

pedo boats, one tugboat, one storm boat for disembarking troops and five transports totaling 15,000 tons.

In raiding the fleeting British naval forces the quay and dockyards in the harbor of Portsmouth, as well as other strategically important targets off the British south coast, were heavily damaged. The air force thereby lost eighteen planes. Some members of the crews were rescued. Our own chasers and anti-aircraft guns downed in the course of aerial combats 122 enemy planes.

Seventeen chasers of our own did not return to their bases. Some pilots were rescued from the sea.

In the night preceding Aug. 19 enemy landing forces surprisingly met with light German naval forces. The latter immediately sank one fully-laden landing boat and two large-sized gunboats. They also damaged another flotilla leader and several motor torpedo boats by artillery fire. Four enemy planes were downed. During this operation one submarine chaser of our own was sunk. There were no German losses in this operation.

All formations of the German defense forces employed in defense against the enemy landing stood excellent in the test.

Operations of attack in the Caucasus area are gaining ground. The air force sank three transports off the Black Sea coast.

The enemy defense system, considerably broadened for a long time between the Volga and the Don, south of Stalingrad, was taken by storm in a bitter battle. The enemy in this operation lost 3,301 prisoners, fifty-two tanks, fifty-six guns, ninety machine

guns and trench mortars, as well as sixty-six flame throwers on Aug. 18 and 19. The air force raided railway installations and communications in the rear of the enemy.

In another attack operation carried out in the area north of Orel, 14,000 prisoners were taken, and 400 tanks as well as 200 guns either were destroyed or captured since Aug. 11.

Enemy attacks east of Vyazma and near Rzhev were frustrated again yesterday by embittered German resistance. Several enemy attacks in a northern sector of the front were repulsed partly in counter thrusts.

The enemy, moreover, lost 104 planes in the east yesterday.

#### German

*A High Command communiqué broadcast from Berlin and recorded here by The Associated Press:*

As announced in a special communiqué, the landing of British, American, Canadian and De Gaulle troops on a twenty-five-kilometer-wide front on the French Channel coast off Dieppe, carried out under the protection of strong naval and air forces and supported by tanks, was repulsed by German forces employed in the coast defense with considerably high and bloody losses for the enemy.

Without finding it necessary to use reserves, the German coastal defense forces succeeded in repulsing the enemy landing troops disembarked by 300 to 400 landing vessels, either in hand-to-hand fighting or by throwing them into the sea. All the landed tanks, a strength of twenty-eight, were destroyed.

So far 1,500 prisoners, including sixty Canadian officers, have been counted. The opponent lost numerous dead, while our own losses in dead and wounded amount only to 400.

All strong points, battery emplacements and railway stations on the French coast were kept intact by their crews. The majority of the landing forces, deployed by sea in the strength of thirty-five transports, protected by numerous cruisers, destroyers and escort vessels for the continuation of the landing, had to turn tail after considerable losses were inflicted by artillery fire, and air raids were continually pressed by the German air force until debarkation.

The enemy transport fleet lost by artillery fire three destroyers, two torpedo boats and two transports.

The air force sank one destroyer, one motor torpedo boat, one escort vessel and five transports totaling 3,000 tons, including two special ships. The air force also damaged four cruisers, four destroyers, four motor tor-