under Maj, Gen. Manton S. Eddy.

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toward La Haye Du Puits, big road junction seven miles
south of St. Sauveur Le Vicomte, into what appeared to be
mother tran for one American trans-peninsular spearhead
has been within four miles of La Haye for several days.

If this spearhead takes the town of La Haye, the
Germans in that area will be in another pocket—between St. Lo D'Ourville and the Atlantic coast.

A third American column under Bradley's command
struck south of Lison to within six miles of St. Lo, important rail and highway junction in the Vire River valley, 42
in miles south of Cherbourg.
WONTY "PUNCH AIMED
All along the rest of the beachhead front there were
risk small actions as Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery,
Allied ground commander, built up his forces for a typical
"Monty" punch backed up by thousands of big guns.

Evach areas were quiet, with the wind at "force two,"

mbading of men and materiel proceeded at a rapid rate. One officer returning to Britain said that it was quiest the lines on the beachhead than in southern England, with Germans sent over hundreds of rocket bombs, as consulties and damage, particularly among the But in datas of incessant bombardment with the weapon, the Germans had failed to halt the dischof a single beacht and the German in force virtually incapency of the beacht and such the German air force virtually incapency of the single process of the single process of the beacht and such the German air force virtually incapency of the single process o

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