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## Airmen Hit Nazi Oil Tanks

### Enemy Fighter Planes Keep Out Of Skies

### Anti-Aircraft Barrage Described As Very Heavy.

## War Situation Last Night

By Kirk L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Appearance in Japanese home skies of the B-29 super bombers has a definite grand strategy bearing on Allied hopes of cutting the struggle short against Japan as well as Germany.

The Yawata heart of Japan's steel industry was turned into a roaring inferno, according to eye-witness accounts which estimated that possibly 20 per cent of total Japanese steel making capacity had been knocked out.

Flying from bases in China the B-29s broke all bomber records for distance and speed as well as striking power. Just how far they flew to accomplish their first major war mission is undisclosed. But the attack left Tokyo in no doubt that the Japanese home front is now vulnerable to repeated and devastating assaults from the air.

Time alone can reveal its effect on Japanese war making capacity. It took months concentrated night-and-day bombing of Nazi continental targets from Britain to soften-up the French coast for invading troops. The full effect there on German war endurance still is to be revealed as the battle in Normandy, Italy, Poland, Romania or elsewhere in Europe rolls to its projected summertime pitch.

It is now being moved again in France, as it was in Russia and on every great battlefield in history, that the infantry still is the queen of battles. All the rest of the vast equipment of modern armies is designed to help the infantry do its decisive job.

Under proof in Normandy at the week end was Nazi ability to contain the Allied breakthrough without resort to strategic reserves in men and planes.

Once the Normandy beach fronts are punctured in sufficient width and depth to set ashore powerful Allied armies and equipment it seems clear that the foe must either join battle with all he has soon or relinquish a huge segment of France.



## Hail Work Of Underground

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 18 (AP) — The Allied Supreme Command had a successful front behind the front in France Saturday with a special communique proclaiming that the French underground army had executed a master plan of sabotage and open resistance to the Nazis since the invasion began June 6.

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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 18 — (CP) — United States troops today sealed off the whole upper tip of Cherbourg Peninsula with its prize trans-Atlantic port and trapped perhaps 25,000 to 30,000 Germans by seizing a firm, seven-mile strip of the western shores of the Cape.

In a swift stab westward from St. Sauveur, the American 9th Division struck through to the coast near Barneville Sur Mer while British and Canadian formations on the eastern sector of the Normandy front held four German Panzer Divisions.

Hours behind battlefield reports, tonight's midnight communique from Supreme Headquarters confirmed the cut-off of the Peninsula and simultaneous gains by the American forces on the central front to within six miles of the German stronghold of St. Lo, southwest of Bayeux, first Normandy city taken in the Allied invasion.

The communique contained word of no new developments on the eastern front where British and Canadian forces are holding German armor tightly engaged on the left flank while the Americans slashed through the German infantry on the right.

The Germans made strong counter-attacks Saturday near Carantec, but were repulsed by British-held Caumont but these were repulsed by swift Allied reaction.

The situation at Caen, communications hub on the eastern end of the front, remained unchallenged. Many Canadian troops are in that sector where there has been a lull in recent days. The troops are resting and regrouping. At headquarters it was said the Canadians have done a grand job holding their positions.

German radio claims today on the progress of the invasion inouced assertions by a war correspondent broadcasting from Normandy via the Berlin radio that large formations of Allied shipping were cruising off the French coast about to start the "second phase" of the invasion. Another broadcast claimed that U-boats sank three of five British destroyers of the Hunt class at the western entrance of the English Channel.

Fifteen thousand prisoners have been taken in the 13-day old liberation drive, headquarters said, including 150 taken Saturday when the Allies at the cost of one soldier, mopped up Douvres, by-passed 200 miles north of Caen.

The Cherbourg trap was sprung on the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, and marked the beginning of the end for the vital port of Cherbourg.

## Peakes' Station Officer Killed in Action Overseas

Lieut. Ronald MacDonald, serving with the Canadian army and a peacemaker in France with the Allied invasion troops has been killed in action, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacDonald of Peakes Station have been informed. They received the sad message from Ottawa Saturday night. It contained no details.

Lieut. MacDonald had been with the army for about two years and had been overseas for about one year. He enlisted for active service after he completed his studies at St. Dunstan's University and received his bachelor of arts degree in 1942. He was a member of the Canadian Officers Training Corps at the University and held his commission as a Lieutenant. When he went to England with a reinforcement unit.

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All passengers aboard the train escaped serious injury, although several received minor cuts and bruises, but James Collins, Saint John, N.B., a CNR express messenger riding in the car behind the locomotive, was killed instantly. The locomotive fireman, Douglas Geldart, Saint John, N.B., was scalded by escaping steam and is in hospital in Moncton in a critical condition.

The locomotive and seven cars of the train were derailed and the locomotive half buried itself in the soft earth alongside the roadbed before it came to a stop. Cause of the accident was not revealed by railway officials who said an investigation was under way.

The locomotive was the first to leave the rails. The two cars following the locomotive, including the one in which Collins was riding, were thrown clear of the rails before they toppled into the ditch.

It was about one p.m. A.D.T. when the crash occurred and traffic was stopped for several hours. Crews from Moncton, eight miles from here, cleared the line.

Railway officials were on the scene promptly and arranged transportation by taxi and bus for the 225 passengers who were bound for Moncton and other points west.

The official explanation of the accident but several came to the scene by automobile to investigate and to assist in the clearing of the tracks to allow resumption of traffic.

The hundreds who thronged about the scene of the accident were amazed that more on the train had been killed and injured for the engine had derailed in some four feet of mud in the marshy area on the south side of the track. It had plunged through the soft ground, knocking down a telegraph pole, snapping the wires on it and coming to rest on its side, imbedded deep in the mud. Soft ground was thrown up in front of the engine for forty feet and the headlight was thrown about the same distance.

The coroner, Kenneth Dobson, of Dorchester, was called because of the death of Mr. Collins and he decided an inquest would be necessary. He pronounced a jury on the spot and after the members had viewed the body the inquest was adjourned to Wednesday.

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