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Mighty American Forces Eager And Ready To Meet Challenge

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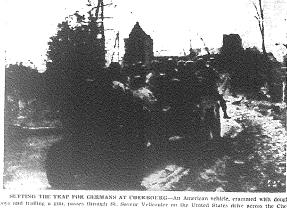
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Striking Deep Into Germany

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Fall Of Port **Expected At** Any Moment

Tremendous American Offensive Crashes Through Suburbs

By WES GALLAGHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE — (AP) — American troops smashed within 1,500 yards—less than a mile—of Chebourg's water-front today, driving between two fortress bastions under cover of air and artillery bombardment.

The fall of the great supply port seemed only a matter of hours tonight.

The piledriver offensive crashed through the suburbs the piledriver offensive crashed through the inland road between Fort Du Roule and Fort Detectville, Nazi strong-points schuddering under bombs asswell as leaflets calling on the trapped Nazis to surrender.

TRY TO CRIPPLE PORT

Nati demolition squads worked feverishly to cripple the port—through which the Allies could pour a flood of men and supplies into Normandy.

Another force rolling the trapped Germans back, on the left flank seized Acqueville, at the base of Cape De la Hague, the land finger juiting northwest of Chetbourg and possibly offering a chance of escape by sea.

Troops on the right flank advanced beyond Valognes, and Supreme Headquarters declared "good progress" was made toward the prize harbor today.

Supported by powerful artillery and sir bombardment, veteran American troops assaulted Fort Du Roule, within a mile of Cherbourg's docks, and Fort Octeville, bastion two miles in front of the military harbor area, blasted by Nazi demolitions.

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LAST-DITCH DEFENSE

The Germans staged a last ditch defense in these strongpoints, and fighting was reported in the built-up suburban section of France's third greatest port.

Acqueville on the flank is four miles southwest of the port, and only eleven from the tip of the Cape De La Hague. The American advance also captured Teurtheville-Hague itwo miles south of Acqueville.

Heavy fighting was reported in the Tilly-Sur-Sculles area near the center of the front, and an American spearhead to the west had pushed within two miles of St. Lo. communications hub of Normandy.

The assault upon the two forts at Cherbourg sprang forward from St. Martin Le-Greard, four miles south of the port.

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Nazis' Secret Weapon

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