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the coarses a bottle of wine,
while Ray and I had difficulty
take talking to Roberts parents
we did manage fairly well.

George, Roberts father, showed
us the snapshots that Robert took
and I took the two negatives that
I'm in plus a picture of a foot
bridge that, Ray and I go over
to go to their house. The bridge
was damaged by the Germans
but since then it has been
repaired.

During I'm sending you
the two negatives so you can
have as many prints as you
desire. I'll appreciate if you
give my mother one set of
prints and honey since
Robert hasn't seen the pictures
yet, possible he will
want the negatives to duplicate
his original copies.

cut up a few pieces of beef steak
and Roberts mother started to
prepare ~~as~~ as a meal, as they already
have eaten. I could hardly express
myself to tell them not to trouble
themselves, but I didn't make a
good attempt at it because
my insides were saying don't
be a fool Ben, and miss up a
good meal and they get pleasure
in offering it to me. Therefore
Ray and I sat down to eat and
for a quickly prepared meal it
was simple wonderful. Part
we must have been left over
from their meal, we had
potatoe soup, beef steak with
fried potatoes, mustard, salami
cheese, bread coffee and during

This machine is going to mail
him the pictures. I kindly return
to me dearest the negatives
and ~~me~~ a set of prints so I can
return the negatives to Robert
and give Ray two prints so he
can have both pictures. Ok.

The picture of Ray and I
plus the cousin in the center, is
Andre. In the other picture
taken in the jeep, the cousin
sitting on my left is Robert
cousin.

Finally you will be able
to see how I look now.
These negatives aren't like mine,
these are good but the pictures
of me aren't good but regardless
I know you want pictures so

he it is ^{one of these days} the exposed
film I mailed to the PX will
arrive so you will have more.
Intend taking more pictures also. I love you
Dad

Friday
Nov 3, 1944

My Beloved Sweetheart,

My plans for today was a
success as I was able to follow
through on them.

Ray and I went to _____
with the intentions of seeing
Robert and Andre. But when
we arrived there, at Robert's
house we were disappointed
to be informed that the
boys were still in Paris.
I don't regret going to Robert's
house because even though
the boys weren't there we
had a swell time.

As soon as we entered
the house, Robert's father
ran into his butcher shop

Catcher 7th Army
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6th Corps Drives Through France

Veterans Hit Riviera Beaches Up From the Sea To Threaten Reich

Mediterranean Vets Wade Ashore D-Day

August 15 was a tense day on the shores of Southern France. It was "D" Day. The veterans of Fedala and Oran, Licata and Gela, Salerno and Anzio were on the move again.

Months of study of maps and aerial photos; numerous landings on the shores by secret agents—previous to the final plans; weeks of practice by the infantry and engineers in overcoming obstacles similar to what they were to face on the landing; and weeks and weeks of calculation and coordination between the army, navy and air corps had preceded the blow.

Parachutists had landed according to schedule and were clearing the landing grounds for the glider troops to follow them. Then came the long miles of planes and gliders in rows like traffic on a crowded city street, all onto their objective as pre-arranged.

On the Way

Now the stage was set. The actors were on the scene. During the early morning hours the navy had blasted at every target they had placed on their carefully planned charts. Planes of all sizes and description pattern bombed, dive bombed, and strafed pillboxes, roads, concrete fortifications and enemy gun positions.

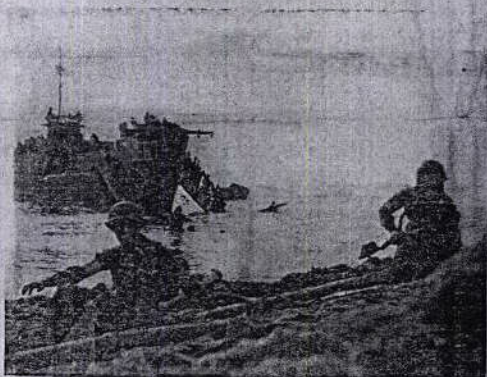
The assault waves had headed for the beaches and had disappeared in the smoke and dust the bombardment had left. Then came that eternal wait for the first reports. The tenseness was to a point of breaking.

Commanders paced the decks of their flagships—waiting, watching, peering toward the beaches with high-powered field glasses. Had their plans been right? Was the landing going to be a success?

Then came the tense situation reports—from the 3rd Division, 7th and 15th Infantry have landed and are on their first objective—other elements landing.

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"The Yanks Are Coming"



The morning of August 15, 1944. Yanks leave an LVT afloat into the water and wade to shore. Here a medic prepares to treat a wounded. The MP is moving on to his post. (AP)

'You Did It', General Truscott Says in Tribute to Troops

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE VI CORPS:

In the bright, prophetic sunlight of the early morning of the 15th of August, you men of the VI Corps—men of the 3d Division, the 36th Division, the 45th Division and of every reinforcing unit—veterans, all of other amphibious operations—launched your memorable assault against the shores of Southern France. Supported by powerful air, airborne, and naval forces and assisted by long-oppressed and waiting French Allies, you destroyed the beach defenses of the 19th German Army and advanced inland to initial objectives with almost unprecedented speed.

The key ports of Toulon and Marseilles you soon isolated, thus

facilitating their subsequent capture by our Allies. By your drive up the Durance River Valley, you trapped and annihilated a great portion of the fleeing 19th Army at the site of the now historic town of Montelimar. Without pause, you then turned to the northeast in a relentless pursuit of remnants which you have continued almost to the German border. In thirty-eight days, you have traversed five hundred miles and have defeated a desperate enemy at every stand. You have forced a crossing of two major rivers. You have overcome every obstacle that a resourceful enemy could devise. You have, with even less than organic transport, managed to move yourselves. (Continued on Page Four)

Story of Sixth Corps' Sweep Toward Germany

Following abruptly upon the fall of Rome in the Italian campaign the VI Corps was withdrawn from the lines and sent to the rear to prepare for the invasion of Southern France. For this new assault to be made upon the German continental bastion, the most veteran divisions in the Mediterranean Theatre—the 3rd, the 36th and the 45th Divisions with the attendant number and variety of seasoned supporting units—were designated to comprise the VI Corps. The experience of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Normandy were to be called upon in this great new operation in the western theatre.

Our Mission

Simultaneously with the fall of the City of Rome, the first Axis capital to be liberated, the landings in northern France had been launched. Operations were progressing satisfactorily but slowly. A strong threat from the south, one that would contain and divert much of the enemy strength in France, offered the best possibility of assisting the northern effort and of accelerating the progress of the forces engaged there. The attack by the Seventh Army with the Provisional Air-borne Division dropping just before H-hour and the VI Corps assault over the beach at H-hour, followed by the French Army to be constitute this threat.

Preparations

Personnel and equipment were gathered together, plans were formulated, intensive special training was engaged in by all units of the Corps and everything was made ready. All of the multitude of meticulous details that characterize preparations for a distant large scale amphibious undertaking was perfected. All of the information which had been in progress of collection over a long period of time, regarding the strength and disposition of hostile forces, and of the conditions which might be expected to confront us at (Continued on Page Three)