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CRACK DIVISION DRIVES TOWARD ST. LO TO CLIMAX 12-DAY BEACHHEAD ASSAULT

A Division of hard-hitting Doughboys, supported by tanks and artillery fire, have today moved steadily forward to a position overlooking the key city of St. Lo.

The advance climaxes a 12-day smash that took them over the hotly contested Normandy beaches and through half a dozen defended towns and villages.

The veteran outfit has already won for itself an important place in the list of truly great American combat divisions. It has dealt terrific punishment to the Germans since first it stormed the so-called "Impregnable Atlantic Wall" on D-Day, and has cracked strongpoint after strongpoint in its relentless advance.

Meantime, another first-class Infantry Division in this area has drawn first blood on the enemy and is gathered to strike again.

Thus the "Beehive" Corps, so-called in this news bulletin because of its new shoulder patch of Indian design, is advancing with other tank outfits on the Normandy beachhead while to our left the British and Canadians are driving steadily forward.

On all fronts the beachhead has been breasted and supplies are pouring in. Off the beaches lie a powerful armada of American and British warships and more than one in the campaign the Doughboys have advanced under cover of battleship fire.

Now Use Pilotless Planes
The enemy is using pilotless planes in bombing London. The planes, really winged bombs, are launched from the coastal areas and have the effect of a 1000 pound bomb.

AMERICANS CUT THROAT OF CHERBOURG PENINSULA: PUSH TO FREE SEAPORT CITY

The throat of the Cherbourg Peninsula has been cut.
American forces have driven across to Banneville-sur-Mer, leaping off the area in which many Germans are believed trapped.

This is the day's most sensational news development. It is too early to predict the time of the fall of the city of Cherbourg, important French port, but optimistic observers hope the Americans will be able to clean up the sector soon and open the port.

It has been reported that the Boche have been blowing up the docks at Cherbourg and movement of his troops out of the area has been reported. In fact, our air corps has been firing the German columns a bad time.

Our troops are reported to have driven across the peninsula and heard off the German columns. It is expected that the Germans remaining there will make a fight of it, but we've got them covered.

... NORMANDY FOLKS ARE FRIENDLY
Flags, flowers, smiles and V-signs have greeted American troops in Normandy.
Some of the villages were badly damaged when the Boche were driven out by air bombardment, naval and land-based gunfire and direct assault, but the people accept it as a hazard of war and are already at work clearing away the rubble and setting their houses in order.
They are good, friendly folk. They deserve the best of treatment from their friends, the Americans. They welcome us.

LE TOMAHAWK

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this Corps on the Normandy beachhead. Con-
tents not for republication unless clear-
ed by appropriate press censorship.

Ray Craft, fugitive from a news room. Ed.

Editorial

German propaganda broadcasts have ac-
used Allied troops of misconduct towards
French citizens.

The Boche describe these claimed inci-
dents as "the horrors of liberation."

While this is obvious propaganda, it is
clear that we must object ourselves at
this point and though we were guests in
somebody's home.

The French have been humiliated by four
years of German occupation. They welcome
us as friends and allies.

Getting drunk, shooting off pistols in
the streets, shouting at women, would make
a very bad impression. It is the intent
of higher authority to take drastic action
if such cases develop.

Here in the Corps we must keep our noses
clean. We want the French to be proud of
their allies, and we want to be proud of
ourselves.

Salute to Our Dead

There isn't much anyone can say when a
buddy falls in battle.

The best tribute we can pay him is to
carry on the fight, courageously and with
honor.

To those who died on the beaches and to
those who fell in the orchards, hedgerows
and fields of Normandy, we give a comrade's
salute.

We'll push on, fellows, until we let this
job cleaned up.

Air Raids Continue

Nightly bombing raids continue on the
beaches and against our shipping but so
far the damage has been light.

The Allies have complete control of the
air during the daylight hours and since the
boys don't even bother
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ALLIES ADVANCE IN ITALY; BOMBERS RAIN MORE STUFF ON GERMANS; FRENCH TAKE ELBA

The Allies are continuing their drive
in Italy and Americans today were 80 mi.
north of Rome.

The Fighting French are occupying Elba,
the island in the Mediterranean famed as
the spot where Napoleon sweated it out.

Another 1500 or so bombers raided
Germany again yesterday. This is becom-
ing SOP.

Everything is going along fine in the
Pacific theatre with gains in Burma and
on MacArthur's front.

How Come "Le Tomahawk?"

The name of this newspaper is taken
from the name of the insignia—a black and
silver tomahawk decorated with red fea-
thers and suspended on a field of blue
in a circle of silver.

The tomahawk, early Indian hand-weapon,
was chosen as a truly American emblem.

It signifies the eagerness of the com-
mand to engage the enemy at close quarters.

Only one sample copy of the new insig-
nia has been received but a quantity is
expected soon for distribution to Corps
Troops.

Divisions and other outfits of the
Corps having their own insignia will of
course, continue to wear their own.

Defense Installations

The Germans were really dug in on the
Normandy coast and military observers
looking over the defenses are amazed
that the Allied forces could storm and
take the beachhead without heavier losses.

Despite Boche propaganda trying to
laugh off the invasion, they thought we
couldn't crack their wall. However, it
appears that despite the uprear attend-
ant upon mounting such an offensive we
achieved tactical surprise, which is
military phraseology for catching them
with their pants at half-mast.

German Weapons

German weapons brought in by the boys
are generally of first-class material.
One Corps headquarters section boasts an
ambitious jeep, a "Volkswagen" equipped
with a mounted machine gun and a speller.

The motor is light, of beautiful con-
struction and is mounted in the back. It
is said to do 60 miles on a gallon. The
little jeep has a new paint job with lots
of white American stars to indicate its
friendly attitude and is now doing yeoman
service for the Americans.

Also in use are Volkswagens of conven-
tional design and the half-track motor-
cycles which are motorcycles with a reg-
ular front wheel and two-half-tracks on
the back.

Always-coveted memoricos are German
snipers and rifles. However, our boys
know the sound of German rifles so don't
shoot them promiscuously or you'll be
taken for a sniper and shipped back at.