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GERMANS BRING UP RESERVES AS BRITISH BRIDGEHEAD

Call Men Up In Effort To Stop Invaders

Hot Fighting Rages Close To City Limits Of Caen

By WES GALLAGHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—(AP)—Increasingly heavy fighting raged at La Bude, 2 1/2 miles north of Caen's city limits in Normandy today. Supreme Headquarters announced, and reconnaissance reports indicated the German High Command was bringing strategic reserves from Germany to support the faltering Nazi defense.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British widened their bridgehead across the Odon River and seized important high ground overlooking the battle area around Esquay, four to six miles southwest of Caen, in an encircling maneuver. The Germans were reported already to have thrown most of their 15th and 17th Armies into the struggle centering around the eastern end of the Allied bridgehead.

BARRAGE OPENED
A typical Montgomery barrage from hundreds of guns, coupled with Allied aerial sweeps, smashed at German reserves trying to reach the battle zone. British heavy bombers overnight struck at Metz, a choke point for German strategic reserves moving westward from the Reich.

Incomplete reports of today's air activities showed at least 44 German fighters destroyed in unusually fierce air battles over France and Germany today. About 200 German fighters appeared over cloud-spotted battle areas.

But enemy air support was coming from air bases driven back 100 miles by Allied warplanes.

The Supreme Command, in a morning announcement, said "it is to be expected the Germans will make a co-ordinated major counter-thrust."

Marshal Von Rundstedt apparently had become convinced, at last, that the big Allied effort is coming from the present beachhead.

With the Americans around Cherbourg having wiped out all resistance except at a six-to-seven mile tip of Cap De La Hague northwest of the port, the Allies were holding approximately 110 square miles of French territory, and a coastline of 125 miles.

German prisoners in the hands of the Americans taken since D-Day had mounted to 30,000, and a headquarters announcement said Nazi tanks destroyed or disabled since the invasion now totaled 292.

Of these 121 were completely destroyed. These figures did not include late battle reports of the past few hours when heavy tank fighting was taking place around Caen.

Vanguard elements of the British 1st Army, today, were 20 to 30 tanks, about 8,000 troops and 280 military trucks. These troops were being supplied by air at night.

But a fort a mile off the Cherbourg harbor on Ile Pelee had given up.

Gen. Montgomery's men had smashed nine counter-attacks in 24 hours and widened their breach in the enemy's lines southwest of Caen.

(The German communiqué said the British were attacking on a 17-mile front and had achieved a minor breakthrough in the bushy terrain southwest of Caen. One German tank formation destroyed 53 Allied tanks, the communiqué declared. The Germans' Hitler Youth 12th Tank

Russians Push Nazis Back In Minsk Drive

Fast-Moving Reds Within 37 Miles Of White Russian Capital

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW—(AP)—Soviet armies converging on Minsk drove within 37 miles of the White Russian capital today, pushing the Germans swiftly back over the same road to Warsaw and Berlin which Napoleon followed in his disastrous retreat from Moscow.

Like a later crusade, the Red Army, headed for Minsk, is sweeping up the last remnants of the German army in a drive for the second phase of the offensive. The "White Russian" front, which was formed by the remnants of the German army, is being pushed back to the east of Minsk.

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1,000 U.S. Bombers Hit In Germany

Fighters Support Normandy Battle

By GLADWIN BILL

LONDON—(AP)—A fleet of 1,000 American heavy bombers smashed four aircraft producing centers, an oil refinery and other targets deep within Germany today while swarms of Allied fighters supported the Normandy battle.

A Supreme Headquarters announcement said that at least 400 fighters were shot down in the battle area. The number of fighters shot down was not disclosed.

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Casualties At 251,158

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American casualties in the war including the first two weeks of battle in Normandy, total 251,158, the War Department announced today. The total includes 100,000 killed, 100,000 wounded, 25,000 missing and 26,158 prisoners. These figures, explained, did not include casualties in France because estimates of casualties from individual units transmitted from the field to the War Department lagged behind actual events.

To be added to them, however, was the report of Supreme Allied Headquarters that during the first two weeks of fighting in France American casualties totaled 24,000 killed, 12,000 wounded and 2,000 missing.

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Yanks Roar On In Italy

By NOLAN NORGAARD

ROME—(AP)—Along a highway littered with enemy dead and abandoned equipment, American troops of the Fifth Army moved forward another five miles today in the final phase of the drive to capture the town of Cassino, only 25 miles from Livorno, a key rail and communication center 31 miles south of Florence.

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Candidate Dewey Meets The Press

By CHICAGO

CHICAGO—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey told what he called the "world's biggest" press conference today that he hopes to confer with all of the nation's Republican leaders, including Wendell L. Willkie, on Presidential campaign plans.

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Saipan Move Alarms Japs

By NEW YORK

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Tokyo radio told the Japanese people today that the United States thrust into Saipan Island in the Marianas coupled with other American offensive gestures over a wide area in the Pacific, had brought the war to a "very serious stage."

"We, the 100,000,000 people of Japan, must realize now, if ever, that the outcome of the battle of the Marianas will exert a very serious influence upon the future war situation," said the broadcast, reported by the Office of War Information.

"This is an offensive in which the enemy is expected to make sacrifices, and even though there are many times when we are struck by the enemy's bombs, we must not be discouraged by the enemy's attacks. We must continue to fight with determination and courage until the day of our final victory."

General Warns Fishermen

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Montgomery's Guns In Mighty Barrage

By ROGER D. GREENE

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By EDWIN SHANKS

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By H. P. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS

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