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FALL OF CHERBOURG.  
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Security puts a stop on the naming of this railway marshalling yard in the Cherbourg Peninsular, but now that it's in Allied hands the work of getting it back into working order is a priority job. French rail workers assist the military to straighten out the unholy mess. This is the first time we have seen from ground level the devastating effect of our bombs on railtracks, workshops and rolling stock.

A wasteland of rubble marks the spot where once stood the town of VALOGNES. Its importance as a road and rail centre so close to Cherbourg made it an important target for heavy bombardment. U.S. Army engineers demolish unsafe walls with dynamite.

The remains of Valognes strewn across its roads are pushed aside to open a way through the ruins. At a First Army Ordnance Collecting point, captured enemy equipment is assembled. Sweepings from the battlefield parked in a wayside cemetery for armour.

A doodlebug is unceremoniously tipped into the scrap heap.

A strip of the Normandy Coast pock marked with bomb craters. This locality was a target for some of our D Day bombing. Sunken and Subterranean gun emplacements.....part of the Atlantic Wall. Thousands of tons of concrete and steel had gone into their construction. Thick and heavy casemates and underground fortifications now opened up for post invasion inspection.

From the air we get our first glimpse of what are believed to be Hitler's giant rocket shell lairs from which he was planning to bombard England. A mammoth structure which was nearing completion when invasion put a stop to its erection. Two super-sites of this kind fell into our hands when the Allies over ran the peninsular. Although it had been hit from the air, thousand pound bombs had not penetrated its massive re-inforced concrete roofs. These sites must not be confused with the flying bomb bases. They seem to be something new Hitler had up his sleeve. But we got in there just as the building contractors had left it; the concrete mixers were still on the walls.

This will give you some idea of how the Germans conceal their flying bomb launching platforms. They match the surrounding country and roof in the buildings with acres of scrim and netting. Its places like these that our airmen have to find in their searches for Flying bomb bases.

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Cameramen cover the Naval angle while stationed aboard a warship lying eleven miles off Cherbourg. British and American Capital ships engage in a gun duel with shore batteries. An Anglo-American engagement with H.M.S. Glasgow and Enterprise sending in broadsides with U.S.S. NEVADA, QUINCY, and TUSCALOOSA.

H.M.S. GLASGOW comes under heavy German fire without sustaining a hit.

In answer to a Radio call from 6th Airborne Division paratroops engaged in fierce battle, R.A.F. Stirlings drop ~~xxxx~~ urgently needed supplies. With great accuracy the distinctive containers come down in the appointed area, while airborne R.A.S.C. men, specially trained for the recovery of the supplies are ready to retrieve them as soon as they land.

These men are equipped for their job with Jeeps and Trailers and lose no time in locating the containers and getting their contents away to the Paratroops in the front line.

General Bradley sends his infantry forward for the final penetration into Cherbourg.

Sniper shooting in the streets of the City. There's an atmosphere of tension about these pictures which indicates the hazards of that early infiltration. The operation that has brought an investing force through the city ramparts, will go down in history as one of the swiftest and most daring manoeuvres in the annals of the American Army.

And here's where a German pocket of resistance folded up as the hopelessness of their position became evident. A small section of the thirty seven thousand odd prisoners taken in the Battle for Cherbourg. One of the last places to surrender was the Arsenal. Get 'em up higher says the doughboy.

It's an old army custom to give prisoners the once over. Frisking they call it, its much safer to know whether or not a weapon has been concealed in clothing. Expressions on German faces seem to indicate that they're perfectly willing to go quietly.

Two women head the procession. Evidently a couple of German pistol packin' mommies or firearm flashing Fraus.

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Worth reporting is the incidental story of how two Allied Army doctors and a nurse attended a confinement while the fate of Cherbourg was being sealed. French Mother and child came through the ordeal well. The baby is to be christened "Well Beloved".

The final act of surrender takes place in a tunnel 30 feet underground, when Lieutenant General Carl Wilhelm Von Schlieben capitulates to General Collins. The American General receives the German Garrison Commander at his newly established headquarters. The interview is brief and to the point.

Rear Admiral Hennecke, Sea Defence Commander of Normandy ended his appointment as well. So ends the second phase of the Allied invasion. General Bradley's message to the people of France is "Here is your first large city to be returned to you".