

Land With Tanks, Heavy Weapons; Wage Fierce Fight With Boches In Dynamic Dieppe Area Attack

**Fight Savagely With British, Americans and Free French to Overcome
German Resistance—Task Successfully Accomplished Under Mam-
moth Umbrella of 1,000 Allied Planes—Battling Continues**

London, Aug. 19.—(BUP)—The authoritative British Press Association said to-night that the chief objectives of the Dieppe attack had been achieved.

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London, Aug. 19.—(CP Cable)—Canadian army forces, supported by British, American and Fighting French commandos, stormed the French coast on the broad beaches around Dieppe at dawn to-day, and with tanks and the greatest aerial umbrella ever spread aloft fought on throughout the day against the German defenders. Every Canadian fighter squadron in Britain was in action support of their countrymen on the ground. There was a constant procession of more than 1,000 Canadian, British and American fighters and bombers from British front-line aerodromes to the battle zone in France.

NOT AN INVASION

Despite the unprecedented scope of the attack by the commandos, the B.B.C. repeatedly announced that the action was not an invasion intended to create a front in western Europe, but was only a raid. This was supported by the return to Britain this afternoon of some of the forces who had accomplished their mission speedily. Despite the great concentration of planes, it was reported reliably that no parachutists were used.

Terrific Explosions

From dawn on through late afternoon the constant shuddering roar of heavy explosions denoting the battle's continuance shook buildings on the English side of the channel.

Escorted by Canadian and British fighters, two squadrons of United States Flying Fortresses smashed at one base of Nazi aerial resistance in a high-level bombing of a German fighter station at Abbeville, 38 miles northeast of Dieppe, setting buildings afire and smashing runways.

As the battle thundered on, first units of the commando force, who had speedily accomplished their mission, returned to a British port in gay spirits.

Men Not Identified

There was no immediate indication how many men returned in the first group, nor whether Canadians, who made up the bulk of the troops involved and about one-third of the entire expedition, were among them.

It was presumed that those who returned constituted the wing of the allied force which a communiqué said accomplished its objective and withdrew.

The German radio was heard broadcasting this account of the fighting: "The German counter-attack against troops which landed at Dieppe is taking a successful course. Advancing German troops repelled the enemy and hourly increased the British losses in men and material. A number of prisoners already have fallen into German hands."

Have First Test

The Canadian forces in Britain thus had their first test against the German enemy, just as the new