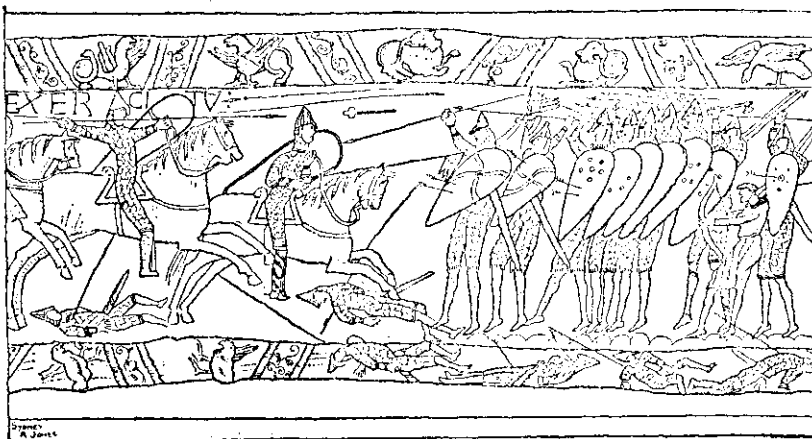


# 1066 AND ALL THAT

## *Pictorial History of An Invasion*

**W**HEN the Allied leaders decided that the European invasion should begin in Normandy, they could hardly have chosen a place with more "invasion memories." William the Conqueror is said to have been born about 1027 in Falaise, a small town about 20 miles south of Caen; in 1066 he set out for the invasion of England from the coastal town of Dives, and 21 years later he died in Rouen while engaged in a war with Philip I. of France. At the same place Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in 1431 after having led her countrymen against the invading English.

At Bayeux, a little town with quaint timbered houses and stone mansions and forlorn, decayed streets, captured recently by the Allied forces in the present invasion, there is a document unique in Europe—a pictorial history of an invasion. The Bayeux Tapestry



A section of the Bayeux Tapestry, showing the Norman cavalry attacking the English foot-soldiers at the Battle of Hastings.

represents in 72 scenes the conquest of England by the Normans, beginning with Harold taking leave of Edward the Confessor before going to Normandy and ending with his death and the flight of the English from the Battle of Hastings.

It is a band of coarse linen 230 feet long and 20 inches wide, now light brown with age, which has been worked with a needle in worsteds of eight colours—dark and light blue, red,

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