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Tuesday, June 6, 1944

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LATEST NEWS FLASHES!

ITALY-All day yesterday the beaten and disorganized Germans in an ignominious scramble were chased by the Fifth Army away from Rome along Highways One, Two, Three and Four, while Allied planes, ranging at will and at treetop height, exacted a terrible price on packed transport.

For 48 hours since Rome was liberated there has been a non-stop, all-out blitz on the runaway enemy, who is believed to be racing to reach new positions across Italy centered on Viterbo and Terracina, about 50 miles beyond the capitol.

Thousands of German transports jammed bumper to bumper were attacked again and again until the chaos was complete. Columns of smoke from blazing petrol wagons rose to 6000 feet. German troops lay dead in hundreds beside their smashed vehicles.

A.A.F. fighter-bombers alone destroyed 600 transports and damaged 600 more in the first 24 hours. Not a single German plane tried to interfere.

The German News Agency said last night: "South of Rome our troops on the lower Tiber managed to retire to the rear lines assigned to them."

The Eighth Army is driving.
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"LEND ME YOUR EARS"

Mussolini's famous balcony on the Palazzo Venezia, Rome, where he stumped and strutted in his heyday, had a "now occupant" yesterday.

A G. I. from Brooklyn, son of an Italian-born American father, climbed up on the balcony and made a speech to a big crowd as Il Duce ever drew.

He told the people of Rome exactly what he thought of Mussolini and called for the end of Fascism and Nazism.

"I promised the boys that's what I'd do when I got to Rome," he said later. "I can do anything Mussolini can do - I'm an American."

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"Take a sightseeing trip to New York's Little Italy and watch 'em celebrate the news from Rome." That is how "bus barkers" in Times Square are trying to capitalize on the week-end news. But anyone who takes a trip learns nothing. Little Italy is taking Rome's fall calmly.

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Major Clark Gable will soon return to civilian life, having completed a special overseas photographic mission for USAF.

AND DON'T FORGET THIS:

In "Mein Kampf" Hitler said: "We will destroy England, after which we will have the United States cornered without a fight."

In liberating Nazi-ruled Europe, you are removing a threat to your own homeland. As you move onward and look at the destruction and misery around you, thank God that your own land has been spared the agony of German occupation. The peoples of Europe have suffered. Do everything you can to make them know that with your coming, their suffering is ended, and may be soon over.

Behave as a friend. Treat the women you meet the way you'd want women of your family - your wife or your girl - treated by other men while you are away.

Show the liberated people that Americans are not the barbarians Nazi propaganda makes us out to be.

If we are to have no more wars, we must have better understanding between peoples. Be sure that the liberated people understand you. And be sure they like and admire what they understand.

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Wednesday, June 7, 1944

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LATEST NEWS FLASHES

BBC - 070800 - - Allied troops fighting in the town of Caen, France, ten miles inland. Confirmation by Churchill that our first landings have been successful. Reinforcements and supplies pouring across Channel last night. Losses light.

No fresh news of the fighting in Italy. Allied troops push beyond Rome, crossing Tiber River.

Portugal agrees to discontinue exports of wolfram to Germany.

Partisans from Russia near Galatz on the Danube in Rumania. Mustangs shot down six enemy planes.

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COMMUNIQUE #2: - Shortly before midnight on June 5, 1944, Allied night bombers opened assault. Their attacks in very great strength continued until dawn. Light, heavy and medium Allied bombers continued their air bombardment in very great strength throughout the day with attacks on gun placements, defensive works and communications.

Continuous fighter cover was maintained over beaches and for some distance inland and over Naval operations in the channel.
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HOW THEY HEARD THE NEWS

The best way to sum up how America took the news of the invasion is to take a glimpse at the highest and lowest in the land.

President Roosevelt sat in his study, his windows blacked out, not against possible enemy action, but to prevent snoopers guessing that something was up.

A telephone rang. It brought a message from Eisenhower that the first invasion boat had left the English coast.

The telephone rang again. It brought a message from Eisenhower that the first invasion boat had scraped bottom on the shores of France.

The President who had known for weeks what the world now knows, did not cheer. Instead, he went alone to his bedroom study.

Robert Falijs, New York cab-driver, was plying for fares when he heard the news.

He drove to Madison Square, where the Eternal Light, commemorating America's war dead, burns. He got out and bared his head. Then he mumbled these words:

"God help us. There are a lot of men dead this minute who weren't dead an hour ago. If people knew, this shrine would be filled with people praying. Won't you say a prayer with me?"

BOARDING THE BARGES

Invasion! This is it! At last! All aboard! Down at the heart, where the arteries pumped fighting men through to the ships, the scene was tense, electric; a far cry from the port in New York, our first embarkation point. This was the real thing! The assault of enslaved Europe.

In the main our men were calm. There was an air of casualness about them. They were ready, ready for the greatest operation of its kind ever undertaken in the history of the world.

And in the eyes of the men, there was a sobriety. And in their minds a determination. A sober, casual determination, because for this they had trained two years, and this was relief.

One guy, who had a six day growth of beard and a scowl on his face, said, "Get me over there." Then he cupped his hands and said "I gotta kill about six Heinies." And he held out his hands, "Choke 'em to death." That was all.

Another guy, before he lifted his feet from shore, tried to get in a last word with a pal from home. The pal, who was checking men onto the boat, was under orders not to converse with him or anyone else.
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Boarding the Barges, cont'd

Anyhow, the guy had looked up and yelled, "Hello, John." Then he had asked, "What's the matter? Can't you talk to a buddy?" And still there was no answer. And the guy persisted, "Wh'nt ya say something, Kid?" At last, when he had just about set foot on the boat, he turned back and yelled "--- ya, John!"

Another little **grw** haired guy, oblivious of what was going on around him, walked toward the barge, was almost on the gang-plank when the checker grabbed hold of him and spun him around.

"What's your name, fellow?"

"Pyle" was the ready answer.

"Pyle who?" asked the checker.

"Ernie Pyle".

His feet would be first to touch to continent too.

SHORTS - Libs sink Japan - ese destroyer 300 miles northwest of New Guinea and probably sink another in Geelvink Bay - Americans push within two miles of bomber airdrome on Biak Island - - - Nazis look for Allied landings in France to signal the resumption of Red Army offensive on eastern front. Russians repulse tank and infantry attacks north of Jassy for eight days. - - Pres. Roosevelt disclosed today that the approximate invasion time was set at the Teheran conference last December and Marshal Stalin was completely satisfied with it. The precise date, however, was set only within the next few days.



(Communique #2, Cont'd)

Reports of operations so far show that our forces succeeded in their initial landings. Fighting continues.

Reconnaissance air-craft maintained a continuous watch by day and night over shipping and ground forces.

Our aircraft met with little enemy fighter opposition or anti-air-craft fire.

Naval casualties were regarded as being very light, especially when magnitude of operation is taken into account.

Gen. deGaulle is expected to land on French soil very soon, said BUP message.

SPORTS
MINOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMER. ASSOC.	W	L	PCT.
Chi.	32	11	.744
Colum.	25	16	.611
St. Paul	19	14	.576
Levile	23	18	.561
Toledo	19	21	.475
Minn.	16	23	.410
Kan. City	13	26	.333
Ind.	12	30	.286
INT.	W	L	PCT.
Jer. City	23	15	.605
Roch.	23	17	.575
Buffalo	22	17	.564
Balto.	19	18	.514
Toronto	18	19	.486
Montreal	13	21	.382
Syracuse	12	25	.324
Kewark			

BIG LEAGUE H.R. HITTERS:
Ott, Giants-12; Kurowski, Cards-8; Glabino, Ind.-7.

A Maine logger, fresh from the big woods, was watching a store clerk open a package of gaily colored men's pajamas. "What's them?" he asked. "Pajamas" said the clerk. "Pajamas?" echoed the logger. "What are they for?" "Why you wear them nights," the clerk explained. "Want to buy a pair?" "No sir," said the logger. "I don't get no nights except to be!"

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Thursday, June 8, 1944

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LATEST NEWS FLASHES

TO - 080900 - - Allied troops in France captured again, 16 miles west of Gen and Milan Island. Allied airborne operations have been resumed on a very large scale. German resistance strong. Counter attack with tanks near Gen being smothered. Naval units battering targets well beyond the beaches. Allied progress has been very satisfactory. Allied aircraft of all types and in great strength swarmed over battle area, attacking over hundred targets. Some fighter opposition met. 71 German planes shot down. Allied planes losses comparatively light. Allied bombers in great strength over enemy occupied territory last night. American troops capture major airfield on Bick Island. American troops on Bagnyville extend beachheads in Gross Auguste Bay area.

Fifth Army troops advancing rapidly on Civitavecchia, naval base 30 miles north of Rome. 6th Army meeting strong enemy rear guard action northeast of the capital. New Zealand troops capture another town in upper Itri Valley.

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NEWS FROM HOME

WASHINGTON - For indicating the date of the invasion at a cocktail party, Maj. Gen. Henry J.F. Miller, C. C., U.S. Ninth Air Force Serv. Command, was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel and sent back to the U. S.

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NEW YORK - Pres. Roosevelt has before him a new plan for the re-birth of the Third Republic. It is based on the French Constitution enacted after the Franco-Prussian War.

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NEW YORK - Gen. Arnold, US Army Air Force Chief, told the House of Representatives Committee that American planes dropped 174,719 tons of bombs at home, and 1,3085 on key targets in the first four months of this year.

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WASHINGTON - Arguing that the infantry soldier bears the brunt of fighting, War Secretary Stimson today urged that specially skilled infantrymen should get \$5 a month increase in pay. Congress will probably grant it.

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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Navy

GENERAL IKE CONFIDENT

Gen. Eisenhower stood on a rooftop on Invasion Eve and watched a mighty airborne armada form in the dusk; sky and wing its way toward France and the beginning of the final phase of the War of Liberation.

The Supreme Commander radiated a calm confidence contagious to those about him. He spent the greater part of the day among the troops, seaborne and airborne, walking from group to group, chatting and laughing with the men.

In the afternoon Eisenhower met with a small group of press and radio representatives for an hour and a half. The conference took place in his command tent, a plain bare-walled structure, about 20 feet square, with canvas roof and walls of stained pine board.

This post from which Gen. Eisenhower is directing the invasion is located strategically near the bases from which the night assault fleets launched their attacks.

The weather we learned, had been the biggest headache in the selection of D-day. At one time, Gen. Eisenhower interrupted his discourse to look out of the door and comment with enthusiasm upon a patch of sunshine. He was not at all at takeoff time. He had gone to a C-47 base.

(Howe Flashes, cont'd)

ing attacks north and northwest of Jassy, on the Rumanian frontier, have practically died out. (Howe May 30), Germans have lost 300 tanks at Jassy.

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U.S.A.M.F. announces that Gen. Eisenhower made the journey across the Channel to the English coast in a Royal Navy warship with Admiral Ramsey and several staff officers.

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CGC UNLISE #4, issued from Supreme Hq. advanced Command Post, AEF, before midnight, said: "Allied troops have cleared all beaches of the enemy and have in cases established links with flanking beachheads. Inland fighting is generally heavy. An enemy counter-attack in the Cotin area on Tues. evening was repulsed. Enemy resistance is stiffening as his reserves come into action. The landing of troops and airborne military supplies continues on all beaches despite the north-westerly wind which has persisted since the assault. Shortly before dawn today light coastal forces, while attempting to the a steady advanced a superior force of enemy aircraft..... action was immediately halted and damage was inflicted on the enemy before he could make use of his assets. Enemy coastal batteries, which were still in action today,

"HE JUST DELIVERS
V-MAIL"



REMARKS BY GEN. EISENHOWER TO THE TROOPS IN EUROPE

"This is the Allied Expeditionary Force's service of the 2500. These words are the new station identification of the combined operation of the American Forces Network with the BBC and the Canadian Broadcasting Co. Through powerful transmission this service will broadcast to all Allied troops in Europe the outstanding programs of these three networks.

This new combined operation, 1050 kc on the dial, will be on the air 0600 to 2300 hours, every day, Monday through Sunday.

MINOR LEAGUE STANDING

PACIFIC COAST	W	L
Portland	33	25
San Francisco	33	25
Seattle	33	26
Hollywood	33	26

WESTERN ASSOC.	W	L
Albany	22	9
Portland	22	10
Williamsport	16	15
Billings	17	17

SOUTHERN ASSOC.	W	L
Knoxville	20	15
Memphis	21	16
Little Rock	21	16
San Antonio	20	17

MAJOR GEORGE PIRNIE: George P. Pirnie, Washington outfielder, has led both leagues in stolen bases for the last four years, his lowest total being 43.

HINT FOR THE WILD SOLDIER

HOW TO MAKE AN IMPROVED STOVE: Fill a gallon, or No. 10 can, half full of sand and saturate the sand with gasoline. Next punch holes on all sides of the can, above the sand, to act as air vents. Now take

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Friday, June 9, 1944

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LATEST NEWS FLASHES!

550 - 090900 - - German resistance to the Allied landings in France is mounting. But it is officially announced that our troops continue to make progress. The British 6th Airborne Division has held firm against repeated attacks, and the Americans are gradually enlarging their bridgeheads. Ten enemy divisions have been identified in the battle area. The Allied haul of prisoners has increased. One Divisional force alone claims a thousand. More supplies are being landed from merchant convoys. The Allied air forces have kept up their attacks in very great strength. The scale of the air assault is shown by the fact that in the 52 hours from dawn on Tuesday till mid-day yesterday Allied planes flew about 27,000 sorties. (That's about nine every minute). British bombers were over occupied territory last night.

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In Italy Fifth Army troops have passed Civita Vecchia 40 miles northwest of Rome, and have occupied Civita Castellana, 33 miles due north of the capitol. The Eighth Army have occupied Subiaco, 30

NEWS FROM HOME

NEW YORK - Since D Day the aircraft output in some American factories has increased as much as 15%. Absenteeism has been down by 5%.

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WASHINGTON - Lost of the invasion fleet is British, according to Rear Admiral Edward Cochrane, chief of the U.S. Navy's Bureau of Ships, but most of the landing craft are American. Said Cochrane: "Our own Navy played a part in the invasion, but only as part of one of the finest teams ever organized."

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WASHINGTON - First British army to train on U.S. soil since before the War of Independence is in training over there for overseas service. Its existence was revealed yesterday when Lt. Gen. Macready, C/O of the British Army Staff at Washington, attended a ceremonial parade in celebration of the ship's birthday.

Nearest pronunciation of Caep in English is "Caep". For Bayeux say "By-yea". For Nazi say "NOT-see, not 'Hazzay'".

THIS I KNOW

There is an old story from the Bible which has been preserved not merely as a story of history but as a parable for our day. I want to recall this story. If you recall your Biblical history, if not read the 5th and 6th chapters of 1st Samuel, you will remember that the Philistines took captive the Ark of the Lord and placed alongside it the god 'Dagon'. There they stood - symbols of the two Spirits, the two that divided the principles of man. But it was only for a short time that they appeared to be at peace with one another. Night fell, night and darkness which tests gods and men. In the morning Dagon lay with his face to the ground, and the Ark stood alone. Supposing that it had been an accident, the Philistines put him back in his place again. Night fell; once again those struggles for supremacy. Next morning Dagon was down again, and this time he had fallen with such violence that his head and the palms of both his hands were broken, and nothing was left of him but his stump.

That is not merely history but it is a fact. To

miles east of Rome. Messages from Rome say Marshal Badoglio has not succeeded in forming a new government and the task has been entrusted to Senor Bonomi.

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In northern Burma, Allied troops have got a grip on the north Myitthaingyi airfield and Chinese columns have pushed further into the town from the west and the south. Over on the Indo-Burmesse frontier the Japanese have fallen back still further southeast of Kohima. In the Southwest Pacific, the American troops on Hiek are pushing eastward after capturing Holmer airfield.

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Last night's Moscow communique does not confirm the German reports of Russian attacks north of Jassy.

The first large batch of German prisoners captured on the beachheads of northern France were landed Wednesday night at a port in England. The prisoners, displaying every emotion from arrogance to bewilderment, marched to waiting trucks and were moved to an undisclosed destination.

A Tokyo radio report recorded by NBC Wednesday said Japan has protested to the U.S. over the death of a Japanese prisoner of war.



WHERE ALLIED NIGHT OFFENSIVE CENTERS

○ Reported positions taken by beachhead and para-troops.
 → Seaborne supply routes.

(THIS I KNOW, Cont'd) describes the way of right and justice. For us the interpretation is, that the powers of Germany and Japan based on false motives and evil purposes cannot and will not stand against the power of the Allies based on right and justice - "this I know."
 Charlein Poole.

Most popular surname in the U.S. - Smith, 1258019, Johnson, 938390, Brown, 701940. The most common English surname is also Smith..... Last year the Army Service Forces paid over \$23,000,000 for the purchase of shoes.

SPORT QUIZ
 1. Name the last three managers of the New York Yankees.
 2. Who was the only boxer ever to hold three world's championships at one time, and what were the weights?
 3. What pro football player was selected on the league all-star team eight years in succession. Name his team and position.
 4. Who was known as the "Hurricane"?

1. Joe McCarthy, Bob
 2. Henry Armstrong; Featherweight, Lightweight, and
 3. Red Hein,
 4. Don Webster.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MARINES ON BOUGAINVILLE: "Every cop has been told that it is his duty to die for the Emperor. It is your duty to see that he does."
 SILENT JAPANESE OFFICER CAPTURED ON BOUGAINVILLE: "The U.S. Marines are not such good jungle fighters. For the jungle is the mines tear down the jungle. The jungle is a jungle left to fight in."