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NORMANDY -- Front dispatches Saturday said British troops opened an assault on the Caen area defenses at dawn, as tanks and troops drove forward under a barrage by hundreds of big guns. Within the first hour, three key German strong points -- Galmanes, La Bijade and Le Bisey -- were engulfed by British troops.

Other front dispatches said that U.S. troops have captured St. Jean de Daye in the Carentan sector.

Saturday's Supreme Allied headquarters communique said that Americans have extended their bridgehead across the river in the Carentan sector against stiff German resistance.

Americans are reported to have captured dominating heights in the La Haye du Puits area and to have cut the last major German exit from that town.

Allied aircraft attacked German troops and tank concentrations north of Caen Friday night. Allied headquarters disclosed that more than 1,000 German planes have been shot down over France since ... U.S. heavy bombers Saturday morning attacked enemy units in the Pas de Calais area.

GERMANY -- Royal Air Force Mosquito bombers attacked Berlin Friday night, while heavy bombers attacked targets in occupied Europe.

ITALY -- Rosignano and Castellina on the Italian west coast have been captured by U.S. troops after three days of street fighting. French troops of the Fifth Army have progressed south of Poggibonzi sweeping through Colle Val d'Elsa. Enemy counter attacks have been repulsed near Arezzo. Northeast of Lake Trasimeno Indian troops advanced to Montone, a few kilometers north of Umbertide.

On the Adriatic Coast advances have been made against the Germans stubbornly defending the port of Ancona.

MEDITERRANEAN -- Allied aircraft attacked three synthetic oil plants in German Silesia, two at Blechamer and another at Odertal. Airdromes and rail yards at Zagreb in Yugoslavia were also attacked.

Rocket firing aircraft attacked railway rolling stock in Salenk in Greece.

FAR EAST -- American superfortresses which attacked military targets on the Japanese home island of Kyushu Friday returned to their Chinese bases without loss, it was announced in Washington by General H. H. Arnold, Commander of the Twentieth Air Force. The B-29's attacked the great naval base at Sasebo, vital industrial targets at Tobata and the steel center of Yawata.

General MacArthur announced early Saturday that the campaign for Noemfoor Island off northwestern Dutch New Guinea has ended with the capture of Namber airdrome. U.S. forces, which landed July 2, now control all three airfields on the island less than 800 miles from the Philippines. MacArthur also reported two heavy attacks on Yap, Japanese stronghold in the western Carolines.

Chinese troops are counterattacking in the Hengyang area. Allied planes on this front killed over fifteen hundred Japanese troops and sank sixty river boats. U.S. medium bombers of the U.S. Fourteenth Air Force dropped food, ammunition and medical supplies to the Chinese ground forces at Hengyang.

On the Salween River front, Chinese forces have virtually surrounded the Japanese bast at Tengchung.

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DE GAULLE -- General Charles de Gaulle was guest of honor Friday night at a dinner given by Acting U.S. Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson. During the day, General de Gaulle placed a wreath on the tomb of the American unknown soldier at Arlington National Cemetery; visited Mount Vernon, home of George Washington and paid his respects to General John Pershing, Commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary Force in the last war.

The Soviet Army have driven to within forty-four kilometers of Vilna, and to the south have captured Stolin. In the north, the Red Army pushed ahead against Finnish troops. South of Polotsk, the Soviets have captured a large number of prisoners. East of Minsk, the Red Army continued to mop up remnants of three German Corps.

The French forces of the interior in well organized actions continue to inflict severe damage on the German communication system in France, it was revealed from information received in New York Friday.

General Harold Alexander's headquarters announced Friday that after a number of attacks the region or Romagnane Sesia in the province of Novara is now safe in the hands of the patriots who have defeated all Nazi Fascists attempts to retake this region in Italy.

UNRRA -- Director General Herbert H. Lehman of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration announced Saturday night that Doctor Eduardo Santos, formerly President of Colombia, South America, has accepted the appointment as Deputy Director General for liaison with the American Republics which are members of UNRRA.

The U.S. State Department in Washington said Friday that Ambassador Carlton J. H. Hayes is returning to Washington from Madrid for consultation and to refresh himself on American war progress.

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