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A. GENERAL. AT 1752 AN LST WAS REPORTED MINED

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1 MILE FROM THIS POSITION.

B. ASSAULT AREA NOTHING TO REPORT.

C. UNLOADING FIGURES TO PM 14 AUGUST.

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B. ASSAULT AREA. NOTHING TO REPORT.

C. UNLOADING FIGURES TO PM 13 AUGUST.

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**EXTENSIVE RAILWAY SABOTAGE CONTINUES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM. RAILWAY BRIDGES REPORTED SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED AT PONT VERT (LOIR ET CHER), BARBOUE (LOIR ET CHER), NORTH OF VILLE FRANCHE (AVEYRON), AT LAVOLTE SUR RHONE (ARDECHE) AND BORMOUTH (BELGIUM). RAILWAY LINES REPORTED TEMPORARILY CUT INCLUDE PARIS-EVREUX, PARIS-DIEPPE, LACENS-ROUEN, GIEN-ORLEANS, MONTPELLIER-CASTRES, BELFORT-CHANÇON, LYONS-BOURG AND DOURG-LONS LE SAUNIER. THE RAILWAY STATION AT RODEX (AVEYRON) IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PUT OUT OF ACTION.**

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To: War Department.

Nr: FWD 12904 15 August 1944

From SHAEF Forward signed Eisenhower to War Dept, Navy Dept, APOE. SHAEF MAIN, 7th US Army ref nr FWD 12904, 15th August 1944. Cite SHQT CQSTINTREP number 133, Part IV. Last Part IV issued was number 129.

Extensive railway sabotage continues in France and Belgium. Railway bridges reported successfully attacked at Font Vert (Loir Et Cher), Marche (Loir Et Cher), north of Ville Franche (Aveyron), at Lavoulte Sur Rhone (Ardeche), and Mornimont (Belgium).

Railway lines reported temporarily cut include Paris-Evreux, Paris-Dieppe, Amiens-Rouen, Gien-Orleans, Montpellier-Castres, Belfort-Besancon, Lyons-Bourg and Bourg-Jones La Seuville.

The wireless station at Rodez (Aveyron), is reported to have been put out of action. Petrol dump has been blown up at Pousin Gacen Ardeche. Resistant and special service troops continue to assist 3rd United States Army in Brittany, and claim the capture of Chateaubriant, Vendome, Yasse, La Chartre, Le Lude, and La Flèche.

The Tarantaise region of Savoie is reported to have been liberated; German prisoners taken causing serious guarding and feeding problems.

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Nr: FWD 12904 15 August 1944

Casualties reported recently inflicted on Germans include the following:

87 killed in Lozere, 50 killed and wounded in Hautes Pyrenees, 103 killed in Basses Pyrenees, 120 killed in Lot et Garonne, 40 killed and 20 prisoners in Aveyron, 54 killed in Ardeennes, and 40 killed Loiret.

Since 1st Operational Group and 189 tons of arms and ammunition have been dropped in France from England; Jedburgh team has been sent to France from North Africa. Totals since D Day, including operations from North Africa, 1203 SAS troops, 39 Jedburgh teams, 9 operational groups, 41 jeeps and 5972 tons of arms and ammunition and 39 Special Air Service troops, 7 Jedburgh teams.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/G
CG AAF
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To: War Department
   CG 12th Army Group, France
   Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
   Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

No. FWD 12895 15 August 1944

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This is G2 summary number 71. Operations.

In Brittany resistance continues at Dinard Loruskh and Brest. In Argentinian sector enemy withdrawal east reported increasing in sector between Argentinian and Mortain resistance was in general weak though enemy attempted break through at Ranes (U10).

Prisoner of War from 9th Panzer Reconnaissance Unit taken at La Ferte Maze.

End of part one part two follows.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CC/US, CGAUF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY


TO: War Department
CG 12th Army Group, France
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FWD 12895  15 August 1944
Second part DTG 151815 Aug FWD 12895

La Ferte Mace (U00) and prisoner of war from 193rd Security Regt to the West. Prisoners in this area from 18 Divs. Prisoner of War from 2nd Panzer Div area southeast of front States Divs withdrawing 60 kilometres to East. In most westerly corner of pocket enemy has made considerable withdrawal to about six miles east of Mortain and appears still to be retreating. Prisoner of War from 1st SS Panzer Div in Sourdeval area stated his unit moving to new positions 30 kilometres to the East.

Southeast of Vire stronger resistance offered by 34th and 353rd Inf Divs. Though evidence part of latter withdrawn.

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INFO: CC/S, CGA/F, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
      Forward Echelon, London, England

To: War Department
    CG, 12th Army Group, France
    Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: 12895 15 August 1944

Cipher part three of FWD 12895. 151815 Aug

On Second Army front general thinning out of enemy's
forces under way.

Prisoners of War from 10 SS Anti Tank Battalion
state they were in support 326th and 276th Inf Divs rearguards.

On Canadian Army front very heavy resistance continues.

Identification 344th Arty Regt between 85th Inf and
272nd Inf Div further evidence 344th Inf Div in battle area.

There is evidence that the remnants of Panzer Lehr Div
have been withdrawn to area southeast Lisieux.

2. Movements. Continued movement military trains
Somme area apparently heading south. Heavy flak at a number
of detraining stations north of Paris suggest these will
be put to greater use. Evidence of activity in 11th Panzer

(End of cipher part three, cipher part four follows)

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CC/S, CGAAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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CG 12th Army Group, France
CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
No. FWD 12895 15 August 1944

Part 4 of FWD 12895. 151B15 Aug. 25 July to 3rd August.

Entraining area and two loaded military trains heading northeast towards Montpellier. Continued evidence movement from areas southeast and southwest of Bordeaux and heavy activity at Bordeaux itself.


4. Reinforcements. Following is present state of intelligence on impending reinforcements:

A. Accepted as coming up to battle area: 344th Infantry Division (left Pas De Calais), 6th Parachute Division (elements moving

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    CG 12th Army Group, France
    CG Allied Force Hqs, Caserta, Italy

NO: FWD 12895 15 August 1944
    Part 5 of FWD 12895. 151815 Aug.

West of Paris 11 August, 49th Infantry Division
(left Pas de Calais 3 August onwards), 48th Infantry Division
(left Flanders 10 to 13 August), 336th Infantry Division
(probably left Bouches du Rhone 22 July onwards and preparing
to move from Lyon early August).

B. Sending drafts to battle area:
    182nd Training Division (Drafts coming in since early
    June), 158th Training division (Drafts coming in since end
    July), 165th training Division (Drafts coming in since end
    July).

C. Definitely moving but not necessarily to battle
    area:
    347th Infantry

End part 5 part 6 follows.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CC/S, CGAAP, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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No: FWD 12895

15 August 1944

Part six of FWD 12895. 151815 Aug

Division (moved 15 July), 712 Infantry Division
(not definitely), 159 Training Division (began moving about 10th August).

D. Possibly moving but no positive indication:
Antwerp Infantry Division,
Eighteen German Air Force Division,
8th Infantry Division.

E. No indication of movement the 348th Infantry
Division, 245th Infantry Division, Fourteen German Air
Force Division (now known to be still in Norway).

5. Miscellaneous. 1,000 Prisoners of War and
800 dead from 156th Panzer Grenadier Regiment of 116th Panzer
Division are claimed by one Allied Armoured Division alone.

6. General. Bulk of fighting troops of enemy armour
and considerable.

(End of part six, part seven follows) / End

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Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FWD 12895  15 August 1944
Part seven of FWD 12895.  151815 Aug

Infantry still in Cauldron west of Falaise Argentan Gap, though indications elements including services, etc., escaped to east. Chaotic conditions in Cauldron typified by mixed bag identifications all sectors, particularly southern tip.

Appreciate enemy preoccupation now solely extrication of Cauldron Divisions by holding shoulders Falaise and Argentan, overriding former anxiety hold Allied advance southern flank with inadequate forces. Enemy still making desperate efforts to maintain cohesive front in salient but needs of self-preservation coupled with crippling supply difficulties now making major withdrawal inevitable.

(This is Part seven and last)

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INFO: CC/S, CGAAP, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log
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SS Panzer, 17 SS Panzer Grenadier, 3rd Parachute, 708th Infantry, 9th Panzer and Panzer Lehr Divisions identified, though doubtless some of these identifications are not significant. From identification 432nd Signal Battalion of 81st Corps in this area assumed it taking control of southern battle.

South of Vire scattered resistance offered by enemy as he withdraws. On Second Army front enemy made some withdrawals; our deepest penetration to Proussy area (T 83).

Resistance still met on Canadian Army front with stiff fighting at Clair Tizon and Tourmebu (U 04).

Movements: Good

(part 3 follows)


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

Nr: FWD 12870 15 August 1944
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And suspected Cossack Divisions: Estimated maximum 140,000 troops (excluding hivis).

4. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 12 August 83541. The grand Prisoner of War total on 9 August excluding those captured by Third Army from 1 to 5 August inclusive 101226.

5. General.

Although there is no change in Brittany, indications increase west of the Orne of a general enemy withdrawal from the pocket. Thus still decisive for enemy to hold firmly north of Falaise, also in Argentan area where weight of his armour has increased beyond minimum appreciated in immediately preceding G2 summary. In any case. Part 7 follows.

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2. Movements.

Good report of move 48 Infantry Division from Oakend sector into France beginning 10 August. Considerable

Part 3 follows.

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CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

Nr: FWD 12870 15 August 1944

Part 4 of FWD 12870 DTG 141915 Aug.

Panzer Corps since March '44. Extremely brutal, critical and unpopular. As Division Commander all officers at this headquarters applied simultaneously for transfer.

B. 158th Training Division upgraded to 16th Infantry Division from document. Note: This probably an intention only and never effected.

C. Officer Prisoner of War from Panzer Lehr Division states casualties up to 25th July, that is, before American breakthrough, were 5560 killed and excluding all attached troops in action, including 160 officers (4 Regiment Commanders, 5 Battalion Commanders and every Tank and Infantry Company Commander)

D. 29 Russian Battalions identified in Normandy since D day including.

Part 5 follows.

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CC, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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Enemy capabilities for protracted defense west of Seine already weakened and may be further jeopardized by supply difficulties and inferiority in mobility and air.

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Movement continues lines Bordeaux Bayonne and Bordeaux Toulouse. Traffic apparently heading Tours. Much activity lateral line Moulins Tours. Departure Infantry trains line Abbeville Amiens. Owing to great care taken by enemy over movements in northeast France difficult to deduce from air reconnaissance exactly how much movement is taking place. Unit 6 Parachute Division identified Noncourt (824). Said to be going further west 12 August. This confirms the move down from Somme.

3. Miscellaneous.

A. Commander 47th Panzer Corps now known to be General of Panzer Troops Hans Freihen Von Funck age 53. Served in Spain during Civil War. Commanded 7th Panzer Division after Rommel. Corps Commander since 1942; had 47

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And suspected Cossack divisions: Estimated maximum 140,000 troops (excluding Hiwis).

4. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up * hours 12th August 83,541. The grand prisoner of war total on 9th August excluding those captured by 3rd Army from 1st to 5th August inclusive 101,226.

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14 August 1944

Part 5 of FWD 12870 DOS 141915 August.

3 Georgian 2 Warter 1 Turkistan 20 eastern (European-Ukrainia) 3 unspecified. In all 20,000 men, of which German cadres 1%. Nearly 7,000 Russians captured of which 20% deserters. These figures include auxiliaries from German units (HIWIS). Eastern battalions fought unwillingly and badly; minority battalions better, especially Georgians, and Cossacks not yet encountered reported most pro German of all. 7 divisions in coastal sectors which had organic Russian battalions left these behind on proceeding to battle area. No sign that policy of incorporating Russian battalions in German divisions is being abandoned. Total number of Russian battalions identified in west now 90 together with depot and training organization

Part 6 follows.

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From EXFOR Main signed Eisenhower to COSINTREP addressees ref no GO 29A 14th August 1944 COSINTREP no 132.

To 1200B hours 14th Aug, Part I, Land, Sect A.

Intelligence. Identifications.

By Fw. 5th Para Rifle Regt T 6728 elements 125th FGR 7437, elements 192nd FGR 7936, elements 20th SS FGR 7939. 326th FD reinforcement Bn, 326th Sigs Bn, 10th COY 752nd Gr, 5th and 11th COYS, 753rd Gr, all area 8737. Elements 26th SS FGR U-068438.

By deserters. 11th COY, 1053 Gr 132538.

By contact. Elements 185th Arty Regt 1350.

Operations. 2nd British Army. VIII Corps. 3rd Brit Div supported by 1st Regt, 5th Gds Arm Bde continued attack. 8th Bde in contact with enemy at PT 259 (7026). 3rd Recce Regt moving west from PT 259 to contact US tps on right. 185th Bde on PT 312 (6929) feature meeting very strong opposition. 9th Bde area 7031-7032.88. 11th Arm Div completed relief on 15th Inf Div and passed to comd 30th Corps in present position. Esthy 7437 and Le Theil 7635 now clear of enemy.

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XXX Corps. 7th Arm Div now in army rear. 43rd Div. During evening, 129th Bde captured PT 190 (9936). 214th Bde cleared Caumettes 9142 and contacted 50th Div on R Orne at 9142. 11th H took over left flank protection from 214th Bde. 130th Bde advanced 0730 hrs and by 1030 hrs had reached Prouy 8935 where many FIW taken. Following BDY between VIII and XXX Corps. As before to X rds 706483 thence all excl VIII Corps PT 205 (7245) - Montchamps 7240 - Estry 7437 - stream at 747364 thence line of stream to 754236 thence incl VIII Corps rd to rd Juno 789326 thence excl VIII Corps PT 210 (780922) - rly br 797267 thence line of rly to Fiers thence rd to Le Chatellier 8312.

XII Corps. 15th Div passed to comd from VIII Corps. 46th Bde conc area 9759. 53rd Div. 71st Bde continued adv 6th PT 210 (0240) was captured. Patrols pushed 1,000 yds south. 1st Bn held up on northern outskirts of Haut D'Augeville 0142. 2nd Mon now under comd 71st Bde reached area north of Le Logis 028427. 158th Bde area Frenney 0046-801a Halbout 0146. 160 Bde in Rds area 9851. 4th Arm Bde under comd conc area 9857-9856. 59th Div. 1st COY 5th S Staffords have crossed Orne and area on Caumont feature 941438. 56th Bde captured Thury Harcourt and are mopping up town. 2nd SWB have reached 953429. 197th Bde cleared Donnay 9843 and are continuing adv.

Following BDY between XII and XXX Corps. As before to rd and track Juno 882473 thence all incl XXX Corps Le...

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Vallee 8847 - rd junc 882463 - corner of wood 883446 - stream at 885445 thence line of stream to R Orne at 920426 thence along river to St Marc D' Oilly 9834 thence line of river to 099224 thence incl XII Corps Le Vieille-Habloville 1525.

1st Canadian Army. II Cdn Corps. Regrouping for operation tractable completed. 3rd Cdn Inf Div relieved by Polish Arm Div and conc area Gauvicycourt 0952-Soignolles 1350-St Sylvain with under comd 2nd Cdn Arm Div Bde. 8th Cdn Inf Bde under comd 4th Cdn Arm Div. 31st Tk Bde under comd II Cdn Corps. 2nd Cdn Inf Div. 3rd Bde est bridgehead east of Leize 0643 and 6th Bde east of Leize astride rd area 0643-0743. 8th Bde moved north from area Tournesu 0444 to area Gouvix 0651-Uerville 0750. 1200 hrs, II Cdn Corps with right 3rd Cdn Inf Div and left 4th Cdn Arm Div attacked SE towards Lainsoson River.

I Corps. Considerable enemy movement reported south and SW area Vimont-Argefoens during evening. 166th Bde of 49th Div relieved 152nd Bde Conville 1257.

Tac Hq 21st Army Gp 618452.

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From 12th Army Group to COSINTREP addressees ref no Q-20408 15 August 1944 COSINTREP no 132 to 1200 hrs 14 August.

Part 1. Land.

Section B. Intelligence. Third Army.

Eastward withdrawal of enemy reported increasing north of Argentan.

First Army.

Enemy continued to withdraw.

V Corps meeting slight resistance.

VII Corps little resistance. Eastward movement of armor increasing. By P/W: 4 Coy, 1 SS Fgr, southeast of Sourdeval, 2 Coy 943 Regt T 6519, 4 Coy 1051 Regt T 6824, 2nd Battalion 983rd Regt on VII Corps front.

Operations.

Command posts as follows:

Third Army.

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XX Corps.
V7478.
XV Corps Z3486.
5th Armored Division Q4430.
2nd French Armored Div U2610.
First Army.
3rd Armored Div Z1187.
1st Division Y9185.
9th Division Y9679.
30th Division T5009.
29th Division T 6128.
2nd Division T 6527.
Others no change.

Front lines as follows:

Third Army
VIII Corps.
6th Armored Division CCBG7220. CCRW5666.
8th Division X7085.
XII Corps.
35th Division V4250.
XX Corps.
7th Armored Division V 7478.
5th Division less 1 regt. V 9278.
XV Corps.
5th Armored Div. CCBU 3415.
2nd French Armored Div U2618.
First Army.
VII Corps.
3rd Armored Division COAU 1208, CCBZ 1297 and 22587.

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1st Division Y 9196-00100.
9th Division 20184.
4th Division Y7702 and Y6094.
XIX Corps.
2nd Arm Div T7904 T6919.
28th Div Vic T6613.
30th Division Vic T6604.
V Corps.
29th Division T 5814-58715-T6720.
2nd Division T7022-T7026.
Others no change.

Third Army.

VIII Corps.

6th Arm Div CCB relieved HELS of 4th Arm Div at Lorient. CCA no change. CCR moving to Vannes.

8th Division moved to assembly area VIC 7087.

83rd Division attack on St Malo Citadel continued. Advanced slowly against Dinard.

XII Corps command post moving southeast Le Mans

4th Arm Div passed to command.

XII Corps 13 August. Nantes cleared of enemy.

CCA moving VIC St Caillais V 7949.

35th Division passed to command XII Corps 13 August. Moved to concentration area southeast Le Mans at VIC 4251.
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XX Corps.

7th Arm Div concentrated VIC V7579.

5th Division. 2nd Infantry remaining at Angers. Remainder of division closed west of Authon V9278.

80th Division minefields slowed progress north of Villaines 20675.

1 RCT moving to Angers to be relieved by 2 French Arm Div. VIC Argentan following attack on city.

2nd French Division pushed into edge of Argentan.

79th Division no change.

90th Division no change.

First Army.

VII Corps.

3rd Arm Div continued rapid advance against moderate increasing resistance.

1st Division continued attack to northeast against light resistance.

9th Division elements assembling. VIC 20283.

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XIX Corps.

4th Div assembling.

2nd Armored Division continued attack.

28th Division followed 2nd Armored Division against
light resistance.

30th Division reorganization complete. Also followed
advance of 2nd Armored Div.

V Corps.

29th Division continued attack with 1 RCT advancing
to La Fresne Forest T6717. Another RCT at T6827.

2nd Division continued attack against PBT moderate
resistance to line 500 yards south of road from T6521-T7022.

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A. General.

Early yesterday morning, two MTB's briefly engaged six R-Boats in vicinity Berck, obtaining many hits.

Last night six E-Boats approaching convoy off Orfordness were driven off by Walpole and coastal force craft. One E-Boat set on fire. Others hit.

B. Assault Area.

Nothing to report.

C. Unloading figures to PM 13th August.

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Part 3. Air. 2100B hours 12 August to 2100B hours 13 August.

Total sorties 2597.

Ninth Air Force 816, Second TAF 1251. ADGB 530. Airborne operations total sorties 72 38 Group 30.

46 Group 42.

Summary of targets:

2 railway centres, 4 railroad bridges, 4 railway facilities, 1 gun position, 2 dumps, 16 other targets principally concentrations of met and tanks.

Claims:

Focke Wulf 190 and Messerschmidt 4 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, 1 damaged.

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Losses:
14 fighter/fighter bombers destroyed, 1 damaged.
6 bombers destroyed.

Details of operations: Railway centres:
12 Thunderbolts on Louviers 23 by 1000 Gp unobserved:
29 Marauders on Corbeil 227 by 500 Gp excellent.

Railroad bridges:
36 Marauders on Peronne 142 by 1000 Gp excellent:
18 Bostons on Bulans 98 by 500 Gp excellent:
31 Marauders on Chery 124 by 1000 Gp good:
29 Bostons on Eauzot 152 by 500 Gp fair to good.

Railway facilities:
12 Lightnings on Epernon (embankment) 24 by 500 Gp good:
5 Thunderbolts on Bourges/Nevers/Orleans 14 by 500 Gp good:
12 Lightnings on south of Paris (embankment) 16 by 1000 Gp fair to good:
7 Thunderbolts on Nantes 7 by 500 Gp good.
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Gun positions:
46 Mitchells and 22 Bostons on St Pierre Sur Dives 72 by 500 L.D. and 38 5 by 500 MC good.

Dumps:
31 Marauders on Les Buissons (oil) 876 by 100 Gp good:
8 Thunderbolts on Domfront Area (AMMO) 8 by 500 Gp and 16 by 260 frag. good.

Other targets.

27 Bostons,
50 Mitchells
135 Mosquitoes on Rouen/Paris/Chartres:

Breux (Trains, M/T, bridges etc) 603 by 500 and 570 by 40 unobserved:

8 Typhoons on Falaise/Argentan M/T tanks 64 by 60 Gp good:
35 Bostons on Argentan choke point 132 by 500 Gp good:
12 Thunderbolts on Domfront area 8 by 500 Gp, and 16 by 500 frag. fair to good:
48 Typhoons on Falaise area tanks M/T 337 by 60 Gp very good:

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8 Typhoons on top tower position not reported 64 by 60 Gp destroyed:
171 Marauders and 102 Bostons on Lisieux choke points 2819 by 250 Gp and 405 by 500 Gp fair to excellent:
77 Marauders and 45 Bostons on Argentan area highways 720 by 100 delay, 161 by 1000 Gp, 180 by 500 Gp fair to excellent:
10 Marauders on Corbeil refueling siding 7 by 500 Gp result not reported:
8 Typhoons and 16 Typhoons on Luvigny Chateau Hq 64 by 60 Gp and 32 by 500 P/C good:
64 Typhoons on Falaise area M/T and tanks 457 by 60 Gp:
24 Thunderbolts on Argentan M/T and guns 52 by 500 Gp unobserved.
23 Thunderbolts on Brest block houses 30 by 500 Gp fair.
12 Thunderbolts on Carrouges area tanks 8 by 500 Gp and 24 by 260 frag, good.
11 Thunderbolts on Conde/L’Aigle M/T and tanks 14 by 260 frag, fair.
12 Thunderbolts on Alencon area M/T and tanks, 24 by 500 Gp good.

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Summary of other commands on OVERLOAD targets.

RAFEC. Total sorties AO 02.

Summary of targets. Two airfields, two flying bomb launching sites, one flying bomb dump, one road junction.

Claims: Nil.

Losses: Nil.

Details of operations. Airfields. Three Mosquitoes on Juvincourt 9.0 tons fair. Three Mosquitoes on Coulommiers 1.8 tons fair.

Flying bomb modified sites. 20 Halifaxes and five Mosquitoes on Le Brotteque 69.0 tons fair. 20 Halifaxes and five Mosquitoes on Le Neuville 74.8 good.

Flying bomb dump. Two Mosquitoes on Trossy St Maximin 9.0 unobserved.

Other targets. 90 Lancasters, 12 Stirlings, 37 Halifaxes and five Mosquitoes on Falaise road junction 660.7 tons good.

8th AF. Total sorties 1153 bombers, 844 fighters-bombers.

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Summary of targets. Two gun position, one bridge, highways, road junctions, columns of men and rail movements.

Claims: N/A.

Losses: 13 bombers, 13 fighter-bombers.

Details of operations. Gun positions. 34 Liberators on St Malo 136.9 tons very good. Nine Liberators on Ile De Ceembre 275.0 tons very good.

Bridge. 69 Fortresses on Le Manoir 207.5 tons good.

Battles area support. 634 Fortresses and 347 Liberators on highways 1980.0 tons fair to good. 844 F/B on Seine area (locos, trucks, M.T., roads) 347.5 tons GP and 5.0 tons PRAG, excellent.

Enemy air operations. Visual sightings for the period consisted of 22 Focke-Wulf 190 Messerschmidt 109 over the assault area. Two to six E/A in the vicinity of Annebault and two unidentified E/A over Belgium.

Overall claims for AEEF total 4-1-1 air and 3-0-2 ground. According to radar plotings nine E/A operated over the Abbeville/Aoniens and Lille areas. All during the night of 12th/13th August.

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One E/A was plotted as being active on a reconnaissance patrol north of the Shetlands between 1120/1125 hours.

Flying bomb activity was on a scale similar to that of the previous 24 hour period. From 2100 to 2100 hours 12th/13th August 82 flying bombs were plotted. 35 overland and 15 over Greater London Area.

Claims: Ten to fighters, eight to AA.A fire and one to balloons.

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CO's INTREP number 131 to 1200 13th Aug. Part 1, Section B.

The following is corrected to read:

Page 1, line 6:

1st Army: Domfront-Juvigny sector meeting only reconnaissance units. TAC/R reports considerable movement to east vicinity Fiere. By document: 155th TNC Div upgraded to 16th Inf Div. Temporary field hospital of 6th Front Div located Monan Court R2040 11th Aug due to move W next day. By P/W XV Corps Front: Elements 156th PGR, 2nd SS Panzer, 17th SS PGR, 3rd Parachute, 703th Infantry, 9th Panzer Lehr Divisions.

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Intelligence.

3rd Army. Enemy fighting delaying action vicinity Argentan. Encountering elements many miscellaneous units.


Operations. Command posts as follows:
3rd Army. VIII Corps. 6th Army Division Pontivy
X0454.

XV Corps. Alencon 3383. 2nd French Armored Divisions Z3779. 90th Division V4383. 5th Arm Div Division Q4629. 79th Division Q4714.

XX Corps. 7th Arm Div Division Y994

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1st Army. T4726. VII Corps Y5590. 3rd Arm Division 27486. 9th Division Y6973.

XIX Corps T56629. Others no change.

Front lines as follows:

3rd Army. XV Corps. 2nd French Arm Division combat command 122422, combat command V18151. 90th Division Z3287. 5th Arm Div combat command B Q4236, combat command R4145, combat command AU3016. 79th Division Q5514.

XX Corps. 80th Division Z3936; Z1972; Z0775. 35th Division Z4703. 03. 7th Arm Division Z0854.

1st Army. VII Corps. 3rd Arm Div combat command Z27192 and Z0324, combat command BY7774. 1st Division Y9084-Y8767. 4th Division Y7792. 9th Division Y6875.

XIX Corps. 28th Division T6015-T6118-T6219. 2nd Arm Div combat command BT7103-T7010-T6710.

V Corps. 29th Division T6320-T6821. 2nd Division T6822-T6824-T6826. Others no change.

3rd Army. VIII Corps. 6th Arm Div combat command A continued.

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       Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
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Sixth part and last of DTO 131715 Aug. FWD 12840
Against our Argentan thrust with maximum two numbered divs and possibly more, whilst he retains firm northern flank in Falaise area.
B believed 49th Inf Div started leaving Etaples are four Rouen on 7th Aug and probably a div from Belgium started in the same direction on 9th Aug. 81 Corps from Rouen reported left for battle area.
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- Epernay-Naual probably blocked owing cutting of bridge at Nanteuil and line cuts Epernay. No further evidence to suggest Inf Div moving from Southwest France in addition to Nine Panzer by this route.

In Southeast France air reconnaissance 12 Aug reveals trains at stations between Carcassonne and Narbonne believed to belong Eleven Panzer Div still present. Consider, therefore, movement reported in yesterday's G-2 summary not connected with Eleven Panzer Div bulk of which probably still in Toulouse area. This substantiated by good source who reports Div still there with tanks 12 Aug. Further departures seen area Bayonne-Bordeau-Montauban possibly connected with 159th Training Div, and

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active.

3. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 12 Aug 82915.


5. General.
(A) In Brittany enemy busy reorganizing defence of Brest for possession of which stubborn resistance likely. Enemy preoccupation on main front now to prevent encirclement and keep open Falaise-Argentan Gap. Appreciate armour from Mortain area likely to be employed in counter attacks.

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Casualties north of Barenton (T61) light resistance being offered by 84th and 331st Inf Divs east of Vengeons (T62). After stubborn attempt to hold ground enemy withdrew from Le Joubere (T 73) and Le Coquerie (T73) during the night. 229 and St Pierre (T 8540) mopped up. Prisoner of war from 21st Panzer Div states believes general withdrawal begun. Enemy still fighting in Thury Harcourt (T 9546) but our forces hold firm base at Forge A Cambro (T 9548). 271st Inf Div forced back to Bois Halbout (U 014).

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6) and Fresnal Levieux (U 0048) where he continues
to fight. Enemy tank counter attack Bretteville Rabat area
(U 0850) repelled with five enemy tanks knocked out. Deserter
states Battalion of 85th Inf Div came into line Bretteville
Rabat area night 10-11 Aug. Prisoner of war states defender
line forming along 44 grid line from U 1044 to U 6244.

2. Movements.

In northwest reconnaissance reveals some rail activity
Abbeville-Amiens-Montdidier-Compiegne. Considerable movement
on line Reims-Flines-Meaux. Large number of trains on line
Chalons

End of part 3 part 4 follows.

End

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Operations

In Brittany resistance continues at Dinard, Caxadel of St Malo, Brest and Lorient. Angers has surrendered. Our armour has advanced to within four miles of Argentan from the south with slight harassing opposition from enemy panzer units. Resistance has decreased in Mortain area with evidence of enemy withdrawal. Prisoner of war states 10th SS Panzer Div received many.

End of part 1, part 2 follows. End

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INFO: CC/S, CGAAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department
Nr: Q 20379 13 August 1944

To COSINTREP addressees ref no Q 20379 13 August 1944. COSINTREP number 131.

To 1200 13 August.
Part I-Land. Continuation Section B.

Attack against Brest with no gain. CGB moved to Lorient. CC moving to Vannes. For Arm Div. CGA in position immediately N of Nantes.

8th Div. No change.

83rd Div. Continued mopping up St Malo and the attack on Dinard.

XV Corps.


90th Div. Advanced to area NW of Alencon.

5th Arm Div. Liberated Sees and continued advance to Non.

79th Div. Continued advance to the Non.

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5th Div. 1 Rct organized defensive position Vic Angers. Remainder Division moving toward St Calais 7848.

80th Div. Attacked to Non and W of Selle Le Guillaume Z1756.

35th Div. Reverted to Third Army control at St Hilaire T4703 at 1400B.

7th Armd Div. Closed in concentration area Evron Y9554-

Selle Le Guillaume-Rouez Z1752.

XII Corps. No change.

First Army.

VII Corps.

3rd Armd Div. Assembled, then CCA advanced against light resistance to Z1792 and 20384. CCB remained at Y7774.

1st Div. Attacked at 0630B progressed 2000 yds to a line SW of Lassay Y9086.

4th Div. Continued active patrolling.

9th Division. Advanced without contacting enemy.

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Assembling vicinity Y6875.

XIX Corps.

28th Div. Advanced rapidly to S against decreasing artillery fire and light small arms resistance. 30th Div reverted to XIX Corps at 0900B. 2nd Armd Div. Reverted to XIX Corps at 0900B. Advanced E across Valrenne River against light resistance.

V Corps.

29th Div. (Less 116 RCT) reverted with V Corps at 1800B. 116th RCT occupying Wore. Division made slight gain against heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire.

2nd Div. Continued advance against heavy fire of all types to vicinity T6624.

During yesterday's conference we failed to send you all the 12 Army COSITINREF.

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INFORMATION: CC/S Col Park

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(A) General. First Pluton this lays between Maguville and Sandown Bay was completed 12 August, ends were connected up today. Ref COSTINTREP 130.

Further investigation shows that the 12th EG destroyed two turrets and damaged one merchant vessel which probably escaped.

Diadem Piorun and Onslow sank a merchant vessel probably Sperbroke about 6,000 tons yesterday afternoon. This had previously been damaged by A/C off Isle Re.

Last night a Sunderland of 19 group sank submarine U 270 about 60 miles west of La Rochezade, 7 officers and 64 ratings picked up by 11th EG.

(B) Assault Area.

EDV Barock damaged by explosion whilst weighing antitorpedo net, four casualties. One fatal. Ref COSTINTREP 130.

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Photographic reconnaissance of Rodney's bombardment shows very good results with probable damage to three of the four guns.

(c) Unloading figures to PM 12th August.

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From EXFOR Main to COSINTREP addressees. COSINTREP no 131.

To 1200B hours, 13 Aug. Part I Land.

Section A.

Intelligence.

Identifications.

By Pw. 12 Para Recce Unit T 692296. Elements 987
GP and 2 Coy 276 Signale Bn 8539. 1 Bn 751 Gr 865375. 2
Coy 991 GP 933467. 2 and 7 Coy 978 GP north of 00350.
10 Coy 1054 GP 1048. 2 Bn 981 Gr 1561. 1 Bn 20 Flak Regt
east or Orne.

Operations.

Second British Army.

VIII Corps.

3 Brit Div. 3 Recce Regt patrolled SE during evening
and made contact with enemy com-rds 692275. During morning

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8 Bde adv to Pt 279 6927 and 185 Bde reached 695888 with patrols just west of stream 701275.


XXX Corps.

50 Di. 231 Bde completed capture high ground 8637. 151 Bde adv east and captures Pt 249 (8938) and Pt 222 (9038).

43 Div. 219 Bde relieved 151 Bde and 1 Bn reached 905367. 214 Bde adv SE and captured St Lambert 8841 and Giley Le Patry 8943.

XII Corps.

Patrols 56th Bde reached north and ne outskirts of Thury Harcourt which still held by enemy. Bde holding high ground 943475 wood 959453-9547). Repulsed enemy counter attack from west. Espins 9848 and Lemoncel 9847 now clear of enemy 177th Bde captured Souet 9145 and Les Mayaux 919460.

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53 Div. 158th Bde captured PT 182 (0047) and 71st Bde passed through meeting strong opposition just north of PT 205 (9944) and PT 221 (0142). 4th Arm Bde under cond 53rd Div.

First CDN Army.

II CDN Corps.

2nd CDN Inf Div made progress advancing SE along west bank river Laize. 4th Bde reached PT 151 (0445) and 5th Bde passed through. By 1200 hours, fwd tps on outskirts Clair Tison 0643.

I Corps.

6th Airborne Div. Belgian and Dutch contingents hold extreme left of line. 5th Para Bde in Rea.

Following amendment to bdy between Second Brit and First CDN Armies. As before along line of Laize to all incl first CDN Army br 030556. Rd juno 028554 track to cross tracks 006507-Pt 153 (0248) - East edge of wood 021480- Rd juno 028463-Pt 156 (0344)-Rd juno 037433-BH at 048428-Edge of wood 052426-Cross tracks 055416 Lepot 0641-Corner of wood 068404-Exclusive Le Hamel 0939 northern edge of wood to rd at 120386 whence rd Ussey-Falaise.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S

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To: War Department.

Nr: AI 529 13 August 1944

From Ramsay signed Eisenhower to COSITINREP address-ees ref no 1301118 13th August 1944. COSITINREP no 130, Part II, Naval.

A. General. 12th Escort Group attacked and destroyed three trawlers and one merchant vessel off Penmark Point. USS Borum and five PT's engaged convoy of eight ships off Jersey. One ship believed damaged by gunfire, results of PT attack not known. Three MTB's near Cap De La Have attacked one auxiliary escorted 68 or more R boats. It is considered that auxiliary was hit by torpedoes.

B. Assault area. HMS Rodney bombarded heavy battery on Alderney with 75 rounds of 16 inch. Results believed satisfactory but photographic reconnaissance awaited.

From EXFOR Main 00 25A 12th August 1944 COSITINREP no 130 to 1200B hrs 12th August, Part I, Land.

Section A. Intelligence identifications by P W. Elements 978th Grp 0048. 193th Engr Bn 1050. 1st BN 25th BDRS 1153. 10th Coy 1033 Gr 14456. 906th Coy 357th Gr 113669.

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By deserters, 2nd Ba 991st Gr area T9045. 2nd Coy 853th Or U1659.

Bty contact. 12th Coy 1053 or SE of U1549.

Operations. 2nd British Army. VIII Corps. During afternoon, 3rd Brit Div continued attack and by 2400 hours 8th Bde on right and 185th Bde on left, each with 1st Regt, 4th Arm Bde in support reached FT 272 (6726) and FT 312 (6929) respectively against resistance. Gds Arm Div advanced on left of 3rd Div and by 2400 hours fwd tps on general line Viersenix 893-709335-Chanedolle-7253-725345 after by fighting. Night patrols reported La Jouberie 7051 and la Coquerie 7131 clear of enemy. Main Hq VIII Corps 685437. XXX Corps. 50th Div. 231st Bde finally mopped up PT 229 (8539) and 38 Piacenza 7239 at 3726 hours, the Bde advanced to general line 847380-855380. 69th Bde occupied PT 265 (8840). At 0715 hours 231st Bde resumed advance and by 1200 hours fwd elements est 88570-400 yds north of PT 255 (8836). 61st Recce Regt and 12th Erc of 8th Armd Bde relieved 214th Bde or 43rd Div of responsibility for security of corps right flank.

XII Corps. 53rd Div. 177th Bde captured PT 141 (9245) and reverted to command 59th Div. 71st Bde cone area 9552. 158th Bde reverted to command from
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59th Div and occupied Bois Halbout 0146 and Freney Le Vie UX 0046 though fighting continues in both places. 59th Div. 56th Bde now in area Croisilles 9547-PT 165 (9544)-PT 161 (9746)-9549-9749. Patrol 59th Recce Regt reported Tourny x Harcourt still held by enemy. 197th Bde holding fire base forge A Cambro 9543. Bdy between 2nd British and 1st Canadian Armaes. As before along Laise River to Bretteville Sur Laize thence all incl 1st Cdn Army Barbary 0349-PT 178 (0347)-Moulines 0446. Thence all. To Tourny U 0444-PT 184 (0443)-BR 0543 the main rd to incl Falaise. Main Hq 2nd Army Tracy Bocage 7957.

1st Cdn Army. 2nd Cdn Corps. 4th Cdn Div. 4th Cdn Armd Bde concentrated wood 1055. 10th Inf Bde relieved by 9th Bde of 3rd Div concentrated area 0593-1st Polish Armd Div relieved by 7th Bde of 3rd Div Area 1157-2s Trees La Campagne 1249-Soignoles 1350. Polish Recce Op moved towards La Bu Sur Rouvre 1651 and at 1200 hours were engaged by enemy area 1551. 10th Polish Armd Bde Area 1253-1355. 3rd Polish Inf Bde area wood 0255-0350. 3rd Cdn Inf Div. 9th Bde Area PT 180 (0747)-PT 195 (0846)-wood 0947. 8th Bde area Graiveville-Langemars 0949-Bretteville Le Rabot. 2nd Cdn Inf Div. - 4th Bde with under comm 8th Recce Regt and 1st Regt 2nd Cdn Armd Bde crossed Laize at Bretteville Sur Laize at

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1930 hours and reached Barbery 0349 hrs. 0915 hrs. on high ground 03473-04473. 6th Bdes relieved 8th Bdes in丢了uric 0651-0652.

1 Corps, 51st Div, 114th Bde in area woods 1553-St Sylvain 1354. 152nd Bde in Woods 1053-1034. 152nd Bde near Pousay 1256-Covetville 1257-Woods 1038.

6th Airborne Div, Retraining in progress to absorb Dutch and Belgian contingents. Sector to be held from right to left. 4th Bde, 3rd Para Bde, 1st SS Bde, 6th Air Ldg Bde with under cover right Dutch contingent, left Belgian contingent.

From: 12th Army Group Commander.

Ref: Q-20345 12th August 1944.

OCTIMUM no 150 to 12000 hrs 12th Aug., Part I, Surt, Section B.

Section I - Intelligence.

Third Army, St Malo Citadel continues to hold. Harassing armor encountered in advance toward Argentan.

First Army. Resistance decreasing.

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XV Corps sector by P/W: 33rd Tk Regt, 86th Engr Bn, 102nd Arty Regt, 432nd Sig Bn of 81st Corps.

VII Corps by P/W: 2nd Bn 21st Pr Regt, at 76508.

XIX Corps by P/W: 1052nd Regt, 558th Regt.

Section II. Ground operations. CP as follows:


First Army. Fwd Opt 4726. Others no change from lines as follows.


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2nd Div.  T 6627-T 6729. Others no change.

Third Army. VIII Corps. Corps task force secured St Michel En Greve T 5526. 6th Arm Div. Repulsed counterattack on left flank at R0202. 4th Arm Div. CCA relieved Inf Bn at Nantes. CGB still containing Lorient. 8th Div. No change. 83rd Div. Continued to mop up St Malo area.


XII Corps. No change.

First Army. VII Corps. 3rd Arm Div. CCA reverted to div control and assembled vic Y 6879. 1st Div.

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,

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No change. 30th Div. No advance made against determined resistance. Combat Command B 3rd Arm Division attached to division dug in south Mesnil move vicinity T 5516, T 5812 to T 5815. 4th Division consolidated positions and maintained active patrolling. 9th Division enemy resistance decreasing. 8th Infantry Regiment returned to 4th Division. 2nd Arm Division Combat Command B conducted patrolling to north. Repulsed small counterattack in evening after receiving heavy artillery fire. Continued attack at 1100B.

XIX Corps. 28th Division continued attack against light resistance. 29th Division advanced against heavy mortar and artillery fire. 2nd Arm Division Combat Command A no change.

V Corps. 2nd Division advance right flank to area east T 6525 against light fire.

From Hq AASAP, Leigh Mallory AI 529 13th August 1944.
CO3ITINTREP no 130. Part III, Air.

Summary of operations for period 2100B hours 10th August to 2100 hours 11th August 1944.

Total sorties 2650. 9th Air Force 1333. 2nd TAF 716. ADGB 601. Airborne Operations total sorties

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

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125. 9th TAC 8. 38th Group 1. 46th Group 116.

Summary of targets. Two railway centers, two railway bridges, two railway facilities, six gun positions, one bridge, nine dumps, 21 other targets.

Claims: Six Messerschmidt 109, four Focke-Wulf 190, three Junkers 88, two Junkers 188, three Heinkel 111, one Dornier 217, and 11 flying bombs destroyed, one Junkers 88 and one Heinkel 111 probably destroyed. One Focke Wulf 190 and five Heinkel 111 damage.

Losses: Three bombers and 11 fighters/fighter bombers destroyed and two bombers and seven fighters/fighter bombers damaged.

Details of operations. Railway centers. 34 Thunderbolts on Montargis 16 by 500 GP good. 36 Mustangs on N. 5650 (near Paris) 46 by 250 GP excellent.


Railway facilities. 23 Thunderbolts on Leigie/Chartres (loco, ears) 30 by 500 GP good. 12 Thunderbolts on Orleans/Melun/Koullins (railway ears, buildings) 44 by 500 GP good.

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Gun positions. 32 Mitchells and 24 Bostons on Oiffy Le Tesson 342 by 500 GP good. 32 Bostons and 31 Marauders on Isle De Ceziembre (coastal battery) 28 by 2000 GP and 178 by 500 GP good to excellent. 36 Bostons on St Malo 21 by 500 GP poor to excellent. 12 Thunderbolts on T. 266036, 22 by 500 GP good. 12 Thunderbolts on T. 615192/7.610193 21 by 500 GP good. 12 Thunderbolts on T. 610195, 20 by 500 GP good.

Bridges. 24 Marauders on Oissel 4 by 500 GP and 47 by 2000 GP poor.

Dumps. Eight Typhoons S.W. of St Pierre (V.2147-ammo) 12 by 500 MG good. 32 Marauders and 35 Bostons on Forêt De Roumare (ammo) 798 by 100 GP and 131 by 500 GP unobserved to excellent. 34 Marauders on Montrichard (fuel) 53 by 250 GP excellent. 11 Thunderbolts on R. 66065165/R.073141 (ammo) 22 by 500 GP good. 12 Thunderbolts on R.078150/R.0814 (ammo) (fuel) 24 by 500 GP good. 11 Thunderbolts on Q426446 (ammo) 22 by 500 GP good. Eight Thunderbolts on R.476167 (fuel) 16 by 500 GP good. Eight Thunderbolts on R.474176 (ammo) 16 by 500 GP good. 14 Thunderbolts on T334940 (ammo) 26 by 500 GP good.

Other targets. 13 Mosquitoes on Dreux, Chartres,

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DOMFRONT, ARRAS CHATEAU THIERRY, LONGUEUIL (harrass enemy movements) 50 by 500 MC unobserved to fair. Eight Mosquitoes on Sain area (harrass movements) 18 by 500 MC good. 10 Mosquitoes on ARRAS, Longueil, Amiens, Rouen (rail road routes) 20 by 500 MC fair. Eight Typhoons on Falaise, Flers, Argentan (M/T) 47 by 500 HP unobserved. Eight Typhoons on Falaise, Flers, Argentan (M/T) 6 by 500 MC fair. 36 Mustangs on River Seine (harbors) 72 by 500 MC good. Eight Typhoons on Falaise (U.1065-Tower) 63 by 500 MC fair. Nine Typhoons on S.W. Argentan (U.1209-Houses) 16 by 500 MC good. Six Typhoons on St Ferre (U.1450-Tanks) 9 by 60 HP fair. 36 Thunderbolts on Mortain-Ger (road intersection) 71 by 500 GP long delay good. 19 Thunderbolts on Domfront (road intersection) 38 by 500 GP unobserved to excellent. 19 Thunderbolts E of Mayenne (vehicles and road) 38 by 500 GP good. Eight Thunderbolts on Z. 370741 (M/T) 16 by 500 GP good. 12 Lightnings on T 015025/F.19707 (tanks) 12 by 1000 GP unobserved. Four Mosquitoes of Bazancourt (tank repair factory) 16 by 500 GP. 11 Lightnings on T 915025 (tanks) 6 by 500 GP good. 24 Thunderbolts on Argentan, Sées, Creux (M/T) 48 by 260 M81 FRAG fair. 12 Thunderbolts on 90th and 79th Division area (tanks) 22 by 500 GP good. 13 Lightnings E Domfront (tanks) 25 by 1000 poor. 15 Thunderbolts on Deval, Argentan, Fleurus (highway junction) 29 by 500 GP good.

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26 Thunderbolts on Domfront area (road nests) 47 by 500 GP 6 hour delay and 5 by 500 GP unobserved.
22 Thunderbolts on Vire, Mortain area (road junction) 3 by 500 12 hours, 20 by 500 6 hours and 17 by 500 L (?) hour unobserved.

Summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets. RAFBC total sorties 1025.

Summary of targets. Four railway centers, four flying bomb targets, one bridge, two dumps and two other targets.

Claims: Nil.

Losses: Three bombers.

Details of operations. Railway centers. 104 Halifaxs and 20 Lancasters on Dijon 411 tons very good.
135 Lancasters on Douai 783.3 tons good. 133 Lancasters on Lens 740.3 tons good. 142 Halifaxs on Somain 649 tons good.

Flying bomb targets. Modified sites. 15 Halifaxs on Le Nieppe 49 tons good. 15 Halifaxs on Perfay 48 tons good. 15 Halifaxs on Chapelle Notre Dame 50.4 tons good. 15 Halifaxs on Wenaers Chappell 51.3 tons good.

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Bridge. 89 Halifaxes on Etaplee 211 tons good.

Dumps. 96 Halifaxes and 63 Lancasters on La Falhice (oil dumps and port area) 477 tons fair to very good. 62 Lancasters and five Mosquitoes on Bordeaux (oil) 215 tons good.

Other targets. 41 Lancasters on Bordeaux (port area) 173 tons good. 14 Lancasters and one Mosquito on La Falhice (port area) 70 tons good.

8th Air Force.

763 bombers and 570 fighters.

Summary of targets. Two railway centers, five airfield, two fuel dumps, and one other target.

Claims: Five enemy aircraft destroyed by fighters.

Losses: Six bombers and one fighter destroyed.

Details of operations. Railway centers. 76 Fortresses on Mulhouse 185.7 tons good to excellent. 76 Fortresses on Belfort 187.5 tons good to excellent.

Airfields. 49 Liberators on Coulommiers 100 tons good to excellent. 76 Fortresses on Villacoublay

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136.3 tons good to excellent. 45 Liberators on Toussus Le Noble 110 tons good to excellent. Nine Fortresses on Orleans/Saven 22.3 tons good to excellent. 10 Fortresses on Nivelles 30 tons good to excellent.

Dumps. 36 Liberators on Facy Sur Armancion (fuel) 104 tons good to excellent. 34 Liberators on St. Florentin (fuel) 83 tons good to excellent.

Other targets. 275 Fortresses on Brest (23 arsenal areas, barracks, artillery post) 868.5 tons good to excellent.

Enemy air operations.

From information not previously reported covering 1100/2100 hours 10th August, some 31 additional E/A operation south of the battle area for claims of four E/A destroyed.

On an airstrip at St. Andre D'Leure, 15 Heinkel 111's were straffed in revetments for claims of 3-1-5. During the period, so far reported on, 1800 to sunrise 10th/11th August. There was only

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One sizeable encounter with six plus E/A just off the beaches. "WINDOW" was used and from a claim of one Junkers 88 destroyed, it is possible that these E/A were LRBS.

Overall claims of 12-1- in the air.

Flying bomb activity was on a slightly increased scale, there being 50 plotted, 39 made landfall and 11 reached the Greater London Area.

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A. GENERAL, NOTHING TO REPORT.

B. ASSAULT AREA, HMS ALBATROSS WAS DAMAGED BY UNDERWATER EXPLOSION 2 MILES OFF COURSEULLES AT 0055 TODAY. ON THE EVENING OF 9TH HEAVY SHELLING TOOK PLACE OFF THE BEACHES BETWEEN LYON AND ST AUBIN. 1 HUMAN TORPEDO SUNK 0255 TODAY NO EVIDENCE OF OTHERS.

C. UNLOADING FIGURES TO PM 10TH AUGUST.

PERSONNEL VEHICLES STORES

| BRITISH     | 751,467   | 185,229   | 102,541   |
| US          | 1024,532  | 192,052   | 1194,315  |

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following weekly morale picture.

Instances reported in Brittany of German troops surrendering without fighting but these not properly con-

firmed. Still number who have faith in final victory but this diminishing, particularly among intelligent soldiers.
Ordinary man, not appraised of true situation, still sees hope of winning war but how is not clear.

Fanatics such as SS and paratroops think Germany can win. Faith still being pinned by some on secret

weapons.

Fighting spirit. Fighting spirit still excellent in SS and paratroop formations and no sign of collapse as
yet in ordinary infantry units.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CC/S, CGAEP, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department
Nr.: FWD 12801 12 August 1944
Part 3 of retrans of FWD 12801 DG 121545.

2. Movements. Air cover revealed military movement from areas southeast and southwest of Bordeaux. This suggests possible move 11th Panzer Division in addition 159th Training Division.

3. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 11 August 81,757.

4. General. No evidence of any change in general intention to hold fast in all sectors of present uneconomical lines until forced to withdraw. Appreciate, however, enemy becoming increasingly anxious of open left flank and American exploitation. Until further reinforcements available, enemy may be compelled to thin out armour from Mortain area, accepting further withdrawals in this sector if necessary.

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Twelfth United States Army Group FWD 12801

Para 1. Operations

This is G-2 summary number 68. In Brittany enemy
still holding out at Brest and Lorient. St. Malo being
mopped up. Documentary evidence of Battalion 2 Parachute
Division in fortress. Very heavy fighting continues in
Mortain area. Nine

End of part 1, part 2 follows.

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One Panzer Trenadier Regiment of Panzer Lehr Division reappeared in battle southeast of Vire where we drove due south and captured Venceans (T 62). Further units identified this general area. Northeast Vire on Second Army front we made some progress against heavy opposition. Thury Harcourt now in our hands and 271st Infantry Division to northeast forced out of its salient so line now runs along south edge Forêt De Cinglais. 12 S3 tanks withdrawn from this sector.

On Canadian Army front enemy resisting hard and making local counter attacks. He still holds Liy Potigny Maixiere (G 14) with strong anti tank gun screen. Evidence slight move 346th Infantry Division to south. (End or cipher part two part three follows).

End

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CO, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FWD 12816 12 August 1944

Cipher part 2 and last of FWD 12816 DTC of part 1 and 2 121930 Aug.

General impression at moment is troops fighting hard until situation so bad that they can fight no more. Only then does he stop. Reaction to capture is one of apathy and resignation.

3. War weariness. Considerable evidence of war weariness after capture, and some SS troops becoming disillusioned.

4. Desertion. Almost entirely confined to non-Germans, who usually take first opportunity to desert.

5. General. 'No real change in general morale picture since last week and the Hitler episode has not had any real effect on German soldiers' outlook. Although concrete evidence is lacking morale of soldier appears little more brittle and severe set back in Normandy might see a change.'

End

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TO: War Department

No: FWD 12792

12 August, 1944

From: SHAEF Forward signed Eisenhower. COTINTREP addressees. Ref No FWD - 12792, 11 Aug 1944 cite SHOOT. COTINTREP No 129. Part IV.

Last part IV issued was number 126.

Considerable railway sabotage reported from PAS De Calais, Nord, Aisne, Landes, Lot and Ain. Lines reported temporarily cut include Tours - Vierzon, Vierzon - Orleans, Gap - Briancon, Bordeaux - Saintes Agen - Toulouse, and Beziers - Montpellier.

1,500,000 litres of petrol reported burned in Nord.

Resistants reported to have given valuable support to operations of Third United States Army in Brittany.

With help of special air service troops they have captured several hundred prisoners, and liberated towns of Quimper, Hennebont, Sizun, Brasparts, Fleyben, Coray and Millizac in advance of United States Forces. Resistants and SAS troops are also carrying out counter searching tasks, mopping up by passed areas and guarding the Zone of Communications. 300 Germans reported killed at Banne (Lozere), and 200 in an attack by resistants on a train near Del Ezet (Lozerel.)

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Since 9th August 1944, 118 Special Air Service troops. Three Jedburgh teams and 311 tons of arms and ammunition have been dropped in France from England. Totals since D-day, including operations from North Africa:

1,064 Special Air Service troops,
31 Jedburgh teams,
8 Operational Groups,
41 Jeeps and
5,731 tons of arms and ammunition.

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To: War Department

DIG: 11/2231Z August 1944

From Ramsay signed Eisenhower COSINTREP number 129 part Naval. Action War Dept Navy Dept and CG ETOUSA who has. Info CTF 125 CTF 127. NAVCOM London sends 112329B.

A. General. Nothing to report.

B. Assault Area. HMS Albatross was damaged by underwater explosion 2 miles off Courseulles at 0650 today. On the evening of 9th heavy shelling took place off the beaches between Lyon and St Albin. One Human Torpedo sunk 0625 today no evidence of others.

C. Unloading figures to PM 1oth August read in 3 columns.

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Lack of evidence of any movement eastwards by any of the armoured formations recently involved in the counter offensive towards Avranches point to a reinforcement and regrouping of the five divisions on the enemy's southern flank which suggests the following implications:

That the enemy's counter offensive intentions remain unchanged but that the direction and method of attack may be shifted from a thrust due west with three Panzer Divisions to an enveloping thrust initially southwards eventually involving up to five Panzer Divisions.

While there might have been some hope of seriously disrupting Allied supply lines a week ago, it is now difficult to see how such an attack, thought desperate effort to stabilize temporarily a most parlous enemy position generally, could achieve decisive results at.

End of part four, part five follows.
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, (Forward) London, England

War Department
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
CG, Allied Expeditionary Air Forces, London, England

11 August 1944

Division is now identified. To the North Cathemo (152) captured after very hard fight. In Vire area elements 331st Infantry Division long expected from Pas de Calais now identified after 9 day bicycle ride down.

On Second Army front enemy resisting hard all along line.

In Canadian sector enemy position further strengthened by arrival elements 85th Infantry Division from north of Seine. Remindar said to be following on bicycles. Enemy holding up our southerly advance with anti tank gun screen in general area Potigny (004) though we are making progress to the east.

2. Movement. Appears to be loading and movement of trains south west of Bordeaux as far as Bayonne. This may be connected with a move of.

End of Part 2, Part 3 follows.

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To:  CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
No:  FWD 12785  11 August 1944
      FWD 12785 DTD 111915 Aug.
      159th Training Division.
      It is not yet possible to determine direction of
      move.

      Para three, Prisoners of War.

      No intakes of prisoners. Lieutenant-General Spang
      lately commanding 265th Infantry Division now in this
      country. Captured 24 kilometers from Brest since he had
      refused to withdraw into the fortress thinking order to do
      so absurd. Is anti-Bolshevik and anti-party but acknowledges
      Fuehrer. Had not told his troops of attempt on Fuehrer. On
      hearing of the general hangings, he burst into tears.

      Para four, General.

      The identification of 10th SS Panzer Division in
the Barenton area just east of 116th Panzer Division,
indications of the relief of 2nd Panzer Division from its
sector north of Mortain, and.

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To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

No: FWD 12785 11 August 1944

Cipher part 5 and last of FWD 12785 date 11 1915 Aug

This time especially in view of the dangerous
Allied threat north and north east from the Le Mans area.
The commitment of 85 Inf Div from north of the Seine
has helped to relieve hard pressed armour in the penetration
area south of Caen and it is now possible that the bulk of
21st Panzer Div has been entirely withdrawn. Thus milling
of forces from channel front has not stopped and further
formations besides 331st and 85th Inf Div believed en route.
In addition to those already identified it is believed that
some 5 or 6 divisions might be made available if the enemy
is prepared to accept considerable risks as he now must in
order to continue the battle in Normandy on terms of some
 equality.

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Part I - Land - Section A.

Section I - Intelligence. Identifications. By FW.

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NY deserters. 2 En 979 GR T-0948.

By corpse. 9 SS Engr Bn T-7233.

By contact. 1 and 2 Bns 977 GR T-9548.

Section II - Ground Operations.

Second Army. 8 Corps.

Attacked Se across rd Vire Conde Sur Noireau preliminary attack on left flank of Gds Arm Div started 0630 hrs. By 0800 hrs 1 WG were est on high ground 7233. At 0900 hrs main attack began with right 3 Brit Div and left Gds Arm Div.
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Air Forces, London England

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3 Div. By 1200 hrs 8 Bde on right and 185 Bde on left were just short of PT-247 (6629) and PT-262 (6730) respectively. Three regt advanced to make contact with 8th Arm Div in area Viescat. 6931 Bde Arm Div advanced against strong enemy opposition with five 8th Arm Bde leading. By 1800 hrs fvd tps reached general line br in Viescat - south of wood 719325 - PT-242 (7233) - Houssemagne 7334. Fighting still in progress in Chenedolle 7233.

30 Corps.

50 Div. 0600 hrs 231 Bde passed through 69 Bde and by 1200 hrs fvd tps had advanced in face of stiff opposition to south of PT-229 (8539) - orchard 679399. PT-229 still held by enemy but being attacked from south and east 12 Corps.

59 Div. 197 Bde holding firm base area Brius 9651. 56 Bde advancing south reached PT-168 (9544) - PT-161 (9746) with patrols in Napia 9848. 59 Recce Regt reached 939471 Royals patrol through Forêt De Cingalais and reached Barbery 0349. 158 Bde passing through 197 Bde and advancing east.

53 Div. 177 Bde of 59 Div under command in area 9245-9346-9147 with one Bn advancing NE from 9044. Class nine br being built at 931482 following amendment bdy between

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To: 2Cdn Corps.

4 Cdn Arm Div. Strong enemy resistance prevented further advance south from PT-195 (0646) on which one En ten Inf Bde now firmly est. Approximately 20 robot tks launched against this position without casualties to own tps.

3 Cdn Inf Div 0200 hrs 8 Bde attacked Quesnay Wood 1047. No appreciable progress made in face of very strong opposition. 7 Bde con area Bretteville/Le/Rabet.

Polish Arm Div. Soignolles 1350 and sput to east captured. Enemy counter attack with Inf and Tks repulsed 2200 hrs and area now firmly held.

1 Corps.

51 Div. 154 Bde attacked woods in area 1553-1552 early this morning and by 0500 hrs were holding the M with 2 Inf Bns and 1 Arm Regt. Position counter attacked at 1150 hrs but is still firmly held. Enemy counter attack against 153 Bde in St Sylvain 1354 repulsed 152 Bde area Wood G-1058 Fouassy 1356 - Conteville 1357.
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49 Div. Recce Regt holding gap between right
flank 147 Bde and 51 Div.

From 12th Army Group from Army Group Commander to
COSITINTREP addressers. Ref No Q-20316 11 August 1944
COSITINTREP No 129.

PART I - Land - Section B. Section I - Intelligence.
Third Army: Mopping up of St Malo continues.

First Army: Stubborn enemy defense on VII Corps
front and evidence of regrouping vicinity Mayenne. FW 7
Company 558 Regiment and 3 Company 557 Regiment, 091 FOR
on XIX and V Corps front: 1053 and 1054 Regts identified
U front 1053 and 1054 Regts identified U-14. Elements 266
Infantry Division and 2 Para Division contacted near Brest.
100 PW 582 Regt captured Dinard Peninsula.

Section II - Ground Operations.

Command posts as follows:

6 Armd Division Q-9714.
4 Armd Division 2009.
83 Division X-7594.
XV Corps V-5590.
2nd French Armd Division V-4281.
5 Armd Division V-5280.
79 Division V-4972.

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90 Division Le Mans.
XX Corps Y-8144.
Others, no change.

Front lines as follows.

Third Army:

VIII Corps. 4 Arm Division Combat Command AN-9933. 83 Division elements S-8716 S-7913, remainder no change.


XX Corps. 80 Division areas 2-2450, 2-0452 and 2 1837.

First Army.

Corps. 9 Division T-5419 T-5522 T-5622.

XIX Corps. 28 Division T-5622 T-5923. 29 Division T-612 T-6626. Others no change.

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Rear boundary of Third Army effective 112400 August. (All inclusive to communication zone) Road N-776
La/Mont/St/Michel T-161 - Pontorson T-1602, road N-176
Pontorson - Pontaubault T-2810, road N-807 Pontaubault -
St/Hilaire/Du Harcouet T-4703, road N 177 St/Hilaire/Du
Harcouet - First Army Boundary.

Third Army. VIII Corps.
Corps task force moved vicinity R-6525 to protect
beaches.
6 Arm Division no change.
4 Arm Division Combat Command A 12 miles south
of Nantes at R-9933.
Combat Command B containe Lorient.
8 Division, no change.
83 Division elements organized to garrison St/
Malo and extended line northeast. Other elements with regi-
ment from 8 Division attached regrouping to attack Dinard.

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90 Division concentrated area west of Savigne V-4769 prepared to follow 2nd French Arm Division.

5 Armd Division Combat Command A advanced north to area V-4891.


79 Division assembling area north of Sille Le Phillippe V-5277 prepared to follow 5 Armd Division.

XX Corps.

5 Division 1 HCT attacking Nantes. Remainder of Division attacked resistance remaining in east part of Angers.

80 Division elements of Votre Z-0452 and Conlie Z-2449 moving toward Sille/Le/Guillaume Z-1756. Other elements moving to Le Mans.

35 Division enemy tank attack stopped at T-5911. Division resumed the attack vicinity Mortain against heavy resistance.

7 Armd Division landing and concentrating vicinity L Fougeres.

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XII Corps.
No change.

First Army. VII Corps,
3 Armored Division no change.
1 Division active patrolling along Orne River.
30 Division made little progress against heavy resistance.

4 Division. 1 Regiment remained vicinity
Le Mesnil Gilbert. 1 Regiment advanced patrols east of Varenne River with no enemy contact. 1 Regiment attached to 35 Division.

9 Division straightened front lines and consolidated position.

2nd Armored Division (less combat command A) made little progress but resistance decreasing.

XIX Corps.

28 Division recaptured Gathemo after confused fighting. Resistance decreased on right flank.

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29 Division no change.

Combat Command A of 2nd Armored Division advanced on Gathemo - Tinohebray highway to Vengeons 7-6022.

V Corps.

2 Division continued attack with good results. Advance halted on Corps order after 4,000 yards gain as left flank was uncovered.

Part II- Naval

A. General. Nothing to report.

B. Assault area

HMS Albatross was damaged by underwater explosion 2 miles off Courseulles at 0650 today. On the evening of 9th heavy shelling took place of the beaches between Lyon and St Aubin. 1 human torpedo sunk 0255 today, no evidence of others.

C. Unloading figures to PM 10th August.
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12 Army Group from Bradley signed Eisenhower C0S-TINTREF addressees. Ref no Q 20281 11 August 1944. WAR pass to WDF COS-TINTREF No 126 Part 1 Land, Section B, COS-TINTREF numbered 121 to 126 inclusive are hereby renumbered 120 to 125 respectively.

Section 1. Intelligence
Third Army


First Army. No Change.

Identifications

By FW 10 and 11 FGR vicinity Lemans; all three regts 359th Infantry Division vicinity St Malo but bulk of Division still on Channel Islands; 2nd Company 557th Regt T-6227, 9, 10, 11 companies 21 SS FGR, 13 Company 529 SA Panzer Recon Battalion at T-6407; 6 Company 185 FGR T 6326.

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Section 2. Ground Operations.

Command posts as follows:

- 6 Arm Division Q-9714.
- XV Corps V-4769.
- 2 French Arm Division Z-3839.
- 5 Arm Division V-4154.
- 80 Division Y-8245.
- 90 Division X-4036.
- XX Corps Y-9042.
- 5 Division 06751.
- 35 Division T-5602.
- Others, no change.

Front lines as follows:

Third Army:

- XV Corps 2 French Arm Division Z-3950.
- 5 Arm Division V-9685.
- 79 Division V-9477.
- XX Corps 5 Division 08279 and 0054.

First Army:

- VII Corps. 30 Division T-6207 T-5814.

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4 Division T-541½.
V Corps 2 Division T-6528.
Others, no change.

Boundary between Armies:

Previous boundary to Y-5872-thence Mayenne Road to Mayenne-Y-9361-Z-1599-U-1807.

Between VII and XIX Corps: Previous boundary to T-6400-16597-17799-U-1807.

Between VII and between Corps: Previous boundary to T-6400 Y-6597-X-7799-T-9010.

Between XIX and V Corps: Previous boundary to T-6625-T-7115-T-7718.

Others, no change.

Third Army.

VIII Corps. The Corps Task Force advanced west to Vicinitys, R-0011.

6 Armored Division. Consolidated positions in area north of Brest.

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4 Armored Division holding position north of Lorient.
8 Division. No Change.
85 Division. 1 strong point in St Malo continued resistance.

XV Corps.

2nd French Armored Division. Enroute to vicinity Le Mans.
5 Armored Division. Elements secured line along Orne River.
80 Division. Movement to the vicinity of LeMans continues.
79 Division followed advance of 5 Armored Division.
90 Division. Occupied and mopped up Le Mans. Moving to follow 2nd French Armored Division.

XX Corps.

5 Division. Elements entered Angers and Nantes. Report Nantes heavily mined and lightly held.
35 Division. Continued attack at 0800B against heavy resistance.

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XII Corps. No change.

First Army.

VII Corps.

1st Division. Continued active patrolling.

2nd Armored Division. Enemy counterattack was repulsed and Division prepared to resume advance against heavy resistance.

30th Division. Continued attack on Mortain from northwest against heavy resistance. Elements also pushing from southwest in conjunction with elements of 35th Division.

4th Division. Assembled vicinity Le Mesnil Gilbert T-5019. Assigned defensive area and prepared to reinforce 30th Division.

9th Division. Encountered determined resistance in attack to east.

3rd Armored Division. No change.

XIX Corps. Attack continued to 0600B.

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28th Division (Combat Command B, 2nd Armored Division attached). Continued attack toward Gatem, T-5623 against heavy resistance. Small gains made northeast and west of town.

29th Division Advanced against stubborn resistance.

V Corps:


End.

ACTION: OPD

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

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In Brittany stiff resistance being offered outside Brest and Lorient, while at St Malo enemy still holding out in citadel. (Previous para 1 operations).

Further elements of 9th Panzer Division and 708th Infantry Division encountered just east of Mayenne where they reacted sharply to our patrols. In Mortain Sector 116th Panzer Division apparently relieved by 84th Infantry Division. End of part 1 part 2 follows.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S
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And transferred to southern flank of 84 Corps. Large concentration of armour with flak and air support moving to this area 9 August. 10th SS Panzer Division, recently withdrawn from line, may possibly be transferring this area. Southwest of wire enemy offering stiff defense to our advance.

On Second Army front heavy fighting continues in Entry (T 73) sector, just northeast of which enemy counter attack was broken up by our artillery fire. Enemy counter attacks on our bridge head in Forest Griniboq (T 95) slackened off yesterday morning. In the Canadian sector our advance encountered strong concentration of guns and tanks.

End of Part 2, Part 3 follows.

On River Liaison between Potigny and Maixieres (V 14), Elements.
From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward Echelon, London, England

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

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Part 3 of FWD 12763 dtg 102000 Aug.

12 SS Panzer Division and 101 SS Tank Battalion identified. 271st Infantry Division reported withdrawing with tank support possibly 21 Panzer. 344th Infantry Division identified “East of Orne”. Movement into area suggest possible arrival of further division. 86831 Infantry and 18th German Air Force possible candidates.

Reports of 158th Training Division preparing defences Orleans suggests division possibly attempting to fortify the Loire towns and may forecast First Army turning its front north to face along the Loire.

2. Movement. Infantry trains previously observed by air reconnaissance in the northeast appear to have made very little progress. Some suggestion of unloading.

(End of part 3. Part 4 follows).

End.

FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-9420 (11 Aug 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CC/S CG AAF OPD Adm. King Col. Park Log

CM-IN-9688 (11 Aug 44) 0809Z gkc
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England (Forward)

To: War Department
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Of trains held up presumably in order to continue journey by road. Large scale destruction of bridges east and southeast of Paris makes it very difficult to approach nearer than 50 to 100 miles of the city by rail.

Para 3. Prisoners of War. The accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 9 August 78,661.

Para 4. General. Continued heavy fighting on southern flank on which bulk of enemy armoured formations still concentrated indicates no (no) change in counter offensive hopes to split Allied Forces by drive to Arvanches. However, shift of 116 Panzer Division to south of Mortain may indicate attempt to outflank stiff Allied resistance which has thus far allowed him scant.

End of part 4. Part 5 follows.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S  QPD Col Park
               CG AAF  Adm King Log

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Part 5 DFG 102000 FWD 12763, part 5 and last.

Indications of a move to the southwest possibly involving 10 SS Panzer Div reinforce this view. At the same time bringing up of further elements of 708 Inf Div and nine Panzer Div east of Mayenne suggests enemy now compelled to pay more serious attention to security of deep southern flank and lines of communication.

On the eastern flank the inability of his Inf to stem the Allied drive down the Caen Falaise road has forced the enemy to rush armoured help, both 12 SS Panzer Div and 21 Panzer Div being committed either in the area or to cover the withdrawal of Inf west of penetration.

Despite influx of enemy reinforcements, considered diminishing returns achieved due to generally poorer quality and to decreased effectiveness caused by delayed arrival and piecemeal commitment.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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      London, England

To: War Department
      CO, Strategic Air Forces in Europe, London, England

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Order of Battle, European Theater of Operations, United States Army as of 31 July 44 as follows:

Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army. Assigned Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, are 12th Army Group, First United States Army Group, First United States Army, Third United States Army, Ninth United States Army, United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe; 82 (attached Ninth United States Army), 101 (attached Ninth United States Army) and 17 (advanced detachment; attached Ninth United States Army) Airborne Divs; two (attached Ninth United States Army) Airborne Inf Brig; and 56 (advanced detachment) and 74 (advanced detachment) AAA Brig.

Assigned First United States Army are following:

V Corps, with 1st and 2nd Inf Divs and 2nd Arm Div.

VII Corps, with 4th and 9th Inf Divs.

XIX Corps, with 29th and 30th Inf Divs; 3rd and 7th Arm Divs; 26th Inf Div; 1st, 5th and 6th Engr Spec Brig; 32nd FA Brig; and 49th AAA Brig.

Assigned Third United States Army are following:

VIII Corps, with 83rd Inf Div.
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XII Corps, with 80th Inf Div and 5th Armd Div.
XV Corps, with 4th Armd Div and 5th (attached First
United States Army), 8th and 35th (attached First
United States Army) Inf Divs.
XX Corps, with 6th Armd Div; 79th and 90th Inf Divs;
one TD Brig; 33rd and 34th FA Brig; and 38th
AAA Brig.

Assigned Ninth United States Army are following:

XIII Corps; 94th (advanced detachment) and 95th
(advanced detachment) Inf Div; and 9th (advanced detachment)
Armd Div.

Assigned United States Strategic Air Forces in
Europe are the Service Command and 8th and 9th Air Forces.

Assigned 8th Air Force are: 1st Bomb Div, with
1st, 4th, 14th, 20th, 57th, 95th, and 96th Bomb Wgs; 2nd Bomb Div, with
2nd, 14th, 20th, 57th, 95th, and 96th Bomb Wgs; 3rd Bomb Div,
with 4th, 13th, 45th, 92nd, and 93rd Bomb Wgs; 8th AF
Fighter Comd; 8th AF Serv Comd; 8th AF Composite Comd;
and 8th Recon Wg (Prov).

Assigned 9th Air Force are:

9th Bomber Comd, with 97th, 98th, and 99th Bomb
Bomb Wgs.
9th Tactical Air Comd, with 70th and 84th Ftr Wgs.
19th Tactical Air Comd, with 100th and 303rd Ftr Wgs.
9th Troop Carrier Comd, with 50th, 52nd, and 53rd

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9th AF Serv Cmnd.
9th Air Defense Cmnd, with 71st Ftr Wg, and
9th Engineer Cmnd.

Assigned Communications * 47th, 50th, 51st, 52nd
54th, and 55th AAA Brigs.

* Being Serviced

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Part 1. Land:

From: EXFOR Main signed Eisenhower to COSINTREP addresses ref no 00-22A 10th August 1944 COSINTREP no 128 to 101300B.

Section A Section I - Intelligence

Identifications

By FW. 10 Coy 1055 Gr U-077510. 1170 by flak En U-0853. 6, 7 and 8 Coys 1053 Gr of 85 Inf Div U-115522.

By deserter. 7 Coy 25 SS PGR of battle group Schrott T-963526.

Section II - Ground operations

Second British Army

8th Corps.

3rd Brit Div. 9 Bde area 6551-667310 -N-655323.

11 Arm Div taken over area Le Breg 7337 from Gds Arm Div.

Gds Arm Div area 68935-6934-6938-6937. 15 Div enemy activity area Estry continued.

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30th Corps.

7 Arm Div captured PT-371 (8644) and by last light fvd
tps had reached 869335.

Mont Pinon feature taken over by 22 Arm Bde from 43
Div. 131 Inf Bde in reserve area north of Valles 8747 on relief
by 129 Bde of 43 Div. 43 Div captured Les Hameaux 8343 and
Haut Du Roi 8442. 130 Bde moved to area St Jean Le Blanc 8041-
Sousmang 8111-Lenault 8241-Lamoterie 8441. 129 Bde area La
Lande 8644- PT-271 (8644)-Cuville 8742.

50th Div. 69 Bde passed through 151 Bde and by last
light were est Se Crapouville 8541 and astride rd 1,000 yds
south of Cauville. Enemy resistance determined but many FW
taken. During morning 69 Bde captured PT-229 (8539) and PT-
266 (8840).

12th Corps.

53rd Div. 71 Bde conc area 9056 and 160 Bde area 9457-
9557. 59 Div. 197 Bde enlarged bridgehead during afternoon
fvd tps reaching rd Laize La Ville 0157-Thury Harcourt.

138 Bde relieved 176 Bde in bridgehead which now held by
right 56 Bde. centre 197 Bde and left 158 Bde. 56 Bde reached
gen line Croisilles 9548-Forde A Cambho 9648-Epines 9848. 177
Bde area 8946-9047-9147 176 Bde area 8754.

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First Cdn Army

2 Cdn Corps.

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4 Cdn Arm Div. At 1200 hrs 4 Cdn Arm Bde area 073474
and St Hilaire 0847. Adv south delayed in area PT-195 (0846)
by enemy anti-tank screen. 10 Cdn Inf Bde area Hela Banelet
Fontaine 0747-0847-PT-195 (0846). Enemy counter attack with
Inf and tks against 0747 from south repulsed.

3 Cdn Inf Div. 9 Bde patrolled west of Leuze during night
area 0653. 8 Bde took over from 4 Cdn Arm Div area Grainville
Langennaire 0949- Bretteville Le Rabet.

7 Bde area Cintexaux 0753. 2 Cdn Arm Bde under cmd 3
Cdn Inf Div.

1 polish Arm Div area Cadvicourt 1052 - Renenesnil 1152-
1150.

1 Corps.

51 Inf Div and 35 Arm Bde reverted to cmd from 2 Cdn
Corps. 153 Bde firmly est St Sylvain 1354. 154 Bde area Gram-
seny 0856.

49 Inf Div Recce Regt reached 145607. 146 Bde made con-
tact with 147 Bde fvd elements 136615. 147 Bde fvd elements
150612 meeting resistance in Vimont. 70 Bde maintained pressure
but report hy resistance east of Barnerville 1357.

Hq 1 Corps 083672.

Bdy between 2 Cdn Corps and 1 Corps as before to 092670
thence all incl 2 Cdn Corps rly br 095665- thence rly to bend
in rly 069585- rd and track junc 076567 - X tracks 085549-PT-
82 (1053) - woodland 113585- Soignelles 135609 - Bont Du Haut 1648-
thence Laison river to rly br 225556- thence rly to rly br
489355- rly and rd junc 523875.

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Part II. Naval:

From Ramsay signed Eisenhower to COSINTREP addresses
ref no 102341B 10th August 1944. COSINTREP no 126.

A. General

During night 8/9 PT boats attacked shipping in Channel
Islands area, entering St Helier roadstead to press home attacks.
Owing to fog results of torpedo fire were unobserved. Effective
gunfire observed on upper works of type M sweepers. One PT lost.

B. Assault area.

MTB's attacked small vessel escorted by 6 R boats off
Havre. Vessel was sunk. One R boat probably sunk. One MTB
superficially damaged.
Spotting aircraft ex Lee on Solent successfully shot
up two enemy vessels.
Store ship Iidesleigh and HMS Vestal damaged by under-
water explosions today 10th.

C. Unloading figures to PM 9th August.

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Part III. Air:

From Hq Allied Expeditionary Air Force from Leigh Mallory signed Eisenhower to COSITINTREP addresses ref no AI-544 11th August 1944. COSITINTREP no 128 to 2100 hrs 9th August.

Total sorties 3282
9th Air Force 1105
2nd TAF 1414
ADGBR 763

Airborne Operations:

Total sorties YS 56
38th Group 41
46 Group U 15

Summary of targets:

Two railway centres, ten railway bridges, five gun positions, two bridges, one radar installation, four dumps, 22 other targets.

Claims: One Dornier 217, seven Junkers 88, two Junkers 188, three S/2 E/A and three unidentified E/A destroyed, one Junker 188, two S/2 E/A and two Junkers 88 probably destroyed, one Junkers 188 and one Focke-Wulf 190 damaged.

August 8th add: Two Dorniers 217, three Junkers 88, seven unidentified E/A, five Messerschmitts 109 and one Focke-Wulf 190 destroyed. One messerschmidt IL and one Messerschmidt 109 damaged.

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Losses: Seven bombers, twelve fighter/fighter bombers, one transport aircraft destroyed, 21 bombers, four fighters/fighter bombers damaged.

Details of operations:

Railway centres four. 33 Mitchells and 30 Bostons on l'Evre (S. of Rouen), 350 500 GP, fair MN 5 Marauders on Compiegne 10 2000 GP, excellent.


Bridges. Six Marauders on Beaumont-sur-Oise, 4 1000 GP, good. 12 Spitfires on Leage/Avreux, 6 500 HCN good.

Radar installation. 82 Bostons on 11 Aug 44.

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Other Targets. Seven Typhoons on U-053438 wood, 40 60 RP, poor. 24 Spitfires on Seine River barges, 20 250 and 11 500, good. 17 Typhoons on U-1356 enemy concentration, 34 500 good. Nine Typhoons on U-0351 wood, 16 500, unobserved. 11 Mustangs on Seine barges 22 500, fair. 68 Mosquitoes on Dijon/Vitry: Paris area all movements in these areas, 206 500, unobserved/good. 12 Typhoons on Les Andelys barges, 24 250 and 12 500, good. Four Stirlings on near Bordeaux special operation, six 3 BC 4 lbs GP and 40 500 MC, successful. 61 Typhoons on Falaise area tanks, 426 60 RP good. 12 Spitfires on Seine barges, 12 500 GP good. 64 Typhoons on battle area tanks, 435 60 RP and 16 500 MC, fair/good. Eight Typhoons on battle area guns, 64 60 4 0 RP, excellent. 12 Typhoons on battle area guns, 93 60 RP, unobserved. Ten Mustangs on R-0450 factory, 20 500 MC good. 12 Thunderbolts on T-554175 and T-554185 tanks and M/T, 15 500, unobserved. Eight Thunderbolts on T-7614 wood, 14 500, unobserved. Eight Thunderbolts on R-4886 flak cars, 8 500, good. Eight Thunderbolts on T-683097 wood flak guns, 14 500, unobserved. 95 Thunderbolts on battle area road, railway M/T, 115 500, fair/good. 161 Typhoons on Falaise area M/T, tanks, woods, guns etc. 832 60 RP and 96 500 MC, fair/good. 24 Spitfires on R-3485 barges, 48 250, good. 12 Mustangs on R-4179 and R-4673 barges, 42 500 MC, Fair.

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Summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets.

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Total sorties  620 aircraft.

Summary of targets:

Four flying bombs modified sites, one construction works,
three dumps, one army fuel dump, one port area.

Claims: Nil.

Losses: 4 aircraft.

Details of Operations:

Flying bomb targets modified sites. 21 Halifaxes on
Bois de la Haie, 79 tons, not known. 23 Halifaxes on Coquereaux,
90 tons, not known. 20 Halifaxes N Les Catellieres, 61 tons,
not known. 20 Halifaxes on Les Landes, 75 tons, not known.

Construction works. 15 Halifaxes on Chappelle Notre
Dame, 62.5 tons, good.

Dumps. 50 Lancasters on Aire sur lys (tankage depot),
290 tons, good. 115 Lancasters on Foret de Lucheux (Pol), 401
tons, good. 15 aircraft on Foret de Chantilly (Pol), tonnage
not known, excellent.

Army fuel dump. 160 Halifaxes on Foret de Normal, 710
tons, good. Port area. 31 Lancasters on La Pallice (nr La
Rochelle), 147 tons, good.

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8th Air Force.

Bombers: 824
Fighter bombers: 149
Fighters: 675

Summary of targets:

Three railway centres, one aircraft engine plant, six
cities, three other targets.

Claims: 1-1-1 (air) by bombers, 33-0-10 (air) and
30-0-19 (ground) by fighters.

Losses: 18 bombers, two fighters.

Details of operations:

Railway centres. 181 Forts/Libs on Saarbrucken, 376.5 GF
and 61.3 IB, fair. 29 Forts on Luxembourg, 55 GF and 12.5 IB,
good. 12 Forts on St Vith, 10.8 GF and 21 IB, good.

Aircraft engine plant. 25 Libs on Sindelfingen 68 GF
and 3 IB, poor.

Cities. 103 Forts on Firmansens, 110 GF and 149.5 IB,
good. 30 Forts on Ulm, 52.5 GF and 27.5 IB, good. 41 Forts
on Karlsruhe, 75 GF and 27.5 IB, good. Eight Forts on S. Sreicher,
20 GF, good. 12 Libs on Eindhoven, 28 GF, poor. 16 Forts on
Aachen, one GF and 37.5 IB, unobserved.

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Other targets: 56 Forts on Elsenborn barracka, 110 GP
and 30 IB, good. Three Forts on 7/0, 5 GP, unobserved. Seven
Forts on 7 T/0, 14.5 GP unobserved.

Enemy Operations:

From information not previously reported covering E/A
sightings for 7/8 August shows that E/A operations in waves of
20 plus in the St Malo and Vire areas. Claims are made of 4-0-1.

From 1100 hours to 2100 hours 8th August additional E/A
sightings and encounters amounted to 69 plus. Most of these
plus E/A were in small groups and tended to bounce our fighters
and for the most part suffered losses. There was some large
sighting of 25 plus Messerschmids 109 E of Argentan and when
attacked evaded. Claims for these additional encounters are
17-0-1 air and 1-0-0 ground.

During the period 140 plus E/A were sighted and encoun-
tered in the air over and south of the battle area, and 30 plus
were strafed on a L/F. Four large groups of 25/40 were reported
at St Calais, sector 94, and two sightings over Alencon, overall
claims for the period are 10-3-2 air and 6-2-0 ground.

Radar plotings indicated that 50 E/A operated over N
France and other Dutch Islands. Two groups of 18 and one of
nine were plotted in the Evreux area, between 0940 to 1020
hours.
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Flying bomb activity was greatly decreased over the previous period and of the 34 plotted, nine only reached the greater London area. All activity occurred between 2100/1100 8/9 August. 34 flying bombs were plotted, 20 overland and nine over greater London area. Claims: Nine by fighters, five by A.A. fire and one by balloons.

End.

To: War Department

No. Q-20254, 10 August 1944

From Twelfth Army Group from Bradley signed Eisenhower CISTINREP addressees to, ref no Q-20254, 10 August 1944 CISTINREP no 128 to 091200B.

Part I

Land. Section B, Intelligence.

Third Army.

Stubborn resistance of St Malo, Brest, Lorient continued.

First Army.

Enemy still holding strongly Mortain sector. Identifications FW from 3 Battalions 7 Para Regt vicinity St Malo. FW reports 1 and 2 Battalions in Brest, elements 2 Para Regt and 2 Para Sengr Battalion vicinity Carneix. FW from 728 and 748 Regt vicinity Mayenne, Panzer Regt of 116 Panzer Division and 341 Asslt Gun Battalion location uncertain. 33 Panzer Regt by contact vicinity Mayenne.

Operations Command Posts as follows:

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No. Q-20254, 10 August 1944

Third Army.

First Army.
Advanced Command Post T-5334. 3rd Armd Division Y-7173.

Front lines as follows:

Third Army.

First Army.
VII Corps. 1st Division Y-8082 Y-8370. 30 Division T-T-6009 T-5810. 4 Division T-5417 T-5520 T-5421. 9 Division T-5624. 2nd Armd Division Combat Command B area T-6708.
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XIX Corps. 28 Division T 5826 T-927 T-6126. 29 Division T-6327. V Corps. 2 Division T-6430.  

Third Army.  

VIII Corps. Corps Task Force Advanced West of Morlaix to R-3317. 6 Arm Division consolidated position north of Brest. 4 Arm Division attack continued on Lorient. 8 Division 1 Battalion moving to support attack on Brest. 83 Division fighting in outskirts of St Malo. Elements advancing in Dinard S-7614. XV Corps. 5 Arm Division by passed Le Mans to the south and cutting railroads south and east of the city. 79 Division liberated Le Mans. 90 Division leading elements entered Le Mans and will be followed by remainder of division. 2nd French Arm attached to XV Corps. Concentrating southwest of Brulon vicinity A-0226. 90 Division attached to XV Corps. Moving to area east of Laval Y-8344. XX Corps. 35 Division enemy counterattack vicinity Milly T-5206 unsuccessful. Attack resumed northeast toward Mortain met stiff resistance. 5 Division elements advanced towards Nantes. Other elements consolidated positions vicinity Chateauneuf J-8802 and advanced to vicinity Angers.  

First Army.  

VII Corps. 1st Division consolidated positions.
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Protected crossing Mayenne river and maintained contact by vigorous patrolling. 30 Division heavily engaged north and west of Mortain. Enemy counterattack stopped. 12 Infantry Regt attached from 4 Division met stiff resistance. 9 Division attack to straighten line against strong enemy positions made slight progress. 4 Division maintained defensive position and mopped up resistance vicinity Le Meunil Cove T-5317. 2 Arm Division (less Combat Command A.) stopped by enemy in morning thus slowing main effort. Moved forward slowly after 0800B. 3rd Arm Division, no change. XIX Corps. Continued attack against strong resistance. 28 Division launched counterattack on Gathemo T-5623. 29 Division mopped up resistance in St Germaine T-6227 and advanced slightly east and south against heavy fire including artillery. V Corps. 2 Division, no change. VII Corps, no change.

END
Eisenhower Action \(\text{CS } 120\) part naval. Action War Dept Navy Dept and CG ETousa who has. Info CTF 125 CTF 127.

A. General. During night 8th/9th PT boats attacked shipping in Channel Islands area entering St. Helier Roadead to press more attacks. Owing to fog results of torpedo fire were unobserved. Effective gunfire observed on upper works of type H sweepers. 1 PT lost.

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A. GENERAL. US N/Y EZRA WESTON IN EBC 64 APD ESCORT REGINA SUNK BY MINES OR TORPEDOES OFF TREVOSE HEAD AT 2143/8. CONVOY OF 6 SHIPS HEADING FOR HERSEY ATTACKED TO BY 5 US PT RESULTS NOT DEFINITELY OBSERVED LOW/LOW VISIBILITY BUT EXPLOSION WAS HEARD AFTER TORPEDOES HAD BEEN FIRED. PT 509 MISSING FROM THE ACTION.

B. ASSAULT AREA. BAA WAS ATTACKED BY EXPLOSIVE MOTOR BOATS FROM 0245 TO 0500. NO DAMAGE REPORTED. OVER 40 EMBS DESTROYED. FT FORT YALE MINED 1 MILE SOUTH 56H BUOY AT 08000 REMAINED AFLOAT AND WAS TOCHED JUNO AREA. HMS
(CA)

Frobisher torpedoed at 090715 whilst at anchor off Notman's Sound.

COURSEILLES damaged forward probably capable 15 knots.

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**PART NAVAL**

A. GENERAL. At approximately 0130/8 HMS Retalick controlling 3 US PT boats detected 4 R boats off Cap Dantifer. The PT boats engaged at close range and hits were observed. The enemy withdrew at high speed. Coastal Force mine layers also off Cap Dantifer successfully completed their task although shelled by Etretat batteries. No casualties to our forces.

B. ASSAULT AREA. Nothing to report.

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Part one.

Para 1. Operations.

This is G-2 summary number 65. In Brittany previous resistance crystallizing round main ports. Brest area held by 2 parachute (2 regiments) bulk of 343 Infantry Division and remaining elements 266 Infantry Division. Still heavy resistance at St Malo but enemy being forced back into fortress area. Fighting stiff north of Lorient though defenses possibly now pierced. Very little opposition met on road to Angers. Slight enemy effort in Mayenne presumably because very little 9 Panzer Division yet.

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Forward. Southwest of Vire on 363rd Infantry Division front enemy slowing our advance with road and bridge mining and roving self-propelled guns. In second army sector enemy fighting hard northeast Vire and in Mont Pincon area where he gave ground very reluctantly. In our bridgehead over Orne at Grimbos (BG) 12th SS Panzer Division still counter attacking hard. On Canadian Army front 89th Infantry Division has been forced back to Bretteville (V 05) in yesterday's offensive.

Movement. Little paid movement seen north of Saintes and Angouleme up to Loire. In southwest France Lyon and Dijon still active with movement towards Paris. Not sufficiently conclusive to appreciate divisional move in addition to 9 Panzer.

End of Part 2. Part 3 follows.

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Division but possibility not excluded. Movement in northeast France continues on fairly heavy scale and at least one divisional move in progress from Pas de Calais area.

Para 3 Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 8 August 77830.

Para 4. General. In Brittany enemy being forced to concentrate in port areas. Not believed Lorient very strongly held. His main effort in Brittany will be to deny Brest. Length of resistance here dependent largely on his supply situation about which very little known.

On his southern flank enemy still trying to gather forces to block Allied advance but wide area of Allied advance making task very difficult. Enemy is obviously at present pinning his faith in his counter offensive from area Mortain towards Avranches, which if successful would
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materially improve his position. Divisions involved are 1
and 2 SS Panzer Division, 2 and 116 Panzer Division, ele-
ments of 17 SS Panzer Grenadier Division and part of in-
fantry of 84 Corps on right. Northeast from Vire or Orne
enemy.

End of Part 3. Part 4 follows

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Retaining cohesion of his front by defence and re-adjustment of her line. Failure of his counter offensive in central area and of his defensive fighting east of Orne will necessitate radical readjustment of his position in Normandy. No signs at moment however, of any intention to pull back.

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To: War Department
Nr: S 57213 9 August 1944

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower
S 57213 this is USAR number 62.

Intelligence objectives in Soviet Zone of Occupation Germany such as research centers and experimental stations of immediate importance to us in order to utilize any German developments to intensify the attacks upon Japanese. Urgent action also required to forestall destruction of such objectives by Germans. To obtain all available information on new German weapons in all stages of development American and British officers must inspect these objectives on the spot.

Will you therefore cable Military Missions in Moscow instructing them to make following representation to Soviet General Staff immediately. Explain our interest in these objectives and our desire to examine them on the spot. Offer to send list these objectives to Moscow from London. Request permission for American and British officers to visit sites of objectives for thorough inspection and study. Offer to grant every facility to officers whom Soviet General Staff may wish to send to visit important intelligence targets in areas of Germany under American and British control. Since this is matter of greatest military importance to both United States and Great Britain request that Military Missions

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Part I. Land.

Section 1. Intelligence.

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Aalt Gun Bn east of Ome. 1 TP 13300 Hy Flak Trg Bn U-065993.
301 Pz Abt (fsl) 0756.

Section II Ground Operations.

Second British Army.

8th Corps. 9 Bde of 3 British Div Adv 0600 hrs to
area 655513 - Vaudry 6531-650320. 185 Bde with under Comd 3
Mon of 159 Inf Bde reverted to Comd 3 Brit Div. 15th Div.
Enemy counter attack forming up area 773390 dispersed by
arty fire. Hy fig continued also Entry 7437. Gds Arm Did
relieved. 11 Arm Div area Presles 7135 -7033 - Forgues
6835.

30 Corps. 131 Inf Bde of 7 Arm Div Cono area
Flessis Grimault 8444 preparatory to launching attack. 151

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Bde of 50 Div and 13/18 H of 8 Arm Bde moved area north of
Plessis Grimault and took over def of village from 214 Bde
of 43 Div. 43 Div continued mopping up area SW of Plessis
Grimault. Lequeune 8144 and village 833444 cleared of enemy
by 1200 hrs.

12 Corps. During evening enemy made 2 further counter
attacks which were repulsed by 176 Bde. During night bridge-
head was reinforced by 197 Bde less 1 Bn, 159 Bde of 53 Div
and 153 RAC of 34 Tk Bde. Counter attacks against bridge-
head not continued this morning. Enemy between 12 and 30
Corps. As before to river Orne at 034436 thence all inf
12 Corps line of Orne to 982355 thence line of stream to
rejoin existing Bndy at 025352.

First Cdn Arm.

2 Cdn Corps. Adv continued 1400 hrs supported by
serial bombardment and armour passed through Inf.

2 Cdn Inf Div. 6 Bde captured BN Ay sur Orne 0259-
Fontenay Le Marmion - Rocquancourt. 4 Bde area Caillouet
0555 - high ground 0655 - Rd June 076550. 5 Bde captured
Bretteville sur Laize 0533 and Conco that area.

3 Cdn Inf Div. 9 Bde moved area Urville 0750- Haut
Neznil 0852 - Gouvik 0651. Div Hq 090605.

51 Inf Div. 153 Bde having captured Sequerville
Le Campagne 0959 pushed east through woods 1059 - 1159 -
1060. Patrols reached Conteville 1257. Patrols reached east

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edge of woods. Woods 1058 occupied and patrols reached
Conteville 1257. 4 Cdn Arm Div having passed through 2 Cdn
Inf Div captured Cynoheux 0754 - Haut Mesnil 0852 -
Bretteville Le Rabat 1050 - Grainville 0949 - Langannerie
0949. Fwd elements Armour and Inf reached pt 195 (0846)
and fighting continues in that area.

1 Polish Arm Div having passed through 51 Inf Div
captured woods 1054 - 1055 and Cauciqueort 0952. Armour
pushed fvd engaging enemy Armour area 118510. Armored
corps moving towards St Sylvain 1354. Div Hq 057625.

1 Corps. 145 Bde of 49 Div disposed area Bourguebus -
Soliers 0762 - Four 0952 - Granchenville, 31 Tk Bde area 145
Bde and 0956 - 1056. Otherwise MTR.

Part II. Naval.

From Ramsay signed Eisenhower to COSINTREP
addressees ref no 092329B 9 August 1944. COSINTREP No 127.

A. General.

U.S. M/V Ezra Weston in EBD 65 and escort Regina
sunk by mines or torpedoes off Trevose Head at 03243.

Convoy of 6 ships heading for Jersey attacked by
5 U.S. PT, results not definitely observed owing to low
visibility, but explosion was heard after torpedoes had been
fired. PT 509 missing from the action.

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B. Assault Area.

BAA was attacked by explosive motor boats from 0245 to 0500 no damage reported, over 40 EMB's destroyed.

MT Fort Yale mined 1 mile south 56H buoy at 080900, remained afloat and was towing Juno area.

EMB Froobisher torpedoed at 090715 whilst at anchor off Courseville, damaged forward probably capable 15 knots.

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Section 1 - Intelligence.
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By FW. 1 Coy 19 SS FOR T-7337. 1 Coy 989 GR 9147. 6 and 14 COYS 977 GR 9552. 2 Coy 1056 GR U-047602.

Section 2 - Ground Operations.
Second British Army. VIII Corps.
15 Div. 227 Bde containing Extry 7347. 6 GDS TK Bde moved area 7543-7642.

3 Brit Div. 9 Bde attacking south met by opposition. Line of fwd tps wood 665332 thenoe 33 northing grid.

XXX Corps.
50 Div 69 Bde concentrated area Ondefontaine 7948.

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50th Div. 69
Bde

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151 Bde area PT 138(8151). 231 Bde moving area south of Robin 7653.
43 Div continued mopping up Montpincon feature.
214 Bde captured la Plessis Grimault 9444.

7 Arm Div advanced south at first light. Progress slow owing enemy infiltration back to la Plessis Grimault
and to pockets enemy on generally east and west through
Les Mazures 8643. By 1200 hrs 2 leading columns had reached
850435 and 864437 respectively. Main HQ XXX Corps 796485.

XII Corps.

1900 hrs 176 Bde strongly attacked by enemy Inf and
Tks. By 2400 hrs situation in hand. 1 Bn 197 Bde and re-
mained 107 RAC moved across river during night. 56 Bde
Agran Le Malherne 8753. During morning 2 further strong
enemy counter attacks made against 176 Bde gained some
local successes on southern flank of bridgehead. Main HQ
XII Corps 883586.

First CDN Army.

II CDN Corps.

Corps with right 2 CDN Inf Div with under Comd
2 CDN Arm Div and left 51 Inf Div with under Comd 33
Arm Div attacked south at 2330 hrs astride rd Caen-Falaise
preceded by very hy air attack.

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2 CDN Inf Div. 6 CDN Inf Bde captured Fontenay Le Marmion 0358 at 0500 hrs and Ronquincourt 0558 at 0520 hrs. Strong opposition continues in May Sur Orne 0259.

4 CDN Inf Bde established area Caillouet 0555-high ground 0655 - X rds 076560.

51 Inf Div. 152 Inf Bde finally cleared Tilley La Campagne 0760 at 1115 hrs after bitter fighting. 154 Inf Bde reached area Cramesnil 0856-Garcelles Beaquiville 0858. 153 Inf Bde area Borguebus-Grnet Heville relieved by 146 Inf Bde of 49 Div.

4 CDN Arm Div concentrated area 0560 and Polish Arm Div concentrated area 0761.

3 CDN Inf Div concentrated area north of Verrieres.

I Corps.

49 Div. 70 Inf Bde extended north to inter div bdy in relief of 146 Inf Bde.

Build up. Belgians and Royal Netherlands Gps landing today coming under cmd First CDN Army for I Corps.

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Part 2 - Naval

From Ramsay signed Eisenhower to COSINTREP addresses 8 August 1944 COSINTREP no 125.

A. General

At approximately 080120 HMS Retalick controlling 3 US PT boats detected 4 R Boats off Cap D' Antifer the PT boats engaged at close range and hits were observed. The enemy withdrew at high speed.

Coastal force minelayers also off Cap D' Antifer successfully completed their task although shelled by Etretat batteries. No casualties to our forces.

B. Assault Area

Nothing to report

C. Unloading figures to FM 7th August

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Part 3. Air.

HQ AAEF from Leigh Mallory signed Eisenhower to COSINTREP addresses. Ref No AI 540, 9 August 1944. COSINTREP No. 126 to 2100 hours 7 August.

| Total Sorties | 2140 |
| IX Air Force  | 306  |
| Second TAF    | 1081 |
| ADGB          | 753  |

Airborne Operations.

| Total Sorties | 100 |
| 9th TAC       | 61  |
| 38 Group      | 18  |
| 46 Group      | 21  |

Summary of targets.

1 railway centre, 3 railway bridges. 5 railway facilities, 2 dumps, 19 other targets.

Claims: 3 Junkers 88, 1 Junkers 188. 2 unidentified enemy aircraft and 19 flying bombs destroyed. 1 Junkers 88 damaged.

Losses: 5 Bombers and 9 Fighter/Fighter Bombers destroyed. 4 Bombers and 13 Fighter/Fighter Bombers damaged.
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Details of operations;

Railway centres: 13 Spitfires on L-970016 by 250 GP, good.

Railway bridges: 36 Marauders on Corbie, 143 by 1000 GP, excellent.
34 Marauders on Noye Sur Loire, 259 by 5000 GP, good to excellent.
14 Marauders on Nogent Sur Seine, 56 by 1000 GP, poor to good.

Railway facilities: 7 Mosquitoes on Dreux/L'Aigle/Argentan, 28 by 500 MC, unobserved.
15 Mosquitoes on Nevers/Montargis/Vierzon/Tours, 94 by 500 MC, excellent.
15 Mosquitoes on Paris/Epernay/Chalons/Sezanne/Vitry, 60 by 500 MC excellent.
La Rochelle/La Roche/Hanes, 5 Mosquitoes, 10 by 500 MC, unobserved.
8 Typhoons on U-2823, railway crossing, 14 by 500 GP, unobserved.

Dumps: 35 Mitchells on Livarot ammo dump, 280 by 500 MC, unobserved.
30 Bostons on La Folletier D'Abeneon, 117 by 500 MC, good.

Other targets: 6 Mosquitoes on Bretteville/Fiere/Sees/Lisieux woods, road, rail 32 by 500 MC, unobserved.
22 Mosquitoes on Seine crossing, 86 by 500 MC, good.
12 Typhoons on Vire/Fiere/Domfront/Mortain area tanks and met, 95 by 60 RP, Good.
8 Typhoons on T-5813, tanks and met, 64 by 60 RP, Fair.
10 Typhoons on Mortain area tanks and met, 95 by 60 RP, very good.
23 Typhoons on T-897468, def position 64 by 60 RP and 16 by 500 GP, unobserved.
12 Spitfires on R-080641, bridge, 66 by CM-IN-7807 (9 Aug 44)

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500 GP, fair to good. 10 Thunderbolts on B-5362, Forest, 7 by 500 GP, unobserved. 8 Thunderbolts on Angers/Loudun/
Tours/Lanns air strip K-3315, unobserved. 11 Thunderbolts
on 0-9076, flak position at L/P, 3 by 500 GP, good. 12
Thunderbolts on Mortain/Fouesles/Rennes/Ytre Area, 7 by
500 GP, good. 9 Thunderbolts on R-4423, gun boats and H D
artillery and boats, 14 by 500 GP, fair to good. 6 Mustangs
and 213 Typhoons on cattle front Mortain area tanks, 44
by 60 RP, 1197 by 60 RP, 14 by 1000 MC, 2 by 500 MC, very
good. 18 Spitfires on Vire/Fiere/Mortain good trucks, 6
by 500 MC, Fair. 36 Mustangs on Seine barges 72 by 1000
MC, good. 30 Typhoons on Mortain Area tanks and W/T, 44 by
500 MC, good.

Summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets.

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Total Sorties 164.

Summary of targets.

1 railway facility, 1 flying bomb dump, 1 dump, 1
other target.

Claims: Nil

Losses: 1 Stirling lost.

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Details of operations.

Railway facilities: 50 Halifaxes, 6 Lancasters
markers on Hazebrough, 206 tons, good.

Flying bomb dump: Forest De Nieppe, 4 Mosquitoes, 4
tons good.

Dumps: 4 Lancasters on Bois De La Houssiere Ammo.

Other targets: 29 Lancasters and 3 Mosquitoes on
Keroman near Lorient Port Area, 145 tons, good.

VIII Air Force.

Total Sorties 1632
Fortresses 559
Liberators 333
Fighters 750

Summary of targets.

1 railway bridge, 2 bridges, 10 dumps and 3 other
targets.

Claims: 1-0-3 air and 0-0-1 ground by fighters.

Losses: 5 Fighters lost.

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Railway bridges: 15 Liberators on Prevent, 60 tons, good.
37 Liberators on Doullens, 147.5 tons, very good.

Bridge: 36 Fortresses on Hantfull, 106.5 tons, unknown.

Dumps: 12 Fortresses on St juen fuel, 22.8 tons, unknown.
25 Fortresses on St Florentine fuel, 62.2 tons, unknown.
34 Fortresses on St Loubes fuel, 84.3 tons, unknown.
71 Fortresses on Montbordier fuel, 177.5 tons, unknown.
26 Fortresses on Sens Pol, 64 tons, unknown.
24 Fortresses on Dugny oil, 72 tons, unknown.
23 Fortresses on Ronsan Mariotte oil, 56.6 tons, unknown.
9 Liberators on Langebrugge oil, 23.3 tons, good.
11 Liberators on Rieze Esteved oil, 26 tons, good.
23 Liberators on Reques s/Course fuel 69 tons, good.

Other targets: 24 Liberators on Sales tanks, 75.5 tons, very good.
112 aircraft on 10 T/0, 285.3 tons, unobserved to good.
271 Thunderbolts on N and E Paris rail transport, 207 by 250 GP and 105 by 500 GP, unobserved.

Enemy air operations.

From incomplete reports. Sightings were very meagre with only 1 large sighting of 27 Pockewulf 190's at Chartres A/F where our Fighters claimed 3-0-0. Overall sightings amounted to 34 plus E/A for claims of 7-0-1, all in the air. Radar plotings indicated 1 patrol of 6 E/A in the Amiens area shortly after 1500 hours.

Flying bombs were active only from 2100 hours to 1100 hours and of the 91 plotted only 16 reached their intended

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designations 91 flying bombs were launched, 47 made landfall
and 16 penetrated to the greater London Area.

Part IV.

No. FWD-12719, 9 August 1944

From SHAPE FWD signed Eisenhower to COSINTREP
addresses. Ref no FWD 12/19, 9 August 1944 citing SHAPE
COSINTREP No. 126 to 082100B August. Last Part IV issued
was number 122.

Sabotage of munitions train reported at Laluque
(Landes) on 22 July, 1944. 22 trucks of explosives blew
up destroying 47 other coaches. Railway lines reported
temporarily out include Capdenac - Toulouse, Chalon -Sur-Marne -
Rheims, Brioude - La Puy Limoges - Montauban, Besancon -
Belfort and Besancon - Dole. Line Besancon - Vosoul reported
officially closed by Germans following the derailment of 5
trains at Fauxon on 20 July, 30 petrol tank wagons reported
successfully attacked in Jura, and 40 in Haute Saone.

Marne- Saone canal reported out of action following
destruction of lock at Maxilly. Sabotage of telecommunica-
tions continues throughout France. French forces of the
interior report capture of 2,280,000,000 Francs belonging to
Banque de France in an attack on a train in Dordogne.

Since 4 August 1944, 171 Special Air Service Troops,
3 Jedburgh teams, 2 operational groups, 14 Jeeps and 396
tons of arms and ammunition have been dropped in France from

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England. In addition, 1 Jedburgh team and 21 Commando troops have been sent from North Africa. Totals since D-D including operations from North Africa:

- 946 Special Air Service Troops
- 28 Jedburgh Teams
- 8 Operational Groups
- 41 Jeeps, and
- 4,420 tons of arms and ammunition.

From 12th Army Group to Bradley signed Eisenhower to COSINTREP addressess Q-20122 9 August 1944. COSINTREP No. 127


First Army. German armored counterattack contained and little enemy resistance encountered Mayenne. Two 28 Panzer Regt, 304 Panzer Gren Regt, 2 Panzer Regt contacted Mortain vicinity. 728 Regt northeast Mayenne.

Operations.

Third Army. Command Posts as follows.

VIII Corps. 6 Arm Div R-1418. 4 Arm Div H-2509. 83 Division S-8607. XV Corps. 5 Arm Division Y-8332. 79 Division Z-0832 90 Division Y-8748.

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XX Corps. 5 Division Y-3346.

Third Army. Front lines as follows:

VIII Corps. Task force leading Elms R-6013.

XV Corps. 5 Arm Division Combat Command A at KK-2222, Combat Command B at K-2328. 90 Division to vicinity Z-1545 and Z-0148.

First Army.

VII Corps. 30 Division T-6605 - T-5910 - T-5810 - T-5814 - T-5615. 4 Division T-5615 - T-5417 - T-5520. 9 Division T-5520 - T-5523 - T-5624.

VI Corps. 28 Division T-5624 - T-5826 - T-6028. 29 Division T-6227 - T-6429.

V Corps. 2 Divisions leading elements in Vire.

Third Army.

VIII Corps. 6 Arm Division advance continued west and turned south to area St Renan Q-8505 - Guipavas R-0204 north of Brest. 4 Arm Division advanced through Landevant Q-9131 and Plouay W-7639 towards Lorient.

8 Division. 1 Battalion ordered to Brest. 83 Division continues advance toward Dinard S-7513. Leading elements outskirt of St Malo S-7814.

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XV Corps. 5 Arm Div continued advance in two columns on Le Mans Z-4036. 79 Division continued advance to east and reached vicinity Loue Z-1435. 90 Div Fwd Elements moved east through Force - EH - Charnie Z-0647.

XX Corps. 35 Div advancing east from vicinity St Hilarie Du Tarcourt T-4703. Forward Elements at T-6600. 5 Division closed in area south of Vitre at Y-3239. Elements advanced to west of Angers O-7850. 2 Fr Div Arm Div remained at vicinity St James Y-3096.

XII Corps. 80 Div en route to area vicinity Vitre Y-3553.

First Army.

VII Corps. Bitter fighting against strong enemy armored forces continued. 1st Div consolidated positions Mayenne area and conducted vigorous patrolling to secure crossing on Mayenne river. 30 Div continued to occupy high ground east and west of Mortain T-5510 against heavy resistance. Combat command B 2nd Arm Div advanced on Gert - 6913. 3rd Arm Div elements occupied hill vicinity T-5709. 9 Div continued to repulse small enemy counter attack and reorganize positions. Attack resumed at 1100B 4 Div no change.

XIX Corps. Continued advance to the south. 28 Div repulsed strong counter attack during the night. 29 Div continued advance against moderate resistance. 2nd Armored Div en route to Barenton T-6605.

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V Corps. 2nd Division elements relieved 29 Division in Vire.

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This is G-2 summary number 64.


Enemy still offering strong resistance St Malo. Elements 2nd Parachute Division identifies Vitre (Y 35). Mayenne area 9th Panzer Division identified. In Mortain sector enemy launched strong counter attack with at least 1st SS Panzer, 2nd SS Panzer, 2nd Panzer and 116th Panzer Divisions in.

(End of Part 1, Part 2 follows).

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INFORMATION: CC/8 OPD
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Determined effort to reach sea. Attempt failed badly and sizable elements trapped area Juvinly Herence Lu Mesnil (T51). Air forces claim 80 tanks plus self propelled guns destroyed. Mortar now in Allied hands again containing other enemy elements cut off.

On 2nd Army front enemy fallen back from his salients at Aunay and northeast of Vire in spite of fierce counter attacks. Line considerably straightened. Our troops on Orne extending bridgehead across river in fored grimboat in face counter attacks from 12 SS Panzer Division. On Canadian Army front enemy Infantry reacting strongly to our thrusts south of Caen. Evidence stronger elements 711 Infantry Division. Reinforced 272nd Infantry Division which has moved into sector vacated by 12.

(End of Part 2, Part 3 follows).

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CG, Allied Forces Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

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SS Panzer Division.

Prisoner of War stated attack from Mortain area due to begin 2300 hours 6th August but could not start owing non arrival tanks. Attack to be resumed today with 1 SS and 116 Panzer Divisions and 2 Infantry Divisions.

2. Movement. Air reconnaissance north of Seine shows movement towards battle area continues. One movement suggests 18 German Air Force Divisions might be involved. Movement from southwest France decreasing. Very little now available from this area to come.

3. Channel Islands. Garrison of Channel Islands under Major General Von Schmettow, GCC 319. Infantry Division, estimated as follows:

Jersey 10,500, Guernsey

Part 4 follows.

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13,500, Alderney 4500, Total 28,500.

Breakdown of figures for 3 islands in above order:

- Elements 319 Infantry Division 3600, 6500, 1000;
- Attached combatant units, Engineers, etcetera 1000, 1000, 900;
- Coast Defence artillery 1500, 2500, 600;
- Flak 2000, 2000, 1500;
- Naval and Radar 600, 700, 500;
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Russians

1800, 800; Nil.

Coast defense guns heavy and medium

21, 40, 15;

20, 30, Nil;

24.

Light

Heavy Flak Guns

(End of Part 4, Part 5 follows).

End

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INFORMATION: CC/S Adm King

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No signs enemy intends evacuation of islands and at present owing lack of shipping he is more or less marooned there.

4. Prisoners of War.

A. Accumulative total passed through reception camp and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 7th August 76954.

B. Prisoners of War from 363rd Infantry Division very poor type and division stated to consist of 30 percent foreigners.

5. General. Our mobility in Brittany Peninsula has resulted in enemy nests of resistance being by passed. Enemy is evidently now trying to concentrate his forces in northern half of peninsula for defense of Brest. Perimeter likely to be held by equivalent about 2 divisions, combatant troops with other oddments. Enemy efforts to.

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Form blocking conditions on his southern flank beginning to take shape with presumably 265th Infantry Division elements covering St Nazaire and Nantes, then battle group of elements of various divisions driven back from Avranches area south of Renne, 708th Infantry Division evidently strike Laval with 9th Panzer Division coming up into position to block our eastward drive from Mayenne. These forces very scattered and insufficient to halt our progress. Majority lack mobility. On main battle front enemy main object to cut across from Mortain to Avranches with strong forces frustrated. Probable efforts will be continued but enemy will be forced to watch his immediate left flank in this area and cannot afford to risk.

End of part 6. Part 7 follows.

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Strong Allied Forces operating beyond Deyfront. Failure of our counter attacks will mean readjustment and withdrawal in this sector. Only Mobile Reserve believed to exist on main front is 10 SS Division, and part 12 SS Division which probably all now committed. Evidence of strained supply situation particularly certain types of ammunition.

End

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INFORMATION: CO/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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MTB'S REFERRED TO IN MY COSINTREP NO 124 OFF ST MALO SANK 1 TRAWLER AND 1 TLC WHICH WAS LEFT BURNING IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BLOWN UP.

(B) ASSAULT AREA. [THE HOSPITAL CARRIER AMSTERDAM WAS SUNK BY MINE 4 MILES NORTH NORTHEAST OF ARROMANCHES AT 0747 TODAY WHILE RETURNING TO UK 74 PERSONNEL UNACCOUNTED FOR ON THE NIGHT 5TH/6TH MTB'S DAMAGED 2 R BOATS SOUTH OF CAP LA HEVE. MINES WERE LAID BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT ON A SMALL SCALE.

(C) UNLOADING FIGURES TO 6TH AUGUST.

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Organized resistance in 8 Corps sector at Huelgoat (W-4991) and St Malo continues. No enemy reported St Brieuc, Vannes, Guérande. 1000 Naval Troop Regiments, 2 Para, 343 Infantry, 266 Infantry Divisions believed in Fortress of Brest. Elements of 17 SSFG, 2 Panzer, 2 SS Panzer, 116 Panzer and 1 SS Panzer division counter attacked against Mortain - T-5520 in VII Corps sector. 10 F G Regiment of 9 Panzer Division identified southwest Mayenne.

Operations
Third Army
Command posts as follows
VIII Corps 3-9000.

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6 Armd Division W-6290.
4 Armd Division H-1707.

XV Corps Y-5552.
5 Armd Division J-7028.
79 Division Y-5656.
90 Division Y-6572.

XX Corps Y-4199.
5 Division Y-3239.
35 Division T-4800.
2 French Armd Division T-3101.

VII Corps T-2325.

Third Army
Front lines as follows

VIII Corps.
6 Armd Division. Combat Command A R -3901.
Combat Command B R -0918.
4 Armd Division. Combat Command A H -1012.
Combat Command B W -9737.
83 Division S-8212 - 8416.

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XV Corps.
5 Arm Division. Southeast Laval Y-6946.
79 Division Laval Y-6946.
90 Division elms at Y-7262 - Y-7760 - Y-8853.

XX Corps.
5 Division Y-3239.
35 Division T-4800.
2 French Arm Division, T-3101.

First Army.

VII Corps.
30 Division Y-6008 - T-5811 - T-6012.
4 Division north and west Le Mesnil Tove

T-5216.
9 Division T-5123 - T-5525 - T-5527.

XIX Corps.
28 Division T-5525 - T-5929.
29 Division T-5929 - T-6131 - Vire T-6331.
Second Arm Division area T-4516.

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V Corps.
2 Division area North Vire.
Third Army.

VIII Corps.
6 Armored Division Combat Command A continued
advance to the west. Combat Command B advanced to outskirts
Lesneven R-0918.

4 Armored Division Combat Command A advancing west
from Vanes toward Lorient G-7221. Combat Command B continued
advance to west reaching area northwest Baud W-9933.

8 Division no change.
83 Division continued attack on St Malo.

XV Corps.
5 Armored Division by passed Laval Y-6845 blocking
exits and approaches. All elms east of Mayenne River.

79 Division followed 5 Armored Division into
Laval. Crossed Mayenne River at change Y-6749 and Laval.

90 Division. Moving in 2 column across
Third Army boundary.

XX Corps.
5 Division moved south to concentration

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area, south of Vire.

35 Division continued movement south and reached concentration area.
2 French Arm Division reached concentration area.

VII Corps.

80 Division continued unloading.

First Army.

VII Corps.

1 Division. Advanced southeast with Combat Command A.
3 Arm Division attacked. Liberated Ambieresse-Le-Grand Y-8082 without meeting organized resistance. Elms advanced east to T-8476.

30 Division. Combat Command B
3 Arm Division attacked G730B. Division relieved 1 Div vicinity Mortain at 1800B. Enemy counterattack from east occupied Mortain. Division still holds high ground north, west and east of the town. Heavy fighting vicinity Barenton T-6506 with confused situation existing west of Mortain to area T-5317.

3 Arm Division (less combat command B) no change.

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Division moved from assembly area to a defensive position.

Division continued attack against stubborn and sporadic resistance. Advanced slowly to area east of T-5324. St Pois T-4922 liberated.

XIX Corps.

Division advance continues against moderate fire of all types.

Division attacked at 1800B liberated Vire.

2 Armed Division (less Combat Command A) attached to VII Corps at 1000B.

V Corps.

Division pinched out by 29 Division and regrouping area northwest Vire.

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from 12th Army Group from Bradley signed Eisenhower. 061200B  

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Part 1. Land, section B.  
1. Intelligence.  

Advances continued on all fronts. Resistance still  
strong vicinity St Malo but disorganized on remainder Third  
Army Front. Stubborn sectors using extensive mining tactics.  
P/W from 2nd Battalion 74th Regt taken at Laval. P/W from 1st  
and 2nd BN 1051st Regt captured VII Corps Front.  

VIII Corps identified 11th Panzer Ersatz Battalion,  
919th Anti-tank Battalion, 2nd Para Repi Battalion, 902nd OST  
Battalion, 375th and 405th Ersatz Battalion and 49th Ersatz  

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MTN Infantry Battalion.

Operations. Third Army. VIII Corps.

Sixth Arm Division Command Post W 7876.
CCA Gourin W 5866.
CCB Hoelcoat W 091.

Fourth Arm Division CCA Vannes H 1707.
CCA H 6606.

Eighth Division Recce Troop at Chateaubriant Y 2108.

Fifth Arm Division Command Post Y 6273.
CCA closed in area southeast of Vitre Y 3653.
CCA no change.

XV Corps.
79th Division Command Post Y 5557.
90th Division Command Post Landivy Y 5092.

XX Corps Command Post T 4099.
Corps concentrating vicinity Vitre Y 3653.

Second French Arm.
Moving south to vicinity Les Lyges T 2658.
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Firt Army. VII Corps.
First Division closing on Mayenne Y 8171.
Ninth Division front line 5418-5020-5425-5527.
Thirtieth Division assembling vicinity Nortain T 580.

XXIX Corps.
Twenty-eighth Division front line 5527-5828-6029.
Twenty-ninth Division front line 6130-6331.

Army Group boundary revised and extended as follows:

RJ at T 6434-Vire (T 6331)-Tinchebra (T 7824)-St
Clair Dhaloue (T 8123)-Le Chateau (T 8512) (both to 21st
Army Group)-Le Coulon (T 9549)-Sanes (T 1227)-Bees (Q 4328)-
Mouins Le Marche (C 6632) all to 12th Army Group-Verneuil
(R 0038)-Dreux (R 3235)-Mantes Gassicourt (R 6061) all to 21st
Army Group.

Boundary between armies extended as follows:

Le Mans Z 3937-Montmirail Y 8469 (both to Third Army)-
Brcu W 1278-Chartres R 3902 (both to First Army).

From the capture of Mayenne by Third Army the follow-
ing temporary boundary will be in force:

Savigny Le Vieux Y 5097 (to Third Army)-La Doree
Y 5688-Lavare Y 5985-Bree Y 6982-Chatillon Sur Colmont Y 7176-
RJ at Y 8474 (all to First Army.)

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Upon relief by elements of the First Army, Third Army troops will promptly move south of permanent boundary. For the capture of Le Mans by Third Army the following temporary boundary will be in force:

Nantes Y 8452 (to Third Army) Farennes Z 1249
(to First Army) Tennis Z 2048 (to Third Army) Conlie Z 2449-
Joux L’Abbe V 4173 (both to First Army). Upon the capture of Le Mans the permanent boundary becomes effective.

First Army rear boundary revised as follows:

Road N 172 from boundary between armies-St Lo T 4962-
Army Group boundary.

Third Army. VIII Corps.
Sixth Arm Div. Continued advance to west.
CCA to Gourin W 5866.
CCB to Huelgoat W 5091.

Fourth Arm Div CCA at Vannes H 1707.
CCB at H 5606.

Eighth Division forward elements reached Chateaubriant J 2108.
Eighty-third Division leading elements at 3 8812.

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A task force captured Chateauneuf S.8505 driving north and advance to S 8910 and S 8497.

XV Corps.
Seventy-ninth Division elements advance to Laval Y 6845 followed by remainder of Div's on moving southeast from Fougeres Y 3818.
Fifth Arm'd Div no change.
Ninety-tenth Division no change.

VII Corps.
Eightieth Division unloading.

XX Corps no change.

First Army. VII Corps.
St. Pois T 5022 liberated.
Fourth Division mopped up isolated resistance.
Ninety-tenth Division advanced against increasingly strong resistance.
Third Arm'd Div no change.

XXIX Corps.
Second Arm'd Division CCB advanced against stiff resistance on the corps right followed by the 28th Division.
Twenty-ninth Division and CCA 2nd Arm'd Division continued attack on Vire against strong resistance, attack slowed by heavy minefields covered by enemy arty and mortar fire.

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fire.

Twentieth-eighth Division no change.
V Corps being pinched out by attack on 29th Corps on Vire from the west.
Second Division still in the line.
Thirty-fifth Division moving to vicinity T 3629 and to control of Third Army.

End

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

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To: War Department

No: FWD 12671

7 August 1944

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In Brittany and in Laval Mayenne area battle still fluid though enemy now trying to collect himself. (Previous para 1 operations). Hard fighting in progress for St Malo. Our troops entered Pontivy, Carhaix, Vannes and Redon. Identifications include 708th Infantry Division elements at Laval. Rest of division said to be coming up. Units 158th Training Division in Brittany. Exact area not known but believed Chateauneuf.

(End of cipher part 1 part 2 follows).

End

ACTION: O-2
INFORMATION: CC/8 OPD Cal Park

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To: War Department
    CG, 12th Army Group
    CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
No: FWD 12671 7 August, 1944

Part two of FWD 12671 DYG 071830 Aug.

(SDo). East of Mortain enemy attempting to prevent our progress while he straightens his line to the northeast. Two SS Panzer Corps reluctant to give ground east of Vire.

89th Infantry Division identified east of Orne between 271 and 272 Infantry Divisions, thus presumably releasing one SS Panzer Division for more mobile operations. Enemy guns east of river reported to be pulling back and he is hanging on Thury Harcourt, north of which we are across Orne. Enemy defense line forming along high ground northeast from Thury Harcourt Bretteville (V05) St Silvain (V15) thence river Guance.

2. Movements. Continued activity on line

End of Part two part three follows.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG/S CG AAF OPD Adm. King Col. Park Log
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Cipher Part 3 of FWD 12671 DTG 071830 Aug.

Amiens Montdidier possibly connected with move down of Infantry division from Pas De Calais or further. Heavy traffic continues north from Lyons Dijon probably 9th Panzer Division. Military trains on line Bordeaux Saumur possibly connected move 708th Infantry Division and other from southwest. Decreased activity Nimes Avignon.

3. Age groups SS Divisions in Normandy. Analysis of prisoners of war from 6th SS Panzer/Panzer Grenadier Divisions in Normandy shows in all divisions 75 to 80 per cent under 21 years old except in 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division where percentage 65 per cent. All have 80 percent unseasoned troops except 9 and 10 SS Panzer Divisions where most personnel saw 3 weeks.

End of Part 3, Part 4 follows.

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INFORMATION: CG/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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CG, Army Air Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Caserta, Italy.

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Part 4 of FWD 12671 DTG 071830 Aug.

Fighting at Tarnopol last spring. Percentage of foreigners very low except in 2 SS Panzer (Alsations) and 17 SS Panzer Grenadier (Rumanians). Divisions well equipped and have fought well, though 2 SS Panzer and 17 SS Panzer Grenadier probably superior to the others, and 17 SS Panzer Grenadier now in very reduced state. Divisional commanders extremely young, youngest 32 and oldest 38.

4. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 6 August 74487.

5. General. In Brittany. Enemy carrying out policy of delaying action and denial of ports.

(End of part 4 part 5 follows).

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, LG.

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In hope counter action by his main forces further east will rectify situation, but lack of mobility making this task difficult. Appreciate hard fighting for ports. On his open flank in area Mayenne Laval enemy attempting to form blocking positions to prevent our advance east and south. For this purpose 708th Infantry Division thrown into breach and presumably 9th Panzer Division not far off. Relief of Armour in area southeast of Caen suggests enemy has more important tasks for part at least of 1 SS Panzer Corps, but still necessary for enemy to hold firm right flank in order to safeguard his whole position.

Probable at least 2 more Infantry Divisions on their way from north of Seine, with possibly more to come. Enemy regards present battle in Normandy as decisive and probably prepared to take considerable risks in other areas to provide reinforcements.

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Part I Land:

From EXFOR Main signed Eisenhower to COSINTREP addressees. Ref No 00-061A 7 August, 1944. COSINTREP number 125 to 071200B.

Section I. Intelligence.

Identifications.

By FW 2 Coy 959 GRT 617342, 6 Coy 9 SS F5 Regt 7240, Elements 21 SS FOR 6934, 6 Coy 751 GR 7944.

326 Fd Reinforcement En 8042, 5 Coy 986 GR 825484, 8 Coy 991 GR 9351, 1056 GR U-047602, 3 En 711 GR U-1161, 5 Coy 731 GR 1465, 3 Coy 346 Engr En 143709, by deserters.

3 and 4 Coys 989 GR T-8747, 7 and 8 Coys 857 GR U-138740 by contact.

2 En 959 GR 5933 6 Coy 977 GR west Foret De Grimbasq by undated captured document 4 Coy 9 SS FZ Regt T-7038.

Section II. Ground Operations.

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Second Brit Army. 8 Corps.

11 Arm Div 1300 hrs enemy counter attacked from south in direction of Burcy 6934 and gained initial success. Ground lost has been retaken.

Gds Arm Div. 1600 hrs 5 Coldm Gds attacked and captured Le Buag 7337 in face of heavy opposition.

15 Div 227 Bde continued attack on Estry 7437 against strong opposition. Enemy still holds southern half of village 45 Bde crossed river and occupied high ground 7940 and captured Lassey 7939.

3 Brit Div attacked south with 9 and 185 Bdes supported by 4 Arm Bde and reached La Londe 6333 - 6733 and Le Croisiel 6933 - Le Bas Ferrier 7233 respectively. 8 Bde conc area La Bistriere 6637.

30 Corps.

43 Div 129 and 130 Bdes supported by 8 Arm Bde continued adv on Mont Fincon 8345 against heavy resistance. By 2100 hrs and after heavy fighting 13/18 H were established on feature followed by 4 Wilts of 129 Bde mopping up continued during night, during the morning 214 Bde relieved 129 Bde. Enemy still holds eastern slopes of Mont Fincon La Tourpiere. 8246 - Camesnil 8147.

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7 Armd Div attacked south at 0330 hrs by 9030 hrs 131 Inf Bde reached escarpment south of Mallee 8747 and pt-331 (8646).

12 Corps.

1845 hrs 176 Bde attacked across Orne.
By last light 2 Bns were across river. By 0700 hrs the whole Bde across and counter attack repulsed 1 sqn tks adv across river and Br established 951520 by 0830 hrs 177 Bde attacked south against enemy west of Thury Harcourt but little progress made in face of strong opposition. 197 Bde area St Agnan Le Malherbe 8753 Hq 99 Div 878543.

First Cdn Army. 2 Cdn Corps.

4 Cdn Armd Div relieved by 51 Inf Div and conc area Vaucelles 0466. 153 Bde relieved 10 Cdn Inf Bde area Borguebus - Grentheville 158 Bde area 0565. 33 Armd Bde under comd 51 Div. Hq 51 Div 053642. 2 Cdn Armd Bde under comd 2 Cdn Inf Div.

1 Corps.

31 Tk Bde under comd 49 Div conc area 0966-1066.

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Part II. Naval.

From Ramsay signed Eisenhower. Ref No 072333B August 1944.

A. General:

MTBS referred to in my COSINTREP No 124 off St Malo sank one trawler and one TLC which was left burning, is believed to have blown up.

B. Assault Area:

The hospital carrier Amsterdam was sunk by mine 4 miles NNE of Arromanches at 0747 today while returning to UK 74 personnel unaccounted for.

On the night 5th/6th, MTB'S damaged 2 R-boats south of Cap La Heve.

Mines were laid by enemy aircraft on a small scale.

C. Unloading figures to FM 6th August:

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Part III. Air.

From HQ AEF. Leigh Mallory signed Eisenhower.
Ref No. AI 538, 7 August 1944. From 2100 hrs 5 August 59
2100 hrs 6 August.

Total sorties: 1934
9th AF: 103
2nd TAF: 1096
ADB: 735
Airborne: 109
38 Group: 76
46 Group: 36

Summary of targets:
1 bridge, 1 ammo dump, 10 other targets.

Claims: 2 Dornier 271, 3 Focke-Wulf 190, 2
Messerschmidt 109 destroyed; 1 Dornier 217, 1 Focke-Wulf 190
damaged.

Losses: 2 bombers, 8 Fighter/fighter bombers
destroyed, 1 Fighter/fighter bomber damaged.

Details of Operations:

Bridges: 12 Spitfires on Q-7858006 500 MC poor.

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Dumps: 19 Mitchells on Livarot (Ammo) 152 500 MC unobserved.

Other targets:

- 24 Typhoons on Seine barges 40 5 good,
- 8 Mustangs on R-3983 barges 32 500 MC good,
- 62 Mosquitoes and 16 Bostons on Le Mans/Tours/Ange/Alaval enemy movements 173 500 MC, 20 500 MC and 494 40 is good,
- 14 Typhoons on Bretteville/Falaise/Flers K/T 94 60 RP fair,
- 32 Spitfires on Falaise/Argentan/Bernay/L'Aigle/Alencon M/T 30 500 MC good,
- 80 Typhoons on Army support guns, tanks, batteries, 396 60 RP, 46 500 and 4 1000 MC fair/good,
- 23 Mustangs on Mezidon M/Y trucks lines 46 1000 MC fair/good,
- 3 6 Mustangs on Seine barges 70 1000 MC and 2 500 MC good,
- 54 Mitchells on 5 of Thury Harcourt (T-9841) tank harbour in wood 404 500 MC good,

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18 500 GP good.

8 Thunderbolts on armoured cover M/T tanks

Summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets:

R.A.F.B.C. Total sorties: 264
Summary of targets: 2 flying bomb dumps.
Claims: nil
Losses: 4 bombers.

Details of operations:

105 Halifaxes, 8 Lancasters and 5 Mosquitoes
on Forst De Nieppe 394.5 good,

99 Lancasters, 5 Mosquitoes, 1 Lightning on
Bois De Cassan 218.5 good.

During the night of 5/6 August, 4 E/A were
sighted over the beach head area.

14 E/A were reported as having been encountered
during the day of 6 August, principally in the Argentinian area.

Overall claims of A.E.A.F. Total 11-0-8.

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According to radar plottings, 1 E/A operated east of Flushing on a defensive patrol, and 1 E/A was on a reconnaissance patrol north of the Shetlands.

Flying bomb activity was on a greater scale than in the previous 24 hour period. As has been the case in the past, a larger number were destroyed before reaching their intended destinations.

Flying bombs: 130 plotted, 87 overland, 32 over greater London area.

Claims: 41 destroyed by fighters, 15 by AA fire, 4 by balloons.


Summary of targets: 2 modified sites.

Claims: 0-2-6 by bombers, 3 1-0-5 air by fighters, 2-0-5 ground by fighters.

Losses: 17 Fortresses, 11 Liberators, 8 Fighters.

Details of Operations: Modified launching sites; 11 Liberators on Mont Couvaire 26.5 tons poor, 13 Liberators on St George-sur-Fontaine 31.5 tons good.

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Enemy Air Operations from 2100 hours 5 August to 2100 hours 6 August 1944.

Visual sightings from 1600-2100 hours 5 August indicate that an additional 15 M/A were active over Avranches-Brécy and the Mayenne area.

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"FOLLOWING SUMMARY NAVAL RECON PARTY FOR GRANVILLE-ST MALO COMPOSED 60 OFFICERS AND MEN WITH CAPTAIN NORMAN S IVES IN CHARGE, ENTERED GRANVILLE WITHOUT INCIDENT 1 AUGUST ARMY HAVING BY PASSED. DEPARTED GRANVILLE 021200 HAVING RECEIVED WORD THAT ST MALO HAD FALLEN, 5 MILES WEST PONTOMEN TORSON ENCOUNTERED 2 GERMAN INFANTRY/CONVOY STOPPED ADVANCED PARTY DEPLOYED ALONG FRONT WITH ADEQUATE CONCEALMENT BUT NO COVER. FRONTAL AREA EXTENDED 200 YDS EACH SIDE OF ROAD. DEPLOYMENT FOR PURPOSE PREVENTING SURPRISE ATTACK AND PROVIDE COVER FOR MAIN BODY WITHDRAWAL."
SNIPING FIRE FROM LEFT FLANK AND ALONG ENTIRE FRONT. WITHDRAWAL EXECUTED UNDER HEAVY SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC AND MORTAR FIRE AS WELL AS HAND GRENADES. SUPPORT OBTAINED FROM 6TH ARMORED DIVISION 5 MILES TO REAR WITH 4 TANKS AND 2 PERSONNEL CARRIERS. PERSONNEL ASSISTED ARMOUR TO BLAST ENEMY POSITION AND COVER RETIREMENT MAIN BODY. DURING RETIREMENT SNIPER FIRE ENCOUNTERED. PLOT INDICATED RENDEZVOUS IN DIRECT PATH ENEMY COUNTER ATTACK SO COMPLETE RETIREMENT TO GRANVILLE CARRIED OUT. FOLLOWING PERSONNEL CASUALTIES:

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Part I. Land. Intelligence.

Advances continue on all fronts. Resistance still strong vicinity St Malo but disorganised on remainder Third Army Front. Stubborn sectors using extensive mining tactics.

P/1 from 2nd Battalion 748 Regt taken at Laval. P/1 from 1st and 2nd Bn 1051 Regt captured VII Corps Front. VIII Corps identified 11th Panzer Alzata Battalion, 919 Anti-tank Battalion, 2nd Para Repl Battalion, 602 Ost Battalion, 375 and 406 Wreath Battalion and 49 Wreath Mtn Infantry Battalion.

Operations Third Army VIII Corps.

Sixth Armd Division Command Post W 7876. CCA Gourin W 5866. OOB Hoelgou W 091. Fourth Armd Division CCA Vannes F 1707. OOB 6501 Eighth Division Recce Troop at Chateaubriant Y 2108. Fifth Armd Division Command Post Y 6273. CCA closed in area southeast of Vitre Y 3653. CCB no change.

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XV Corps, 79th Div Command Post Y 557. 90th Div Command Post Landile Y 5092.

XX Corps Command Post T 4099, Corps concentrating vicinity Vitre Y 3653. 2nd French Arm. Moving south to vicinity Les Lopes T 2658.

First Army, VII Corps.

First Div closing on Mayenne Y 6171, 9th Div front line 5418-5020-5425-5527. 30 286-889. -3 Bling vicinity Mortain Y 580.

XXIX Corps, 28th Div front line 5527-5826-529. 29th Div front line 6130-6331. Army group boundary revised and extended as follows:

RJ at T 6334-Wire (T 6331)-Tinehoebrey (T 7324)-St Clair Dhalouse (T 8213)-Lechateillier (T 8512) (Both to 21 Army Group)- Le Coulombe (T 9509)-Ranes (T 1207)-Sees (C 4328)-Moulins La Marche (Q Y6632) all to 12th Army Group-Verneuil (R 0038)-Dreux (R 3256)-Mantes Cassicour (R 6061) all to 21st Army Group.

Boundary between Armies extended as follows:

Le Mang Z 3937-Montmirail V 8469 (both to Third Army) - Brou W 1278-Chartres R 3902 (both to First Army).

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From the capture of Mayenne by Third Army the following
temporary boundary will be in force:

Savigny Le Vieux Y 5007 (to Third Army) - La Doree Y
5688-Lavare Y 5985 - Brate Y 6292 - Chatillon Sulpcolmont
Y 7176-RJ at Y 8474 (all to First Army). Upon relief by
elements of the First Army, Third Army troops will promptly
move south of Peronne to boundary.

For the capture of Lomans by Third Army the following
temporary boundary will be in force:

Monteure Y 8452 (to Third Army) Farewines Z 1249
(to First Army) - Tennie Z 2048 (to Third Army) - Conlie
Z 2449-Jouve Labbe Y 4173 (both to First Army).

Upon the capture of Le Mans the permanent boundary
becomes effective. First Army rear boundary revised as
follows:

Road N 172 from boundary between Armies-St Lo T 4962;
-Army Group boundary. Third Armored VIII Corps. 6th Arm.
Div. Continued advance to West. CCA to Sourin W 5866. CCB
to Ruelcovat W 5091.

4th Arm Div CCA at Vannes N 1707. CCB at H 6606.
8th Div forward elements reached Chateaubriant J 2108.

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83rd Div leading elements at 8 5812. A Task Force
captured Chateauneuf 8 5505 driving north and advance to
8919 and 8 8497.

XV Corps. 79th Div elements advance to Laval Y 6845
followed by remainder of division moving southeast from Fouge
Y 3818.

Fifth Army Div no change.
90th Div no change.
XII Corps.
80th Div unloading.
XX Corps. No change.

First Army. V Corps.

St. Fois T 5022 liberated. 4th Div mopped up isolated
resistance. 9th Div advanced against increasingly strong
resistance. 3rd Arm Div no change.

XXIX Corps.

2nd Arm Div CCB advanced against stiff resistance
on the Corps right followed by the 28th Div.

29th Div and CCA 2nd Arm Div continued attack on
Vire against strong resistance, attack slowed by heavy
minefield covered by enemy arty and mortar fire.

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28th Div no change.

V Corps being pinched out by attack on XXIX Corps on Vire from the west. 2nd Div still in the line.

35th Div moving to vicinity T 3629 and to control of Third Army.

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(A) GENERAL.

DURING NIGHT 5TH/6TH THORNBOROUGH AND RETALICK WERE ATTACKED BY TORPEDO BOMBERS WHILST PROCEEDING TO PATROL OFF CAP D'ANTIFER. 8 ATTACKS WERE MADE AND SIX TORPEDOES WERE SIGHTED. LATER THORNBOROUGH AND US PT'S ENGAGED E BOATS OFF CAP D'ANTIFER WITHOUT KNOWN RESULT. NO DAMAGE TO OWN SHIPS OR CRAFT. FORCE 26 CONSISTING OF BELONA TARTAR HAIDA ASHANTI AND IROQUOIS CONTACTED ENEMY CONVOY OFF THE DE YEU. IN ACTION WHICH FOLLOWED AT LEAST 7 ENEMY SHIPS WERE DESTROYED. LATER FORCE 26 ATTACKED ANOTHER CONVOY OFF ST NAZAIRE BUT IT ESCAPED INTO HARBOUR DAMAGED. HAIDA SUFFERED SUPERFICIAL DAMAGES MTB'S ENGAGED WITH

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GUNFIRE CONVOY OF ABOUT 5 SHIPS OFF ST MALO RESULTS UNKNOWN.
SLIGHT DAMAGE TO MTB.

(B) ASSAULT AREA,

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY DURING NIGHT 4TH/5TH WAS SLIGHT. COASTAL
COMMAND AIRCRAFT OPERATED AGAINST E BOATS OFF CAP D'ANTIFER.
BAD VISIBILITY INTERFERED BUT HITS WERE SCORED ON GROUP OF
CRAFT, CIRCLING TORPEDOES AND VARIOUS TYPES OF MINES HAVE BEEN
FOUND FLOATING IN BAA.

(C) UNLOADING FIGURES TO PM 5TH AUGUST.

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| UNITED STATES | 968777 |

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| BRITISH  | 177805 |
| UNITED STATES | 183196 |

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A. General. During night 5th/6th Thornborough and Retalick were attacked by torpedo bombers whilst proceeding to patrol off Cap D' Antifer. Eight attacks were made and six torpedoes were sighted. Later Thornborough and US PT's engaged E boats off Cap D' Antifer without known result. No damage to own ships or craft. Force 26 consisting of Belona Tartar Haida Ashanti and Iroquois contacted enemy convoy off De Yeu. In action which followed at least seven enemy ships were destroyed. Later force 26 attached another convoy off St Nazaire but it escaped into harbor damaged. Haida suffered superficial damage, MTB's engaged with gunfire convoy of about five ships off St Malo results unknown. Slight damage to MTB.

B. Assault area. Enemy air activity during night 4th/5th was slight. Coastal command aircraft operated against E boats off Cap D' Antifer. Bad visibility interfered but hits were scored on group of craft. Circling

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torpedoes and various types of mines have been found floating in Baa.

C. Unloading figures to PM 5th August. Read in three columns personnel, vehicles, stores.

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Paragraph 1 - Operations. In Brittany enemy resistance light in north and center except for pocket still holding out at St Malo.

1. 3rd coast enemy forces withdrawing into fortress of Lorient and St Nazaire. Elsewhere delaying movements back to fortress Brest where 343rd Infantry Division, 2nd Parachute Division, elements 266th Division ((Part 1 ends Part 2 follows)) and miscellaneous.

End

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Part 2 of FWD 12645 dtg 061900 Aug 1944.

Refugees from remainder of peninsula expected to
make stand.

In east Brittany still no crystallization south of
Mortain - Domfront as Allied elements now in Domfront and
approaching Mayenne and Laval.

Enemy armour resisting strongly on flanks of 84th
Corps to protect withdrawal from Vire - St Pois pocket to
east of Vire. Evidence 363rd Division still arriving from
Prisoner of War who states his unit arrived from Rouen
night 4th - 5th August.

On remainder of front enemy completed withdrawal
to general line Vire - Thury Harcourt and then east bank of
Orne and showing signs of resistance in this new position.
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Orne: 271st Infantry Division now established east of
Indications.
(End of part 2, part 3 follows)

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Part 4 follows.

Enemy thinning out forward positions east of Orne but no evidence of general withdrawal.

2. Movement. Increased activity along line Lille-Amiens-Abancourt. Large number trains in stations. Empties moving north. Activity Boulogne-St Omer-Lille and Etaples-St Pol lines, east bound traffic. Movement north from Nimes area on reduced scale. Large concentration rolling stock Commercy. Air cover Narbonne area does not support possible move 11 Panzer Division back to Bordeaux. Cover line Dijon-Culmont-Chaumont shows number loaded trains suggest 9 Panzer Division.

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Moving by this route.

3. Strengths. Further estimates of enemy strength in Brittany supplement to SHAEF G2 summary number 59. Breakdown of 75,000 garrison as follows:

A. Static: Naval, 17,000; Air Force, 5,000; flak (air and Naval), 14,000; Coast Artillery (Army and Naval), 5,000; line of communication troops, 5,000; total 42,000.

B. Infantry: 2nd Parachute Division, 9,000; Remainder 343rd, 365th, 366th Infantry Divisions, 20,000 (including 7,000 Russians); Total 29,000

(End of Part 4, Part 5 follows).

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2000 on Islands, not including Channel Islands.

Coast Defense Artillery 220 guns of which under 100 heavy or medium caliber and over 100 theoretically mobile.

Garrison of fortress Brest maximum 10000, of which 9000 Navy, 4000 flak and Coast Defense Artillery, 6000 Infantry. 10000 more Infantry and Air Force might fall in. Artillery 50 Coast Defense guns, 120 heavy flak guns.

Garrison of fortress Lorient maximum 10000, of which 5000 Navy, 3000 flak and Coast Defense Artillery, 2000 Infantry. 5000 more Infantry and Air Force might fall in. Artillery 40 Coast Defense guns, 100 heavy flak guns.

End of part 5 part 6 follows.

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Garrison of St Nazaire possibly 7,000, of which
3,000 Navy, 3,000 flak and coast defense artillery, 1,000
Infantry. Artillery 30 coast defense guns, 120 heavy flak
guns.

4. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed
through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1500 hours
5 August (72553).

5. General
In Normandy improbable that enemy's sensitive
right flank will contribute more armor to weakened center
or exposed left flank, but attempts doubtless being made to
constitute some mobile tactical reserve this sector which
will require more infantry from across Seine. Inasmuch as
84th Infantry Division now in action further formations
same category.

End of Part 6 Part 7 follows.
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Also likely to appear. Withdrawals of enemy infantry in centre and on left from 2 pocket salients fairly successfully covered by armour, but here again some regrouping and constitution. Mobile Reserves point need of more infantry especially in view Allied thrust to Domfront which is not under control at moment.

In Brittany considered that enemy will attempt evacuation key naval and air personnel via south coast road or by sea with only serious stands probably to be made at Lorient and especially Brest, where some 30,000 men likely to end up in fortress area. Expected arrival of 708th Infantry Division and.

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9th Panzer Division probably too late to affect developments in peninsula.

The hurrying of infantry across Seine on foot and immediate commitment to battle indicative of enemy intention to form line in Normandy rather than new line along Seine and thus regain some measure of initiative. Also evident that present emergency in battle area to some extent overrides threat of further landings.

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Part one. Land. Section A.

Section one. Intelligence identification.

By PW, 3 Coy 276 fd rft Bn 7951. 8 Coy 10 SS Panzer Regt 8251. 11 Coy 2 SS PGR U-0260. 5 Coy 1 SS PGR 057750.

By deserter, 7 Coy 21 SS PGR T-780504. HG Coy 990 GR 932899. 2 Coy 998 GR 83398. 2 BN 1055 OR of 89 Inf Div U-062604.


Section two. Group operations. Second Brit Army.

VIII Corps.

GDS Army Div patrols report area Montchamp 7240-1. L'escrivan M-7339-Lerriodiers 7338 clear of enemy and Le Buin 7336 lightly held. 3 Td SS GDS. Inf Bde occupied Les Boislets 7339 and woods 7439.

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15 Div. 227 Bde passed through 44 Bde to area 7541-7741. During morning 2 Gordons encountered stiff opposition at Estray 7437 and 10 HLI by-passed village. Bad going and determined resistance met by 46 Bde in area 901404. 2 Glas H established area 785407, 6 Bde 22 Bde in support 15 Div areas Estray and 8040. Main HQ VIII Corps 663534.

XXX Corps.

43 Div. 129 Bde unable make progress during night in attack on Mont Pincon owing to determined enemy resistance in area Vahintere 8144.

7 Armd Div. During evening 11 H found Aunay-sur-Odon clear of enemy but heavily mined and cratered. 1 Rgt 22 Armd Bde reached pt 245 (8850). During night Div concentrated south and east of Courvadon 8752-1/7 Queens of 131 Bde captured Vallee 8747 while 1 R Tks reached Valocongrain 8747 and found village held by enemy. By 1200 hours 5 DQ reached La Roque 8947-recon indicates enemy position on this front follows general line Nonoceaux 7943 – quessnee 8144-Rogerclens 8146-Reuchamps 8347- fvd edge wood 8547-8747-rd 400 yards south of Vallee 8846-pi 172 (8946)- Main HQ VIII Corps 74954-12 Corps.

53 Div patrol east of Orne report east bank appears lightly held as far south as 960554.

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59 Div encountered probable enemy L flankguard general line pt 172 (8946) - pt 152 (9147) - enemy Inf in La Motairie 9348 - Div Hq 877545. Main Hq XII Corps 900663.

First Cdn Army. II Cdn Corps.

2 Cdn Inf Div. At 1300 hrs 1 Bn 5 Bde moved south from St Andre-sur-Onoe 0161 and by 2000 hrs had reached 023603. At 2100 hrs another passed through and by 2400 hrs had reached general line 014512-024602 May-sur-Onoe 0259 strongly held by enemy and no further progress made.

4 Cdn Arm Div. Small Inf and Tk attack made on La Hogue 0960 at 1930 hrs but unable occupy village which strongly held by enemy. 1 Bn 10 Inf Bde advanced south to Tilly-la-Campagne at 2300 hrs but unable capture village owing very stubborn enemy resistance with many MG's and dug in tk's.

I Corps.

31 Tk Bde under oomd. Otherwise NTR.

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SPORADIC SHELLING OF LANGRUVE AREA REPORTED 3RD AUGUST LAST PHENIX FOR WILLY. ARRIVED 4TH AUGUST.

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051200B AUGUST COSTINTREP NUMBER 128 PART 1 LAND SECTION B

1. INTELLIGENCE. ADVANCES ON ALL FRONTS WERE MADE AGAINST SPORADIC AND ISOLATED POCKETS OF RESISTANCE. 3RD ARMY CAPTURED P/W FROM 77 INF DIV. 13 AND 15 REGTS OF 5 PARA DIV. 897 REGT OF 266 INF DIV IN VICINITY OF RENNES. P/W REPORTS 534 GREN REGT OF 319 INF DIV IN ST MALO. REMAINDER OF DIV ON CHANNEL ISLANDS. 1ST ARMY IDENTIFIED 957 REGT AREA 5129. 958 REGT AT 5834. 959 REGT AT 5933. BRITISH REPORT LATTER AT 6935. 851 REGT IDENTIFIED 7 CORPS SECTOR.

2. OPERATIONS. 3RD ARMY. 8 CORPS. 6 ARMD DIV. CP W 8875. CCA PONTIVY X 0554. CCB 3 MILES WEST ROSTRENEN W 8975. 4 ARMD DIV. CBA GILATINE R FROM H 9922 TO RENNES.

CCB H 9922 TO REDON. 83 DIV. CP X 9096. ELMS AT X 8698-S 9704. 8 DIV. CP Y 0661. DIV CONCENTRATED AREA

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RENNES, 15 CORPS. 79 DIV. CP Y 3986. DIV CONCENTRATED AREA FOUGERES, 5 ARM D DIV. CP T 3300. CCA Y 3597. CCB Y 4598.

90 DIV. CP LANDIVY T 5192. 20 CORPS. CP T 4100. 5 DIV. CP T 3629. 1ST ARMY. 7 CORPS. 1 DIV. FRONT LINE T 5508-6207-5517-1423-5122. CP 5009. FRONT LINES 4 DIV. T 4922-5026. 9 DIV. T 5127-5523. 19 CORPS. FRONT LINES 28 DIV. T 5438-5532. 29 DIV. T 5632-5833. 2 ARM DIV LESS CCB. T 6334. CCB T 5629. 5 CORPS. FRONT LINES 35 DIV. T 5833-6034. 2 DIV. T 6134-6433.

THIRD ARMY. 8TH CORPS. TASK FORCE ADVANCED IN 2 COLUMNS NOW HOLDS EW LINE CHATEAUNEUF-S 8805. 330 CT AT S 8700 IN RESERVE.

ARMD DIV. CCA ADVANCED THRU MAURON X 5753 TO PONTIVY X 0554. CCB CONTINUED ADVANCE THRU LOUDEAC X 2166 TO 3 MILES KW ROSTRENEN.

4 ARM DIV. CCA SECURED ALL CROSSINGS VILAINE R SPACE H 9922 TO RENNES. CCB ALONG RIVER FROM H 9922 TO REDON. CAVALRY PATROLS REDON TO SEA COAST. 83 DIV. ADVANCED 2 COLUMNS TO AREA N AND W DOL DE BRETAGNE. 8 DIV. PATROLLING AREA FROM RENNES E TO VITRE.

15TH CORPS. 90 DIV. LEADING ELMS IN MAYENNE 48171 AT 1200 B. 20 CORPS. 5 DIV. CLOSED W OF VILLEDIEUX-LESPOLES AND CONTINUED MOVEMENT SOUTH TOWARD AVRANCHES. 2 FRENCH ARM DIV. CLOSED NW PIERIERS. 12 CORPS. NO CHANGE. 1ST ARMY. 7 CORPS. 1 DIV.

REACHED OBJECTIVE VICINITY MORAIN T 5811. CONSOLIDATED POSITIONS MAINTAINED ACTIVE PATROLLING TO S AND E. CT ATTACHED FROM 9 DIV ATTACKED FROM T 9317 AGAINST LIGHT RESISTANCE TO T 5318. 4 DIV. REPULSED 2 COUNTERATTACKS. PATROLS BYPASSED ST POIS. 9 DIV.

ADVANCED AGAINST LIGHT RESISTANCE THRU FOREST ST SEVER T 5127. 3 ARM DIV. NO CHANGE. 19 CORPS. 28 DIV. ADVANCED AGAINST DECREASING RESISTANCE THRU S EDGE FOREST SIXSEVER AT T 5528. 29 DIV. ADVANCED TO LA PILLIERI T 5933. 2 ARM DIV LESS CCB. REACHED OUTSKIRTS OF VIRE FROM W AND N. 30 DIV. NO CHANGE. 5 CORPS. 35 AND 2 DIVS REACHED OBJECTIVES ALONG LINE 2000 YARDS N VIRE R AND CONSOLIDATED POSITION.

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NR: FMD 12624 5 August 1944

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This is G2 summary number 51.

1. Operations in Brittany position extremely fluid but no identifications received and form of opposition not known. Enemy offering only spasmodic resistance to our advance. Hard fighting in Mortain area where enemy has pushed up Lusilier Battalion of 84th Inf Div to plug gap. Remainder Div reported to be following on foot from Rousen area. North of St Pois elements 2 SS.

End of part 1 part 2 follows.

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Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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Part two of FWD 12624 DSG 051615 August

Panzer Div, Panzer Lehr Div and 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Div fighting hard to prevent us from cutting across to Vire. From Vire to Villers Bocage enemy armour steadily giving ground but 9th SS Panzer Div making great effort to help save formations on its left. Enemy pulled out of Villers Bocage and Evrecy and general tendency is withdrawal this area towards Orne. No indication enemy intentions east or west of Orne.

Two GHQ artillery in battle area. Estimated that enemy has so far used in battle in West Normandy following GHQ artillery excluding coast defense artillery and flak:

450 projectors

( end Part two, Part three follows)

ACTION: G-2
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(Wartime) calibre 15 centimetre or above, 250 medium and heavy guns calibre 12.2 centimetre or above practically all medium foreign howitzer equipments, 150 more heavy anti-tank guns calibre 7.5 centimetre than 8.8 centimetre.

Training of artillery and especially anti-tank units inadequate and personnel inferior. Several units formed by directly incorporating whole of personnel at a school. Ammunition for foreign equipments short especially Italian.


4. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to.

(End of part three, part four follows)

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward Echelon, London, England

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

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Part four of FWD 12624 DYO 051615 August.
1800 hours 4 August 71213.

5. General.

In Brittany enemy strength insufficient to hold up even temporarily our rapid advance. Enemy intentions this area not clear but presumably he will to best of his ability delay our advance towards Brest and eventually try to deny us the ports. Movement north from First Army not traced beyond Nantes but likely to be used to form some sort of line north of Loire with view to preventing Allies carrying out wide sweeping movement to East, thus endangering his whole position west of Seine. Enemy must be rueing his lack of mobility this sector. In main battle area general. (End of Part 4, Part 5 and final follows)

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Tendency is for enemy to withdraw slowly straightening out his line in endeavour to shorten Divisional frontages.

Arrival of 84th Div may be followed by others of similar class from north of Seine. Enemy has clearly not yet given up hope of being able to stabilize his front and no indication of his initiating a major withdrawal towards Seine.

Nothing further on movement of armour believed to be taking place from Lyons area.

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02 daily cable August 50600 hours to WDGBI from ETGBI. From Conrad signed Eisenhower EX 41710.

Insert the following on Page one Line 12:

Total casualties, (From Conrad signed Eisenhower EX 41710), reported 16 fatal 49 seriously 118 slightly injured.

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Total casualties 5016 killed 32,972 injured.

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August 10 long range 5 Tactical Recon normal flights over usual sea areas.

End

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(0412008) August COSINTREP Number 123 part I. Land.

Section 2.

1. Intelligence.

3rd Army: Elements of 258 Rz 178SPG 5.

75 Inf, 91 Inf, 243 Inf, 352 Inf Div identified on front. No known organised defense line located.

First Army: 2 P/M report 84 Inf Div 100 Bn arrived between Domfront and Mortain by bicycle. Rest of Div on the way by foot and expected to make contact within a day.

2. Operations, 3rd Army, 8th Corps.

CP 2401 6 Arm Div. COA Loudeac 2166. CCB 5474.

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4th Arm Div Montbeley CCA 0038. CCB 1400. 8th Div Elms
Ronnes remainder Div St. James 2998. CP 2202. 83rd Div
Elms 0202 remainder of Div Pontchon. 15 Corps Op Les
Cheris 3530. 79th Div Elms in Fougeoles remainder vic 3683.
Op 3585. 5 Arm Div. CCA 3599. CCB 4000. 90th Div Des
Loges Marchais-Sainte Hilaire Due Marquet-6508.

20th Corps Op 3432. 12 Corps no change.

1st Army. 7th Corps front lines 1 Div 6209-5418-
4619. 4th Div 5022-4727. 9th Div 4730-5132. 19th Corps.
Front lines 23 Div 5232-5728. 29th Div 5735-5836. 5th Corps.
Front lines 35 Div 5936-6135. 2nd Div 6236-6435.

12th AG boundary extended Sees 4326 incl boundary
between 3rd and 1st Armies extended RefuVILLE 4513-St
Gervain Le Guitaine 6561-Neyry an Champagne 2345 incl to
3rd Army Le Mans 3937 to both armies.

3rd Army rear boundary effective 040600 road GC
P-Assus 1256-Agon-1356-Coutances 2456-road N172 from
Coutances to the boundary between 1st and 3rd armies. Both
road incl to 3rd Army.

3rd Army. 8th Corps. 6th Arm Div. CCA advanced to
Mauron 5553 during the afternoon then to Loudeac 2166 in
the morning. CCB advanced to Brooms 5979. 4 Arm Div.

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GGA at Bain de Bretagne 9723 by nightfall thence to Vic Montheley 0036 in the morning. 008 advance to Derval 9904. 8th Div. 13th Inf attached to 4th Arm Div attacked and captured Rennes in the morning. Remainder of Div Vic St James. 83 Div. 330th Inf and Tank force attacked at 1000B from 0202 to capture St Malo. 329th Inf in assembly area near Pontorson. 331st Inf clearing Avranches on route to Pontorson. 90th Div established a line and advance elements made contact across interarmy boundary with one Div elements near Mortain.

20th Corps. (2 French Arm Div closing in concentration area north of Treray.

1st Army. 7th Corps. 1 Div continued to mop up resistance points by passed by the armor. Mortain occupied at 1800B. Continued 25910 and pushed ELM3 to Barenton 8705. Positions consolidated and patrols pushed south and east. Patrols from 4th Cav also operating in its front. 4th Div cleaned out pockets of resistance northwest of St Pois. Attack gained 1000 yards against heavy small arms and some artillery fire.

9th Div encountered strong resistance after 5000 yard advance. Attack resumed southeast in morning and met only slight resistance in Forest Due St Sever.

19th Corps. Light resistance in its front. GCB 2nd Arm Div ELM3 entered St Sever Calvados 5132 but held up

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east of town by minefields. 2CB 2nd Arm Div also held up at Choiseul 6035 by minefields. 28th Div no change. 29th Div astride St Sever Calvados-Landelles St Coupigney road. 30th Div no change.

5th Corps. 35th Div advanced 4000 yards against moderate resistance. 2nd Div engaged against enemy infantry along entire front but no artillery. Advanced 2000 yards. 5th Div detached from Corps control and moving to assembly area 3831.

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1 EMN125 FGR Entry 77537. Elements 21 38 FGR 764503. 3 Coy 989 GR Noyers 8862. 2 and 7 Cys 977 GR Esquay 9460. 5 Coy 975 GR U0051. By deserters. 3 Coy 989 GR Noyers 78862. 7 Coy 990 GR 9051. By contact. 2 Br 15 Para Rifle Regt 7098. 326 Arty Relo Arct 7131. 9 Coy 751 GR 751516. 1 Br 125 FGR Juvrus 7551. 2 Br 987 GR south of Amije 7557. 753 GR 7554. 477 Sigs Bn of 48 Fz Corps and 3 Coy 651 A Tk Bn Second Army Front.

Operations. Second Brit Army. 8 Corps.

By last light 11 rmd Div with 185 Bde under cmd in Arda Burcy 6931 Fresles 7135 Tesoix 6931 with elements 1500 yes East. During morning 11 Arm Div continued clear up pockets of enemy holding out on flanks.

GDS Arm Div. During evening 44 Bde attacked and captured high ground south of Arcalais 7244 at first light 44 Bde captured high ground 7242 7242 and at 1000 hrs were advancing to pt 283 (7345). 32 GDS Inf Bde mopped up Courtacon 7141. 4 Arm Bde under cmd 3 Brit Div. 30 Corps. 43 Div.

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Enemy counter attacked with Inf and Tks area Lisonniere 749 against 130 Bde. 214 Bde held up by strong opposition incl Tks area Bremy 7248 Les Maisthe 7348 during morning 214 Bde captured Le Maison and advanced towards Les Maisthe Ausouf 7446. During 3 Aug 7 Armd Div unable to make further progress against determined enemy def in most difficult country. Enemy made 3 determined counter attacks against a Br of 131 Inf Bde. 188 (7951) From East and SE. Enemy cleared from wood 7753.

During morning 2 Armd Bde capture quarry 7755 and are pushing on Hericilly 7955. 40 Div patrols report enemy in area pt 174 (7957).

Main HQ 30 Corps. N746369. 12 Corps 59 Div 197 Bde moved fwd in contact with enemy and by last light were EST on gen line Villy Bocage 8199 along north side of rd to incl Haut Neuf 8061. By 1200 hrs 197 Bde reached pt 213 (8359) Sour Deval 8761. 53 Div. 71 Bde advanced by last night to Gen Line Enlognyers-Missy Church 8960 Monceaux-br 905615 many mines reported.

By 1200 hrs 53 Div reached Le Locheur 8959 wood 915590 Evrecy 9259-Bas d'Esquay corve pt 112 (9561) -968618-Fuegerolles Sur Orne 9561 adv continues.

First Odn Army. 51 Inf Div and 33 Armd Bde under

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Cond 2 Cdn Corps. Otherwise NTR. Tac HQ 21 Army Gp 635/692. Main HQ 21 Army Gp 7074.

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2 MT SHIPS, 1 MTD AND 2 SUNKEN CORNCOBS DAMAGED. ENEMY ESTIMATED LOSSES: 20 EMB'S, 30 HUMAN TORPEDOES, 2 CAUGHT IN NET, 1 E/BOAT SUNK AND 1 DAMAGED, 31 PRISONERS FROM HUMAN TORPEDOES AND EMB'S.

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19 CORPS FRONT LINES 28TH DIVISION 4836-4837-5028.
29TH DIVISION 5137-5340-5441. COMMAND POST 2ND
ARMORED DIVISION 4143. 5 CORPS FRONT LINES 30TH 5TH DIVISION
5942-6338. 3RD ARMY. 8 CORPS. 6TH ARMORED DIV. CCA ADVANCED TO
QUDILLAI 6771. CCB PASSED THROUGH DINAN TO 7492. THEN TURNED
SOUTH TO LONGAULNAY 8276. 4TH ARMORED DIVISION CCA ADVANCED TO
HERMITAGE GDSU* 055. CCB NORTH OF RENNEN AT 6566. 83 DIVISION
TYNP* 30 IN ADVANCED TO PONTORSON. ANOTHER TASK FORCE ADVANCED TO
0202. REMAINDER OF DIVISION MOVING TO ASSEMBLY AREA VICINITY
PONTORSON. 79TH DIVISION MOVING TOWARD FOUGERES WITH LEADING
ELEMENTS AT 3783. 8 DIVISION, OQC* 3 INFANTRY RELIEVED ELEMENTS
4TH ARMORED DIVISION AT RENNEN. REMAINDER OF DIVISION AT 3609.
15 CORPS. 90 DIVISION ASSEMBLING IN AREA 4110. 1ST ARMY. 7
CORPS. 1ST DIVISION WITH CCA 3RD ARMORED DIVISION ATTACKED
ATTACKED IN 2 COLUMNS BOTH HEADED BY ARMOR. INFANTRY OF BOTH
COLUMNS ENGAGED IN SEVERE FIGHTING AT LES MESNIL APELLE* 4917.
ARMOR REACHED DIV OBJECTIVE VICINITY MORTAIN AND INFANTRY MOPPED
UP BY PASSED AREAS. 4TH DIVISION WITH CCA 3RD ARMORED DIVISION
ATTACHED ATTACKED AGAINST LIGHT RESISTANCE TO THE LINE 4726-4923.
9TH DIVISION FACED BY LIGHT RESISTANCE ADVANCED TO THE EAST-WEST
ROADWAY THROUGH BELSON 4433. ENEMY WITHDREW DURING THE NIGHT. 19
CORPS. 20 DIVISION TEMPORARILY STopped IN THE AFTERNOON BY HEAVY
RESISTANCE BUT LITTLE STRENGTH OPPOSED ITS MORNING ATTACK AND THE
LINE MORIN 5137-LE COSTI 5240 WAS REACHED. CCB 2ND ARMORED
DIVISION STopped IN THE AFTERNOON BY DUGIN TANKS AND ARTILLERY AT
4438. OUR ARTILLERY REGISTERED ON THIS STRONG POINT WITH EXCELLENT
RESULTS. ADVANCED IN THE MORNING TO RAILROAD CROSSING 1000 YARD
NORTHWEST ST SEVER CALVADOS. V CORPS. 35TH DIVISION CROSSED
SOULEUVRE RIVER AND ADVANCED 3000 YARDS SOUTH AGAINST LIGHT RESISTANCE.
2ND DIVISION ALSO CROSSED THE RIVER AND REACHED ETOUVY* 6337 AGAINST

LIGHT OPPOSITION
*AS RECEIVED

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To: War Department

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This is 042351B COSINTREP 122 part Naval.

A. General. Nothing to report.

B. Unloading figures to PM 3rd August.

British personnel 712,739 vehicles 275,097
stores 888,059

U S personnel 951,970 vehicles 179,266
stores 944,576

Total D plus 58 personnel 1664,709 vehicles
354,363 stores 1832,635.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CO/S
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CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
CG, US Seventh Army
CG, US Air Service Command, USSTAF Hq London England

Navy Department

DTG: 042100B August 1944

This part 1 of 2 parts FWD 12604 part 2 follows

Out of action on 1st July reported still unserviceable on 31st July. Two docks on canal between Blain and Post Surerdre (Loire Inferieure) reported blown up.

In Brittany, 500 Germans at Pleixy and 400 Germans at Plevin (Cotes Du Nord) reported killed.

High ground north of Vannes occupied by special air service and resistance forces, acting under the coordination of 12th Army Group.

On 1st August 192 aircraft of 8th U. S. Air Force dropped 288 tons of arms and ammunition in France on a daylight operation. In addition, since 1st August, 63 special air service troops, one operational group and 246 tons of arms and ammunition have been dropped in France from England. One Jedburgh team, one operational group.

End

ACTION: OD
INFO: CC/S, GAAF, 0-2, Admiral King,

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London, England
CG, US 7th Army
CG, Army Air Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Caserta, Italy
Navy Department

Nr: FWD 12604

5 August 1944

COSITINRESP part 4 number 122. Last part 4 was number 119. Forward 12604 to COSITINRESP addresses from SHAPE signed Eisenhower cite SHOCT. This part 2 and last of FWD 12604.

In Belgium, 74 locomotives reported put out of commission, and numerous railway lines cut. Important railway lines reported cut in France include:

- Paris-Dienste;
- Gray-Auxonni;
- Toulouse-Baziers;
- Nantes-La Rochelle;
- Redon - Rennes.

Bridges reported and 21 French Commando Troops were sent from North Africa to France. Totals since D day, including operations from North Africa; 775 special air service troops,

Nr: FWD 12604 5 August 1944

24 Jedburgh teams, 6 operational groups, 27 Jeeps and 4954 tons of arms and ammunition.

End

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG/S
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To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces (Forward), London, England
CG, Seventh Army, Italy
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Navy Department

No. Q20028 4 August 1944

For action to SHAEF. For information to the Admiralty, the War Office, the Air Ministry, the War Department, the Navy Department, 21st Army Group, GHQ Home Forces, ANAF, AEAF, ETOUSA, AFRQ, HQ 7th Army, USSTAF from 12th Army Group signed Bradley reference number Q20028. 03120B August CUSINTREM. Number 2.

Part 1. Land

Section B.

1. Intelligence.

On Third Army front resistance was sporadic around Rennes and Dinan. Attempts by Germans to regroup elements south of St James.

On First Army front VII Corps:

Little opposition to 4th Infantry Division by

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37th Panzer Gren Regt and 4th Panzer Gren Regt. Battle groups elements of 2nd SS Panzer Division, Panzer Lehr Div and 17th SS Panzer Division resisting strongly north of St Pois 5022.

V Corps:

Advanced south of Vire River where 2nd Panzer Division encountered on right flank and 376th Infantry Division on left.

P/W reports mission of 326th to dig in until Panzer elements arrived. Advances made XIX Corps front against light resistance.

2. Operations.

Third Army.
Command Post 6th Armored Division 9179.
4th Armored Division 0466.
79th Division 2998
8th Division 2725.

First Army.
Command Post 4959
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VII Corps front lines, 1st Division 4216-5709-
5815-4523.  4th Division 5024-4426-4234.
9th Division 4433-4635.

XIX Corps front lines, 28th Division 4836-4837-
5038.  29th Division 5137-5340-5441.
Command Post 2nd Armored Division 4143.

V Corps front lines, 35th Division 5942-6338.

Third Army.

VIII Corps. 6th Armored Division.

CCA advanced to Quedillac 6771.
CCB passed through Dinan to 7492. Then turned
south to Longaulnay 8276.

4th Armored Division.

CCA advanced to Hermitage 9055.
CCB north of Rennes at 6566.

83rd Division 330 in advanced to Pontorson.

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Another Task Force advanced to 0202. Remainder of Division moving to assembly area vicinity Pontorson.

79th Division moving toward Fougères with leading elements at 3783.

8th Division. 13th Infantry relieved elements 4th Armored Division at Rennes. Remainder of Division at 3609.

XV Corps. 90th Division assembling in area 4110.

First Army.

VII Corps. 1st Division with OCA 3rd Armored Division attached attacked in 2 columns both headed by Armor. Infantry of both columns engaged in severe fighting at Le Mesnil Adolée 4917. Armor reached Division objective vicinity Mortain and Infantry mopped up by passed areas.

4th Division with OCB 3rd Armored Division attached attacked against light resistance to the line 4726-4923.

9th Division faced by light resistance advanced to the east - west road through Belson 4433. Enemy withdrew during the night.

XIX Corps. 28th Division temporarily stopped in the afternoon by heavy resistance but little strength opposed its morning attack and the line Morigny 5137 - Le Costi 5240

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was reached.

CCB 2nd Armored Division stopped in the afternoon by dug in tanks and artillery at 0438. Our artillery registered on this strong point with excellent results. Advanced in the morning to railroad crossing 1,000 yards northwest St Sever Calvados.

V Corps, 35th Division crossed Souleuvre River and advanced 3,000 yards south against light resistance.

2nd Division also crossed the river and reached Etouvy 6337 against light opposition.

End.

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No: S 56855

4 August 1944

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The following casualties sustained by the Allied Expeditionary Force from June 6 when the assault was launched to include July 20 were announced today by Supreme Headquarters:

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These figures include the following casualties sustained by the United States Army during pre-invasion exercises the latter part of April when enemy K boats attacked a convoy:

Killed in action 130
Wounded in action 41
Missing in action 312

Above release will be made here at 1700Z 5th August. Office war information should be informed at once of coming release.

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Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No. FWD-12599 4 August 1944

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0-2 summary number 60.

1. Operations:

On enemy left flank situation still confused but fighting reported in Sennes and Dinan. No identifications received.

First Army front enemy forced off high ground east of Mortain. Some self propelled guns encountered but no fire from them. Also tanks apparently self destroyed.

Our reconnaissance as far as Barenton 6604 without opposition but enemy thought to have some troops on high ground in vicinity. (End of part 1, part 2 follows).

On Second Army front 10 SS Panzer Division.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CCS, CG AAF, OPD, ADM KING, COL PARK, LOG
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To: 
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CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FWD 12599 4 August 1944

Part 3 and last of FWD 12599 dtd 04/17/30.

Moveable is about 100 and of heavy flak guns about 250.

Three. Movement. More activity observed on line Amiens Montdidier. No evidence of division concerned. Heavy traffic continues reported on line Dijon, Lyons to north west Rolon 9 Panzer on the way up. Good evidence received that Tank Battalion recently entrained Mailly for unknown destination. No cover flown of west coast move but assumed to be continuing; move from 708th Infantry Division area northwards reported in addition to above. 158th Training Division likely already on its way north on foot.

Four. Prisoners of war. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up till 1800 hours 3rd August 68586.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm. King, Col. Park, Log

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To: War Department
No: GO 03
    4 August 1944
Signed Eisenhower. WAR pls pass to Navy Dept.
GO 03A WJXL 012200 EN COSITINTREP number 122. Part 1 land
section A. to 011200 B. Intelligence.

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Identifications. Army FW. 1 BMN 125 POR Estry
T 7537. Elements 21 35 POR 764503.

End

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S
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To: War Department
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CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: 12573  3 August 1944

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Advance SHAEF MAIN Ninth United States Army First United
States Army Group Twelfth United States Army Group FWD 12573.
G-2 Summary number 59.

1. Operations. Still a complete void on enemy's left
flank except for odd pockets of about company strengths.
Organized resistance starts just west of Juvigny 5315 with
battle groups composed of remnants of 17th SS and 2nd SS
Panzer Divisions supported by elements of 11th SS Panzer
Division.

Enemy still hold salient all exclusive Villedieu
Terry Vire and 2nd Panzer Division reinforced with remnants
of 3rd Parachute Division resisting stubbornly in attempt
to hold high ground. (End of part 1, part 2 follows)

ACTION: G-2

End.

INFO: CO/S, CO AAF ODP, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England
CG Services of Supply in North African Theater of
Operations, Caserta, Italy

Mr: 12573 3 August 1944

Part three of FWD 12573 DTG 031745.

266th Inf Div probably intermingled on north coast
and of 343 and 265th Inf Divisions intermingled on west and
south coasts total 30,000. Static troops 45,000. Believed
at time of American break in all four divisions strung out
along coasts mainly in port fortresses with only Flak troops
available inland. Flak in Brittany estimated about 30
battalions three quarters Naval with some 400 heavy guns of
which at least two thirds static. Attempts probably being made
too late to release Infantry from garrison duty. 319
Inf Div still on Channel Islands.

Three movement. Continued movement up west coast.
Possibly 158 Training Division going up to man crossings
of Loire.

11th Panzer Division now thought definitely moved to.

End of Part Three Part Four follows.

ACTION: G-2

IMPO : CG/S, CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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CG, Allied Force Hq, Caserta, Italy

No: FWD 12573
3 August 1944

Part 4 and last of FWD 12573 DFG 031745

Mediterranean Seto Area.

- Continued evidence that 9th Panzer Division moving up from Dijon to battle area.

- Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 2 August 67810.

5. General. Appreciate move of considerable elements II SS Panzer Corps westwards represents maximum enemy effort to prevent front crumbling further and to extricate invaluable forces now in Salient West of Vire. Enemy unable, however, to strip Caen sector further without Infantry reinforcements. Unlikely, therefore, that enemy will be able to do more than compromise on continued general withdrawal to southeast.

End

ACTION: O-2
INFO : CCS, CGAAF, OPD, Adm. King. "Col Park Log"

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3 August 1944

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Special G2 summary number 4.

1. Following late morale picture obtained from prisoners of war passing through Kempton and Devizes.

A. Kempton. After 7 weeks during which almost every type of prisoners of war interrogated, clear that morale on the whole, has not deteriorated much since D day. Prisoners of war fall into 2 categories, those who believe in German victory, secondly, those who do not. Very few have no idea. Believers have blind faith in Fuhrer. Majority however are from non-believer class increasing number prisoners of war wish to dissociate themselves from Nazi policy and party.

Comment. Probably.

End

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AFHQ Part 2 of FWD 12563.

Consciousness of impending defeat. Many prisoners of war have still not heard from German sources of recent "Putsch" and are inclined to dismiss it as propaganda. Those who have heard it from German sources either regard generals as traitors or if they consider Germany is defeated regret it was not more successful.

B devices. Attitude of German soldiers best summed up in composite statement on following lines: "I fought as hard as I knew how and as well as I knew until I could fight no longer and saw that it was useless. I obeyed my

(End of Part 2, Part 3 follows).

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3 August 1944

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Superiors as I have been told even though I know the cause may be in vain. Though I am reasonably sure that this war is lost for us I cannot stop fighting before I am personally licked because I am a German soldier.

2. General. From above difficult to draw conclusive picture as to degree of slackening morale. Discipline is so inherent in the true German that they continue to fight hard against great odds although many are war weary and do not believe in final victory. Fighting spirit is therefore good. Desertions still confined mainly to non-Germans. The German soldier in real adversity has not yet been seen on this front and our recent breakthrough may see a change in next batch of Prisoners of War.

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No: Q 20014 3 August 1944

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0212008 August COSINTREP number 1 part 1-Land
Section B.

1. Intelligence.

On Third Army front enemy holding up our advance east of Dinan with heavy mortar and artillery fire. Little resistance to our columns at Combourg and Rennes. Enemy offering strong opposition vicinity Villedieu. Air reconnaissance reported enemy tank column moving northeast to Rennes vicinity Y-0458 at 012036; subsequent reconnaissance during period revealed no further tank movements towards Rennes Area. 30-40 enemy tanks reported moving northwest toward Mortain vicinity T-6006 at 012000.

No new identifications. Third Army reports scattered and unorganized resistance.

2. Operations.

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Boundary between Armies: 3669-3638-3833-4130-4320.

Third Army.

VIII Corps exploiting breakthrough of armor south and west of Pontorson 1602 with all armor meeting only slight resistance. Armored columns continuing advance. Fighting taking place in city of Rennes. 796 following 6 Arm Div 8 Div following 4 Arm Div.

XV Corps. Moving south to go into line on left of VIII Corps. 83 Div moving to vicinity of St. James 2998. 90 Div enroute to area along Selune River at 3604. 5 Arm Div moving south from vicinity Periers 2772.
From: CG Cherbourg Combined Signal Center
No: Q 20014 3 August 1944

First Army,

VII Corps.

1 Div advanced to Djijythes-Mortain road from 4214 to 4413. This division still operating in Third Army Sector.

4 Div with CCB 3 Arm Dtv attacked mopped up Villmedieux and advanced to the line 4826-4131. 9 Div advanced 4000 yards against light resistance to the line 4437-4237-4136. 3 Arm Dtv (less CCB) in Corps reserve.

XIX Corps Cp 4559. 28 and 29 Divs advanced 3500 yards against very light resistance to the line 4538-4540-4741-4943-5045. 30 Div assembled in vicinity Tessy Sur Vire.

Y Corps Cp 6869. 2 and 35 Divs advanced rapidly to Vire River only snipers and patrols encountered. 2 Div front lines 5444-5044-5046-6143-6243. 35 Div front line 5443-4543-5543-5742-5842. 5 Div assembled in vicinity St Symphorien-Les-Buttes 6251.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CCS, CGAAP, ASP, G-2, Adm. King, Col. Park, Log

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To: War Department
DTO: 032246E 3 Aug 1944

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A. Assault area.
Determined attack was made on BAA by E boats explosive motor boats and human torpedoes. Allied losses and damaged were Quora and LCG 764 sunk. 2 MT shipel MTB and 2 sunken CORVETTES damaged. Enemy estimated losses. 20 EMB's 30 human torpedoes 2 caught in net. 1 E boat sunk and 1 damaged. 31 prisoners from human torpedoes and EMBs.

B. Unloading figures. Read in 3 columns.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/3, CG AAP, ASF, O-2, Log
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1. (A) ASSAULT AREA. 24 HOURS ENDING 2300 HOURS 1ST.
A QUIET AND UNEVENTFUL DAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REPORTED BY ALL TIMESKEEPING FLOTTILLAS.

2. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY SLIGHT RAF CLAIMED 1 JU 88 DESTROYED AND 1 POSSIBLE ON THE NIGHT 31ST/1ST. 3 AIRCRAFT HERE DESTROYED DURING THE DAY.

(B) UNLOADING FIGURES TO PM 1ST AUGUST.

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Outgoing Message

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Number: WAR-75165

TOPSEC to SHAEP London for Eisenhower, PACS 50 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff approve your request for the allocation of 194 MT ships at least up till D plus 60.

We stress the importance of your reducing your requirement to the approved 70 MT ship allotment as soon as possible in order that the deficits created in civil and military programs by this approval of your request may be compensated for. It is noted that the retention of MT ships beyond agreed numbers is in large measure responsible for the shortage of shipping needed to meet your full requirement for August sailings in support of U.S. Forces in the European Theater of Operations.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
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To: War Department

No. GO 390 A 3 August 1944

Signed Eisenhower War pls pass to Navy Dept. GO 390 A 032201B. COSINTREF number 121.

Part 1. Land Section A. Period to 031200B.

Intelligence Identifications. By FW:

503 by Tk Bn 6747
20 S FGR 7034
19 SE FGR 7138
8 Coy 9 SS PS Regt 7036
7 Coy 1 SS FGR U 0760

By deserter:

5 Coy 978 GR 003630. Para Demonstration Regt 1164.

By captured documents 31 July:

2 Coy 1 SS Assault Gun Bn 022607
3 Coy 1 ES A Tk Bn 052634

CM-IN-2926 (4 Aug 44)

No. 00 390 A 3 August 1944

Operations:

Twelfth US Army Gp now dispatching COSITINTREP direct to SHAPE with copy this Hq.

21 Army Gp COSITINTREP will in future cover operations of First Cdn Army and Second Brit Army only.

Second Brit Army: VIII Corps:

3 Brit Div and 4 Armd Bde now under comd. By last night 29 Armd Bde of 11 Armd Div had reached rd Vire-Conde Sur Noireau and 2 Hor and 2 N YEO picked rds into Vire from north.

During morning 11 Armd Div with 185 Inf Bde of 3 Div under comd involved in confused fighting with enemy tks and Inf particularly in area Beaulieu 6839-Presseles 7135.

Indications of increased enemy activity south of rd Vire-Vassy and 12 tks in this area.

GDS Armd Div engaged in Hy fighting particularly in area high ground 7242. Enemy also hold Montchamp 7240 and Le Busq 7336.
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15 Inf Div:
44 Bde moving area Bény Bocage under comd 603 Arm Div. 227 Bde area pt 238 (6848) - pt 244 (6947).
2 N YRO maintaining observation towards Vire from west of Div area.
HQ VI Corps Area 6653. XXX Corps. 7 Arm Div:
Elements 131 Inf Bde adv during night and by 0200 hrs were est on high ground 8051.
22 Arm Bde adv against Hy opposition during morning to pt 138 one mile NW of Aunay Sur Odon and 774562.
43 Div:
During evening 130 Bde reached L Olisnieres 7749 against strong opposition but no progress possible this morning.
214 Bde moved fwd during night to pt 301 (7449). By 1200 hrs fwd tps had reached rd Juno 746479.
50 Div:
During evening 69 Bde occupied Amaye Feature and were in contact with 7 Arm Div pt 196 (7656). No further progress reported this morning on Div front.
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XII Corps. 59 Div:
During night 71 Bde took over eastern part of 177 Bde from from Bas Des Forges 8962 along stream to 9061. Patrons area X rds 855615 found no enemy 177 Bde Conc area west of Tessel Wood 8665.

53 Div patrols found Missy 893620 unoccupied.
Hq 31 tk Bde 844667.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S
CGAAF
ASF
G-2
Ada King
Col Park
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To: War Department
No. GO 3654

3 August 1944

GO 3654 signed Eisenhower, WAR please pass to Navy Department, 022200OB. COSINTREP number 120.

Part I. Land. Section A.

Period to 021200OB. Intelligence.

Identifications:

By FFW. 3 Coy 326th FUS Bn T737527.
10 Coy 751st Or Bricquesard T7459.
13 Coy 753rd Or T 745651.
9 Coy 753rd Or T 75156.

By deserters. 8 Coy 986th Or T85634

By contact. 9th SS Fz.Recco Unit T6738
1 Bn 125th FGR Le Beny Bocage T6738.
Elements 192nd FGR T6846
Elements 22nd FZ Regt Area T6846
5 Coy 192nd FGR T745523
2 Bn 125th FGR Bois Du Homme T75.

By undated captured map. 9 10 and 12 Tps 326th Arty Regt T7352 7854 7552 respectively.

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No. 00 385A 3 August 1944

Operations:

Twelfth US Army Group assumed command First and Third US Armies under operational control this Headquarters 0112008.

Headquarters Twelfth Army Group 263655.

VIII Corps:

Passed to command Third Army from First Army.
Owing failure comns following information will be classified unconfirmed pending receipt SITREP from Twelfth Army Group.

6th Arm Div advanced west and captured Fortorson 1602 and Dol 9802. Forward elements reported area St Malo.

4th Arm Div advanced south and are fighting in area Rennes and elements are reported south of town.

First US Army.

VII Corps:

1st Inf Div and CCA 3rd Arm Div advanced south of Brecy to Haffuvette 4513 and SE to western edge of Juvigny-Tertre at 515142.
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CCB 3rd Armd Div advanced to northern outskirts St Pois 397230.

4th Inf Div, NE Villedieu on general line of road Villedieu-aux-Percey 5242. Villedieu now in our hands.

XIX Corps:

28th Div captured Percy and advanced 3 miles SE on road to St Sever Calvados.

29th Div captured Tessy Sur Vire.

V Corps:

35th and 2nd Divs advanced south to general line of River Souleuvre from Pleins Oeuvres 5443, PT 204 (6243).

5th Div now in Corps res.

Second British Army:

VIII Corps:

11th Armd Div has continued advance SE from area Beny Bocage and by 1200 hours forward troops 29th Armd Bde reached general line 6934, Presles 7135.

159th Bde following in rear of 29th Armd Bde.

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No. 003856A 3 August 1944

Rece elements of 2 HCR at Laritier 6831.

Gda Armd Div continued advance through close country against considerable opposition.

Armed Recce Regt reached Courtell 7040 and 7243 by 1200 hours and remainder Div organized into three battle groups each of 1 armd regt and inf bn on Axis St Martin des Besacks, Chatelot 7044, Courtell.

15th Div holding firm base in area PT 309 (6951) - PT 223 (6952) - PT 226 (7153).

3rd British Div moving from I Corps to under command VIII Corps.

XXX Corps:

43rd Div. During evening 214th Bde captured PT 361 (7250) and repulsed enemy counter-attack.

During morning 130th Bde advanced and by 1220 hours had captured Le Bigne 7650 and were approaching Loisonniere 7749. Juvques 7451 was cleared of enemy.

7th Armd Div made some progress against determined opposition in difficult country. Forward elements 22nd Armd Bde reached area Le Butterie 7654 and Bassieux 7851.

131st Bde area Robin feature 7653.

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No. 00 385A 3 August 1944

50 Div. 56th and 231st Bdes advanced to general line 770590-797595-810598.
XII Corps:

Intense shelling and mortaring on 53rd Div front during evening. Patrols 197th Bde reached La Vallée 8462 and 177th Bde report Landelles 8862 occupied by enemy.

Tac Headquarters Second Army 682639.

First US Army.

4th Cdn Armd Div. 1 Bn 10th Inf Bde launched silent attack on Tilley Le Campagne 0760 at 0030 hours. No progress made in face of very strong opposition. Bn now area Borguebus with det holding br 069611, forward troops 5th Inf Bde of 2nd Cdn Div 062605.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CC/S SGS
CG AAF Adm King
ASF Col Park
G-2 Log

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CO Supreme Headquarter, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
CO Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Subject: Troopers AGWAR cite SHQBI 021700 Aug TROOPERS AGWAR cite WQBOI info 21 Army Group AEAF for Bennett SHQBI AHPQ cite SHQBI AEAF advance SHAEF main First United States Army Group Ninth United States Army Twelfth United States Army Group. FWD 12548. 02 summary number 38.

One operation. Resistance on enemy left wing still very weak and front is entirely fluid. Nearest firmly in our hands. After fierce fighting in Villedieu, Percy and Tenny enemy driven out of all three.

Prisoners of War from 2nd Panzer Division captured west of Beny Bocage stated they were cowherds looking after company's cows and got left behind when division moved. Bulk of Division further west.

Our drive through Beny Bocage being opposed by 21st Panzer Division propping up remains of 3rd Parachute Division. 30 tanks.

Note: (Part 2 follows).

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CG, CG AAF, OPD, ADM KING, COL PARK, LOG
CM-IN-1611 (2 Aug 44) 21512

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To: War Department.
   CO, Army Air Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Caserta, Italy.

Nr: FWD 12548 2 August 1944

Part 2 of FWD 12548 dtd 021700.

Of 21st Panzer Division claimed knocked out by air and artillery. Further east 326 and 276th Infantry Divisions withdrew in front of our advance.

2. Movement. Indications there may be three separate East to West train movements in progress, one originating from Amiens-Abbeville area, one from Hasebrouck-Leon area, and one from Belgium. Size of all three somewhat uncertain. Possibilities are 6th Parachute, 331st and 347th Infantry Divisions.

Report that elements of 2nd Parachute Division in St Malo area 20th July.

Rail movement in progress from Bordeaux to Nantes originating from Montpellier said to be carrying a "Light

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Armored division. No such division available, but may be infantry with some general headquarters units.

3. Tank strength. Estimated

(Fart 3 follows).

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CCS
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Nr: FWD 12548 2 August 1944

Part 3 of FWD 12548 dtd 021700.

Total enemy tank strength 300 opposite United States Army (including 160 for 116th Panzer Division which may in fact not yet have come up) and 500 opposite British and Canadian Armies (including 70 for 1st Battalion 88 Totenkopf Tank Regiment, which has not been identified by contact).

Total in battle area 800 tanks (230 in units not yet contacted) including 100 PZW VI, 400 PZW 5, 300 PZW IV. Assault guns in battle area estimated 300. Remainder of west estimated 50 PZEW VI, 250 PZW V,

(Part 4 follows)

ACTION: G-2
INFO: COS
CG AAF
OPD
COL PARK
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To: CG, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
     CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 12548 2 August 1944

Part four of FWD 12548 dtd 021700.

150 PZKW IV, total 450 tanks and 50 assault guns. Grand totals for West 1250 tanks including 150 PZKW VI, 650 PZKW V, 450 PZKW IV and 350 assault guns.

4. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 1 August 69321. Total for current operation 10,000.

5. General. Enemy disorganization on his left complete and no known formations present in Rennes Area with which to stop our drive. Appreciate enemy must now regard Brittany Peninsula as lost and only course open is to carry out delaying action to deny ports in this area. Effective (part 5 follows).

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CCS
     CG AAF
     OPD
     ADM KING
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To: War Department
CO, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 12548 2 August 1944
Part five of FWD 12548 dtd 021700.

Forces in area amount to slightly over two divisions. Combatant strength estimated at 30,000 with total forces, all services, approximating 80,000. Enemy still attempting to carry out orderly withdrawal northwest and west of Vire but position not happy in view of our threat to Vire. Essential for future of his defensive front west of Seine to save two SS, 116 and two Panzer and 363 and three Parachute Divisions from complete destruction. Although indications part of nine SS Panzer Division may be moving west enemy still retaining firm front southeast of Caen. Possible two or three divisions moving from north of Seine and size of train movements suggests parts of divisions at least. (part 6 follows).

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGS
CG AAF
OPD
ADM VINO
COL PARK
LOG
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CQ, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

Nr: FWD 12548
2 August 1944

Part six and last of FWD 12548 dtg 021700.

Probably doing the usual bicycle marathon to the
front.

Confusion of rail movement in south and southwest
France such that clear picture impossible but activity north-
west from Dijon may indicate nine Panzer Division moving
north. Weight of evidence suggests III Panzer Division trans-
ferred recently to Mediterranean area.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: COS
CG AAF
OPD
ADM KING
GOL PARK
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(2 Aug 44) 22022 mm

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To: War Department
CG, Allied Expeditionary Air Forces, London, England
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.
CG, 7th Army in Italy.

Nr: FWD 12543 2 August 1944

SHARP (Forward) from Chief Signal Officer signed Eisenhower 2 August CINC 21st Army Group, CG 1st Army Group, CG 12th Army Group, CG Communications zone, CG Canadian Military Headquarters, Allied Naval Commander Expeditionary Force (21st Army Group please pass), CINC Portsmouth, CINC Plymouth, NCETP, COMNAVE, COMLANCRABEU, Secretary Admiralty (Directory of Signal Department), Air CINC ASAP, The Under Secretary of State for Air, Air Ministry (Director General of Signals Plans), Chief Signal Officer War Department Washington DC, CG BFUSA, The Under Secretary of State War Office. Director of Signals, C in C Home Forces, (Chief Signal Officer War Office Signals, Chief Signal Officer Southern Command for Commander Force 135), C in C SAC MED, C in C SAC MED for CG 7th Army. FWD 12543. TOP SECRET.

Main headquarters 21st Army Group opens on the continent 1800 hours 6th August 1944 area Le Tronquay T6974 thereby bringing into force at that time and date OVERLORD Signal instruction part 2A as amended by Signal order no 11

CM-IN-1603 (2 Aug 44)

Nr: FWD 12543 2 August 1944

dated 28th July 44 to limited number of addressees. Part 2A will supersede NEPTUNE Signal instruction part 2.

End.

ACTION: GEN SOMERVELL

IMPO: GEN ARNOLD
OPD
GEN BISSELL
ADM KING
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From: CG Supreme Headquarters, Forward, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London England
To: War Department
No. FWD 12538 2 August 1944

FWD 12538 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff info War Office DDM D7G 012000 B signed Eisenhower. This is SCAF number 59.

1. Proposed scale of operations by resistance groups in France requires very much larger quantity of equipment than originally planned. Main source of supply to date has been British. War Office state increased requirements for certain weapons can only be met at expense of British Field Forces.

2. Equipment for OSS recently released by War Department is not expected to be available for use in the field until October earliest. Therefore propose using captured enemy weapons to relieve supply position.

3. British Chiefs of Staff stated in May 1944 that they considered it very undesirable that captured enemy equipment should be issued to liberated forces.

4. Appreciate this point of view, but consider it operationally essential to equip the maximum number of resistance groups on basis of present plans.

5. Captured enemy equipment involved limited mainly to quantities of small arms which it is proposed
To: War Department
No. FWD 12538 2 August 1944

In view of our advance progress and resistance personnel are reorganized into formed bodies within our lines.

6. In view of limited supply position request your agreement to above proposal.

End

Corrected copy of CM-IN-1233 (2 Aug 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy Adm King
CG AAF OPD
Gen Bissell Log

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End.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Co AAF
OPD
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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To:   War Department
Number S 56667  2 August 1944

From Eisenhower to CCS and General Marshall.
S 56667. Top Secret. BIGOT.

Effective with this message, I will have my staff
drew up a suitable weekly appreciation for the Combined
Chiefs of Staff.

My current and personal appreciation follows:

I omit any detailed review of developments up to the
present because I assume that the Chiefs of Staff are aware
of the major factors that have been involved. However, I
should like to make it clear that when we found in the early
days of the operation that the enemy was rushing the major
portion of his mobile forces into the Caen area, I personally
approved Montgomery's policy of taking a firm defensive and
containing action in that region while we secured Cherbourg
in the west and then turned United States forces southward
to roll up the enemy forces. From the beginning, Montgomery,
Bradley and I have agreed that we should attempt to maneuver
and attack as to pin down and destroy substantial portions
of the enemy in our immediate front so as to have a later
freedom of action. The alternative would be merely a pushing
back with consequent necessity for slowly battling our way

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toward necessary geographical objectives. One of these objectives is the Brittany Peninsula, which we must have quickly. The other is more elbow room in the east. Storms at sea and bed flying weather slowed up our projected schedule, but in general that policy has been faithfully pursued ever since. The first purpose of the attack at Caen was to get the bottleneck of the Orne crossing behind us rather than in front of us, and to take advantage of any break that might occur in the German line to exploit rapidly to the southward into good tank country. A complete break-through was not accomplished but the first portion of the objective was secured at the same time that we were carrying on offensive operations in the west. Bradley's offensive was set up to drive rapidly toward the Avranches area and to secure an open flank if we possibly could so as to be free to operate both into the Brittany Peninsula and to roll up the German line. Supporting this attack the Second Army was to set aggressively throughout its front and to be ready to seize any favorable opportunity that might develop for a major offensive. As Bradley's attack gained some ground it appeared that his opportunity had occurred in the region of Caumont and Second Army attack was rapidly mounted to take advantage of that opportunity.

At this moment, the enemy is bringing up such reinforcements as he can gather from within France to bolster up his lines and to establish a defensive position that will prevent us breaking into the open. We are attacking viciously in an effort to accomplish our purpose before the enemy can be successful in establishing new and strong lines.

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Future prospects must therefore be gauged by the varying degrees of success that we may achieve in the battle now raging. The first and most favorable prospect is that both our major attacks will enjoy a great degree of success. Should the Second Army succeed in getting firm hold of Vire while Bradley makes good his seizure of the Avranches area and then both forces operate toward the rear of that portion of the enemy now heavily engaged between those two attacks, we should not only gain a real tactical victory but should destroy so many of his troops west of Vire that we will have created practically an open flank. In this event I would consider it unnecessary to detach any large forces for the conquest of Brittany and would devote the great bulk of the forces to the task of completing the destruction of the German Army, at least that portion west of the Orne and exploiting beyond that as far as we possibly could.

If a lesser degree of success attends our current attacks, we may expect the enemy to establish in some strength a defensive line stretching from Caen to Avranches, possible south of Vire. At that point, the enemy would be extended but on the other hand, our troops would probably be quite tired. We could expect that if the enemy succeeds in doing this he will have done it by stripping to some extent the areas south of Caen where he has shown the greatest anxiety to prevent any advance. If he does this, Montgomery will immediately thrust forward again in that region. The task of gaining Brittany will then require another major thrust by Bradley on his right flank and the rapid conquest of Brittany may require more troops than under the more favorable

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contingency discussed above. In this event our immediate effort along the general front would be somewhat less ambitious and would be limited to finding favorable opportunity for attack.

You will note that in both these conceptions the rapid occupation of Brittany is placed as a primary task, the difference being that in one case we believe it would be rather easily done and in the other we would have to fight through the defensive line and commit more forces to the job.

Finally, if the enemy should succeed in blocking our land advance on the line Aranches-Caen (which I do not for a moment believe he can do) then we would set up a special operation called "SWORHMIE" to capture Brittany. It would be a combined amphibious-airborne operation, striking somewhat to the east of Brest, on the north coast. The garrison of the peninsula has been much reduced and an operation of this kind would have real chance of success. You will note this is a final alternative and we do not believe we will have to mount it.

It is my hope that once we have secured the Brittany Peninsula we will find that our total capacity for receiving and maintaining additional divisions has been increased and that we can absorb all that can be brought in to us. If this should prove to be the case, then anything extra that can be brought to Europe should come in here rather than through the gateway in the Mediterranean. The next step would be aggressive action toward the northeast to destroy the bulk of the German mobile forces, all generally located along our present front and stretching up to include Pas de Calais.

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In any event, and regardless of the completeness of victory in the current battle, this command will continue to maintain the offensive to the absolute limit of his power. On this point all my commanders are in complete agreement with me. I personally believe that if we could be fortunate enough to have a period of ten days to two weeks of really good weather we can secure a most significant success. Even without such weather, I believe we are in good shape to reach the geographical objectives both on the east and west that we must obtain and that, in the meantime, we may do far more than this.

It is apparent that for the moment the enemy continues to regard his extreme eastern flank as his most sensitive one. This is unquestionably due to the fact that he still fears an invasion to the north of the Seine and feels that he must therefore block the direct and open approach toward Paris or toward the region of the Pas de Calais.

Personally, I am very hopeful as to immediate results, and believe that within the next two or three days we will so manhandle the western flank of the enemy’s forces that we will secure for ourselves freedom of action through destruction of a considerable portion of the forces facing us.

ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION: Adm Leahy SGS
Gen Arnold Adm King
OPD Mr Stimson
Gen Bissell CofS

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BY RT, DATE APR 25 1973

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London, England (Forward)

To: War Department  
Navy Department  
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy  
CG, US Army Forces in European Theater of Operations  
London, England  
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces  
London, England  
CG, Seventh Army (US)

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2 August 1944

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to COSINTREP addressees from SHAEF FWD signed Eisenhower  
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Is reported.

1. 1,400 Germans now estimated killed in Brittany  
since D day. Enemy have captured almost the whole of the  
Bocage from the Maquis.

2. Since the 28th July, 38 Special Air Service troops,  
six jeeps and 284 tons of arms and ammunition have been  
dropped in France from England. Totals since D day, includ-  
ning operations from North Africa, 712 Special Air Service  
troops, 23 Jedburgh teams, four operational groups, 27 jeeps  
and 4,333 tons of arms and ammunition.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S, Gen Arnold, Gen Somervell, Gen Eissell,  
Adm King, OG1 Park, Log.

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To: War Department
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Paris-Berlin cable is reported cut.

4. 1,400 Germans now estimated killed in Brittany since D day. Enemy have captured almost the whole of the Bercors from the Maquis.

End

Supplementary copy to CM-IN-1187 (2 Aug 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: GO/3, Gen Arnold, Gen Eisenhower

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77500
1 August 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Number: WAR 74380

TOPSEC to SHAPE London for Eisenhower, FACS 49 from The Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Reconstituting and equipping armies of liberated nations is subject. Reference is SCAF 51 and letter SHAPE/17253/OPS, dated 9 March 1944, and paragraph 3 of letter SHAPE/17245/6/2/OPS (C) dated 27 June 1944.

1. You should be guided by the following policy:

a. Equipment for patriot forces in your sphere, including southern France, should be provided for.

b. Planning for arms and equipment for forces formed from manpower liberated by the operations of SCAF to be on the assumption that military units not larger than battalions and totaling not more than 172,000 men, will be formed by D plus 300 for the purpose of internal security and garrisoning liberated areas. It is understood that you consider equipment for the difference between 172,000 and the 211,000, stated as your total requirement, can reasonably be furnished from captured equipment. It is recognized that this arrangement for use of captured equipment may be of a temporary nature.

2. There is no objection to liberated units manning Allied antiaircraft equipment on a temporary basis at your discretion. The establishment in the United Kingdom of French

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replacement training centers is a matter which should be handled through diplomatic channels. In this connection
The Combined Chiefs of Staff have approved provision of equipment for French replacement training centers in the
North African Theater of Operations for the purpose of training replacements for French Expeditionary Forces only.

3. Allied military missions concerned should be informed that any requests which you consider to include, in
effect, requirements for post-war armies should be taken up as between governments and not on the military level.

To: War Department
CO, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Mr: FWD 12527 1 August 1944

From SHAFF Forward from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHIBI 011630 Aug to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDGBI info 21 Army Gp 12th United States Army Group AFHQ cite FHGBI AAF for Bennett SHAFF Main AFHQ Advance Ninth United States Army. FWD 12527.

G-2 summary number 57.

Operations. First Army, In coastal sector enemy resistance still disorganized. Loss of equipment, especially artillery, very heavy and over 2500 prisoners of war taken in this sector alone yesterday.

Enemy still hold Villedieu and regiment of 363 Infantry Division identified here. Prisoners of war state entire division in arms and equipment complete.

Main resistance between inclusive Percy and inclusive Troisgots 5251 where elements of both 116 Panzer and 2 Panzer Divisions (part two follows).

ACTION: G-2
INPO: CO AAF
OPD
SOL PARK
LOG
CM-IN-701 (1 Aug 44) 2140Z mes

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

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Part 2 of FWD 12527 dtg 011630 Aug.
Identified.

Further east 326th Infantry Divisions front broken and battle group of 21st Panzer Division rushed to avert break through.

Identification of regiment of 272nd Infantry Division southeast of Caen indicates division has relived 21st Panzer Division this area. Twelve remote controlled tanks used in 9th SS Panzer Divisions front. Five knocked out by our tanks, 1 destroyed itself, rest withdrew. Allied attack east of Orne produced violent reaction from enemy.

2 Movement. Ground reports concerning 11th Panzer Division very conflicting there being indications division may have moved southeast towards Toulouse and beyond. If so, presumably intention is to take over 9th Panzer Division Area latter having moved north. No conclusions possible yet and.

(part 3 follows)

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAP
CPD
COL PARK
LOG
CM-IN-680 (1 Aug 44) 20542 mcs

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CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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Part 3 on FWD 12527 dtd 01 June 1944.

Still possible division will appear in Normandy.

Photographic reconnaissance reveals evidence of activity at five crossing points over Seine. Enemy also reported to be sending large quantities of supplies down river from Paris. Both types of traffic likely to increase in proportion to demands of Fifteen Army for reinforcements for battle area.

Indications that some formation followed on heels of 363 Inf Div, but not clear yet from where movement originated.


Now 13 enemy divisions (nominal) opposite United States Army. Estimate these true equivalent of not more than six (3 Panzer and 76-Bn Inf). Also 13 nominal divs opposite British and Canadian Armies. Estimate these true equivalent of not more than

(Part 4 follows)

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CO AAF
OPD
COL PARK
LOG
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Part 4 of FWD 12527 DT 011630 Aug.

8 (3 SS Panzer and 56th-Battalion Infantry). Total 26 nominal Divisions (10 Panzer or Panzer Grenadier and 16 Infantry true equivalent of 14 (6 Panzer and 8 Infantry). Propose eliminate following 7 as divisions, though small battle groups survive and attempts may be made later to reform some of these formations, particularly 5 parachute and Panzer Lehr Divisions:

77/91
243
275
353
16 German Air Force

5 Parachute, Panzer Lehr. Total thus reduced to CM-IN-693 (1 Aug 44)

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19 nominal divisions. Nine Panzer, 1 SS, 2 SS, 9 SS, 10 SS, 12 SS, 17.

Part 5 follows.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF, FO, GOC, LOG

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4. Prisoners of war. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 31 July 64411.

Miscellaneous. Following reports apparently connected with attempted assassination of Hitler 21 July.

A. General Stalinbogel reported attempted suicide in Verdun 21 July.
B. SS General Obert, Chief of Police in France reported arrest in Paris 20 July and shortly afterwards set free.

5. General. Enemy now.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF, OPD, COL PARK, LOG
CM-IN-703 (1 Aug 44) 21412 mcs

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    London, England
    CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 12527

1st August 1944

Part 6 and last of FWD 12527 dtd 011630, Aug.

Attempting to form firm flank South of Avranches to prevent allied entry into Brittany, and may scratch up equivalent of slightly more than two divisions for this purpose including the elusive 2nd Parachute Div. Enemy still pivoting Villedieu Percy Tessy and offering stubborn resistance this area. Advance by Second Army south from Beny Bocage will however necessitate withdrawals in this sector and best enemy can hope for is to form cohesive front running northeast from Ducy to Vire. He cannot risk annihilation of armour opposite First United States Army and this line represents his last chance of economically holding the lodgment area and is therefore decisive battle for him. No sign yet enemy transfers of SS Divisions from Caen sector.

End.

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INFO: CG AAF
    OPD
    COL PARK
    LGG

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E-40961 signed Eisenhower. From Betts cite Combined Repatriation Committee for Personnel Division G-1 General Staff.

Supplementing cable E-40313 July 28th ETOUSA to AGWAR, it is informally understood that SHAEP and British Chiefs of Staff here have approved exchange at Gothenburg September 8th. It is also informally understood that Admiralty has proposed a route to Cominich and has suggested that safe conduct be requested.

British authorities are awaiting approval of American authorities before proposing date and place to German Government. Response to cable noted above therefore requested as soon as possible, assuming that SHAEP and British Chiefs of Staff here will give formal approval.

FOOTNOTE: 40313 is CM-IN-23833 (28 Jul 44) 0-1

ACTION: 0-1
INFO: CO/S CO AAF ASF OPD G-2 (State) Adm. King

CM-IN-747 (1 Aug 44) 2318Z gkc

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   Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
   Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
   CO, Seventh Army US

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Para 1.

Railway bridges reported successfully attacked on lines Montfort-Bonfleur, Auch-Toulouse. Other lines reported temporarily out involve Montargis-Paris, Albi-Rodez, Gap-Briancon, Toulouse-Montreseau.

Para 2.

The Loire and Nivernais canals reported successfully attacked. The water level of the Saone River lowered three metres as a result of the destruction of the Chalabiere dam.

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Para 3.

Widespread sabotage of telecommunications continues. The Paris-Bergin cable. (Part two follows this)

End

ACTION: CPD

INFO: CCS
- General Arnold
- General Somervell
- General Bissell
- Admiral King
- Colonel Log

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To: War Department

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OF 380A 01220CB signed Eisenhower COSITINTREP
Number 119 WAR pass copy to Navy.

Part 1. Land.

Section A. Period to 01120CB. Intelligence.

Identifications:

By FW. Elements 957th Gr of 363rd Inf Div T3936. 2nd Para Recce Unit area T4141. 2 Bn 752nd Gr T688490. 2 Coy 751st Gr Briquessard T7359. 2 Coy 751st Gr St. Germain T 77622. 2 and 6 Coys 753rd Gr T 759566J. 2 Bn 988th Gr SE SE of St Germain 77752. 5 and 8 Coys 987th Gr T7962 1 Bn 987th Gr T 8363. Coy 21st SS Fgr T9662.

By deserter. 7 and 14 Coys 986th Gr T8464.

By contacts. 2 Coy 980 Gr U1366.

Operations:

First U.S. Army.

VIII Corps:

6th Army Div completed mopping up coastal area

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between Granville and Avranches.

4th Arm Div exploited south of Avranches and some resistance encountered north of Portabault 3809. Elements 4th Arm Div secured dam on Selune River at 366039. Other Elements reported at Ducey 3208 Montgothier 3910 and 1000 yds south of Merville at 365110.

Headquarters VIII Corps 228232.

VII Corps.

Continued advance south. 1st Inf Div on right by passed Villedieu to south.

Task Force X with elements 26th Inf reached Brecy 4220.

Task Force Z at Le Faverie 3726 with elements 18th Inf Le Trinite 3727.

Task Force Y 2000 yds SW of Villedieu.

4th Inf Div on left met stiff resistance. 12th Inf had 1 Bn at 393335 and 2 Bns at Les Costils 3831; 8th Inf had forward Bn 1000 yds west of Percy.

Headquarters VII Corps 348483.

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XIX Corps:

30th Div with right 117th Inf and left 120th Inf advanced west of Dreme River to Fervaches 4949.

29th Inf Div with right 115th Inf centre 175th Inf and left 116th Inf advanced east towards Tassy Sur Vire to general line 440430 - 465440 - 460465 - Lesserid 4748.

28th Div with 110th and 112th Inf just north of Periy where by resistance continues.

2nd Arm Div under cond XIX Corps.

V Corps:

35th Div with right 137th K Inf centre 134th Inf and left 320th Inf occupied Torigny and advanced south to general line along stream - Cretteville 5350 - 537505.

2nd Div with right 381st Inf centre 9th Inf left 23rd Inf advanced to general line Guilhiberville 5948 - 613480.

5th Div. 2nd Inf crossed Sou Leuvre River 6-3433-646436 and 11th Inf now on road north of Forest Leveau 630500 to 641503.

Body between First US Army and Second British Army, as before to 640400 - 650350 - excl Second British

CH-IN-1325 (2 Aug 44)
No. GP 380A 1 August 1944

Army Vire 6331-650310 incl Second British Army Tinchebray 7422-760210 incl Second British Army Forêt De Halouze 8015-826140-900110-U 000100-190007.

Second British Army.

VIII Corps:

After capture of St Martinbesees 6750 at 311340B, 11th Arm Div made good progress on right and by last light forward elements were across the Soulevre River on high ground PT 205 (5542).

During morning 29th Arm Bde moved east and captured Beny le Rocage 6742 and PTS 222 and 243 to the north. 159th Inf Bde took over PT 205.

Gds Arm Div began advance south from Caumont at 311700B. By last light elements reached high ground PT 238 (6848) by 011200B 5th Gds Arm Bde holding line stream 689496 - PT 238, excl PT 192 (6748) - stream 669498.

32nd Gds Inf Bde are now moving forward.

15th Inf Div reorganized on high ground 6951 and repulsed enemy counter-attack during morning from area Galet 6950.

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XXX Corps:

By 311600B 130th Bde of 43rd Div had captured Casagnes 7356.

214th Inf Bde passed through and by last light were in area Centeloup 7354 - St Pierre Freane 7353 during morning 43rd Div continued to clear ground both sides of road Caumont - Robin 7454.

7th Arm Div moved forward assembly area east and SE of Caumont.

50th Div improved their positions and 56th Inf Bde captured Launay 7661 while 231st Bde attacking area Lictot 7861 - Fedegerolles Sur Saullas 7961.

First Cdn Army.

II Cdn Corps:

5th Cdn Bde of 2nd Cdn Div attacked Tilly La Campagne 0760 at 010230B. Hy fighting continued in area throughout morning.

4th Cdn Arm Div. Forward elements 10th Cdn Inf Bde at PT 63 (0760).

I Corps:

49th Div assumed Comd of Sannerville - Troard

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Sector with 146th Bde area Cagny - Grenouville. 7th Bde area Esme Ville. 146th Bde area Sannerville. 33rd Armd Bde area Damouille. 6th Armd Div assumed Cmd southern Bois De Bayent Sector with 4th SS Bde area Salonelles Breville. 6th Air Ldg Bde area Le Mesnil 1372. 1st SS Bde east of Escoville. 3rd Para Bde area north of Touffreville and 5th Para Bde in res area Ranville.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/5 CC AAP ASF 0-2 Adm King Col Park Log

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Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Forces,

Number: WAR 73929

To Eisenhower from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

State Department has requested views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on proposal of International Red Cross for the creation of sanitary and security zones in Allied occupied metropolitan France. Your views on this proposal are requested.

End.

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405 main, 1-4-74,
State Dept. letter, 7-15-72
By EIR, RIS, Date MAY 15 1974

ORIGINATOR: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
INFORMATION: ADM LEAHY
             CG AAF
             OPD
             ADM KING
             LOG

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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ADDRESSES

OSINTENTREP NUMBER 118 PART NAVAL. NAVCOW LONDON SENDS TO NAVY AND WAR DEPARTMENTS. OG ETUSA CTF 125 CTF 127 HAVE INFO.

1. ON THE EVENING OF 29TH JULY A FEW SHELLS ESTIMATED AS 11 INCH FELL NEAR LANDRUME. THESE WERE FOLLOWED BETWEEN 2300 AND 0300 30TH JULY BY 20 ROUNDS FROM A HEAVY CALIBER GUN. ALL OF WHICH FELL IN THE COURS PILLES AREA. NO SERIOUS DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. 2 BATTERY NEAR HOMOLGE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHELLING WERE LATER ENGAGED BY HMS EREBUS. HUNS FLORES ALSO CARRIED OUT A SHOOT AGAINST BATTERY AND MORTAR POSITIONS AND MT CONCENTRATIONS.

2. IN THE MORNING OF 30TH JULY USN HMS 394 WAS SUNK WHILST SLEEPING IN THE APPROACH CHANNEL TO ST VAASST. 17 SURVIVORS WERE PICKED UP BY AIR SEA RESCUE KSL.

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