

One Penny

GREAT NEWS AT. 1.30 THIS MORNING-Supreme Headquarters announces first town in France to be liberated from the Germans

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# BAYEUX CAPTURED—Official



TO THE THUNDER of broadsides the Channel-leapers arrive. Shells of a withering naval barrage are bursting ahead of them and along the foreshore to either side. Under this cover, troops of the U.S. Army are disembarking and wading through surf to the wire-littered invasion coast. Invasion craft "lowered like beetles" from great assault ships were heading for the shore in long lines, packed with troops, guns, armoured fighting vehicles of all types. . . . The greatest amphibious operation ever planned was under way.

## 'Take me back to dear old Blighty

# Road to Caen is cut at several points

# BERLIN: MORE LANDINGS

CUPREME HEADQUARTERS announced at 1.30 this morning that Allied troops have captured the town of Bayeux, six miles from the invasion beaches. They have also crossed the Bayeux-Caen road at several points.

Bayeux becomes the first town to be named by General Eisenhower as liberated from the Germans.

This great victory news was coupled with reports of progress all along the front against stiffening German resistance.

Cutting the Caen-Bayeux road not only increases the threat to the already blazing city of Caen. It severs Rommel's supply and reinforcement line to Cherbourg. Bayeux is the most important railway station between Caen and Cherbourg.

Earlier it was announced that General Montgomery's tanks had fought their first large-scale action in Western Europe with Rommel's panzers—and had won as they won in the desert.

The battle was fought round Caen, which is 10 miles from th ecoast and 15 miles east of Bayeux.

But here and everywhere along the front the fighting is growing in severity every hour. Reports from Supreme Headquarters indicate that counter-attacks heavier than at Caen are to be expected in the near future.

## KEEPING TO SCHEDULE

In some sections our troops are well in front of plan. in others they are keeping to the schedule laid down before the operation began. Our commanders have "a high degree of confidence" that they have the weapons to meet the worst the enemy can do.

Rommel raced into the Caen counter-attack units of his Seventh and Fifteenth Armies, with elite armoured formations and Panzer Grenadiers. They rode past burning chateaux that had been used as gun emplacements and had been shattered by the Allied airmen, past dumps also turned into torches by the bombers.

They struck into the streets, where the flames rose hundreds of feet. They met the Allied armour and the infantry in and around the city. There was a pitched, savage battle lasting for hours. The city became a graveyard of tanks. Buildings toppled. The Germans were

According to the Germans, the Allies threw 100 tanks into the battle.

It is now revealed that the British Sixth Airborne

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ALLIED ADVANCES GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS

BEACHHEADS AIRBORNE LANDINGS

# 20 SEINE BRIDGES KNOCKED OUT

And three key towns blitzed

Express Military Reporter MORLEY RICHARDS

ENERAL MONTGOMERY'S troops had made r important progress by late last night, but it seems likely that the crisis in this first battle for a consolidated foothold in Normandy will not develop till tomorrow.

## Eisenhower, Monty there

Three facts support this view:-

OFF THE BEACHES, Wednesday. - For four and a-half hours this afternoon General Eisenhower, with Admiral Ramsay, Navy C.-in-C., cruised off the invasion beaches in a British warship.
General Montgomery, Admiral Kirk, field commanders whose names are still secret, and commanders of the task forces which launched the invasion have come launched the invasion have come aboard and gone into immediate conference with him in the captain's cabin.-Reuter.

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1—German reserves are being brought into the fighting zones.

2-Heavy bombing attacks were carried out yesterday on Rennes, Le Mans, and Laval, junction points of the enemy's east-to-west railway below the battlefield

3-Luftwaffe intervention is increasing

At Supreme Headquarters it was still not possible last night to present a complete picture of the battle, but in general terms Rommel's resistance has stiffened considerably and the fighting inland is severe

## REINFORCEMENTS

The bombing of his railway lowns may indicate that he is bringing up more reinforcements from the deep rear. Much of the German armour has previously been reported to be east of the Seine near Paris, but was one panzer division at

It may be that Rommel is now drawing on this pool, and it may reach the battle area by daylight

comery's first major objective is the port of Cherbourg If Rommel s really convinced that this is a fact, he would have to join battle in full force to prevent the neck of the peninsula from being placeted.

This would explain the probable forward move of mobile reserves and the commitment of growing numbers of enemy aircraft.

## MORE RESERVES

On the Cherbourg peninsula itself it has been said that the Germans have three paratroop divisions under the command of General Student, who led the airborne invasion of Holland and Crate

Crete.

If Caen fell, one gateway towards the peninsula would be opened. Hence the bitter and sustained resistance by Rommel around that area, where a sharp enemy tank counter-attack was repulsed.

From Rommel's other flank the Allied air forces have seriously hampered his ability to summon aid quickly. Only one railway bridge and two road bridges between Rouen and the sea were still standing last night. Twenty have been put out of action.

Bridges can be rebuilt or impro-Bridges can be rebuilt or improvised, and the Germans are incredibly fast workers; but Allied air forces are not likely to let up in their attacks on repair work.

So much for the possible line the enemy is taking. On the Allied side

Invasion dispositions marked on this map are based on news received yesterday from Germany. -> BACK PAGE, COL. THREE

# Weather getting better

improvement in the weather over the Straits last evening.

Much of the cloud that had covered the sky all day cleared away. The sun shone in a blue sky and a north-westerly wind was moderating, meter was rising The baro-

Sleeper wakes PRIVATE CHARLES E. SCHMELZE, of Pittsburgh. nelped to service a troop-carrying glider in England

elped to service a troop-arrying glider in England esterday, then climbed into the

Mascot No. 1

invasion to the House of Com-mons today,

## Greetings

## DANES are greeting each other with "Happy invasion."

Goodbye, chateau TYPHOONS sighted a German staff car escorted by two tanks and preceded by an armoured car and a motorcyclist. And the Germans saw the Typhoons. The car stopped and the occupants dashed into a chateau for shelter.

The Typhoons went in low and skip-hombed their loads into the front door. That was the end of the chateau.

The 'beer bottles'

BLACK mines like beer bottles hung on tripods in shallow approaches to the beaches, are among the German defences Some of our small craft were blown up by them, but casualties were few

## Nest in a spire

A MACHINE-GUN nest had been set up by the Germans a a church steeple at one coastal illage where the Allies landed A bomber swooped; there was no nore firing.

The wood moved

LIEUT.-COMMANDER W. C. SIMPSON. of Elm-lane, Catford, London, S.E., spotting for a cruiser, saw a tree in a wood start to move.

He directed the ship's fire to it—and the whole corner of the wood moved, disclosing itself as a concentration of lorries. A shell burst in the middle of them.

## Radio from front

A MERICAN airborne troops in A the Cherbourg peninsula are in contact with H.Q. in Britain by field radio. Their secret code messages are received in a country mansion.

## BEACHES RAKED BY BULLETS

'Defenders were not caught out'

FROM AN ENGLISH INVASION BASE, Wednesday.-Bert Brandt, news photographer who was on the beaches on the invasion morning for 30 minutes, and then spent hours more cruising within gunshot of the scene, has given me the first eye-witness story of the bridgehead battle.

me the first eye-witness story some of the first American assault troops who stormed the beaches went down under a devastating German cross-fire, but more and more men climbed ashore over their bodies until a foothold was established.

Brandt said: "It was hotter than hell over there. I was at Anzio, but Anzio was nothing like this." "The Germans laid down an intense pattern of fire on the beaches with 88's, and raked them with crossfire from machine-gun emplacements. American casualties were spotty—heavy on some beaches, light on others.

"On one beach, machine-guns

"On one beach, machine-guns wiped out some of the first men to land as soon as the doors of their landing craft were opened. "Because of opposition met by the demolition parties which went in first, later boatloads with heavy acquirement were delayed setting. ipment were delayed getting

## FIRMLY ASHORE

A Flaps, flew to France with the pilot of the first Ninth Air Force sky-train to drop troops.

Premier today

MR CHURCHILL will make invasion to the House of Commons today.

Decause they opened fire as soon as the first soon as the first boats touched down.

"American assault boats went in at high tide over great iron obstacles, some of which were long grass. Many of the fishing many boats were stuck on top of invasion to the House of Commons today.

Alongside the spikes, and also developed into a guerrilla affair.

"Even when flying over fields I was shot at by snipers lying in the fishing many boats were stuck on top of willages on the beachheads have been completely razed, probably by seamanship and courage beyond praise.

"Planes criss-crossed overhead constantly, You could never look up without seeing a formation of planes somewhere. Lightnings and Thunderbolts zoomed right over our

ads all the time, blasting German defences.

"Some boats were burning and a pall of smoke hung over the beach.
Other boats were swamped in the Symmeme H

## choppy seas. RANGERS TRIUMPH

There were tremendous rafts just floating offshore jammed with trucks tanks, and ambu-

lances.
"On the right of the beach were tall cliffs which were scaled by Rangers. They captured gun positions there within 15 minutes of

"Despite fierce resistance every-body was calm, and the whole thing was perfectly organised. On the landing boats going over the assault troops were supremely confident to the caen area on Tuesday evening was repulsed. Enemy resistance."

fident—so much so that I was

## German envoys 'vanish

the German Counsellor have "had their liberty restricted."

Von Weizsaecker, they state, was asked by an American officen to follow him, and has not been seen since. The German Counsellor has also disympaged. Better.

# ROME, Wednesday. — Vatican circles say von Weizsaecker, Ger-man Minister to the Holy See, and

## GENERAL TALKED Reduced to colonel and sent home

Express Staff Reporter: NEW YORK, Wednesday.

COR indicating the date of the invasion at a London

cocktail party Major-General Henry J. F. Miller. Commander of the United States Ninth Air Force Service Command, was reduced to the rank of lieutenantcolonel and sent back to the United States.



He was identified tonight by the U.S. War Department in response to inquiries which followed a state-ment by the Supreme Command in

The story was held up for two months on security grounds.

Major-General Miller, whose command was roughly equivalent to Britain's Royal Army Service Corps. said in the presence of several guests at the party: "On my honour the invasion takes place before June 13."

June 13."

A woman told the security police and General Eisenhower investigated.

Lieutenant-Colonel Miller is 54. He went to Britain early in 1942, at first commanded the Eighth Air Force Service Command and last October became "the man who, keeps the Ninth Air Force in the Air,"

# Rocket

IN H.M.S. GLENROY: Off the Beaches, Wednesday.-Rocet craft, firing hundreds of arrows, blasted right through the beach defences. Mines were blown off. Barbed wire was pulverised. Nothing survived in the areas blasted by the rocket craft.

Wet, and no doubt surprised by the devastation and the absence of enemy interference,

absence of enemy interference, the troops marched over the beaches in open order as if on an exercise at home.

Here a tank landing craft blew up after a direct hit and disappeared. There another craft blazed in the breakers. Some men had to swim the last few yards, and almost all of them made it.

The troops went on stolidly through the smoke and din post The troops went on stolidly through the smoke and din, mos

## LORIENT AIR ATTACKS

German News Agency said this morning that strong air attacks were made on Lorient and Nantes.

Straw dummies in parachutes dropped over area of St Brieuc at same time, said announcer.

whistling over their heads into the German strongpoints far beyond

The beach obstacles had covered a belt of 300 eet deep. Spikes which looked like iron rods from our ship were, in fact, thicker than pit props. Bottles made of plastic material were mounted on the same a Maletar work.

Midnight communique

Supreme Headquarters issued just before midnight last night said:-

Pilots see

Caen fight

From BASIL CARDEW

R.A.F. AIRFIELD, Wednesday. - A Mustang fighter-

bomber pilot who swept only

100 feet above the burning streets of Caen this evening

saw men dodging round

corners, firing small arms and

jumping back to cover,

machine-guns flashing from

windows of battered houses. There wer emen at either end of arrow streets shooting hard, with

A LLIED troops have cleared all beaches of the enemy, and have in some cases established links with flanking beachheads.

Inland fighting generally is

worried
"One lad sitting in the middle of a collection of bazookas, T.N.T., and other deadly weapons was reading a little black Bible. Five minutes before the landing he was asleep on top of a jeep.
"Two coloured jeep drivers stood at the boat's rail peering for a first sight of France. One spied it, laughed and said: "Yassuh, theah she am."—B.U.P.

Corman any Correct the middle of a collection of bazookas, T.N.T., and borne-military supplies continues on all beaches despite the north-westerly wind which has persisted since the assault.

Shortly before dawn today light coastal forces, while sweeping to the eastward, encountered a superior force of enemy craft. Action was immediately joined, and damage was inflicted on the enemy before he could make good his escape.

## Silenced

Enemy coastal batteries which were still in action today have been silenced by Allied naval forces. It is not yet known whether all have been finally

whether an have been finally reduced.

Miled aircraft have been directing the fire of the U.S.S. Texas (Captain C. A. Baker, U.S.N.), wearing the flag of Rear - Admiral Carleton F. Bryant, U.S.N., and H.M.S.

Glasgow (Captain C. P. Clarke, D.S.O., R.N.), which with other Allied warships have been engaging inland targets behind the beaches.

Inland fighting generally is heavy.

An armoured counter-attack in the Caen area on Tuesday evening was repulsed. Enemy resistance is stiffening as his reserves come into action.

The landing of troops and seather the control of the battle area.

## Flak towers hit

Road, rail and other targets, including armoured vehicles, troop concentrations, gun positions and ammunition dumps, were also attacked during the morning by fighter-bombers. Heavy bombers, in medium strength, attacked focal points on the road system in the area south of Caen early this afternoon.

Fighters escorted the bombers, and Fighters escorted the bombers, and also strafed and bombed rail-way yards, locomotives, trains of oil tank cars, fiak towers, radio installations, and airfields over a 40 to 50 miles arc south and south-east of the battle area. Continuous patrols were maintained over shipping, the beaches and the battle area. More enemy aircraft were encountered than on Tuesday, and a number of them were shot down.



LUX TOILET SOAP The Beauty Soap of the Film Stars

Irene Dunne, like 9 out of 10 other film stars, keeps her complexion clear and radiant Come

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in a big way. Yet film stars continue to find time to help in service canteens, to work for the Red Cross or Naval Aid Auxiliary, to broadcast to the troops, to raise money for war causes. . At right is lovely M.G.M. star, Irene Dunne, who acts as what the Americans call a "bus boy" in Hollywood's servicemen's canteen. That is, she carries dishes from the tables to

the kitchen.

GENERAL HENRY MILLER. "On my honour.

WILLIAM HICKEY

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## DUNLOP RUBBER. INCREASED PROFIT.

COMPANY MEETING

INCREASED PROFIT.

The 45th Ordinary General Meeting of Dunlop Rubber Company, Ltd., was held yesterday in London, Sir J George Beharrell, D.S.O., the Chairman, presiding.
The following is an extract from the Chairman's statement circulated with the accounts:

The supplies to Allied Governments have substantially increased, and other business, all generally concerned with the war effort, has been maintained. This has been materially assisted by the steps taken to conserve rubber supplies and to increase the output of reclaim, in all of which the company's technical staff has co-operated energetically with the authorities. Our home business was still subject to readjustments necessitated by war conditions, and the year had its special difficulties, including shortage of labour especially at the cotton mills at Rochdale.

The net profit amounted to

Rochdale.

The net profit amounted to £2,765,797, c o m p a r e d with £2,433,397 for 1942. The aggregate profits of the group for 1943 amounted to £5,384,000, against £4,472,000 last year. The huge burden of present taxation is shown by the provision by the subsidiaries of £2,206,000 bringing the total provision for the group for 1943 to of £2,206,000 bringing the total provision for the group for 1943 to £4,142,000. The liquid resources of

£4,142,000. The liquid resources of the group have further improved, the total amount in Government and other securities, tax reserve certificates, and bank balances being £7,215,000, compared with £6,427,000 last year.

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# **Opinion**

Strategists all

THOSE two old friends, the World Strategists, drawn from life by Nathaniel Gubbins of the Sunday Express, are to be found in every pub, club, and public library today.

It is fashionable to sneer at these men, or to laugh at them. Never do so.

They are not Eisenhowers and Montgomerys, but as a rule they are fellows of the last war, who could wear the 1914 Star on their waistcoats if they so chose.

And their consuming and abiding interest in the science of war must never be despised. They are part of the strength of this country. In freedom they speak.

## Their strength

THEY support and sustain I their rulers by their interest and by their discussion. And it is the duty of their rulers to keep them well informed.

This is not anybody's private war; it is a war of private soldiers, common men who are prepared to die for the safety of their homes and the security of their country if need be.

## The day went well

THE surge of emotion which passed through one and all as the news broke upon the world on Tuesday is replaced today by a calmness of spirit.

Now the people look back on those wonderful first hours and thank their God that the day went well. They see clearly the anxieties ahead. They realise fully that neither wars nor worlds are won or built in a

## Navy's job

THEY are thankful that the Navy's job was performed so magnificently. They marvel at the air weapon-which they do not fully understand in all its power and immensity—as befits a sea-born people.

But their hearts are withal concentrated on those who have landed on the Continent of Europe, and are face to face with cold steel.

## Never again

as this mighty battle U.S. infantrymen who left develops? How shall they be this assault transport comforted in the dark days before dawn this morning

victory, of exhilaration will drenching rain of bombs look after themselves. But there must be others in face

there must be others in face of such a savage foe.

Maybe that comfort will come in the knowledge that their men are fighting to finish for all time the disruptive forces which have been unleashed twice upon the world—forces which have darkened the lives of many humble men in the past, and now darken the lives of their children and their offspring.

Once for all

TWICE in their lifetime the British have been brought to the verge of the abyss of destruction. Now they say: "Never again."

This time, at whatever cost in treasure and blood—

The Americans crossed the sandy beach, however, by late this afternoon, gained the top of the coastal rise, and were advancing Inland. When the first of our craft grounded ashore at 6.35 this morning—H-hour exactly—German gunners in concealed positions held their fire. When the ramp doors went down the debarking Yanks were mown down in perfect cross-fire by the Nazi 50-calibre machine-guns. At the third point landing obstacles jutted from the water. Barbed wire was enclosed in the visible V-shape.

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Wave after wave of the Americans came ashore. Only a few evaded the chattering bursts and dug in, answering Jerry with rifle and carbine. Badly needed tanks were swamped by choppy seas. Nazi spotters on the ridge directed mortar and 88mm fire to the attackers.

Battleships, cruisers, and cestroyers moved slowly along the area, crashing out salvos against the strongpoints. Finally

cost in treasure and blood—
blood more priceless than
the area, crashing out salvos against the strongpoints. Finally a U.S. destroyer came in almost all the silver and gold in the world—they are determined to set up a standard of decenors. decency and community of living that will never again be menaced.

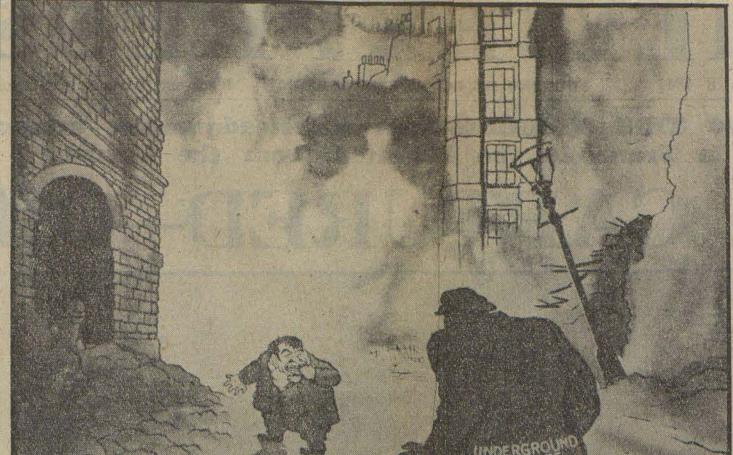
## Colonies

COLONEL OLIVER U STANLEY had good news of the Colonies to tell the House of Commons on D Day. To many of them the war has brought new responsibilities and new prosperity.

They have put their backs into the war effort and their loyalty is being rewarded. It is right anyway—and our privilege and duty to sustain and support them.

Colonel Stanley at the Colonial Office is doing a first-rate job. He looks ahead and plans prosperity for the Colonies after the war. A chicken in the pot is as much an essential of selfgovernment as a new
Constitution.

HOME Exercises 7.30, Johann
Strauss, 7.55, Lift Up Your Hearts!
8, News: Programme Parade; The
Kitchen Front. 8.20, Norris



inept piece of propaganda the enemy put out in Paris recently. During Lent the church bells of Paris keep silence, and an old saying has it that the bells have

gone to Rome to be blessed. Cashing in on this superstition, the Germans had thousands of little, paper bells made and distributed them among the civilian population. Picture of the bell is at the top of the next On each of them the Germans

had, written with ponderous Teutonic sarcasm: "I come back from Rome. The British still weren't there. Oh, well . . . . do you suppose they'll be there at Trinity?'

Unhappily for the propagandists who thought of the idea, the British entered Rome on Trinity Sunday.

THE FIRST EYE-WITNESS STORIES FROM THE BEACH

## FROM the shores of Normandy these first reporters' stories of the land fighting on invasion day have just arrived. They were written that evening by two Americans—one on the beach, one aboard a vessel off-shore.

## The white house on the shore

From

JACK FOSTER Aboard the U.S. transport Henrico, off-shore

NAVAL guns and Army rifles combined today How shall the people be rifles combined today to win a tough beachhead. that must come before the found pillboxes and landing The days of uplift, of landing area despite a

> and naval shells. The Americans crossed the

## Man alone

Barking Army rifes killed off the enemy whenever he came into the open. In the centre of the beach was a white house frequently the target of warship guns. It was set after and abandoned by German snipers.

This war that now reaches its final phase in Europe is a war to the finish, to end a dirty way of life.

No other thought is in the heads of the British people than that this should be the final and conclusive act.

And arising with them today are the Russians, the Americans, the natives of every enslaved country in Europe, allied in single purpose.

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Two small-boat coxswains from this vessel told me they saw a German come out in front of the building and carefully am his rifle in front of the entire invading force. "We cut him in half with our 30's," they said.

Our troops never stopped coming, although the toll in lives was heavy at first. Already the first are inland at this point, and those on the beach are eager to push on into ex-Fortress Europe. Typical of these was the infantryman we took aboard our small craft after he had been nicked by a shrapnel burst.

'If that doggone lieutenant had let me go on ahead and shoot some Germans instead of ordering me to fix a half-sunk jeep I wouldn't have been wounded," he lamented.

"Now I can't fight anybody, and I got to ride in one of these boats again." Barking Army rifles killed off

GEN. FORCES 6.30 a.m., News. 6.42, Bright and Early. 7. News Head-lines; Record Album. 8, News. 8.15, Light Music. 9, News at dictation speed. 9.15, Ballet Music. 10, Mail Call. 10.30, Palm Court Orch. 11.15, B.B.C. Singers. 11.30, Royal Canadian Air Force (Overseas) Band. 12, News Headlines; From Today's Papers. 12.10 p.m., Service. 12.15, Dance Orch. 1, News. 1.15, Scottish Orch. 2, News Headlines; Scottish Variety Orch. 2.30, India Command.

—News. 3.10, Forces Favourites
3.30, Radio Newsreel. 3.45,
Symphony Orch. 4.50, War Review
5, News. 5.15, Jack Leon's Orch.
6, Light Music. 6.5, South African
News-letter. 6.15, Navy Mixture. 7,
World News: Home News: News
from Canada. 7.15, Forces
Favourites. 8, The Old Town Hall.
8.30, Your Questions Answered. 9,
News. 9.5, Jack Payne's Parade.
9.50, These You Have Loved. 10.30,
Music While You Work. 10.59-11,
News Headlines.

# -I'm lying on a mine "TATCH yourself,

fellow," said the foot half blown off and tied with a crude bandage.

"It's a mine."

He lay beside the narrow. slimy path leading to the top of the cliff. Pain had sucked this face white, but still he remained conscious and still he took care lest some one should step on the live mine a few foot for the live mine.

Soldier with a mines. Those are the reasons we are stuck on this path."

We worked our way forward a few yards and came to a soldier lying in the path, curled around a mine in the middle of the path. "It must make you nervous?" I asked. "No, I just keep clear of it and pass word to anyone pasing by," said Private Morton Sorotello, of the Bronx.

Ahead of him Second Lightnand.

He lay beside the narrow, slimy path leading to the top of the cliff. Pain had sucked his face white, but still he remained conscious and still he took care lest some one should step on the live mine a few feet from his elbow. As each man edged a way up the path he repeated the warning in a weak voice:

"Watch yourself, fellow, that's a mine."
He knew what a mine could do.
He'd stepped on one a couple of hours earlier.

"What you need is medical," "Yeah," said the soldier, "but how are they going to get up here?" He was right. The narrow path winding up the cliff was so clogged with soldiers and there were so many mines that it would be impressible for structhers.

The line edged forward a few feet at a time, and it would be some time before he could have

At the top of the cliff stretched the open country of France. But, I never got to the top. A thin column of men edging forward halted and clogged, and somewhere on the crest a sniper began shooting. Then there was a machine-gun, and progress was halted

Just below us the beach was being sporadically shelled and I said to Captain Louis Hille, of Cincinnatt, who was just ahead of me in line: "Looks like they've been shelling just alongside this path." I pointed to shallow craters.

"No," said Hille, "those are all

## From SAM TREANOR

Steady, said the soldier

said Private Morton Sorotello, of the Bronx.

Ahead of him Second-Lieutenant Bernard Flynn, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Sergeant Arthur Brown, of Brookville, Maine, were sitting in the immediate vicinity of the mines to which they called the attention of all who crept past.

"It's all right, except when a shell comes over, and then you're apt to forget and fall on a mine," said Flynn.

## Mines warning E VERY few feet along the path other soldiers were warned against mines, which were crudely marked by pieces of paper and shreak or hand

kerchief.
Finally it became impossible to beach a hundred and filty feet below, a wide expanse of sand, but off from land by a lagoon, through which soldiers waded in water up to the armpit, holding equipment over their heads. All of us on the path were soaked and shivering from wading through this messy spot, to which the approaches had been mined.

As we sat there we heard a sort of popping explosion below, much like a mortar. Captain Hille said: "There goes another A tide was running out from the beach and many landing craft were stranded.

## BY the WAY by Beachcomber

THE Amalgamated Engineering Union wants a special song to be written, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of its foundation next year. As one old amalgamated engineer to others, may I sing

Alone in the twilight a grand-mother sat, A-dreaming of days gone by, When a sudden knock on the door—rat-tat!

Made her leap from her chair with a cry.

with a cry.

She flung open the door, knowing well who had come
After 25 troublesome years.

And—yes! it was there!—and her
joy struck her dumb,
As softly she sang through her
tears:—

Refrain: Three hearty cheers! Three hearty cheers!
And a rousing welcome after 25 years! By land or sea

You'll always be The Amalgamated Union of Engineers!

Then the chairman responded in accents mild. As he bowed to that granny so sweet, "Shall we build you a bridge?"
But she gently smiled,

As her tears splashed all over his feet. And that chairman, politely rais-And that chairman, pointery rais-ing his hat, And bowing to granny again, With his comrades round him upon the mat, Broke into the old refrain:—

RADIO

Stanley's Sextet. 9, Take Your Choice. 9.45, Songs of Spring. 10.5, Schools: News Commentary

10.15, Service. 10.30, Music While You Work. 11, Schools. 12, Swedish Music. 12.30 p.m., Workers Play-time. I. News. 1.15, Home on the Range. 1.40, In Britain Today

Music While You Work. 3.30.
Misleading Ladies 4.15, The Dansant 5, News in Welsh; Service 5.20, Children 6, News 6.30, The Dutch East Indies: John Fabricius 7, Farm Record 7.10, Northern Orch. 8, Travellers' Tales 8.30, Itma. 9, Big Ben Minute; News and War Report 9.25, War Commentary. 9.30, The Dancing Partner: play. 10, Service. 10.20, Travel; Anthology by Michael Swan. 10.35, Violin and Plano. 11.10, Stanley Black's Dance Orch. 12 midnight-12.20 a.m., News.

A.E.F. 5.53 a.m., Prayers, 6, News Headlines, G.I. Rise and Shine, 7. News Headlines, 7.1. Revert to Rise and Shine, 8. News. 8.15, Spotlight (recording).

Range. 2. Schools

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The Amalgamated Union of
Engineers!

Death of a snail

Death of a snail

And now, approach, harsh prose, and bid my wanton pen discourse of lowlier things. As I was writing this, the lowlier thing occurred. There was the faint whacking sound which tells that a thrush has got a snail. He used it as the archer in the leopard-skin uses the prima ballerina, lifting it in his beak and lashing it against the scenery. Then he began his meal, listening between mouthfuls, like a Bohemian who is expecting the landlord's tap on his attic door. Personally, I prefer my snails as cooked by Benoist of Compiegne, or by the old woman of Massebiau under the Causse Noire, or in the dreary tavern at St Laurent in the Jura. A faint flavour of thyme does the trick. But what do thrushes care for such refinements?

Housewife's corner

TODAY'S Recipe: Escaloppe de veau Mirabeau. Take a reconstituted egg-powder and half a tumbler of dehydrated milk powder essence. Mix with liquid meat-juice and a spoonful of grated near-beetroot. Grease with tea-curry cubes and heat for ten minutes. The result will be sauce for the goose and/or gander.

What was played by the son at This in a ring would be grating. .8.30, Norris Stanley's Sextet. 9, News. 9.15, Show Time. 9.30, Yank Swing Session. 10, News Headlines 10.1, Personal Album 10.15, Victory Parade. 10.30, Music While You Work. 11 News Headlines 11.5, Mail Call, 11.35, Duffle Bag. 12, New Headlines 12.1, Duffle Bag. 12.15, Dance Orch. 1, News. 1.10, Programme Summary, 1.15, Canadian Army Show. 2, News Headlines. 2.1 Scottish Variety Orch. 2.30, Radio Playhouse. 3, News Headlines. 3.1, Music While You Work 3.10, On the Record. 3.59, News Headlines. 4, On the Record. 4.30, Queen's Hall Light Orch. 5, News Headlines. 5.1, American Band Waggon. 5.15, American Sports News. 16. Used for the throw of r gambler. (4)
Led as I cast off no doubt. (6)
Asleep in a way to pass silently.
(6)
May return as a vegetable (3)
Upsets a tightly drawn word in
the steamer. (6)
It should be fitting. (4)
Able to make a package? (4)

6.15. American Sports News

—News. 6.15. Navy Mixture. 7.

World News. 7.5. Home News from Britain and Canada. 7.15. Bing Crosby. 7.45. Fred Waring. 8. News Headlines. 8.1. Home News from U.S.A. 8.15. Paul Whiteman Presents. . . 8.30. Itma. 9. News. 9.5. Jack Payne's Parade. 9.50. Nova-Novelty Time. 10. News Headlines. 10.1. McGee and Molly. 10.30. Gay Nineties. 10.50. News Headlines. 11. Sign-off.

\*Allied Expeditionary Forces programme, for home listening on 285m.

first couple of waves had not been too difficult

Shelling continued intermittently, but was not heavy. One large landing craft of although at one point as I was infantry, a small steamer, was

although at one point as I was making my way back to the beach I was driven under a bull-dozer by half-a-dozen shells that were so close they sprayed gravel over me. After a long wait I managed to get aboard a landing craft, which took me into the bay to look for United States coast-guard rescue craft.

I finally found my boat, Cutter 62, commanded by Lieutenant Raymond Rosenbloom, of Baltimore. It had lost the use of one engine in the struggle of trying to push heavy landing craft loaded with needed tanks over the sandbar, but had continued operating throughout the day, picking up wounded and survivors in the channel.

to know the townsfolk who use the hotel became friendly with the staff, too.

Trevor Evans

stranded so far from the water it looked like it had been built there.

Columns of smoke rose here and there from burning vehicles. The tide was running out rapidly, and I saw two more landing craft struggle across the sand-bar push on to the second sand-bar, unload, and then get trapped between two bars.

The landing was still confined to the narrow gaps in the obstacles created by the Germans, which consisted primarily of posts driven deep in the sand at low tide.

When high tide came flooding in these posts submerged, and When high tide came flooding in these posts submerged, and some incoming craft were unable to see them and were hooked or sunk by mines.

A succession of terrific explosions made the cliff shake: fragments whined by us and struck the earth with a thud. At sea the armada lay spread out over hundreds of square miles of water. Destroyers and battleships were in so close that

stranded so far from the water

miles of water. Destroyers and better they seemed aground.

From time to time their guns spoke with a solid concussion, which made us instinctively flatten ourselves on the path.

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Sniper hold-up

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Above us of the troop of the cliff. springboard from which our ships and men left this land.

This hotel had for weeks been the home of senior officers of all the Services affected. They had relaxed in its lounges and writing-rooms on odd evenings off duty, dined in its grillroom.

Those rooms were public. Public to those who live in the place, because obviously this has been a prohibited area for weeks and visitors have been banned from the town.

Naturally the officers got to know the townsfolk who use

SOME troops spilled out in shoulder-deep water and struggled to the beach.

Above us at the top of the cliff we heard intermittent small-arms fire as our troops engaged the Germans.

Once I saw men at the top of the cliff run over the crest and immediately we heard the rattle of machine-guns and bullets snapping overhead, so I surmised that the hold-up of our progress was due to enemy snipers who had the path taped.

I waited nearly an hour,

had the path taped.

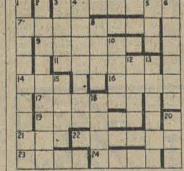
I waited nearly an hour, unable to move forward, so started working my way back. One soldier said: "Walk down my back if you want, but don't put a foot on that mine there. It'll blow us both up."

I had then to wade again through slimy water in order to get to the beach, where I found the command post.

Two captains, Lucien and George Nevins, of Baltimore, were talking to a runner when I came up. He had brought a message that units had pushed inland and were driving towards an early objective.

an early objective, Nevins said the landing of the

# CROSSWORD



Down

1 Participators in hide and seek aboard ship. (9)
2 Tour as Sue but not in this surely (9)
3 Broken arms (4)
4 Pungent gas yfelded by burning feathers. (7)
5 Signs of money here. (3)
8 A mere pool. (4) 10 Burden. (4)
12 You may rise or fall by it. (4)
13 Grow as a natural result. (6)
15 To do this may make it out of sight but not out of hand. (4)
18 Responsible for Metropolitan transport. (4)
20 Take off the newness. (3)
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Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1 and 6 Dartmoor Prison; 7, Ceruity; 10, Braird; 12, Palsy; 15, Meed; 14, Ergo: 16 Order: 18 Injury; 22, Ryegrass: 25 Towel; 24 Knar Bown; 1, Debonair; 2, Actimony; 5, Reaper; 4, Tripe; 5, Off 8, Trader; 9, Idler; 11, Pygmy; 15, Ross; 17, Dug; 19, Jew; 20, Yak; 21, Ter.

## For whom the Le reviens de F Frenchmen regard with suspicion any pronounce-ROME. ments the Germans may les Anglais n'y see fit to make about the progress of the invasion, the taient pas encore main reason is a curiously Ellord .... a la Trinité ?

S Dr Julian Huxley A prophesied on Tuesday, the Zoo Council encountered squalls at the Fellows' annual general meeting yesterdaymost of the squalls occasioned. as was to be expected, by the acidity of Dr Julian Huxley. It was all a question of the new elephant house. The coun-cil, who seemed to favour a general post among their animals,

said that the new elephant house, which was started before the war, was unsatisfactory. was unsatisfactory.

They therefore proposed to have yet another new elephant house, with a place for the parrots on the floor above. It was to be built on the site of the old antelope house, and the insects were to be housed in the new antelope house.

new antelope house.

All of which was somewhat confusing, but not to Huxley, who said that £11,000 had been wasted on the discarded design; that the council had acted "without even deigning to consult their consultant architect." He added: "The kindest word I can find for the council's action is irresponsibility."

From the august assembly of

From the august assembly of Fellows came much clapping—even a few subversive cheers—as Huxley sat down. At teatime they were all still enjoying the argument, and the elephants lumbered happily round the elephant house (original model).

ROM a letter written home by a British officer at Anzio: "For the last few months we've been having a pretty bad time. One day, to our delight, we discovered an illicit radio set in a cellar. "We tinkered with it for a half hour, and at last got BBC, London. Imagine our feelings when the announcer said: 'You are now going to hear the Anzio barrage...'"

UPLIFT on the part of the Twicken-ham Firewatchers' Association is suspected by hundreds of firewatching residents who have received a proposal that their association shall be renamed "The Twickenham Borough Council S o c i a l Reconnaissance Society."

# H OW about the trains which still do run? It seems they are developing the bus complaint—crawling. The 7.45 pm train from Cambulder for instance became

Rupert and the Blue Mountain-6 .



the hotel became friendly with the staff, too.

Standing beside me on the verandah yesterday morning, the head porter told me about the best-kept secret of the war.

Joe stroked his chin contemplatively. He told how little groups used to sit around in the lounge most evenings talking mostly of past holidays, especially golfing holidays.

He said, almost reverently:

"Nobody blabbed. Nobody talked out of turn. Not even a whisper. Blimey, you could have pushed us over when we heard the news on Tuesday. We just looked round and found our guests weren't there. They had gone out on a bit of an exercise over the weekend. Bob's your uncle. That's all there was to it."

Joe had good reason for wanting to know when things would happen. Two good reasons—two sons in the tanks.

Not that I'd ever dream of asking anyone," he added, a trifie piously. "I'm an old Marine myself." Rupert and Bill are very interested in what the artist has said. When he has finished they race back to the village and there in the main street they find Uncle Bruno. "Hello, where have you two been?" he asks. "You soon got tired of gardening, didn't you?" "That stranger was an artist," cries Rupert. "He's been teaching us how to paint hills and mountains a long way off. I do wish that I had some blue paint so that I could do it for myself."

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# Penicillin men are knighted

# HONOURED

Express Staff Reporter

MR ALWYN DOUGLAS CROW, genius of the rocket gun which put new sting in Britain's antiaircraft defences, awarded a knighthood in the King's Birthday Honours list, issued this morning.

Mr Crow began his experiments in 1936, and a hilitop in the country was the site for the early dangerous experimental

A PARTY of injured British invasion troops arrived back yesterday at the port from which they set out in landing barges 36 hours, before.

The men are all seriously wounded. Doctors would allow them to be moved only to a hospital a short distance from the quay where they landed.

Relatives of the injured men were notified immediately by the hospital authorities.

The master in charge of the hospital said yesterday: "As we are inside a restricted area, the question has been raised whether relatives of these injured men will be allowed to see them. They are too dangerously ill to be moved or to be seen by anyone else."

I understand the less seriously injured troops will be taken further inland, as they are landed. Hospitals in the midlands and in Yorkshire will be among the principal receiving centres. work.

For full-scale trials he took his rocket to Jamaica in 1939. In 1941 his rockets claimed their first victim, a Junkers 88.

In the last war Mr Crow was an infantryman. He is 49.

Rear-Admiral Sir Philip Vian—Vian of the Cossack, Vian of Salerno, and now, as commander of the first naval forces to launch the June 6 attack. Vian of the invasion beaches—gets his third honour of the war.

To his D.S.O. (1940) and his K.B.E. (1942) he now adds C.B., as Companion of the Order of the Bath.

## New earl

There is one new earl—Viscount Halifax, British Ambassador at Washington; one baron, Sir Claud Schuster, clerk to the Crown in Chancery and Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor; and one baronet, Mr William W. Boulton, Vice-Chamberlain of the King's Household, and Conservative M.P. for Sheffield Central Division.

Division.

Three new members join the present 18 holders of the Order of Merit, which is limited to 24 (apart from foreign members).

They are Lord Passfield (better known as Sidney Webb, the 84-year-old Fabian and Socialist writer), Sir Henry Dale, 69-year-old President of the Royal Society, and Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. 64-year-old architect of the new Waterloo Bridge. Liverpool Cathedral, and the future Coventry Cathedral.

Sir Henry Wood, 75-year-old conductor of Promenade Concerts fame, becomes a Companion of Honour.

Knighthoods are conferred on the standard provided the resolution, said that youth were debarred from taking their

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Knighthoods are conferred on the President of the Royal Academy (Mr Alfred James Munnings) and the 80-year-old English actor. Mr Charles Aubrey Smith, described in the Honours List as "a leading member of the British community in California."

cast my vote."

Councillor Tom Regan, mover of the resolution, said that youth were debarred from taking their place on the council because they could not afford it.

Alderman Miss Annie Lee, in support, also pleaded for the removal of economic barriers.

No members against the resolution spoke in council.

who, as prison and Borstal governor, has used successful new methods of dealing with women delinquents, and Miss Doris Beale, Royal Nursing Service. The last audience the First Sea Lord. two are made Dames of the British Empire.

Navy chief at Palace

The King yesterday received in Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, at Buckingham Palace.

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## RACE TO PRODUCE MORE FOR TROOPS

Express Staff Reporter

AS the wounded come back from battle, as science strives to save them, three men are honoured-three men whose story is the story of penicillin.

Express Staff Reporter

TO BE PAID,

OR NOT?

-By 92 city councillors

Will relatives get | In London last night, two of them told a part of that hospital permits?

Today, in the King's Birthday Honours List, it is announced that all three of

them have been knighted. Professor Alexander Fleming. who discovered penicillin in 1928, used it in his laboratory at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W., from 1930 to 1939-not for the treatment of patients

but for the isolation of certain

microbes. Professor H. W. Florey, who completed a long study of it in 1939 in his laboratory at Oxford University, found that it could save the lives of people desperately ill with various infections, and gave it to the world as a curative drug.

Dr Percival Hartley, a member of the Medical Research Com-mittee on Penicillin. mittee on Penicillin.

Professor Fleming presided last night at a lecture before the Royal Society of Arts in London given by Professor Florey, and revealed that it was from Professor Florey he got penicillin for the treatment of a friend who seemed to be dying of meningitis in 1942.

## His first patient

"I knew penicillin would work on the microbe responsible for my friend's illness, but I had none at that time," said Professor

none at that time." said Professor Fleming.

"Professor Florey let me have all he had. We injected and my friend was well in a week. He was the first dangerously ill patient I myself had treated."

Professor Florey amounced that efforts were being made to produce synthetic penicillin. He said that an excellent development was that penicillin was given as a preventive instead of as a last resort. In battle casualties, especially the effort was being made to prevent serious sepsis from developing by giving penicillin at a very early stage.

stage.

The first human patients were treated in the winter of 1940 and spring of 1941 at a time of the worst bombing of England.

Dr N. G. Heatley and he went to America to ask the Americans whether they could put some of their great resources into the large-scale production of penicillin.

As the result of the efforts of commercial firms in this country and in America penicillin could now be issued by the kilogramme (2lb), although the supplies still fell lamentably short of the demand.

successful as a "corpse reviver," when used as a last resort, and when it was more plentiful it would be used as the first and not the last resort.

Mr Philip Guedalla, historian and novelist, moving the vote of thanks, said that he was one of the animals into which that life-saving substance had been injected.

injected.

"In my case it was applied as a corpse reviver, at a very late stage, but it revived the corpse.

"I wish to testify with all humility and thankfulness to a treatment which in six weeks can bring a man out of the shadow into a state in which he is able to resist the efforts of three Government departments to amend the text of his book."

boom in

Lisbon: This proves our fidelity

U.S. soldiers killed

Two U.S. soldiers were killed when a van in which they were riding crashed at Rossington, near its fidelity to the traditional alliance,"—B.U.P.

Grocery chain earns more

By Bernard Harris

By Ber



COME HOME

securities at any price."

Two of the municipal loans which attracted buyers were Hamburg Waterworks and City of Berlin Bonds. Both closed higher.

"Not much left in the way of assets there." a jobber commented. Bonds of the other Axis partner were also bought.

In peace time Japan regularly met interest payments and her external debt is small. But the City believes that if she is stripped of all her possessions after the war she will be in no condition to resume interest payments.

soldiers wounded in the inva-sion. . . . Head bandaged, shoulder bandaged, his tunic covering one arm only. A wounded man, carrying his beret, comes down the ramp of a landing craft used on the return journey as a hospital ship.

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THE WOUNDED And here they tell their story-

# 'The party ended too soon'

heads were told last night by the first British and American wounded brought back.

British Commandos were among them. Forty-three, their faces still smeared with battle-black, their uniforms torn and muddy, had only one grouse between them—their party had ended too soon.

Said one: "We were in action about two hours then I got hit in the face by a mortar."

His annoyance outweighs his pain. And self-pity didn't exist. Most of the wounded agreed that enemy reaction to the early stages was less than they expected, particularly from German artillery.

Mortar fire and snipers were the taken to the workers or will labour be transferred to the The House of Commons got no clear answer from the Government yesterday when post-war location of industry was debated. Mr Dalton, President of the Board of Trade, dealt only with Government control and direction of factories.

When he was asked by Cantain Mortar fire and snipers were the most serious opposition. And none of them underrated these snipers.

A 23-year-old British corporal showed his helmet with two holes in it caused by a sniper's bullet. But it was mortar shrapnel that put him out of the fighting. Another "walking wounded" youngster strolled nonchalantly off an American L.S.T. and told his story.

## MORTAR FIRE

MORTAR FIRE

'I was waiking with a pal behind a tank when he was hit by a sniper," he said. "I went to try to pick him up when I was hit in the shoulder," but he thought the mortar fire caused most of the casualties.

Assault troops which hit the beach near Cherbourg did not see a single German during their first hour of demolition work.

They destroyed a concrete tank barricade according to a prearranged plan, blasting it with dynamite so that an Allied tank column could charge through.

Sergeant George Maynard, a Yorkshire lad, went in with a famous north country division, and was hit by a grenade as he fought his way up through a wood on the beach.

He said: "We landed soon after 7 a.m. The Navy's guns were battering fortifications guarding the strip of the beach we had to take.

"Just ahead of us, tank landing craft were alteady inshore and trialists consult us about new

"Just ahead of us, tank landing craft were already inshore and tanks were racing up the shingle.
"German 88mm guns got on to them and there were several direct hits which knocked out the tanks. Others came on.

"Three hundred yards ahead of us was a high concrete wall about 20 feet high. It was really a road embankment with a road running along the top. Jerries were lining the top and potting away at us with machine-guns and chucking hand-grenades.

"There were trenches in the woods the enemy was defending strongly. We drove them out with tommy-guns and rifle fire as we advanced, but the men behind the walls were causing us a lot of trouble.

"The first of our chaps had got through the wood and were working round the Jerries manning the top of the wall when a grenade lobbed over the wall and exploded at my feet. I got this smack in the head and was out of the battle.

"When Jerry went back a bit.

HERE is a five-franc note issued to the invading Allied troops for use in France. On the other side a Tricolour is the only decoration.

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TO KNOW—

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Mas out of the battle.

"When Jerry went back a bit, still fighting pretty hard, I made my way back to the beach, and with other wounded was loaded on a ship, and here I am."

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Private Kenneth Phillips, of Hull, who got a mortar wound in the leg. said the Germans saw them coming all right, but they seemed to be a long time getting their big guns firing. "When I left the beach at a m."

Canadian efficers said they saw French civilians, not many, standing around and not paying any special heed to the proceedings.

A TICKLISH IOB

# GENERAL CHECKS ON G FOR GEORGE

-And finds glider right on spot Express War Reporter DOUGLAS WARTH

Dalton will

WILLIAM BARKLEY

to balance industrial produc-

tion in the country the ques-tion is: Will the works be

When he was asked by Captain Strickland (Cons., Coventry) whether he meant to shift Ribour, whether people wanted to move or not, Mr Dalton said that was a question for Mr Bevin, the Minister of Labour, who will speak in the general debate on employment policy the week after next.

sites of the factories?

R.A.F. TROOP-CARRYING STATION, Wednesday .- The story can be told today of the capture behind the German lines in Normandy of a vital bridge by the paratroops of

the transport G for George. They were told that they would be the first of all the invading armies to land in France 21 minutes after midnight on the morning of D Day. decide where factory goes

hight on the morning of D Day.

They missed the distinction by three minutes—because the men in A for Apple, who dropped some miles further inland, jumped three minutes early.

Men from G for George were specially briefed for their job by their own general standing before them in battle-blouse and the pair of jodhpurs he likes to wear.

"This bridge" he could "twill Express Parliamentary Reporter

"This bridge," he said, "will be needed as soon as the airborne troops go into any sort of action. It must be captured intact.
"I have arranged for a special force of three gliders to crashland there in the dark before any obstacles are cleared." TO stop recurrence of "distressed areas" and

"When I land myself — some hours after midnight—I want to see the noses of those gliders right up against the buttress of the bridge."

When the general did land safely through the flak that had started out by the time he arrived he found gliders on the very spot ordered and the bridge intact.

## THE LAST MAN

A message he sent out tonight said that every parachute objective had been captured and his head-quarters established. G for George dropped the first paratroops neatly across a strip of grass three miles from the N o r m a n d y coast. It was sandwiched between a wood and a minefield, so this target for human bombs had to be carefully pin-

Then the plane swung round in a tight circle to drop one man in the stick who had got tangled in his equipment.

On the second run in he was dropped where he was needed most, right in the centre of the patch.

All done in under two minutes— before the German gunners could muster more than one wild burst of light anti-aircraft fire. Before it was dark, G for George was back in air convoy over France, towing a glider packed with men, motor-cycles, and guns.

The fields looked pitted with craters, one or two red-tiled houses were on fire, and one or two tanks were burning themselves out. There were no German fighters, and the slow tug-planes did not provoke a single burst of flak from the white cliffs.

## QUIET VILLAGES

out diplomacy."

Mr Dalton said: "When industrialists consult us about new factory sites the Government will be able to use its influence to steer new factory development into the areas where it should take place on a broad view of national interests. That is the essential part which in the past has been lacking." Off the beaches a battleship popped off a few guns at a target we could not identify.

On the beaches and in villages that have got left behind everything was quiet.

where or the South African War.

Compare in World War L gets a

Compare in World War L gets a the German municipalities were Wilson), who gave his life for his mostly 5s higher on the day at £5 5s.

\*\*OUT FOR A GAMBLE' The ouvers," said a leading jobber, "are just out for a gamble Their hope is that as the defeat of Germany draws nearer other buyers will come along and take the bonds off them at a higher price.

\*\*More knowledgeable investors take the view that when we are finished with Germany there will be nothing left for bond-holders. They will not fouch German will n

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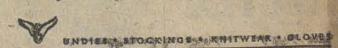
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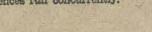
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advancing rapidly on Civitavecchia, naval base 30 miles

ONE MAN alone on a littered French beach. But one of thousands in the huge initial landings. German coastal defences jut from the sand. Ramps and posts embedded along the shore. Obstacles of steel, of reinforced concrete. Some of the Allied transports have been wrecked in the line of traps, but most of them are through and ready to move off.

# NEW BRITISH WEAPONS

## Berlin tells of land torpedo

From GORDON YOUNG: STOCKHOLM, Wednesday

W/ HILE Berlin papers took the optimistic line today and talked of "two-to-one chances in favour of Rundstedt," the German people went sh about Berlin quietly and anxiously.

One neutral said: "Nothing; but the invasion is being discussed in German trains, More to come, offices, and factories today.

"One point which is particularly worrying the Germans is the prospect of a new offensive

"The question I heard most often was: 'What will Stalin do

In Stockholm the newspapers ublish fresh editions every couple hours, and there are big crowds utside the newspaper offices waiting for the latest bulletins.

German reports speak of new Saxon buildoggedness weapons being used on both sides. Let us never forg

ETECTING enemy aircraft is one of

Enthusiasts may be pardoned for asking if

post-war sets will be similarly equipped to keep

away such unwelcome visitors as tax collectors,

Wonders, they say, never cease—but we

don't disguise the fact that this wonder won't even begin! All the same, war-time technique

will in due season be reflected in your post-war

There are Cossor Valves at your dealer.

of course!

etc., advancing down the garden path . . .

Radio and Television - another

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Padio's important war-time roles.

bridges wrecked

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gains are noteworthy not because they mean a steady surge forward, but because they show the

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More to come, says Dietmar

Lieut-General Dietmar

thours, and there are off crowds act of the invasion.

This will not be an affair of the latest bulletins.

Bookshops are sold out of maps of France.

The troops we have to face now are fighting with the traditional Anglo
The troops we have to face now are obviously a slow business to bring the heaviest equipment ashore, but pagin in Italy is weeks ahead of

been cut up.
Stilwell's troops in north Burma have pushed further into Myitkyina, Jap base at the head of the railway from Mandalay.—B.U.P.

Express News Service.

Travel ban will not be li

Super-strength
Naval officers and men taking part in the invasion exceed the pre-war strength of the Royal Navy—120,147.

Coup de Grace for Irish '1,000'

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Division has captured and is holding vital bridges north

from 100 gliders near the towns of Falaise and Argentan, some 30 miles south of Caen and 40 miles from the coast, the deepest penetration yet. Falaise is the birthplace of William the Conqueror. Argentan is a road junction 105 miles due west of Paris.

head" and "Beachhead near Cherbourg.'

## 'ARMADA OF 6,000 SHIPS

of American infantrymen were being landed.

Berlin says that an armada of 6,000 ships has approached the north-western part of the peninsula to establish another beachhead at the Cape de la Hague.

From German reports it seems that a circular strip has been established between Valognes and Carentan, about 20 miles south of Cherbourg. Into this, sky troops are pouring; and according to the Germans, these inland

FROM PAGE ONE

The other great centre of battle is the Cherbourg peninsula, where the Germans report that a division of airborne troops has landed—near Coutances. And the

been landed by air on the Cherbourg peninsula. It appears that a full-scale battle is being fought not far from Cherbourg. Messages from Allied reporters reached London last night under the datelines "Cherbourg Beach-

# Bayeux captured

Berlin also reports that airborne troops have landed

third highlight of the day's operations is that Allied battleships have been sending broadside after broadside into German gun posts east of Havre.

Over the last 24 hours great reinforcements have been landed by air on the Cherhourg peninsula. It there is a support of the cherhouse of the profit of the profi

At the time of the despatches—Tuesday—thousands

# German reports speak of new weapons being used on both sides. Bullet-proof First: A bullet-proof uniform. German war correspondents, say that some British assault troops strained towards the east and the have been found wearing mysterious "impenetrable uniforms." These men were defending a dugout captured from the Germans. They were submitted to well-strained to wards to the forces have been and coording to the Germans, these into fine many adaptations and inventions worked out specially for this programme and that the German forces have made contact with troops landed by sea. "We are being heavily ta greater part of the German forces will be destroyed by the pursuing Allied armies. WILD STATEMENTS Paratroops Were shot Were shot Were shot MOSCOW OPENS The truth is that their opera "We are being heavily ta deranged. There is every hope that by far the greater part of the German forces will be destroyed by the pursuing Allied armies. WILD STATEMENTS Paratroops Were shot MOSCOW OPENS In Hally is weeks ahead of the many adaptations and inventions worked out specially for this operation lend hope that our troops are deranged. There is every hope that by far the greater part of the German forces will be destroyed by the pursuing Allied armies. WILD STATEMENTS Paratroops MOSCOW OPENS D DAY BOTTLE In Mall the winds can devent and the winds and inventions worked out specially for this operation lend hope that our troops are deranged. There is every hope that by far the greater part of the German forces will be destroyed by the pursuing Allied armies. D DAY BOTTLE The truth is that the winds can divent the winds can and inventions and invent says a German military spokes-

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## 'Destroyers hit'

Early in the morning the general impression was that less had been achieved than had been hoped for. Some troops were falling behind schedule, and the enemy resistance was strong. But by midday reports were decidedly more encouraging and showed substantial progress. while on their way to intercept our invasion forces.

In the first attack one was left burning, the second slowed down and smoking, and the third apparently stopped. In the second attack the leading destroyer avoided

Outstanding successes have been achieved by the airborne troops. In some cases they have captured bridges intact which they did not

One Thunderbolt squadron on patrol sighted a panzer convoy of between 75 and 100 units. They

wheeled and dived, releasing their bombs into the convoy About one-half was destroyed.

And still book Thompson. they are F.D.R. HAS PLAN FOR

GAIN German radio A stations issued a running NEW YORK, Wednesday.commentary, hour by hour, on the battle of the bridge-President Roosevelt has heads yesterday. Here are the rebirth of the Third

French Republic. 8.26—Attack is developing as expected Garmen are a few as a second constitution enacted after the Franco-Prussian War.

8.26—Attack is developing as expected. Germans are offering very stiff resistance.

Three enemy bridgeheads now wined cut wiped out.

8.53.—Heavy German bombers have attacked Anglo-American landing boats in strength between Bayeux and the mouth of the Orne. Ships used artificial fog, but heavy detonations were heard.

9.11.—Anti-aircraft guns destroyed 52 enemy aircraft. Eighteen were troop transports. Our fighters shot down 16.

9.15—At Deauville two British airborne battalions were practically wiped out in hand-to-hand fighting. Four officers and 80 men were captured.

In a running fight, two heavy delegates to a General Council. With the backing of the people the General Council would then summon Parliament and call back to office a constitutional President, probably, Albert Lebrun, now under house arrest in northern France.

Lebrun would, according to the Washington report, ask a prominent anti-vichy Frenchman to form a Cabinet.

This temporary Government would rule France until French prisoners of Germany could be repatriated and democratic elections held.

General de Gaulie would presumably hold an important.

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10.29. — Fighting of increased violence went on in bridgeheads north of Caen and north-east of Bayeux during the night.

U.S. paratroopers and airborne units landed south of Carentan and Valognes have been compressed into a narrow area by concentric attack.

All enemy efforts to break through and capture Caen were beaten off. Further airborne landings in rear of German reserves proved a failure.

British airborne formation of about

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British airborne formation of about 500 gliders on eastern bank of the Orne was wiped out during the night.

11.43.—Increasing number of tanks thrown in on both sides. Enemy is going all out to extend southwards his bridgehead running north of the line Caen-Bayeux.

German counter-pressure is growing, and new heavy battles have developed this morning.

Nowhere have the Germans yet thrown in strategic reserves.

P.M.

12.25.—Vigorous attempts to produce a continuous coastal land link between first airborne lode:

'Hang Hitler'

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A "HANG HITLER" movement was begun today by Senator Dives and Orne have failed so far.

German infantry and panzers have thrust forward to the points of disembarkation at some places. At Grandcamp, east of mouth of the Vire, they wiped out a strong enemy combat group, and east of the mouth of the Dives two battalions were annihilated.

12.37.—Allied landing fleet in Seine estuary successfully attacked by German pombers. Several ships and landing craft hit.

12.51—German massed operational reserves, concentrated during the night, are counter-attacking with terrific velocity from the Caen-Bayeux area.

1.25—German heavy tanks nad penetrated deep into Allied bridgehead at Caen by noon.

1.41.—Super heavy German tanks are accompanying new German.

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