

Huge Army Fund Voted

WASHINGTON — (AP)—America's Army fighting its way through Western Europe toward the heart of Hitler's homeland won a \$40,000,000 vote of confidence today from the House Appropriations Committee. That amount was recommended by the committee to finance the War Department for the year starting July 1. While not a record for the department, the sum exceeds by some \$5,000,000 current fiscal year obligations and includes a carry-over of \$3,624,211.09 from the record \$74,211,249.561 voted the Army a year ago. It skyrockets to approximately \$300,000,000 the total obligations voted by Congress for the war effort since July 1, 1940.

The amount recommended by the committee was \$241,837,205 below budget estimate. Largest single allotment was \$12,610,200,000 for the Air Force.

Almost \$5,000,000 more was earmarked by the committee for transfers of existing articles under the Lend-Lease program and for aid to civilians in rearward areas before the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) takes over. For Lend-Lease items \$4,888,220.00 was allotted, and for civilian aid \$56,800. To similar activities for the Warps, the committee recommended \$6,901,250.

Chinches Tell Of Allied Invasion

SEATTLE — (AP)—The Times' whistle-blowing used to signal recent news events was heard on the D-Day anniversary. It has become part of the Seattle air and warning system.

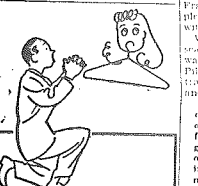
Downtown Seattle got its first word of the invasion with "Lead On, O King Eternal" and "Forward Christian Soldiers" from the amplified chimes of the First Methodist Church.

Will Report Shooting Of British Prisoners

LONDON — (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Commons today that the German Government was informed by the German Government June 4 that a full report on the shooting of British prisoners of war at Staling had been prepared and should be in its hands this week.

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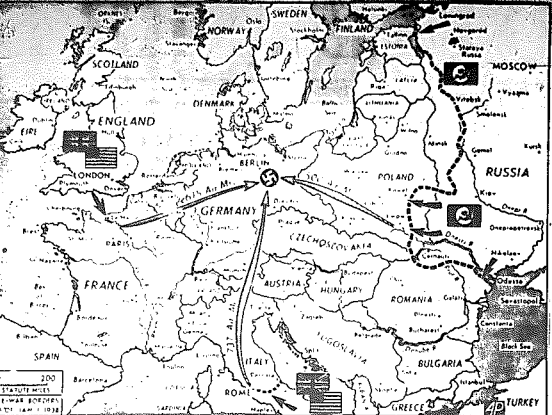
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PATTERN OF THREE-FRONT ALLIED STRATEGY — The Allied invasion of France's north coast, plus the drive in Italy and potential new offensives on the Russian front, confronted Germany from three sides after the June 6 landings. Shaded arrows and figures indicate strategic distances from Le Havre to Berlin, from Rome to Berlin and from Moscow to Berlin. (AP Wirephoto.)

Great Fires Blaze Beyond Beachheads

By PETER GLADWIN
Representing the Combined Allied Press

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AN AIRBASE IN ENGLAND — We took over a hotel built by the Channel before dawn today and found the French coast and the country beyond the 50-mile beachhead blazing with great fires.

The position of our Allied comrades was the same as yesterday's. To cut communications between the beachhead and the interior, the Germans had to use the same tactics as they used in the past. They had to use the same tactics as they used in the past. They had to use the same tactics as they used in the past.

Gas Dealers To Sign Up

The charge-back deadline for improperly enforced gasoline ration coupons is June 15, filling station operators are told in a meeting here last night by OPA officials, and the approximately 100 dealers attending the meeting were given places to sign and placards to post at their stations. The placards promise that dealers who sign them will abide strictly by all rationing regulations, and the placards warn motorists that the stations are subject to the drive against the black market.

Soldier Lives Despite Reports

ALBEMARLE — (AP)—Reports of German snipers slaying a British soldier on the Normandy beachhead were refuted today by the British command. The soldier, who was wounded in the attack on the beachhead, is now recovering in a hospital in England.

Lucas Predicts S. C. Leadership

CHESTER S. C.—(AP)—South Carolina's second annual election, held in the South that leads the nation, was won by the Duke Power Company, in an address before the Chester Rotary Club yesterday at the Hotel Chester.

Pratt & Whitney Post Employees

KANSAS CITY — (AP)—Pratt & Whitney, one of the world's largest manufacturers of aircraft engines, are beginning their campaign to inform the public of the company's contribution to the war effort.

9 More Convicted On Slave Slavery Charges

SALT LAKE CITY — (AP)—Nine persons, seven of whom were white, were convicted today of slave slavery charges in a Federal court here.

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Panel Plans Not A German Met By Demolition Squad On One French Beachhead

Discussion

Dr. Hunter B. Blackely, president of Queens College, will preside over a panel discussion to be held Friday at 8 P. M. by the Charlotte County International Council. The meeting, open to the public, will be held in the Queens College Auditorium.

Other members of the panel will be Dr. William Harrison Williams, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church; J. A. Scroggins, chairman of the Queens County International Council; and Burke Davis, editor of The News.

Friday night's discussion will be concerned with a specific form of world organization.

Hoyt R. Galvin, membership chairman of the Council, has invited all persons interested in joining the group to attend Friday night's meeting, at which time membership cards will be given out.

Judge John J. Parker of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, is chairman of the Council. The executive committee is composed of Fred B. Helms, H. I. McDougle, Dr. J. A. Scroggins, Charles W. Venable, Aubrey S. Elliott, and R. Gray Rankin.

Loafers Got Off Light On Invasion Day

NEWTON — When county residents court convened here Tuesday morning, a few court followers noted the announcement of the invasion of Europe, the session was opened with a short prayer and an audible prayer led by Attorney Wade Lefter. This was suggested by Judge E. S. Merritt of Newton.

The judge then proceeded to give them a lecture on the need of working full time and overtime to win the invasion is on. He declared that loafers must be put to work and if need be he would see that they had no excuse in jail or on the roads.

Chapla's Head Is Optimistic

DALLAS — (AP)—We cannot fail, Capt. Robert D. Workman, director of the Christian division of the U. S. Navy, said in a statement on the invasion.

Marauders And Battleship Team Up For Assault

SUPREMACY QUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force, Lt. Robert Bluns of San Luis Obispo, today told how Marauders and a shell-busting battleship teamed up for a "vertical-barrel" assault on an objective on the French coast.

"I was staring at the thousands of landing craft below us when the battleship let us a broadside at the same time we started our bomb run. I don't see how anything could stand up under it."

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By HOWARD WHITMAN

New York Daily News Reporter Representing the Combined American Press

AN INVASION PORT—Assault troops of the first invasion wave which hit the beach near Caen, France, did not see a single German during their first hour of demolition work during which they destroyed a concrete tank barrier according to a pre-arranged plan.

With dynamite charges, they blasted the barrier so that an Allied tank column could charge through.

Only evidence of the enemy was a lone Messerschmitt which appeared over the beach and promptly fled when American fighters fired it.

A few shells were lobbed over by German gun batteries after the landing, but casualties were described as light.

That was the story of one beachhead as told by wounded evacuees who reached this port at 6 A. M. Among them was Capt. Johnny La Gogna of Brooklyn, N. Y., who suffered a slight fracture of the left wrist.

Johnny hit the beach with the first wave as a part of a demolition team of 22 combat engineers, carrying explosives to destroy the concrete tank barrier. They had been carefully briefed in advance as to the precise location of the wall and just how to breach it so that tanks could get through.

10-MILE RUN

"We crossed the Channel in an assault transport and were oversteering in a Higgins boat for a 10-mile run to the beach," Johnny said.

"I was scared as hell on the transport but once we got into the little landing craft and started toward the beach I forgot all fear. We were all soaking wet and almost froze. As I saw the beach loom up ahead I was so damned mad I just wanted to get in there and fight like hell."

Johnny and his buddies said that the bombardment which preceded the landing was "magnificent." Bombs thundered down so thick and fast it seemed impossible for anything to be under them. They so perfectly was the operation timed that the Higgins boats hit the beach within a minute after the last bomb fell.

A few of the Higgins boats hit underwater mines as they ploughed through shallow water and were captured, throwing their loads into the water, but few personnel were lost in these early runs.

"Our engineers team found the wall we were to demolish as easily as if it had rehearsed the whole show on this very beach," Johnny reported.

Not A German Met By Demolition Squad On One French Beachhead

"We planned our charges and blasted hell out of the wall without losing a single one of our men. When—zing—a shell came over and exploded nearby. A hunk of shrapnel smacked my right hand and well, I guess my part in the show was over. I was ordered back to the Higgins boat for evacuation."

The transport, which evacuated Johnny, brought the first large load of evacuees back to this port. The board was survivors of a destroyer sunk by the enemy. One of them said: "This invasion was by far the biggest and most spectacular of any we have been of, but also the easiest."

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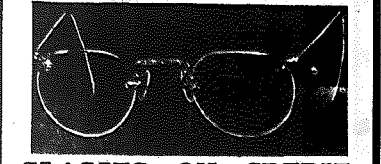
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