

FARMVILLE, PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, PRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1944



HUGE GLIDER TRAINS LANDING MORE TROOPS ON FRENCH SOIL Decorated With

Allies Seize More Towns cupied a 50-mile stretch of the coast As Advance Proceeds Also Invaided

Allied Expeditionary Force - Fresh troops from a huge sky glider train seized key positions on Cherbourg peninsular early Wednesday and reinforced Allied soldiers fighting can naval losses since Presiden against Nazi tank counter-attacks.

Three waves of U. S. Ninth Air Force gliders strung out in a 51-mile- had been sunk. long train across the channel brought "a steady stream of men, equipment and supplies" to troops already smashing inland from initial landing points in France, supreme headquarters announced.

Front dispatches said airborne forces had seized bridges and roads, and linked up with troops landed from the sea at several points. Some towns already have been captured.

Field reports placed U. S. troops well in the fore of the advance. striking inland after establishing beachheads at several points, but said they were under heavy counterattack early Wednesday.

The German high command in its broadcast communique declared heavy fighting continued on both sides of the mouth of the Orne River, above Caen, and north of Carentan, a town farther west. Berlin claimed report recorded the destruction of 53 well as upon the United States Army and several nice hits by the winners most of the Allied beachheads had German planes for a loss of 31 Al- Air Forces." been "smashed." with most of the lied aircraft. airborne formations "wiped out."

Nearly 30 hours ofter history's greatest overseas military blow minications "choke" points behind the appeared as if a fellow could step one inning. had begun, the third invasion bullyetin telling of the reinforcing said "sat sfactory progress was made." No details of fighting areas were tacks on railways, communications ignored their own ack-ack fire to atdisclosed by the Allied command- and bridges in the general battle tack other formations of our sky bat- Chris.: Allen and Harris.

mandos form part of the assaulting truck columns. forces streaming inland, the bul-

letin said. Weather Slightly Improved.

The weather, a source of anxiety very slight improvement, but land-

The Germans till spoke of the Caen area, nine miles up the Orne Normandy peninsula. River from the coast, as a battle site, but there was no official word beyond Prime Minister Churchill's statement Tuesday that Allied Brittany, troops were fighting in the streets of that old Gothic town.

(Allied troops are moving Caen, BBC said in a broadcast heard by the Blue network.)

German broadcasts also German broadcasts also said fierce counter-attacks had been their first sorties over the invasion of the Purple Heart for "wounds rehurled against the Allies east of lied objective, 65 miles northwest erally were going well" on the American-held stretches.

being given the Allied ground

As Advance Proceeds to a depth of 12 miles or more, Her-Inland; Calais Coast bert M. Clark, Blue network cor-Supreme Advance Command Post, forces landed in the first hours of Tuesday's invasion.)

No More Naval Losses.

The American Navy announced that there had been no more Ameri-Roosevelt's statement yesterday that two destroyers and one landing craft

The German navy was conspicuo by its absence, although the Nazi air force started to react violently toward nightfall Tuesday, sharply engaging the last strategic missions. It was apparent that the German

High Command still was in doubt as to Allied intentions and had not vet brought the full weight of his armies to bear, although more Axis divisions were being committed to the unfolding struggle.

Bad weather hampered air operations, but the fliers struck with unprecedented power in the greatest series of attacks ever carried out on any war front.

31 Aircraft Lost.

beached Atlantic Wall.

U. S. Rangers and British Com- and fighter assaults on the enemy's

Objectives Bombed.

area by medium and light bombers, miles inland from the coastal city of ings are still difficult for the troops. Dieppe, at Amiens, and also at Vire, 35 miles southwest of Caen on the

Vire is on the road along which the Germans could move reinforcements into northern Normandy from

Chateaudun, 70 miles southwest of Paris. -

coast today said that "things gen-

D. Flying Cross

15th Army Air Force, June 5.respondent radioed from London. He First Lieutenant Robert H. Baker, 25, said the Americans were moving in- of Farmville, North Capolina, pilot of Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement and heroism while participating in aerial flight against enemy aircraft plants in Wenner-Neustadt, Austria, on May

The presentation of the medal was nade by Major General Nathan F. Twining, commandiing general of the view of the heavy bombardment He was called forward with five other in part, read:

"For extraordinary achievement and heroism while participating in an aerial flight over Weuner-Neustadt, Austria, as pilot of a B-17 type air-craft, Lt. Baker led his formation in such a manner which prevented eneflying on the lead squadron, held the first wave of the Group so compact that the German fighters did not at- Jones.

The attarks were concentrated in the target through a concentration of ed 9 runs in the second inning. This support of ground troops and on com- flak, "So intense," he said, "that it was a new record for runs scored in right out and walk on it. Our tight The "completely successful" air formation defeated the intentions of Baptist: 0 0 0 4 1 1 1-7 9 coverage included heavy bomber at- the enemy fighters who desperately Christians: 0 9 0 0 0 1 x-10 9 7 area and low-flying fighter-homber tlewagons in a vain attempt to prevent destruction of messerschmidt ing power of the Nazi Air Forces."

however, tells only a part of the saga innings. of the youthful pilot. On a previous the pain caused by the razor-edged Johnson. bits of flak ripping across his right Heavy night bombers also struck hand, Lt. Baker managed to mainroad targets behind the invasion area, including the junction are the state of the occasion he was awarded the Order

Staff officers explained their taci. Ivy Baker and the late Mr. Baker of

that Reichmarshal Hermann Goeritt had begun to risk his wester sky arm with hig scale attacks.

"Enemy air activity included an attack on our beach forces," the bulletin said. "This proved abortive and four of a formation of 12 junkers 88's were destrayed."

Thousanuds of Allied planes swept over the continental beaches again welmesday. The communique announced that a total of more than 13,000 corties had been flown up to dawn.

The Germans reported vigorous fighting over a broad front and one Nazi beadeast magneted new Allied tandings north of Le Havre. But Supe me Headquarters flathly declined to give any details of the land fighting on the grounds the Germans was fighting for information and did not know yet the exact extent of the 4 bied attack.

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SOFT BALL LEAGUE

Four Games Played During Past

On Thursday, June 1st, the Presto 7. The Youngsters gathered together by Paul Ewell were too much for Manager Lath Morriss' team. The Methodist took an early lead but of Farmville, North Carolina, pilot of an Italy based AAF B-17. Flying Fortress, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for "exin his new position.

Methodist: 3 0 0 0 0 4 Pres.-Eps.: 0 0 2 6 2 1 x-11 11 Batt: Meth.: Fisher and Je

Pres.-Eps.: Carraway and Williams. On Monday, June 5th, the Baptist were beaten 10 to 7 by the much im 15th Air Force, during a formal re- proved Pres.-Eps. The winners scored 6 runs in the first inning to take group at an army air base in Italy, a lead that proved to be the downfail of the Baptist. The losers excelled nembers of his Group. His citation, in only department, that of making errors committing nine. Carraway pitched a steady game and was never in trouble except for a "too late with too little" rally put on by the Baptist in the seventh inning.

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tack it. His action in the capacity as In the first game of the Wednessquadron leader contributed immeas- day Afternoon doubleheaders the Most of the more than 13,000 sorties ureably to the success of the mis- Christians knocked the Baptist off the (individual flights) were flown by sion. His ability and courage re- top of the League with a 10 to 7 vic-Americans Tuesday, and a complete flects great credit upon himself as tory. With the help of Baptist errors including two mighty wallops off the Lt. Baker led his formation over bat of James Monk, the winners scor-

Batt: Bapt.: Martin and Jones.

The final game of the Wednesday program saw the Pres.-Eps., best the aircraft factories so vital to the wan- Methodist to the tune of 6 to 1. This was the best played game of the en-Military objectives were attacked at Serques in the Pas-De-Calais eral Twining paid high tribute to the in the first inning and that was all skill and outstanding leadership dis- for them, while the winners scored for Allied officers, has shown a and also at Abancort, thirty-five played by Lt. Baker. That citation, twice in the third, fourth, and sixth

mission to Vicenza, Italy, on April Pres.-Eps.: 0 0 2 2 0 2 0 - 6 8 2 20, 1944, flak pierced the cockpit, tearing his leather flying suit and wounding his right hand, in spite of Williams. Methodist: Fisher and

Standings Thru Wed. June 7. Won Lost

Games, Week of June 12th Monday, June 12-Pres.-Eps.

Thursday, June 15-Baptist Methodist.

tance being given the Allied ground troops.

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> "OUR MAE" TRAINING IN R. C. HOSPITAL IN MISS.

Beyond Tiber

Reach Positions 10 Miles North and Northwest of Rome: 18,000 Prisoners Taken

Allied Headquarters, Naples-Fifth Army infantrymen, chasing Nati-Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's floring army, have punched their way 10 miles north of Rome to a point only five miles short of Lake of up to challenge overwhelming Allied Bracchiano, it was announced Wed-flest of 11,000 planes.

10 miles northwest of the Italian capital after crossing the Tiber and still troops across the channel. is forging steadily ahead behind enemy rearguards.

Patrols probing west from Rom eached points three to five miles from the sea and nearly a dozen miles north of the Tiber's mouth. Resistance Spotty.

Only spotty resistance was being ncountered by the Fifth Army forces but the Eighth Army was engaged in brisk battles with strong German delaying forces in the mountainous sectors east of the capital. New Zealand troops captured Balrano, about six miles north of Sora, n their advance up Highway 32 toward Avezzano.

The newest gains were reported after Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Allied commander-in-chief in Italy, in a broadcast to Italian patriots, declared that "in less than a month the General Montgomery pitted against strength of the German armies has

Alexander urged the Patriota rise against the Nazis and do all in their power to sobatage enemy communications and hinder Kesselring's efforts to disengage his troops and retire northward.

"The liberation of Italy now is well under way," the Allied com-mander declared." Over 18,000 Prisoners Taken.

The total of prisoners taken in the Allied Italian offensive still was A headsuarters spokesman said Holmes. the Germans "appear to be forming Camp Davis: Sgt. Charles W. small battle groups composed of Adams, Shelbyville, Ky., (Saturday

The Mediterran the Balkans. Targets included the E. Matthews, Washington, D. C., and oil refineries at Picesti, rall yards Mrs. Matthews of Kinston and Farmvs. at Brasov and Pitesci and the ville. "Iron Gate" Canal at Turnu-Sever- Fort Bragg: Pfc. Carlton J. Tyson, in in Romania, and rail targets in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Thirty-four enemy planes were destroyed against a loss of 16 heavy bombers and 17 for the week end with Mrs. J. O. Polout the day, the local Red Cross control of the control

By Ruth Current, N. C. State College.

Do you brush your hair each day look as well as removes dust and lint. It will not destroy the wave, if your hair is in good condition. Even the simplest hair dress will be at-

Friends will be interested to learn that Miss Mae Joyner, who volunteered for service in the American Red Cross some weeks ago, is reciving training in Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Miss.

Although busy with the various duties and studies connected with Red Cross training, "Our Mae," one of Farmville's intelligent, charming and popular young women, wants to hear from her home town, as indicated, in a letter received by us this week, which reads in part:

"Deer Editor and Mrs.: Here I am—way down in the deep South—

Com and use a good tooth, bath, hair, and clothes brush.

Good housekeepers are streamling in the home clubs" within their churches and towns.

Through the churches, visiting soldiers would be invited to occupy beds in these homes and to "fill the vacant chairs at breakfast tables." The idea is that the first to volunteer such a letter received by us this week, which reads in part:

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WAR IN BRIEF

Allied invasion troops drive inlan spidly as initial stages of great and oric attack upon the Atlantic Wall prove successful, along with enexctedly light losses in men and ma-Peninsula, where invasion front has been set up from Le Ravre to Cher-

Germans show amazing lack of power, only 50 Nazi planes coming

Uncle Sam's Navy plays conspici-Another column has driven at least ous part in monster operations by miles northwest of the Italian caplosse pronounced very light. Genuine American Indians

among thousands of Allied paratroops spearheading the invasion. Russians are thrilled at news opening of second front. Great Red Army now poised for attack from

Prayers and calm confidence feature American reception of invasion

President Roosevelt says invasion going according to schedule, but again warns against overconfidence.

Germans in Italy continue to dis orderly retreat north of Rome. Prime Minister Churchill optimis tic, says invasion meeting greater success initially than was anticipated. General Eisenhower has !nvasion signal from his motor trailer office. Rommel again.

NOTES FROM THE LOCAL SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Visitors at the Center this week were Seymour Johnson Field: Pvt. Joseph W. Paulette, Oakland, Cal. (Saturday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Joyner); Pvt. Joseph C. Bates, Bentonville, Ark.; Pvt. Clayton Hill, Pomons, Cal.

Camp Lejeune: Sgt. The the Allied Italian offensive still was Rusiecki, and Pvt. Joseph P. Chmura, rising steadily with the Fifth Army of Indian Orehard, Mass., (guests alone now claiming more than 18,000. Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. J. W.

small battle groups composed of Adams, Shelbyville, Ky., (Saturday elements from varied units," pulled night guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. hastily together to fight desperate delaying actions, Greens and Sunday night supper delaying actions, on Allied Air Sgt. Harry L. Carpenter, Philadel-Force joined Tuesday in the many-front assault on Hitler's Europe by Hagland Miss. R. D. Rouse); Pvt. G. B.

Circle 1 of the Methodist Church, Woman's Society, of which Mrs. R. O. Lang is chairman, will be hostess d group for this week and.

SUGGESTS "SOLDIER-IN-HOME"

On his return from a tour of duty the simplest hair dress will be attractive.

Do you wash your brush and comb after shampoo? As a dandruff precaution, combs, brushes, pins, and clips should all be washed after each shampoo.

Own and use a good tooth, bath, hair, and clothes brush.

Good housekeepers are streamlining their refrigerstom; using left.

Through the churches, visiting solutions of the simplest of the churches, visiting solutions of the simplest of

Meeting Called For Friday Afternoon at 5:30: County Chairman J. H. Waldrop To Address Assembly

All merchants and salespeople of Farmville and community are asked to meet in the City Hall, Friday afternoon (today) at 5:80, to perfect the organisation of the local unit in the 5th War Loan Drive which starts Monday, June 12th.

J. H. Waldrop, of Greenville, chairman of the Pitt County War Finance Committee, will be present to address the assembly. Mayor George W. Davis, who has been appointed chairman for Farmville Township, will also make a brief talk.

Josh W. Munden, chairman of the Merchants and Salespeople group, for which this meeting is called, has reguested all merchants to close their places of business at 5:30, and with their salespeople, come in a body to the City Hall and join in perfecting the organization of this group so that no time will be lost in getting everything in readiness for "Kick-Off-Day," Monday, June 12th.

Farmville's quota, as well as that of the Township and County, has been greatly increased over that of other drives, and it is therefore necessary that a more unified effort be put forth in order that we can again go over the top, showing our boys on the fighting fronts around the world that we are 100 percent active on the "Home Front."

News Of The Invasion Put People On Knees

Farmville citizens reacted to news' of the long-awaited D-Day with an instinctive dealre, to assemble themselves in the churches, and after the town siren had given the previously announced signal and the church bells began to peal, they began to move with one accord to the worship centers and fell on their knees in fervent prayer for a speedy victory and sang lustily the old hymns expressing faith and confidence in "God, Our Help in Ages Past."

The spirit of "rejoicing," termes "incongruous and brutally callons" by a foreign news corre receiving an account of the manner is which the false report of the invasion effected millions of American made conspicious by its absen-

All business activity was halted from 10:00 to 11:00, according to plan, and the crowded churches and grim countenances bespoke the sol-

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Rationing Guide

This is the latest in a series of weekly rationing guides con from official OPA sources. eats and food stamps listed are in look Four.)

Mests, Fats, Red "8" Stamps A-8 through W-8 now valid and will remain valid in-

Sugar Stamps 30 and 31, each good for five pounds, now valid and will remain valid indefinitely. Sugar Stamp 40, good for five pounds home canning, will be valid thro April 2, 1945. (Additional sugar