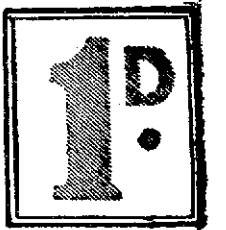




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INVASION!

Allies Chase Nazis Across River Tiber In Italy Advance

King Transfers Royal Powers To Crown Prince Umberto

The victorious Allied armies pursued the beaten remnants of the Wehrmacht across the River Tiber and up the main highways to the north yesterday after completing the occupation of Rome.

Some 500 heavy bombers joined lighter planes in smashing the enemy's escape routes and communication lines north of the capital. A Reuter correspondent reported that the Nazis' jammed convoys are paying a fearful price 50 or 60 miles north of Rome."

The Germans fled so fast that the Allied ground forces apparently could not keep in contact with them and no important fighting was reported during the day. They could not outdistance the Allied Air Force, however, and the planes destroyed 1,200 enemy vehicles on roads to the north.

In accordance with the proclamation he issued last April King Victor Emmanuel of Italy yesterday signed over his royal powers to the Crown Prince Umberto, who will take over office as lieutenant general of the realm. It was stated that King Victor had not abdicated.

Meanwhile, Gen. Hums of the Allied Military Government announced that a preliminary inspection of the city indicated that Rome, generally speaking, is in excellent condition. There is no damage apart from that to water mains and the telephone system, but this may be repaired in a short time."

The Germans fled from Rome without offering any serious resistance—only a few rearward actions and sniper nests met the Fifth Army forces which occupied the city—and thus the cultural and religious monuments and the historic buildings themselves were spared.

In the absence of a comprehensive statement from Allied headquarters—"troops of the Fifth Army occupied Rome on the night of June 4. Leading elements have passed through the city and are now across the Tiber at some places," was all the communique had to say. The best account of the military situation was contained in a statement issued by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army in Rome.

"It is a great day for the Fifth Army," Clark said, according to Naples Radio.

"We have destroyed parts of two German armies, the 10th and the 14th, and I doubt if the 14th is any longer capable of fighting. We have taken 20,000 prisoners, wrecked the German armies and have captured and destroyed untold quantities of enemy battle equipment."

In the same statement, Clark was quoted by a Columbia Broadcasting System Reporter as saying "We are well across the Tiber. We have almost no contact with the Germans at the moment. We do not know how many Germans are trapped in the coastal area—probably a few hundred."

Clark told Rome civic representatives he was pleased with the condition of the city, both regarding the public utilities and the city's clean appearance.

His statement paid tribute to the
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Luncheon For Johnston

MOSCOW (AP)—A formal luncheon in honor of Eric Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, was given last week by M. Mikoyan, commissar for foreign trade. U.S. Ambassador Averill Harriman attended.

Aviation Output Exceeded Goal By 2 Pct. in May

Heavy Bombers 'Most We Ever Got in a Month,' WPB Chief Reports

WASHINGTON—Aircraft production in May totaled 8,902 planes, 2 per cent better than the goal set for the month, Charles E. Wilson, WPB vice-chairman, disclosed yesterday, asserting at the same time that heavy bomber output was "the most we ever got in a month."

Every bomber plant met or exceeded its schedule, Wilson said, announcing that heavy bomber output for several months has been "substantially" greater than the 1,000 four-engined craft produced in January. B29 super-Fortresses were included in the total, he said.

The May output of 8,902 planes compared with the March peak of 9,118 planes. Nevertheless, Wilson said, in terms of air frame weight a new high was reached last month with a total of 104,000,000 pounds.

Wilson disclosed that three plants would soon cease production of Liberators to concentrate on other work.

Open Biak Drive For 3 Airfields

After being halted for five days, American forces on Biak Island, in the Schouten group, have launched a new drive for its three vital Jap airfields, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique announced yesterday.

Two columns were reported advancing slowly along the coast toward Mokmer airfield, nearest of the objectives. The pathway has been cleared of Jap snipers and mortar crews, who previously dominated the area by firing down from ridges overlooking the area.

In far-flung air battles over Biak and Babo, in Dutch New Guinea and Truk, Americans shot down 30 enemy planes.

Meantime, unescorted Liberators struck anew on Truk, dropping 36 tons of bombs on Dublin Island.

For the fifth straight day, American Navy planes battered the Kuriles Friday.

ALLIES LAND IN FRANCE

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force announced this morning that Allied naval forces, supported by Allied air forces, began landing Allied armies this morning on the northern coast of France.

The official communique states—

"Under the command of General Eisenhower, Allied naval forces, supported by strong air forces, began landing Allied armies this morning on the northern coast of France."

The communique was issued by Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, and was marked Communique No. 1.

Gen. Eisenhower's order to the troops stated:

"You are about to embark upon the great crusade towards which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you."

Before the assaulting troops embarked, each man was handed a copy of the Order of the Day from Gen. Eisenhower.

'Paratroops Dropped'

German Overseas News Agency said this morning that the "long expected invasion" of Western Europe "appears to have begun."

"Early this morning numerous landing craft and light warships were observed in the area between the mouth of the Seine and the eastern coast of Normandy. At the same time, paratroops were dropped from numerous aircraft on the northern tip of the Normandy peninsula," the report added.

'Le Havre Being Shelled'

The announcement also stated that the harbor of Le Havre was being exposed to a fierce bombardment.

Later, another German News Agency reported that "D-day has dawned—the invasion has begun," but added that "it remains to be seen whether this landing attempt marks the beginning of the great invasion."

"It is quite possible," the announcement continued, "that the enemy is planning a feint or else a holding attack in order to deceive the German High Command to cause premature German troop movements."

Normandy, the key to Paris, lies along the European Channel coastline, opposite Britain's South Coast ports. Its importance—apart from its ports and relative nearness to the British coast—lies in its network of communications which, for the most part, converge on Paris.

Forts, Libs Hit Calais, Boulogne

Blows Come After U.S. Heavies First Triple Mission in a Day

American heavy bombers for the fourth consecutive day concentrated yesterday on France's channel coast blasting German installations in the Boulogne and Calais areas.

The heavies, striking at the continent's so-called invasion coast for the sixth time in four days, flew out only hours after a history-making force of Forts and Liberators late Sunday had completed their third mission in one day.

Up to 750 B17s and B24s, escorted by about 500 Eighth Air Force P47s and P51s, yesterday dropped an estimated 2,200 tons of explosives on the Nazi-fortified coast, which was lashed during the night by aircraft of RAF's Bomber Command.

The new American blow raised the tonnage dropped on the stretch of Europe closest to England since late Friday to around 15,000 tons.

Radio Targets Hit Again

As the stepped-up assault on the coastal targets swelled to savage proportions, the RAF's Second Tactical Air Force for the second time in as many days battered radio installations in Northern France rounding out the pattern of the Allied pre-invasion offensive.

Boosting the total number of sorties flown against the Atlantic wall since late Friday to near 8,000, a small force of Marauders swept over northern France without loss yesterday afternoon in new blows against German defenses.

Preceding the sharp medium-bomber raid P47 fighter-bombers of the Ninth Air Force swooped down to dive-bomb flak batteries guarding the objectives of the B26s. Another task force of Ninth Thunderbolt fighter-bombers ranged beyond the west wall hitting bridges, inter-sections, locomotives and other railway targets at Conflans, Gisors, Mezieres and Beauvais in northern France and Mons in Belgium. Other objectives smashed in northern France were factories at Conflans and Juziers and a radio station at Louviers.