Summary of Today's News

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D-Day: PM hails 'unconquerable spirit' of wartime generation

Key points:

It will be followed by a flag-raising ceremony with troops from the Royal Logistics Corps, and a display of military vehicles.

D-Day: Follow our real-time liveblog of the battle which killed 4,400 in just one day

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soldiers land at Mike Red on Juno Beach and say the situation is excellent.

strongpoint falls to the Americans and 31 soldiers are captured at Omaha

soldiers report they are blocked by heavy machine gun fire at Omaha and request Commando No 41 land at Sword Beach.

soldiers take their first four prisoners at Omaha Beach from the 916th German

American soldiers are injured and troop transport is unable to land on Omaha pilots take off north of Lille and fly over Sword Beach, landing at base in

Marines Commando No 7 land at Gold Beach.

Meanwhile at Gold Beach, the 7th Battalion Green Howards, 69th Infantry Brigade and 50th Northumbrian Landing Craft Infantry sinks at Omaha beach.

German Grenadier regiment reports the WN 60 stronghold is under fire, with 40 soldiers

battalions land on Utah Beach. beach, US soldiers reach the top of the dune at the WN 60 strongpoint.

The British 3rd Division lands at Sword landing points, stretching 8km from Ouistreham to Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer. Pictured: British troops take positions on Sword Beach.

Their mission iss to knock out German 155mm artillery positions, which would involve landing at the beach and then scaling 100ft cliffs. men of the US 4th Infantry Division land at Utah beach, the westernmost of the assault beaches, while the

Coastal currents carried the men two kilometres south of their planned landing location, which was lucky as the planned location was much more dangerous.

Rocket launcher barges strike the beaches with HMS Orion fires first shots at German posts along Gold Beach.

USS Texas takes aim at Omaha Beach. Germans capture three US troopers carrying maps.

German military reports constantly increasing number of gliders in the

Captured US soldier tells German military Allies launch air assault on three German strongpoints.

Pictured: The church in Sainte Mere Eglise on 7 June as paratroopers try to flush out a German sniper American gliders land on the Cotentin peninsula. 55 gliders carrying British troops land in Ranville.

Bridge open their doors and welcome the British troops.

coast near Grandcamp and more Allies parachute into Ranville, near Pegasus US Force O ships arrive and drop anchor off

British troops engaged with German forces

First of US Navy Force U ships arrive off Utah

D-Day: 'I had three hours' sleep in three days at Normandy'

Leonard J Taylor served as a yeoman of signals on HMS Frobisher during the Operation Overlord invasion of Normandy.

But he said not to expect lots of leave when we got home, because we were to exercise to get ready for the Western Front - meaning the invasion of France or Germany.

When everybody was back on the ship, we went north to Lamlash, on the isle of Arran, and spent two or three weeks there doing various exercises at sea and gunnery practice to get us ready for the invasion. On the way, our captain announced over the loudspeakers we were going to a port in the south of England to ready for the invasion.

And then we turned round again and continued going south. After the initial bombardment we were called on a few times during the day to bombard particular spots when and where required.

On these occasions we had a spotting plane reporting back to us where our shells were landing. I was on watch one day when I heard a German shell pass over my head.

During the three days that we were there I can only remember having about three hours' sleep on the floor in the early hours of one morning. On the Friday evening Hilda, Les and I went to the pub for a drink.

The next day, Iris and I went to the cinema. Our worst experience over there was one morning just before 8am when a lot of our crew were on deck smoking and talking.

We were all very shocked by this and the whole ship's crew were very upset for the next few days.

England fans clash with police days after FA say 'don't be that idiot'

England football fans have clashed with police in a second night of "completely unacceptable" violence in Porto.

A witness said fans wearing England shirts and chanting England songs threw drinks and bottles when Portugal scored. Will Burns, from Wimbledon, said: "Lots of Portuguese families watching the game in the fan zone, Portugal scored and then England fans started throwing drinks followed by bottles. Deputy Chief Constable Mark Roberts, the National Police Chiefs' Council football policing lead, said: "Earlier this evening Portuguese police deployed riot officers against a group of England fans in the main square area of Porto.

Aviva to cut 1,800 jobs as it strives to cut costs

The UK's largest insurer Aviva says 1,800 jobs will go over the next three years as part of a drive to save up to 300m a year.

Mr Tulloch, who took over in March after his predecessor Mark Wilson departed amid grumblings over a depressed share price, said he was "determined to crack" the company's complexity as it battles continued weakness in the savings market and in asset management. "Reducing Aviva's costs is essential to remain competitive and this means tough decisions and job losses which I do not take lightly.

Doctor charged with murdering 25 patients with fentanyl overdoses

A critical care doctor in Ohio has been charged with murdering 25 patients by allegedly ordering fatal doses of pain medication.

Ed Lamb, president and CEO of Mount Carmel Health System said: "Following the discovery of the actions of Dr. Husel, we notified appropriate authorities, including law enforcement. "Mount Carmel has made and will continue to implement meaningful changes throughout our system to ensure events like these never happen again." At a news conference on Wednesday Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien said the inquiry had been focused on cases in which 500 micrograms or more of fentanyl had been prescribed.

Matt Hancock attacks 'antisemitic' Labour at private Tory hustings

Health Secretary Matt Hancock has attacked Labour at a hustings event, where he apparently warned of the danger of an "antisemitic party" taking power.

"Numerous candidates in the Conservative leadership contest have been accused of racism, Islamophobia, homophobia and misogyny, one of whom may be the next prime minister." Dominic Raab told Tory MPs he would be prepared to temporarily shut down parliament to make sure Brexit happens on 31 October. Mr Hunt said that parliament would block a no-deal Brexit, so the Tories needed a leader who could negotiate a better agreement. He said he had met German

leader Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron earlier in the day and warned MPs that a "hardline" approach on Brexit would meet with a similar response in Brussels.

"I met Macron and Merkel today in Portsmouth and a hardline approach will lead to a hardline response.

Fiat Chrysler drives away from Renault merger talks

Fiat Chrysler has withdrawn its offer to merge with Renault, blaming the French government for its decision.

It owns a 15% stake in Renault and would have had to approve the deal and, crucially, could have also potentially blocked any job losses or plant closures that followed as part of cost-saving measures. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) said in a statement: "It has become clear that the political conditions in France do not currently exist for such a combination to proceed successfully.

Queen's personal connection to wartime generation makes poignant tribute

This was always going to be a poignant day for the Queen.

The no nonsense humility displayed by many of the veterans, echoed in her own words, as she said: "When I attended the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, some thought it might be the last such event. "But the wartime generation - my generation - is resilient, and I am delighted to be with you in Portsmouth today." It has been a week when the monarch has displayed her own dedication to her country as she, more than anyone else, set the tone for Donald Trump's state visit.

Huawei to NHS: Key talking points from Trump-May conference

From Jeremy Corbyn and Sadiq Khan, to a post-Brexit trade deal and the race to succeed Theresa May as prime minister, there was plenty for Donald Trump to talk about in the first news conference of his UK state visit.

He added that he doesn't know Michael Gove and even asked the prime minister if she thought Mr Hunt - the foreign secretary - would be a good replacement." On the suggestion that the NHS could be involved in a UK-US trade deal, Sky's economics editor Ed Conway said it was hardly a surprise.

But he used the news briefing to dismiss any suggestion he would limit US intelligence sharing with the UK as a result, insisting London and Washington had "absolutely an agreement on Huawei" - even though he has banned the company's equipment from American networks.

Women's World Cup: Eleve stars to watch from Houghton to Miedema

If Phil Nevilles England can match or better the teams 2015 Womens World Cup showing over the next few weeks in France, interest levels at home will be unprecedented.

Plenty did follow England's progress to the semi-finals four years ago, but middle-of-the-night kick-off times dented the viewing figures. Marta Brazil's captain has been world player of the year six times and has scored a record 15 World Cup goals. Masterful from free-kicks, and she may need to be if South Korea are to progress from a strong group including France. Beth Mead It's impossible to watch the goal the 24-year old Arsenal striker belted in to help England beat Brazil in February without being excited.

How Chernobyl quietly became a huge TV hit

Without fanfare, Chernobyl has become unmissable TV.

It is also a western-made drama about a disaster that occurred in the Soviet Union more than 30 years ago, of which details such as the number of deaths are still debated.

Fan-voted charts obviously have their problems and are by no means definitive, but it is still quite an accolade for a

drama series just four weeks and four episodes old.

To put it into context, Game Of Thrones (73 episodes and eight years old), scores 9.4, with more than 1.5 million reviews. "I think the reason it is doing well is first of all because it's a true story.

It's an issue that not many people think about." Dr Corkhill has been tweeting throughout each episode, helping to explain some of the science discussed on screen.

It's a really high quality, really classy drama from the top to the bottom; it's brilliantly written - which almost comes as a bit of a surprise as Craig Mazin was previously known for the Hangover 2 and 3, and now he comes through and writes this really powerful drama "Another thing about its appeal, for us here in Britain and I'm sure lots of other places in the world, Chernobyl has always had this powerful effect on the imagination, something of the unknown and terrifying about it.

So I was looking forward to it but I didn't imagine it would be so serious.

"I don't think [the IMDB rating] is a massive thing but it does tell you something, doesn't it?

I'm always a bit wary about setting too much store in things like Rotten Tomatoes and IMDB because you can get some odd things happening, but it does tell you that it's hitting people. In June, I went to Leningrad (now Saint Petersburg) on the train with my mother and I remember we had to close the window and wet towels were put round the window frame.

"I heard a lot of good things about this show but as a person who grew up in that area I was a bit sceptical of how it would turn out.

A lot of shows or films made in the West are very lavishly produced and whatever the subject there's usually some sort of uplifting message, some kind of balance between good and bad.

"People ask me what life was like in the Soviet Union and I would say for the most part it was incredibly dull and the most mundane things in life could be a tremendous effort.

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