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To: War Department

Dtg: 310001B

July 1944

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A. General. At 133 SS Ascanius was damaged by mine or torpedo in position 134 degrees St. Catherine's 27 miles but is reported as being towe to St. Helens.

B. Assault area. Ref COSTINTREP no 113 paragraph B (2) approximately 40 ground mines have now been swept in this clearance.

C. Unloading figures to PM 29th July. Read in three columns:

Troops
British 669072
U.S. 909432
Total: 1,578504

Vehicles
British 166550
U.S. 169087
Total: 335637

Stores
British 780669
U.S. 812072
Total: 1,592741

FOOTNOTE TO CM-IN 25647 (31 July 44) OFD

ACTION: OPD

INFO: OCC, CGAAF, AMP, G-2, COL PARK

CM-IN 25719 (31 Jul 44) 0713Z cm

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(This is 310001B from Ramsey signed Eisenhower. Cosintrep No 116 part Naval to Navy Dept and War Dept. CTF 125 has info says Navcom London.)

A. General. At 133 SS Ascanius was damaged by mine or torpedo. In position 13¼ degrees St Catherine's 27 miles but is reported as being towed to St Helens.

B. Assault area. Ref Cosintrep No 113 paragraph B(2) approximately 40 ground mines have now been swept in this clearance.

C. Unloading figures to PM 29th July.

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
London England

To: War Department

No: AI 528

31 July 1944

SHAFF info to: War Office GHQ Home Forces 21 Army
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please pass to Navy Dept. Admiralty Navy Dept ETOUSA 15th
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528.

Part three Air.

1100 B hours 30 July to 1100 B hours 31 July 1944.
312359B July CREDITINFO 117, total sorties: 3881.

9th AF: 1794.

2nd TAF: 1341, ADGB: 746

Airborne operations: Total sorties 164.


Summary of targets: two railway centers, three
railway bridges, one railway facility, one highway bridge,
three dumps, 33 other targets.

Claims: five Messerschmidt 109 four Junkers 88,
five Focke Wulf 190 and 24 flying bombs destroyed. Two
Messerschmidt 109 and two Focke Wulf 190 damaged.

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London, England

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Loases: Four bombers and 12 fighter/fighter bombers
missing or destroyed. Three bombers and 13 fighter/fighter
bombers damaged.

Details of operations: Railway centers, eight
Mustangs on R 0513, 8 500 gp good, Seven Thunderbolts on
Cotorretas 14 500 gp poor, Railway bridge: Nine Thunder-
bolts on T 396156, 18 500 gp very good, PR 24 Thunderbolts
on Nantes 48 500 gp unobserved, Two Thunderbolts on
P 954672, 4 500 gp unobserved.

Railway facilities: 23 Spitfires on Bricouze
26 250 good.

Bridge: 24 Thunderbolts on 3 Coutances 46 500 gp
good.

Dumps: 34 Typhoons on L 4902, 63 500 very good,
37 Mitchells on Chateau De Tertu (POL) 296 500 MC unobserved,
23 Mitchells on Bois De Morleans (POL) 184 500 MC unobserved.

Other targets: Four Mosquitoes on Chateau De
Trevarez (reast center) 16 500 MC excellent, 64 Marauders
on Caumont (trocop concentrations) 570 100 gp, 8 500 gp,
and 508 260 frag good, 32 Marauders on St Pierre Du Fresne
(city) 4 500 gp and 620 260 frag good, 16 Marauders on
Los Logos (enemy concentrations) 4 500 gp and 300 260
frag unobserved, 61 Marauders *
cars, flak towers) 8 50 * 28 1000 gp good. 12

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Thunderbolts on SE Teiss Sur Vire (M/T and tanks) 11 500 gp
   good. 1 Thunderbolts on battle area (M/T and tanks)
28 500 gp good. Eight Spitfires * Alençon (M/T)
   16 500 MC unobserved. Six Typhoons on Vire/Fiers/Leige
(M/T) 11 500 MC unobserved. 12 Mustangs on Couvain (city
and roads) 20 1000 MC unobserved. 33 Typhoons on battle
area (woods, orchards, mortars) 16 1000 MC and 160 60
gp good. 11 Mustangs battle area (orchard and road)
5 500 MC and 16 1000 MC unobserved. 34 Boston s on *
(city) 4 * area (M/T and tanks) 16 500 gp good.
15 Thunderbolts N Vire (M/T) 19 500 gp good. Eight
Thunderbolts E of Paris (viaduct) 16 500 gp poor. One
Boston on 4802 M/0005 W (wood/car entering) 48 40 frag.
Unobserved. Seven Boston s on *

Hazebruck/Arras/Couflens/Amlens/Rouen (roads, bridges,
trains) 18 500 MC good. 14 Mosquitoes on La Rochelle/
Nantes, Niort/Saumur, Niort/Poitiers/Tours, Nevers/Tours
(trains) 28 *. Lightning s on Nantes Gasencourt,
Pampes, Carens, Chartres, Dreux (railroad, *guns, buildings,
M/T and tanks) 35 500 gp and 1 1000 gp good. Eight
Thunderbolts on T 41601 (building) 8 500 gp good. 13
Thunderbolts Oniapanches area (M/T tanks and guns)
36 500 gp good. 16 Typhoons on U 767609 (Battalion
Headquarters) 125 60 gp good. 45 Typhoons W Leiglz area
(enemy movements) 350 60 gp good to unobserved. 12
Typhoons SE Villers Area (M/T * shed, and woods) 926 * enemy
operations) over 230 E/A operated on patrols, some 15 of
which were possible on minelaying missions, over the Channel;
Holland, off the southern tip of Norway, Belgium, and France
including

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the battle area.

Encounters were made with our aircraft, resulting in claims as listed above. 95 flying bombs were launched, 62 made landfall, 29 penetrated to the greater London area. One F/A operated on reconnaissance 120 miles E of St Abbs Head.

Special information: 373 group of 9th Air Force moved to France.

Brief summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets:

RAFBC: M11.

8th Air Force: 255 fighters made sweeps over the Paris/Orleans area against enemy movements. Claims against

End

* Being serviced.

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INFO: CC/3
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Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

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Part 2 of FWD 12509 dated 31 June 1944.

Maps show enemy main line of resistance 900 metres north and parallel to Torigny-Caumont road. This confirmed by officer Prisoner of War who stated he knows of no secondary defense line.

Both Panzer Grenadier Regiments of 116th Panzer Division identified Percy area. Not yet known whether tanks have yet arrived.

Prisoner of War states Artillery Regiment of 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division destroyed. Lost 2 guns victims of air attack.

Numerous reports from civilians that retreating Germans are asking road to Mayenne.

Second Army.

Our offensive south of Caumont held up considerably by extensive mine fields. Opposition 326th Inf Division but...

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no information as to local reactions. Enemy counter attacked at dawn yesterday west of Noyers but

End of Part 2, Part 3 follows.

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To: War Department
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Nr: FWD 12509 31st July 1944
Part 3 of FWD 12509 DTO 311615.
Without success.

2. Dispositions.

Captured document reveals boundary between Seventh Army
left and Panzer Gruppe right line St Lo-Alencon. Possible
therefore both under command Army Group B, Panzer Gruppe
west having independent status and not under command Seventh
Army.

3. Movement.

Northbound movement including medium and heavy tanks
continues from Avignon area.

Report that heavy tank bn left area north of Bordeaux

189th Training Div reported Montpellier area.

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4. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total passed through reception camps and
base hospitals up to 1800 hours 30th July 62778. First Army
claim over 4150 prisoners.

(End of part 3 part 4 follows) End.

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INFO : Gen McFarland CC/S
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CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

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Cipher part 4 of FWD 12509 dtd 311615.

Re: war for 30th July. This total probably not com-
plete.

5. General. Evident enemy is suffering almost
complete disorganization on First United States Army sector
and until fresh formations arrive possibility of forming
cohesive front this area extremely remote. Majority of in-
fantry divisions more or less liquidated except for possibly
275th Infantry Division and 3rd Parachute Division. Enemy
therefore forced to rely on armor to hold us, which itself
is in poor shape. 2nd SS Panzer Division badly knocked about
and only formations reasonably battleworthy are 2nd Panzer
Division in wrong place and 116th Panzer Division, tanks of
which may not yet have arrived. Immediate reinforcements
available are 11th Panzer Division and 2nd Parachute Division,
but

(End of Part 4, Part 5 follows).

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CG, Allied Forces Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 12509 31 July 1944

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Neither yet identified.

Enemy also faced with necessity of reinforcing area of Second Armys attack while retaining firm right flank Southeast and East of Caen. He has insufficient forces to cope with these three situations and is now faced with decision as to how far area North of Seine and South of Loire can be depleted to succour Seventh Army, and deal with front which will become increasingly extended as we push South from Avranches. Must expect now steady flow of reinforcements from Fifteenth Army but enemy transportation problem will make rapid transfer impossible.

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INFO: CC/S
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Part 1. Land. To 31220CB. Intelligence. NTR.


Fourth and 6th Arm Divs resumed advance at 0600 hrs. Elements CC B 6 Arm Div passed through Granville then turned east on rd Granville-Beauvau 2832 to rejoin main body of Div deployed along rd.

79th Inf Div moving area Brehal. 13th Inf of 8th Inf Div motorized adv to Le Repas 2433 with remainder Div moving same area.

Hq VIII Corps 201489. VII Corps.

CCB 3rd Arm Div under command 4th Inf Div area 355375. Enemy withdrew from Gavray 1100 hrs. 1st Inf Div with under command CCA of 3rd Arm Div now disposed in three columns at 300410-330400-360405. 4th Inf Div resumed attack 0800 hrs. 12th Inf adv 1500 yds to 377410-387406-410407.

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XIX Corps resumed attack at 0800 hrs against by
resistance north and west of Tassy Sur Vire. Progress slow
with advances of 400 yds on 30 Div front. By 1200 hrs resis-
tance decreasing and tps reported advancing.

V Corps. 35th 2nd and 5th Divs continued adv. 35th
Div reached 547541-548534-567535. 2nd Div adv to 595537-
603522-615521-631526-634527. 5th Div reached rd 634542-
650542.

Second British Army. VIII Corps.

During morning fwi elements 11th Arm Div pushed
west along rd St Martin De Besaces 6750-La Courville 6250
and by 1200 hrs had reached Granville 6550. 2 Hor had reached
pt 161 (632448) and were overlooking Souleuvre River. 15th
Inf Div met considerable opposition in area St Martin Des
Besaces but by 1200 hrs elements 159th Inf Bde of 11th Arm
Div and 46th Inf Bde were immediately north of village.

XXX Corps. 43rd Inf Div. 130 Bde continue to attack
enemy north of Cahagnes 7355 which still in enemy hands. 214
Bde come immediately west of Cahagnes. Rds in this area heavily
mined. 50th Div during morning captured St Germain Dectot
7762 and Orbois 8063. 231 Bde repulsed small enemy counter
attack area 777621.

XII Corps. 53rd Div patrols reported no indication
enemy withdrawal on Div front. 59th Div at 0630 hrs repulsed
enemy counter attack area 848633.

First Cdn Army assumed command of II Cdn Corps and

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control of Corps sector 1200 hrs bdy with Second British Army. R Seuilles from br 952817-918801-thence incl First Cdn Army rd junc 920798-rd to Pierrepont 9379 Le Frene Camilly 9477-X rds 952766-Camilly 9476 Bretteville Lorgueilliers 9271-thence rd to rd and track junc 930716-thence excl First Cdn Army track to rd and track junc 941688-thence rd to rd and rly crossing 985689 A thence excl First Cdn Army track to rd at 999669-rd and rly crossing 996660-R Orne at 006650 thence R Orne to junc with R Leize 005689.

2nd Cdn Div. Hy enemy shelling and mortaring on Div front during night and morning. 12 robot tkas used on 4 Bde front during morning of which 5 knocked out dispositions 4 Cdn Arm Div. 10th Inf Bde area Bras Hubert Folie-Bourguebus-4. Seven Racee Regt area Ortenville. 4th Cdn Arm Bde area buildings 066847-track and rly crossing 08644-rd and rly crossing 083656. Move of 3rd Cdn Inf Div to rest area west of Orne completed.

I Corps. 6th Airborne Div assumed responsibility defence lock gates Quiestrehem for which one Bucks placed under command 3rd Para Bde relieving 154th Inf Bde of 51st Div area 1370-1371. 49th Inf Div 146 Bde relieving 8th and 9th Inf Bdes of 3rd Brit Div area Sannerville 1368-excl Trosne. 3rd and 51st Div concentrating Corps reserve area Gazelles 0276 on relief as from 1st Aug.

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From: CG Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London England

To: War Department

No. GO 375 A 31 July 1944
GO 375 A 311200 B C0817INTREP number 117. Signed Eisenhower WAR pass to Navy Dept.

Part 1. Land. Period to 302400 B.

Intelligence. Identifications by FW. 1 Bn 156 PGR west of Percy 4141. 1 Bn 60 PGR 4646. 343 Engr Bn First US Army front. 11 Coy 751 Gr 8762.

Operations. First US Army. VIII Corps. 6 Arm Div pass through Coudeville 1638 and reached 155368 within 5000 yards of Granville with recce elements at Malicorne 1833. 79th Inf Div moving south with 315th Inf 2000 yards NW of Brehal and 314th Inf at Munville-Sur-Mer 1944. CCB 4th Arm Div entered Arranches 2000 hrs and secured 2 Bns over La Se River. Other elements CCB at La Lucerne Doutremes 2327 and Beauchamp 2832. CCA following CCB passed through Coutances 1430 hrs. 8th Inf Div advancing south with 13th Inf at La Jourdaniere and 121st Inf 1000 yds south of Thelly 2446.

VII Corps. CCB 3rd Arm Div advanced to 370360 within 4000 yards of Villeneuve Les Poëles 3832 with recce elements at Lepine 3527. CCA 3rd Arm Div reached Gavray but held up.

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by blown br over Seine River. Bridging delayed by enemy small arms and mortar fire. Rd Romey 3150 - St Denis - Le - Gast 3144 almost impassable owing to destroyed enemy tpt.

4th Inf Div with under Comd 26th Inf of 1st Inf Div advanced to general line west of Percy.

26th Inf at Le Mesnil Bonant 3339 and Sourdeval - Les - Bois 3 40.

12th Inf at La Forte au Villain 3942.

XIX Corps:

Repulsed strong enemy counter-attack on left flank.

29th Inf Div N5th Inf on north edge of Percy. 175th Inf on high ground NE of Percy with 1 Bn at Beaucoudray 4545.

116th Inf at Moyen 4750.

30 Inf Div. 117th Inf at Le Mesnil Opac 4951.

119th Inf at 507521.

120th Inf at Le Mesnil Raout 5153.

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V Corps:

Advance against strong resistance to Le Bust 5454 - 555555 - one mile north of Torigny-Sur-Vire at 577557 - Pt 126 (583550) - 640564 -65576.

Second British Army.

After attack by over 200 medium bombers on high ground immediately west of Bois Du Homme 6951 advance continued. By late light objectives had been reached on right sector after advance of approximately 5 miles during day through difficult country.

VIII Corps:

11th Amd Div having overcome opposition north of La Londe - Sur - Drome 6657 pushed forward and protected right flank of 15th Inf Div by last light Div had reached 6758 - 6853.

15th Div 6th Gds Tk Bde est area 6951 with 1 Tk Bn in area Pt. 226 (7153).

44th Bde less 1 Bn moved to orchard south of Aubigny 6956 1 Bn remaining area La Londe 7157. 46th Bde has 1 Bn area Sept Vents 6957, 2 Bns on high ground 6951 227th Bde has 1 Bn area Hervy eux 6954, 1 Bn 7158, 1 Bn forward with Bn 6th Gds Tk Bde area 7153.

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Gds Arm Div. 5th Gds Arm Bde moved area east of X roads 705534. 32nd Gde Inf Bde moved area Longau 5977 - La Ville 7177 Hq Gds Arm Div 817791 Hq 11th Arm Div 690616 Hq 15th Inf Div 711630.

XXX Corps:

After being held up throughout day on line of stream 730589 130th Bde of 43rd Div pushed forward and est 1 Bn & 1 of La Londe 7157 with 1 coy forward to 727569.

50th Div. Enemy withstood all attempts to push forward during afternoon. At 2400 hours forward troops on general line 749610 742622 - north of St Germain D'Ectot 7762 - line of stream to Orbois 8063. Enemy hold area St Germain D'Ectot 12th Corps 177th Bde of 59th Div extended on right to take over forward positions previously held by 176th Bde which now in rear area Mauray 8865.

II Canadian Corps:

8th Cdn Arm Div relieved 3rd Cdn Inf Div area Cormelles - Borgebus - Grentevelle with Div Hq 063681.

3rd Cdn Div moving area Colomby - Sur - Thaon

9977.

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Build-Up:

Polish Arm Div commenced landing today.

First Canadian Army.

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Part 1. Operations. First Army. Enemy reported retreating along roads south and east of Avranches last night. Enemy resistance area St Denis -Le - Gues-Lengronne area almost ceased by yesterday morning. Air has raised havoc with enemy pockets and retreating columns. Our progress in Gevrey area hindered considerably by destroyed enemy vehicles on roads.

Enemy resistance northeast from Percy more determined and counter attack launched along road Tassy-Villabaudon 3346. Captured

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D'TG: 3023558B 30th July 1944

From SHAEP forward 3018458B July 44 to TROOPERS AGWAR info 12th United States Army Group 21st Army Groups APEQ AEF
SHAEP Main AFHQ Advance 9th United States Army fwd 1-899 G-2
summary number 55. To TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDDBI for action
to EXPUR 12th United States Army Group AFHQ cite PHDBI AEF
for Bennett SHAEP Main AFHQ Advance 9th United States for infor
from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHDBI.

1. Operations.

First Army.

In coastal sector no contact on ground with enemy but
Air Force had field day with elements 243 and 91st Inf Divs
south of Coutances estimated at 3000 troops plus 60 tanks prob-
ably belonging to 2nd SSS Panzer Div. Bulk of enemy this sector
believed south of line Brehel to just west of Gavrey. Sporadic
fire from isolated self propelled guns harassing our bridging
parties over Sienne. Some pockets of resistance believed still
in area south of Montmartin 1750.

East of Sienne other encircled groups tried unsucce-
sfully to break out area St Denis le Gast 3244-Mont Pinchon 3254.
Otherwise little resistance this sector. Triple banked motor
transport column jammed on road between St Denis le Gast and
Roquay 3250 attacked with good results. Enemy this area in-
cluded two reinforcement units consisting mainly of limited
service personnel and mixed nationalities.

CM-IN-25571 (31 Jul 44)
From: CG, Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England
Date: 30th July 1944

In Tossy area 2nd Panzer Div fought stubbornly with objective of covering withdrawal which was continuing south of Tossy.

East of River Vire withdrawal of 3rd Para Div still very orderly.

Second Army. No activity.

2. Movement

Photographic recon indicates movement across Loire in progress. This possibly part of 11th Panzer Div previously reported moving north but doubtful if rest of div can be wrenched from anti Marquis work. Movement up Rhone Valley continues.

3. Tank Losses.

No claims yet available from 1st US Army. Second Army accumulative claims up to 2359 hours 23 July. 719 knocked out of which 286 definitely destroyed. Breakdown of tanks destroyed.

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From: CO, Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

DTG: 3023556 30th July 1944

503rd Heavy Tank Bn 2
102nd Heavy Tank Bn 1

Part 4. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 29th July 62695.

5. General.

Continued reliance by enemy on armored elements mainly 2nd SS Panzer Div and 2nd Panzer Div to cover withdrawal to south of First United States Army from indicative of disorganization of inf elements previously in action and inability to cohease front without further reinforcement. Appreciate area Tassy sur Vire as defensive strong point to east of which 3rd Para Div, though considerable weakened, continues orderly withdrawal. While no evidence as yet of commitment of 2nd Para Div or possibly other inf formations, main enemy preoccupation must be to form defensive base upon which to reorganize and regroup and considered unlikely that this will be possible north of general line La Hay Peaner-Villedieu les Poales thence north eastwards. Even so this line suitable for delay only if substantial reinforcements forthcoming. Expected arrival of new formation east of Orne should make available at least an armoured div for transfer to shaken west flank.

6. Corrigendum.

Ref 0-2 summary nr 54 para 4 B 2nd sentence should read "This excludes 2nd Parachute and 363 Inf Divs not yet identified as well as 716th and 709th Inf Divs." End.

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CO/S CO AAF QPD Adm. King Col. Park. Log CM-IN-25571 (31 Jul 44) 02562 gkc

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Part 1 Land. Period to 292400B. Intelligence.

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To: 00 371 A

Date: 30 July 1944

Lesserils 6256 Les Phillipes 6558. Second Brit Army. 11 Arm Div. passed to Comd 8 Corps from 12 Corps in following area 6961 - 6866 - 6964. 30 Corps 43 Div moved to area La Repas 7259 - br 743626 - Cahagnolles 7466. 7 arm div moving area Monceau 7976 - Juaye 7972. 8 Arm Bde 7270. Following bmds between 8 Corps and 30 Corps all incl 8 Corps rd June 721595 - X rds 722577 - La Reuissancie 7155 - X rds 703548 - N E corner wood 706526 - Br at 702514 - confluence of streams 703493 - X rds 704853 - confluence of streams 712474 - building 718462 - Arcalis 7244 - confluence of streams 731437 - rd and track Juno 739423 - X rd 769405 - Ladey 7939 - confluence of streams 805393 - rd Juno 819386 - rd to rd Juno 843568 - rd and river crossing 856358 - track Juno 875342 - Conde Sur Noireau 8832 - building 895613 - 905305. 12 Corps. 59 Div. 197 Bgd adv to gen line 831637 - 598631 against light resistance. 2 Cdn Corps 4 Cdn Arm Div area ifs 0463 with Hq at 056566. 1st Cdn Army. 1 Corps 51 (H) Div 154 Inf Bde relieved 152 Inf Bde. 152 Inf Bde Area 023748 reverts comd 51 (H) Div. 153 Inf Bde moved to Anguerny 0177 - Anisy 0175 with Hq at 057577. 3 Brit Inf Div. 154 Inf Bde now under comd area 1370 - 1479.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S Adm King
CC AAF Col Park
ASP Log

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London, England

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in European Theater of Operations
London, England

Nr: 60 373A

30 July 1944

Signed Eisenhower 60 373 A War pass copy to Navy
302200B COSITINTREP number 116

Identifications. By FW. 937th Medium Arty Bn V Corps front. 1st Coy 979 G R 965622. By deserter. 5th Coy 751st G R north of Caumont. Ck contact. 1st Bn 752 G R area 6757. 2nd Bn 752 G R area 6957. 2nd Bn 753 G R area 6957. 2nd Bn 753 G R area 7158. Delete all ref to 2nd Fz Regt and 8th Ersatz Bn in COSITINTREP 115 part 1.


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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Nr: GO 373A
30 July 1944

15th Div of Second Brit Army on left 5. Bombers attack launched against enemy poxes south of Caumont.


XXX Corps. 7th Arm Div conc south of Bayeux by 0400 hrs. 0500 hrs 50th Div attacked with right 56th Bde and left 231 Bde. By 1200 hrs gen line St Germain de Cot 7762-Liotsot 7961 had been reached both Bdes being delayed by MG and mortar fire and considerable Minfs. 43rd Inf Div. 130th Bde adv at 0830 4 but held up on line of stream at 730589 and Minfs proved troublesome in this area.

1st Arm Bde less one regt under comd 43rd Div and one regt under comd dtp Div. Main Hq XXX Corps 762722.

XII Corps. At dawn enemy counter attacked 197 Bde of 59th Div area Butte du Chere 847631 but by 1100 hrs pen completely restored. II Cdn Corps. 4th Cdn Arm Div conc area Cormelles 0664. 2nd Cdn Inf Div. 4th Cdn Bde relieved 131st Inf Bde of 7th Arm Div. Tac Hq Second Army 758731. First Cdn Army Hq.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CCS, CGAEP, ASF, G-2, Adm King, Col Park Log

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FROM CTG 58.4 TO COM 5TH FLEET FOR ACTION WITH INFO TO CTF 58, CINCPAC AND CTF 53. RADIO KAHILA PASS TO ALL ADDRESSES.

GUAM SUMMARY

A. 29 B. 51 C. 16 D. 16

E. 18 PLUG 54 ROCKETS V PILL BOXES CUN POSITIONS TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN 472, 473, 496, SUPPLY AND RIVOLAC AREAS IN 512, 513, 538, 539, 542.

COMMENTS:

BOTH CVLTS AT SAIPAN TODAY REPAIRING.
INSpected ROTA TODAY FOUND MANY UNEELED CRATERS ON RUNWAY.

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FROM: SHAEF

RELEASED BY: 36 JULY 1944

TO: NAVY DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS: CG ETOUA

FOR ACTION: CTF 125

INFORMATION: CTF 127

PRECEDENCE: OP OP OP

OP: DEPARTMENT

PRIORITY: CG ETOUA

ROUTED BY: KARABINUS

PARAPHRASED

BY: DORSEY/ IRIE

NAVCOM LONDON PASSED 3611408 FROM RANSAY SIGNED EISENHOWER GOSSTINTREP 115 PART NAVAL. ACTION WAR DEPT NAVY DEPT AND CG ETOUA WHO HAS. INFO CTF 125 CTF 127.

A. ASSAULT AREA. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE E BOAT ACTIVITY NORTHWEST OF THE HAVRE LAST NIGHT. HMS THORNBOROUGH ENGAGED AND CLAIMED HITS. A FULL REPORT HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

B. UNLOADING FIGURES TO PM 28TH JULY:

PERSONNEL

BRITISH 061612

US 095581

TOTAL D PLUS 52 155663 33932 155208

STORES

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From: NAVCOM LONDON

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Date: 30 July 1944

Address: NAVY DEPARTMENT

For Action

Naval Department War Department

CG ETUSA

CTF 125

TO ACTION

Central Intelligence

Encl:

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(T CORRESPONDENCE IS CLASSIFIED.)

(A) General. His Prince Leopold reported damaged by underwater explosion in COSINTREP NUMBER 113 and taken in tow capsized and sank about 6 miles South East of the NAB TOWER. So far as is known 9 Army other ranks and 13 Naval ratings are missing.

(B) Assault Area. His TRAILER LORD TAKEFIELD was sunk by Bombing while at anchor in the Convoy Assembly Area at 1200/29.

(C) Coastal Command. AVENGER attacked enemy landing craft and minesweepers off Cape Frehel at 2100/28 sinking one landing craft and damaging a mine sweeper. 8 attacks were made on E boats between DIEPPE ANDBOULOGNE during the night 26/29 No results were observed.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/23/72

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To: War Department
DTG: 292329Z 29 July, 1944

This is 300005B from Ramsey signed Eisenhower. To Navy Dept and War Dept. CG ETOUSA and CTF 125 have. Nav Com Washington sends COSINTINTREP 114 part Naval.

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ACTION: OPO
INFO: CG/3 G-2
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To: War Department.
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
CQ, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

No: 12486 29 July 1944

Forward 12486 to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDQBI for action to EXFOR 12 United States Army Group AFRQ cite FHQBI AAEF for Bennett SHAEF Main AFRQ Advance for info from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHQBI.

G2 summary number 54.

1. Operations.

First Army.

Enemy withdrawing in some disorder but follow up delayed in places by hastily prepared minefields. Bulk of enemy forces reported south of 44 northing as far east as 52 easting last night, though elements of 17SS Panzer Grenadier and 2SS Panzer Divisions still attempting unsuccessfully to block advance south from line Countances Tassy.

CM-IN-24608 (29 Jul 44)

Nr : 12486 29 July 1944

2nd Panzer Division moving west across Vire to intervene and elements encountered west of Tessel. No contact with two Parachute Division but suspected in area.

No clear picture yet enemy infantry divisions on western flank but considerable confusion and disorganization. From parachute, Panzer Lehr and 353 Infantry Divisions, almost wiped out.

Considered East of St Lo, third Parachute Division still fighting well and moving to conform in withdrawal further west. Latest information states Brehel-Tessy road cut in four places.

Second Army. No activity.

2. Movement.

716 Infantry Division reported to have occupied Perpignan Sector formerly held by 272 Infantry Division.

Slight indications 14 German Air Force Division may have moved down from Denmark to Belgium.

3. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 28 July 1944.
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces

Nr: 12486  29 July 1944

Estimated First Army bag for 28 July 4500.
Total prisoners of war captured by First Army between 26
and 28 July inclusive reported to be 7182.

4. Miscellaneous.

a. Rommel reported severely wounded 17 July
as result of Allied strafing attack near Livoret.
b. Estimate that of 27th Division (18 Infantry
19 Panzer) in battle area to date, present value is
equivalent to 16 Divisions (10 Infantry and 6 Panzer).
This includes 203d parachute and 353 Infantry Divisions not
yet identified but excludes 716 and 709 Infantry Divisions.
Estimate also does not take into account present First
Army offensive.

5. General.

Considerable enemy disorganization on First
Army front and enemy likely to find it extremely difficult
to form cohesive front under present pressure. Enemy may
attempt to make stand on high ground east of Granville
(which reports indicate is being demolished) and south of
St. Luce. Shortage of infantry will make this almost
impossible task except as temporary delaying position.
Enemy at present relying on his armoured formations (in-
cluding two Panzer) to impose maximum delay while he
attempts to reorganize behind. Arrival of infantry in
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
        Nr: 12486
        29 July 1944

Cen area would release one Panzer Division for best and further transfers from this area probable. Lateral movement of infantry would be extremely slow and argour only suitable formation at this stage. Two Parachute and part of Panzer Division may soon appear. Motor transport movement seen this morning in direction Alencon Vire may indicate battle group from possibly 363 Infantry Division on its way from Paris area where some elements believed to be detraining.

Strong.

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INFO: CC/S
      CG AAF
      OPD
      Log

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To: War Department.

Nr: GO-369A


Operations:
1st US Army. VIII Corps. 6th Armd Div Area 175566-202572. 4th Armd Div North of La Souelle River with patrols at 235550.

VII Corps. COB 3rd Armd Div reverted 3rd Armd Div control 290900B. 3rd Armd Div continued attack west against Aroq. Fwd elements at 309563 04551 319509. 2nd Armd Div COB hold rd from St Denis-Le Cast 3144 to Sienne River 243427 preventing elements two enemy divs crossing rd from north to south. 4th Inf Div meeting little resistance. 12th Inf advanced to 362450 and 397453. 9th Inf Div moving Corps reserve area 4060.

XIX Corps continued attack against dug in Inf and tanks, area Moyen 4750-Le Mesnil OPAC 4951. One column CCA 2nd Armd Div captured hill 450430 and adv towards Percy 4141. 29th Inf Div. 116th Inf Area Moyen 04750. 115th Inf 430517. 175th Inf 435475. 30th Inf Div. 117th Inf 490507. 120th Inf 500530. 119th Inf Div moving south through 120th Inf. 28th Inf Div moving to area east of Canisy 4358.

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2nd British Army NTR. 1st Cdn Army NTR.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CO/S, CGAAF, G-2, Adm. King, Col. Park, Log
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To: War Department

Nr: 00 364 A 29 July 1944

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6 VIII Corps continued to make rapid progress. CCB Armd Div reached 228390. 4 Armd Div occupied Coutances and pushed south with elements to estuary Sienne River at Pont De La Roque 1945. 90 Inf Div in contact with 1 Inf Div area Camberon 2960. VII Corps. 4 Inf Div moved area Notre Dame Le Genilly 3750. 2 Armd Div. CCA pushed elements 1000 yds SE and west of Ville-Baudon 4346. CCB Adv to St Dennis Le Qast 3144. 1 Inf Div continued move west with 18 Inf in contact enemy area 2959. Elements CCB 3 Armd Div in contact with 4 Armd Div in Coutances. 9 Inf Div continued mop up enemy resistance west of Marigny. XIX Corps. 30 Inf Div continue move south along west bank of Vire with 117 Inf at 488513. Elements CCA 2 Armd Div reached area Tesav Sur Vire 5147. V Corps continued attack against strong resistance. 2 Inf Div. 38 Inf reached St Jean Des Haizante 5590.

Nr: GO 364 A 29 July, 1944


Second British Army.

4 CDN Arm Div under cmd 2 CDN Corps in relief of 7 Arm Div which passed to cmd 30 Corps. 43 Inf Div passed to cmd 30 Corps from 12 Corps. 6 Gds Tk Bde under cmd 8 Corps. 4 Arm Bde passed to cmd 2 CDN Corps from 12 Corps. 15 Inf Div passed to cmd 8 Corps from 30 Corps. First CDN Army ntr.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: Oo/S

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Log

Adm King

Col Park

CM-IN-24350 (29 Jul 44) 1627Z bjm
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
CG, US Army Forces in North African Theater of Operations, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 12481 28 July 1944

FWD 12481 to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDGBI for action to EXFOR 12th United States Army Group APHQ cite PHGBI AAF for Gannett SHARP MAIN APHQ Advance for info from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

G 2 summary nbr 53.

Enemy left flank withdrew yesterday south of Louray and Periers offering little resistance but mining all roads and booby trapping extensively including dead bodies.

In face of main advance between Marigny and Coutances enemy overrun but pockets still resisting stubbornly last night. Bulk of Panzer Lehr and 5th Parachute Divisions smashed. Engineer Battalion of 5th Parachute Division wiped out after fanatical stand. 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division heavily engaged north east of Coutances. No contact with 2nd SS Panzer Division but tactical reconnaissance first light yesterday reported over 100 tanks and armored fighting vehicles east and north east of Coutances.
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces

Mr: FWD 12481 28 July 1944

East of St. Lo 3rd Parachute Division withdrew two kilometers. Noticeable decrease in artillery fire in this sector.

Second Army.

Enemy counter attacks with 1st and 9th SS Panzer Divisions area Verrieres repulsed.

Para 2. Movement. Main reaction to First Army break through is move of 2nd Panzer Division from east of Orne. Elements had reached Le Beny Bocage 7043 by 1530 hours. Appreciate division will be given task of extricating divisions trapped north of Coutances. Probably also that 2nd Parachute Division has been brought round the corner from Brittany.

Continued movement across Seine reported. Presumably 363rd Infantry Division crossing. Evidence suggests this division being followed by another.

Movement northwards from 9th Panzer Division area continues. What were presumably heavy tanks of 9th Panzer Division seen unloading Lyon. Reports suggest troops from all directions being assembled in Lyon area as central anti Maquis force, since necessity for clearing up Rhone Valley becomes greater as likelihood of invasion on Mediterranean coast increases.

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Para 3.

General. Evident that enemy will make every effort
deny us Coutances until able to extricate bulk of 84th Corps
south to Firth. Seriousness of threat to this communications
centre shown by transfer of 2nd Panzer Division from assembly
area east of Orne. Appreciate enemy prepared if necessary
to lose ground in west Cotentin but not to risk encirclement
of major forces. Latter is only threat dangerous enough
to draw off armour from Caen sector.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: CCS
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Col. Park
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces

To: War Department
CG, U.S. Army Forces European Theater of Operations,
CG, Seventh Army
CG, U.S. Army Forces, Caserta, Italy.

Ref: S 56406  28 July 1944

This is part 1 of message S56406 S91036B from SHAPE to COSINTREP addresses signed Eisenhower site SHOOT. TOP SECRET.

This is COSINTREP number 112 part 4. 290400B July. Last part 4 issued was number 106. It was reported that on 19 and 20 July 600 rail cuts were made in the departments of Tarn et Garonne, Gorges, Lot et Garonne, Cantal, Aveyron and Puy de Dome. 75 rail cuts, the sabotage of 6 bridges and the derailment of 8 trains in Belgium.

A train carrying 60,000 litres of petrol on the Namur-Dinant line was set on fire in a tunnel which is used as German headquarters. Lines reported temporarily cut include the following: Montargis-Malesherbes.

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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, European Theater of Operations
London, England
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: 3 56406 28 July 1944

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Montargis-Gien;
Lyon-Grenoble;
Lyon-Chalon-Saumur-Seans;
Lyon-Nimes;
Dijon-Paris.

Widespread telecommunication sabotage is reported in
Belgium, Pas de Calais, Doubs and Grenoble area. The cable
Cologne-Paris has been cut in several places.

Dam on river Saone sabotaged, causing estimated delay
to traffic of 15 days. In Belgium, lock gate at Thuin put
cut of action (repairs estimated to take two months).

At least 1,000 Germans reported killed in Eure in the
first fortnight of July, and 213 in Isere since D day.

Since 25th July, 43 SAS troops, two jeeps.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: GcS, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Gen King, Col. Park
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London, England
CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Navy Department

No. 56406  28 July 1944
This is part 3 of message 56406 Drg 2618308 from SHAEF to COSINTIHER addresses signed Eisenhower cite SGCG1.

And 253 tons of arms and ammunition have been dropped in France from England.

One operational group was sent to France from North Africa.

Totals since D Day, including operations from North Africa:

[674 SAS troops
23 Jedburgh teams — radio teams — 3 men ea.
4 Operational groups
21 Jeeps
4045 tons of arms and ammunition.]

ACTION: ODP
INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Log
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Operations. First US Army VIII Corps continued rapid adv. Adv elements 6 Arm Div on RD Lessay-Coutances at 194695 and 4 Arm Div on RD Periers-Coutances at 255605 after occupation of St Bayeux Lendelin 2665 79 Inf Div. Following up 6 Arm Div reached 160715-180712-217717 8th Inf Div adv to 21570-250667 behind Arm Div. 90th Inf Div reached 268680-297674-310684 and 83rd Inf Div 337677-360674. BDY with VII Corps effective 1200 hrs. X rds 352648 thenoue along rd to 356634-364628 thenue SW along Le Lozon River X to 330608 thenue due west to X rds 255606 thenue south through Centre of Coutances to 235559 thenue incl VIII Corps rd to La Joumienniere 235422. VII Corps. 9th Inf Div continued to adv SW protecting right flank of Corps. 1 Inf Div adv rapidly west with FWD elements 16th Inf in contact with elements 4 Arm Div Area 2560 at

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Date: 28 July 1944

1200 hrs Combat Command B 3 Arm Div reached 302616 3rd Arm Div less Combat Command B adv in three columns to 371569 372555 and 378545 respectively. 2nd Arm Div pushed rapidly SW. Combat Command B passed through St Martin De Conilly 3548 to reach Jeevym Combat Command A adv to 438484 on rd Canisy-Tessy Sur Vire elements Combat Command A reached 505487. 30th Inf Div protected left flank of Corps with 120 Inf moving SE to area 5053. 4th Inf Div stopped up area south of Marigny. XIX Corps 30th Inf Div and Combat Command A 2nd Arm Div passed to command at 1200 hrs with new inter- Corps EBD 480695-Punt Hebert-X rds 458694 thence south along rd to St Gilles-Canley-412555-413501-Naupartus 4145-Percy 4141-La Colombie 4136-La Guerardier 4532-rd at 510226 effective same time. Y Corps continued attack at 0800 hrs against strong resistance. 1200 hrs FWD TPS at 572609-588614-560561-628605-635593-651593 Second British Army. Main HQ 30th Corps 762722.' Otherwise NTR. First CDN Army. NTR.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG/S
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To: War Department

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Part 1. Land.

Period to 272400B Intelligence.

Identifications:

By FW. 2nd Para Flak Bn Corsy La Salle 3553.

1 COY 751st Gr 774632.
6 COY 989th Gr 997623.
5 COY 990th Gr 906614
271st A Tk Bn 9763

By contact. 1 and 2 Bns 15 Para Rifle Regt
V US Corps Front.

By deserter. 8 COY 752nd Gr 696592. 991st Gr
917608.

7 COY 978 Gr 003617.

Operations:

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First US Army.

VIII Corps:

Enemy continued withdrawal along whole Corps front advance delayed by hy mining and booby trapping in considerable depth also numerous blown brs.

79th Div. 315th Inf occupied Lessay at 2200 hours.

314th Inf reached La Guillaumerie 219728.

8th Div with right 28th Inf and left 121st Inf advanced to La Peulle 218715 - 266720.

90 Division. Recce elements passed through Periers and advanced 300 yards south where enemy tanks encountered.

359th Inf south of Periers at 270715 - 293715.

Patrols 357th Inf crossed R Taute.

83 Div. 331st Inf crossed Taute and advanced south to La Varde 355735.

329th Inf also crossed river and captured La Janiere 30726.

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VII Corps:

Rapid advance on whole Corps front.

2nd Arm Div. Combat Command A advanced against infantry supported by tanks and anti-tank guns to area La Denisiere 4450 and Fervaches 4949.

Combat Command B fighting Notre Dame De Cenilly 3750.

3rd Arm Div. Combat Command B in area Camprond

3161.

1st Inf Div. 1st Bn 16th Inf at La Chapelle

3059.

18th Inf 1 Bn area Camprond and 1 Bn 2000 yards SW Marigny which strongly defended with pillboxes until late afternoon.

4th Inf Div. 8th Inf on rly Garantilly 3858 - Canisy.

9th Inf Div advanced right flank west and SW.

39th Inf 360633 - 370630.

1st Bn 60th Inf at 359655.

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30 Inf Div with right 117th Inf and left 119th Inf on rly 4460-5059.

120th Inf with 1 Bn 300 yards south of St Rompharie 483545 and 1 Bn on rly at 513559. Very close and successful cooperation between Air and Ground forces reported with many enemy tanks and MT destroyed from air.

XIX Corps.

35th Inf Div. 134th Inf advanced south of St Lo to St Thomas De St Lo 4861 and high ground FT 101 (510613)

V Corps:

2nd Inf Div. 38 Inf advanced to 575621 - 587624.

23rd Inf reached Notre Dame Delle 5962.

98th Inf advanced to rd Rouexerville 605612 - GHQ Vidouville 623606.

Regrouping 6th Arm Div under Comd VIII Corps.

VII Corps with under Comd 3rd Arm Div 2nd Arm Div less Combat Comd A 4th Inf Div less 22nd Inf 1st and 9th Inf Divs XIX Corps with under Comd 28th 29th and 30th Inf Divs Combat Comd A 2nd Arm Div and 22nd Inf of 4th Inf Div.

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V Corps with under Comd 35th 5th and 2nd Inf Divs. Bdy between XIX and V Corps line of R Vire.

Second British Army:

Support given by 83rd Op RAP during last 3 days particularly between Orne and rd Caen - Falaise has been magnificent very large number of carefully planned attacks has given enemy on II Cdn Corps front no rest. Repeated counter-attacks have been broken up and it is thought that considerable damage has been done.

XXX Corps:

15th Inf Div. 46th Bde relieved 44th Bde in Arebet west of Caumont. 44th Bde now area 7163.

50th Inf Div. 231st Bde relieved 69th Bde in area 7764 7964.

69th Bde now area 7772 - 7773.

XII Corps:

NTR.

II Cdn Corps:

1715 hours enemy infantry attacked 4th Cdn Bde

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at Verrières but dispersed by air and arty.

27th Arm. Bde area Cully 9076 under Comd 2nd Army.

Following changes inter Corps bdy's:

Between XXX and XII Corps:

All incl XII Corps rd at 833664 - track junction 831655 - excl stream junction 834651 thence R Seules to Les Fonta 8161.

Between XII and II Cdn Corps:

All incl II Cdn Corps - br at 994699 - road junction 999669 - road and railway crossing 998661 - R Orne at 006650 - thence along river to junction with R Laize - thence along R Laize to Bretteville 0553.

First Cdn Army:

NTR.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S COAAF ASF G-2 Adm. boys Col. Park Log

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By RT, NARA, Date /4/
THIS IS 2713158 FROM RAMSAY SIGNED EISENHOWER, COSINTINTREP NUMBER 199 PART NAVAL. NAVCOM LONDON SENDS CG ETOUZA CTF 125 HAVE INFO.

A. ASSAULT AREA. DAY 26TH. FLORES CARRIED OUT BOMBARDMENT OF BATTERIES IN FRANCEVILLE AREA. ACCUMULATION OF MINES IN BAA APPROACH CHANNELS HAS CAUSED STAND BY CHANNELS TO BE OPENED. ENEMY SHELLING OF PETIT ENFERS LANGRUNE AREAS AND BEACHES NECESSITATED MOVING SHIPPING TO WESTWARD.

NIGHT 26TH/27TH PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT ENEMY AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT TORPEDO ATTACKS IN BAA AND APPROACHES TO BAA AND CHERBOURG. 1 JU 88 CLAIMED DESTROYED. NO DAMAGE TO SHIPPING REPORTS. MTB'S 412 AND 435 WERE SUNK IN ACTION WITH E BOATS OFF CAP D'ANTIBES E BOAT 162 WAS SUNK AND 7 PRISONERS TAKEN.
### B. UNLOADING FIGURES TO PM 26TH JULY.

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A. ASSAULT AREA. SHIPPING IN UTAH ANCHORAGE BOMBED BY 4 AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY USING 30 POUND ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMBS. 2 SHIPS HIT NO DAMAGE BUT 13 CASUALTIES.

B. UNLOADING FIGURES TO PM 25TH JULY. READ IN 3 COLUMNS.

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To: War Department.
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

Nr: FWD 12475  27 July 1944

To TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDGBI for action to KEKOR 12th United States Army Group AFRQ cite PHGBI AEF for Bennett SHAFF Main AFRQ Advance for info from Strong signed Eisenhower FWD 12475 cite SHGBI.

Summary number 52 G 2.

1. Operations. In west of Cotentin peninsula enemy driven back across river Seves, but vigorous counter attack launched by Armored and Infantry elements of 2 SS Panzer Division met with some success. Enemy still holds island at St. Germain Sur Seves and La Valde Peninsula. Other elements 2nd SS Panzer Division identified east of river Taute with 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division in between.

Enemy resistance against our main attack largely broken by nightfall except on west flank where elements of 5th Parachute and 353rd Infantry Divisions resisted strongly. Possible that whole of 353rd Infantry Division has moved across from Lessay area. No identifications from Panzer Lehr Division. May have pulled out to new position further back.

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East of St Lo enemy still holds Berigny salient strongly, though forced back on either side. Prisoners all from 3rd Parachute Division. Small counter attacks at 6459 and 5663.

Little activity on Second Army Front. Elements of 272nd Infantry, 9th SS, 1st SS and 2nd Panzer Divisions all identified south of Caen. Appreciate enemy counter attacks will continue this sector, with intention stabilize front on commanding ground.

2. Movement. Indication that 9th Panzer Division moving up Rhone Valley. Move probably to Valence area to deal with Marquis, as no traffic observed north of Dijon.

Movement fanning out east and west from Toulouse area suggested reshuffling as result of moves of 11th and 9th Panzer Divisions.

Reports indicate 347th Infantry Division on the move, and its sector (Den Helder) and also the one to the south previously occupied by 16th German Air Force Division being taken over by training units. No evidence that move is more than local. Division scarcely fit for battle in present condition.

Elements 19th Panzer Division moved from Breda area towards Germany on 19th July, presumably to Eastern Front.

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3. Tank losses. Second Army accumulative claims up to 2359 hours 24th July 695 knocked out of which 271 definitely destroyed. Breakdown of tanks destroyed:

1 Mark III, 100 Mark IV, 81 Mark V, 34 Mark VI, 55 unspecified.

4. Prisoners of war. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 26th July 61266.

In Marigny area yesterday 779 counted, in area east of St Lo 250.

5. Miscellaneous. Document reveals that on some date previous to 14th July General Der Panzer Truppen Eberbach succeeded General Oberst Geyr Von Schweppenburg as Commander Panzer Gruppe West. Eberbach joined police force after last war. A Nazi who has risen in this war from Lieutenant Colonel to full General. No evidence what became of Geyr, but known to be a Rundstedt man.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CCS, COAAF, OPD, Adm. King, Col. Park, LG

CM-IN-23070 (28 Jul 44) 01292 ejv

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces

To: War Department

Mr: G0355A

27 July 1944

Signed Eisenhower War Dept pass to Navy Dept. G0355A

262QOB C00STR1NTRF number 108.

Part l Land. Period to 26120OB. Intelligence

Identifications by FW: Elements 941 GR 9 US Div

Front. I and 2 Bns and 14 COY 981 GR and elements 980 and

982 GRs and 272 Fus 0259. 2 En 80 SS Prgr 022602. 3 and 9

COYS 2 35 FGR 0560.

By deserters: 7 COY 787 GR 898638. 5 COY 1 83 F3

Regt 0463.

By document 4 COY 3 FZ Regt 028601.

Operations: First US Army. VIII Corps. 8 90 and 83

Divs attacked 0530 hrs. 8 Div adv from 500 to 1000 yds across

R Seves against moderate resistance with right 28 Inf and left

121 Inf. Fwd elements at 235766 - 239766 - 253750 - 258752

90 Div crossed river and adv against strong resistance. Fwd

elements 359 Inf reached 264750. 83 Div. Very stiff oppo-

sition encountered and no appreciable progress made. VII

Corps attacked along whole front with 9 Inf Div and 1 Inf

Div with under cond combat cond B 3 Arm Div at 0700 hrs.

F and 30 Inf Divs at 0800 hrs and 2 Arm Div at 0945 hrs.

Attack progressed satisfactorily 9 Div captured Lozen 3766

and reached 365665 - 371662 - 380655. Later in morning 1 Inf
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Div passed through 9 Inf Div. On right combat Comd B 3 Army Div captured Marigny 3861. On left 18 Inf captured high ground pt 112 (3963) and adv elements reached 392627. 8 Inf of 3 Div reached 421635. 66 Arm Rgt of 2 Arm Div captured St Gilles 4361 and out rd St Lo-Coutances. 30 Div with right 119 Inf and left 117 Inf adv to 440635 - 450637 - 464637. XIX Corps NTR. V corps attacked 0600 hrs with right 5 Inf Div and left 2 Inf Div. Very satisfactory progress made with advances of 1200 yds on right and 2500 yds on left. 5 Div captured Berigny 6056 and cleared Bois De La Taille 5864 with fwd elements at 562462 - 570532 - 587637 - 587644 - 606652. 2 Div captured Les Heies 6362 and Aux Malles 6261 with fwd elements at 623627 - 623628 - 630608 - 638607 - 642597 - 651597.

Second Brit Army. XXX Corps. Enemy fighting patrol attacked 151 Bde of 50 Div and was driven back. Otherwise NTR.

XII Corps. NTR.

13 Cdn Corps. 2 Cdn Div. 5 Cdn Bde St Andre Sur Orne St Martin Le Pontenay-pt 72 (0461) with under comd 1 Bn 3 Cdn Bde and 1 Bn 6 Cdn Bde. 4 Cdn Bde area Verrieres. 6 Cdn Bde cross tracks 035615 - Trochel farm 051612. 3 Cdn Div. 9 Cdn Bde Arealbras-Robert Follem 8 Cdn Bde area Bourguebus - 4 - Grentheville. 7 Cdn Bde area 063636 - Excl Soliers 073658. 7 Ard Div. 22 Arm Bde north of Verrieres. 131 Inf Bde area IPS 0463.

ON-IN-22356 (27 Jul 44)

Nr: GO 355 A 27 July 1944

First Cdn Army. 49th Div. 146th Bde rejoined div from XXX Corps and conc area Denzouville 1067. 51st Div now conc area Gazelle 0276. Otherwise NTR.

End

FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy CM-IN-22189 (27 Jul 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

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To: War Department.

Nr: FWD 12464 26 July 1944

From SHAEF to AGWAR for Marshall from SHAPE signed Eisenhower cite SHOT.

Political and military reasons have proved essential to assign the command of the French Forces of the Interior to General Koenig, and to give him direct control of the machinery of command.

2. To implement this decision, it is necessary:

A. To appoint United States deputy to General Koenig, at least for the time being. We are particularly anxious that this appointment should be filled by Colonel Joseph Haskell, as it is our belief that to ensure the success of future resistance operations in France, General Koenig should have a staff officer fully acquainted with the methods of Special Force Headquarters. Trust you will agree to this appointment.

B. To transfer from Special Force Headquarters to General Koenig's control the following sections of Special Force Headquarters:

(1) French (F and RF Section)

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(2) Special Force detachments with Army groups and armies.

(3) Forward planning (ADM) Section.

(4) Special Air Service Brigade Liaison Section.

3. Remainder of Special Force Headquarters will continue to meet needs of French resistance (both clandestine and overt) and will continue to conduct operations as before in other countries of European Theater of Operations.

4. Owing to urgent need for effecting these changes and anticipating your accord with the policy outlined above, it is proposed to issue orders accordingly.

End

ACTION: Gen Donovan

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold OPD Gen Bissegall Log

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      London, England

To: War Department

D/D: 270002Z 26 July 1944

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Navy Dept and G0(Settings USA who has info CTF 125 CTF 127.

A. Assault area. Shipping in Utah anchorage
   bombed by four aircraft yesterday using 30 pound anti
   personnel bombs. Two ships hit no damage but 13 casualties.

B. Unloading figures to PM 25th July.

   Troops    Vehicles    Stores
   British  640050    158390    693374
   US       847717    153176    727809

   Total D plus
   49       1487767   311566    1421183

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S
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THIS IS COSITINTREP NO 107 PART NAVAL.

1. ASSAULT AREA. WITH REFERENCE TO THE REPORT OF USE BY THE ENEMY OF COMPOSITE AIRCRAFT IN COSITINTREP NUMBER 195 IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT THE JU 88 COMPONENT WAS HIT BY ARMY AA AND CRASHED INTO THE SEA WEST OF COURSEULLES.

2. LAST NIGHT THERE WERE INDICATIONS OF MINING BY SURFACE CRAFT ON THE SEINE BANK AND BY AIRCRAFT IN THE SWORD AREA. THE PRESENCE OF MIDGET SUBMARINE IN THE AREA WAS ALSO SUSPECTED.

3. BOMBARDMENT YESTERDAY. ERERUS REGISTERED ON BATTERIES IN THE HOULGATE AREA AND FLORES ENGAGED MORTAR POSITIONS IN THE FRANCEVILLE AREA.

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To: War Department

CO, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

Nr. FWD 12465

26 July 1944

From SHARP FWD ref nr 12465 to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDBI for action to EXPOR '12th United States Army Group AFHQ cite FRIBI AEAR for Bennett - SHARP Main AFHQ Advance for info from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHIBI.

Number 51 G 2 summary.

1. Operations. First Army offensive encountered heavy resistance on its right from 5th Parachute Division and 5th Parachute Regiment. On left met with intense artillery fire where bombing apparently did not hit enemy. Opposition provided by Panzer Lehr Division and battle groups of 265th, 266th, and 275th Infantry Divisions, however, reported not severe. Movement of transport vehicles to rear but no other sign of withdrawal observed.

On Second Army front enemy reacted strongly east of Orni where 1st, 9th and 12th SS and 21st Panzer Divisions probably now joined by 2nd Panzer Division.

Tactical reconnaissance reported considerable motor transport and tank movement yesterday afternoon southeast of Coutances suggesting part of 2nd SS Panzer Division preparing to intervene in battle. Also civilian movement south from St Lo and Coutances.

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2. Movement. Indication that all or part of 11th Panzer Division including tanks left Bordeaux area northwards on or about 20th July. Destination reported to be Normandy but this not confirmed and possible it may be an anti Maquis move.

3. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 25th July 60371. Number of foreign prisoners of war now 14 per cent of total. Poles head list with 3402. Different nationalities now represented in prisoners of war total number 25. General: Fierce enemy reaction in form of stubborn defense against First Army attack shows enemy driven out. 5th Parachute Division fighting well as might be expected. Appreciate enemy will require tanks to support the defensive fighting as apart from those Panzer Lehr Divisions probably engaged in 4!, own section 2nd SS Panzer Division only ones available unless movement reported in para 2 is connected with part of 11th Panzer Division. Enemy now weakened in Caumont sector where infantry in a probably unsupported by tanks. In area east of Orne enemy has now disposed bulk of 4 armoured divisions and is very sensitive to our attacks south from Bourges area. No further indications of movement in connection with 363rd Infantry Division but imminent arrival expected.

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ACTION: O-2
INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log.
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Part 1. Land.

Period to 252400B Intelligence.

Identification by FW:

Elements 984th GR 444646.

Operations:

First US Army.

Leading elements VII Corps advance against increased and determined enemy resistance and by arty fire to general line La Butte 380655 - La Chapelle en Juger 408649 - Hobecrevon 448646. Le Maunil Fury 3967 and Montreuil 3966 captured by 9th Division. Resistance decreased after forward enemy positions taken.

VIII Corps.

330 Inf of 83rd Division advanced along right flank of 9th Division to road Periers - St Lo at 373683 - 379681. NTR remainder Army front.

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Build-up:
5th Arm Div commenced landing today.
Second British Army.
XXX Corps.
FTR.
XII Corps.
53rd Division with 34th Tk Bde under cmd has extended east to Corps body and now hold whole of sector between 59th Div and 2nd Cdn Corps. Right 71st Bde area exal Moneaux 9061 - Gavrus 9261 - exal Tournaville 9362. Centre 160th Bde area Baron 9462 - 300 yards north of Pt 112 (9561). Left 158th Bde area 967634 - Maltot 9862 - R Orne at 001631 - Eterville 9864.
53rd Div now area Mouen 9365 - Vernon 9665 in Corps reserve.

M Cdn Corps:

My fighting in May sur Orne 0259 during afternoon. 5th Bde by-passed this fighting with one Bn and advanced towards Pontenay Le Marmion 0358. Verrières firmly in our hands and forward elements 4th Cdn Bde 500 yards SE of village. Advance held up by dug in tanks,

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a-tank guns and mortars well sited particularly area Roquancourt 0558. 20 to 30 enemy tanks between Tilly and Roquancourt gave considerable trouble and were engaged during afternoon. 1800 hours enemy counter attacked in considerable strength with tanks against Verrières and PT 72 (0461) from SW. After fierce fighting main positions in St Martin de Fontenay 0206 and Verrières remains firm. 7th Arm Div deployed on reverse slope NW of Verrières were engaged and counter attack successfully repulsed.

Further attack against Fontenay Le Marmion at 1900 hours held up area 025600.

Disposns now as follows:

5th Cdn Bde area St Martin de Fontenay
4th Cdn Bde area Verrières with 1 Bn Etavaux 0062.
9th Cdn Bde area immediately north Tilly La Campagne - Robert Polie - Bras.
7th Cdn Bde area 0762- 0563 - 0765 - 0765.
7th Armd Div. 22nd Armd Bde area 0361 - 0561 0462.
131st Inf Bde area PT 16 (0464) PT 61 (0362).
First Cdn Army. 1 I Corps. 135th Bde of 3rd British Div moved area Gazelle 0276.

Otherwise NTR.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : 00/8, CO AAF, 0-2, Adm. King
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By RM
From: CG, Allied Armies in Italy
To: War Department
DTG: 252230Z
July 1944

USAFFE for Middle East Cairo N/C Malta for Commando Office
Malta N/C GIB for Commando Office Unity London for 21st Army
Group and 2nd TAP COSINTREP from CINC MD Naples COSINTREP
number 382 part 2 signed Wilson cite FNRNA COSINTREP number
380 and 381 not issued.

(1) Coastal forces on patrol in Korcula Channel night
23 July/24th July were in action with enemy convoy one MTB
sunk from enemy fire and collision damage one MTB damaged by
collision but returned to base.

(2) First convoy arrived Ancona on 23rd July but in
coaster convoy due 24th July two ships were mined one sunk
and the other was badly damaged.

(3) Approach channels to Leghorn have now been swept
and convoy of salvage craft and recovering party expected to
arrive PM 25 July intermittent enemy shelling on 24th July
directed at blockships to hinder clearance operations.

(4) HM submarine reports sinking 350 ton schooner off
Port Vendresy.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CO/S
CGAAF
G-2
Adm King
Elliott Park
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To: War Department
No. AI 535 25 July 1944

NAVCOM London sends this as 251322B from Ramsay signed Eisenhower. COSINTREP 105. Action Navy Department War Department. CO ETUSA has.


A. Admiralty resumed operational control of channel at 0001/25.

B. On 24th coastal command aircraft attacked unidentified craft off Dieppe and Ostend and escort vessels off Ile D Yeu with unobserved results. A U-boat was attacked off Ile D Yeu and another north of Barfleur. Oil patches and wooden wreckage seen after latter attack. Which was followed by destroyer hunt. No contact obtained. Avengers successfully attacked motor vessels off St Peter Port at 2119/24 MT ship Sanneva was damaged by underwater explosion at 50 degrees, 14 minutes north 00 degrees 47 minutes west. Destroyers ordered to carry out 3/9 hunt.

C. Reports indicate attack on RAA by composite aircraft at about 2330/24. No details yet.

D. Unloading figures to PM 24th.

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No. AI 535 25 July 1944

Troops
British 630958
US 837544
Total (D plus 48) 1468902

Vehicles
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151124
307042

Stores
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704868
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End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/3
CG AAF
ASP
G-2
Col Park
Log

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(A) Admiralty Resured Operational Control of Channel at 0011/25.

(C) REPORTS INDICATE ATTACK IN B A A BY COMPOSITE AIRCRAFT AT ABOUT 2330/24. NO DETAILS YET.

(D) UNLOADING FIGURES TO PM 24TH.

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Date 25 July 1944

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(COSINTREP number 104 Part Naval.
Nothing to report

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To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr. 12444 25 July 1944

FWD 12444 to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WXGBI for action to
EXPOR 12th United States Army Group AFEQ cite FHGBI AFE for
Bennett SHAPE Main AFEQ Advance for info from Strong signed
Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

Summary number 50 G 2.

1. Operations. First Army front. Enemy reacted to
our aerial bombardment north of Marigny with heavy artillery
fire apparently prearranged on all axis of advance and from
new positions south of 64 northing. Infantry in same posi-
tion as before.

Prisoner of war of Panzer Grenadier Regiment of
Panzer Lehr Division captured northwest St Lo stated his unit
scheduled to counter attack 241700B but attack called off be-
cause men refused to advance when company commander ordered
and remained in their defensive position. Second Army front.
Captured order 21 July states, in event withdrawal, 10 SS
Panzer Division to pull out and defend line river Seine
from Orne to Avenay thence to 2358. Prisoner of war of 271
Infantry Division states whole division in area Malot Vibach.
Prisoner of war this morning from 326 Infantry Division in
area 2nd Panzer Divisions.

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Mr: 12444

25 July 1944

2. Movement. Widespread movement continues from South France on same scale as on previous days. Some traffic from Paris toward Dijon may be connected with evacuation of administrative units to eastern France. B reports state 363 Infantry Division detaining partly in Rouen area and some in Paris area.

3. Prisoners of war. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 23 July 59601.

4. Miscellaneous. Prisoner of war of 10 SS Panzer states strength of three companies of 1st Battalion together 50 all ranks. Two reports from secret sources. One states Rommel had accident date unspecified necessitating return to Germany for four months. Second states Rommel killed as result bombing attack 15th July. Reports still suspect.

5. General. 15th Army, at last being called on to succour Seventh Army. No doubt enemy intention is once again to attempt to withdraw his armour with a view to forming armoured reserve and strike back at us. 363rd Infantry Division may be expected to arrive soon and probably in area southeast of Caen where infantry needed to carry out this plan. Impossible at present stage to draw conclusion regarding movement from southern France but evidence some troops may be going to Brittany from this area.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CO/E COAAF OPD Adm King Col Park Log

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

To: War Department

Nr: 20 351A 25 July 1944

Signed Eisenhower War Dept pass to Navy Dept 00351A

252200B COSTINTREP number 106


Operations. 1st US Army. Preceded by very hy and Air and Arty bombardment VII Corps launched attack at 1100 hrs with right 9th Inf Div centre 4th Inf Div left 30th Inf Div. Resistance generally light but some enemy pockets still holding out particularly in woods 406573. In VIII Corps Sector 330 Inf of 83rd Inf Div attacked on right of 9th Inf Div astride rd from X rds 402709-rd junc 362688. NTR remainder Army front.

Second Brit Army. XXX Corps. Ref COSTINTREP number 104 46th Bde of 15th Div has not relieved 2nd Inf of 5th US Inf Div. Latter remains area 6663 while former CONG area 7369. XII Corps. 11th Arm Div and 4th Arm Bde in present locations came under cons at 1200 hrs. Otherwise NTR. 2nd Cdn Corps. At 0330 hrs attack launched astride rd Caen-Pal-sixe with right 2nd Cdn Inf Div and left 3rd Cdn Inf Div. Enemy resisted fiercely and during morning launched several small counter attacks with Inf supported by tms. By 1800 hrs 2nd Cdn Div with right 5th Bde and left 4th Bde reached 022600-

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Nr: GO 351A 25 July 1944

Verrieres 0560 which is in our hands. 9th Cdn Bde of 3rd Cdn Div engaged in very by fighting in area Tilly La Campagne 0760. 7th Arm Div. Initially 22nd Arm Bde moved to fwd assembly area 0362. Later 47 CLI on right and one R tks on left adv and at 1200 hrs were just north of rd St Martin De Fontenay 0260-Verrieres. Gds Arm Div GOC area Colombelles INI Giberville-Mondeville 0767. First Cdn Army. I Corps. 51st Div. 153rd Bde moved area Ranville 1173. 154th Bde being relieved by 147th Bde of 49th Div area Cagny-Frenouville 1162 and moving area Cabazelle 0276 in Corps res. 49th Div assumed comd of sector Frenouville-Enieville 1265 1200 hrs. 148th Rac of 33rd Arm Bde under Comd 27 Arm Bde Le Mesnil Fresental 1065.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S CGAAF ASF G-2 Adm King Col Park Log

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To: War Department
Navy Department
CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
CG Seventh Army Forces

No. S 56206 25 July 1944

COSINTREP number 106 part 4. 260400 B July. Last part 4 issued was number 98. From UNITY S 56206 to COSINTREP addresses signed Eisenhower cite SHOT.

Widespread sabotage of railways in Belgium and France continues to be reported. Railway lines reported temporarily cut include the following:

Ghent-Courtrai,
Ghent-Bruges,
Lyons-Grenoble,
Lyons-Marseilles,
Montargis-Paris,
Paris-Toulouse (cut in 88 places)
Troyes-Chalons-Sur-Marne,
Montauban-Brive (cut in 360 places)

Extensive sabotage of telecommunications reported in Belgium and in Yonne, Hérault, Rhone and Loire Departments. The Paris-Brussels and Brussels-Holland underground cables reported cut.

CM-IN-21374 26 Jul 44
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

No. S 56206 25 July 1944

Locks reported sabotaged on River Saone and on Canal des Ardennes.

Over 1,000,000 litres of petrol reported destroyed in France.

Very heavy German attacks have forced Vercors Marquis to disperse. Severe fighting reported in Aude, Niévre and Hautes Pyrenees.

Since 21 July, two jeeps and 282 tons of arms and ammunition have been dropped from England in France. Totals since D Day, including operations from North Africa,

- 631 SAS Troops,
- 23 Jedburgh Teams,
- 19 jeeps and
- 3792 tons of arms and ammunition
- 3 Operational Groups.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CO AAP, G-2, Adm King, Col Parx, Log

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To: War Department
CG US Army Services of Supply in the British Isles
London, England

No: EX 39797
25 July 1944

From Lee signed Eisenhower EX 39797: Attn SPXOM.

Battle casualties for week of 15 July through 21st July 1944 in compliance with WAR-41940 dated 26th May 1944.

First US Army Zone of Combat Normandy France;
Army Troops KIA 59, WIA 148, MIA 5.
V Corps Troops KIA 31, WIA 0, MIA 3.
2nd Infantry Division KIA 116, WIA 3, MIA 0.
2nd Armored Division KIA 13, WIA 53, MIA 0.
5th Infantry Division KIA 20, WIA 131, MIA 0.
VII Corps Troops KIA 110, WIA 86, MIA 107.
1st Infantry Division KIA 104, WIA 0, MIA 0.
3rd Armored Division KIA 52, WIA 0, MIA 22.
8th Infantry Division KIA 251, WIA 463, MIA 0.

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9th Infantry Division KIA 266, WIA 1594, MIA 19.  
30th Division KIA 266, WIA 798, MIA 0.  
VIII Corps Troops KIA 66, WIA 199, MIA 14.  
4th Infantry Division KIA 319, WIA 650, MIA 0.  
79th Infantry Division KIA 62, WIA 298, MIA 0.  
83rd Infantry Division KIA 347, WIA 1400, MIA 0.  
90th Division KIA 77, WIA 141, MIA 105.  
XIX Corps Troops KIA 34, WIA 141, MIA 0.  
39th Infantry Division KIA 387, WIA 1196, MIA 0.  
35th Infantry Division KIA 190, WIA 1036, MIA 29.  
4th Armored Division KIA 23, WIA 200, MIA 9.  
Total First U S Army KIA 2603, WIA 8537, MIA 319.  

8th Air Force Zone of Combat Continental Europe:  
1st Bomb Division KIA 7, WIA 35, MIA 370.  

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2nd Bomb Division KIA 3, WIA 15, MIA 253.
3rd Bomb Division KIA 25, WIA 20, MIA 146.
8th Fighter Command KIA 2, WIA 0, MIA 29.
8th Air Force Composite Command KIA 0, WIA 0, MIA 8.
8th Air Force Replacement Depot KIA 0, WIA 0, MIA 1.
Total 8th Air Force KIA 37, WIA 70, MIA 807.
9th Air Force Zone of Combat Continental Europe:
9th Tactical Air Command KIA 0, WIA 0, MIA 19.
19th Tactical Air Command KIA 1, WIA 0, MIA 10.
9th Troop Carrier Command KIA 0, WIA 0, MIA 0.
Total 9th Air Force KIA 12, WIA 11, MIA 57.

Grand total KIA 2852, WIA 8618, MIA 1183. Numbers of casualties reported herein based on radio reports from First US Army and USSTAF and not on individual casualty reports.

ACTION: ASF
INFO: CG AAF, OPD, O-1, O-2, SARO

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Supplemental Battle Casualty Report for period 8th July to 13th July received 33553 dated 17th July. This cable covers only casualties occurring First U.S. Army on 14th July. All casualties occurred in Normandy, France.

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Total casualties 14th July 178 1,277 187.

Number of casualties reported herein based on radio reports from First U.S. Army and not from individual casualty reports.

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To: War Department
Nr: CO 348A 25th July 1944

Signed Eisenhower War Dept pass to Navy Dept. GO 348A. 242EPB COSIMINTREP number 104.

Part 1 Land.

Period to 241200G. Intelligence. Identifications.

By captured document. 2 Bn 271 Arty Regt area Maltot


Relief of 5th Inf Div completed. Div now concentrated area Gavray 5173.

NTR remainder Army front.

2nd Brit Army. XXX Corps

15th Div completed take over of Caumont Sector from 5th US Inf Div 0730 hrs. 44 BDE relieved 10th Inf 227 BDE relieved 11th Inf and 46 BDE relieved 2 Inf. II CDN Corps.

GDS Arm Div passed to Comd from VIII Corps.

NTR remainder Army front.

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320 France

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London England

To: 00 348A  25th July 1944

1st CDN Army.
33 Ared BDE now area 0282.
49th Inf Div less 146 BDE GP passed to Cmd I Corps
from XXX Corps.
70 BDE area excl Giberville-incl Demouville-excl Li-
rose 1-67.
147 BDE area St Honorine La Chardonerette 0970-0969.
Otherwise NTR.

Following change in bdy between 2nd Briti Army and 1st
CDN Army. All incl 2nd Army. Military BR 082730- Military
Hl 085721- Wood 088716- excl Fork rds 089707-excl rd to BR
at 079694- excl rd to RD Junc 089682-excl rd and Rly crossing
097640 thence as before.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S, CGAAF ASF, G-2, Adm. King, Col. Park, Log

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
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To: War Department
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24 July 1944

AI 534 to SHAEF info to: War Officer, GHQ Home Forces, 21 Army Main and Rear, Air Ministry W H, War Dept, Admiralty, Navy Dept, ETOUSA, 15th A F,USTAFF, ANCF, AFHQ, FUSAG GHQ, MAAP Adv War pass to Navy MAAP pass to 15th Air Force Leigh Mallory signed Eisenhower. COSINTREP 104.


2100B hours 23rd July to sunrise 24th July. P 38 and 46 groups total sorties 32.

Summary of targets: three railway bridges and five other targets. Claims: one Junkers 188 destroyed. 16 flying bombs destroyed. Losses: two fighters/fighter bombers destroyed.

Details of operations: Railway bridges: 29 Marauders on Serquigny, 106 1000 gp and 6 500 gp unobserved; 32 Marauders on Mirville 120 1000 gp and 8 500 good to excellent; 19 Bostons on Greaule-Sur-Hisle 110 500 gp unobserved.

Other targets: 11 Mosquitoes on U 0453/T 4242 troop movements, 76 500, 11 seconds unobserved; six Mosquitoes
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London England

No: AI 534

24 July 1944

on Montargis/Senso/Chartres rail movements 24 500, 11 seconds, unobserved; 15 Mosquitos on Seine area on all enemy movement
30 500, 11 seconds unobserved; nine Mosquitos on Rouen/Abbeville/Amiens/Mantes Gassicourt road and rail movement
16 500, 11 seconds, fair; six Mosquitos on Nevers/Lemans rail movements 12 500 fair.

Enemy operations: According to radar one enemy aircraft NBS-NW of Shetlands on reconnaissance. 51 flying bombs were landed against this country 37 made landfall of which 12 reached London area. 20 bombs were destroyed, 16 by Fighters, three by AA guns and one by balloons.

Action: OPD

INFO:
CC/S
CGAAF
9-2
Admiral King
Colonel Park
Log

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DTG: 241231Z 24 July 1944

From NAVCOM London. This is 241330 B from Ramsay signed Eisenhower. COSINTREF number 103

A. Assault area. In addition to normal minelaying enemy aircraft dropped leaflets headed "Why Fight for Russia". C/Costland was damaged by a mine north of assault area. No casualties. One LC3 (L) was damaged by a near miss shell part Naval. COMGEN ETUSA has

(B). Unloading figures up to PM 23 July (read in three columns as troops. Vehicles. Stores)

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: Gen. McFarland CC/3
CG AAF
ASP
G-2
Gen. Park

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By RT, NARA, Date 6/1/94
(THIS IS 2323538 FROM RAMSEY SIGNED EISENHOWER.  COSITTINTREP NUMBER 102 PART NAVAL.  NAVCOM LONDON SENDS.  CG ETUSA HAS)

(A) GENERAL.  GOOD FORTUNE FAVOURED THE ENEMY DESTROYER WHO SUCCEEDED IN AVOIDING CONCLUSIVE ACTION OFF CAPE.

DANTIFER WITH TORRINGTON AND MELBREAK ON THE NIGHT OF 21ST/22ND AS REPORTED IN COSITTINTREP NO. 100.

DESPITE A DETERMINED EFFORT BY COASTAL FORCES TO INTERCEPT, A BOMBING ATTACK DELIVERED BY BEAUFIGHTERS, AND FIRE FROM COASTAL BATTERIES THE DESTROYER SUCCEEDED IN ESCAPING THROUGH THE STRAITS OF DOVER.  COASTAL ARTILLERY CLAIM ONE NEAR MISS AND THE BOMBERS ONE HIT.  BRITISH ASSAULT AREA.  MINES ACCOUNTED FOR BETWEEN D DAY AND JULY 21ST TOTAL 569.

(B) COASTAL COMMAND.  NIGHT OF 22ND/23RD TWO ATTACKS WERE MADE BY HALIFAXES ON ESCORTED U-BOATS IN THE LORIENT AREA BUT NO RESULTS OBSERVED.

(C) RECEIVED FROM NAVCOM LONDON AS 232258 COPY TO 20G

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BY RT, DATE APR 22, 1973
To: War Department.
Nr: S-56124

S-56124 to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDGBI for action to 12th United States Army Group EXFOR AFRHQ cite PHGBI AAF for Bennett SHAPE Forward AFRHQ advance for info from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

G-2 Summary Number #2.

1. Operations.
   Whole of the 275th Infantry Division is now thought to be south of St Lo. Otherwise nothing to report.

2. Movement.
   In the south of France movement was still seen in the Marseilles Area. Bad weather prevented air reconnaisance elsewhere.

3. Prisoners of War.
   Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals in United Kingdom up to 1800 hours 23rd July is 59,402.

4. General. Enemy regrouping during present lull and bringing up of 275th Infantry Division may enable him to form some infantry reserve.

CM-IN-20113

(24 Jul 44)

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Nr: 3-56124 24 July 1944.

In 84th Corps Area, where battle Groups of 243rd, 77th, 353rd and 91st Infantry Divisions must be badly in need of rest.

No further evidence to show what, if any, of enemy armour is out of line in First United States Army Sector. Part at least of 2nd SS Panzer Division still forward.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
OPD
Col. Park
Log
CM-IN-20113 (24 Jul 44) 1740Z 1s

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To: War Department.

Nr: GO-346A 24 July 1944.

Signed Eisenhower. GO 346A, 24/1000B COSIINTREP number 103.


Rifle Regt 3867.14 Coy 979 Gr and 5 Coy 978 Gr and 6 Tp 10 S3 Arty Regt Maltot. 5 Coy 22 SS PGR Esquey.


CM-IN-19998 (24 Jul 44)

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Nr: 00-346A 24 July 1944.

12th Corps.
59 Div 197 Bde area 840670-Vendes 8565 176 Bde area 866644-877636. 177 Bde area 884637-Haut des Forges-8962.
53rd Div 2 Cops 160 Bde supported by tks carried out successful raid on Esquay 2200 hrs.

43rd Div during the day Arty engaged enemy tks and armd tp carriers area 9861 with success. 2 CDN Corps and 3 Corps NTR. First CDN Army ntr.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S
CG AAF
0-2
Adm. King
Col. Park
Log
CM-IN-19998 (24 Jul 44) 1438Z 1s

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COSITINTREP 151 from RAUS signed EISENHOWER. THIS IS 2312538 PART NAVAL, CG ETUSA HAS.

A. GENERAL. SHREW SEVERELY HANDICAPPED DISCHARGE OF MT SHIPS IN BAA YESTERDAY. ENEMY COMMENCED SHELLING OF LANGRUE REACHES. NIGHT 2/23 11 R BOATS WERE ENGAGED BY HMS FORESTER, HMS STAYNER AND 3 LTBS BETWEEN CAP D'ANTIFER AND FECAP. SHORE BATTERIES OPENED FIRE AND SCORED 1 HIT ON FORESTER. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO SHIP WAS OBSERVED AT THE COST OF SLIGHT DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES TO FORESTER AND LTBS.

B. UNLOADING FIGURES UP TO PH 22ND JULY:

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To: Chiefs of Staff
From: Joint Staff Mission
No: J.S.M. 153
23 July 1944

Shipping requirements for OVERLORD.

In accordance with C.O.8 (W) 164 we have stalled
and although C.M. & T.C. report (C.O.8. 532/8) was produced
no action has been taken on it. U.S, are repeatedly
asking us for the form.

T.O.O. 231531Z

END

NOTE: COS 164 is CM-IN-19576 (24 Jul 44) CC/S
ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
OPD
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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CM-IN-19577 (24 Jul 44) 0234Z bcam

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JOB memo, 1-4-74
By REP, NLR, Date MAY 15 1974
From: Supreme Hq Allied Expeditionary Forces London England
To: War Department
DTG: 232258B 23 July 1944

This is 232353B from Ramsay signed Eisenhower. COSITINTREP number 102 part Naval. NAVCOM London sends.
CG ETOUSA has.

(A) General.

Good fortune favored the enemy destroyer who succeeded in avoiding conclusive action off Cape Dantifer with Torrington and Melbreak on the night of 21st/22nd as reported in COSITINTREP no 100. Despite a determined effort by coastal forces to intercept, a bombing attack delivered by Beaufighters, and fire from coastal batteries the destroyer succeeded in escaping through the Straits of Dover. Coastal Artillery claim one near miss and the bombers one hit.

(B) British assault area.

Mines accounted for between D day and July 21st total 569.

(C) Coastal Command.

Night of 22nd/23rd two attacks were made by Halifaxes on escorted U boats in the Lorient area but no results observed.

ACTION: CPD
INFO: CC/S CGAAF ASP 0-2 [Col Park] Log
CM-IN-19559 (24 Jul 44) 0200Z bem

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

To: War Department

Nr: S 56063 23rd July 1944.

S-56063 to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDGBI for ACTION to EX-
FOR Twelfth United States Army Group AFRQ cite PHGBI AFRQ for
Bennett SHEEP Forward AFRQ Advance for info from Strong signed
Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

O-2 summary number 48.

1. Operations.

Enemy suffered heavy casualties during attack on Esquay
and lost 200 prisoners of war at Maltot. Deserted states that
defensive position is being prepared by troops from 9 SS Panzer
at Epinay sur Odon.

2. Strengths.

Companies in 272nd Inf Div reported by prisoner of war
down to 50 to 100 men. Reinforcements poorly trained. Pris-
soner of war from 2nd Bn 10 SS Panzer Regt states E5 has 30 IV.
One En left in Belgium but may be coming.

3. Movements.

265 Inf Div reported due to leave Brittany via Vannes
on 17th July. Div to move by bicycle luggage by train.
Comment: Not known whether whole div is moving or only battle
group involved.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England
Mr: 3 56065 23rd July 1944.

Prisoner of war of 275th Div states balance of Grenadier Regts 983 and 985 are coming from Brittany. Cover of Marseille area shows military movement to be taking place, but as in southwest area is a scattered nature. Direction of movement is northward.

4. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total in hospitals and camps in United Kingdom up to 1800 hours 22nd July is 58220.

5. Miscellaneous.

Apart from five deserters from Grenadier Regt 978 (271st Inf Div) who state their officers decamped as result of news about Hitler and have not been seen since. No reactions so far discernible of effect on recent "Putsch".


Movement from west to east of Orne appears to involve battle groups from 2nd Panzer, 9th and 10th SS Panzer Divs, presumably sent across river in anticipation of further Allied attacks in this area. Probable each does not exceed En of Inf. with few tanks and artillery. No indications of any imminent arrival of divisions from north of Seine.

Brittany Peninsula once more being required to find Inf to operate against First United States Army. Inf position obviously very strained on this front which has consistently been patched from beginning of operations by bringing up of

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

23rd July 1944

If whole of remainder of 265th and 275th Inf. Divs are in fact to come and two Parachute Div is moving possibly to St Malo area as suspected or to battle area, then forces in Peninsular are in no state to operate effectively against any amphibious assaults.

Rail reconnaissance does not exclude possibility that replacements are arriving from Southern France but evidence not sufficient to tie down any definite formation as being involved. Likely enemy will take some steps to refurbish Brittany the denial of which to Allies is important if he is to continue his present strategy.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/S
CGAAT
CPD
Col. Park
Log

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

To: War Department

No: OA 342A

23 July 1944

War Dept pass to Navy Dept COSITINTREP NUMBER 109
OA 345 A 232200h Signed Eisenhower

Part 1. Land. Period to 231200h. Intelligence. Identifications. FM from 7th Coy, 2nd SS For U 1161.
Operations. 1st US Army. VIII Corps. XXX Corps. Enemy counter attacked 1030 yrs against elements 350th Inf of 90th Div south of R Seves. These elements moved north of river where defensive positions remain intact. NTR remainder Army Front.

Second Brit Army. XXX Corps. 15th Inf Div now under comdt moving Caumont 7029 sector. 59th Inf Div in present location passed to Comd XII Corps. New Bty between XXX and XII Corps. All incl XII Corps rd june 833768 - Conde Sur Seules 8373 - X rds 821727 thence. To X rds 834695 - track june 832699 - excl br 825682 - excl 832663 - track june 831659 - stream june 834651 - bend of stream 636646 - thence throug to br 840635 thence rd to Villers Bocage. XII Corps. 43rd Div. During morning 214h Bde advancing against strong opposition reached objective area 964623 & 973622. Later enemy counter attacked with inf supported by small number of tkrs. Fighting continues. 129th Bde advanced slightly to 982622 - 003617 and have established contact with 2nd Cdn Div on left at 031627. 2nd Cdn Corps. 5th Cdn Bde of 2nd Cdn Div occupied vocd 002623 by 0530 hrs and during morning cleared Etayeaux area.

HQ 7th Arm Div 055668. VIII Corps NTR. 1200 hrs I Corps passed to comd First Cdn Army who assumed control at sector same time.

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London, England

Nr: OA 345 A 23 July 1944

Inter Army Bdy same as previous Bdy between II Cdn Corps and I Corps.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S CGA/AF ASF G-2 Adm King Col Park Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 7/1/44
(THIS IS 2223208 FROM RANSAY SIGNED EISENHOWER, COSITINREP NR 100 PART NAVAL ACTION NAVYDEPT WARDEPT CG ETousa HAS)

AT 2354 21ST TORRINGTON AND MELBREAK ON PATROL RECEIVED REPORTS OF 1 ENEMY DESTROYER PLOTTED 6 MILES SW OF CAP D'ANTIFER STEERING 020 AT 35 KNOTS. BOTH SHIPS ALTERED COURSE TO INTERCEPT. AT 0024 MELBREAK OPENED FIRE ON 1 EBLING CLASS DESTROYER WITH 4 E-BOATS IN COMPANY AT RANGE OF 4400. 3 HITS REPORTED WITH 4 INCH BUT TORPEDOES FIRED BY E-BOATS FORCED MELBREAK TO TURN AWAY. FURTHER ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL Owing TO ENEMY'S SUPERIOR SPEED. MELBREAK WAS LATER SHELLED BY SHORE BATTERIES OFF FECAMP. RADAR CONTACT WAS LOST AT 0043 WHEN ENEMY WAS IN POSITION 040 DEGREES CAP D'ANTIFER 11 MILES STEERING 050 DEGREES AT 30 KNOTS. OUR FORCES SUFFERED NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

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NAVY DEPT EAR DEPT CG ETOUSSA

A. GENERAL. BAD WEATHER IN THE PAST 24 HOURS HAS CAUSED THE FOLLOWING DELAYS AND CASUALTIES

(1) HT CONVOY FROM THAMES DELAYED 24 HOURS

(2) A NUMBER OF LCM ON PASSAGE FROM ASSAULT AREA ARE MISSING 11 ARE KNOWN TO HAVE SUNK A.

FURTHER 6 ARE UNLOCATED.

(3) 2 WHALES SANK SOUTH OF NAD.

B. ASSAULT AREAS. INEVITABLE DELAYS HAVE OCCURRED IN UNLOADING DUE TO WEATHER, MINE LAYING INCREASED DURING NIGHT ON 19/20th BUT WAS PRACTICALLY NIL 20/21. MINES WERE REPEALED BY SKILL AND SWEEPERS HERE HAD A GOOD BAG.
C. CHEBOURG AN MFV IN NAVAL BASIN AVANTPORT
DETONATED MAGNETIC MINE IN EXACT CENTRE WITH FIRST
PULSE.

*AS RECEIVED..
**NAVCOM LONDON PASSED TO WAR AND NAVY DEPTS AS 221307..
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To: War Department.

DPE: 22/1307Z

HAVCON London passes 22/1289E from Ramsay signed Eisenhower OPSTINTREF number 93 part Naval. Action War Dept, Navy Dept and CG STOUSA who has.

A. General.
Bad weather in the past 24 hours has caused the following delays and casualties.
(1) MT convoy from Thames delayed 24 hours.
(2) A number of LCM on passage from assault area are missing, 11 are known to have sunk. 48 are unlocated.
(3) Two Whales sank south of NAB.

B. Assault Areas.
Inevitable delays have occurred in unloading due to weather. Mine laying increased during night 19/20th but was practically nil 20th, 21st. Mines were reopened by swell and sweepers have had a good bag.

C. Cherbourg NMFV in naval basin transport detonated magnetic mine in exact center with first pulse.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/B
CO AAF
ASF

Col. Parker
Gen Henry

Log
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320 France

22 July 1944.

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
   London, England
To: War Department
DTG: 222320B  22 July 1944

This is 222320B from Ramsay signed Eisenhower.

OG ETOUSA has at 2354 21st Torrington and Melbreak
on patrol received reports of one enemy destroyer plotted
six miles southwest of Cap D Antifer steering 020 at 35
knots. Both ships altered course to intercept. At 0024
Melbreak opened fire on one Elbing class destroyer with
4 E boats in company at range of 4400. Three hits reported
with four inch but torpedoes fired by E boats forced
Melbreak to turn away. Further attempt to engage was un-
successful owing to enemy's superior speed. Melbreak was
later shelled by shore batteries off Po camp. Radar contact
was lost at 0043 when enemy was in position 040 degrees
Cap D Antifer 11 miles steering 050 degrees at 30 knots.
Our forces suffered no damage or casualties.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CCS
CGAAF
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Col Park
Log
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To: War Department.

No: AI-529

Date: 22 July 1944.


Part 3. Air. Sunrise to 2100B hours, 21st July 44.

Total Sorties: 490. 9th Air Force; 141. Second TAF; 204. ADG 145.

Airborne Operations.

Total Sorties six. Ninth TOG; 4. 46th Group; two.

Summary of targets: Nil.

Claims:

Three Dorniers 217 and 20 Flying Bombs destroyed.

Losses:

Two Fighters/Fighter Bombers damaged.

Details on Operations: Nil.

CM-IN.18312 (22 July 44)

Nr: AI-529

22 July 1944.

Enemy Operations:
Seven Dorniers 217 attacked shipping W and SW of Ushant. Two Focke-Wulf 190 intercepted a Spitfire on reconnaissance N of Albert. No damage to Spitfire. 133 Flying Bombs dispatched, 94 made landfall and 40 reached greater London area.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S
CO AAF
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Col Park
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RECEIVED AS 212329

(A) GENERAL 1. 14TH ESCORT GROUP OFF BREST ATTACKED
WITH GLIDER BOMBS BY 6 AIRCRAFT. REPORT NO
DAMAGE. AIR COVER EXCELLENT.

(B) ASSAULT AREAS.

(1) ISIS ON PATROL IN WESTERN AREA NEAR 0 BUOY
SUNK BY MINE OR TORPEDO ABOUT 2000 ON THE
20TH. 18TH MSF PICKED UP 20 SURVIVORS AFTER
0200 21ST.

(2) A NORTH EAST WIND REACHED FORCE 5 OFF THE
BEACHES. FOWEST BROUGHT STORM PLAN INTO
FORCE. FOBA A STOPPED UNLOADING AND ARRIVAL
OF MT SHIPS.

(3) CORNCOB NORFOLK SUNK BY MINE SOUTH OF SWEEP
CHANNEL NEAR L4 BUOY.

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320 France
(C) CHERBOURGH.

(1) FOWEST AUTHORIZED ENTRY OF 6 AMMUNITION COASTERS.

(2) A GROUND MINE WAS SWEPT CLOSE INSHORE OFF QUERQUEVILLE.

(D) UNLOADING FIGURES UP TO PM 20TH JULY. READ IN

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0 2 summary number 47.

1. Operations:
   Rain stopped play all sectors.

2. Dispositions:
   Lack of recent contact with 2 SS Panzer Division suggests Division lying back as 84 Corps reserve.

   Movements indicate further transfer of battle groups of armoured divisions, probably of 2nd Panzer, 9 and 10 SS Panzer Divisions, to East of Orne.

3. Movements:
   Movement from West of Brest Peninsula suggests 2nd Parachute Division on move. No indications whether move is to battle area or to fill gap left by 5th Parachute Division St Malo Area. Otherwise weather prevented air races of rail movements.

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4. Prisoners of War:

Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 21st July 56294. Up to 1600 hours 20th July 294 prisoners of war only taken from SS formations indicating general spirit existing in these units. 12th SS Panzer Division provided 456 of this total.

5. Miscellaneous:

Further evidence of dangerously low battle strength of some enemy units in spite of arrival of Marsh Battalions. Battalions of 10th SS Panzer Division just over 200 strong. Prisoner of war stated that our bombing on opening day of Second Army offensive practically obliterated 22nd Panzer Regiment.

6. General:

General indications of move of armour from West to East of Orne, probably due to enemy anticipating better line of Schwerpunkt. How much involved not yet known. Enemy will required to retain some armour in support of the Infantry, who are inclined to fight more energetically when backed up by SS formations. In any case enemy cannot afford to hold up ground on either side of Orne.

Of first United States Army Sector enemy probably anticipates attack and is regrouping to meet it. No indica-

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Informations of any fresh formations being brought up to the front, but part of 2nd Parachute Division might arrive. Disjointed movement reported from air reconnaissance yesterday on Southwest Area of France some of which is passing through Nantes may be reinforcements for Brittany Peninsula.

End.
From: CG. Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

To: War Department

Nr: S 56029 22nd July 1944.

S 56029 AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff for Combined Civil Affairs Committee information to Hildring and British Chiefs of Staff repeat for information to AFRQ signed Eisenhower this is V00 91.

1. General. Civil administration is settling down. US Civil Affairs, Tactical and French systems are fitted together through operational experience. The only major difficulties (those concerning acceptance of the supplemental franc, and payment for civilian supplies furnished by the Army) settled without friction. Disposal and use of captured enemy material has caused some difficulty, but is likely to be satisfactorily settled. Problems are arising from new enemy practice of civilian evacuation; many officials were missing when La Haye d'Puits was occupied.

2. No important political developments in the liberated zone. Continuation in office of old municipal officials who rendered honest service accepted in spite of their retention in office by the Germans.

3. Two daily newspapers formerly published in Caen, the Journal de Normandie and the Presse Caennaise, have been replaced by the Liberte de Normandie.

4. Public safety situation continues satisfactory. Declaration of an Stat de Siege brings Gendarmerie under military control; auxiliary civilian police employed by communes will remain under civil control.

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5. Supplemental and metropolitan francs continue circulating without
distinction in liberated France. Commercial banks generally maintain
separate records of deposits made in supplemental currency and pay
withdrawals against such deposits only in supplemental currency.
Banque of France, Cherbourg, is not distinguishing in its accounts
between currencies, but is paying out only metropolitan francs.
These arrangements are not known by general public. Supplemental
francs used by both British and American Forces. No 1000 and 5000
franc notes have been issued. Some 500 franc notes issued but not
public because of similarity to 100 franc note.

6. Currency supplies abundant. No evidence that
enemy has tried to strip area of currency. Banque of France
has 200,000,000 francs in Cherbourg and 800,000,000 in Caen.
Between 200 and 300,000,000 was expected to be found in St Lo.
Commercial banks generally have adequate cash with ready access
to currency and credit facilities with Banque of France. Short-
age of small denomination currency in Bayeux being rapidly rem-
eded from 500,000 francs stock of one franc, two franc and 50
cents denominations held by Banque of France, Caen. Approx-
imately 26,000,000 in metropolitan francs belonging to enemy
found in US zone and taken in custody by American Army Finance
Officer.

7. Virtually no civil affairs advances have been made.
Some municipalities have inadequate cash but are obtaining
their needs without difficulty through regional French auth-
orities. Currency section with Second British Army deposited
part of its currency and stored balance for safe custody in
Credit Lyonnais, Bayeux. Currency Section, First US Army,
opened account with and stored balance of its currency in Ban-
que de France, Cherbourg.

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8. Banks handicapped by damage of premises, lack of
records and information from superior offices, but with few
exceptions are open and functioning normally, some from tem-
porary premises. Deposits definitely exceeding withdrawals.
Savings deposits very large. Approximately 500,000,000 francs
on deposit with six Cherbourg banks. Substantial cash be-
lieved to be held by public expected to increase deposits
when communications improve. Restrictions on withdrawals
imposed in only two places are being lifted.

9. Financial services of post offices also function-
ing. Post offices have a supply of Petain postage stamps.
After considering possibility of over-printing Petain stamps
with Cross of Lorraine or RLF French decided to use supplemen-
tary stamps. Sufficient supply being delivered to French P
and to officials for simultaneous introduction in all post
offices in liberated France.

10. Tax collections slow in Cherbourg. Believed
generally to be satisfactory considering destruction and
 evacuation of civilian population. Municipal expenditures
delayed in some communities, but expected to be remedied as
French authorities correct occasional currency shortages.

11. No information on dollar and sterling currency
held by civilians. No new evidence that troops are spending
these currencies. Up to 12th July Cherbourg Army Finance
Officer exchanged for troops approximately $800.00 and 3,000
pounds. Most of this accounted for by one unit which presum-
ably was not provided with exchange facilities before embark-
ing for Normandy.

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12. Restriction on soldiers spending generally effective. US Finance Officers reported to have more currency on hand than they took into Normandy. Troops turning in their money for lack of spending opportunities. In Cherbourg only wine stores are open to soldiers, and only for a few hours daily. Otherwise town placed off limits. In British zone some spending by soldiers reported due to large concentration of troops in Bayeux, the only town where there has been no destruction and civilian establishments operate. On request of Bayeux French authorities Second British Army has taken button milk, cider, cheese and fruit off list of articles soldiers are prohibited from buying. Program to control soldiers spending will be re-examined as soon as more complete information available.

13. Official prices apparently not altered since our arrival. Have very little information about extent of black market or black market prices. Appreciable black market in food products not believed to exist. Price trends on foods have been downward somewhat since liberation due to lack of markets for surpluses, and stoppage of enemy requisitions. As yet no evidence of widespread hoarding of commodities.

14. Supply. Supply situation continues satisfactory. Quantities of enemy property are accumulating for CA use. Arrangements have been completed for CA to have first priority on captured enemy motor vehicles. Temporary local surpluses and shortage have developed and are being dealt with by commanders on the ground. Surpluses involve butter, beef, and potatoes. Flour, salt, and sugar are representative shortages. Some difficulty is being experienced by distribution organizations with respect to the marking of CA supplies. The lack of

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Distinctive CA markings on containers resulted in confusion between CA supplies and other military supplies.

15. Some dairy and grain processing plants have resumed operations; many others are standing idle because of lack of power, fuel, motor transport and tires, and cash. Preparations for the grain harvest are proceeding satisfactorily under French direction, with the Army supplying such items as twine, oil, and grease. Some reduction is expected because of Army installations and presence of enemy mine fields.

16. CA detachments are cooperative with French labour officers in securing labour data and coordinating ADSEC and Army demands. A slight increase in wages since invasion because of a doubt concerning payment of family allowances. A new wage scale for civilians employed by the Allied Forces, take effect 1st August, is being prepared by representatives of FONL and the Army. On that date French authorities will begin paying family allowances for civilians employed by US Forces receiving reimbursement from the Army. British Forces are planning to pay family allowances directly to workers.

17. Health. Public health and sanitation situation continues satisfactory. There are numerous cases of scabies, a few isolated cases of diphtheria, and a normal incidence of venereal disease. One definite and 20 suspected cases of typhus fever are reported to have occurred in civilians in Cherbourg last winter and spring. Ten per cent of the refugees near Cherbourg are reported lousy and disinfection is being done. Arrangements are being made for a member of the USA Typhus Commission to study the typhus problem on the Cotentin Peninsula. Steps are being taken to move in additional expend-
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Ineligible items of medical supplies, I.E. bandages, disinfectants
etc, on which there has been a run.

18. Utilities. Director of Societe D'Electricite de
Cotentin, under a complete plan for rehabilitation of power
lines, has begun reconstruction of the damaged system. CA
officers instrumental in re-establishment of water, power, and
sewage systems in Cherbourg and Caen. CA also initiated drain-
age of flooded areas near Carentan.

19. Daily rail communications between Cherbourg and
Carentan have been reestablished. Agreement has been reached
through Sous-Directeur PTT (Rouen) for re-establishing mail
service in the area north of the line Barneville-St Sauveur-
St Mere Eglise.

and displaced persons have been made the responsibility of a
joint Anglo-French organization in British Second Army area.
French authorities are supplying majority of personnel required.
Continued shelling has caused evacuation of Caen to continue
at rate of 1,000 and 2,000 per day; 6,000 of normal population
remaining on 16th July.

End.

ACTION: CCAC

INFO : CC/B, ASF, OPD, G-2, G-4, Budget Division, Adm. King,
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To: War Department

Nbr: OA 341

22nd July 1944

Signed Eisenhower War Dept pass to Navy Dept. OA 341.
222200B COSITINTREP number 100.

Part 1 Land. Period to 221200B.

Intelligence.

Identifications. By PW 645 Anti Tk Bn Noyers 3862. 3 Coy 22 SS Pgr Hubert Folie 0662. Elements 2 Pgr Elements 1 Bn 21 SS Pgr Elements 2 Bn 10 SS Panzer Regt Area Esquay. By enemy dead. 26 SS Pgr 1162.

Operations. First US Army. VIII Corps. 90 Div attacked 0630 hrs across R Seves with limited objective by 1200 hrs 358.Inf had crossed river to 286757. NTR remainder Army Front.

Second Brit Army. 30 Corps NTR. 12 Corps. During night enemy made three attacks against 160 Bde of 53 Div. As result by fighting enemy now hold Esquay and Le Bon Heros 945614. 2 Cdn Corps. 22 Arm Bde less two Regt of 7 Arm Div concentrated area 0966 and 131 Inf Bde concentrated area Giberville 0968. Two Regts 22 Arm Bde concentrated Area 0664 and 0963. 8 Corps. 11 Arm Div moving west of Omne Area 9777-0172-0070-9471. Hq 11 Arm Div Lasson 963740. 1 Corps. NTR.

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To: War Department

DTG: 212309Z

This is 212301B from Ramsey signed Eisenhower
COSINTREP no 98 part Naval. CG, ETOUSA has.

A. General one.

14th Escort Group off Brest attacked with glider
bombs by six aircraft. Report no damage. Air cover excellent.

B. Assault areas.

1. Ship on patrol in western area near 0 buoy sunk
by mine or torpedo about 2,000 on the 20th, 13th MSF picked
up 20 survivors after 0200 21st.

2. A north east wind reached 45 off the beaches.
Fowest brought storm plan into force. FTFNAV stopped unloading
and arrival of MT ships.

3. CORNCOBS Norfolk sunk by mine south of swept
channel near L 4 buoy.

C. Cherbourg.

1. Fowest authorized entry of six ammunition coasters.

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2. A ground mine was swept close inshore off Querqueville.

D. Unloading figures up to PM 20th July.

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ACTION WAR DEPT NAVY DEPT AND CG ET USA WHO HAS
COSINTREP NUMBER 97 PART NAVAL.

A. GENERAL.
(1) AT 2115 LAST NIGHT H M CANADIAN FRIGATE MATANE WAS BOMBED AND DAMAGED WHEN ON PATROL 40 MILES SOUTHWEST OF USHANT. A TUG NOW HAS THE MATANE IN TOW.

(2) IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT UK STEAM TUG NO 75 WAS SUNK BY SHORE BATTERIES IN ALDERNEY ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 19TH WHEN NORTH OF CAPE DE LA HAGE. THE SURVIVORS WERE PICKED UP BY AN ESCORT GROUP IN THE LOCALITY.

B. ASSAULT AREA.
(1) THE NIGHT OF 19TH/20TH DENSE FOG PREVENTED MTBS INTERFERING WITH SEVERAL ENEMY CRAFT PLOTTED NORTHEAST OF CAPE D ANTIFER. OUR PATROLS OFF HAVRE WERE SUBJECTED TO HEAVY AND ACCURATE COASTAL BATTERY FIRE FORCING THEM TO WITHDRAW SEAWARDS. NO DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED.

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(2) THE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE ASSAULT AREA HAVE DETERIORATED. A MODERATE ONSHORE WIND IS CAUSING A SHORT CHOPPY SEA.

IT IS FORECAST HOWEVER THAT CONDITIONS WILL SHORTLY IMPROVE.

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To: War Department

No: 8 55942
21 July 1944

To TROOPERS AGWAR site WDGBI for action to Twelfth
United States Army Group EXFOR AFHQ site PGBI AAF for
Bennett SHARP forward, AFHQ please pass to AFHQ Advance for info
agd Eisenhower site SHGBI, S 55942.

G 2 summary number 46.

1. Operations.

Enemy reconnaissance in force between Fereyra and
St Lo dispersed by artillery fire. Still suffering from
shortage of infantry, 1st Engineer and Recon Battalion of
17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division reported used as infantry.
Artillery regiment of 352nd Infantry Division sending up
20 men per battalion for weeks of duty in line. First
20 captured.

9th SS Panzer Division still partly engaged Evreux.
10th SS Panzer Division not committed but still south of
Evreux yesterday. Southeast of Caen 1st SS Panzer Division
south of Bourguebus with battle group of 12th SS Panzer
Division on right our advance beyond St. Andre suggests
left flank 1st SS Panzer Division partly uncovered.

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2. Movements.

Report of troops returning to Franco-Spanish Frontier Region after fighting in Normandy indicates 716th Infantry Division taking over former sector of 276th Infantry Division while refitting.

Air Recce reveals loaded military trains over wide area in south and southwest France suggesting possibly further combining of all surplus personnel for Normandy battle and possible withdrawal of certain administrative units. Not sufficient evidence to suggest divisional move in progress.

3. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1000 hours 20 July 55986.

4. Miscellaneous.

Evidence attempt to bolster morale by insertion of eight SS non-commissioned officers in each infantry battalion whose job also is to report desertion so that Gestapo can take action against families in Germany. * of Army officers recently in SS divisions.

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70% of prisoners of war interrogated 24 hours after
bomber commands attack on Caen could not be interrogated
as they could not hear. Boltsy will

* Being serviced

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USS RICH (DE 695) WAS LOST IN SHALLOW WATER JUNE 8TH AT UTAH BEACH. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT ECM AND ASSOCIATED PUBLICATIONS WERE NOT DESTROYED. YOUR COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR RETRIEVAL ECM IS REQUESTED.

20Y...COG
20R...20K...19...19C...DIV...COMINCH...
16...CNO...NAVAIDE...
From: CG, US Forces in European Theater of Operations

To: War Department

Mr: OA-338 21 July 1944

Signed Eisenhower, War Dept. pass to Navy Dept.
OA-338 212200B CRYPTOGRAPHY number 98.

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Intelligence. MTR. Operations.

First US Army. VII Corps.

4th Inf Div Cone area 435735 with CP 443748.
1st Inf Div Cone area west of St Jean De Daye with
CP 427777.

XIX Corps. CP 35 Div 526674.

MTR remainder Army front.

Second Brit Army. II Cdn Corps.

Enemy counter attacked on 2nd Cdn Div front during
morning but attack repulsed and our pans remained intact.

One COY 5th Cdn Inf Bde attacked Tavaux 0062 at 0800
hrs. Enemy resisted strongly and fighting continues.

From: France

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7th Arm Div and 8 Agra under cmd II Cdn Corps.

VIII Corps.

5th Gds Arm Bde moved during morning to area SW
of Demouville 0907.

4th Arm Bde now under cmd 11th Arm Div.

I Corps.

Very hy rain during last 24 hrs has made all tracks
and rds except: Tarmac rds impassable.

32nd Gds Inf Bde now under cmd I Corps.

NFR remainder Army front.

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CG, 7th Army
CG, US Assault Training Center, European Theater of Operations

No: S-55945 21 July 1944

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Last part 4 issued was number 92. COSINTREP number 98 part 4 220400 B July.

More rail cuts and derailments reported from France.
Railway lines reported temporarily cut include:

Nevers-Chalon-SUR-Saone;
Macon-Chalon-SUR-Saone;
Lyons-Paray Le Monial;
Hemur (Belgium)-Luxembourg;
Parish-Hanby;
Paris-Belfort;
Gien-Montargis;
Valence-Grenoble;
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3 arches of Cherisy viaduct reported destroyed.

Considerable telecommunication. Damage reported in
Belgium, and in Rheims, Armentieres and Jura areas.

Locks on the following waterways reported sabotaged:
Marne river,
The Bourgogne Canal (lock estimated out of action for
3 months),
St Usage Canal and the Meaus-Esby Canal.

Heavy fighting reported from Creuse and Ain WD.

Since 10 July, 1 Jedburgh team and 282 tons of arms
and ammunition have been dropped from England in France.

1 operational group was sent from North Africa.

Totals since D day, including operations from North
Africa, 631 SAS troops, 23 Jedburgh teams, 3 operational
groups, 17 jeeps and 3510 tons of arms and ammunition.

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O-2 Summary number 45.
-Para 1. Operations.
No appreciable activity on First Army front. Enemy apparently withdrew from St Lo in very disorganized state.
Prisoners of war state their orders were to withdraw to high ground south of town.

South of Tilley enemy withdrawal continues probably to general line of high ground south of St Vaast.

- No activity reported between here and Caen. East of Caen resistance considerably increased mainly in form of infantry strong points in villages and well supported by anti-tank guns. No reports of armoured engagements through 25 Tigers reported at Erleville area.

Para 2. Dispositions.

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Line between St Vaast and Caen now held by 276th, 277th, 271st (parts) and 272nd Infantry Divisions. Ninth and 10th SS Panzer Divisions probably at least partially out of line but battle groups of both still supporting the Infantry. Situation east of Caen obviously confused, but identification of elements of 21st Panzer at Eisleben with plans revealed by captured document 503rd Heavy Tank Battalion under command, suggest Division may be supporting 711th and 346th Divisions on right flank, leaving gap between itself and 272nd to be filled by first SS which was thought to have been involved in armoured counterattack at Bourguebus on 16th July and by 12th SS Panzer Division which is returning hotfoot to battle area.

Considerable rail movement Ghent area indicates move of 363rd Infantry Division proceeding space.

Division recently moved to Harbonne from Czechoslovakia now identified as 198th Infantry Division.

Para 4: Prisoners of War.
Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 19th July is 54,603.

Para 5: General.
Enemy intentions still directed toward hemming in bridgehead and is resisting bitterly our drive south from

CM-IN-16769
(20 Jul 44)
Main enemy effort must now be directed towards containing our advance whilst he brings up reinforcements and straightens his line southwest of Caen. On First US Army Sector prisoner of war from Engineer Battalion 343rd Division reveals small battle group this Division including battalion of Infantry present in St Lo area. Thus Brittany still being called on to provide much needed Infantry for this sector.

End.

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To: War Department

DTG: 202318Z 20 July 1944

This is 202314 B COSINTREP 95 part Naval from Ramsay
signed Eisenhower, COMGEN ETOUSA has.

(A) General. Night 19th-20th. Naval barrage in
British assault area claim one aircraft shot down out of
some 35 engaged in minelaying and operations over the battle
area.

(B) Coastal Command. A possible U boat periscope
was sighted at 0750 ten miles northeast of Guernsey but a
search revealed no further contact. Six attacks on surface
aircraft were made in the early hours of the morning in the
eastern end of the channel. No definite results.

(C) Troops landed etc cumulative to PM 19th July.

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COSITINTREP NUMBER 95 PART NAVAL

(A) GENERAL. At 0045/19 2 MTBs on patrol engaged 3 R-boats 6 miles NE of Cape Dantifer obtaining hits.

At 0200 another force of 5 R-boats was located by MTBS NW of Cape Dantifer and engaged at 1100 yards range. Repeated hits were obtained but the enemy replied with accurate fire with ignited rockets, forcing our MTBS to withdraw. It has been reported that the Captain and 46 of the crew of a U-boat who had apparently scuttled herself 17 miles SE of start point were picked up by ASR, launches and MTB at 1530/19th. [No further details are yet available.]

(B) ASSAULT AREA. A successful bombardment of enemy mortar positions in Meurville and Franceville was carried out by HM ships Enterprise and Mauritius yesterday. Montrose damaged in collision with an LST.

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BY RT, DATE, APR 25 1973
AS REPORTED IN COSINTREP NUMBER 93 PART 2 NAVAL HAS ARRIVED IN TOW AT ARRROMANCHES. AIR ACTIVITY OVER THE ASSAULT AREA DURING THE NIGHT OF 18/19 WAS ON A MODERATE SCALE BUT NO REPORTS OF MINELAYING HAVE BEEN RECEIVED COVERING THE 24 HOURS ENDING 2100/19TH.

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THIS IS 192313B COSINTREP 94 FROM RAMSAY SIGNED EISENHOWER PART NAVAL. COMGEN ETUSA HAS.

A. GENERAL. AT 0600 19TH A FORCE OF 6 MTB'S ENCOUNTERED 5 M CLASS MINE WEEPERS ABOUT 15 MILES SOUTHEAST OF ROCHES DOUVRES ENEMY OPENED HEAVY AND ACCURATE FIRE AND PREVENTED MTB'S CLOSING. MTB'S WITHDRAW UNDER COVER OF SMOKE BUT SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES. FOG IN CHANNEL DURING FORENOON CAUSED SOME DELAY TO CONVOYS. MONTROSE IN COLLISION WITH AN LST 4 MILES NORTH OF JUNO LIGHT VESSEL SUSTAINING DAMAGE TO ENGINES. LST PIER AT ARROMANCHES NOW COMPLETE.

B. TROOPS LANDED ETC. CUMULATIVE TO PM 18TH JULY 1944 BRITISH AREA PERSONNEL 587445 VEHICLES 143757 STORES 555789 US AREA PERSONNEL 724987 VEHICLES 135260

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Sao France
STORES 60822% TOTAL D PLUS 42 PERSONNEL 1,312,352 VEHICLES
279,817 STORES 1,164,009.

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To: War Department.

Mr: CG 96.

20 July 1944.

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1 Rifle Regt 17 SS Engr Bn 17 SOM PC RPT Bl. 2.

Tgr Regt 38 SS PGR all 83 US Div front.

By contact.

12 assault gun BDE XIX US Corps front.

Operations.

1st US Army.

VIII Corps.

314th Inf of 79 Div taking over from 14 Inf of 8 Div.

VII Corps.

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9 Div have outposts on rd Periers-St Lo and report by resistance on their front.

1 Inf Div concentrated area 422768.

4 Inf Div under cmd VII Corps.

XIX Corps.

29 Div on relief by 35 Div concentrated area St Clair sur Lelle 5471 Couvains 5668.

113 Cav Op reconnoitering south and east of St Lo.

NTR remainder Army front.

2nd Brit Army.

30 Corps.

Fwd tps now on general line 735605 - 755633 - 785636 - 800636 then as before.

12 Corps.

Relief of 4 CDN Inf BDE in area Beterville 9864 and 9965 by 129 BDE of 43 Div complete.

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NFR remainder Corps front.

2 CDN Corps. 2 CDN Div. 4 CDN BDE concentrated area 0267. 5 CDN BDE in area Fleuryvur Oras 0264 - IF 3 0465 - high ground 0262. 6 CDN BDE concentrated area 0365. 3 CDN Div.

9 CDN Inf BDE relieved 11 Arm Div in area Brus 0663.

Robert Follie 0662.

3 Corps.

11 Arm Div.

During morning 29 Arm BDE on relief by 9 CDN Inf BDE moved area west of Cuvyville 1069.

159 Inf BDE in area Sw of Le Mesnil Fremontel 0965.

7 Arm Div.

22 Arm BDE captured Bourguebus 0761 at 0830 hrs and late 131 Inf Bde moved to area Soliers 0762 - 4032 - Bourguebus.

GDS Arm Div.

At 0700 hrs Bn of 32 GDS Inf BDE captured Furnoville 1162.

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32 GDS BDE now occupy area Le Poirier 1063 - Cagny - Frenouville.

5 GDS Armid BDE moved area east of Cuvroville.

1 Corps MTF.

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To: War Department

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Second Brit Army. XXX Corps. 50th Div continued to push f/wd and f/wd elements reached 833656 - 822652 - 806647 - 799640. No opposition encountered but enemy positions reported on line St Varat 8364 - Beltot 8062. Enemy still in area X Rds Granville 7663. 49th Div. 70th Bde relieved 146th Bde with f/wd tps 841660 - 843650 - 858647. 146th Bde moved area Duov St Marguerito 8573. XII Corps. 53rd Div. 71st Bde relieved 44th Bde who reverted comd 15th Div and concentrated area 8966. II Cdn Corps. 2nd Cdn Div. 4th Cdn Bde occupied Chateau north of Louvigny 8358 at 1300 hrs.

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Nd: OA 331 20 July 1944

Being relieved by 129th Bde of 43rd Div and moving area 0267.
5th Cdn Bde attacked south on east of R Orne. By 1600 hrs
Fleury Sur Orne 0264 captured and by 1900 hrs high ground 0262
was in our hands. In spite of considerable enemy resistance
Fwd elements were in IPS 0463 by 2400 hrs. 6th Cdn Bde
concentrated area 0067 - 0266. 3rd Cdn Div. 7th Cdn Bde occupied
Cormeille 0565 at 1900 hrs and relieved one bn of 9th Cdn
Bde. 9th Cdn Bde area 0366 - 0768.

VIII Corps. Fighting continued throughout afternoon
against enemy A Tk screen and village strong points. 11th
Armd Div attacked Eves 0063 and captured village about 1800
hrs. By 2000 hrs Div had captured Hubert Pollar 0662 and
were cut with 29th Armd Bde area 0865 and 159th Inf Bde
reorganizing in area Eves-Hubert Pollar 7th Armd Div captured
Soliers 0862 and four 0962. 22nd Armd Bde west and east of
Bourguebus 0761 with patrols to 0861. One bn 131st Inf Bde
in Grethenville 0864. Gds 1st Div. 1st Bn 32 Gds Inf Bde captu-
red Le Fontenay 1063 during evening enemy A Tk screen still hold-
ing Frenouville 1162 - Emiveille 1364.

I Corps. 3rd Brit Inf Div. 185 Bde firmly est north
and excl Emiveille. 9th Bde held Uh NW and SW of Troarn
by strong enemy opposition.

Following changes in inter Corps bdy's. Between XII
Corps and II Cdn Corps. Incl XII Corps R Orme to 9009689-
Leize Le Ville 0157. Between II Cdn Corps and I Corps. Incl
II Cdn Corps rly south from 083667.

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To: War Department
DTG: 192224Z July 1944

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A. General. At 0600 19th a force of six MTB5 encountered 5 M class minesweepers about 15 miles southeast of Roche Douvre. Enemy opened heavy and accurate fire and prevented MTBs closing. MTBs withdrew under cover of smoke but suffered some damage and casualties. Fog in channel during forenoon caused some delay to convoys.

Montrose in collision with an LST four miles north of Juno light vessel sustaining damage to engines. LST pier at Arromanches now complete.

B. Troops landed, etc. Cumulative to PM 18th July 1944 British area personnel 587,445,
vehicles 143,757
stores 555,789.

US area personnel 724,907
vehicles 135,260
stores 608,220.

Total D plus 42 personnel 1,312,352
vehicles 279,617
stores 1,164,009.

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(A) General. Reference Cosintrep Number 91 Froebisher
Reports that at 0945 when formation of Liberators FAS
Overhead Proceeding Northwards a Single small aircraft was
Observed over-head below Liberators Flying Nine Down Sun.

(2) During night 17th-18th Brief but Indecisive Engagements
Tool Place Between Coastal Forces and 3 Enemy Trailers Off
Calais, 4 ER Boats and Trailers Off Wissant, and 19 R Boats
In Vicinity Beep Buoy. 2 R Boats Claimed Set on Fire.
E Boats Off Cap D Antifer Were Chased Southeast by MTB's
Who Scooped Hits. In Baa MTB's Engaged E Boats off Le
Havre and Claim to Have Damaged Them. 3 MTB's Superficially
Damaged.

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(3) S/M ON SURFACE 235 DEGREES ST CATHEINES 22 MILES REPORTED BY AIRCRAFT AT 0637/18TH. SURFACE FORCES INVESTIGATED BUT MADE NO CONTACT.

(4) THERE ARE 8 MT SHIPS PRESENT IN CHERBOURG UNLOADING SUPPLIES FOR PORT CLEARANCE.

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G-2 summary number 44. S 55812 to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDXBI for action to EXFOR 12th United States Army group AFRQ cite PEBBI AERF for Bennett SHAEF forward AFRQ forward for info from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHU8B1

1. Operations. Enemy still holding firm on river Ay, but further east he has been driven back over Periers-St Lo road. He is garnishing his front liberally with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. No attempt to counter attack St Lo and signs that artillery is being moved back some five kilometres this sector suggesting he has resigned himself to loss of what he regarded as a key point of his line and to consequent further withdrawal.

On Second Army front enemy withdrew slightly south of Tilly on 276th Division front, probably to reduce salient this area. Prisoners of war states withdrawal of approximately two kilometres expected. North of Evrecy attempted two abortive counter attacks sustaining heavy casualties in the process.

Between here and Caen little activity reported, but elements of both 271st and 272nd Infantry Divisions identi-fied west and east of Orne respectively. Doubtful if whole of former is in line yet.

East of Caen enemy apparently dazed by initial bomb-arment reacted slowly to our break through and elements of 16th German Air Force, 346th Infantry and 21st Panzer quickly overrun or bypassed by our armour. Only trouble given by pocket resistance round Demouville and by stubborn opposition

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at Colombelles. First active response not till afternoon when some 50 tanks including Panthers, presumably from 1st SS, attacked from east and southeast Bourguebus. No news of result of encounter.

2. Movements. Source responsible for report in yesterday's 0-2 summary of eastward move of 363rd Infantry Division subsequently revised direction of move to west which though less pleasant is probably more likely. No indications final destination but may replace 271st Division in Rouen area or cross Seine.

Indications that 17th German Air Force Division came to rest in Le Havre area.

Heavy movement of evacuees on main roads eastwards from Lisieux. Germans previously allowed only military traffic on main roads, but unable now to travel by day themselves they have grudgingly accorded the civilian population the privilege of using them.

3. Prisoners of war. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up till 1800 hours 18th July 5402.

4. Miscellaneous. General Falkenhausen Military Commander Belgium and North France relieved and superseded by a Commissar (Grohe) and Military Commander (General Grasser).

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5. General. Our break through into plain south and southwest of Caen has taken enemy by surprise. Only immediately available formations he can throw in are 1st SS Panzer Division which will operate against our right flank and 12th SS Panzer Division which is likely to attempt to prevent our penetration southeastwards. With 16th German Air Force Division presumably largely overrun and 21st Panzer Division engaged, enemy will require more armour and infantry and probably part of either 9th or 10th SS Division will be brought across Orne. No immediate infantry reserves believed available but enemy's general position now necessitates calling on divisions north of Seine. Two or three are immediately available to cross Seine including part of a parachute division.

Most unlikely any formations can be spared from 1st US Army Front where general tendency is for enemy to carry out slow withdrawal.

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Part 1. Land. Period to 182000. Intelligence. Identifications by P. Elements 950 GR of 272 INF Div. Paebourg De Vancelles. 5 and 4 OITS 952 GR Louvigny 0165. Operations. First US Army. VIII Corps NR. VII Corps. 9 Div continued reduction of pocket of resistance at 49567. 39 Inf adv to 416672 - 426680 - 427677. Amigny 4367 captured. XIX Corps continued adv against slight resistance. 35 Div 137 Inf Adv to positions 1000 yds north of Vire river reaching 456656 - 477650 and capturing G厦mel 4665 and La Capelle 4765. 137 Inf adv to within 800 yds of northern edge of St Lo. 29 Div. 115 Inf attacking SW entered St. Lo from east and NE and completed capture of town 1900 hrs. HQ XIX Corps 557737. V Corps NR. Second British Army. XXX Corps. 50 Div made some progress during afternoon patrols not having contacted enemy. Fwd positions now 231 Bde 836658 and 151 Bde 790658-810659-820660 with patrols to rd Le Lionvart 7964-Hottot. 59 Div. Enemy continued to resist strongly any attempt to capture Noyers. XII Corps. Enemy made small counter attack on front of 43 Div but were repulsed with by casualties by 130 Bde. 2 Cdn Div. 4 Cdn Bde attacking with 1 Bn cleared woods at Louvigny 0165. By 2400 hrs village not clear of enemy. 3 Cdn Div. 7 Cdn Bde with 1 Bn established south of Orne in area 0366 0567.

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8 Cdn Bde continued to mop up factory area 0769. By enemy counter attack south of Oberviller 0868 repulsed and many NW captured. 9 Cdn Bde relieving 7 Cdn Bde in area 0367-0467. VIII Corps. During afternoon rapid adv of morning sloved up by stiffening enemy resistance and need for moving fwd Inf to assist armour. Enemy counter attack with the developed during afternoon against 29 Arm Bde of 11 Arm Div in area Tilly La Campagne 0760 La Hogue 0960. Positions therefore taken up in area Pras 0663-Hubert Folie 0662-Grentheville 0864. 159 Inf Bde moved fwd to Grentheville. Leading elements 22 Arm Bde of 7 Arm Div reached area Solians 0862. 131 Inf Bde crossed Orne during evening. 5 Gds Arm Bde of Gds Arm Div encountered considerable oppositions throughout afternoon with enemy anti tk screen area Frenchville 1263 Maineville 1364. 132 Gds Inf Bde moving fwd to area Cagny 1164. Hq Gds Arm Div 090760. Hq 7 Arm Div 020794. Hq 11 Arm Div 105665. I Corps. 51 Div. 153 Bde conr area Ranville 1173. 154 Bde moved fwd in relief of 159 Bde in area Desmouville 1067-Cuverville. 3 Brit Div. 185 Bde captured Cuverville 1365. 9 Brit Bde pushed fwd and reached 15377-156686. 3 Brit Bde est in area Sannerville-Touffreville 1368.

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Signed Eisenhower. From HX/FR Main 192315B to War Dept, Navy Dept, STOUSA, PE Comm Zone STOUSA War Room OA 330. 1923200B COSITINTREP number 94. War pass to Navy.

Part I. Land. Period to 191200B. Intelligence identifications. By FM.


Operations. First United States Army. VIII Corps. 83 Div. 331 Inf occupied Le Verde 3573 and 330 Inf captured Langle 3672 and Thiebont 3671. NTR remainder Corps front. VII Corps. 30 Div resumed attack 1100 hrs. 120 Inf reached 442664-444663. 2 Arm Div Conc area 6175. No appreciable change remainder Army front.

Second Brit Army. XXX Corps. Night patrols showed enemy have continued withdrawal on 50 and 49 Div fronts no contact being made except in area Onchy 7863 and Landelle 8662. During morning PWD TPS advancing without opposition now established slightly south of Rd 78643-818654 thence to 838657-858644. 59 Div occupied Landelle, Noyers still strongly held by enemy. XII Corps. 4 Arm Bde under

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Comd 53rd Div. Otherwise NTR.

2 CDN Corps. 2 Cdn Div. 4 CDN Bdc captured Louvigny 0165 and were fighting throughout morning to clear woods in area Chateau 014659 where enemy was resisting fiercely. 5 Cdn Bde passed one Bn over Orne during night into western outskirts of Faubourg De Vaucelles 0467. 3 Cdn Div. 9 Cdn Bde captured Faubourg De Vaucelles during morning and joined with 7 Cdn Bde "who had established bridgehead over Orne during previous evening. 8 Cdn Bde conc area Colombelles and factory with Bn 01berville 0868.

By 1200 hrs Orne had been bridged in 3 places between 031672 and 045681. 8 Corps. Armour fought all morning against strongly defended villages where enemy A Tk guns and Inf were resisting fiercely. In particular, enemy held Bras 0663 Soille 0863 Frenouville 1162 Emaville 1364. 11 ADM Div unable make progress towards Bras 'and high ground to west. 123 Armd Div made slight progress but were delayed by strong enemy opposition on difficult ground between Cagny 1164 and Vimont 1461. 7 Armd Div. 22 Armd Bde area Grentheville 0864 and 131 Inf Bde area Demouville 1067. 1 Corps. 3rd Brit Div. 9 Brit Bde attacked through 8 Brit Bde and by 1200 hours were within 500 yds of Troadern 1667 to the NW after fighting through close and difficult country 152 Bde under comd patrolled towards Bures 1769. Hq 3 Brit Div 108733.

Following changes in Inter Corps bound. Between XII Corps and 2 Cdn Corps. All incl 2 Cdn Corps. Eterville- Juneau De Malot with Orne 003634 thence to Br 013597. Between 2 Cdn Corps and 6 Corps previously established as far south and

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building 023603 (incl 2 Cdn Corps thence incl 2 Cdn Corps to Br 013597 where it joins body 12 Corps. 2 Cdn Corps.

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NAVCOM LONDON PASSES 1822408 FROM RAMSAY SIGNED EISENHOWER. COSINTREP NUMBER 92 PART NAVAL. ACTION WAR DEPT NAVY DEPT AND CG ETUSA WHO HAS.

A. GENERAL. A REPORT HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED THAT ON 16TH JULY MINELAYING TOOK PLACE ON A MODERATE SCALE IN THE BRITISH ASSAULT AREA. THE 165TH M/S FLOTILLA SWEPT 23 MINES DURING THE DAY. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MINES SWEPT IN THE BRITISH ASSAULT AREA UP TO 2306 ON 16TH JULY WAS 506. H M SHIPS MAURITIUS ENTERPRISE ROBERTS AND LCG'S BOMBARED ENEMY BATTERIES DURING ARMY ADVANCE IN CAEN AREA TODAY.

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**To Code Room:** 1455

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**181420B from Ramsay signed Eisenhower. Cost-intrep number 91 part naval. Navcom London sends, CG ETOUSA has.**

A. GENERAL MINELAYING IN BRITISH ASSAULT AREA ON REDUCED SCALE IN WESTERN AREA NOT DETECTED. WELLINGTON ATTACKED TWO E/R BOATS NORTH OF DIEPPE AND LEFT 1 OF THEM ON FIRE. AT 045/18 FROBISHER WAS STRANDED BY A STICK OF 6 BOMBS 1 DIRECT HIT SEVEN FATAL CASUALTIES NO MAJOR DAMAGE.

B. TROOPS LANDED ETC UP TO PM 17TH JULY.

**AREA** | **PERSONNEL** | **VEHICLES** | **STORES**
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**US** | 713,512 | 134156 | 553155
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary
Forces, London, England
To: War Department
No.: S 55753 18 July 1944

G-2 summary Number 43, 555753, to TROOPERS, AGWAR
site WDGBI for action to EXPOR First United States Army
Group AFRQ site PHUAI AAF for Bennett SHAEF Forward AFRQ
Advance for information from Strong signed Eisenhower cite
SHGBI.

1. Operations.

Resistance increasing in Cotentin as enemy withdraws
to Periers St Lo road. Two counter-attacks launched yester-
day northwest of St Lo in which elements of 5th Parachute
Division apparently involved.

On Second Army front enemy carrying out offensive
defenses but close country tending to split fighting up
into isolated encounters making large scale counter-attacks
difficult. Enemy succeeded in denying our occupation of
Noyers and Esquay by heavy mortar fire forcing us back on
to high ground behind. 9th SS Panzer Division apparently
committed in two battle groups north of Odon and in Esquay
area respectively. Battle group of 1st SS Panzer Division
west of Orne. Rest of Division still probably east.

2. Movement.

Considerable movement east of river Dives suggests
arrival of reinforcements, possibly new formation (271, 17
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German Air Force or 89) this area.

Recent reports and air recce last two days show considerable eastbound motor transport and cyclist movement in Brittany indicating general re-shuffle as result departure 5th Parachute Division from St Malo.

Westbound movement observed this morning all roads from Amiens suggests troops recently detrained Amiens now moving across towards Seine ferries.

Report move of 36 trains to Germany from Ghent starting 18 July suggests possibly 363rd Infantry Division departing for east.

Unidentified Division reported arriving Harbonne from Czechoslovakia early July, presumably to fill part of gap caused by transfer of 270 class Divisions to north.

3. Tank losses.

First Army claim 16 tanks knocked out during 16 July.

Second Army accumulative claims to 2350 hours 16 July 582 knocked out of which 250 definitely destroyed.

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4. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 17 July 53915. Of intake of 1440 during 24 hours 19% were foreigners.

5. Miscellaneous.

Tactical reconnaissance reports considerable civilian traffic moving south in area Vire-Laval-Domfront 30 miles south of battle front. Roads crowded with carts and bicycles laden with household effects.

German military reports indicate general evacuation of administrative services from Paris in Nanoy area being carried out.

Prisoners of War from reinforcement Battalion 353rd Division stated Battalion marched from Quimper to battle front (180 miles) taking 22 days. He was somewhat disgruntled.


On Second Army front enemy apparently appreciates our main thrust is in Evrezy-Équay area towards Orne and is strenuously denying our advance.

In First Army sector enemy policy of withdrawing

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only when forced out of defensive positions remains unchanged. Bulk of his armour still committed on this front.

Rearrangement in Brittany not surprising but no indications of what units are taking 5th Parachute Divisions place. St Malo an important area of defense for enemy and likely good formation will be sent there.

Stop press:

1. Enemy forced out of St Lo.

2. Our attack on east flank this morning found regiment of 16th German Air Force Division Gouberville 2 Regiments of 346th Infantry Division Escoville Panzer Grenadier Regiment of 21st Panzer Division Cagny.

Regiment of 271st Infantry Division identified southwest of Caen. Prisoner of War states Division arrived late 16th July relieving an SS Division. Division detained Nouen proceeded on foot to battle area, taking 14 nights. No food since Sunday. Doubtful if whole Division has arrived yet.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CC/E, CGAEP, OPD, Col Park, Log

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CG, U.S. Army Forces in North African Theater of Operations, Algiers, Algeria
CG, U.S. 7th Army
U.S. Navy Department

Nr: S-55764 18 July 1944

To COSINTREP addressed from SHAPE signed Eisenhower cite SHQCT S-55764.

Last part 4 issued was number 84. COSINTREP number 92 part 4 190400 UB July.

Sabotage of 10 railway bridges, 15 locomotives, and 140 railway cuts has been reported in Belgium. In France sabotage of railways continues, particularly in Rhone Valley and Orleans, Toulouse and Bordeaux areas.

Further attacks on telecommunications reported. Cables Paris-Bordeaux, Paris-Le Mans, Tours-Orleans and cables in the Toulon area reported cut.

Heavy fighting reported from Vosges, Ardeche and Drome in which Germans are using aircraft and artillery. Since D day, 1000 Germans reported killed in Brittany.

CM-IN-15102 (19 Jul 44)

300 France

Date: 18 July 1944

In a daylight operation on 14 July, 320 aircraft of 8 US AAF dropped supplies in France. Majority of supplies reported successfully received.

Since 13 July, 24 SAS Troops, 3 Jedburgh teams and 789 tons of arms and ammunition have been dropped from England in France. Totals since D day, including operations from North Africa, 631 SAS Troops, 22 Jedburgh teams, 2 operational groups and 3108 tons of arms and ammunition.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/3, CGAAF, O-2, Adm King, Col Park, Log

CM-IN-15102 (19 Jul 44) 0157Z jb
From: CO, Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

To: War Department

Nr.: 0A 321 18th July 1944.

Signed Eisenhower. War pass to Navy Dept. (Paraphrase of COSINTREP Nr. 91) 0A 321. 181000B COSINTREP number 91.

Part 1. Land.

Period to 172400B. Intelligence. Identifications. By P.W. Seven COY 14 Para Rifle Regt 421716. Two En 938 Or and 276 Fusilier En 558 Vendes 8585. One En 20 83 Pgt area Esquay 9460. One COY 277 Fusilier En 909611.

By deserters. Two COY 990 Or area Cahier 9062.

By contact. Elements nine SS VPZ Regt Noyers.


Ref COSINTREP 90 part 1.

Delete all ref to Hq 277 Inf Div.

Operations.

First US Army.

VIII Corps. Relief of four Inf Div by 4 Arm Div completed 2300 hrs. Letter under command VIII Corps. 83 Div.
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From: Command Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

 Nr: 0A 321
18th July 1944

331 Inf crossed R Taute north of La Varde 3573. No change
remainder corps front. VII Corps. 330 Inf made
further progress west reaching 370710-380593. 60 Inf captured
its objective 200 yards north of R Peériers - St Lo at 406374
having occupied Les Gîves Haut Goët Le Rillerie 4063 and La
Couperiére 4067. 47 and 39 Inf encountered very by resistance
but Pte Dufresne 427692 captured. 30 Div. 120 Inf captured
objective Astride R at 443665.

XIX Corps. Made gains against by resistance. 35 Div.
137 Inf advanced south of R Pont Hebér - St Lo to 475877
and 134 Inf now 200 yards SW Les Ifs at 503653. 29 Div. 116
Inf captured St Croix De St Lo 5263 and reached 516634-516628.

V Corps NTR.

Second Brit Army. 30 Corps. Eight Amd Bde relieved
Two US Amd Div area La Vitardiere 7262-Parfouur Leclain 7463
and passed to comd 50 Div. Revised inter array Bdy follows
supplement A. 59 Div. After by fighting all day 177 attacked
1800 hrs. At last light fwd tps 872635-877628 882668.

12 Corps. 15 Div. 158 Bde attacked 2115 hrs area north
of Evresy but by opposition prevented advance. 160 and 71 Bdes
of 53 Div relieving 227 and 46 Bdes of 15 Div. 53 Div with 44
Inf Bde and 34 Tk Bde under comd taking over control from 15
Div. 43 Div. 214 Bde relieving 129 Bde.

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London, England

To: OA 321

Date: 18th July 1944

II Cdn Corps. 3rd Cdn Div. 8th Cdn Bde concentrated area 1073 and 9th Cdn Bde area 0873-0974.

I Corps. 27 Armd Bde and 152 Inf Bde under cnsd 3rd Brit Div.


End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: Gen. McFarland CO/S
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ASL
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Adm. King
Col. Park
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To: War Department

Nr: S 55673 17 July 1944

O-2 summary number 40. S 55673 to TROOPERS ANWAR cite WDGBI for action to EXFOR First US Army Group AFHQ cite PHR61 ARAF for Bennett SHAFFF forward AFHQ Advance for info from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHEMI.

1. Operations.

On west coast of Cotentin enemy helped by river obstacle and flooding has succeeded in temporarily halting our advance. Once river crossed likely he will fall back on high ground south of Lessay.

Further east he has continued slow withdrawal. Northwest of St Lo still attempting to break up our advance and yesterday counter attacked with battalion of infantry and company of tanks. 14th Parachute Regiment identified southwest Pont Nebert. Thus whole of 5th Parachute Division now grouped this sector, though not necessarily fighting as a division yet.

On Second Army front our attack towards Noyers coming up against right flank of 276th and bulk of 277th Infantry Divisions, while armoured and infantry elements of 1st SS Panzer Division identified in attack on Esquay. Enemy reacted strongly to this attack particularly to seizure of point 113 and believed that 9th SS Panzer Division now back.

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3rd Army

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after its short rest.

Second Army claim 500 prisoners of war and 15 tanks knocked out, of which 1 destroyed up to 2100 hours 16th July as result of latest offensive.

Unconfirmed identification 272nd Infantry Division Second Army front. Consider this likely as being continuation of policy of replacing armoured divisions in line with infantry.

2. Movement.

Collection of military trains seen Bordeaux area indicates preparation for a move, but too early yet to speculate.

Large number of trains still held up Nevers as result of bombing.

3. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 16th July 52,339.

4. Miscellaneous.

General Lieutenant Albert Freun General Officer Commanding 277th Infantry Division reported killed in motor accident.

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Enemy very busy recently preparing landing strips in forward areas. Within area Rennes-Le Mans-O degrees 30 minutes east. Thirteen new ones confirmed by photographers.

5. General.

Probable enemy now only has 12th SS Panzer Division and part of 21st Panzer Division as his armoured reserve. Failure of enemy to reform any sort of reserve has been outstanding feature so far of fighting. Every time he hope-fully withdraws a Panzer Division to let in an Infantry Division, our attacks have brought it back. 12th SS Panzer Division so far only exception, but this division has had longest spell in line and deserves rest. 10th SS Panzer Division bit of a mystery and may be partly out. On first United States Army front no significant change. 2nd Parachute Corps putting up extremely stiff resistance unbacked by armour.

End

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To: War Department

No: OA 320

17 July 1944

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Main 172310B to War Dept, Navy Dept OP, ETOUSA OP, to
Comm Zone ETOUSA OP. OA 320. 172200B 0001111100 number 90

Part I. Land.

Period to 171200B. Intelligence. Identifications.

By FW.

Elements 9 SS Pz Div Moyers 8862; 991 OR 932614.
By contact. 1 Br 14 Para Rifle Regt 8169. By undated
captured map Hq 27 Inf Div, Gournay 8956.


VIII Corps. 4 Div concentrating area 350820 passed
to Army reserve. MTR remainder corps front.

VII Corps. 9 Div resumed attack at 0800 hrs meeting
heavy resistance. 330 Inf advancing slowly now 500 yrs
dest of Ramilly Sur Loson.

60 Inf advanced 500 yds down road to Merigny.
30 Div attacked 0800 hrs also meeting heavy opposition
advanced 1000 yds to 450663.

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Op 3 Arm Div 479764.

XIX Corps resumed attack 0430 hrs but resistance continued very heavy and no appreciable advance reported by 1200 hrs.

V Corps NTR.

Second Brit Army. 30 Corps 50 Div. 177 Bde continued to be engaged in heavy fighting at Hoyers station 880630. 197 Bde attacked Spur at 870645 at 1200 hrs.

XII Corps. 15 Div. 155 Bde attacked Evreux 9259 and Spur SE during the night. Attack hampered by thick mist reinforced by enemy smoke but forward troops reached R Guigne NE of Evreux at 0500 hrs but further progress not possible. 15 Div claimed 14 enemy tanks destroyed 16 juku.

53 Div cleared area north of Odon as far west as right Corps boundary with exception pocket of enemy in wood 905618.

2 Cdn Corps NTR.

I Corps. 3 Brit Div 8 Brit Bde moved to area 1272 and 1372. 3 Reco Regt relieved 2 Derby Yeo in area 110746. Latter moved area 086743.

VIII Corps. 11 Arm Div passed to command.

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary

To: War Department

No. OA 318

17 July 1944

This paraphrase of COSITINREP Number 89 Urgent
to War Department; Operational Priority to Army Department
ETOUSA to War Service Number 499 signed Eisenhower. OA 318
1710000B COSITINREP 89.


Identification of two BN one SS FZ Regt Baquay

Operations:

1. US Army.

VIII Corps:

12th Inf of four Division relieved by 329th
Inf of 83rd Div and assembled area 36280.

NTR remainder Corps front.

VII Corps:

Continued advance against by resistance and
claimed 16 enemy tanks destroyed on 30th Div front during
day.

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120th Inf made slight advance to 447678-449671-455670.
CP 30th Division 465700.
CP Three Armd Div 479774.

XIX Corps:

137th Inf of 35th Div made small advance to straighten line reaching 482680 to 490681.
NTR remainder Corps front.
V Corps:

NTR.

2. British Army.

XXX Corps:

Good progress made by 177th Bde on left of 59th Division. Pt 126 (881633) and Haut Les Forges 8962 captured. Some enemy infiltration reported area 8764 SE of Vendes where no further progress made since capture of Borda 860643.

XII Corps:

71st Bde of 53rd Div completed capture Chhier 906630.

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15th Div. All gains reorganized and firmly held. No further progress reported to 2400 hours.

Two Cdn Corps. In area three Cdn Div seven Cdn Bdes relieved by seven Cdn Recce Regt at 2100 hrs and moved to area La Folie 0771.

I Corps:

HTR.

End.

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Part 1 Land.

Period to 161200B.

Intelligence. Identifications by Fw.

9 10 and 12 COYS 14 Para Rifle Regt 452682. 130 9 10 and 12 COYS 14 Para Rifle Regt 452682. 130

PS Lehr Engr Bn VIII US Corps front.

2 BU 989 GR 899638. 1 and 4 COYS 990 GR 8864. 991 GR 9261. 3 COY 986 GR 277 Arty Regt and 6 COY 21 SS FGR Second Army Front.

For 118 Arty Bn reported COSINTREP 86 part 1 read 118 Arko.

Operations.

First US Army VIII Corps.

Continued to reorganize positions north of Reay. At several points patrols were able to cross river.

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HQ 90 Div 268802. NTR remainder Corps front.

VII Corps.


XIX Corps.

116 Inf of 29 Div made slight adv against by opposition to 525628-530628.

V Corps. NTR.

Second British Army. XXX Corps.

0530 hrs 59 Inf Div attacked on left of corps sector with right 179 Bde and left 177 Bde. In spite of determined resistance and minefield area Quevedille 8864 progress was steady and by 1200 hrs forward Tps had reached Spur 870645-Brettevillette 8864-Quevedille 8864-Orchard 893635-Les Nouillons 8963. 0700 hrs 146 Bde of 49 Div attacked Venedes 8865. Adv delayed by mg fire from high ground to east but by 1200 hrs La Barbee PE 857653 was captured and adv was stopped.

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continuing.

XII Corps.

15 Inf Div made further advances with right 44 Bde and left 227 Bde. By 1200 hrs no strong enemy counter attack had developed and fvd tps had captured Gavrus and reached Bougy 9161-track at 923804-Le Bon Repos 944614. 71 Bde of 53 Inf Div attacked Cahier 908629-Woods 911627 and by 0900 hrs village and woods were captured. Enemy counter attacked during morning and by fighting continues.

II Canadian Corps.

Enemy shelling continued on Corps front. Elements 4 Cdn Bde of 2 Cdn Div occupied area 999645-998654 ne of Etreville.

I Corps

9Brig Bde of 3 Brit Inf Div moved to area sw of Amfreville 1274. 27 Arm Bde now area 078757.

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A. GENERAL. FOG HAS NOW CLEARED ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE
MOVEMENT OF SHIPPING TO BE RESUMED.
B. TROOPS ETC LANDED. CUMULATIVE TO PM 16TH JULY.

AREA PERSONNEL VEHICLES STORES
BRITISH AREA 572993 139652 519262
US AREA 701416 138912 579333

TOTAL D PLUS 4% 1274429 276564 1090995.

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NAVCOM London passes 1723058 from Ramsay signed Eisenhower COSINTREF number 90 part naval action War Dept Navy Dept and CG ETOUSA who has.

A. General. Fog has now cleared enough to allow the movement of shipping to be resumed.

B. Troops etc. landed. Cumulative to PM 16th July.

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COSINTREF No 89. CO, ETOUSA has.

Part: Naval.

(A) General.

Fog continues to cause some delay and disorganization to shipping and minesweeping. A coastal forces maintenance unit is now established in the British assault area. The shipyard at Blainville is reported as likely to be of limited value for refitting and repairs afloat of small vessels.

Night 15/16th. Some 22 minelaying aircraft reported over the British assault area. BYMS 2079 sustained damage from near miss. One JU88 crashed in sea believed shot down by LCG 764. Naval barrage fire proved effective until controlling R/T was heavily jammed.

Three MTB's engaged three R boats southwest of Cap D'Antifer and intercepted R/T indicates casualties were inflicted at the cost of some damage to MTB's and two killed. Katie mines located in eastern part of Granne and Petite Rade Cherbourg. Divers are attempting to recover one intact.

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(B). Troops, etc, landed. (Cumulative to FM 15th)

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DTG: 162151Z

Nav Com London sends to Navy and War Dept. CG ETOUSA has. This is 16231GB from Ramsay signed Eisenhower.

(A) General. Thick fog caused a certain amount of disorganization to shippin in the early part of the day. Reports from Port Em Bessin show that July 14th which was a day of festivity with many ceremonies of good will with French Naval and civil authorities produced a record tonnage discharge consisting of 1933 tons of cargo and 2600 tons of bulk petrol.

Part Naval. Complete unloading figures for 15th not yet received.

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ACTION: 0PD
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To: War Department

DTC: 1613272 16 July 1944

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A. General. At 1615 yesterday while investigating possible U boat contact 295 degrees Cap D'Antifer 10.5 miles HMS Rowley attacked with HEDGEHOG. A very heavy explosion resulted with black smoke and flames rising 200 feet. Covering Rowley and causing minor damage. Some objects of British origin and US type cordite recovered.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/8 CGAAP ASP G-2 Col Park Log

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COSINTREP NUMBER 66. PART NAVAL.

(A) GENERAL. THICK FOG CAUSED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISORGANIZATION TO SHIPPING IN THE EARLY PART OF THE DAY. REPORTS FROM PORT IN BESSIN SHOW THAT JULY 14TH WHICH WAS A DAY OF FESTIVITY WITH MANY CEREMONIES OF GOOD WILL WITH FRENCH NAVAL AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES PRODUCED A RECORD TONNAGE DISCHARGE CONSISTING OF 1933 TONS OF CARGO AND 2600 TONS OF BULK PETROL. COMPLETE UNLOADING FIGURES FOR 15TH NOT YET RECEIVED

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PARTNAVAL

A. GENERAL. AT 1615 YESTERDAY WHILE INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE U BOAT CONTACT 280 DEGREES CAP D ANTIFER 19.5 MILES HMS ROWLEY ATTACKED WITH HEDGECROG. A VERY HEAVY EXPLOSION RESULTED WITH BLACK SMOKE AND FLAMES RISING 200 FEET, COVERING ROWLEY AND CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE. SOME OBJECTS OF BRITISH ORIGIN AND US TYPE CORDITE RECOVERED.

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To: War Department
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16 July 1944

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1. Operations.

Enemy resistance continues moderate in Cotentin but more sensitive to our pressure area St Lo.

Prisoner of War from 13th Regiment states whole of 14th Regiment 5th Parachute Division gone to reinforce this sector.

No news enemy reaction to our advance on Evrecy.

2. Movements.

Rail activity between Dijon and Paris on 14th July suggests elements 271st Infantry Division still moving up.

Possibilities for division believed crossing Seine are 271, 89 or 17 German Air Force Division.

3. Personalities.

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New commander 17 SS Panzer Grenadier Division is SS Colonel Otto Baum aged 32.

4. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals in United Kingdom up to 1800 hours 15 July 52187.

5. General.

Little change in enemy position since yesterday. Probably whole 9th SS Division now in reserve but our attack towards Evrecy may see it returning into line since enemy very sensitive to our approach towards Orne this area and his main task this area directed towards preventing us from obtaining crossings over river. He is still endeavouring to create armored reserve and now has 2 Panzer Divisions not fighting. Twelve SS Division unlocated but possibly well back between Caen and Falaise.

On First United States Army front enemy may be able to get into reserve small proportion of his armor by arrival of more from 5th Parachute Division but generally enemy very pressed on both 2nd Parachute and 84th Infantry Corps fronts.
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No: OA 315
16 July 1944

Sgd Eisenhower. This is a paraphrase of COSINTREP number 87 to War Department Operational Priority to Navy Department ETOSA to WAR SVC 453. 161200 B COSINTREP number 87, OA 315.


A. First US Army. Following changes of command effective 152400B:

4 and 83 Inf Divs under Comd 8 Corps.
1 and 30 Inf Divs and 3 Arm Div under Comd 7 Corps.

Following new inter-corps bdays effective same time:

Between 8 and 7 Corps. R Taute from Carentan to 3875 thence along the Le Lozon River to 3461.
Between 7 and 19 Corps. R Vire from 4784 to 5148.
Between 19 and 5 Corps. Present body to 565595 thence to Steam June 569576 - La Chapelle Du Fest 560565 - St Amand 5354 - La Morerie 605502. End

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
To: War Department

Nr: OA 314 16 July 1944

Signed Eisenhower. This is a paraphrase of COTINTREP Number 87 Urgent to War Dept Operational Priority to Navy Dept War from ETOUSA SVC 458 OA 314. COTINTREP Number 87.

Part I. Land. Period to 152400 B. Intelligence Identifications. By FW. Elements 9 Coy 125. R Longueville 0371. Operations. First US Army. VIII Corps 87 Div. 350 Inf attacking SW crossed Lo Elexon river and reached eastern outskirts of Remilly Burlezen at 193705. XIX Corps. 35 Div. 134 Inf made further progress NE of St Lo occupying Emelie 510660 and Les Ifs 505655. 20 Div. FWD TPS. 116 Inf advancing on rd Bayeux-St Lo now 2500 yards east of St Lo at 586411. V Corps NTR. Second Brit Army. 10 Corps NTR. 12 Corps. 15 Inf Div attacked SW at 2115 hours with right 44 Bde and left 227 Bde. By 2400 hrs 227 Bde had captured Egouy 9460 and Le Bon Repos 94613. FWD TPS 44 and 227 Bdes 928614-933610. Enemy reacted to attack with 64 shelling 43 Div area. Bdy between 30 and 12 Corps south from 70 north grid, All incl 12 Corps along 80 east grid to 900657 - 8 W along track to 897650 - 8 E to 901643- thence along stream to 921624 thence 8 W along excl R Odon. 2 CDM Corps. 3 patrols crossed Orne in Caen and were all fired on. Enemy dispositions appear unchanged. 1 Corps. 185 Bde of 3 Brit Div relieved 153 Bde of 51 Div area Ranville.
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

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