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European Invasion Penetrating Deeper FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY MON.

American, Canadian, British Troops Land On The Coast Of France Tuesday Before Dawn

D-Day Starts Shortly After
Midnight; Number Towns in
Normandy Captured; 4,000
Ships, 11,000 Planes in In-
vasion; Germany in Italy
Bombed.

The long awaited D-Day, invasion of Europe, arrived Tuesday morning shortly after 3:30 when 11,000 planes and 4,000 ships began carrying American, Canadian and British troops and supplies to the coast of France. France was invaded first on the coast of Normandy peninsula and at Le Havre. First reports said that the initial approach and landing was surprisingly easy. One reporter who went along in a small boat said that while he was across the channel not a bomb or a gun was fired by the Germans.

Within six hours after landings were attempted, beachheads were established.

The following account of the progress of the invasion to date appeared in today's News and Observer:

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Friday, June 9.—The Germans hurried in their reserves along the whole expanding battlefield in Normandy yesterday but failed to stem the Allied advance as the Americans gradually enlarged their beachheads and the British and Canadians made continued progress in the second phase of the three-stage assault on the European front.

Canadian infantry and armored divisions were disclosed to have captured a dozen towns and 600 prisoners and now were advancing rapidly southward through woodlands and farms between Caen and the captured town of Bayeux.

An allied communiqué issued shortly before midnight last night said, "The enemy is fighting fiercely. His reserves have now been in action along the whole front."

The British Sixth Airborne Division, which the Nazis claimed yesterday to have "annihilated" has held repeated German attacks, the communiqué said.

Battle For Vital Road.

It later was disclosed at headquarters that Americans were fighting for a lateral road, which

was not specified, but which apparently was one of those running westward from Caen, nine miles inland, and roughly parallel to the coast towards Cherbourg peninsula.

It was also disclosed that the American First and British 50th Infantry Divisions spearheaded the initial seaborne landings Tuesday. American forces are on the west of the beachhead area and the British Sixth Airborne Division on the east, with the left flank running north and slightly east of Caen, it was said at headquarters.

Despite a weather-imposed 24-hour delay in the invasion, the Allies are catching up so that the situation now warrants "sober confidence," it was stated.

There has been some progress all along the Allied front, and Allied forces have not been driven back from any position, headquarters made known. One Allied division has taken more than 1,000 prisoners. Ten German divisions have been identified in the fight.

Caen was described as heavily defended and "a tough nut."

Allies Lost 288 Aircraft

Since dawn Tuesday, 176 enemy aircraft were listed as destroyed in air combat, while the Allies have lost 288 in the same period, including unarmed troop-carrying and transports.

As the Allies thus fought inland in the Seine Bay area and developed a threat to cut off the Cherbourg peninsula, headquarters disclosed that the "first phase" of the invasion had been completed successfully with defeat of the German local reserves and solidification of the beachheads.

The second step, now in progress, calls for defeat of the Nazi tactical reserves.

**Wallace Cafe Robbed
Sum of Money**

John Harmon Sheppard, proprietor of White House Cafe in Wallace said this week that some entered the cafe last Sunday night through a rear door and opened his safe and escaped with approximately \$1200 in cash and checks.

Preston Bostic Runs Into N. B. Grady
Robert Brown Before Leaving India

Hello Bob:

Just a few lines which I hope will find you well and in best of health; as for myself, I am getting along fine and having a lot of fun.

Well, I've been on the go for about three months now. So, now, I'm in China. Like it lots better here than I did in India.

The Chinese are very nice and friendly. We have a nice set-up here, and all the nurses and officers are very nice, and we have a fine Co. I have seen action and some tough places.

I have not got your paper since February. I wrote daddy and asked him to give you my new address and also subscribe for the paper again. Hope he did so.

I met N. B. Grady and Robert Brown just before I left India. Sure did seem good to meet some one from home, though, I'm with some boys here that I was in Camp with back in the States. I guess some of them will be going home soon. I have one more year to go, but if the war is not over by then, I'm going to stay over here as long as they will let me. I want to go home just as well as any one, but I'm over here safe and I'd like to stay till the war is over.

I have a new job and like it fine. I'm a switch board operator. I like it lots better than I did Ward work. I asked to work on the switch board for that was my job when I was at Ft. Bragg.

I've been pretty busy for the past day or so, answering letters, for my mail has just caught up with me. I only got 65 letters yesterday and a few today. So you know I had a time reading it all, though none of it was bad news.

I have talked to quite a few boys. Some are married and their wives have quit them since they have been overseas and it's getting the best of them. I mean, they can't seem to get over it. I'm sure a lot of the girls have

Pvt. James Benson
Writes From England

May 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Grady:

I will write a few lines to let you know that I'm getting the paper. I sure do enjoy it very much. There isn't anything better than getting it and knowing what is going on back in good old Duplin. The first thing I look for is to see if there is anything about any of the boys I know over here. Then I look at the local news. I got my basic training at Ft. Bragg then I went to Camp Shelby, Miss. I stayed there for about 5 weeks and was shipped to Camp Forest where I started getting the paper. I stayed there about 18 months then went back to Bragg. I stayed there about 4 months and then came over here. I've been in Ireland, Scotland and now in England. I like it fine here but of course, not like in the good old U. S. A.

Well, I'll close by saying keep the good work up and keep sending the paper.

Sincerely yours,
Pvt. Jonah R. Benson,
3417781 Btry. C. C.
FA Bn. APO H36
c/o P. M. New York

**Welfare Clients
To Get Eye Test**

All Welfare clients who wish to have a screen eye test come to the Welfare Office at Kenansville on Monday, June 12th, between one and five o'clock P. M.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAD?
Recently the Times sent some notices to delinquent subscribers. Among the replies we received the following:

Dear Sir:
You may discontinue my subscription as I am Dead."

INVASION SHORTS

(from News & Observer)

GLIDER LANDINGS

London, June 8.—The German radio reported at 10 p. m. tonight that two more Allied Airborne Divisions "in many hundreds" of gliders had landed in north of Bayeux today. It was the first report of a daylight operation on such a large scale.

CRUISER REPORTED SUNK

The Berlin Radio in an unconfirmed report said that an American cruiser had been sunk off the east coast of Cherbourg peninsula by German torpedo boats.

It's easy to stand off and tell the Government how to run the war.

The ignorant, uneducated person is usually an individual of very positive ideas — most of them wrong.

When the holiday fever hits a student or a worker, you might as well call off the work.

Regardless of what most people may think, character is still the best possession one may have.

A CORRECTION

Recently a story in the Times concerning the County Ration Office referred to J. O. Stokes as chairman of the Ration Board. This was an error, it should have read, Ralph Jones of Warsaw.

TAX COLLECTOR

REPORTS ON COLLECTIONS

I. N. Henderson, tax collector, reported to the Board of Commissioners Monday that during May his office collected \$10,354.99 in taxes.



LESLIE ROUSE, M 3c

age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rouse of Rose Hill is now stationed at Camp Parks, California, where he is a machinist. Third Class in the Seabees. He has been in service about 8 months, having enlisted while at work in a shipyard at Portsmouth, Va. He graduated from Kenansville High School in 1942.

Leslie has a brother, Doane Rouse, age 18, who is in service, stationed at Sanford, Fla., in the Naval Air Corps. He entered service Dec. 22. He graduated this spring from Kenansville High School. He received his Diploma while home on leave. It would have been held up but for the fact that he brought home a report from his commanding Officer which was A No. 1 Excellent.

SUGAR STAMP No. 32 GOOD ON JUNE 16

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.

**SOLDIER ASKS FOR
MOTHER'S PRAYERS**

Mrs. Dan Davis recently told her nephew, Pvt. W. B. Pettway, now somewhere in Italy with a Bombing Squadron, wrote home asking for his mother's prayers. He wrote: "Mother pray for me, for we boys need your prayers. For most we hear is old women and little children crying for bread, while huddled in boxcar shelters."

Mrs. Pettway lives near Jacksonville, N. C.

**APO ESTABLISHES
POULTRY PRICES FOR
GROUP 1 & 2 STORES**

The Office of Price Administration has established maximum prices for certain poultry items for group 1 and 2 stores, effective June 5th. The same prices applies to both groups.

Live poultry: Broilers and Fryers, under 4 lbs. 38 cents; Hens, any weight (fowl) 42 cents; Old Roosters and Stags, any weight 37 cents.

Dressed poultry: Broilers and Fryers, under 3 1/2 lbs. 47 cents; Hens, any weight (fowl) 52 cents; Old Roosters and Stags, any weight 45 cents.

Drawn poultry: Broilers and Fryers, under 2 1/2 lbs. 60 cents; Hens, any weight (fowl) 52 cents; Old Roosters and Stags, any weight 45 cents.

Farmers selling at retail, may take these prices.

**MAJOR McGOWAN
GETS CITATION**

Samuel B. W. McGowan, son of Mrs. Fannie B. McGowan, has been promoted to the rank of Major, and was awarded the Presidential Citation sometime ago.

Major McGowan is now stationed in Orlando, Fla.

Duplin Quota Over Half Million "Buy More Than Before" Slogan

FIVE DUPLIN GIRLS GRADUATE E. C. T. C.

Two From Wallace; Two
From Beulaville; One From
Rose Hill Get Degree Bachelor
of Arts.

Greenville, June 5.—Among the class of approximately 150 seniors who were graduated at East Carolina Teachers College today, were five Duplin County students, Miss Dorothy Pearsall and Helen Blanchard, of Wallace; Misses Lillian and Louise Hunter of Beulaville and Miss Mary Beth Shefield of Rose Hill. All these students were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts, the teaching degree of the College, and their teaching certificates.

At Alumni Day on Saturday, Mrs. J. C. Holland of Raleigh, past president of the East Carolina Teachers College Alumni Association, was named the recipient of the alumni award. This award, presented each year to an outstanding graduate in his or her field who is chosen by secret ballot of the Association, was given to Mrs. Holland this year for her loyal service to the College through her work in the Alumni Association, her success as a business woman, and her services as a citizen in her community. The presentation was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Bennett of Forest City, also a past president and earlier recipient of the award.

In the evening the thirty-fourth annual music recital by the music department presented advanced students in piano and voice, and the College orchestra and women's chorus.

The baccalaureate sermon, on "Education for World Citizenship" was delivered Sunday morning by Dr. F. W. Burnham of the Seventh Street Christian Church in Richmond, who spoke again at the traditional YWCA candlelighting vesper at night conducted by Helen Stone of Reidsville, outgoing president, and Willie Mae Daniel of Oxford, incoming president of the Young Women's Christian Association.

The commencement address, by Dr. Gerald White Johnson, editor-in-chief of the "Baltimore Sun" and author of a number of books, was delivered on Monday morning; and was followed by the awarding of degrees by Acting President H. J. McGinnis.

The College will be closed for only two days, as registration for the summer session will be held on Thursday, June 8.

Suit Bought In Russia Returns Home

A. Brooks of Warsaw has donated a suit of clothes to the Russian Relief. The suit was brought to this country from Russia a few years ago by his nephew who is in the Army. Mr. Brooks says the boy is anxious that the suit go back home to help keep some Russian neighbor warm.

HOUR OF PRAYER

Held in Kenansville

Tuesday, D-Day, residents and workers in Kenansville all assembled in the Baptist Church here for brief prayer services for our boys who are on the fighting fronts. Practically every white person in town attended.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAM TO BE HELD

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Substitute Clerk, Post Office Service in the Post Office at Warsaw, N. C. Other Substitute Clerk positions open at: Mocksville, Mount Holly, Nashville, Oteen, Raeford, Randieman, Red Springs, Southern Pines, Spencer, Spruce Pine, Swannanoa, Tabor City, Taylorsville, Troy, Weldon, Wadesboro, Wake Forest, Wallace, Warrentown and Zebulon.

Applications will be accepted by the Director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Nissen Building, Winston-Salem 3, North Carolina, until the needs of the service have been met.

Full information and application blank may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, Warsaw, N. C.

Applicants can file for only one place of employment under this announcement.

COMMERCIAL

No Business Can Sell Without
Telling Buyers About Things For
Sale. The Easiest, Fastest and
Most Economical Method Is The
Advertising Columns of THE
DUPLIN TIMES.

Community Quotas Set; Local
Woman's Club To Sell
Series "E"; Plan Rally
Here 1st Monday in July;
Music From Ft. Bragg
Expected.

The nation's Fifth War Loan gets under way Monday June 12th when the U. S. Treasury will borrow sixteen billion dollars from the citizens of this country.

Special emphasis in this drive will be placed on E, F, and G bonds.

Duplin has been assigned a quota of \$37,000 worth of series "E" bonds. The county quota has been broken down into community quotas as follows: Kenansville, \$30,000; Warsaw, \$15,000; Beulaville, \$30,000; Wallace, \$15,000; Rose Hill, \$86,000; Outlaw's Bridge, \$18,000; B. F. Grady, \$14,000; Teachey, \$3,000 and Potters Hill, \$5,000.

Chairman J. C. Thompson is asking Duplin to make an all-out effort to make this drive a success. The County hasn't failed in former undertakings and now that the second front is opened in Europe and our boys are actually making, not planning to make, the supreme sacrifice, we at home should make such sacrifice as is necessary to assure the success of this drive.

The drive closes July 8th.

**PFC. CARL TAYLOR
GETS COMMENDATION**

HEADQUARTERS U. S. ARMY
FORCES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC:
Pic: Carl R. Taylor, son of Mr. Cleveland Taylor, Rt. 1, Roseboro, N. C., was commended by Lt.-Gen. Millard F. Harmon, South Pacific Army Commander, for helping to extinguish a fire in an artillery emplacement at Bougainville.

"Your promptness and courage," Pic. Taylor's letter of commendation reads, "despite extreme danger from burning ammunition cases and a flaming camouflage net, averted damage to valuable material and injury or possible loss of life to troops."

An Artilleryman, Pfc. Taylor's action helped prevent serious explosions and made possible the immediate resumption of firing against the enemy. The fire