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BATTLE RAGES IN NORMANDY

City to Honor Maj. Mahurin Next Sunday

Bond Drive, Airman's Homecoming, Day of Prayer to be Combined

A three-fold program marking the opening of the Fifth War Loan Drive, a homecoming celebration honoring Maj. Walker M. Mahurin, Fort Wayne's ace, and a day of prayer for success in the invasion is being arranged for Fort Wayne Sunday.

Mayor Harry W. Baals, who as director of Fort Wayne Civilian Defense, has been named honorary chairman for the day's observance, announced that Carl J. Sunkloff, warden of District 1 of Fort Wayne Civilian Defense and a member of the Allen County War Finance Committee, has been named general chairman.

"I feel that it is only fitting that we should combine these three events," Mayor Baals said. "and set aside Sunday as a day devoted to the sale of war bonds, welcoming our war hero and praying for victory. They are all connected with the war effort and I feel that they should be co-ordinated."

The War Bond Drive during which Allen County will seek to meet a quota of $10,000,000 will open officially on Monday and continue until July 8. This is the largest War Bond quota ever set for Allen County.

One of the highlights of the day's program will be a parade at 2:30 p.m. and a reviewing stand will be erected on the Court House Square.

Major Mahurin, who arrived Tuesday morning from New York, will occupy the seat of honor in the reviewing stand.

Industry, veteran organizations, high school bands, military units and military equipment from Grand Ordnance Depot loaned by Col. Charles McKnight, commanding officer, will be in the parade.

Protestant and Catholic churches in the city will be asked to observe a special day of prayer for success in the invasion on that particular day.

Blast Nazis In Romania

U.S. Bombers, Flying from Russian Bases, Pave Way for Assault

MOSCOW, June 7. (INS)—American heavy bombers waged an air offensive against Nazi positions in Romania today and Red Army ground troops continued to repulse strong German attacks inside that Balkan country.

In their first assault from new bases within the Soviet Union, the huge four-engined U.S. craft "completely flattened" a key enemy airdrome at Galati, vital communications center some 120 miles southwest of Tiraspol.

The raid, the first time that American and Russian crews worked together in launching an operation, was for a shuttle-type affair, the planes taking off and returning to the same bases.

Not a single bomber was lost in the assault, nor were there any casualties inflicted by the small amount of fighter and antiaircraft opposition encountered. Two fighters, however, failed to return.

All hangars at the German airdrome, situated near the confluence of the Siret and Danube rivers, were said to have been "completely flattened."

"Never have I seen so many incendiaries break in all my life," said one American pilot, a veteran of 50 missions. And another U.S. officer, a colonel, described the enemy base as "completely flattened," with six Nazi interceptors destroyed.

Damage Is Heavy

The official Soviet communique said the American raid was effected yesterday "with the collaboration of the Soviet air force," and resulted in "heavy damage" upon ob-

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General Talked About D-day; Sent Home, Demoted

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7. (AP)—One of American's best known major generals was demoted to lieutenant colonel and sent home for indiscreting in advance the time of D-day.

The supreme command allowed this information to be called at least today after holding it for several days for security reasons.

Supreme headquarters would not permit the officer's name to be called. He was one of the commanders of the U. S. Air Force. An Army man of long standing, he swiftly fell the supreme command ate after talking indiscretly at a London cocktail party.

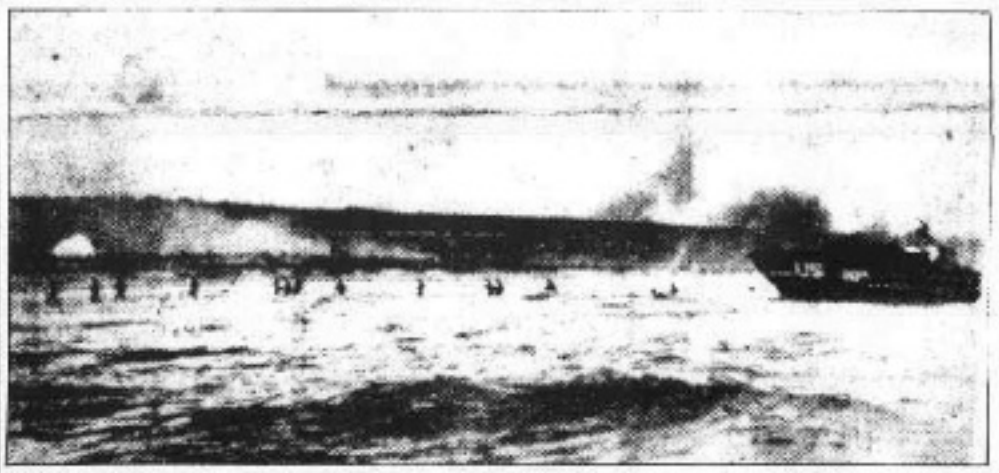
The conversation was said to have taken place almost two months ago when the invasion was expected almost daily. The general was reported to have said in the presence of several persons "Orange" (the invasion) will take place before June 15."

His action was reported to security police by a woman guest and General Eisenhower immediately reduced him reduced to the permanent rank of Lieutenant Colonel and sent home after an investigation.

Yanks and Jeeps Go Ashore for Smash at Hitler's Europe

(AP Wirephoto to News-Sentinel)

Out of the bow doors of a landing craft, American men and jeeps pour ashore on the beach of the Normandy coast of France Monday at start of the second front invasion of Hitler's Europe. Allied troops, carried across the Channel from England in an armada of 4,000 ships, have established a 100-mile front along the coast.



(AP Wirephoto to News-Sentinel)

American infantrymen wade through surf under cover of naval shelling to make first landings on the Normandy coast of France Monday in the opening of the second front. The ship from which the men disembarked is at right. This is the first ground picture to be released of landing operations in France.

Donations of Blood Reach All-time High

War Bond Sales Also Boosted by Invasion

(By Ed Gilmartin)

Blood donations jumped to an all-time high today, as army nurses tripling the usual number of donors, and War Bond sales were up as much as 75 per cent in some places as America rallied behind the Army of liberation storming Fortress Europe.

Three times the normal flow of donors swamped the blood banks in St. Louis and the Red Cross reported it was making appointments weeks in advance to accommodate everyone. At New York, blood banks reported a 300 per cent increase in future bookings.

Figures on actual increases in yesterday's bond sales were unavailable, but in St. Louis a survey of banks throughout the city revealed a jump of from 50 to 75 per cent and in all cases increases were reported.

At Detroit, the Red Cross estimated blood donations increased 40 per cent above the previous high of Feb. 22 when 12,000 bleedings were made. Bond sales at Detroit "skyrocketed" as many plants throughout the metropolitan area tuned specially in storied D-day series.

Philadelphia Center Jammed

A lineup of 35 people awaited the opening of the Red Cross blood bank at Philadelphia yesterday morning and the center was "jammed" all day long. More than 1,000 pints were taken, nearly 300 above the previous high of 700.

At Columbus, O., double the usual number of donors visited the blood bank and more than 300 bleedings were made by noon. War Bond centers in the Buckeye Capital reported good sales

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Nation Prays for Loved Ones' Safety and an Early Triumph

Millions Join With President in Appeal to God in Fight to Free Humanity of Tyrant Yoke

(By United Press)

"... THEY will be done, Almighty God.—Amen."

Thus President Roosevelt ended a day of prayer for millions of Americans. It was prayer for an early triumph "over the unholy forces of our enemy"—for the welfare of the more than 5,000,000 sons, brothers, fathers and friends overseas—for success of the greatest military venture in history—for the crusade "to set free a suffering humanity."

The solemn radio voice of the President of the United States and the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces was joined by untold millions—upwards of 90,000,000 in this country alone.

As the last words died away, those great war hymns—"Onward Christian Soldiers", "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Hallelujah"—rumbled out from the organs of the great cathedrals and small frame churches. Worshippers in the little New England meeting houses and in the missions of the Southwest, the soldiers in Army camp chapels, the shepherders on the range in Wyoming, the colored folks on the plantations of Alabama sang them.

Another Day of Prayer, Work

Then they went their slow and silent way home—to prepare for another day of prayer and another day of work, and for many more of each to come. For President Roosevelt said:

"Our sons . . . their road will be long and hard. The enemy is strong . . . but then straight and true for they will need Thy blessings."

It was probably the largest collective prayer ever uttered.

It was a prayer not only for the English speaking peoples but for all of humanity; for those of 35 different languages and 15 different dialects to whom it was broadcast. It was written by the President in his White House study on invasion eve while he waited for the signal that the landing boats had crossed the English Channel and that American soldiers again were on the soil of France.

To all corners of the world it was sent by short-wave radio; in most of the newspapers of America it

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Dec. 7 Limit For Kimmel, Short Trial

Conferees Agree on Six-months Delay

WASHINGTON, June 7. (INS)—Senate and House conferees reached agreement today on legislation directing the Secretaries of War and Navy to institute court martial proceedings against the Pearl Harbor commanders by next Dec. 7 or declare not guilty those accused.

The conferencing, reached on the day when the statute of limitations affecting Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Gen. Walter C. Short was given, makes it possible for the actual opening of trials to be delayed until after the war, it was explained.

The conferees, following two hours of discussion, reported back to the House and Senate for conferences in their report on the Ferguson and Short resolutions, which they amended to provide for a six month extension of the statute of

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Alleged Murderer Denied Clemency

Wayne Williams, who was sentenced for life in the Indiana State Prison for first degree murder in Allen Circuit Court, has been denied clemency by the State Clemency Commission.

Williams, police said, was one of three men who held up and shot Chas. Foley, meat cutter in the Kroger Store at 2520 South Calhoun St., Jan. 29, 1939.

A jury found him guilty of first degree murder and recommended the electric chair. Williams filed a motion for a new trial which was granted and on March 1, he pleaded guilty to first degree murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Bert Wood.

Allies and Nazis Pour Reinforcements into Cherbourg Peninsula

Fifth Army Is Driving Nazis North

Germans Fleeing Rome Now Near the Lake Bracciano Area

Bulletin

ZURICH, Switzerland, June 7. (UP) — Unconfirmed reports from German-occupied Milan said today that a large Allied fleet has been sighted off Genoa and a landing on the Ligurian coast of Northwest Italy is reported hourly.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NAPLES, June 7. (UP)—Allied Fifth Army columns drove more than 10 miles north and 12 miles west of Rome today, beating down disorganized Nazi rear guards in their path, and Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander confidently declared that the strength of the German armies in Central Italy has been broken.

British and American armored forces moved northward along Highway 2 toward Lake Bracciano, 16 miles above Rome, while infantry units swung out to the west over the Anzio-Rome Way to within sight of the Tyrrhenian Sea, almost 15 miles south of the Tiber estuary.

Scattered German rear guards were battling to slow the advance with antitank guns and tank destroyers, but front reports said most of these troops were disorganized by the fleeing Nazi Army and needed up for a stable stand by their officers.

Low-flying Allied attack planes bombed and machine gunned the retreating enemy, and heavier bombers ranged on ahead to blast bridges and highways along the German line of flight.

"In less than a month, the strength of the German armies has been broken, and the city of Rome has been liberated," Alexander declared.

"Join together against the common enemy."

Supporting Alexander's contained statement, official sources revealed that 15,000 Germans have been captured by the Fifth Army alone since the start of the present offensive.

By mid-afternoon yesterday, the southern wing of the pursuing Fifth Army forces had driven to a point 10 miles above Rome and only about two miles from Lake Bracciano, while infantry spearheads on the west flank were about 10½ miles west by northwest of the capital and some 2½ miles from the sea.

Front dispatches said the advance was continuing steadily, and it was indicated both columns had gone considerably beyond the points reported in today's communique.

On the right flank of the Fifth Army line, the British Eighth Army was reported meeting stiffer resistance, although the steady advance through the hills northeast and east of Rome continued.

One wing of the Eighth Army pushed on to within striking distance of Subiaco, 38 miles east of Rome, while New Zealand troops striking along Highway 82 drove six miles beyond Sora to capture Balsorano.

Airborne Troops Dropped by Both Sides as Germans Try To Pin Invaders to 50-mile Beachhead; Yanks Take Lead

SUPREME ADVANCE COMMAND POST, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7. (AP)—A great battle between airborne troops flared over Cherbourg Peninsula today as both the Allies and the Germans dropped fighting men from the skies over a wide area in the second day of the invasion of France.

Berlin admitted beachheads had been established over more than a 50-mile stretch of the peninsula.

Waves of Allied Parachutists and Glider Troops poured down from a 50-mile long uninterrupted sky train, seizing key positions and helping beat back Nazi tankled counterthrusts, and the Nazis also dropped sky troops.

For four months the Germans have been building an airborne army for just this purpose, led by Lt. Gen. Kurt Student who engineered the landings in Crete. RAF Mosquitos last night destroyed five Junkers 52 troop carriers.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley is commander of U.S. ground forces participating in the attack.

The Germans said they beat off new landing attempts near Calais, 150 miles northeast of Cherbourg, but later their reports indicated German coastal guns merely fired at Allied ships in the area, and there were no indications supreme headquarters was trying to invade there.

Allied invasion task forces have been sailing in feints past many points, keeping the Germans in doubt where the next landings would come.

Steady Stream

In their 50-mile-long aerial train, three waves of U. S. Ninth Air Force Gliders carried "a steady stream of men, equipment and supplies" to forces already fighting inland in Cherbourg Peninsula, supreme headquarters said.

Airborne troops have seized bridges and roads, and joined airborne troops at some points, front dispatches said, and some towns have been captured.

The peninsula, inflame with fighting again supported by Allied sea and air power, was strewn with colored parachutes of troops and engineers, rations and equipment dropped from the sky. Two of the reinforcing air waves were two-plane glider combinations.

The German high command admitted "superior forces" had established beachheads more than six miles apart, at the mouth of the Orne River and north of Carentan, and a DNB broadcast said American troops, steadily being reinforced, were engaged near St. Mere Eglise, between Carentan and Cherbourg near the peninsula tip.

Say Threat Repulsed

DNB said the Allied bridgehead at the Orne River was about 3½ miles wide and six miles deep at points, but declared a threat to seize the town of Caen, nine miles inland, had been repulsed. There were conflicting reports of heavy fighting at Caen.

Berlin also reported heavy fighting at Barneville between the Orne and Carentan.

Headquarters has indicated that strong Nazi counterthrusts may be expected.

In the first specific report of airborne losses, the Ninth Air Force said 12 C47 troop carriers and 12 gliders were missing from the re-

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Nazis Report New Thrust

DNB Reports Allies Attempt Landing in Pas de Calais Area

LONDON, June 7. (INS)—German broadcasts today reported a new Allied amphibious landing attempt across the Straits of Dover.

A DNB broadcast said:

"The Allies this morning made a fresh attack in daylight across the Straits of Dover in the Pas de Calais region to land troops on the coast from amphibious landing craft.

"German naval and long-range guns shelled the enemy ships, according to an official Berlin spokesman.

"Results of this fire could not be observed as the enemy put up a smoke screen.

"The enemy craft approached the straits from the north.

"Yesterday the Allies made an earlier attempt to get across the Channel in daylight at the narrowest point."

Enemy Longrange Guns Bombard Dover Area

DOVER, Eng., June 7. (INS)—Coincident with Nazi claims that Allied amphibious troops had attempted a new invasion of France across the narrow Straits of Dover,

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THE WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1944

FORT WAYNE AND VICINITY: Fair tonight, increasing cloudiness Thursday; not quite so cool tonight. Lowest temperature 45 to 50; rising temperature Thursday.

INDIANA: Fair with gradually rising temperature and moderate to fresh northeast winds tonight and Thursday.

LOWER MICHIGAN: Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday.

NORTHWESTERN OHIO: Fair tonight, Thursday fair becoming warmer by afternoon.

INDIANA LAKE AREA: Generally fair weather is expected to continue through Thursday and Friday with gradually rising temperature and with tonight low, winds will be gentle to moderate, becoming fresh by Friday.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR FARMERS: Generally fair weather is expected to continue through Thursday and Friday with gradually rising temperature and low humidity.

TEMPERATURES IN FORT WAYNE:

1 p.m.	81	9 p.m.	64
2 p.m.	82	10 p.m.	62
3 p.m.	83	11 p.m.	60
4 p.m.	84	12 (M.)	59
5 p.m.	85	1 a.m.	58
6 p.m.	86	2 a.m.	57
7 p.m.	86	3 a.m.	56
8 p.m.	85	4 a.m.	55
		5 a.m.	55
		6 a.m.	55
		7 a.m.	56
		8 a.m.	60
		9 a.m.	63

Extremes of temperature:
Highest during the 24 hours 86.
Lowest during the 24 hours 55.
Highest since the first of the month, 95 on the 4th.
Lowest since the first of the month, 45 on the 1st.
Relative humidity at:
5:30 p.m. 70; 8:30 a.m. 91; noon 48.
Total precipitation for the 24 hours, none. Precipitation since first of month, .38. Since Jan. 1 17.49.
Sunrise 5:06 a.m. tomorrow. Sunset 8:31 p.m. tonight.
Yesterday: maximum 86 on the 4th; minimum 45 on the 1st. Mean temperature yesterday 65. Day before yesterday 65. Day before yesterday 63. Normal for today 71.
One year ago today: highest 67; lowest 44. Precipitation, none.
Maumee River stage 2.1 feet.

Many of Allies in First Wave Mowed Down by Nazi Crossfire

LONDON, June 7. (UP)—Some of the first assault troops who stormed the French beaches were mowed down by German crossfire but succeeding waves climbed over their bodies until a foothold was established, an eye-witness who returned from the beachhead reported today.

Bert Brandt, 38, an Acme News photographer, spent a reef hour on the beach yesterday and several hours more cruising within gunshot of the landing areas.

"It was nearer than hell ever came," Brandt said. "I was at Anzio but Anzio was nothing like this."

He said the Germans laid down intensive fire on the beaches with well-emplaced machine guns. American casualties were spotty, heavy on some beaches and light on others.

On one beach, Brandt reported, the German machine gunners waited until the landing craft lowered their ramps and then poured deadly fire into the barges. The opposition met by the first wave delayed the landing of demolition parties scheduled to follow with heavy equipment.

The German defenses finally crumbled under the weight of attack and by the time Brandt left the beachhead at 2 p.m. yesterday, the Americans were firmly ashore and beginning to advance inland.

"Unbelievable Sight"

"The whole thing was an unbelievable sight," Brandt said. "Planes cruised overhead constantly. You never could look up without seeing a formation of planes somewhere. P-38s and P-47s zoomed right overhead all the time visiting the German defenses.

"Some boats were burning and a

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Temperature Hits 42 at 6 A.M., Breaks Record

The temperature dropped to 42 degrees at 6 a.m. today and broke the U. S. Weather Bureau Station's record for June 7. The coldest June 7 up to now was in 1918, when the temperature slipped down to 46 degrees.

The season and month records are unaffected, however. Lowest temperature for June on record is 38 degrees. B. B. Whittier, Weather Bureau forecaster, said there was very slight frost in a few isolated spots but not enough to do any damage. Crops were not reported to be affected by weather which was the coldest yet this month.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight with increasing cloudiness Thursday and not quite so cool tonight. Lowest temperatures expected to be between 45 and 50 degrees. Rising temperatures are forecast for Thursday.