

A NEW NORMANDY OFFENSIVE UNDER WAY

A grim trail of ruin marks the path of German retreat in Normandy. Many of the villages and small towns have not a single roof, ~~and~~ houses and farmsteads innumerable have been laid flat.

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Through the devastated <sup>places</sup> ~~villages~~ the roads carry big supply columns to the front line.

General Montgomery, with Second Army commander General Dempsey, watched the ~~forces~~ <sup>forces</sup> going forward on the eve of the latest offensive South-West of Caen. American 155 m.m. long-range guns are being used by our artillery.

By something approaching a miracle of transportation the allies have put into Normandy <sup>such</sup> vast quantities of heavy ~~equipment~~ <sup>equipment</sup>. ~~The enemy is outnumbered in tanks and guns.~~ <sup>as 2 outweigh the enemy in tanks & guns</sup>

It is now revealed that the 17-pounder gun is mounted on some of our tanks. This formidable weapon has been a complete answer to the German Tiger tank. One well-directed shot will destroy any Nazi tank within <sup>1000 yds.</sup> ~~a range of these~~

~~and yards.~~ ~~17 pounders, long, tons, mortars,~~ <sup>T</sup> The whole range of our artillery in action is an every-day sight in Normandy.

A visit to Caen cathedral was paid by General Montgomery to whom French people flocked to thank him for liberating their towns.

The General left the <sup>city</sup> ~~town~~ for an inspection of the battle <sup>field</sup>. ~~ground to the South-West where the new offensive has now developed.~~ On the road he stopped to distribute cigarettes. He is a non-smoker himself but care for his men is among the secrets of Montgomery's success.