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ALLIES INVADE FRANCE TUESDAY

TROOPS DRIVE INLAND RAPIDLY

Nazi Opposition Less Than Allies Expected

Battle Extends Along 100-Mile Stretch of Normandy Peninsula; Casualties So Far Unexpectedly Light; Reinforcements Pouring Across Channel Despite Unfavorable Turn in Weather

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Wednesday, June 7.—Masses of Allied sea and airborne troops, which landed in France against little opposition, were fighting their way inland early today along a 100-mile stretch of the Normandy coast between Cherbourg and Le Havre, while heavy reinforcements were being rushed across the channel in the face of a falling barometer.

In the second communique since the long-awaited invasion of Hitler's Europe began before daylight yesterday, the Allied High Command disclosed that more than 1,000 troop-carrying aircraft, including gliders, participated in the airborne phase of the gigantic operation with "unexpected success" and that two United States cruisers and the battleship Nevada shelled German defenses in support of the landings.

"Very Light"

The bulletin said Allied naval casualties were regarded as "very light."

A British naval officer, who accompanied the task forces, said the supreme command was "still worried about the weather" and that there had been much sea-sickness among the invasion forces. The wind over the channel grew stronger during the night.

The German High Command, in a special late communique, declared that "fighting in the Cherbourg-Le Havre area is in full swing. South of Le Havre strong airborne units have been annihilated. New enemy operations must be expected, but have not taken shape yet. Fighting is extremely fierce everywhere, as the Anglo-Americans are putting up a most tenacious resistance."

Nazi Admission

"It must be admitted," said the Nazi-controlled Vichy radio, "that the Allied beachhead area has been considerably widened and that Allied reinforcements are pouring in."

There were indications that the Germans were losing touch with their battle groups and that they were not sure where the main force of the Allied assault was striking.

At a late hour last night hundreds of Allied planes still were in the air, guarding the convoys and the beachheads and striking beyond the zone of operations to paralyze Nazi defense positions and communications.

During the first day of the assault Allied airmen reported that Frenchwomen stepped from their doorways to wave at them as they sped overhead.

The first of the Allied wounded were returned to England. Despite injuries, many were smiling and cheerful.

Headquarters officers, reticent about the progress of sea landings expressed themselves as more than satisfied with the airborne attack, contradicting a German high command claim shortly after midnight that the defenders had annihilated strong airborne units.

London, Wednesday, June 7.—The United States Navy, with two rear admirals riding in cruisers and paced by the battleship Nevada, was a part of a 4,000-ship Allied armada which seared and blasted German defenses before the assault troops hit the beaches of France, it was announced today.

In Washington, President Roosevelt announced that up to noon Tuesday (Eastern War Time) United States naval losses were two destroyers and one LST (landing ship, tanks). The entire Allied naval losses officially were described as "very light."

Rear Admiral Alan Goodrich Kirk, commander of one of the task forces, watched the mammoth operations from his flagship, the cruiser Augusta, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, announced in

a communique. The other cruiser was the Tuscaloosa, commanded by Rear Admiral Morton L. Deyo.

Moscow, June 6.—The three-year-long dream of a western land front came true for the Russian people today when they heard by radio that the Allies had invaded France.

At the same time the Red Army was understood to be massing for its expected blow from the east following up the assault from the west.

News of the invasion was welcomed with a heart-warming reaction—the full import of the action being realized gradually here as successive broadcast brought the people word of the developments from London.

Day of Prayer

At 11:45 Tuesday morning practically every place of business in Louisburg closed and all gathered in the Court room to engage in prayer offered for our boys who are in the armed forces, particularly those who were engaged in the invasion of Europe, the activity of which began early that morning.

At the request of Mayor W. C. Webb, Mr. E. H. Malone called he meeting to order and explained the objects, and Dr. Walter Patten lead in a most fervent and sincere appeal for the guidance and care of our boys now engaged in the great conflict.

Then Dr. H. S. Cobey, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, made a most earnest and touching appeal for those who were then in the gigantic struggle for Christianity and the freedom of the world.

Each of these appeals were of a high and most sincere order and with the great interest shown by the overflowing Court room full of people, must bear great results and give to our loved ones and their buddies the courage and protection that a great and just creator should or would command.

Dr. Cobey announced that the churches were open each day for private or individual prayers, and that in each special prayer services would be held as follows: Baptist and Methodist each morning at 8:45; Episcopal at 6 p. m.

It was also announced that a public prayer service will be held in the Court room each day at 11:45 until further announcements.

UNION VESPER SERVICE

During the summer months of June, July and August the Baptist, Episcopal and Methodist Churches unite in a Union Vesper Service on the Louisburg College campus at 7:15 p. m.

The ministers of the three churches, assisted by other local ministers conduct these services. In case weather conditions prohibit meeting out of doors, the service will be held in the Methodist Church.

Dr. T. C. Amick will speak Sunday evening.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"Facing The Crises" is the sermon subject for 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning. Union Vesper service Sunday evening, 7:15.

Church School meets at 9:45 a. m., led by Prof. I. D. Moon. Each week-day morning at 8:40 the church is open for those who will come for prayer during these critical days.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday after Trinity. Services at the usual hours, 8:00, 9:45 and 11:00. Subject of sermon: "Religion and the Nation."

Union Evening Service on College campus at 7:15. Daily services of Prayer in this time of war, 6:00 p. m. Church open daily for private prayer.

AVIATION CADET

Maxwell Field, Ala., June 1.—Glenn H. Person, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Person, 611 North Main St., Louisburg, North Carolina, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama, an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Here the cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive military physical and academic training.

LEGION CANDIDATE



GEORGE K. SNOW

Mount Airy, June 3.—The Jesse B. Jones Post No. 123 of the American Legion has offered George K. Snow, prominent member of the post, as a candidate for commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, subject to action of the annual department convention in Asheville June 17-20. Snow is executive secretary of the North Carolina State Salvage Committee, and previously was assistant State Director of the Office of Civilian Defense for two years. He served in France in World War I, and has served the Mount Airy post and the State department of the Legion in a number of capacities. He is department vice commander now.

A Plan For Financing

Franklin County Memorial Association Over Period Of Years

To the best of our knowledge our Franklin County Memorial Association is the only well organized Memorial Association in the World. In our organization every citizen of Franklin County is a member. We are justly proud of our organization.

In the past the financing of this organization has been attempted by haphazard, uncertain methods. We have necessary expenses, such as visiting speakers expenses, the printing of programmes, postage, and the purchase of flags which we place on the graves of every veteran of World War I and World War II.

We have evolved a plan to solicit CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIPS which will finance our Memorial Association for a five year period. Every Contributing Member will pay \$1.00 now, and \$1.00 on May 1st, of each year for the years 1945-1946-1947-1948.

This is a certain plan for finance, and each year the Treasurer will have to collect only from the Contributing Members.

Any person, firm, or organization, wishing to become a Contributing Member of our Franklin County Memorial Association, will please contact W. F. Shelton at the Louisburg Theatre, or T. K. Stockard, at the Town Office of Louisburg, N. C.

HONORS HOUSE GUEST

On Wednesday morning, Miss Talmadge Thomas observed a Coca-Cola Hour for her houseguest, Miss Courtney Goddin, of Richmond, Va. The dining table was covered with in imported lace cloth. Guests served themselves to cheese spreads, pickles, olives, cocktail sausages, crackers of all kinds, Marguerites and Coca-Colas.

A most informal hour was enjoyed by the following guests in addition to the honoree: Misses Frances Hedden, Jackie Word, Mary Nelson Smithwick, Imogene Phillips, Janice Perry, Helen Welch Tucker, Virginia Howard, Nicky Alston, Sarah Hardwick, Louise Ellis Webb, Betsy Cobb and Nancy Griffin.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—

AN INVITATION TO ALL VETERANS

The Jambes Post of the American Legion cordially invites all veterans of all wars to attend a barbecue to be held at Louisburg Armory, 6:30 P. M., Friday, June 10, 1944, whether or not they are members of the American Legion. This barbecue will be a Dutch affair and the plates will cost 75c each. It is requested that every one planning to attend please notify T. K. Stockard, Louisburg, N. C., so that they may know how much barbecue to buy.

WINBORN MAKES SPLENDID ADDRESS

AT FRANKLIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION SERVICES

Good Many Attend; Excellent Program Arranged; Officers Elected for Another Year; Committees Decorate the Graves of Many Deceased Veterans in County

"These young men" speaking of the World War II, "will have to finish the job" the boys of World War I failed to finish, Hon. Stanley Winborne, Utilities Commissioner stated in his speech at the Franklin County Memorial Association at its memorial meeting in the Court House on Sunday afternoon. He stated that the boys now like those before, are fighting for salvation of our civilization, with that consciousness and conviction of victory that is bound to be ours. The speaker stated that Franklin County enjoyed a peculiar pleasure in its reputation over the State and outside the State for its educational activities and interest and gave much of the credit of the Memorial activities to the incentive born of the teaching in the past. He paid a nice tribute to the County Memorial Association work, and said "you have a right to feel proud of your people, they never fought for conquest, but for principle." From this he reviewed the objects of the wars past, and paid high tribute to the boys who fought, the battle of the first World War for Democracy and Christianity. He expressed great pleasure at being present to take part in the splendid services here.

The speaker was very ably presented to the many present by Senator W. L. Lumpkin, in very complimentary remarks. While Judge J. E. Malone expressed the pleasure of the Association and those present for the splendid address given by Judge Winborne. He also made the usual announcements.

President Stephen Tharrington made the Welcome Address. Music was furnished by Mills High School Band, and Anthems were sung by the audience, under direction of Mrs. Ralph Mills, and Taps were given by Bobby Andrews.

Capt. Hill Yarborough of the 8th Co. State Guard, as chairman of the nominating committee read the report of the committee making nominations as follows for officers for the ensuing year:

President: Stephen L. Tharrington, Youngsville.

First Vice-President: James E. Malone, Jr., Louisburg.

Second Vice-President: Frank A. Reed, Wood.

Third Vice-President: Mrs. Walter Cooke, Franklinton.

Secretary: Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, Louisburg.

Treasurer: W. F. Shelton, Louisburg.

Chairman Local Details: Miss Susie Meadows, Louisburg.

County Flower Chairman: Mrs. H. C. Taylor, Sr., Louisburg.

County Vice Chairman Flowers: Mrs. Hazel Roberson, Louisburg.

Upon motion properly made and seconded the above officers were unanimously elected. Edward Leigh Best read the roll call of deceased veterans, and Dr. H. S. Cobey pronounced invocation.

Following adjournment committees visited the several graves in the county and with appropriate services decorated each one.

GRADUATES

Greenville, June 5.—Among the class of approximately 150 seniors who were graduated at East Carolina Teachers College today, was a Franklin County student, Miss Debecca Anne Perry, of Louisburg.

She was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts, the teaching degree of the College, and her teaching certificate.

RECORD OF DELINQUENTS

The following is a list of colored delinquent draftees as of May 31, 1944, announced by the Franklin County draft Board: William Ellis Johnson, Louisburg, N. C. No. 1. Joseph Perry, St. Pauls, N. C. James Odus Wiggins, care of Elms Restaurant, Flushing, N. Y. Ralph Foster, Henderson, N. C. No. 2. Theodore Roosevelt Alston, care of Ross Engineering Co., Little Creek, Va.

Franklin's Township Quotas

The campaign for sale of the Fifth War Loan Bonds begins next Monday, June 12th, and Chairman Gaither Beam announces that quotas for each township are as follows:

Township	Quota
Dunn No. 1	\$11,500.00
Dunn No. 2	10,000.00
Harris	15,250.00
Youngsville	27,000.00
Franklinton	61,000.00
Hayesville	13,000.00
Sandy Creek	13,000.00
Gold Mine	12,000.00
Cedar Rock	24,000.00
Cypress Creek	10,000.00
Louisburg	65,000.00

The quota for the colored people will be as follows:

Township	Quota
Dunn	\$1,000.00
Harris	500.00
Youngsville	750.00
Franklinton	7,000.00
Hayesville	2,000.00
Sandy Creek	1,500.00
Gold Mine	500.00
Cedar Rock	700.00
Cypress Creek	500.00
Louisburg	4,000.00

County Commissioners Meet

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members except Bartholomew present.

The minutes for the May meeting were read by the Clerk and approved by the Board.

The following reports were received and ordered filed: Dr. S. P. Burr, County Health Officer; C. D. Hagwood, Supt. County Home; Mrs. J. E. Mitchiner, Supt. Welfare; W. C. Boyce, Farm Agent; Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Dem. Agent; H. H. Price, Negro Farm Agent; Mildred Payton, Negro Dem. Agent.

Mr. J. L. Foster appeared before the Board in reference to the 33 acre tract of land situated in Sandy Creek Township, Franklin County, known as the W. T. Cooper tract of land. Motion by Com. Dean and second by Com. Pearce and duly carried that the County Attorney be authorized to write necessary papers for the sale of land to Mr. J. L. Foster for \$320.

Application for Beer license of Mr. J. F. Harris was approved by the Board.

Motion by Com. Dean and second by Com. Pearce that the contract of A. M. Pullen & Co. be signed and approved, including for the year 1944-45 for Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds and County Accountant for \$600.00 carried.

Mrs. L. W. Henderson and Miss Phillips (County Librarian) appeared before the Board and asked that the County appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars to the Franklin County Library. Mrs. Henderson and Miss Phillips also presented to the Board a copy of the Library Budget. Motion by Com. Joyner and second by Com. Pearce that the sum of One Thousand Dollars be appropriated to the Franklin County Library, payable monthly. Motion carried, as tentative.

The tentative Welfare budget for the Franklin County Welfare Department was presented to the Board by Mrs. Ben T. Holden. Budget explained by Mrs. George Gilliam and Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner. The Welfare Board voted that the total sum for salaries for the employees of the Franklin County Welfare Department be the same as last year. The above motion approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion by Com. Joyner and second by Com. Dean and duly carried that the Outside Pauper list be approved for the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars.

The tentative School Budget was presented to the Board by Supt. Wiley Mitchell. Motion by Com. Pearce and second by Com. Dean and duly carried that said budget be approved.

Motion by Com. Pearce and second by Com. Dean that the sum of \$78.00 office expense be approved for the Colored Farm Agent—Com. Joyner voting no to the above motion and Chairman J. Z. Terrell voting yes to break the tie.

Motion by Com. Dean and second by Com. Pearce and duly carried that the following salaries be raised \$10.00 per month: W. C. Boyce, Farm Agent, Walter Fuller, Asst. Farm Agent, Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Dem. Agent.

Motion by Com. Dean and second by Com. Pearce and carried that the Tax Collector be directed to begin advertisement of 1943 Tax liens in July for sale on the first Monday in August, 1944. Make settlement first Monday in Sept., 1944.

After allowing a number of accoups, the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

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HONORS



MR. GAITHER M. BEAM

Another honor was given Louisburg during the past week when Gaither Beam, President of the local Lions Club, was selected as one of the speakers at the Lions State Convention to be held in Charlotte June 11 to 13.

Five members of the local club will attend this convention. They are, Dr. A. Paul Bagby, Howard Massey, Dean Moon, George Eaves and Gaither Beam.

Bond Drive Begins Monday

June 12th, next Monday, is the beginning of the Fifth War Loan Drive. Franklin County is called upon to buy \$305,000 of these bonds.

Each township has been given a quota and it will be a race to see which will sell its quota first. Back your township committee and let's sell these bonds in a hurry. This will show the invasion forces that Franklin County is doing its part.

Chairman Beam asks that every Franklin County citizen buy his bonds from some agency within the county so that we will get credit for the sale.

Assemblies Meet at Louisburg College

Monday, June 12, the first of six assemblies for young people and Christian workers will begin. Approximately 900 young people and 100 leaders will participate between June 12 and July 11.

The Rev. J. G. Phillips, former pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church will direct the assemblies. Mr. Phillips has recently been appointed Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. Soon these hundreds of visitors will be coming down the streets of Louisburg, visiting the places of business. A sincere welcome is extended to them.

IMPORTANT

There were a few Veterans graves in Harris Township, Dunn Township, Cedar Rock and Cypress Creek, which were not decorated with flags on Sunday, June 4th, the day of the Memorial Association meeting. The Chairman in those townships, or any one who is interested in seeing that the graves are appropriately decorated may get a flag, or flags, if you will see Mrs. Hugh W. Perry in the Court House, J. E. Malone, or T. K. Stockard. It is extremely important that ALL graves be marked with a flag. Neighbors, friends or relatives of the deceased veterans, please cooperate.

GETS AWARD

Bougainville.—Cpl. Wilson G. Beasley, of Louisburg, N. C., has been awarded the Good Conduct ribbon for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity as a soldier of the Army of the United States. He is assigned to an Evacuation Hospital of an advanced base Service Command.

Cpl. Beasley graduated from N. C. State College and worked as a clerk before entering the Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Beasley, 111 Church St., Louisburg, N. C.

SUGAR

Raleigh, June 6.—Sugar Stamp 32 in War Ration Book Four will become good indefinitely on June 16 for five pounds of sugar, Theodore S. Johnson, district director of the Raleigh Office of Price Administration, has announced.

The validation continues distribution of sugar to household consumers at the same rate as previously—five pounds per person each two and one-half months.

5TH ARMY TAKES ROME

LIBERATES FIRST EUROPEAN CAPITAL

General Clark's Men Are Forced to Fight Germans Right Up to Gates of City; Most of Damage Confined To Rail Yards; Victors Lose No Time In Pursuing the Retreating Nazis

Allied Headquarters, Naples, June 4.—Triumphant Fifth Army troops tonight captured Rome, bringing liberation for the first time to Nazi-enslaved European capital, and German rear-guard were fleeing the Eternal City in disorganized retreat to the northwest.

Except for the rail yards, smashed by Allied bombs, the city is 95 per cent intact. Reynolds and Eleanor Packard of the United Press reported after their arrival in the city with the Allied occupation forces.

(The Berlin radio announced the evacuation of Rome and, quoting an order from Adolf Hitler's headquarters, said German troops had been directed to take up new positions northwest to avoid bringing the city under peril of destruction.

(The evacuation was ordered after Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, German commander in Italy, proposed through the German ambassador to The Vatican that both sides recognize Rome an open city, Berlin said.)

Pursuing Germans Late tonight the British Eighth Army, rushing into Rome from the southeast along the Via Cassina, was reported joining the Fifth Army in close pursuit of the hard-pressed enemy remnants, under orders to destroy them to a man if that were possible.

Only enough troops to maintain order and ferret any German snipers or suicide nests were to be left in Rome as the main Allied armies pounded on without pausing to celebrate their greatest triumph, coming 270 days after the start of the Italian campaign.

At the very gates of Rome, the Germans had made a final stand, but Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, after waiting three hours for the enemy troops to withdraw in accordance with their own avowal of Rome as an open city, ordered a violent antitank barrage. Then masses of Fifth Army men and weapons crashed into the city, and began mopping up enemy snipers and a few tanks and mobile guns which were trying to cover the retreat.

INDUCTED

The following Colored registrants were inducted into the Navy, on June 6th, as announced by Franklin County Draft Board: Robert Earl Williams, Tyrus Lee Crews, Ollie Leonard, Phil Williams, Arthur Linwood Alston, John Robert Edwards, Robert Kearney, Frank Kelley, Jr., Clyde Mackinley Davis, James Eddie McCowan, Monroe Neal, Hubert Lee Foster, Erastus Clifton.

The following Colored registrants inducted into the Army on June 1st: Joseph James Mitchell, Willie Green Upchurch, Calvin Coolidge Massenburg.

TIRE RATIONING

Raleigh, June 5.—Although the number of new passenger tires available for rationing in June is slightly larger than in May, demand still far exceeds production or the available quota. Theodore S. Johnson, district director of the Raleigh Office of Price Administration, has announced.

He again emphasized the necessity for continued tire conservation. Fewer heavy duty truck tires will be rationed in June than in May, Johnson pointed out, declaring that a critical situation exists in this field.

June passenger tire quotas for Franklin County is 309. At the same time the local board had on file applications for 550 tires.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, June 10: Saturday—Wm. Boyd in "False Colors" and Don Barry in "Man from Rio Grande".

Sunday-Monday—Mickey Rooney in "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble".

Tuesday—Jean Gabin, Richard Whort and Ellen Drew in "The Imposter." Also The Phantom.

Wednesday—Gloria Jean and Bob Crosby and Band in "Pardon My Rhythm".

Thursday-Friday—Joel McCrea, Maureen O'Hara and Linda Darnell in "Buffalo Bill".