

Key Leads PT Fleet In Invasion

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Representing the Combined
Fleet in Invasion

WITH THE U. S. MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT TAKE POWERS OFF NORMANDY, JULY 21 (Delayed)

(AP)—Lt. Comdr. John D. Bulkeley, who fought "Duke's" little boats in the Pacific, took a striking role in the invasion of Europe. He commanded the flag boat of a fleet of the U. S. Navy's "torpedo patrol" force spearheading today's western invasion.

For 24 blurtly hours before the Allied Naval bombardment burst upon the dark and brooding French coast this morning, we glimpsed the great fleet of a hundred-odd minesweepers clearing the way for the multiple lanes of invasion craft plying behind us.

Bulkeley was here of the Philippine fighting, and took Gen. Douglas MacArthur away from the islands when the Japanese were closing in on Corregidor.

All night long we swept up and down the beach approaches with our shooting distance of the Germans. Late yesterday in broad daylight we swung towards Cherbourg Peninsula, our invasion fleet stretching out for endless miles.

NO FIRE DRAWN
Not a shot was fired at us since leaving our embarkation port yesterday we have not seen any German air or surface craft. The only thing German we spotted were eight mines which our gunners dispatched.

It is inconceivable that the Germans failed to spy out this vast channel traffic—oil lines of craft, big and small, some moving eight columns abreast and more than 10 miles long.

From the lurching deck of the PT boat status, I watched the first broadside buried shoreward at dawn this morning to jar open the Western Front. In minutes, the

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Yanks Take Biak Field

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea—(AP)—Mokmer, island, wrested from the Japanese on Biak Island, was in American hands today, a proud feat against the Philippines.

The coastal coral strip, Allied forces landed on the island of Northern Dutch New Guinea yesterday at 11 A. M.

A Yank column, battling its way toward down the island side toward the invasion village of Boppek, stormed Japanese positions from behind and took the field.

HEAD TO OTHER STRIPS
When the force continued west toward Biak, two other landing strips, Boppek, an inland from two miles away, and Sorido, a coastal field here and a half mile distant.

Another American column striking the coast had been halted five miles east of Mokmer. Southwest Pacific Headquarters announced that this Japanese strip was widely encircled by the inland column which struck from the rear to take Mokmer.

"Surprise was thereby attained and the Japanese forces were routed with light losses to ourselves," the communique declared.

"Our naval and air forces operated in full and close cooperation."

From Mokmer and other air fields which readily may be constructed on the flat low land of southeastern two-thirds of Biak Island, Fifth Air Force fighters are being sent to Western Dutch New Guinea and strike at Palau, 500 miles away. Bombers could range far into the Eastern Indies and to the Philippines, only 880 miles distant.

On August 15, the island in the Solomon, the Empress Augusta Bay beachhead was expanded for the third time within a week.

On June 2 ground forces established themselves at the mouth of the Tekiki River, 18 miles south of Cape Torokina, the original beachhead. Occupation of the Jaba River mouth between the Tekiki and Torokina was announced June 5.

Today General Douglas MacArthur's command reported that the Tekiki River force had been expanded south along the coast to occupy Mewanan village, commanding the Tekiki River mouth.

County "TB" Body To Meet
A meeting of the Mecklenburg Tuberculosis Association, which was organized here recently, will be held in the commissioners' rooms at the County Courthouse tonight at 8 for the purpose of appointing members of the board of directors and officials for the new organization, according to Miss Ruth Harris, executive secretary of the Association.

Miss Harris explained that the board announced last week did not include any members, and that the complete listing of members will be released later. Further details organization will be discussed also.

Dr. W. Ross Cameron, city health officer, will be the principal speaker. He will use as his topic the place of the Tuberculosis Association in the tuberculosis program.

The local association was formed from the Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis Committee, which is a project of the Charlotte Woman's Club.

Wounded U. S. Soldiers Use Pay To Buy Bonds
NEW YORK—Wounded American soldiers repatriated on the exchange liner Gripsholm collected their accumulated back pay at Halloran Hospital yesterday but it didn't stay in their pockets long.

Fifteen of the 49 wounded men bought more than \$4,000 in war bonds within four hours.

GRATITUDE
D-Day was the most critical day of our generation. We are deeply indebted to the press, radio and newsreels which, since the beginning of the invasion, have kept us fully informed as to the movements of the Allied forces.

This, the greatest achievement in the gathering and dissemination of information ever recorded, makes us realize what our men faced when they landed, and more fully understand the depth of our obligation as individuals and organizations in backing up our armed forces.

Our prayers are with all who are participating in the liberation of Europe, and our sympathy goes out to the families of those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

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Mississippi In 'Revolt'

By JACK BELL
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The South hoisted new Democratic storm signals today with Mississippi joining the ranks of states determined to instruct the party to a stand for "white supremacy" and Georgia Democrats barring Negroes from their July 4 party.

Following almost exactly a pattern set previously by Texas Democrats, the anti-Administration controlled Mississippi convention voted yesterday to instruct the party's 12 electors in the state to reject the Democratic Presidential nominee unless the national convention meets certain demands.

These demands, as outlined in resolutions adopted by the convention, were strongly reminiscent of those previously approved by Texas and South Carolina conventions. They included opposition to anti-poll tax and racial equality plank in the platform. The resolutions also urged "a return of state's rights" and the restoration of the two-thirds nominating rule for national conventions.

The regular Texas Democratic convention previously had instructed that state's electors not to support the party nominee unless similar demands were fulfilled by the convention. South Carolina Democrats took the same course, except that they delayed the choosing electors until after the national convention acts on the platform.

Because it seems obviously unlikely that the convention will restore the two-thirds rule, the action by the three states threatened to shift from the regular Democratic nominee a bloc of electoral votes in areas where he virtually was assured of a large popular majority.

The Georgia group held that the supreme court's opinion opening Texas Democratic primary to Negroes does not affect Georgia because the latter's election rules are party-made and not set by statute.

Howard Biggers, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Biggers of Providence Rd., was a member of the McCallie tennis squad, which won two championships during the past year. Johnnie Jones, son of Mr. A. H. Owens of 309 E. Park Ave., was elected to the Student Council for the coming year.

Eisenhower At The Front

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower and Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, commander of Allied naval forces, interrupted a four-and-a-half-hour cruise off the French invasion beaches yesterday. Eisenhower returned to the beach at a handful of 1000-odd drifting soldiers. It was learned today.

On the way to their shipboard conference with operational commanders, Eisenhower and Ramsay were informed that a landing bag had been sighted lurking helplessly at one side of the conveyer.

The men aboard signaled that Eisenhower they needed help. The supreme commander left an English coastal town to attend the meeting only 24 hours after the early landing operations. At one point the conference was curtailed on within five miles of enemy beach. Eisenhower felt he could thereby get better communications.

A fine stage of the cruise there was highly room on the deck for the clustered generals and admirals to pass each other.

As Montgomery, in corduroy trousers and a fleece-lined jacket, bobbed away from the side of the ship in his launch at the end of the session a lieutenant had to break up the ground of sailors crowding the rail. Eisenhower returned, stuck up his thumb and called after Montgomery:

"Good luck to you."

The supreme commander showed satisfaction at the result of his conference on his return. Early in the landing operations he had informed newsmen that he planned such a visit.

Eisenhower also had an historic conference Sunday night with Prime Minister Churchill, Gen. Charles de Gaulle, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Prime Minister Winston Churchill Smuts of the Union of South Africa. He subsequently reported complete agreement was reached on military matters with the French.

It was not disclosed how much of the touchy zone of transitional administration of liberated territories was included in "military matters."

There are 2,000 miles of unpaved vehicular roads suitable for automobile travel in Alaska.

Death Claims T. C. Furr

Tillous Grove Furr, 75, died at 9:30 A. M. today at his home in Midland after an illness of three years.

Mr. Furr was a member of the Mill Grove Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nettie Furr, five daughters, Mrs. Gladys Green and Mrs. Lee Perry of Midland, Mrs. Edith Thomas of Concord, Mrs. Mac Hagler of Monroe, and Mrs. Louey Baker of Raleigh; eight sons, Floyd Furr of Monroeville, O. B. Furr and Clifford Furr of Midland, Juddy Furr of Charlotte, Leonard Furr, Johnson Furr, Norman Furr, and E. K. Furr, all in the armed forces; a sister, Mrs. Bob Swearingen of Fairview; and a brother, J. F. Furr of Midland.

Funeral plans are incomplete.

Purchases Of Trucks Approved

War Production Board certificates authorizing purchase of 116 motor trucking units by Western North Carolina operators were issued by the allocation officer here from May 6 to 24, inclusive, according to a report today. Fifteen certificates were issued to Charlotte operators, including authorizations for the Queen City Coach Co. to buy eight trucks, Champion Paper & Pulp Co. of Canton received authority to buy seventeen units.

School Teachers To Get Pay

RALEIGH—(AP)—The State Board of Education today temporarily postponed a proposal to increase the salaries of employees of the Department of Public Instruction and the Controller's Office, and voted to distribute approximately \$400,000 in salary revisions to building principals and teachers.

The increases, amounting to \$1 a month for each teacher and \$100 in salary revisions to building principals, are retroactive to last July.

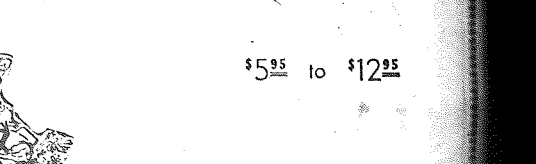
Authority for the increased pay is granted in the 1945-46 State Budget.

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