

INVASION IS ON

This is D-Day
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4,000 Ships, Thousands Of Small Craft Take Troops In BEACHHEADS ARE ESTABLISHED 11,000 AIRCRAFT THROWN INTO GREAT BATTLE

STUNNING AIR BOMBARDMENT HITS NORMANDY

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 6.—Through a rolling ocean of about 3,000 feet thick Allied aircraft threw 11,000 tons of bombs over 1,000 miles into the grand invasion of Europe today, hitting and burning miles of Normandy beaches and killing thousands of German soldiers.

Two things stood out in the air battles fought in support of the landings in Northern France. The first was the mass of airplanes the Allies were able to put into the sky in weather described as "bad."

FIFTH ARMY DRIVES BEYOND CITY OF ROME

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, June 6.—The Fifth Army drove steadily toward the city of Rome today, with units pushing as far as five miles out from the historic Eternal City against what was officially being called "strong resistance."

Navy Shepherds Army Onto Hostile Coasts

WITH ALLIED NAVAL FORCE, June 6.—The United States Navy today shepherded the Army's invasion force onto the hostile coast of France.

Landings Made Along 100 Miles Of Beaches, LeHavre To Cherbourg

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 6.—(AP)—American, British and Canadian forces landed by daylight in massive strength on the Normandy coast of France today and sped inland from quickly-established beachheads. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told his troops this grand assault was a crusade which must bring "nothing less than full victory."

SOVIET ARMIES MASSING FOR JOINT BLOW

MOSCOW, June 6.—The Soviet army was understood today to be moving and preparing to perform their part of the joint Allied task of crushing Germany with a blow from the east, combined with Gen. Eisenhower's invasion from the west and Gen. Alexander's thrust up the Italian Peninsula.

Change Made In Managers At Sears, Roebuck

CHICAGO, June 6.—The Sears, Roebuck & Co. store in Chicago today announced a change in its management.

U. B. Church Here To Be Host To Missionary Group

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The soldiers' losses, led by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, ranged across the Channel from England to 4,000 regular ships and additional thousands of smaller craft.

They were preceded by massed flights of paratroopers and glider forces who landed inland during the night.

Eleven thousand planes supported the attack. The German radio said the landings were made from Cherbourg to Le Havre—a strip of coast roughly 100 miles long—and later said additional landings were being made "west of Cherbourg," indicating that the Allies intended to seize the Normandy peninsula with its ports and airfields as the first base of their campaign to destroy the power of Nazi Germany.

The initial landings were made from 6 to 8:30 p. m. British time (midnight to 2:30 a. m. EDT). The Germans said subsequent landings were made on the English Channel Isles of Jersey and Guernsey and that invading air units on the continent was expected hourly.

Gen. Eisenhower said that the British Army was moving in preparation for another push, from the east as its part in defeating Germany.

All reports from the beachhead, though they were in some cases still being confirmed, indicated that the great gamble of amphibious landings against powerfully defended positions had paid off in the world.

Reconnaissance planes and the Allied troops were ordered to land and were pushing inland in a steady advance. The confirmed work of headquarters indicated that while the Allies had been in the air for more than 18 hours, more than 400,000 men, tanks, trucks and other equipment were on the coast, including the supplies which the Germans had spent.

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The Invasion Coast Lies Close to Supplies



The section of the Normandy coast between the Cherbourg Peninsula and Le Havre is said to be the scene of the Allied invasion, which began this morning. Beachheads are reported as having been established. The first objective of the Allies appears to be the quick capture of the major ports of Cherbourg and LeHavre.

Dramatic Interval Preceded Announcement From Allied Command

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.—A dramatic 10-second interval preceded the official announcement today that the invasion had begun.

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PRESIDENT OF WESTMINSTER SPEAKER TONIGHT

De Robert F. Gallagher, president of Westminster College, will be the guest speaker at the Y. M. C. A. national dinner at the Trinity Parish House this evening.

FLASH FLOOD PROBLEMS PUT BEFORE COUNCIL

Problems caused by the flash floods at May 24 occupied most of Borough Council's time at its regular meeting last night.

D-DAY CHRONOLOGY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.—10:27 a. m. (Eastern War Time) German news agency Transocean broadcast that Allied invasion had begun. 1:00 p. m. German radio broadcast: Le Havre being

Weather Forecast

Considerable cloudiness and only a west portion of clearness in northeast and extreme east periods this afternoon. Heavily cloudy and cooler tonight and Wednesday.