

WESTERN EUROPE -- American First Army in its advancing southwards from the base of the Cherbourg Peninsula are meeting stiff German resistance in what New York Times correspondent Hanson Baldwin calls the "battle of the hedgerows." Front dispatches Sunday report American units fighting in outskirts of St. Lo and other units making favorable gains toward Periers and Lessay. Allied troops on eastern sector of Normandy front have liberated Esquay, important height commanding the plain to the southeast.

Bad weather limited Allied aerial action Saturday, but Allied aircraft flew over 500 sorties attacking enemy communication and transport action centers and other military targets ranging from areas south of Paris to rail installations in central France. Fourteen Allied planes were lost and nine German planes destroyed in Saturday's daylight air actions.

Royal Air Force Lancasters and Halifaxes of the bomber command attacked a flying bomb depot at Nucort, some forty kilometers northwest of Paris, Saturday afternoon, and squadrons of Mosquitos attacked Berlin Saturday night. Mines were laid in enemy waters in other actions. From these operations two bombers and one fighter are missing.

United States Strategic Air Force announced Sunday in London that very strong forces of American flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings of 8th Air Force, struck at communications and other targets at Munich and Saarbrücken Sunday, despite bad weather.

German naval forces bottled up at Le Parve made efforts to break out Friday and Saturday, with brief gun actions resulting. Royal Canadian forces chased an E-boat formation into the harbor, setting one craft afire. Later, Canadians engaged armed trawler and two patrol craft, scoring many hits. While engaging three E-boats Saturday the same coastal force came within range of German shore batteries and a few casualties and damage to one Canadian craft resulted.

MEDITERRANEAN -- Allied armies in Italy Sunday have advanced to within twelve kilometers of the Arno River and have captured the Italian west coast town of Quercianella, nine kilometers from the outskirts of Leghorn. Other American troops further inland have seized the villages of Morrona and Bagni di Casciana, twenty-five kilometers east of Leghorn, while French forces advanced to seize the town of Castellina, ten kilometers due east of recently captured Poggibons.

In central Italy Allied 8th Army Forces are within five kilometers of Arezzo, key road communication running to Florence. Northeast of Lake Trasimeno 8th Army Forces have reached the town of Gubbio and the village of Costacciaro, eighty kilometers southwest of Rimini. Allied air force planes Saturday attacked oil refineries and installations at Ploesti, Rumania. While other Allied aircraft attacked enemy objectives in northern Italy, objectives were also attacked in Yugoslavia and Albania. Ten enemy aircraft were destroyed. Twenty-four Allied planes are missing. The Mediterranean Allied air force flew approximately 2,500 sorties Saturday.

CHINA -- U.S. Army 14th Air Force headquarters announced Sunday at Chungking that American P-40's destroyed many Japanese vessels in a motor pool north of Changsha and that in the Yellow River area Mitchell bombers started fires in railroad yards. On the Salween River front Japanese positions were strafed and Lungling was attacked. Planes of the troop carrier command dropped fifty tons of munitions and food to Chinese ground forces in this sector.

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