

Great U. S. Air Armada In Assault

Hits Calais Area & German Points

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.—(AP)—More than 1,500 American heavy bombers, possibly the greatest force in history, today simultaneously attacked rocket bomb platforms in the Pas-de-Calais and an array of objectives in central Germany ranging from oil refineries to airplane and tank plants.

The giant armada equaled if it did not surpass that sent out last Wednesday to attack French airfields, bridges and the Emmerich oil refinery in Germany.

With its big fighter escort, the entire sky fleet totalled upward of 2,000 planes.

The heavy bombers blasted concrete oil plants and oil refineries around Hannover, Hamburg, Magdeburg, and Paderborn, a tank depot near Muenster, and an airplane wing repair and parts plant near Brunswick.

AIR BATTLES
The Germans reported the American fleet was attacked by large formations of fighters and that heavy air battles were fought. Stockholm reported 36 of the heavy bombers made forced landings in the Baltic sea.

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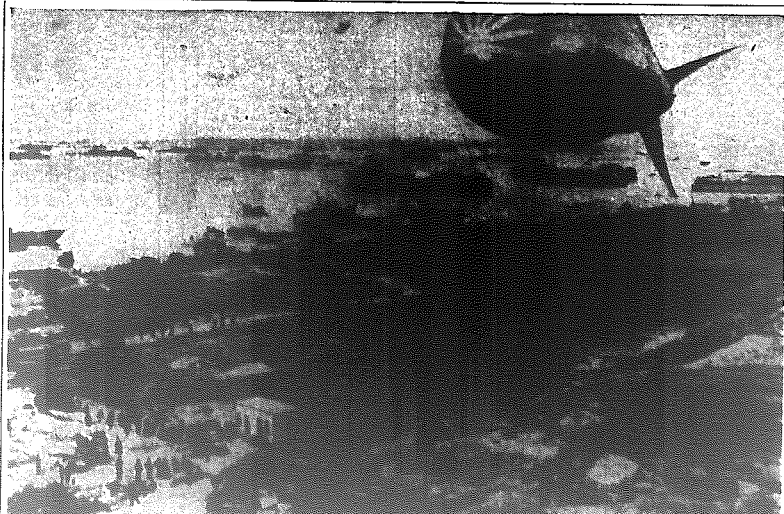
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ALLIED REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPLIES POUR INTO FRANCE—This striking picture shows extensive activities on an Allied beachhead in Normandy where reinforcements and supplies are pouring ashore to keep troops in action at the front in France. Ships, heavily laden with supplies, stand off shore, and the waiting vessels of all types move in scattered directions on the beach. Barrage balloons hover over the beach and the waiting vessels. A battered German pillbox in left foreground stands as reminder of the bitter fighting that took place there when the troops first landed. (AP Wirephoto).

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