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#### 2 Women Snipers Fire At Rangers

By HAL BOYLE
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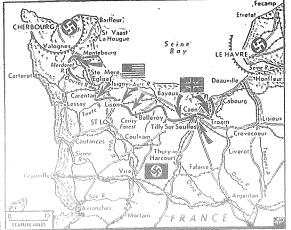
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### Fortresses Strike Over Wide Area

#### Normandy And Germany Lashed

By GLADWIN HILL LONDON—AP)—U.S. bombers from Haly struck long-range targets in Ger-many today as hundreds of other wavelenges on the West.

#### Heavier Tank Clashes Seen



#### Red Blitz Dazes Finns

## Nazis Make Feeble Fight In Italy

By SID FEDER

ROME.—(AP)— The Germans north of Rome fought of the sea to the sea but Fifth Army troops smashed through and occupied nearly all the western shore of the lake and all but wiped out a strong point east of Orbetello, 71 miles morthwest of Rome.

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# Allies On March **Upon All Fronts**

Americans Crack Port's Defenses; British Outflank Caen; U. S. Troops Take Balleroy At Front's Center

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE — (AP)—
The Allies in Normandy burst forward mightily on all fronts late today, with the Americans cracking Cherbourg's defenses by seizing three towns and driving advance patrols within no miles of the great port.

British troops in a deep-biting power drive outflanked Caen, eastern bastion of the 30-mile battlefront, seizing Troarn, nine miles east of Caen.

Along the center of the flaming front, U. S. troops captured Balleroy, and Allied forces plunged south of Baveux in a "big advance" flanking Caen from the west, the U. S. Fourth Infantry Division toppled Montebourg, fourteen miles southeast of Cherbourg, and advance patrols pushed on four miles closer to the strategic port.

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Two other American columns slashed halfway across the top of Cherbourg Peninsula in deepening threats to lop off the port.

One of these driving inland 11 miles near Ste. Mere Eglise captured Pont L'Abbe, only five miles from the west coast railway still in German hands, and 14 miles from the western shore. The other fought beyond Carentan and was roughly halfway across the Peninsula at its narrowest, 20-mile neck.

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of the Medieval Church which the
Germans were using as an observation post.

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Supreme Headquarters described the day's sweeping advances as "very, very satisfactory."

Fall of Troam in a seven-mile advance by the British was the first big gain registered in this desperately-defended area since a British airborne division landed there on D-Day a week ago.

The British in another 31½ mile advance won a villace on the outskirts of Caen itself.

NEW SKY TROOPS DROP

New Sirborne troops were dropped in France. The Germans reported airbone landings on the west coast of the Cherbourg Peninsula, presumably as part of a pincers, to snip off the Cape.

The crumbling of Nazi defenses coincided with unconfirmed reports that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the "Desert Fox," had been removed from his command.

Five landing strips have been constructed and are in use in France, the air forces announced.

American forces seized the road juction of Balleroy, on the edge of the captured Cerisy forest, and nine miles southwest of Bayeux. The Germans reported a developing drive on the communications hub of St. Lo and said the Americans were only six miles away.

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The Fourth Division was spearheading the attack below Cherbourg in the area previously entered by the Shal and 101st American Airborne.

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The Same sealless west of Caen had changed hands several times. Berlin reported particularly heavy fightling in this sector, and said a wedge had been driven into Nazi lines of the Sagging Nazi line, "still are pushing forward" past Cerisy Forest, and captured a huge ammunition dump near the woodlands, a front dispatch said. The Germans were falling back so rapidly they did not even-have time for demolitions and placing mines, it added.

GIREAT AIR SUPPORT

Maintaining thunderous aerial support, several hundred Flying Fortresses hammered Nazi airfields in France today, and other planes hit battlefront positions. Rain lowered visibility in the English Channel—the Allies' supply line—and the sea was choppy.

One Berlin broadcast said that the signal "for starting the obviously impending battle for Caen has not yet been given on either side," but that the Signal "for Starting the obviously impending battle for Caen has not yet been given on either side," but that the Signal "for Germans Normandy line.

Supreme Headquarderes in its 15th communique said at Ille'Sur-Sealles, where strong resistance continued.

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Tank BATTLES

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It was estimated here that a fourth of the entire

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# 2nd Division Sweeps To Victory In Forest

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# Rommel Reported To Have Lost Command

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**Montehourg** By LARRY LESUEUR

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