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INVASION.... PICTORIAL REPORTS FROM FRANCE.

French Roof tops over the bows of Allied landing craft beaching on the Normandy shore... there comes the grinding of keels, on the shingle and our troops spill ashore across that open stretch menaced by enemy gunfire. Newsreel and Allied service cameramen go in with the landing forces - - the pictures they take make up this lengthened edition of Pathe Gazette. They tell of the Battle of the Bridgeheads which, within a week was won, and became the Battle for Consolidation.

Tanks and heavy equipment are seen able to follow in the tracks of the first wave of assault troops. Round one of the invasion is won on points - - Hitler's Atlantic Wall has failed to stem the tide. His concrete gun emplacements and blockhouses are blasted out of commission. His beach obstructions knocked out by shell and bomb now crumple as engineers level them with pneumatic drills and dynamite.

Support from Naval guns lying off shore. Points of resistance inland are hammered by salvos from Allied warships.

Evidence of the work of our Commandos. These masters of demolition have done their work well.

This is how the Allied Air Forces are making it exceedingly difficult for Rommel to bring up his reinforcements of men and armour. Bridges and roads leading to the Peninsular are severed.

Aboard a British warship with Admiral Ramsey, General Eisenhower keeps his finger on the pulse of Battle by personal observation. He is joined by General Montgomery for consultations on the progress of our landings.

By the irony of fate Rommel finds himself up against Monty again. Rommel has never yet met him without being beaten. And here's another strange sidelight on history. - It was a Montgomery who led William the Conqueror's successful army when invasion was in the reverse direction nearly nine centuries ago. Glad with characteristic disregard for military convention - in leather jacket and corduroy slacks Monty goes ashore to set up his headquarters in France.

Already Glider reinforcements are coming over to support those already fighting with superb dash inland. Their deeds are the talk of the beaches - British Canadians and Americans share the laurels, but if we can single out for special mention, then let the loudest praise go to the 6th British Airborne Division. Their contemporaries would not begrudge them that, for friend and foe stand amazed by their superhuman efforts.