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UNDER THE GUNS OF CHERBOURG'S HARBOR FORTRESSES, A PT BOAT EMERGES FROM A SMOKE SCREEN AFTER A NARROW ESCAPE FROM TWO OF JERRY'S GUNS.

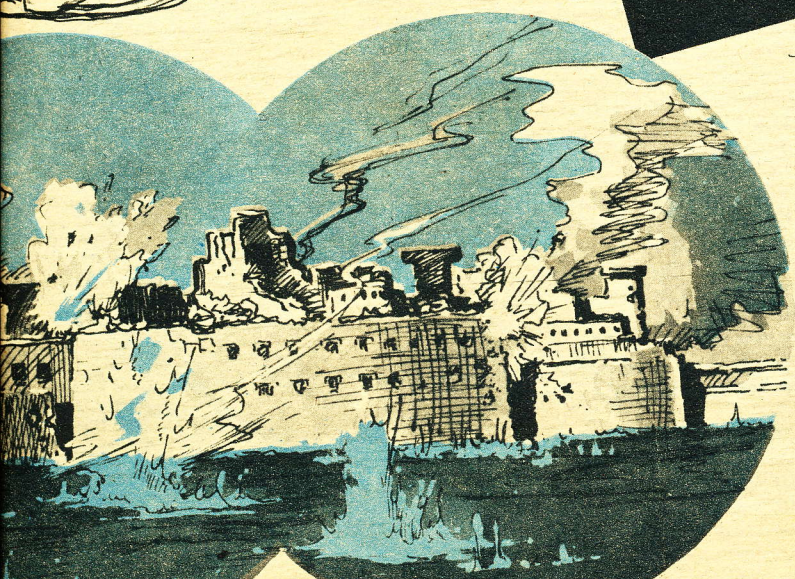


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48 KNOTS

THROUGH BINOCULARS, CPL. COGGINS WATCHED THE FINAL ARTILLERY BARRAGE WHICH ENDED DEFENSE OF THE HARBOR.

THE Navy finds many uses for its speedy little PT boats. At Cherbourg, another role—that of bait—was found for a squadron of torpedo boats commanded by Lt. Comdr. John D. Bulkeley, who won fame in the defense of Bataan. The evening the fall of Cherbourg was announced, Cmdr. Bulkeley's little fleet, accompanied by a destroyer, was directed to approach the harbor entrance to determine whether the enemy guns of the harbor forts were still firing toward the sea. They found out.

The way to Cherbourg harbor led across some miles of mine fields, with danger ever present from floating mines. But without incident the little flotilla approached shore. Off shore, two of the PTs, one carrying Cmdr. Bulkeley and Cpl. Jack Coggins, YANK staff artist, pulled away from the rest and sped in toward the break-range of the guns on shore when the boats drew within range of the guns on shore is shown in the two large drawings on these pages.



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