

U. S. Troops Crowd Rome

By GEORGE TUCKER

ROME, June 5.—(Delayed)—An emotional ecstasy gripped Rome as the city all day today, nearly 100,000 Italians jamming the streets in what was possibly the greatest mass welcome ever given to conquering troops.

They greeted the Americans as true liberators.

In the Piazza di Spagna, where a marching band had fallen out for a short rest, I found Platoon Sgt. Adolph Peter of Silver Tex., surrounded by admirers and so completely bedecked with flowers that he could scarcely breathe.

"Look at this!" he cried. "This is terrific. I still can't believe I'm in Rome."

By the Colosseum a battalion of tank Commandos had drawn up for a rest and Col. James L. Ennis, Raleigh, N. C., was standing atop his destroyer, his mouth crammed with cheese.

"This makes up for everything," he shouted happily, waving to the multitude.

Children "adopted" individual doughboys and marched proudly at their side.

One youngster of eight nearly burst with pride as he swung along with Pfc. Ray Wroblewski, Chicago. He had Wroblewski's carbine slung across his shoulder and hundreds of little boys shouted enthusiastically and cheered down upon the helpless infantry in search of heroes of their own who would let them carry rifles, too.

French Hail Great Attack

By JOSEPH DYMAN

ALGERS.—(AP)—Exiled Frenchmen and Allied troops listened eagerly today for every detail on the invasion of western Europe heard first in Algiers over the German radio.

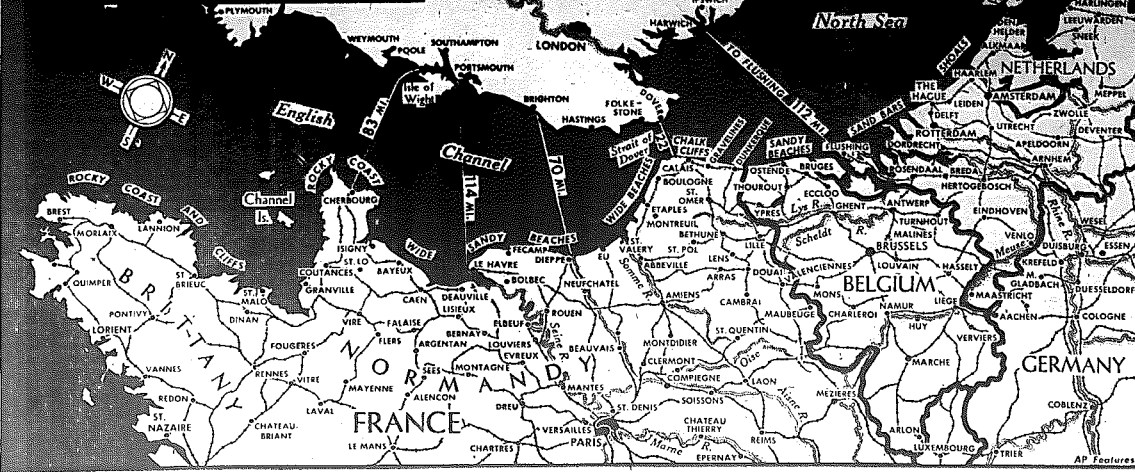
The Frenchmen hailed the beginning of the military operation as the greatest step yet taken toward the liberation of their motherland.

The troops interpreted it as the greatest advance toward their final voyage back home.

French officials looked confidently to the "Maquis," organized bands of underground fighters who have been training for their lines role in the Allied strategy.

Several hundred thousands of these patriots are expected to smash immediately at German communications behind the beachheads, explode Nazi command posts and strangle rail and communication lines.

INVASION COAST ENGLAND



This detailed map shows the Channel Coast of France, goal of a mighty Allied attack today. This map supplements other maps of the invasion area in this edition of The News. Major landings on the basis of reports from Allied and Nazi sources, apparently were concentrated on the flat sandy beaches in the area extending from Dieppe to Cherbourg. The invasion forces apparently elected the wider part of the Channel rather than the 22 miles that lies between Dover, England, and Calais, France. (This is an Associated Press war map.)

Americans Throng To Churches As News Of Invasion Arrives

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans received news of the invasion of Europe calmly today and turned to the altars of its faith to pray for peace with victory.

In the nation's hundreds and thousands of churches, temples and synagogues, to participate and to participate in the services of prayer scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

There were few demonstrations. Groups gathered at newsstands and stood before radio loudspeakers. Comment generally reflected the confidence of the nation and the prediction which marked the end of the long waiting period.

Thousands of men and women in war production plants observed a brief moment of silence, followed by an immediate resumption of the flow of materials of war. Plant officials announced uniformly and proudly that the announcement came without a slackening of output.

In New York a public prayer observance, to be held at 5:30 p. m. at the Madison Square eternal light, World War I memorial, was announced, ceremonies, which will be repeated in communities in all parts of the country.

Some cities, such as Albany, N. Y., announced 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 p. m. services and while, summoning men and women to their places of worship.

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Unity Urged By Graham

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GREENSBORO.—(AP)—"Twice in one generation, Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, says, "We have joined in Allied military strength, and we must not again fail to join in the efforts of the Allies for the enforcement of world peace."

Addressing the 384 graduates of Woman's College at the closing exercises of the commencement program, Dr. Graham said, "We cannot be isolated from our heritage and our history, from the suffering and hopes of oppressed and persecuted peoples across the earth."

As American service men accepted the news in their stride, a high note was struck by the group of French sailors in New York who linked arms and joyfully danced down Broadway.

American Red Cross officials reported that their offices were flooded with telephone calls from prospective blood donors.

Major race tracks suspended their programs, but generally sports events went on as scheduled.

Virginia civilian defense officials sent over the civilian air raid warning system a summons to 8 p. m. prayer meetings in all cities and most towns.

Lord & Taylor, New York specialty shop, closed for the day and its 3,000 employees were given the day off "to pray and hope for victory."

In Dallas, Tex., a baby born as dawn broke was named Invasion Mac Renfrow.

One thousand employees of the C. G. Hulse & Co. steel firm in Pittsburgh, who had quit in protest of curtailed operation of a soft drink canteen, returned to their jobs after Army and Navy conciliators told them "you can't back up the boys by striking."

Constable Taylor was shot as he and another officer investigated a report that a Negro girl had been criminally attacked.

Wm. Isenhour Is Now Ensign

CHARLESTON, S. C.—William Luther Isenhour Jr., of 119 Ridgeview Ave., Charlotte, N. C., has recently received a commission of ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve (Aviation) in Columbia, S. C.

Isenhour attended Central High School in Charlotte, and is graduated from North Carolina State College, Raleigh, in 1938. Prior to receiving his commission, Isenhour was a general contractor in Charlotte. His wife is Mrs. Mary Owen Isenhour Jr., and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Luther Isenhour Sr.

YMCA To Celebrate Centennial Tonight

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Highlighted by the unveiling of a portrait of George Williams, founder of the YMCA, and the showing of a movie, "Men of Tomorrow," officials and members of the Charlotte YMCA will tonight pay special tribute to the 100th anniversary of the birth of the association.

The program will be held in Hanna Hall and will be presided over by Francis O. Clark, president of the city. The opening devotionals will be given by the Rev. Howard Williams, assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church. This period of prayer, it was pointed out, will be for both "D-Day" and the centennial celebration of the "Y."

Centennial finals will be held in the Pail and Mayor H. H. Butler will make a proclamation tonight concerning this. In charge of welcoming tonight will be H. H. Everett, chairman of the membership committee, assisted by Gordon M. Lane, Thomas W. Bird, A. D. Willard Jr., and as

Principals Are Elected

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

E. S. Davis was elected principal of Berryhill School and B. K. Miller was elected principal of Oakhurst School, two of the larger schools in the Mecklenburg County system, by the County Board of Education yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Davis was elected to take the place left vacant by the death of Mr. J. L. Lay in April and Mr. Miller was elected to succeed Melvin H. Taylor, who resigned.

Mr. Davis, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, was principal of Unionville School in Union County during the school year which just ended.

Mr. Miller is a graduate of Wake Forest College and during the last school year was principal of Zebulon High School in Wake County.

The board authorized Superintendent J. W. Wilson to obtain bids for remodeling the teacherage at Pineville and Mr. Wilson reported that he had purchased some school equipment from the disbanded National Youth Administration.

While there are no vacancies in principalships, it was indicated today that some vacancies may occur during the summer.

In most cases teachers have not been elected for the next school year.

Report Attacks In Dieppe Area

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The Berlin radio, in a broadcast recorded by NBC, said this morning that strong Allied air attacks have been launched on the Dieppe area.

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State Studies Assault Case

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH.—(AP)—Sheriff N. P. Turner said the grand jury probably would consider today the case of James Taylor, Negro rought since May 30 in connection with the fatal shooting of Constable John L. Taylor near White Forest.

Detective Chief O. D. Garrison of Richmond, Va., said James Taylor was arrested in Richmond yesterday. W. P. Whitely, head of the City-County Identification Bureau, said the Negro escaped last August from the State Prison in Richmond.

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