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INVASION!



Allied Landings Begun in France, Eisenhower Says

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 6. (A.P.) Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced today that Allied troops began landing on the northern coast of France this morning strongly supported by naval and air forces.

Text of the communique: Under the command of Gen. Eisenhower Allied forces, supported by strong air forces, began landing Allied armies this morning on the northern coast of France.

The Germans said the landings extended between Le Havre and Cherbourg along the south side of the bay of the Seine and along the Northern Normandy coast.

Parachute troops descended in Normandy, Berlin said.

Berlin first announced the landings in a series of flashes that began about 6:30 a.m. (12:30 a.m. E.W.T.)

The Allied communique was read over a trans-Atlantic hookup direct from Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters at 3:32 E.W.T. (12:32 a.m. P.W.T.) designated "Communique No. 1."

Montgomery Leads Assault

A second announcement by Shaef said that "it is announced that Gen. B. L. Montgomery is in command of the Army group carrying out the assault. This army group includes British, Canadian, and United States forces."

The Allied bulletin did not say exactly where the invasion was taking place, but Berlin earlier gave these details:

Allied naval forces, including heavy warships, are shelling Le Havre. "It is a terrific bombardment," Berlin said.

Allied parachute troops floating down along the Normandy coast were landing and being engaged by German shock troops.

Other Allied units were streaming ashore into Normandy from landing barges.

Eisenhower Order of Day

In a special order of the day issued to all soldiers, sailors and airmen under his command, Gen. Eisenhower said:

"We will accept nothing except full victory."

Eisenhower told his men they were "embarking on a great crusade toward which we have striven these many months," and warned them that they were facing a tough, well-prepared enemy.

Berlin said the "center of gravity" of the fierce fighting

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Invasion—and 'The Times'

This is D-Day. The greatest continuing news story in the history of man has begun—and will continue until Victory. Americans, and all the people of the earth, now eagerly await every new development, watch every Allied move and Nazi countermove.

The detailed story of invasion, complete with all the available maps and pictures, will be brought to Times readers with the speed, thoroughness and accuracy that have always made The Times the West's most dependable . . . and depended upon . . . newspaper!

WHERE ALLIES ARE STRIKING—Arrows indicate the ports and coastal regions where Allied armies of invasion were reported swarming ashore in France early this morning.