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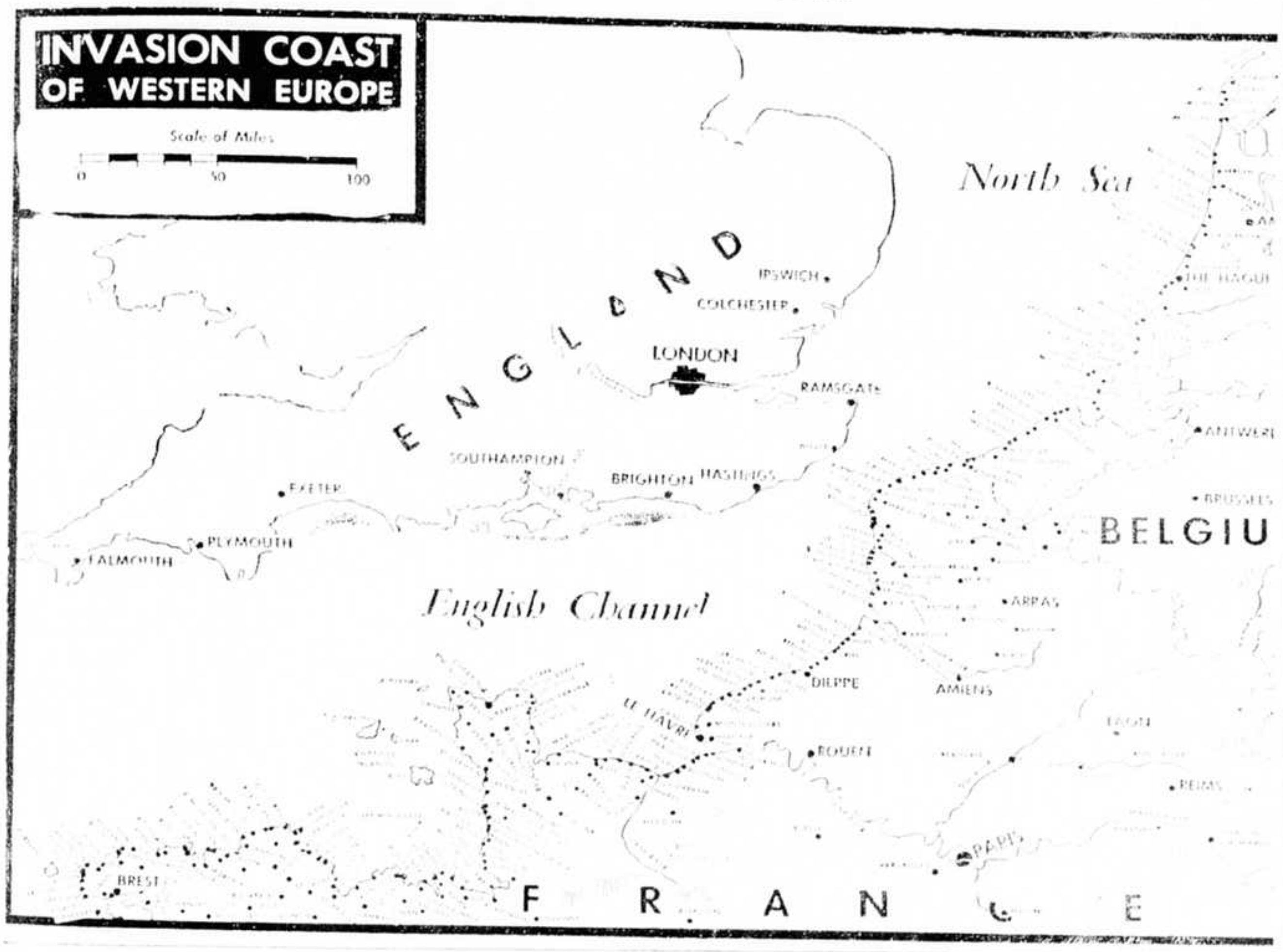

Over 11,000 Planes Join In Assaults

Normandy Beaches Strafed; Interior Lines Are Broken

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 6 (AP)—Through a rolling ocean of cloud 5,000 feet thick, Allied air forces threw 11,000 aircraft of almost every type into the grand invasion of Europe today, bombing and strafing miles of Normandy's beaches and flying inland to break the enemy's communications.

[illegible]

In a blasting herald to the invasion, the British bomber command sent more than 1,300 of its biggest ships roaring across the channel in the heaviest aerial attack ever aimed at German batteries along the French coast.

[illegible]

Beachheads Set Up Quickly On Shore

Over 4,000 Ships Carry Land Forces; German Opposition Less Than Expected.

Supreme Headquarters, Allied [illegible] June 6 —(AP)— [illegible] light in massive strength [illegible] today and [illegible] inland from [illegible].

General Dwight D. Eisenhower [illegible] grand assault was a "crusade [illegible] than full victory."

[illegible]

The [illegible] Montgomery [illegible] ships and additional [illegible].

[illegible]

The German [illegible] from Cherbourg to Le Havre [illegible] and later [illegible] additional landings [illegible] "west of Cherbourg" [illegible] Normandy [illegible] the first base of their campaign to destroy [illegible] Germany.

The initial landings were made [illegible] British time [illegible].

The Germans said [illegible] on the English channel [illegible] that invasion [illegible].

A[illegible] confirming that Normandy [illegible] general area of the assault, Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force was silent [illegible] for tactical reasons.

From Moscow came word that the Russians [illegible] massing in preparation for another great attack from the east as its part in defeating Germany.

All reports from the beachheads [illegible] though they were in specific detail, agreed that the Allies [illegible] the great gamble of amphibious landing [illegible] the strongest fortified section of coast in the world.

Reconnaissance pilots said the Allied troops had secured the beaches and were dashing inward, [illegible] actually running in a swift advance.

The unofficial word at headquarters [illegible] while the Vichy radio admitted the Allied drive inland was going right ahead.

More than 640 naval guns, ranging from four to 16-inch, hurled many tons of shells accurately [illegible] coastal fortifications which the Germans had [illegible] against this day.

Prime Minister Churchill was able to tell the British Parliament that the shore batteries had been [illegible] quelled, the underwater obstructions had [illegible] than feared, and the whole operation [illegible] plan."

Allied planes preceding [illegible] nearly 96-hour bombardment which reached [illegible] in the hour before the troops hit the beaches.

The air attack was [illegible] cloud banks 5,000 feet high.

German [illegible] and motor torpedo boats [illegible] were being "dealt with." The Germans [illegible] radios all sorts of claims [illegible] land forces.

[illegible]

Fifth Army Driving Far Past Rome

German Resistance Is "Awfully Weak"; Nazis in Disorder

Allied Headquarters, Naples, June 6 —(AP)— Fifth army forces drove steadily beyond liberated Rome today, some units plunging as much as five miles out from historic Tiber river against what was officially termed "awfully weak resistance."

[illegible]

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's troops [illegible] the Tiber [illegible] from Rome to the [illegible] enemy divisions still in the [illegible] below the city are in desperate straits.

In the coastal area alone, well over 2,000 prisoners apparently will be unable to scramble out of the Allied net because all Tiber bridges from Rome to the sea either have been blown up or captured.

[illegible]

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Cause of Liberty Is Now at Stake, Sec. Hull States

Hershey, Pa., June 6—(AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that the Allied armies landing in Europe "never more truly represented the cause of liberty and of mankind."

Secretary Hull, vacationing here, declared in a statement, "we confidentially look forward to a great historic Allied victory."

U. S. Prisoners, Wounded Overseas, Arrive Back Home

Jersey City, N. J., June 6—(AP)—Fifty-one ill or wounded American soldiers who were prisoners of war in Germany came home today on the Swedish liner Gripsholm.

The ship which left here May 2 with 790 German prisoners and civilians and had carried out an exchange at Barcelona, Spain, for American, British and Canadian prisoners, is due late today.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy and warmer today, with scattered afternoon thundershowers; partly cloudy and warm tonight; mostly cloudy with scattered thundershowers Wednesday.

President Writing Prayer For Success; To Speak Tonight

Washington, June 6—(AP)—Closeted in his bedroom, President Roosevelt spent the early morning hours of the invasion writing a prayer for victory for the Allied forces of liberation.

The chief executive, who received reports of the invasion through its early phase, will go on the air at 10 o'clock tonight, EWT, with the hope that the nation will join him in the prayer which he wrote.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early, who described Mr. Roosevelt's activities to reporters, said the President went to his bedroom early last evening and began working on the prayer shortly after he delivered a nationwide broadcast on the fall of Rome. Working behind blackout [illegible]

[illegible]

Opposition Of Foe Less Than Feared

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 6 (AP)—German opposition [illegible]

[illegible]

Conspiracy Charged By Ward's Head

Washington, June 6—(AP)—Sewell Avery, chairman of the Montgomery Ward & Company, contended today that the National Labor Relations Board and the War Labor Board conspired together [illegible]

[illegible]

War Office Fully Manned For Invasion

Washington, June 6—(AP)—Key officers of the War Department were fully manned and waiting [illegible]

[illegible]

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Landings Delayed 24 Hours Because Very Bad Weather

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, June 6—(AP)—The Allied landings in France were postponed 24 hours due to bad weather, it was learned today. They were originally scheduled for yesterday morning.

As the time for the original "D" Day approached, there was a clear sky, but the weather man warned that a storm was coming and General Eisenhower postponed the operations 24 hours.

Although the weather looked bad when the invasion finally was ordered, the predictions were for clearing skies and the expedition moved out.

Russians Preparing For Crushing Blow

Moscow, June 6 —(AP)— [illegible] under food today to be massing and preparing [illegible] part of the joint Allied [illegible] from the east, combined with [illegible] the west and General Alexander [illegible].

[illegible]

Local Churches Plan Prayer Period At 6 P. M.

In keeping with plans made several weeks ago, Henderson churches arranged for prayer services at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The minister of each church is to lead.

This service follows the tolling of church bells every hour on the hour during the day.

One minister observed today that the prayer services in the churches at 6 o'clock this evening might be an indication of how much the hearts of the people are in the war and how much they are concerned, and also how much faith they have in divine power and leadership. Leaders generally called upon the people for an outpouring the like of which had never before been seen in the community.