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D-Day And H-Hour Figured Months In Advance By Eisenhower And Huge Staff Of Military Experts

By WES GALLAGHER
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE — (P) — In this military hangar-La, cleverly hidden from peering German spy planes, the Allies' greatest secret was hatched July this year. Adolf Hitler would have squandered the lives of 10 divisions and much of his wealth to have learned it, even up to a few hours ago. But Tuesday he was given it "free charge." And it may cost him his life and power eventually. The secret naturally was "D-Day and H-Hour."

soldiers were expected to set foot on the soil of Western Europe. Hard supply necessities and the complications of modern amphibious warfare made it necessary that these two factors be known months in advance. All Dates Set The dates were set for the arrival of troops, guns and tanks. The dates for air attacks on specific objectives. Dates for establishing bases. Dates for the capture of key ports. Dates are not figures on the calendar. They are scheduled in terminology like this: D-plus-five, or D-minus-six. The first means five days after the troops land. The second means six days before the day of attack. Hundreds of thousands of lives depended on a successful D-Day

choice. If the weather was bad and the water rough thousands of soldiers might be drowned in the treacherous surfs off the European coast. If it was too light at night the convoys might be broken up and the soldiers landed on the wrong beaches. If the tides were wrong the ships might be stranded. Any one of a hundred things might go amiss. Every aid of military science hiding under a cloak of camouflage here was brought forth to aid the supreme commander in his difficult choice. British and American weather experts studied reports for the last quarter of a century over every foot of coast. They figured the exact hours of darkness and light. Canadian, British and American air force chiefs were given specified objectives and estimated how long it was going to take to beat the German air force to a pulp. Then these men walked down the long corridors, heavily guarded by MPs, and presented their invasion date to Eisenhower.

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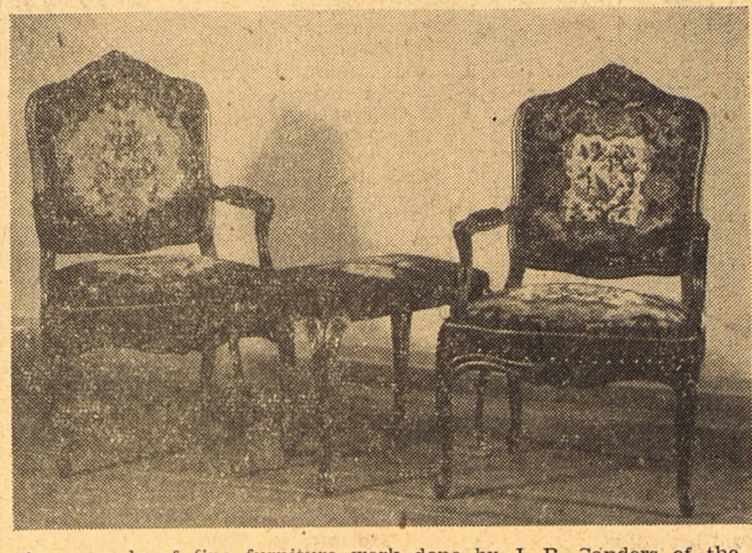
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An example of fine furniture work done by J. E. Sanders of the Sanders Furniture Shop. The two chairs and bench were built from the floor up by Sanders, and upholstered, at his Midland shop. Fine wood carving and scroll work is especially apparent in the picture. These pieces are now in a Midland home.

Major Corbin Made Lieutenant Colonel

Major Charles C. Corbin was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and Capt. Fred E. Christen to the rank of major, it was announced by Col. Chas. H. Dowman, commanding officer of Midland army air field. Lt. Col. Corbin is air inspector at the bombardier school. After graduating from Georgia School of Tech with a B. S. degree in Electrical Engineering, and as an ROTC honor student, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps. In 1935 and 1936 he was assistant Battery Commander, Battery Executive Officer and Instructor for CMTC at Fort Barrancas, Florida, and in 1938 when he was promoted to first lieutenant, he was stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., as a special observer. Italian invasions. And there was no doubt he was rubbing them Monday night.

City Cafe, Specializing In Plate Lunches, Uses Care Buying Steaks

The City Cafe has been established in Midland for seven years, and each year has seen an increase in the number of persons who have found the City Cafe an excellent and enjoyable place at which to dine. Mrs. Zelma Moore, manager, said. The City Cafe is located at 118 South Main. Both short orders and regular lunches are served by the cafe. The regular lunch is featured. The lunch includes a meat, three vegetables and dessert. Special care is used in selecting meats. Discriminating care with which steaks are bought to be served City Cafe customers accounts for the large number who order this popular western food at the cafe, Mrs. Moore said.

ceives coffee that has been made more than 15 minutes. With warm weather at hand refrigeration is highly important to forestall serving foods that might have become contaminated. The City Cafe has a large electric refrigerator in its kitchen that maintains foods at just the right temperature. Those who like music with their meals will find a nickelodeon at the City Cafe, and there is always a choice of the most popular records on the machine. In addition to regular lunches and short orders the City Cafe serves ice cream and practically all of the popular soft drinks. Management of the cafe emphasized that prices at the City Cafe have been advanced since the war only just enough to cover increased costs of foods and service, and that no attempt has been made to take advantage of war conditions to inflate prices. About 350,000 Americans use glass eyes.

D-Day Quotations

By The Associated Press
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower—"Soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force: You are about to embark on a great crusade. x x x Your task will not be an easy one. x x x We will accept nothing less than full victory. "People of Western Europe! The hour of your liberation is approaching."
Gen. John J. Pershing—"Today the sons of American soldiers of 1917-1918 are engaged in a like war of liberation x x x I have every confidence that they, with their gallant brothers-in-arms, will win through to victory."
Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, German military commentator—"The great contest between the Reich and the Anglo-Americans has begun. We can only stress the single-mindedness with which the German Wehrmacht is facing the enemy's onslaught, for in war ethical values are at least as important as the number of soldiers and the quantity of their equipment."

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