

AMERICANS IN CHERBOURG (first pictures)

With speed that aroused the admiration of military experts the world over the ~~U.S. Army~~ ^{allied armies} advanced on Cherbourg. To the enemy the loss of the third biggest port in France is in itself a tremendous defeat. 20,000 Nazis put their hands up in the first few hours. Here and there a few women were found in the pillboxes. The complete haul of prisoners may be double the number at the first count. It is not too much to say that in its effect on Germany herself, on neutrals and the Balkan Satellites, the defeat at Cherbourg is shattering beyond anything else. This is defeat in the west, where the enemy thought he was unassailable. To disaster on the eastern front Germany is accustomed. The blow in the west ~~now~~ smashes ~~now~~ her last faint hopes. High Command, army and people now know in their hearts that Germany must lose the war.

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(French point) ~~Supporting action came from the British~~ ^{German reserves & prevented of reaction} assault on Caen. ~~striking~~ ^{British} Bombers dropped supplies for the 6th Airborne Division, which took part in Montgomery's offensive. Brilliant use of the airborne arm had much to do with the allies' rapid success in Normandy. Often ~~now~~ attacked in the rear/^{the enemy} could not make full use of the prepared defenses of the Atlantic Wall. RASC attacked to the Airborne Division dealt with the supplies as soon as they fell.

The airborne containers equipment were rushed by Jeep to units waiting for them. Montgomery's diversionary offensive was already under way when ~~the Americans passed~~ through Valognes - last town of any size on the way to

Cherbourg, ^{of captured.} Saturation bombing and artillery had blown much of the town to mere rubble. Saddening though this devastation is, it is mere material damage, which can be quickly repaired. The allies will put the work in hand at the earliest opportunity. The rubble completely buries the military domination of Germany. A new, Free France ^{is rising} rises from the ruins.... [Meanwhile, dangerous buildings were blasted by ~~the~~ engineers. ~~It goes?~~

- The undaunted bulldozer takes everything in its stride.

~~Aerial~~ ^{Air} ~~force~~ pictures show the devastating effect of the ~~we~~. Bombing of pillboxes, gun emplacements and other concrete defences in the coastal area.

(ground) Here is proof indeed of the co-operation - irresistibly effective - between air, ^{Sea} ~~the~~ ground forces.

No army on earth could withstand the merciless weight of fire the allies can now turn on the enemy.

The ~~airforce~~ airforce blasted scores of launching platforms used for the flying bombs. Southern England *may* ^{has} reason to be thankful that the invasion took place ~~before~~ ^{these} ~~before~~ sites could be brought into use. One enormous ~~rocket~~ installation has a main ramp 750 feet long, 70 feet wide. Made of reinforced concrete 50 feet thick it would have been able to stand up to direct hits by 1,000-pound bombs, perhaps heavier ones. It was unfinished when the Germans were driven out. Some ~~engineers~~ ^{people} think

this giant launching platform was intended for flying bombs directed against America. However that may be, the invention of the flying bomb indicates the shape of things to come, in the next war. Man must find enough political wisdom to make war impossible, or take the increasingly uncomfortable consequences.

(SV aftr pan down crane) ~~The Germans show here, once again that they are ingenious and hard-working. They~~

The Germans show ~~show, too,~~ that the psychology of other nations is *still* ~~altogether~~ beyond their understanding. They seriously thought that the flying bomb would make the allies want peace.

Allied warships used their big guns against the fortress batteries of Cherbourg, in the last assault on the port. They themselves were under fire.

~~Smoke screens hid the men of war while they went on with the bombardment.~~

(GV CHR) In Cherbourg General Von Schlieben ordered his men to resist to the death, comfortably issuing those orders from a dugout thirty feet below ground. U.S. infantry, man-for-man more than a match for the Germans, fought their way in, street by street.

One by one the strong points yielded their quota of surrendering Germans. ~~They were out of touch with~~

~~their headquarters. In some places they went on fighting till it was borne on their Teutonic intelligence that the game was up. That fact will soon dawn on the whole of Germany.~~

(aftr wounded U.S. man) It is pleasant indeed to see the military bullies of Europe in the hour of utter defeat.

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Lt. Gen. Schlieben, Garrison Commander, and Admiral Hennecke, Sea Defence commander, came out of their deep shelter and surrendered while many Nazi troops were still fighting. It was the privilege of Major Gen. Collins, of the U.S. Army, to receive the capitulation.- one of the most significant in the history of war. In bringing this ^{Nazi General} ~~man~~ and his troops to earth, the Americans earn the congratulations of the Free world. So, ~~in~~ custody, the Nazi thousands come to Britain. The war accelerates. ^{The} /Unconditional surrender of Germany is not distant.