



15 AUGUST 1944

(FRANCE)

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH SOLDIERS STORMED ASHORE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE BETWEEN NICE AND MARSEILLES. ALLIED PARATROOPERS HAD LANDED A FEW MILES INLAND TWO HOURS BEFORE DAWN. AT DAWN, ALLIED AIRBORNE TROOPS HAD LANDED. AMERICAN, BRITISH, FRENCH, GREEK AND DUTCH WARSHIPS PLAGSTERED SHORE DEFENSES DURING THE LANDINGS. AMERICAN AND BRITISH PLANES MANNED BY 14,000 AIRMEN FLEW IN SUPPORT OF THE LANDINGS. "H-HOUR" FOR THE INFANTRY WAS EIGHT O'CLOCK AND ONE COMPANY OF AMERICAN INFANTRYMEN WENT IN FIRST. DURING THE NEXT TWO HOURS, 7 ASSAULT WAVES WENT INTO THE BEACHES. THERE WERE SEVERAL LANDINGS MADE AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT PLACES. GERMAN OPPOSITION WAS DESCRIBED AS LIGHT. NO FLAK OR ENEMY PLANES WERE ENCOUNTERED. BY MID MORNING THE OPERATIONS WERE DESCRIBED AS "PROCEEDING SUCCESSFULLY."

GENERAL SIR MAITLAND WILSON, HEAD OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FORCES, SPOKE OVER THE RADIO AFTER THE INVASION. THE FOLLOWING IS THE HIGH POINTS OF HIS SPEECH: "TODAY, AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY ALLIED AIR FORCES AND AMERICAN, BRITISH, FRENCH, GREEK AND DUTCH WARSHIPS, ARE BEING LANDED ON THE SOUTHERN COAST OF FRANCE. THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO DRIVE THE GERMANS OUT OF SOUTHERN FRANCE AND JOIN UP WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES ADVANCING FROM NORMANDY. THE ARMY OF FRANCE IS AGAIN FIGHTING ON FRENCH SOIL. ALL FRENCHMEN WILL KEEP OFF THE ROADS BUT WILL NOTE GERMAN STRENGTH AND POSITIONS. THEY MUST READ LEAFLETS AND LISTEN TO THE ALLIED RADIO. LET US END THIS STRUGGLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF FRANCE AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR."

IN NORMANDY, CANADIAN, AMERICAN AND UNITED KINGDOM FORCES HAVE ADVANCED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FALAISE GAP. THE GAP IS NOW LESS THAN 10 MILES WIDE BETWEEN THE AMERICANS AND CANADIANS. THE CANADIANS ARE WITHIN TWO AND A HALF ($2\frac{1}{2}$) MILES OF THE TOWN OF FALAISE. THEY ARE DOMINATING THE SEVEN MAIN ROADS LEADING THROUGH FALAISE. IF THE GERMANS PULL OUT OF THE TRAP THEY WILL BE FORCED TO USE SECONDARY ROADS. THE MAIN RESISTANCE SEEMS TO BE AGAINST THE YANKS PUSHING UP FROM THE SOUTH. IN THE TOWN OF ARGENTAN, YANKS ARE ENGAGED IN STREET FIGHTING. BETWEEN VIRE AND MORTAIN, THE ALLIED TROOPS ARE PUSHING AHEAD STEADILY. YESTERDAY WAS A COMPLETE DAY OF SUCCESS FOR AIR ATTACKS. MASSIVE FORMATIONS OF ALLIED PLANES BLASTED THE GAP ALL DAY LONG YESTERDAY. OVER 6000 SORTIES WERE FLOWN BY ALLIED PLANES. THEY DESTROYED HUNDREDS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND SOME 700 RAILWAY CARS. TODAY, THE TERRIFIC AIR ASSAULT CONTINUED WITH LARGE FORMATIONS OF ALLIED PLANES HAMMERING THE GAP AND TARGETS OUTSIDE IT. ALTHOUGH THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN BOMBED AND STRAFED INCESSANTLY, THERE ARE STILL NO SIGNS OF A ROUT.

RUSSIA:

THE REDS HAVE CROSSED A RIVER THAT WAS THE LAST NATURAL BARRIER TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF EAST PRUSSIA. ON THE EASTERN APPROACHES TO EAST PRUSSIA, THE NAZIS HAVE COUNTERATTACKED SAVAGELY BUT HAVE GAINED NO GROUND. THE RUSSIANS SAY THAT THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN REINFORCING THEIR BALTIC ARMIES BY SEA. NEVERTHELESS THE REDS PUSHED ON FOR 15 MORE MILES IN THE NORTH YESTERDAY.

ENGLAND:

NEARLY 2000 HEAVY AMERICAN AND BRITISH BOMBERS WERE OUT TODAY SATURATING AIRFIELDS IN GERMANY, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND. THE BRITISH BOMBERS ALONE DROPPED 5000 TONS OF BOMBS ON THE GERMANS. ELEVEN HUNDRED HALIFAXES AND LANCASTERS WERE OUT. TWO PLANES WERE LOST. LAST NIGHT, RAF MOSQUITOS PAID STILL ANOTHER VISIT TO BERLIN.

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ITALY:

THERE WAS LITTLE ACTIVITY ON THE ITALIAN FRONT YESTERDAY APART FROM PATROLLING AND ARTILLERY DUELS. ALLIED MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE STILL BRINGING IN FOOD, WATER, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE PEOPLE OF FLORENCE. YESTERDAY, ALLIED PLANES HIT TARGETS IN NORTHERN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA. ALLIED PLANES FLEW MORE THAN 2000 SORTIES YESTERDAY.

PACIFIC:

THE ISLAND OF HALLEHARA NEAR THE PHILLIPINES IS PRACTICALLY NEUTRALIZED BY CONSTANT AMERICAN BOMBING.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN

NEW YORK: 2	CHICAGO: 1
BOSTON: 5	ST LOUIS: 1
WASHINGTON: 8	CLEVELAND: 5
PHILADELPHIA: 7	...	DETROIT: 5

NATIONAL

CINCINNATI: 6	NEW YORK: 3
PHILADELPHIA: 6	...	CHICAGO: 1
ST LOUIS: 4	...	BROOKLYN: 2
PITTSBURGH: 7	...	BOSTON: 6

