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# TODAY'S WAR BULLETIN

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Heralded by a naval bombardment of Le Havre, described by German sources as "terrific", the invasion of northwest Europe got under way at 3:32 AM, EST, today.

Landings are reported along a 140-mile stretch of coast, principally to the north of Cherbourg. Landings have been made at a number of separate points, and additional landings are being made. Penetrations of up to 10 miles inland had been achieved at an early hour.

Four thousand ships of various types, as well as innumerable small craft, were estimated to be participating.

Large airborne forces have landed deep in the German rear.

Offshore defenses are stated to have been ineffective, and no effective air or naval opposition seems to have been offered. So far as has been reported, landings were made with relative ease, perhaps because of our heavy aerial and naval bombardment, and our apparently successful use of the element of surprise.

German shore batteries are reported to have been silenced at most points where landings were effected.

Prime Minister Churchill, in an address to the House of Commons, stated that all operations are proceeding "according to plan". He added: "And what a plan!"

## ALLIES CROSS TIBER IN PURSUIT OF NAZIS

Allied troops are reported to have crossed the Tiber River, north of Rome, at several points, in hot pursuit of Germans fleeing in a disorganized mass.

German troops and equipment, choking roads for as far as 55 miles north of the Eternal City are being bombed and strafed unmercifully.

Joining in the relentless program of destruction, 500 heavy bombers blasted rail yards at 5 points between Venice and Rimini.

No ability to reform their lines has yet been shown by the retreating Germans.

## GERMANS ADMIT LOSS OF PRESTIGE

The fall of Rome was a blow to the prestige of the vaunted Nazi military machine, Berlin broadcasts admitted, although they insisted that in no way did this hamper the Atlantic wall defense.

## SOVIETS THROW BACK NAZIS IN FIERCE COUNTER-ATTACK

Russian air and ground forces threw back German troops yesterday in the Iasi sector of Romania in savage air and infantry thrusts.

## HEAVY NAZI FORCES DRIVE TITO'S PARTISANS BACK

Strong Nazi columns are engaged in the heaviest fighting yet seen on the Yugoslav front in what seems to be a reckless effort to wipe out Partisan resistance before the grand east-west offensive could get underway, Marshal Tito reported his men in a desperate retreating action this morning.