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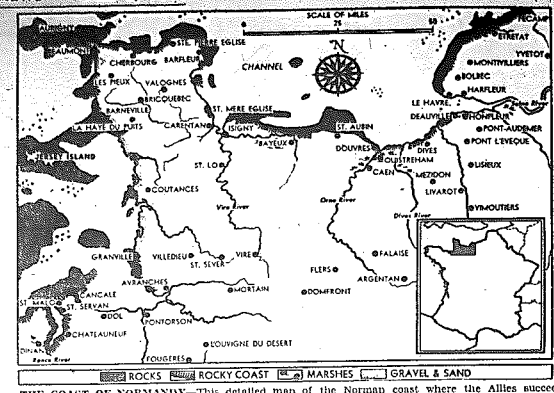


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THE COAST OF NORMANDY—This detailed map of the Norman coast where the Allies succeeded in their first attacks on Fortress Europe shows most of the points mentioned in the French Committee of National Liberation.

First Division Lives Up To Great Tradition

LONDON.—The men of the U. S. First Infantry Division and the British Fifteenth Airborne Division who spearheaded the Allied invasion from the sea into France today are living up to their great traditions of gallantry.

Fighting in the van was no new experience for these troops. It has been their custom to lead the way. Headquarters has officially announced both now have made excellent progress on the fields of France after smashing German counter-attacks.

These troops the two divisions have fought side by side. They did it before in the deserts of North Africa and then in the mountains of Sicily. The First Infantry Division formerly was part of the American Fifth Army and the North Mountain part of the British Eighth Army.

On the whole most of the boys in the First came from the East. Hundreds of them from Brooklyn, but it has had so many volunteers it now is an all-American outfit.

The North Mountain Division consists of sturdy fighters from the wind-swept fescue hills of the White Sulphur Springs of West Virginia. The German broadcast called them the "Masters of the Mountains" and the Normandy High Command had named these Allied formations as participating in the Normandy Battle of the Exstuary and East Coast. It is the First, Fourth and 29th Infantry Divisions and the 506th Parachute Regiment.

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Bomb Hits Jap Cruiser

By MURLIN SPENCER
ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea.—(AP)—American air power again has stung the Japanese Navy in its highly vulnerable cruiser-destroyer department. Southwest Pacific Headquarters reported today.

Liberator bombers, gunning their way through an enemy fighter screen, dropped two 500-pound bombs with damaging effect near the bow of a Japanese cruiser in Wapitani Bay, Waigeo Island, northwest of Dutch New Guinea, on Tuesday.

Twelve enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempted interception. The Liberator formation damaged one, probably destroying it. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced last Tuesday that night air patrols sank an enemy destroyer near Halmahera. The Liberator formation also sank a Japanese submarine in the same area.

T. B. Assn. Organizes
Plans details of organization of the Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis Health Association were completed last night at a meeting at the County Courthouse.

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Mulberry-Scout Board Will Gather Tonight
There will be a Mulberry Scout Board at 8:00 p. m. at the Mulberry Community House, 210 N. Trade Street. Scout executive, announced today, L. F. Camp, chairman, will preside.

Brown To Head Board

Dr. C. K. Brown, senior member of the County Civil Service Board and Davidson College professor, is slated to be elected chairman of the Civil Service Board next month, succeeding Victor Shaw, who presided for the last time yesterday afternoon before retiring from the board.

At the meeting next month S. Casper Chandler, prominent insurance man, will be sworn in as the board's newest member, succeeding Mr. Shaw. Mr. Chandler, like other members of the board, was appointed by Resident Superior Court Judge William H. Bobbitt. While Mr. Chandler was appointed in March, he said he could not take office before July because he will be foreman of the Grand Jury until July 1.

The other member of the board is A. L. Paul, sporting goods dealer, who probably will be elected vice-chairman. Mr. Chandler probably will be elected secretary, succeeded by Mr. Paul.

The Civil Service Board is the ruling power of the County Police Department. Members are appointed by the resident judge of Superior Court for staggered terms and may not succeed themselves.

ANDROMEDA FARTHEST YOU SEE

The nebula in Andromeda is the remotest object in the heavens that can be seen with the naked eye. It lies at a distance of 900,000 light years, about 6,000,000,000 miles.

Rommel Aided By Weather As He Prepares All-Out Counter-Blow

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

We are at a difficult and dangerous stage of the invasion of Cherbourg peninsula. The superb Allied forces already landed are being held up by the weather. We are not, as I see it, in a position to take the initial drive as we would have been with smooth seas and fair weather. We are not, as I see it, in a position to take the initial drive as we would have been with smooth seas and fair weather.

MacKenzie writes: "The main defenses of that Atlantic Wall are not, as a lot of people seem to think, on the sea shore. They are well inland and the Allied high command has said they are formidable."

The great port of Cherbourg — one of the world's finest — would be a Godsend to the Allies right now, and the signs are that they are aiming at its early capture. If we can get Cherbourg and isolate the peninsula we shall indeed be sitting pretty.

Here enters the element of time in a big way. The Allies will have to move fast in order to get set for the Nazi attack which will come as soon as Rommel can figure out just what he's up against. It's vastly to our advantage that he's bedeviled by the fact that the Allies are capable of flinging armies

elsewhere. He dare not concentrate all his strength on anything like it, on any one point under such conditions. The Germans say—and I see no reason to challenge their word—that several big Allied invasion fleets are ready to sail from various points in the British Isles. Some of them may be intended to feed the Cherbourg operation. Or they may be set for new amphibious assaults. That's the big worry of the Hitlerites right now.

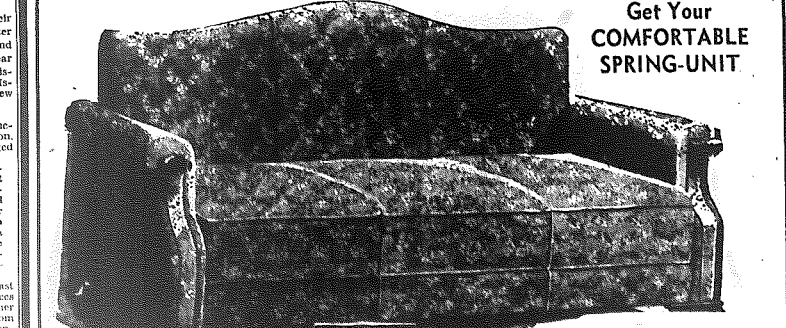
These early days of the invasion are the ones on which Hitler is gambling to produce a fluke which may give him a negotiated peace instead of unconditional surrender. He knows that, barring some freak of fortune, he already is beaten. This is his last long-shot gamble.

Coin Collectors Have Meeting

The Charlotte Coin Club held a meeting last night at the Myers Park Club and displayed its collection of old and unusual coins. Dr. Conway Bolt of Asheville and George Wilson of Virginia were among collectors present at the affair.

Other exhibitors present were Carson Conder, Fred Ehlers, J. Lindsey Stacey, Dr. Bolt and Dr. Walton. Members of the Myers Park Club were invited.

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