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To: War Department

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Part II. Naval.

A. Captured ports.

Boulogne: Search of feet of quays for underwater
explosives completed minesweeping started. Preliminary
estimate of port capabilities after clearance is 18 berths
at quays for coasters the biggest being 300 feet in length
with 20 feet draught. Also 4 berths for personnel ships.
Anchor berths for 2 Liberty Ships and 1 large coaster in
Rade Carnot there is room for 12 LCT to try out in traverse
Baskin close northeast of Petid Port. The pens and slipways
on the south side of Avant port will provide berths for 3
LST or 5 LCT.

Havre: The 1st convoy of 3 LST was sailed to Havre
today.

Seine: Minesweepers have found moored mines at
Quillebeuf.

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To: War Department
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta Italy

NR: FWD 16289, 30th September 1944

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G-2 * 292020 Sept 44 TROOPERS, Sixth Army, AFHQ Adv Det,
21st Army Group, Seventh Army, PAC 12th Army Group, AGWAR
cite WDGBI, Ninth US Army, First Allied Airborne Army, rptd
for info to AFHQ cite FHGBI, AEAFF Rear, 1st US Army Group
SHAEF Main cite SHGBI, AEAFF Adv, Main Hq 12th Army Group,
XIIIth US Corps, Hq Communication Zone Fwd. FWD 16289.
This is G-2 summary number 8.

Operations.

In the Alps Sector activity limited to artillery
duels.

On 19th German Army front much movement in rear
areas probably indicates regrouping with stragglers and
newcomers under way. South Montbeliard enemy counter at-
tacks attempted to regain lost ground with little success.
Elsewhere in Belfort Area varied degrees of resistance held
the Allies to small gains. Mines encountered along roads
to Le Thillot (K32) where enemy offered strong opposition.
Heavy resistance was offered by Nineteenth Army Troops at
Tendon (V24) after which he was forced to withdraw to the
east and northeast allowing four to five miles gain by the
Allies.

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In the Nancy area XLVIIth Panzer Corps troops resisting all Allied reconnaissance attempts of Foret De Parroy and Vezouse river areas. Further counter attacks with tanks and infantry repulsed. Reconnaissance reports enemy concentration of Armour and Infantry in Pfalsburg area (Q61) which believed to be Armoured Division Bivouac area. Counter attacks north of Nancy by German Infantry supported by tanks and artillery retook Moiuille and Port Sur Seille (U83). West of Metz attempted regrouping broken up by Allied Artillery.

Prisoners from 48th Infantry Div captured in process of changing to civilian clothes vicinity Thionville (U88) report other groups in civilian clothes operating in same area. Two of the groups have been apprehended. Remich (L00) reported occupied by the enemy on the morning of 28th September.

Seventh German Army continuing patrol activity with sporadic artillery fire reported along the whole front. Believed that 2nd and 116th Divs and probably 9th Panzer Div have been withdrawn from line.

The First Parachute Army front between Aachen and Nijmegen has been generally quiet. The enemy appears to be strengthening his defence positions.

Considerable enemy shelling and air activity reported at Nijmegen where both bridges damaged by bombings. German infiltration under control at Randwick (E67) and enemy pushed hard. Strong enemy force vicinity Tiel (E46)

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with some troops on south bank river Rijn but little display of aggression. Heavy opposition on west side of Salient at Schijndel Olland (E33) area where enemy attack suffered heavy losses with no gain. Train reported loaded 16 tanks moving north E27 * destroyed by RAF. Enemy continues to hold Merxem Eeckeren and north bank of canal to 87 easting in strength. German resistance Leopold Canal area slackening. Enemy aggressive sally from Dunkirk by combat patrols with artillery and mortar support gained momentary success at Ghyvelde (H38). Germans reported to have surrendered Citadel at Calais and armistice declared.

2. Order of Battle: Identifications: Contact:
19th Inf Div west of Saarlautern.

By Prisoner of War: 2nd Panzer Div withdrawn from line. Stated Parachute Div took its place (possibly 5th Parachute Div).

Comment:

Lack of contact suggests 116th and 9th Panzer Divs also withdrawn.

Unconfirmed Report:

One SS Panzer Div at Modrath (P25), 48. 348t), Infantry Divs reorganizing in Ossendorf (46).

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Captured Document:

346th Inf Div area west of St Leonard (D8609).

Captured Document:

10th SS Panzer Div Hq at Ellekom (E88).

Contact:

712th Inf Div at Best and Schijndel.

3. Movements.

Small packets movement north towards Moerdijk but others south towards Tilburg. Little movement out of Beveland.

Cover of 29th September showed no significant loading in the Ruhr area between Oberhausen and Dusseldorf. Lines on both banks of the Rhine were covered but revealed no movement of military trains. Several military trains were present in the Koln area incl two trains possibly loading at Wahn.

Four Prisoners of War.

A. Accumulative total captured by 12th and 21st Army Groups to 2400 hours 24th September 450134.

B. Accumulative total captured in southern France

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by 6th Army Group to 2400 hours. 24th Sept 87705.

C. Grand total captured by 6th, 12th and 21st
Army Groups 537839.

5 General. Fifth Panzer Army continues to utilise its armour wholeheartedly around Nancy, and Army Group G apparently only has Panzer Lehr Div withdrawn and refitting: probably over 200 tanks in action in * Sector. In Army Group B general pulling out of armour is suspiciously reminiscent of the way in which Fifth Panzer Army Group emerged and a comparable Panzer force may possibly be collected in the north. Schwerpunkt of enemys effort at present undoubtedly to drive Allies out of Nijmegen and recover Waal position, but no coordinated weighty counter attack has yet been mounted. Withdrawal to Meuse to east of Allied Salient, which seems well under way, will make a counter attack with armour into Allied flank south of Waal difficult unless good bridgeheads are retained. In any case a first requisite is more infantry to man the Meuse effectively since 180th and 190th have fought badly:

Rail Movements indicate that more infantry is being rushed up from, for example, Wahn training area.

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To: War Department
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Advance Headquarters, 6th Army Group

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Gp, Sixth US Army Tac 12th Army Gp First Allied Airborne Army
Seventh Army Sixth Army info AFHQ cite FHGBI ARAF rear ARAF
FWD SHAEF Main cite SHGBI 1st US Army Gp HQ Com Zone FWD Main
Hq 12th Army Gp XIII US Corps FWD 16061.

In south Nineteen Army continues delaying action along
whole front. Enemy arty rendered Colombier and St Maurice
(P 28) untenable whilst to north strong resistance offered along
approaches Belfort.

Para 1. Operations. This is G-2 Summary Number Six.
Stubborn fighting for control Le Thillot (K 32) with increased
use of road blocks and mines reported, through less than half
road blocks defended. Hill 867 (K 2534) captured by Allies
with light opposition to northward adv. Fighting continues
Doucelles (V 15) east of Epinal with Germans stubbornly
attempting to hold high ground to north west. Scattered
enemy resistance on German 66th Corps front suggests bulk
of troops withdraw across river Vezouse after unsuccessful
counter attack on Allied Salient east of Nancy, First German
Army troops withdrawing in area Fonteny (Q 03) and further
west XIII SS Corps counter attack area Serrieres (U 82) repulsed.

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Enemy patrols active rest of First and Seventh Army fronts. Seventh Army sensitive to Allied patrol east of Aachen. On east of Allied Dutch salient Helmond (E 52) captured by Allies. Strong resistance encountered to Allied drive over canal area Asten (E 61) from SS and Paratroops. To northeast Allies reached Meuse south of Bokmeer (E 74). Enemy following up relentless attack Arnhem area north of which indications enemy troops moving eastwards. Signs of enemy straightening out salient east Turnhout. Bridgehead established over Antwerp Turnhout Canal at Rychevorsel. (D 90) despite enemy counter attack and increasing resistance. Strong counter attack by Inf and tanks against Allied bridgehead at Breskens (D 01) impeded by flooding. Outer defenses Calais pierced. Moderate opposition to Allied adv west and southwest of town.

Order of Battle. Identifications:

By good source: 10th SS Pz Div staff in Castle Huize Ruurlo (A 18) and the staff of 10th SS Pz Regt in Huize de Midler near Vorden (A 09) on 19th Sept.

By Prisoner of War: Headquarters Seventh Army located on 21st Sept in woods near Munstereifel (F 3118).

By Prisoner of War: 11th Pz Div in vicinity Marsal (Q 1421).

By Prisoner of War: 111th and 112th Pz Bdes, both in vicinity of Marsal, stated by Prisoner of War to be under command of 11th Pz Div.

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Para 2. Movements. First strategical photographic reconnaissance FPOW since 19th Sept revealed increased loading on line Osanbruck-Hengelo, especially on western part of line. Stations in the Ruhr from Oberhausen-Dusseldorf continue to be lightly loaded. Still activity on line Kassel-Koblenz between Eschweiler (K 9647) and Langerwehe (F 034).

Para 3. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total captured to 2400 hours 22nd Sept: 445, 779.

Para 4. Miscellaneous. Several reports stating Hague and Scheveningen empty. Rotterdam and Amsterdam average garrison with no heavy weapons, no SS troops, SS troops with tanks at Utrecht. Continuous FPOW loaded trucks line Doorn to Arnhem. Movement by rail Roermond Venlo.

Para 5. General. Enemy is falling back under pressure on both sides of Allied salient in Holland towards the wall and Meuse though still persistently infiltrating to interfere with main Allied supply routes. However he has held Arnhem with determination and may, therefore, be able to make a stand on the Neder Rijn. The wall line could only be regained by a recapture of Nijmegen; doubtful if enemy has forces available for this and terrain unpropitious. Lack of contact recently with 19th, 198th, 3rd Parachute and Panzer Lehr Divisions suggest these may have been withdrawn from line or be changing location.

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To: War Department

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1. Recent decisions consequent on events since my SCAF 78 of 9th September have made it desirable to bring up to date the statement of intentions and detail of tasks included in that cable.

Situation as of 28th September.

2. Brest Le Havre and Bologne having been captured, the only major ports in northern France remaining in enemy hands are Lorient and St Nazaire (which are being contained) and Calais and Dunkirk (the latter also to be contained). The linking of the central and southern groups of armies has produced a continuous Allied front from the North Sea to the Mediterranean. This front has steadily been moving eastward but the rate of our advance in most sectors has diminished with an increase in the enemy's resistance.

3. Except in the low countries, the enemy has now succeeded in establishing a relatively stable and cohesive front located approximately on the German frontier. He lost in France almost a million men and an enormous amount of

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equipment. While these losses cannot be made good, the enemy is taking every possible measure to mitigate his difficult position and there are no signs of collapse in morale or in the will to defend Germany.

4. The number of enemy divisions in the west is estimated at a nominal 50, these being equivalent in manpower to about 25 including six Panzer or Panzer Grenadier Divisions with some 450 tanks. The enemy's depleted armor has been concentrated mainly about Aachen and south of Nancy. It is estimated that reinforcements from Germany may amount to some ten divisions in the course of the next month but that these will be offset by the losses he will incur. Other fronts may yield a further two or three divisions during this period.

5. The enemy's only real capability therefore is the defense of the western frontier of the Reich for as long as possible. The line chosen initially is the water obstacles in Holland - West Wall - Moselle - Vosges - and subsequently the Rhine. On the north, the enemy must man eventually some less satisfactory line, such as the Ijssel or the Ems. Apart from this capability, the enemy may attempt an attack south of Nancy using his armor with the object of relieving pressure on the remainder of the front and of restoring the stability of the Moselle - Vosges line. It is also likely that he will attempt by counter attack to eject penetrations on the West Wall and to restore the situation in Holland.

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DRAGOON forces.

6. On the 15th of September I assumed operational direction of the DRAGOON forces. These forces are now organized as 6th Army Group comprising the First French Army and the Seventh United States Army (at present containing little more than one corps) An additional corps (the 15th) will be transferred from the central group of Armies, effective 29th September, and three United States divisions injected through Marseilles during October will build up the southern group of armies ultimately to 16 divisions.

Logistics.

7. *LS* Logistical support of operations continues to depend largely on original bases and on long road and rail lines of communications. At the moment, these are strained to the utmost, and this tends to restrict the advance and the deployment of divisions and to hamper the clearing of shipping and the forward movement of supplies. The opening and development of Antwerp to serve both the northern and central group of Armies is a matter of transcendent importance which unfortunately may not be completed before November. The use of Le Havre, primarily as a United States Port, will substantially shorten lines of communications and will relieve the present congestion of import areas. The exploitation of the Valenciennes and Belgian coal fields, movement of coal to large urban areas by inland waterways, the import of bulk POL through Ostend and the diversion of three divisions direct from the United States

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11. The northern group of Armies is responsible for opening the Port of Antwerp as a matter of great urgency. The possession of Antwerp and its approaches is essential to sustain the drive deep into Germany. It will be necessary to reduce Walcheren and Zuid Beveland Islands, as well as the fortified areas on the mainland opposite Flushing, all of which command the approaches. The islands are heavily defended and operations to capture them will be a major operation of war requiring heavy bombardment by warships and the Strategic Air Forces, followed by overland and amphibious operations.

12. The central group of Armies is to continue its thrust, so far as its current resources permit, towards Cologne and Bonn. This Army group will also be prepared to seize any favorable opportunity of crossing the Rhine and attacking the Ruhr from the south when the maintenance situation permits. The remainder of the Army group is to take no more aggressive action than is permitted by the maintenance situation after the full requirements of the main effort have been met.

13. The southern group of Armies, having a separate line of communication, can continue offensive operations without diversion of logistical resources from the main effort. Its thrust now being directed towards Mulhouse and Strasbourg should also serve to contain enemy forces and thus assist our operations in the north.

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14. Plans are being prepared for alternative airborne operations to secure bridgeheads across the Rhine in support of the central group of Armies in the vicinity of Goblenz and Cologne.

15. Force 135, earmarked for the occupation of the Channel Islands, is still standing by. Contact made with the islands by psychological warfare means has produced a negative reaction and the surrender of the garrison in the near future is unlikely.

16. The internal security in the "Hiatus" areas of southwest France is not satisfactory, and I am asking General Wilson to expedite the move of certain French units from North Africa and Corsica to France to restore order in these areas, and I intend to release additional forces from the First French Army as soon as this can be done without detriment to their primary task.

17. General De Gaulle has requested the establishment of a Zone of the Interior and this will be done at the earliest possible moment, although everything required for the prosecution of military operations will be retained under my direct control. Request acknowledgment.

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information copy to Lt Gen Smith SHAEF PD ref number
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Text of message to General Marshall covering operation
MARKET for 27th September 1944. Estimated 15 to 20,000
enemy troops in Arnhem. 1700 troops including Commanding
General First Airborne Division evacuated by ferrying Neder
River night of 25th/26th and their sector occupied by elements
of 43rd Division (British). Impossible to evacuate wounded.
Evacuation operations halted by enemy action 260600.

Polish Parachute Brigade relieved at Arnhem bridgehead
sent Nijmegen area. 101st Airborne situation unchanged.

82nd Airborne Division regrouped its forces to afford
better protection for Nijmegen area. Second Army has
extended corridor to the east and north. Forward elements
now on general line Rensel-Oirschot not to include Schijndel
Uden Oploo Groeningen River Meuse.

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ACTION: OPD

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To: War Department
Headquarters First Airborne Army
War Office, London, England
Headquarters, 21st Army Group Main
Headquarters, 7th Army US
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Headquarters 6th Army Group Main
Advance Headquarters 6th Army Group

No: FWD 15754 26 September 1944

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Strong resistance offered by 19th German Army at Polant (K10) with aggressive attitude displayed. Enemy controls high ground to north.

Elaque and Remiremont clear with light German resistance to East. Stiff opposition western outskirts Epinal and to north against Allied southern advance. After heavy unsuccessful counter attacks against Allied bridgeheads at Moncel (V19), (V18), Chanavierb (V19), Enemy withdrew to east bank Vezouse River, Extensive work reported on positions Baccarat (V28) Mandigny (V39) Blamont (V39)

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Versailles, France.

No: FWD 15754 26 September 1944

Counter attacks vicinity Laneuville(Q 03) dispersed
by Allied artillery, and 17 Mark V tanks destroyed.

Tanks in unknown strength Chateau Plains(Q12) where
11 tanks destroyed morning 24th September and bridges blown
by Germans during night.

Divry(U82) clear but Nazis deny Allied armour bridge-
head over Sielle River west of Louvigny (U84).

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INFO: CCS, CGAAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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NAVSTINTREP NUMBER 41. DRAGON. PERIOD ENDING 242400.

RIGHT FLANK. GS. TRITON (WITH MADISON PROVIDING SMOKE SCREEN) 51 RDS AT ENEMY ARTILLERY IN VENTIMIGLIA AND 44

RDS AT TROOP CONCENTRATION MALIOCCA. TARGETS REPORTED WELL COVERED. MINESWEEPING. MARSEILLE. COMPLETED M/A

SWEEP OF BASSIN DE LA GARE MARITIME AND JOLIETTE. BOTH CONSIDERED REASONABLY SAFE. VII. PORT CHANNEL NOW OPEN

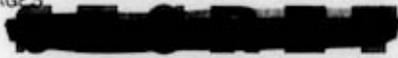
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21 M/V TO GREAT ROADS TOULON. ADDITIONAL M/V'S IN FORWARD AREA. 35 MARSEILLE UNLOADING. 19 OFF SHORE 16 ALONGSIDE

BERTHS. 39 GREAT ROADS R TOULON 12 INNER HARBOR. 1 CAMEL. UNLOADING TOTALS PERSONNEL VEHICLES TONS

MARSEILLE	40459	5257	77336
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ALL M/S UNITS TG 80.10 RELEASED TO COM 8TH PHIB FOR REASSIGNMENT.
MAJORITY UNITS RETAINED IN FORWARD AREA. TG 80.10 DISSOLVED.
PROGRAM FOR TURNOVER OF YMS PC AND SC TO FRENCH NOW IN EFFECT.

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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland
To: War Department
Nr: 1784 25 September 1944
1784 is message number. To MILID Washington.

This continues our message 1783 during night Sept 20th 21st 1 Mtz Inf Regt arrived to occupy sector Fesches (on Rhine Rhone Canal east of Mont Beliard) Brogna rd-Vieux Charmont Grand Charmont. Fortifications being erected **** about 2 Porte Inf Regts 77 MM HD field guns, Howitzer and AA Arty (under cover of night and fog arrived by road in sector Belfort Lure Hericourt after passing Haute Alsace.

On morning Sept 21st and 22nd 2 engineer detachments (300 men) and a Panzer Gren detachment specialized in street fighting arrived Belfort. 1 Mtz Div (Hq at Sennheim) in reserve in sector of Mulhouse. An army corps consisting of 2 Inf and 1 Arty Div (from latest super mobilization) destined for defense of Haute Alsace being regrouped in sector Freiburg Ingris Gap-Triberg-Villingen. According to German officer deserter officers of Hqs of these divs have no confidence in cohesion, esprit de corps and technical capacities of men. According to source the Germans on basis of dispositions taken in Belfort Gap appear to fear a rapid break through of line Mont Beliard-Ardincourt-Seloncourt-Herimoncourt-Fahy (Switzer land) and a rapid Allied advance through Gap Ochanx-Vieux Charmont then along Savoureuse River to Belfort.

Therefore they are concentrating their heavy arty

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25 September 1944

principally on line Gravenche-Belfort town-Pocuse-Chevremont which supported on the 2 small rivers Autruche and Madeleine appears to stop at Brehotte (9 km E of Belfort) on Rhine, Rhone Canal. Apparently Germans do not fear for sector Grandvilliards-Delle-Pfetterhouse-Dammerkirch since they believe that numerous swamps and lakes in region and proximity of Swiss frontier would render impossible advance of Allied trps. According to source except for SS morale of German trps in Belfort territory very low.

**Being serviced.

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From: CG First Allied Airborne Army

To: War Department

Nr: V 25449 25 September 1944

To AGWAR personal to General Marshall from Eisenhower
info copy to Lt. Gen Smith SHAEF Fwd V 25449 to
Marshall from Eisenhower.

Enemy attacks from Reichwald Forest made by two
battalions of 6th Parachute Division. Each attack supported
by at least one Mark V tank. Enemy reported to be well
supplied with flak wagons mounting dual purpose 20 MM guns
on either half track or armor skirted wheeled vehicles.

Elements of nine SS Panzer Division reported at
Arnhem. 82nd Airborne Division holding area Nijmegen-
Grave-Mook-St. Jacobsberg-Boersteeg to the Waal River.
Mopping up continues in this area.

Excellent results in landing of 325th Glider Infantry
23 September.

101st Division-report road north of Vechel clear of
enemy but enemy forces are across road between St. Oedenrode
and Vechel. Counter attacks beaten off near Erp. Enemy
still holds Best.

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1st British Airborne Division- reduced perimeter still weakly held and casualties still mounting. Penetrating attacks made by self propelled guns and tanks which are formidable but following infantry indifferent. Heavy shelling, sniping and mortaring continuing. Field dressing station in enemy hands.

Three battalions of 43rd Infantry Division now on Neder Rijn just south of 1st Airborne Division area, but no definite word of close contact reported.

Polish Brigade- small groups of Polish paratroops have been reported infiltration across Neder Rijn in the 1st Airborne Division area.

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DRAGOON. PERIOD ENDING 232400. RIGHT FLANK. GS. WOOLSEY
67 RDS EDISON 52 RDS. (BOTH USING SFCP) ON RAILYARD PERSONNEL
BATTERIES AND SEVERAL HITS ON OBSERVATION POST ALL IN
VENTIMIGLIA AREA. ACCURATE RETURN FIRE REMAINED UNLOCATED
IN SPITE OF CUB RECONNAISSANCE. M/S MARSEILLES CONTINUED IN
BASSIN DE LA GARE. BASSINS D'ARENC AND LAZARET CONSIDERED
SAFE. PORT ST LOUIS 1 MOORED MINE DETONATED. INTELLIGENCE
REPORTED POSSIBILITY ATTACK ON SHIPPING IN MARSEILLES AND
TOULON HARBORS BY MAS AND ASSAULT CRAFT DEPARTING SPEZIA
NIGHT 22/23. OFFSHORE AND HARBOR PATROLS INCREASED. BLIMP
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NAVSITINTREP NUMBER T9.

DRAGDON. PERIOD ENDING 222400. EDISON 12 RDS AT ENEMY TRUCK CONCENTRATION MALORCCA AREA USING SFCP. EDISON 72 RDS WOOLSEY 154 RDS AGAINST ENEMY STORAGE DUMPS RAILHEAD AND BATTERIES USING CUR SPOT. AREA WELL COVERED AND SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED. WOOLSEY 16 RDS DIRECT COUNTER BATTERY FIRE AFFECTED BY FADING LIGHT. ACCURATE RETURN FIRE WITH SHRAPNEL LANDING ON SHIP. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. MARSEILLE M/S AREA NORTH OF ENTRANCE AVANT PORT NORD AND IN BASSIN DE LA GARE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. IN EACH OF BASSINS D ARNEC AND LAZARET 1 MAGNETIC BLOWN. CHANNEL TO BASSIN KOLIETTE OPENED WITH 12M FEET

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward, Versailles, France

To: War Department

No: FWD 15664

24 September 1944

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Pierce resistance offered by Nineteenth Army along whole front though at Montbeliard slight withdrawal to north east has taken place. 11th Panzer Division probably moving north. From increased resistance assumed supply situation bettered.

In area Girmont (V 06) enemy driven back from east bank of Moselle at several points. North east Nancy German columns observed falling back to positions in area Han (U 92) with indications of recent reinforcements. South Metz German line holding and reinforcements also recently arrived here. German map believed dated about 17 September shows Headquarters First Army area St Avold (Q 25). Headquarters XIII SS Corps area Q 0557. Headquarters 559 Infantry Division area U 9776. Another map dated approximately 18 September shows 405 Division Staff Foret de Bousson area (V 4895. Documentary evidence

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward, Versailles, France

No: FWD 15664 24 September 1944

that Fifth Panzer Army in Nancy area and suggests commanded by Manteuffel but he is relatively junior general officer. Seventh Army attacks on Luxembourg frontier established location 36 Infantry Division Loo area and Allied troops in Diekirch area. 183 Infantry Division believed area Waldenrath (K 86) and 106 Panzer Brigade committed further north in area Aachen. 88 Corps making effort to sever Allied corridor Nijmegen-Endhoven and elements 107 Panzer Brigade, 10 SS ULEIEP Division and Hermann Goering Training Regiment committed in recent fighting. No information from remainder of front.

Troops movements. Nothing to report.

3. Prisoners of War. Accumulative total captured up to 2400 hours 19 September excluding 21 Army Group figure for 19 September excluding 21 Army Group figure for 19 September: 390535.

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From: CG, 1st Allied Airborne Army, Holland
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward, Versailles, France
No. V 25419, 23 September 1944

To ACWAR personal to General Marshall from Eisenhower information copy to Lt Gen Smith SHAEP FWD from Commanding General First Allied Airborne Army signed Brereton V 25419.
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Overall total enemy strength in Arnhem area estimated at 15 to 20,000 men, supported by tanks and self propelled guns. Our capture of Nijmegen bridge and probable contact with 1st Airborne Division north of Neder Rijn threatens to upset German schedule. Reports from ground sources confirm considerable movement German troops eastwards north of Arnhem. Enemy reported evacuating and demolishing Amsterdam. The total effort of the German Air Force for 21st September has been estimated at 150 single engine fighter sorties of which 80 to 100 were mounted against the airborne area in two operations. Of these, 8th Air Force claims 20 shot down. On account of weather, there were no British or American sorties flown 22nd September.

No report on status of Arnhem bridge. Enemy last reported holding southern half. No change in perimeter defense of British 1st Airborne Division west of Arnhem. A battalion of the British 43rd Infantry Division intended to cross by this ferry night of 22nd September. 1st Airborne Division still being heavily shelled and mortared but morale is high.

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From: CG, 1st Allied Airborne Army, Holland

No. V 25419, 23 September 1944

They report first class assistance by supporting artillery.

One brigade of British 43rd Infantry Division now also over river at Nijmegen bridgehead with remainder of division close up.

50th British Infantry Division now following up 43rd Infantry Division, airborne troops protecting routes.

53rd British Infantry Division sweeping west from Eindhoven are halfway to Tilburg and British 11th Armored Division progressing well towards Helmond.

Are now in Heezt (4912) 8th Brigade of 3rd British Division now just west of Weert.

504th Regimental Combat Team now in 82nd Airborne Division reserve.

Second British Army reports as of 222016 that armored car column by-passed enemy resistance north of Nijmegen and contacted Polish Parachute Brigade vicinity Driel (K6875). Situation this sector showing great improvement.

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To : War Department
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta Italy
Advanced 6th Army Group

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The North river Meurthe reached by Allied and fighting
taking place Rambervillers in general area of which 21st
Pz Div operating.

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BOOK MSG TO SHAEF PARIS FOR EISENHOWER FOR ACTION, TO CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED KINGDOM BASE SECTION LONDON PASS TO BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF AND HDQ COMMUNICATION ZONE MAIN FOR INFO, FACS 86 FROM THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

1. BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE SUBMITTED TO THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF THE QUESTION OF THE USE OF 11600-TON TANKERS IN A DOCKYARD AT BLAINVILLE NEAR CAEN, FRANCE, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS IN YOUR THEATER AND THEREAFTER IN THE FAR EAST. ONE VESSEL IS AFLOAT, 3 SCUTTLED AND 7 ARE UNLAUNCHED. THE 4 TANKERS WHICH ARE AFLOAT OR SCUTTLED ARE CONSIDERED BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF TO BE COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF C.C.S. 280/4/D AND LETTER OF GUIDANCE NO. 3 FROM LONDON SUBCOMMITTEE OF CGAC TO SDAEF. ACCORDINGLY, THEY SHOULD BE USED BY YOU, IF NECESSARY TO YOUR MILITARY OPERATIONS, OR DELIVERED TO THE COMBINED SHIPPING POOL. THE 7 TANKERS "HIGH

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2. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE FOREGOING PROCEDURE WILL NOT PREJUDICE THE ULTIMATE DISPOSAL OF THE TANKERS AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SUCH PROCEDURE BE APPLIED IN SIMILAR CASES ARISING IN THE FUTURE. THE COMBINED SHIPPING ADJUSTMENT BOARD HAS BEEN CONSULTED CONCERNING THIS ENTIRE MATTER AND CONCURS

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COSITINTREP NO 8-PART 1 LAND PERIOD 211200A SEPTEMBER TO 221200A SEPTEMBER

SECTION 2 GROUND OPERATIONS 7TH ARMY 6TH CORPS 45 INF DIV CONTINUES ADVANCE ON EPINAL AGAINST SMALL DELAYING FORCES.

ELEMENTS ARE CLOSING ON TOWN FROM NORTH AND SOUTH ON EAST BANK OF MOSELLE AFTER CROSSING AT CHATEL-SUR-MOSELLE

(V-0169) AND ARCHETTES (V-1148) 36 INF DIV HAS ELEMENTS IN REMIREMONT ALSO ACROSS MOSELLE VICINITY (V-1641) AND

(V-1446) MOVING ON ELOYES (V-1644) FROM SOUTH AND NORTH 3RD INF DIV IN PAST 24 HOURS AVERAGED ADVANCE IN SECTOR

OF 4000 YARDS TO GENERAL LINE (K-1936) (K-1932) (K-1929) (K-1925) (K-1823) 117 CAVALRY RCN SQUADRON IS NOW VICINITY

ECROMAGNY (K-1619) PROTECTING CORPS RIGHT FLANK. 1ST FRENCH ARMY 2ND FRENCH CORPS 1ST DB CAPTURED BARTHELEMY SUBURB OF

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MELISEY (K-1814) 15. DMJ 2ND BRIGADE ON LINE MUI FANS (K-1701)
VACHERESSE (P-1894) GRANGE-LA-VILLE (P-1894). 1ST BRIGADE

SECANANS (P-1992) COURBENANS (P-1890) MARVELISE (P-2089)
CROSSROADS (P-225847) LA PRETIERE (P-2280) 1ST CORPS NO CHANGE

ON 3 DIA AND 9 DIC FRONT. CONTACT MAINTAINED. ALPS SECTOR 2 DIM
ENEMY ABANDONED COL-DE-LA-PELOUSE 6 MILES SOUTHEAST OF MODANE

1ST ABTF 150 PARACHUTE REGIMENT HOLDS CONDAMINE (P-1950) CP'S
(8 GROUPS MISSING*) K-0944) 45 INF DIVISION, (K-0046) 36 INF DIV

PLOMBIERES-LES-BAINS (K-0938) 3RD INF DIV, BROUCHOTEE (K-0923)
CASUALTIES AS OF 172359A SEPTEMBER AMERICANS: KILLED, CAPTURED.

AND MISSING: 3176 WOUNDED: 4661 PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN
AS OF 172359A SEPTEMBER TAKEN BY AMERICANS 32709

SECTION 3-AIR OPERATIONS WEATHER CLEARED AND FIGHTER BOMBERS IN
THE AFTERNOON OF 21 SEPTEMBER ATTACKED LOCOMOTIVES, VEHICLES

AND FREIGHT CARS IN MULLHEIM-KANERN SCHLETTSTADT-WASSELNHEIN
AREAS.

BOMB SAFETY LINE: VS-8488, S-8293, S-7998, N-7501, N-6525,
N-5834, N-4246. ITALIAN SWISS BORDER TO WA-4578, WP-2989, P-3296

K-3515, ROAD TO K-3129, ROAD TO K-3438, ROAD TO WV-3442, V-2755,
RAILROAD TO ST DIE RAILROAD NORTHWEST TO V-2584.

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NAVSITINTREP NUMBER 38. DRAGON. PERIOD ENDING 212400. RIGHTFLANK. GS. LUDLOW AND MADISON TO CALL. LUDLOW 70 RDS AT SUPPLY DUMPS NORTH EAST VENTIMIGLIA WITH AREA WELL COVERED. MINESWEEPING. COMPLETED SWEEPING GULF JUAN TO 5 FATHOM CURVE. SWEEPED AREA CONSIDERED SAFE. PYRAMID TYPE CONCRETE MINES AND BUOYS PRECLUDES M/S WITHIN 5 FATHOM CURVE. SWEEPING TO CANNES COMMENCED. FRENCH REMOVED 4 CONTACT 18 CONTROLLED MINES CANNES HARBOR. MAGNETIC MINES OXHE HARBOR REMOVED. M/S BEGAN IN BASSIN TELA GARE MARSEILLE. SWERT 1 MAGNETIC 4 MOORED MINES PORT ST LOUIS. DAMAGE. ATR 1 STRANDED ON WRECK TYNLON HARBOR. SLIGHT HULL DAMAGE AND WATER LEAKAGE. BRITISH GS MORIALTA REPORTED MINED OFF MARSEILLE LAT 42-55 LONG 05-30. NO

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CASUALTIES. TOWED TO MARSEILLE. 3 PONTOON CAUSEWAYS
BROKE ADRIFT IN HEAVY SEAS OFF CORSICA WHILE BEING TOWED
TO NAPLES.

UNLOADING LAST 24 HOURS PERSONNEL VEHICLES TONS.

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LIBERTIES UNLOADED PERSONNEL 750 VEHICLES 438 TONS
1183. PORT DE BOUC. UNLOADED 1288 TONS. M/S STARTED IN
PORT ST MAUIS*. 1 MINE BLOWN. BEACHES. 6 LST ARRIVED 1 M/V
REMAINING. UNLOADED 829 TONS.

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To: War Department

Re: 170 21 September 1944

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Part II. Naval.

A. General

The assault area in Baie de la Seine and of Cherbourg has now reverted to the Portsmouth command. The ports and coast and searched channels in this area still remain the responsibility of ANCFP.

B. Captured ports.

(1) Audierne, port accessible for ships up to 200 tons at high water. No port installations. 300 POW taken yesterday.

(2) Antwerp's dry docks, of which 12 are large, intact except for slight damage no 1 shipyards and works undamaged.

(3) Ostend. Mine and obstruction clearance proceeding satisfactorily. An attack by about four enemy aircraft occurred at 1310/20 several small bombs dropped causing some

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damage and casualties to civilian property.

C Minesweeping.

Three moored mines have been swept off Cap d'Antfer in coastal channel being established between Havre and Dieppe. 11 magnetic mines swept south of Havre in entrance to Seine.

D Unloading figures.

	Personnel	Vehicles	Stores
British	<u>880,168</u>	<u>220,741</u>	<u>1,688,696</u>
US	<u>1,414,832</u>	<u>250,559</u>	<u>2,459,112</u>
Total D plus 105	<u>2,295,000</u>	<u>471,300</u>	<u>4,147,808</u>

End

ACTION: OPD

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

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Forward, Versailles, France

To: War Department
Headquarters 12th U.S. Army Group, Main
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Headquarters 6th Army Group, Main

Nr: FWD 15310 21 September 1944

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Operations.

No contact 19th Army front.

On northern flank of German Salient west of Vosges German troops forced out of Gerbevillier and Lamath.

On Moselle front further Allied bridgehead made over river at Chatel Sur Moselle and further north Allied bridgehead at Serrieres enlarged despite resistance offered by 553rd Infantry Division.

On Luxembourg front First German Army launched many counter attacks.

End

ACTION: G-2

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

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Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Commanding General
U.K. Base Section
London, England.

Headquarters, Communications Zone
European Theater of Operations
Main Echelon
Paris, France.

Number: WARX 34372

Book message to Eisenhower London and Wilson Caserta for action, to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff and Headquarters Communications Zone Main for information. This message is FACS 85 to Eisenhower and FAN 423 to Wilson from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

See SCAF 72 on disposition of new captured enemy equipment for research purposes. Approved is the recommendation that SHAEF Intelligence Directive number 9 dated 19 May 1944 apply to DRAGOON forces when those forces come under control of SHAEF.

End.

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INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy
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To: War Department

Nr: 168

20 September 1944

From 12th Army Group Main from Bradley to COSITINTREP
addressees ref no QM 21775, 20 September 1944. COSITINTREP
no 168 to 19200A September.

Part I. Land.

Section B. 4. Supplement A. 4.

Ninth Army. VIII Corps.

8th Div. Crozon Peninsula completely cleared of enemy
resistance by 19200A.

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20 September 1944

From ANCXF from Ramsay signed Eisenhower to COSITINTREP
addresses ref no 200019A September 1944 COSITINTREP 168

Part II - Naval
A. Intelligence.

Harvre.

A preliminary report shows that the demolition of the harbour and harbour facilities is 90 per cent complete and that it cannot be used for large tonnage for a considerable period. There is a channel 80 ft wide between blockships in its outer harbour and limited unloading from coasters alongside will be possible when debris in the roads allows clearance.

Public utilities will soon be operating and there is plenty of local labour.

Brest.

NLO with VII Corps states that hardly a building in the city remains intact and that the harbour installations have been destroyed as predicted with the exception of a 150 ton crane. The U-Boat pens with power, ventilators and work shops are intact but the slips are blocked with other destroyed equipment.

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The Naval School appears repairable and it is possible that much of the waterfront can be made workable in a short time.

B. General

ML - 216 was mined and beached inside Ostend Harbour. No casualties.

C. Unloading figures.

	Personnel	Vehicles	Stores
British	873,801	219,476	1,661,010
U S	1,294,811	248,823	2,379,469
Total D plus 103	<u>2,268,612</u>	468,299	4,040,489

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To: War Department
Headquarters 7th Army (US)
Headquarters 6th Army Group, Main
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FWD 15276 20 September 1944

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Advance Detachment (4) 21st Army Group (5) Ninth US Army
(6) TAC 12th Army Group (7) First Allied Airborne Army (8)
Seventh Army (9) Sixth Army repeated (10) AFHQ FHGBI (11)
AEAF Rear (12) AEAF Advanced (13) SHAEP Main SHGBI (14)
First US Army Group (15) HQ Communication Zone Forward (16)
Main HQ Twelfth Army Group (17) XIII US Corps FWD 15276.
This is G 2 summary number 106.

1. Operations. Elements 90th Panzer Grenadier Div-
ision identified by prisoner Col de Larche-Briancon areas.

Elements 159th Reserve Division at latter on 14th
September.

98th Mountain Battalion of 157th Reserve Division
near Modane. Belfort area situation remains substantially
same with increased German artillery fire and local counter.

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attacks reported west and southwest of city.

Several 32 centimetre rocket bombs fell vicinity Ippenans (P18). Corbensy (J92) reported occupied and barricaded by Nazi troops. Ports reported being prepared for strong defense at K 3424 and K 3512.

Faucogney (K12) reported strongly held with anti-tank guns covering approaches. Intense German patrol activity Doubs River area supported by harrassing enemy artillery fire.

Allied armour spearhead reached Moselle River area Epinal (V 05). Increased German artillery fire along German LXXX Corps front concentrated against Allied breach of Siegfried Line where unsuccessful counter-attack launched with infantry and tanks southwest Bitburg (L 15).

On German Seventh Army front determined resistance with natural defensive terrain slowing down Allied advance.

Germans still hold Nijmegen (E 77) but bridges appear intact. Junction Allied armour and paratroops made north of Eindhoven where resistance in village bypassed.

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Battle groups Frundsberg identified south of
Eindhoven contains six companies Panzer Grenadier Regiment
Hohenstaufen two battalions 21 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment.

Document captured Nijmegen area shows headquarters
VI temporary Corps eight kilometres north Dinslaken (A 23).

Bridge at Best (E 32) ordered blown by Genobst
Student.

Four small bridgeheads over canal west of Hulst
(D 40) where Germans resisting strongly. Montlambert
surrendered with 2100 prisoners taken from 1408th Fortress
Infantry Battalion, 82 Fortress Regiments, elements 64th
Infantry Division and naval personnel.

Fighting reported in outskirts of Boulogne. Heavy
German resistance continues Cap Gris Nez.

Brest reported surrendered.

2. Movements. Nothing to report.
3. Prisoners of War. No report received.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CCS, CG AAF, ASF, OPD, ADM KING, COL PARK, LOG

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From CG, PAHF to AGWAR personal to General Marshall
from Breereton signed Eisenhower V25342 info copy to Lt Gen
Smith, SHAEF Fwd. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Page 2, line 14 of the foregoing should read:

1500 planes 430 gliders employed 17: losses 2%. Yes-
terday 1300 planes and 1200 gliders used; losses 2%. Con-
centration para drops and glider landings reported good.

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INFO : CCS
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GEN BISSELL
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To: War Department

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Operation of First Allied Airborne Army in Holland on 17 September was to assist Second Army by seizing crossings over canals and rivers on its main axis of advance from Escout Canal bridgehead over Rhine at Arnhem.

101st Division landed northwest Eindhoven;
82nd Division landed south and southeast of Nijmegen;
1st Division (Br) landed northwest of Arnhem;
Polish brigade to land south of Arnhem today.
XXX Corps began rapid advance north at H plus 1.

Bomber attacks by RAF on German airfields and by 8th Air Force on heavy flak positions along routes made 16 September and morning 17.

Two routes were used: 1st and 82nd Divisions over northern route via Dutch islands;
101st Division over southern route south of Ghent.

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Nr: V 25342

19 September 1944

All troop carrier missions flown in daylight. Weather excellent. Reports indicate complete surprise obtained.

Fighters of air defense of Great Britain and 8th Air Force escorted each mission and attacked light flak positions.

Planes of British Coastal Command assisted with diversions. Four groups of fighter bombers from 9th Air Force attacked flak positions on route.

Yesterday all used northern route. Today all aircraft using southern route. 1500 planes 430 gliders employed 17: losses 2%.

Yesterday 1300 planes and 1200 gliders used: losses 2% 200 gliders used; losses 2%.

Concentration para drops and glider landings reported good. General Taylor reports excellent concentration in drop his division. It can be generally concluded that relentless fighter attack on hostile flak successfully neutralized it and enabled operation to be carried out.

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Resupply mission for 82nd and 101st Div. using 252 B-24 aircraft of 8th Air Force flown yesterday. Mission successful. Supplies dropped accurately. Nine aircraft reported missing.

XXX Corps contacted 101st Division at 0830 hours today. Now reported at Maas Waal Canal. Bridges in vicinity St. Oedenrode and Veghel seized intact by 101st Division.

Bridges at Graves and Heumen seized intact by 82nd Division. Bridge at Nijmegen not yet taken. 82nd Division reports 1000 prisoners, light casualties. Commanders both divisions and staffs including Regimental Commanders landed safely.

No reports received from 1st Division (British). Part of Polish brigade being flown in today. Planned to fly in 52nd Air Landing Division (Br) and Ridgways XVIII Corps Hq soon as landing strip constructed and to place 82nd and 101st Divisions under Ridgway thereby forming a British and US Corps.

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Reinforcement and resupply continuing today with slight modification due to weather. Rapid completion of intricate plans and execution thereof by Composite Allied Staff gratifying to me.

Operation successful due to wholehearted cooperation of all components of Arms and Forces in Theater.

End

ACTION: Gen Handy

INFO : CC/S, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Adm King,
Col Park, Log

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To: War Department

No. FWD 13765 19 September 1944

SHAEF relaying to WAR as per instructions of SMC at SHAEF Fwd to for action: ANCKP, CINC EXFOR, CINC Twelfth Army Group, AOC - IN - C AEAFF, CG First Allied Airborne Army, CG USSTAF, AOC-IN-C Bomber Command for information: CG Comm Z, WAR as per SMC SHAEF Fwd. From: SHAEF Forward, signed Eisenhower. Reference number FWD 13765, cite: SHGCT TOO 041740B ~~SECRET~~.

1. Enemy resistance on the entire front shows signs of collapse. The bulk of the remaining enemy forces estimated as the equivalent of two weak Panzer and nine Infantry Divisions are northwest of the Ardennes but they are disorganized, in full retreat, and unlikely to offer any appreciable resistance if given no respite. South of the Ardennes the enemy forces are estimated as the equivalent of two Panzer Grenadier and four poor Infantry Divisions.

The heterogeneous force withdrawing from southwest France may number some 100,000 * men but its fighting value is estimated as the equivalent of about 1 Division. The equivalent of one half Panzer and 2 Infantry Divisions are being driven northwards up the Rhone.

2. The only way the enemy can prevent our advance into Germany will be by reenforcing the retreating forces by Divisions from Germany and other fronts and manning the more important sectors of the Siegfried Line with these

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forces. It is doubtful whether he can do this in time and in sufficient strength but, were he to succeed he will be likely to concentrate on blocking the two main approaches to Germany, I. E., by way of the Ruhr and the Saar. Of these, he will probably regard the approach to the Ruhr as the more important.

3. Our best opportunity of defeating the enemy in the west lies in striking at the Ruhr and at the Saar, confident that he will concentrate the remainder of his available forces in the defense of these essential areas.

4. Present plans contemplate assumption of operations control of DRAGOON Force about 15th September. DRAGOON Force is now directed on Besancon - Dijon and then on Belfort - Epinal.

5. My intention continues to be the destruction of the enemy forces and this will be the primary task of all elements of the Allied Expeditionary Force.

6. The mission of northern group of Armies and of that part of central group of Armies operating north-west of the Ardennes is to secure Antwerp, breach the sector of the Siegfried Line covering the Ruhr and then seize the Ruhr.

7. The missions of central group of Armies, exclusive of that portion operating north-west of the Ardennes, are:

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A. To capture Brest.

B. To protect the southern flank of Allied
Expeditionary Force.

C. To occupy the sector of the Siegfried Line
covering the Saar and then to seize Frankfurt. It is
important that this operation should start as soon
as possible, in order to forestall the enemy in this
sector, but troops of central group of Armies operat-
ing against the Ruhr north-west of the Ardennes must
first be adequately supported.

D. To take any opportunity of destroying
enemy forces withdrawing from south-west and southern
France.

8. Boundary between northern and central groups of
Armies subject to adjustment in detail by agreement of Com-
manders-in-Chief, Groups of Armies; Amiens-Brussels-Krefeld
all to northern group of Armies.

9. Allied Navies and Air Forces will continue to
support the Ground Forces under current directives.

10. The First Allied Airborne Army will operate in
support of northern group of Armies up to and including
the crossing of the Rhine and then be prepared to operate
in large scale operations in advance into Germany.

* Being serviced for verification.

End.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Handy, Gen Bissell,
Adm King, CofS

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

To: War Department

Nr: 167 18 September 1944

From Ramsay signed Eisenhower to COSITINTREP
addressees ref no 182340A September 1944. COSITINTREP no 167.

Part II. Naval.

A. Intelligence.

There was some evidence of activity by enemy motor
boats off Dunkirk on the night of 17th September.

La Roche Sur Yon is reported occupied by FFI.

B. Unloading figures.

	Troops	Vehicles	Stores
British	<u>867,392</u>	<u>217,063</u>	<u>1,628,686</u>
US	<u>1,392,388</u>	<u>247,997</u>	<u>2,337,320</u>
Total D plus 102	<u>2,259,780</u>	<u>465,060</u>	<u>3,966,006</u>

End

ACTION: OPD

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

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Forward on Continent

To: War Department
Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater
of Operations, US Army, France
Headquarters, Seventh Army
Headquarters Main Sixth Army
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FWD 15234 18 September 1944

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Part 1. E operations.

Nineteenth Army resisting stubbornly south and west Montbeliard with increased artillery fire, self-propelled guns and local counter attacks. 11th Panzer Division operating this general area. Further north Lure (K 10) occupied by Allies and German salient further reduced by.

Part 2. Ejection 189th Training Division from Luxeuil.

✓ German concern for this area reflected in reported road signs threatening death to anyone fleeing Belfort. German

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artillery fire still directed on Nancy bridges. Southern approaches Metz being mined.

Part 3. Resistance along German Seventh Army front stiffened.

✓ In Aachen area 12th Infantry Division, newly arrived, put into line. East Maastricht elements 275th Infantry Division and 770th, 773rd and 863rd Home Guard Battalions fighting.

Part 4. Home Guard Battalions under command 49th Infantry Division.

Order dated 14th September for withdrawal 9th and 116th Panzer Divisions to second positions, presumably to second line west wall positions. Order also shows Headquarters 116th Panzer Division Wurselen (K 84), 9th Panzer Division Langerwehn (F 04), 353rd Infantry Division Eilen (F 15). Allied spearhead forced a withdrawal to within six miles south of Eindhoven (E 41) where elements 9th and 10th SS Panzer Divisions fought.

Part 5.

So far as is known little opposition offered to Allied airborne operation. No reports rest of front.

Movements. Increased military traffic, mainly K trains on line Hannover-Hamm. Departure heavy tank flts

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from Soest. Stations covered in Ruhr area all tightly loaded.

Prisoners of war. Accumulative total captured up
to 2400 hours 13th September (excluding 21st Army Group total
13th September): 356,541.

Miscellaneous. Captured map shows army boundaries
as follows:

Northern and eastern boundaries of AOK 15:
D 6569 along river to Dordrecht 8962-Breda
D 9537-St Leonard D 8710-Antwerp J 9797.

Boundary between WB Nederland on north and
First Parachute Army on south; D 9152 along
Meas to E 5858-Nimwegen E 7163.

Boundary between First Parachute Army on north
and Seventh Army on south; Tongres K 4045-K 5748-
K 6156-Duren F 1246-Bruhl F 4049.

Part 6.

Boundary between Seventh Army on north and First
Army on south P 8341-Bitburg F 1355 along road to Mayen
L 6392.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/S, CGAAF, OPD, Adm. King, Col. Park, Log
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To: War Department
CG, U.S. 7th Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
CG, Main 6th Army Group

No. FWD 15135 18 September 1944

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No information on operations on Nineteenth Army front though complete order of battle of the army known from document and included in miscellaneous below.

Further north enemys still fighting hard to retain his salient west of Vosges where on 13 September, 60 tanks destroyed by 1st Allied Division alone. North of Nancy 553rd Infantry Division forced out of Ste Genevieve (U83) and Kandremont (U82). Counter attacks still mounted against Allies in Pont A Mousson sector. Activity behind lines heavy in this sector including digging at Pfalzburg (Q61) and areas Benfstruf (Q23) and Fenetränge (Q42) being flooded.

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Reports of German withdrawal to Abreschwiller (Q50) and Saarbrucken received from civilians. Luneville fell to Allies. To the north Allies made further advances over Luxembourg - German frontier. Allied patrols reached the city of Aachen. No information from rest of front.

2. Movements. Cologne moderately active. Increase of heavy anti aircraft on middle Rhine River crossings.

3. Prisoners of war. Accumulative total up to 2400 hours 13th September (excluding 21st Army group figures for 12 and 13 September: 350,400.

4. Miscellaneous.

A. Prisoners of war taken from 11 Reserve Battalions Keil and Wilhelmshafen suggest Wehrkreis X static formations also contributing to the battle.

B. Surrender of General Elsters troops amounts to 19,000 men. Leading elements due to cross Loire on 17 September.

C. Allied reconnaissance Bordeaux area contacted no enemy, mines, road blocks or other obstructions. 15,000 enemy reported by the French to be in La Rochelle.

D. Major General Heinrichs GOC 89th Infantry Division reported killed.

E. Enemy troops still to be rounded up estimated as follows:

Brest area	30,000
Lorient area	30,000
St Nazaire	30,000

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La Rochelle	12,000
Gironde	10,000
Channel Islands	28,000
Boulogne	10,000
Calais	8,000
Dunkirk	12,000
Scheldt	30,000
Groups in southwest and Central France	60,000

Totals equals 260,000

F. Captured map 13 September gives entire OB
19th Army. Command 19th Army Gerardmer.

LXVI Reserve Corps Command Post Bains Les Bains.

Following under command: 21st Panzer Division Command
Post Fauconcourt, 111th Panzer Brigade Command Post Ramber-
villers, 16th Infantry Division Command Post Mirecourt, 112th
Panzer Brigade Command Post Tarney. Battle Group Ottenbacher
(shown with division emblem) Command Post Bourbonne Les Bains.

LXIV Reserve Corps Command Post Luzeuil.

Following under command: Battle Group Taeglishbeck
(brigade emblem) Command Post Jussey. 716th Infantry Divi-
sion Command Post Aboncourt, Battle Group Schwerin (189th
Reserve Division) Command Post Meun, Battle Group Kaluza
(replacing the killed General Reinhard) Command Post Vesoul.
IV German Air Force Corps Command Post Lure. Following under
command: 338th Infantry Division Command Post (*) Velottes,
159th Infantry Division Command Post Les Aynans, 198th

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Infantry Division Command Post Arpenans, Battle Group Degener
(brigade emblem) Command Post Mignafans.

LXXXV Corps Command Post Belfort.

Under Command: Battle Group Von Oppen (Brigade
emblem) Command Post Belfort, 11th Panzer Division Command
Post Torvilles.

5. General. Press reports (*) will control only the northern half of the front and Field Marshall Model could scarcely continue to double the posts of CINC West and Commander of Army Group B. That Rundstedt should resume supreme command is, if true, a very striking tribute by the Fuhrer to morale value of military tradition as opposed to party propaganda.

Enemy continues to react on his southern flank forward of the Vosges with unprofitable violence. He cannot afford to lose tanks at the rate he has been doing in this sector: moreover the Nancy sector is by now dangerously weakened. Additional Infantry is apparently coming up to Aachen Sector but in nothing like sufficient numbers and movements seems to be from south, that is, still further weakening the Ardennes quite as much as from Germany. (In Holland training units now being brought up from as far afield as Wehrkreis X.)

German Air Force training units now being used extensively in fighting under command of staffs from military districts. Fight very well considering shortage of equipment.

(*) Being Serviced.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CCS, CG AAF, ASF, OPD, ADM KING, COL PARK, LOG
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Operations Division,
North African Section,
Lt. Col. Simmonite 73323
OPD 37175(14 Sept 44)

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17 September, 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Headquarters, Communications Zone
European Theater of Operations
United States Army, France

Number: WARX 32379

~~_____~~ book message from Marshall for Devers and Eisenhower.

Recognizing that transition period is necessary for administrative matters directives of CG NATO and CG ETOUSA relating to boundaries are amended as follows, effective upon mutual agreement of the 2 addressees and upon notification to War Dept: "A. Switzerland and that portion of France formerly in NATO are excluded from NATO and included in ETO boundaries (ie all of Switzerland and France are in ETO). B. The northern boundary of NATO and the southern boundary of ETO then follows the southern French coast through the waters adjacent to the southern Mediterranean coast of France from the intersection of the Italian French border and the Mediterranean to the intersection of the Spanish French border and the Mediterranean. C. The northern ETO boundary and the southern ETO boundary then follow the southern border of France to the intersection of the Spanish French border at the Bay of Biscay. D. Otherwise the boundaries are the same as set forth in the original directives and any previous amendments thereto. E. All other sections of the original directives, or subsequent amendments or changes to those directives, are modified to conform with the above."

End.

ORIGINATOR: OPD
INFORMATION: Gen Somervell, CCS, Gen Arnold, Gen Henry,
Gen Bissell, Gen Porter, Gen Maxwell, Gen Hildring
Adm. King, Log

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ROUTED BY		7TH ARMY 6TH CORPS	PRIORITY 7
		12TH TAC	PRIORITY 8
		CTF 81 CTF 85 CTF 86	ROUTINE 9
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NAVSITINTREP 29.

DRAGOON. PERIOD ENDING 122400. RIGHT FLANK GS. LUDLOW 189 ROUNDS WOOLSEY 61 RDS AND GLOIRE AT TROOPS AND BATTERIES. AIR SPOT AND SFCP REPORT GOOD RESULTS.

MINESWEEPING. MARSEILLE. MAGNETIC MINES DETONATED DURING LAST 2 DAYS. 5 JOLLIETTE. 7 IN THE 3 NORTHERN BASES. 3 NORTH END OF MOLE. TOULON AREAS ACCESSIBLE TO SWEEPERS REPORTED SAFE.

AT 0800 CTF 84 DISSOLVED.

DELIVERED TO 20-G.

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

To: War Department

Nr: 165. 16 September 1944

From Ramsay signed Eisenhower 162120B to COSITINTREP
addressee COSITINTREP number 165.

Part II. Naval.

A. Captured ports.

Havre. Initial mine clearance of approaches and part
of ports have been completed. Entry of small ships at low
speed can be accepted when state of port permits.

Dieppe. 10 Berths now available for ships of draft
17 feet.

B. Unloading figures.

	Troops	Vehicles	Stores
British	863,117	215925	1591533
US	1,354,994	244,598	2265678
Total D plus 100	<u>2,218,111</u>	<u>460,523</u>	<u>3857211</u>

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

Nr: 165

17 September 1944

Follows SHAEFS COSITINTREP pass to WND from: HQ ABAF
from Leigh Mallory signed Eisenhower to: COSITINTREP
addressees ref no: AC-056, 17 September 1944 COSITINTREP
no 165, 2100B hours 14 September to 2100B hours 15 September,
1944

Part III. 84.

Total sorties.	907
9th AF	306
2nd TAF	452
ADGB	149

Airborne operations:

Total sorties.	38
38th Group	14
46th Group	24

Summary of targets:

10 miscellaneous targets.

Claims: Nil.

Losses: 2 Fighters destroyed.

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Details of operations:

Gun positions and strong points.

23 Typhoons and 12 Spitfires on Dunkirk area 170
60 RP and 12 500 GP unobserved to good, 24 A/C on Boulogne
area 23 500 GP good.

Other targets:

36 Spitfires, 11 Typhoons, 32 Lightnings and 49 A/C
on various unnamed targets (among which were a fuel dump,
troop concentration and a ration store and jetty) 122 500 GP
and 87 60 RP fair to very good.

Summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets:

RAFEC.

Total sorties: 10

Summary of targets countermeasures:

Claims: Nil.

Losses: Nil.

8th AP.

All items nil.

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Special information:

8 Typhoons of 2nd TAF dropped leaflets on Boulogne.
2 Albemarle of 38th Group dropped leaflets on Channel Islands,
2 leaflet bombs successfully dropped on St Annes, Alderney,
4 on Fort Williams, Jersey, and 6 on St Sampsons Harbor,
Guernsey.

Enemy operations:

According to Radar and ROC 3 reces were flown, 2
of them north of the Shetlands and 1 approximately 160 miles
east of Aberdeen. There were no flying bombs during this
period.

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FOOTNOTE: Remainder of COSITINTREP 165 will be processed
as separate message when received from SHAEF.

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INFO : CC/S
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To: War Department
CG, Seventh US Army
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
CG, Main Sixth Army Group

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Part 1.

In Montbeliard-Langres area line swinging northeast with anchor still on high ground north of L'Isle (P 18). Fort area Ecurcey (P 37) reported held in force.

Part 2. Previous para 1 Operations.

Part 3.

Opposition north Villers-Vezell heavy; northeast enemy strongly defending high ground. Resistance to Allied advance north Vesoul moderate. Enemy counterattack regained Fleury (J 81).

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Part 4.

North Langres light opposition reported. To north sector Neufchateau-Moselle held by 16th Infantry Division supported by 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division. 64th Corps headquarters Bains les Bains (J 94). Opposition Neufchateau-Bayon (Z 98) front suffered severe shock by Allied drive on Epinal.

Part 5.

Enemy resistance still heavy ~~west~~^{east?} of Nancy along Moselle and in Forêt de Haye but city now threatened by Allied drive northeast from between Luneville and Nancy. Drive met apparently little opposition. Enemy defense Metz still successful. Withdrawal perceptible on Thionville front and to north Luxembourg now almost entirely abandoned by Germans as withdrawals continue into Germany. In Aachen area heavy fighting continues with Allied wedge driven into Germany south of town. Defensive nature of country supplemented by many obstacles.

Part 6.

East of Hasselt and north of the Meuse-Escaut Canal resistance is stiff and little ground has been given. Para 2 Movements. Intermittant cover line Nordhausen-Northeim-Aderborn revealed heavy loading Seesen. Loaded military train seen Nordhausen and a part of a train was forming Paderborn. Loading activity eastern part this line still appears heavy.

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
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Part 7.

Heavy two way rail movement Freiburg-Mulhouse. Para
3 Prisoners of War. Accumulative grand total captured up
to 2400 hours 11th September: 346,551. Para 4 Miscellaneous.

Part 8.

Captured document dated 7th July 44 shows Major General
Jesser commanding 74th Sicherungs Brigade (motorized) with
headquarters at Montargis. Controls 1010th Sicherungs
Regiment (motorized) of eight infantry companies and (?)
three artillery troops, 1000th Sicherungs Regiment (motorized)
projected only (?). 1000th Sicherungs Reconnaissance
Battalion and company of 17 Fyreigh tanks (known from other
sources to be somua).

Part 9.

Para 5 general. Evidence that enemy has been increasing
his strength in the Antwerp-Hasselt sector. This is partly
attributable to arrival of 1st Parachute Army, revealed by
report of presence of General Student at Tilburg and by
presence of parachute troops and probably partly to reap-
pearance of elements of Fifteenth Army which have made their
way round by sea.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CCS, CGAAF, OPD, Adm. King, Col. Park, Log ^{End}

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16 September 1944

From: C in C Med
To: AIG 387
DTG: 162218Z

Situation Report Number 435.

French cruiser Gloire and US destroyer Ludlow and HMS Wolsey gave fire support on 12 Sept and 13 Sept on Franco-Italian frontier. Good result report.

2. 3267 tons unloaded from Liberties at Marseilles on 13 September using landing craft. First coaster entered Vieux Port.

3. Night 13/14 Sept coastal force on patrol between Port of Ino and Sestri Levante (? fired) torpedoes at FOX lighter convoy, one heavy explosion seen. Subsequently two destroyers were encountered, one was hit aft, the magazine blew up and enemy was left sinking. Our forces were heavily engaged throughout these actions but withdrew without damage or (? casualty).

4. PT boats blew up a FOX lighter between Port of Ino and Spezia night 14/15 September. Enemy fresh fire caused superficial damage.

5. (90n) 15 September HMS Loyal and HMS Kimberley bombarded positions and road junctions near Rimini. All targets well covered. (71) casualty in HMS Loyal from near miss.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S ASF Adm King Log
CG AAF G-2 Col Park

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NAV SITINTREP 31.

DRAGOON. PERIOD ENDING 142400. RIGHT FLANK. GS. LUDLOW 238 RDS STOPPED COUNTER ATTACK MT BELLENDIA AREA.

M/S CLEARING FIRE SUPPORT AREA CUT 13 DEEP LAND MINES 2 MILES SOUTH CAPO MORTOLA. DD'S REPORT FLOATING MINES OFF CAPO CERVO.

1910 TO 1945 EDISON OBTAINED SEVERAL HITS ON 300 FT M/V OFF CAPO CERVO. LUDLOW 113 RDS 40 RDS ILLUMINATING 12 HITS 2 SMALL NAVAL SHIPS ONEGLIA HARBOR. NO COUNTER FIRE EITHER DD. SOC*SPOTTED.

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M/V AT BEACHES PARTIALLY UNLOADED 2 DELTA 1 CAMEL.
DELTA BEACHES BEING CLOSED SHIPS AND CRAFT AS NECESSARY
REMAIN AT CAMEL. D PLUS 30 CONVOYS 45 M/V.

16 TO CAMEL. 10 MARSEILLE PLUS 13 AWAITING GREAT
ROAD TOULON. 3 TOULON. 3 PORT DEBOUC. 3 LST CAMEL.
40 LCI MARSEILLE. ESTIMATED UNLOADING TO DATE OVER

BEACHES PERSONNEL 337,505

VEHICLES 57,509

TONS 281,365

MARSEILLE VEHICLES 1,628

TONS 12,403.

MARSEILLE. M/S SWEEP 4 NORTHERN BASINS AND
AVANT PORT NORD. 1 MAGNETIC DETONATED NEAR NORTH
END OF MOLE. BASINS PETAIN AND MIRABEAU REPORTED
REASONABLY SAFE AND M/S DISCONTINUED. IN NORTH ENTRANCE
30 FT DEPTH ATTAINED WIDTH 100 FT.

TOULON. TOTAL 4 AND 1/2 LIBERTY BERTHS AVAILABLE.
ADDED BERTHS ARE PIER 2 WEST PIER 5 E AND 1/2 PIER 5 W.
PIER 6 WEST AVAILABLE BUT PIER TOO NARROW TO HANDLE MORE
THAN 1 LIBERTY.

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DATE	15 SEPT 1944		ROUTINE
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(A) INTELLIGENCE. REPORT FROM FREE FRENCH SOURCES DATED 4 SEPTEMBER BELIEVED RELIABLE STATES NO U-BOATS WERE

LEFT AT ST NAZAIRE. HARBOUR MASTER ~~EEBRUGGE~~ STATES DOCK WALLS AND DOCK GATES DAMAGED BUT CONTROLLED MINE

FIELD IS INTACT. LOCAL SOURCES REPORT CONSIDERABLE MINING BOTH SIDES CANAL ENTRANCE. SLIPS SOUTH SIDE

FISH DOCKS BELIEVED NOT MINED.

(B) CAPTURED PORTS. LA HAVRE. ENTRANCE AVANT PORT BLOCKED BY AT LEAST 3 SHIPS AND 1 BARGE. MAY BE POSSIBLE TO

AVOID OBSTRUCTIONS AT HIGHWATER. LARGE AREA OF CITY NORTH OF AVANTPORT AND ARRIERE PORT TOTALLY DESTROYED.

ALSO ALL BUILDINGS IN DOCK AREAS. ALL QUAYS AND DOCKS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED BUT DETAILED SURVEY OF INSTALLATIONS

NOT YET POSSIBLE OWING TO ENEMY SNIPING. LA TREPORT. MOST MINES IN APPROACHES AND LAND MINES IN HARBOUR

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AREA HAVE BEEN CLEARED. WESTERN GATE OF LOCK BETWEEN ARRIERE PORT AND BASSIN A FLOT HAS BEEN DAMAGED AND IS HALF OPEN EASTERN GATE

UNDAMAGED. ALL CRANES DAMAGED. 1 REPAIRABLE. ELECTRIC POWER STATION BLOWN UP. FEW FISHING VESSELS SUNK IN SOUTHWEST SIDE OF

BASSIN A FLOT ARE BEING RAISED. //

(C) UNLOADING FIGURES

	TR	TROOPS	VEHICLES	STORES
BRITISH		860653	214885	1580308
US		1326271	240667	2208307
TOTAL (D PLUE 99)		2186924	455552	3788615

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ADVANCE. THE DELAYED ARRIVAL OF THESE SERVICE UNITS WILL ALSO REDUCE OUR ABILITY TO RECEIVE AND SUPPORT ADDITIONAL COMBAT UNITS WHOSE ENTRY INTO TOULON AND MARSEILLES ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED.

3. AT PRESENT ALL CRAFT IN SUPPORT OF DRAGOON ARE BEING USED AT MAXIMUM CAPACITY IN ORDER TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF A RAPIDLY EXPANDING FRONT. DO NOT CONCUR THAT SHIPPING LISTED IN PARA 1 CAN BE WITHDRAWN ON 1 OCTOBER WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO CONDITIONS OF 7TH ARMY AND CONTINENTAL BASE SECTION.

4. RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTURE DATE OF THIS SHIPPING BE AFTER 20 OCTOBER. THIS ANSWERS NCWTF RADIO 082112B.

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From: CG, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward on Continent

To: War Department

No: FWD 14853 SCAF 82 14 September 1944

Your FACS 78. This is SCAF 82 to AGWAR for Combined
Chiefs of Staff, for information SHAEF MAIN for British Chiefs
of Staff from SHAEF FORWARD, FWD 14853, signed Eisenhower cite
SHGCT TOPSECRET.

I have already instituted measures to give full sup-
port to our advance on the northern line of approach to Germany.
The essential preliminary is to secure and open Antwerp or
Rotterdam without one of which a deep thrust in strength into
Germany can not be sustained.

End.

This message has been relayed to OCTAGON.

ACTION: CCS
INFO : GEN ARNOLD
ADM LEAHY
GEN HANDY
GEN BISSELL
ADM KING
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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward on Continent

To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Headquarters, Communications Zone, European Theater
of Operations, U S Army, France

No: FWD 14827 14 September 1944

SHAEF Forward signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT G-3 141330
B Sixth Army Group info ANXF: AEAF (Main): EXPOR: Twelfth
Army Group: Seventh Army: FAAA: USSTAF: Bomber Command:
Comm Z (Main) AFHQ: AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff:
SHAEF Main for British Chiefs of Staff. FWD 14827. TOPSEC.

1. Combined Chiefs of Staff (FACS 76-FAN 413 of
13 September) have directed the transfer of operational
control of Sixth Army Group and 12th Tactical Air Command to
Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, with effect
from 15 September in accordance with SCAF 77 of 9 September,
copies of which have been sent to those concerned.

2. Current directive to Allied Expeditionary Force
is contained in my FWD 13765 of 4 September, which is being
repeated separately to you, copy to AFHQ.

3. The mission of Sixth Army Group (to be referred to
hereafter for purposes of operational directives, only, as
Southern Group of Armies) is: To destroy the enemy in zone
west of the Rhine, secure crossings over the Rhine and breach
the Siegfried Line between Basle and Strasbourg.

4. Boundary between Southern and Central groups of
Armies, subject to adjustment in detail by agreement by the

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
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Commanders in Chief concerned, Langres-Epinal-Strasbourg,
all inclusive to Southern Group of Armies.

5. To support the ground operations, 12th Tactical
Air Command will operate under command of Commanding General,
9th Air Force. Any demands for air support beyond the
resources of 12th Tactical Air Command will be submitted to
9th Air Force.

6. AFHQ is requested to arrange with Southern Group
of Armies to make available to Central Group of Armies as
soon as possible any surplus capacity on the supply routes
from Marseilles.

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FACS 76 is CM-IN-10997 (12 Sept 44) CC/S
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INFO: Adm Leahy Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold Adm King
Gen Handy C of S

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From: War Department.

To: Quebec, Canada.

Nr: 30831

14 September 1944.

COSITINTREP No. 163. Brief of operations report from Eisenhower.

Naval.

Report from Free French sources dated September 4th, believed reliable, states no U-Boats were left at St. Nazaire. The harbor-master of Zeebrugge states dock walls and dock gates were damaged but controlled mine field is intact. Local sources report considerable mining on both sides of canal entrance. Slips south side of fish docks believed not to be mined.

Captured Ports. Le Havre. Entrance to Avant port blocked by at least three ships and one barge. It may be possible to avoid obstructions at high water. Large area of city north of Avant port and Arriere port totally destroyed, also all buildings in the dock areas. All quays and docks extensively damaged but detailed survey of installations is not yet possible owing to enemy sniping.

Le Treport. Most mines in approaches and land mines in harbor area have been cleared. Western gate of lock between Arriere port and Bassin A Flot has been damaged and is half open; eastern gate is undamaged. All cranes were damaged, one is repairable. Electric power station was blown up. A few fishing vessels were sunk in the southwest side of Bassin A Flot and are being raised.

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From: War Department.

Nr: 30831

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Unloading figures.

	Troops	Vehicles	Tons Stores
British	860,653	214,885	1,580,308
United States	1,326,271	240,667	2,208,307
Total D plus 99	2,186,924	455,552	3,788,615

Air.
During period from 1900Z, September 12th, to 1900Z, September 13th, a total of 955 sorties were flown by the 9th Air Force, 2nd Tactical Air Force and Air Defense of Great Britain. Targets were in the area of Flushing-Rotterdam-Arnheim-Venlo, the causeway between Walcheren and Zuid-Beveland, road and rail crossing north of Bath, and Mont Lambert near Boulogne. One enemy aircraft was destroyed and one probably destroyed. One bomber and seven fighter-fighter bombers were lost and three bombers and one fighter-fighter bomber damaged. Royal Air Force Bomber Command flew six sorties on the Steenvijk-Havelte Airfield.

End

CONFERENCE DISTRIBUTION:

INFO: Admiral Leahy, General Marshall, Admiral King,
General Arnold, General Handy, General Bissell,
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Effort from the U.K. and France

Eighth Air Force

For the second successive day heavy bombers concentrated on synthetic oil plants. 888 heavy bombers, escorted by 720 fighters, bombed two natural oil plants at Misburg and Heide-Hemmingstedt, west of Kiel. Repeat attacks were made on synthetic plants at Ruhland, Bohlen, Magdeburg and Brax. Also attacked V-1 plant at Kiel and Magdeburg Ordnance Depot. Results were generally unobserved with some good results reported. Fighters encountered intense air opposition in Berlin-Magdeburg area and moderate to intense flak at all targets. Claims 106-4-48. Losses 43 heavy bombers, 17 fighters.

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Intelligence

It is now estimated German oil production for September will be 20% of pre-attack as compared with 30% during month of August.

Effort in Mediterranean

Fifteenth Air Force

164 B-17's, 323 B-24's, 105 P-38's, 213 P-51's dispatched. 959 tons dropped on Lechfield aerodrome, Allach BMW engine works and Wasserberg jet-propelled aircraft factory. Results reported generally fair. Nil flak at Wasserberg, but moderate to intense accurate heavy at Lechfield and Allach. No enemy aircraft were encountered. Preliminary reports state 3 B-17's, 14 B-24's, 1 P-38 are missing.

GROUND

North France

lt Myers → British capture of Le Havre will also render the excellent port of Rouen available for deep water vessels. It is estimated that within 90 days or less Le Havre and Rouen together can handle 17,000 tons per day of ocean-going tonnage, in addition to LST's and smaller craft. In the Ghent area modest advances were made by British Armour pending reliefs, which are about to be carried out. The 11th British Armoured Division and the Guards Armoured Division continued to consolidate their positions across the Albert Canal against considerable resistance. On the 1st Army front there were three advances into German territory. Heaviest resistance was

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between Liege and Aachen where the 3rd Armoured Division was meeting strong resistance and anti-tank defenses. Between Thionville and approximately 25 miles south of Nancy, the 3rd Army had at least three bridgeheads across the Moselle with the bulk of two armoured and four infantry divisions across the river.

South France

Opposition principally of the 11th SS Panzer Division was stiffening south of Belfort and the German reinforcements from the north were being sent to the area. A combat command of the 6th Armoured Division recently operating in Brittany helped to solidify the union of the 3rd and 7th Armies. Between Mazon and Valence, there are six operational airfields, on which are based three groups of F-47 fighter bombers, 1 group of light bombers, 1 squadron of AAF-operated Beaufighter night fighters and two squadrons of photo reconnaissance aircraft, as well as 16 squadrons of RAF and French-piloted fighter bombers. Six other airfields south of Valence were not being presently used as bases.

Italy

On Eighth Army front contact with enemy maintained and enemy attempting to hold present line in strength.

On Fifth Army front advances slowed by mines. Slight enemy artillery fire and no contact.

Intelligence

Reports indicate Germans have now withdrawn into the Gothic Line.

Russia

Russian troops captured the communication center of Deva, 208 miles southeast of Budapest. Deva is in valley of Mures River and Russians have now traversed the most difficult terrain in the area. Further advances were made east of Anid. German communique reports repelling violent Russian attacks east of Warsaw.

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CORDITE No. 170

13th September, 1944.

From V.C.I.G.S. for C.I.G.S.

Following personal telegram for C.I.G.S. No. M.200 dated 12th September received from F.M. Montgomery.

Begins:

You will have (heard ?) that Havre was captured this morning but no repetition no details as yet about state of port but I hope we may have Boulogne by 16th Sept. Having captured Havre Canadian Army will now devote its attention to operations designed at present to enable Antwerp to be used as a Port and this will involve holding of both sides of lower river and the capture of Walcheren Island. Today I visited the bridgeheads over Albert Canal. There is no repetition no change in these situations since yesterday. The fighting in both bridgeheads has been of most intense and bitter type but all attempts by the enemy to eliminate bridgeheads have failed.

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Following personal telegram M/186 dated 10 Sept. for C.I.G.S. received from Field Marshall Montgomery. Begins - There is little to report today. 2nd Army have two bridgeheads over Albert Canal. The right one is at Beerlingen and Guards Armd. and 11th Armd. are both now North of the Canal and the bridgehead extends through Bourg Leopold and up to De Groot and St. Hubert. The second one is South of Gheel and 50 Div. are over the River and hold Gheel itself.

The grouping of the Divs. is as follows. 30 Corps have Guards Armd. 11th Armd. and 50 Div. 12 Corps in Antwerp Area have 7th Armd. 15th Div. and Allied Div. 8th Corps. is back on the Seine and is now about to move up and it has 3rd Div. and 43 Div. 1st Corps is investing Havre and has 49 Div. and 51 Div. 2nd Canadian Corps is in Pas de Calais and has the three Canadian Divs. and the Polish Armd. Div.

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
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To: War Department
7th Army (US)
Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy
CG 6th Army Group Main

Nr: FWD 14683

13 September 1944

This is G-2 Summary Number 99. FWD 14683 to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDGBI. APHQ Advance Detachment. EXPOR. Ninth United States Army. Tac Twelfth Army Group. First Allied Airborne Army. Seventh Army for action to APEQ cite SHGBI. AEAF Rear. AEAF Advanced SHAEF Main cite SHGBI. First United States Army Group. Headquarters Communications Zone Forward. Main Headquarters Twelfth Army Group. XIII United States Corps for info from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI Forward

Operations. On First German Army front heavy opposition still offered on Moselle. Strong small arms and mortar fire met Allied Infantry crossing of river at Flavigny (Z 89) south of Nancy. Due west of Nancy enemy forced out of Gondreville and Fontenoy but continued to improve his positions in Foret de Hay (U71). Counter attacks were continually launched against Allied bridgehead at Corny.

West of Metz a defense line is reported in form of bridgehead across the river. North of Metz enemy reluctantly abandoned Villerupt (U 26) and Audon (U 68) after strong rearguard fight. In Luxembourg Allies made advances and at one place (to the north) crossed the German Frontier. Further north the enemy gave up Eupen and Malmédy and in the Maastricht Gap enemy fell back at one place into Holland. Elsewhere the enemy retired over the Dutch Frontier under pressure of an

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Allied bridgehead over the Meuse Escaut Canal.

The ports of Le Havre and Oibonerberghs were reduced and in the south troops of Third and Seventh Allied Armies joined up.

Movements.

Line Osnabruck Rotterdam, movement west of loaded trains. Line Frankfurt Bingen Homburg military trains present. Movement west military and goods trains line Mannheim Kaiserslautern Saarbrucken. Anti-aircraft present number of stations line Stuttgart Karlsruhe Mulhouse. 42 Light anti-aircraft present Freiburg. Possible detraining Mulhouse Mullheim.

Prisoners of War.

Estimated accumulative total captured to 2400 hours 8th September (excluding Twelfth Army Group figures 7 to 8 September) 321,458.

Miscellaneous.

Estimated that enemy casualties in the west by the time he reaches the west wall will be at least 900,000. This includes, in round numbers: 400,000 Prisoners of War, 200,000 cut off in port fortresses or in isolated columns in South France, 200,000 long term wounded, and 100,000 killed.

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Re: FWD 14683

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It is reported that Military Districts 5, 6 and 12 (the Frontier Districts) have been totally mobilized for defense of Siegfried Line. Units manning fortifications will be reinforced by men untrained, physically unfit and under thirty five years of age.

Units of 105th Panzer Brigade appear to bear as independent number that of Brigade plus 2000.

The report of regrouping of combat tested "Light Infantry Division" north of Belfort suggests 15th Panzer Grenadier Division.

It is now known that 19th Infantry Division consists of 59th, 73rd and 74th Grenadiers. First two have three battalions, the third only two.

One thousand tanks reported in Forest of Reichswald (E 85) in Holland on 8th September presumably a pool for re-fitting Panzer Divisions.

Major General Count Stolberg-Stolberg, commanding 136th Division Staff ZBV, captured Antwerp 4th September states General Salmuth left for Germany about 28th August and handed over command of Fifteenth Army to General Von Zanger, formerly in Italy.

Prisoners of War state as hearsay SS Colonel General Sepp Dietrich, commanding Fifth Panzer Army was killed on 30 or 31 August when his car ran into a British tank spearhead.

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General.

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Enemy's weakness in Luxembourg and Ardennes is resulting in rapid withdrawal to Siegfried Line. Further south, however, he has evidently determined to hold the Moselle and the Vosges as long as possible and is bringing up armour to support the final withdrawal of Nineteenth Army, now in very poor condition, into the Belfort Gap. Numerous enemy columns now shut out in South France will probably surrender without much fight.

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To: War Department
Quebec, Canada (Relayed from War Department as
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Nr: FWD 14583 12 September 1944
FWD 14583 to Somervell from Lee signed Eisenhower.
Telephone conversation, reference, your questions.

Daily capacity over OMAHA planned September 9000
long tons, actual August 11,500 long tons.

Over UTAH planned September 6000 long tons actual
August 7000 long tons.

Over Cherbourg planned September 10,000 long tons
actual August 13,000 long tons. Cherbourg expected to
develop 20,000 long tons by 1st October. Small port capa-
city approximately 3500 long tons. Personnel staging area
capacity 100,000. The ports and beaches now in use are
Cherbourg and small ports St Vaast, Barfleur, Isigny,
Carentan, Granville, St Brieux, and Morlaix. Beaches are
OMAHA and UTAH.

Rail lines of communication: Cherbourg, Lison,
Mesinon, Surdon, Dreux, Paris-Laon and Paris-Somme-sous.
Lison, Filigny, Rennes, Laval, Le Mans, Chartres, Dreux
Paris and beyond as given below.

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Road lines of communication are: St Lo, Virg,
Laigle, Dreux, Versailles, outer Paris belt, Ronesse,
Soissons.

Second east-bound road: Dreux-Melun-Esternay-
Sommeaus. Contemplated use of the same ports and lines
of communication referred to in paragraph above.

Cherbourg and the beaches with small ports will be
used for the reception of general cargo and troops. All
ocean going vessels carrying troops under 12,000 tons will
be discharged at the beaches except when weather precludes.
Vessels over 12,000 tons containing troops are discharged
in Cherbourg. Granville will be used as a coal port. St
Malo and temporarily St Brieux will be used, some for
supplies but largely to augment the coal capacity of Gran-
ville. The policy of supplies moving forward is essentially:

Bulk tonnage will be shipped by rail. Special
shipments and supplemental shipments over and above rail
capacity by truck and by air.

Truck companies are allocated for supply movement,
the number varying with the tonnage to be moved. At
present 185 "equivalent" truck companies are being used for
haul. Truck companies are evaluated in terms of standard
truck company of 50 each, 2 1/2 6 x 6 trucks. The road given
above, called the Red Ball route is used for one way traffic

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to the east. Return traffic is along a selected road slightly south of this road.

Brest:

The use of this port depends entirely on the time element and the ease of reconstruction. If Brest is seriously damaged, and every indication points to that * tonnage for the early support of the operation cannot be handled. It is possible that by the time adequate tonnage could be received through Brest, a much greater capacity might be made available through channel or north coast continental ports. Marseilles is under investigation for handling personnel and tonnage. Information will be given later on its possible use. The Havre will be developed for interim tonnage until such time as US Forces are allocated tonnage at Antwerp when the approaches to that port are cleared of resistance. A reported condition of the port of Antwerp, substantiated by reconnaissance, indicates that it is in good condition and can receive ocean going vessels after the river and estuary are cleared of mines, which is estimated at 10 days after all resistance in the area is overcome.

Request has been made to SHAEF to use Antwerp jointly with the British. It is of great importance to US operations to receive tonnage capacity in north-east ports because of the need for shortening our lines of communication.

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Forward MT line just east of Chartres. Rear MT line Somfront. AV gas line Alencon. It is planned to continue the construction of the pipe line to the crossing of the Seine and stop the lines in that vicinity. The next development will be from Antwerp to the south-east.

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Rail lines have been connected to Paris, and at the present time, up to 24 trains a day can be passed around the city. Two main directions of advance beyond Paris are in operation at present: Paris to Laon, with the railroad about to be opened to Verdon. Paris through Sezanne to Vitry le Francois. With the exception of a short stretch, rail communication to commerce will be available in the very near future. Reconstruction has been ordered, largely to be done by the French, on the main line right from Versailles, Les Forges, Terignier, Boussigny. French reconnaissance indicates that from Laon to Liart to Valenciennes is open at the present time. This latter line taps the French and Belgian coal fields.

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ACTION: General Somervell

INFO : General Marshall, Admiral King, General Handy,
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Combined Chiefs of Staff
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12 September

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward Echelon, France

Allied Force Headquarters,
Advance Command Post,
Caserta, Italy

War Department
Washington, D.C.

Nr: OCTAGON 15

TOPSEC to Eisenhower and Wilson for action. This message
is FACS 76 to Eisenhower and FAN 413 to Wilson from the
Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Effective 15th September SCAEF will assume command
of 'DRAGOON' forces according to plan recommended in SCAF
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To: War Department
Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater of
Operations, US Army, France

No: 16 12 September 1944

OCTAGON 16 TOPSEC to SHAEF France for Eisenhower,
FACE 78 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff info WAR.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff approve the proposals set out in SCAP 78.
2. In transmitting this approval, the Combined Chiefs of Staff draw your attention:-

(A) To the advantages of the northern lane of approach into Germany, as opposed to the southern. They note with satisfaction that you appear to be of the same mind.

(B) To the necessity for opening up the north west ports, and particularly Antwerp and Rotterdam, before the bad weather sets in.

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(A) ASSAULT AREA DAY 10TH. HMS WARSPITE AND HMS EREBUS CARRIED OUT A SUCCESSFUL BOMBARDMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ASSAULT ON HAVRE.

(B) GENERAL. CTF 125 REPORTS THAT ST BRIEUC HARBOUR WILL BE OPENED FOR COASTERS (5) DRYING OUT ON 11TH SEPTEMBER.

DIEPPE NOW HAS 12 COASTER BERTHS AVAILABLE AND SHIPS OF 17 FEET MAXIMUM DRAUGHT WILL BE TAKEN WHEN LOCK GATES ARE REPAIRED ON ABOUT 14TH SEPTEMBER. A TOTAL OF 14 BERTHS WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE INCLUDING ONE FOR A HOSPITAL SHIP AND ONE FOR A COLLIER.

(C) INTELLIGENCE. (1) USHANT. THE SITUATION IS NOT CLEAR ALTHOUGH THE ISLAND IS REPORTED TO BE CLEAR OF THE ENEMY THERE BY STILL BE A SMALL POCKET OF TROOPS THERE.

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(2) NOIRMOUTIER IS REPORTED (9TH SEPT) TO BE CLEAR
OF THE ENEMY WITH ALL BATTERIES DESTROYED.

(D) UNLOADING FIGURES. NOT YET RECEIVED.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
Re: FX 23832 11 September 1944

G2 summary number 30 FX 23832 to for action TROOPERS,
AGWAR to for info ~~SECRET~~, MIDWEST, SOMTO, LPA, ACC, AAI and
Seventh Army CP signed Wilson cite FHGBI.

1. France. Enemy continues to offer heavy resistance south and southwest Belfort. Opposition still mainly from 11th Panzer Division though 30th SS Division should be in neighborhood. Latter shown by document to be composed of Russian volunteers and referred to also as 2nd Russian Division. According to PWs divisional Engineer, Recce, A-TK and Signal Units still in embryonic state and morale of whole division extremely low. Entire 2nd Battalion of 2nd Gren Regt said to have deserted to Maquis recently. Elsewhere sporadic resistance only met by our troops though some attempt being made to delay south of Dijon. Roads west of Dijon reliably reported to be filled with large enemy columns moving eastwards on foot on 8th. General impression east of Dijon is of small disorganized groups scrambling back through narrowing gap. According PWs overall company strength 198th Division 40 men and 159th Reserve Division already at half strength when it arrived Besancon to relieve 11th Panzer Division.

2. Italy. Nothing to report.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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3. Balkans. Yugoslavia. Partisans captured Der-
venta also Prijedor and now control area between exclusive
Bos Novi and Banja Luka. East of Sarajevo Partisans hold
all way to inclusive Pozeza. Unconfirmed report 92nd Gren-
adier Brigade moving towards Mostar possible destination
quoted as Belgrade. Enemy probably thinning out Brac where
moving heavy equipment from Nerezische, and Korcula where
dismantling * strong point. BLO reports elements 3 divisi-
ons ex Greece at Wolasin. This appears exaggerated but re-
capture Kolasin 5 September underlines enemy interest road
Witrovica-Pokiyrica as terminal of reinforcement route from
Greece. Prilep Bulgar garrison reported fighting alongside
Partisans. Serbian communications chaotic due cross move-
ment of Bulgars and Germans troop movements: Elements of
Hungarian Light Division reported Novigrad ex Budapest. In-
dications 373 Germans-Croats in area southeast Sisak, while
BLO states moving *, but distinction these movements if con-
firmed unknown. Greece and Aegean. Cephaloni now virtually
clear of enemy. Air transport from Rhodes continues also
northwards from Salonika probably to Nis. "Huge division
column" reported arrived Arta from Agripion. This possible
movement north of elements 104th Jaeger Division. Elms troops
in Peloponnese reported ready to take over towns evacuated by
Germans. Former also alleged to have issued ultimatum to
German Garrison Athens and to be prepared to attack if nego-
tiations unsuccessful.

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To: War Department
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TROOPERS, London
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Advanced 6th Army Group

Nr: FWD 14238 8 Sept 1944

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In Brittany enemy resisting along axis Brest-La
Trinite road.

1. Operations.

Anti Aircraft guns used exclusively against ground targets past ten days. Lorient still holding out. Indications elements LXIV Corps column from south west receiving some supplies by air vicinity La Charite (M44). Elements 16th Infantry Division observed moving east along Chaumont flank.

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On First Army front enemy withdrawing north east from Nancy (U 81) again where 553rd and 559th Infantry Divisions identified but heavy resistance continued encountered at bridgehead-Pont A Mousson (U 73). Sharp resistance offered to our attempted fording Moselle at Arneville (U 74). Corps troops of LXXX Corps captured Sedan (O 92) area. Liege liberated by Allies.

South west of Antwerp disorganized troops attempting to cross River Scheldt to the north in attempt to escape. Enemy garrisons in Dunkirk, Calais, Boulogne reported to be from 226th, 245th, 346th, 711th and 331st Infantry Divisions. Calais and Boulogne harbours reported partly blocked by sunken ships. Captured order from LXXXVI Corps shows 64th, 59th, 17th German Air Force Divisions under command LXXXIX Corps from 5th September.

2. Movements. Nothing to report.
3. Prisoners of War.

Estimated accumulative total captured to 2400 hours 4th September (excluding 12th Army Group figures 4th Sept):
250173.

4. General.

Fifteenth Army shows no signs of retiring altogether

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into port fortresses and no signs of fighting way out eastward or holding firm line. Intention presumably to evacuate as much as possible by ferries and perhaps by sea to Holland. Seventh Army having swung back onto and beyond the Metse, no very effective opposition has yet been mustered to stop Allied advance across Albert Canal. Both Seventh and Fifth Armies have apparently disengaged most of their armoured remnants: Panzer elements withdrawn from Seventh Army reported to be splitting into two groups one going north from Liege and one west, presumably to refit. Both armies still falling back from their chosen river lines, and left flank of First Army swinging back freely after loss of Nancy. Not satisfactorily he patched up west of the Rhine, though some reasonably strong covering force must hold Vosges at least until forces from south get through to Belfort.

End

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- A. INTELLIGENCE. ANTWERP PORT DEMOLITIONS ARE STATED TO BE SLIGHT. MORLAIX WILL BE READY 7 SEPTEMBER TO ACCOMMODATE 6 LIBERTY SHIPS AT MOORING AND 8 COASTERS IN HARBOUR. A LIMITED ANCHORAGE EXISTS AT ROSCOFF. DIEPPE OUTER HARBOUR IS NOW OPEN FOR NOT MORE THAN 6 COASTERS. FFI ABOUT 1500 STRONG BUT WITH VERY FEW ARMS CONTROL CABLES D'OLONNE AND ARE IN COMMUNICATION WITH LA TRANCHE, LA ROCHE SUR YON, BEAUVOIR SUR MER AND ST GILES. THEY CONTINUE TO REPORT CONSIDERABLE ENEMY MOVEMENT FROM LOIRE ESTUARY TO LA ROCHELLE ALONG THE MAIN ROADS THRU PORNIC AND CHALLANS, LA ROCHE SUR YON AND LUCON.
- B. ASSAULT AREA. NOTHING TO REPORT.
- C. GENERAL. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FIGHTERS OF 2ND TAF SANK

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A 1500-TON SHIP AND SET ON FIRE A 1000-TON SHIP; ALSO DAMAGED A 200-TON COASTER AND 2 SMALL TRAWLERS, ALL OFF DUTCH COAST.

D. UNLOADING FIGURES:

<u>AREA</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>STORES</u>
BRITISH	834,301	208,397	1,493,940
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Situation Report No. 426.

- (1) U.S.S. (?Ludlow) gave fire support on 4th Sept. with good results against batteries and strong point between Cap Martin and Monaco. Slight opposition from one battery.
- (2) Underwater explosions in Port de Boucon 4th Sept. sunk French tug and badly damaged U.S. salvage ship. Port closed. Minesweeping continued (?in) Marseilles and Toulon (?Ports) and further magnetic mines were detonated.
- (3) An attack (?by) human torpedo a.m. 5th Sept. on ships in vicinity Monaco was driven off and (corrupt group) prisoners taken by U.S.S. LUDLOW.
- (4) Night 3rd/4th Sept. coastal force operating (?inside) Cephalonia Island sank 2 caiques and 3 lighters off (?Oxia) Island. 21 prisoners.
- (5) On 5th Sept. U.M.S. UNDINE and H.M.S. URCHIN bombarded gun positions in Rimini area. Hits were observed and batteries silenced. Some return fire causing no damage to destroyers of mine sweepers also operating in vicinity.

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VARIOUS OFFICERS IN THE SECRET ARMY OF BELGIUM REPORTED WIDESPREAD RAILWAY SABOTAGE THROUGH OUT BELGIUM RECENTLY. 8 LOCOMOTIVES WERE DESTROYED AT LIEGE, 11 RAILWAY POINTS WERE CUT AT PIETON, 3 WATER PUMPS WERE DESTROYED AT LUTTRE, A TRAIN CARRYING WAR MATERIAL FOR FRANCE WAS DERAILED AT LIEGE-NAMUR LINE, AND RAIL CUTS MADE AT ROSOUX HAVE DEMOLISHED TRAINS CARRYING FLYING BOMBS FOR 6 DAYS. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS OTHER REPORTS OF RAILWAY SABOTAGE. ATTACKS BY SAS AND FFI TROOPS ARE PARTICULARLY HEAVY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COTE DOR. GERMAN CONVOYS ON THE CHATILLON LANGRES-DIJON ROAD ARE UNDER ALMOST CONSTANT ATTACK. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YONNE*THE TOWN OF TONNERRE HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY FFI, WHO ARE NOW AMBUSHING GERMANS IN THE VICINITY

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OF AVILLON. COMBINED FFI AND SAS FORCES ARE INTENSIFYING GUERILLA WARFARE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HAUTE MARNE. GUERILLA ACTION IS TAKING PLACE IN THE ARDENNES. FFI FORCES HAVE CAPTURED THE TOWNS OF RUFFEC, MANSLE, ANGOULEME IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDRE. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE VIENNE, FFI FORCES REPULSED GERMAN ATTACK ON TURSAC AND INFLECTED HEAVY LOSSES PU WARX*. THE FFI ATTACKED AND CAPTURED THE TOWN OF ROURGOIN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ISERE; 100 GERMANS WERE KILLED AND OVER 200 TAKEN PRISONER. SINCE THE 30TH AUGUST, 81 SPECIAL AIR SERVICE TROOPS, 4 JEDBURGH TEAMS, AND 337 TONS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION HAVE BEEN SENT FROM ENGLAND TO FRANCE. 2 OPERATIONAL GROUPS AND 2 JEDBURGH TEAMS HAVE BEEN SENT FROM NORTH AFRICA TO FRANCE. TOTAL SINCE D DAY, INCLUDING OPERATIONS FROM NORTH AFRICA: - 1,574 SAS TROOPS, 74 JEDBURGH TEAMS, 18 OPERATIONAL GROUPS, 103 JEEPS, 7,344 TONS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

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(A) GENERAL.

WEATHER HAS IMPROVED SUFFICIENTLY TO RESUME SHIPPING MOVEMENT TO AND FROM ASSAULT AREAS. DOVER HEAVY BATTERIES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO OPEN FIRE ON FRENCH COAST OWING TO RAPID APPROACH OF ARMY TO CHANNEL PORTS OF BOULOGNE AND CALAIS. THIS COMES AFTER A SHARP ENGAGEMENT LAST NIGHT WHEN ABOUT 100 ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM EACH SIDE.

(B) ASSAULT AREAS AND CAPTURED PORTS.

FIVE COASTERS ARRIVED AT OUISTREHAM YESTERDAY AND PASSED UP CANAL TO CAEN. HIS EREBUS WAS HIT FORWARD BY ENEMY SHELL WHILE BOMBARDING HAVRE PM TODAY. SHELL PASSED THROUGH BULGE FRACTURING MAIN SUCTION PIPE TEMPORARILY PREVENTING

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PUMPING OUT. FLOODING BECAME FAIRLY EXTENSIVE AND BOMBARDMENT WAS DISCONTINUED. 12 GERMAN C TYPE MINES HAVE BEEN FOUND BURIED IN QUAY SURROUNDING AVANT PORT AT DIEPPE.

(C) INTELLIGENCE.

(1) AN ESCAPER FROM USHANT REPORTS THAT AFTER HAVING EVACUATED THE ISLAND 25 HUNS RETURNED ON 3RD SEPTEMBER TO DEAL WITH A FEW DESERTERS WHO TOGETHER WITH LOCALS ARE FIGHTING THEM. AT 0600 THIS MORNING DRP BLYSKAWICA CLOSED TO 2 MILES OF USHANT UNOPPOSED AND SAW FRENCH FLAG FLYING.

(2) FFI AT SABLES DOLOMNE ESTIMATE 10,000 HUNS BETWEEN LOIRE ESTUARY AND PORNIC EVACUATING IN PARTIES OF 500 TO LA ROCHELLE VIA LA ROCHE SUR YON AND LUCON. CHOLET IS REPORTED FREE.

(3) RELIABLY REPORTED MAJORITY PORT INSTALLATIONS BREST NOW DESTROYED AND HARBOUR ENTRANCES PARTIALLY BLOCKED. THERE IS MUCH TRAFFIC BY BOAT WITH CROXON PENINSULA MOSTLY UNDER RED CROSS.

(D) UNLOADING FIGURES.

AREA	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	STORES
BRITISH	833,794	277,642	1,489,664
US	1,251,545	231,155	1,956,289
TOTAL (D PLUS 90)	2,085,339	438,797	3,445,953

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London, England

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addressees, ref no 062351B September 1944. COSITINTREP
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Part II. Naval.

A. Intelligence.

Antwerp port demolitions are stated to be
slight. Morlaix will be ready 7th September to accomodate
6 liberty ships at moorings and 8 coasters in harbour. A
limited anchorage exists at Roscoff. Dieppe outer harbour
is now open for not more than 6 coasters.

FFI about 1500 strong but with very few arms
control Sables D'Olonne and are in communication with La
Tranche, La Roche-Sur-Yon, Beauvoir-Sur-Mer and St Giles.
They continue to report considerable enemy movement from
Loire estuary to La Rochelle along the main roads through
Pornic and Challans, La Roche Sur Yon and Lucon.

B. Assault area.

Nothing to report.

C. General.

Yesterday afternoon, fighters of 2nd TAF
sank a 1500 ton ship and set on fire a 1000 ton ship, also
damaged a 200 ton coaster and 2 small trawlers all off
Dutch coast.

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D. Unloading figures.

	Personnel	Vehicles	Stores
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Total D plus 91	2,093,855	440,199	2,480,652

Part III. Air.

Summary of operations for period 2100B hours
4 September to 2100 hours 5 September 1944.

Total sorties	646
9th A.F.	261
2nd TAF	147
ADGB	238

Summary of targets.

Gun positions and strong points.

Claims: 2-0-0 (ground, 4 September).

Losses: 7 fighters/fighter bombers destroyed.

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Details of operations.

Gun positions and strong points.

96 Bostons and 110 Marauders on Brest 1298 by
500 GP poor to excellent.

Summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets:

RAFEC,

Total sorties 415

Summary of targets.

Port area and gun positions.

Claims: nil

Losses: nil

Details of operations.

348 aircraft on Le Havre 1812 tons good. 67
aircraft on Brest 384 tons good.

8th Air Force.

Total sorties 143.

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Summary of targets.

Gun positions.

Claims: 10-0-0

Losses: 3 bombers, 1 fighter.

Details of operations.

Gun positions: 143 Fortresses on Brest
450 tons GP fair to good.

Special information.

Nothing to report.

Enemy air operations.

There have been no sightings by AEF during the
period radar plotted 2 enemy aircraft, 1 off the hook of
Holland, the other 165 miles east of St. Andrews.

Flying bombs were active again after a lull of 88
hours, coming in from the hook of Holland. Of the 14
launched, 10 made landfall but none reached London. Claims:
2 destroyed by fighters.

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Operations, US Army, France

To: War Department

No. FWD 13907 6 September 1944

Second and Final part of FWD 13907.

Antwerp given up by Fifteenth Army so hurriedly that port area largely intact. Thus troops in Pas de Calais lose last landward escape route. In Bethune (R32) area resistance met from isolated pockets which together with mines have slowed down Allied advance.

Prisoner of War states SS Colonel General Dietrich now commanding Fifth Panzer Army.

Prisoners of War. Accumulative total captured up to 2400 hours (1st September excluding Twelfth Army Group captures 31st August and 1st September 232100.)

General. Estimates total strength of enemy field army now in a position to man German frontier about twenty divs at most incl 4 Panzer or Panzer Grenadier Divs. All divs have poor equipment, poor morale, hotch-potch organization and dazed command. If no other divisions are sent from other fronts, the line cannot be held.

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To: War Department
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CG Tactical Fifteenth Army Group, Italy

DTG: 06/0148 B 6 September 1944

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21 Army Gp Ninth United States Army First United States Army
Gp Hq Ccm Zone FWD MAIN Hq 12th Army Gp Adv Hq 12th Army Gp
XIII United States Corps First Allied Airborne Army. This
is G-2 Summary number 92.

One operations in Verdun area enemy retreat contin-
ues making increased use horse drawn tpt owing great short-
age motor tpt. 17th SS Pz Grenadier, 3rd Pz Grenadier and
15th Pz Grenadier Divs identified this sector. From area
enemys flight beyond Dinant (098) and Namur identification
received of 347th Inf Div, lately arrived from Holland.
Enemy pocket southwest of Mons now cleared included 9000 tps,
1500 motor vehicles and 40 tanks.

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

Nr: FWD 13856 5 September 1944

From SHAEF Forward, ref FWD 13856, to TROOPERS.
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Advance Detachment. AEAFF. SHAEF Main. AXFOR. Ninth
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Headquarters Communication Zone Forward. Main Headquarters
Twelfth Army Group. Advance Headquarters Twelfth Army Group.
Thirteenth United States Corps. First Allied Airborne Army
for info from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGSI.

Correction Page 2, Line 22.

3500. 27th, 3500. 30th, 8000. 16th German Air Force
Division, 165th Training and 182nd Training Divisions
eliminated. Total 130,000 men, with extremely inadequate
equipment, even in infantry weapons.

5. Most unlikely that more than 20,000 men coming
up as replacements making total 150,000.

6. Unidentified formations may account for a further
50,000 men in the area.

7. Total divisional troops in Northeast France and
Low Countries ~~was~~ about 260,000 maximum. Unlikely that
General Headquarters troops amount to more than 40,000,
making total Field Army troops 300,000 maximum.

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To: War Department

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for action TROOPERS AGWAR for WDGBI for info AFHQ for FHGBI,
AFHQ Advance Detachment, AEAFF for Bennett, SHAEF Main, EXPOR,
Ninth United States Army, First United States Army Group,
Headquarters Communication Zone Forward Main Headquarters
Twelfth Army Group, Advance Headquarters Twelfth Army Group,
XIII United States Corps, First Allied Airborne Army AFHQ
pass to AFHQ Adv ref no none 3 September 1944 cite SHGBI.

G-2 Summary No. 90.

Operations

On Third Army front enemy withdrawal greatly out-
distancing operation orders as shown by recent captured
order 3 Panzer Grenadier Division to hold Marne line whereas
Division is now back on Belgian Frontier. Enemy withdrawal
from Chaumont (Z-01) via Neufchateau (Z-53) and Nancy (U-81).

On First Army front withdrawal continues behind
only light and scattered resistance. Belgian border crossed
by Allies and Mons fallen.

On 21st Army Group Front in general no strengthening
of enemy resistance. Douai given up and elements 226 Infantry
Division put up only rearguard action in vicinity Doullens
(N-18).

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Captured operation order dated 1 September states
a regiment 245 Infantry Division to withdraw to line Somme (?)
Enemy contacted on outskirts of Havre where signs are he
will stand. Enemy withdrawal to Somme apart from Havre
garrison virtually complete.

Movement eastwards from Pas de Calais indicates
withdrawal from coast defences with exception fortress ports.

Movements. Nothing to report.

Prisoners of War.

Accumulative grand total up to 2400 hours 30 August
227651.

Miscellaneous.

Information (FWD 13702) from prisoners and documents
indicates Fuehrerhauptquartier was at Remilly (Q0247) south-
east of Metz as late as 28 August.

General.

General lack of contact with enemy armour in North,
and Tac R, both confirm numerous reports of withdrawal of
armour towards Namur and beyond, presumably to rest and to
protect Maastricht gap: line of Meuse below Namur seems

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next likely line to be defended. Infantry contacted is in state of great confusion and it is not possible to state where many Divisions are now located. General impression is that no line is being formed across Flanders, and only skeleton garrisons of static troops remaining in channel port fortresses: everything else likely to withdraw behind Meuse. In southern sector, main enemy resistance crystallizing in Metz area.

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To: War Department
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Army. First United States Army Group. Headquarters
Communication zone Forward. Main Headquarters Twelfth Army
Group. Advance Headquarters Twelfth Army Group. Thirteenth
United States Corps. First Allied Airborne Army for info
from Sultan signed Eisenhower, cite SHGBI.

Estimated that enemys 10th Panzer and 3rd Panzer
Grenadier Divisions in Belgium and Northeast France on
1st September were about 45,000 strong, that is, about 20%
of establishment, as follows:

1/0 1st SS Panzer, 4,000. 2nd, 3,000. 9th, 3,000.
10th, 2,000. 12th, 1,500.

2nd Panzer, 4,000. 9th, 3,000. 21st, 1,500.

17th SS Panzer Grenadier 2,000.

3rd Panzer Grenadier, 9,000. 15th, 9,000.

Total, 45,000.

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Theater of Operations, US Army, France

No. FWD 13856

5 September 1944

Armour all told might amount to 250 tanks or 15
percent of establishment.

Probable that replacements of men and material now
coming up but estimated these can scarcely hope to raise
the number of tanks at present by more than 350, mainly in-
ferior equipment, or the number of men by more than 15,000
making 600 tanks and 60,000 men as total Panzer strength.

Enemy infantry in Low Countries and Northeast France
estimated as follows:

47th Infantry Division, 9,000.							
48th, 6,000	49th, 6,000	64th, 7,000	70th, 7,000				
77th, 200	84th, 200	85th, 1,000	89th, 200				
226th, 6,000	243rd, 300	245th, 10,000	271st, 450				
272nd, 1,000	275th, 600	276th, 100	277th, 1,200				
526th, 150	331st, 3,000	338th, 4,000	344th, 2,000				
346th, 2,500	347th, 10,000	348th, 6,000	352nd, 200				
353rd, 130	363rd, 800	708th, 500	711th, 4,000				
712th, 8,000	719th, 8,000						

18th, 17th German Air Force Division, 600
4,000

3rd Paratroop Division, 1,000. 5th, 500. 6th, 4,000.

26th SS, 3rd *

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Estimated strength of 64th Corps and Nineteenth
Army about 60,000 Field Army troops plus over 100,000 other
personnel still attempting to evacuate.

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To: War Department

Nr: 153 5 Sept 1944

From Central group of Armies forward from Bradley
signed Eisenhower COSITINTREP addressees ref no QX 21292,
4th September 1944 COSITINTREP no 153 to 041200B Sept.

Destroy section of part 1 B sent at conference
5th Sept here follows section 1 B complete.

Part 1. Land section B. Section 1.

Intelligence, Identifications. 115 pgr of 15 Pz
Gr Div vic Autry (T-8978) VQPE Rcn Bn of 3 Pz Gr Div at
Foinville-Brienne (29 August); elements 1SS Pz Div vic
Charleroi. By PW 1041 Inf Regt and 1042 Inf Regt of 226
Inf Div 8 KM E of St Pierre (M 1841). By PW, elements of 3
Prcht Div vic Mons. By PW statement elements 2 Pz Div at
Libramont (P 3149). 30 SS Inf Div at Dijon. By doc; 16
Inf Div in assembly area vic Montbard 1 Sept.

Section 2. Ground operations.

CPS as follows: 80 Div. U 4623. 9 Div. 06079
3 Armd Div. J 3405. 1 Div 02784. Others no change.

Front line as follows: Third Army. XII Corps.
80 Div. U 4641. XX Corps. 7th Armd Div. CCR, U 1798;

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CCB U 1181. First Army. VIII Corps. 9 Div 08976, 09587, other no change. XIII Corps. 35 Div. No change 4 Armd Div. No Change. 80 Div Elms moved 15 miles N of Commercy. XX Corps 7 Armd Div CCA in vic Verdun. Remainder of Div moved N. 5 Div remainder of Div crossed Meuse R at Chainy U 2870. 90 Div. No change. XV Corps. 2 French Armd Div. No change.

First Army. VII Corps. 9 Div continued advance to Meuse R. 3 Armd Div. Completed reduction of enemy pocket SW of Mons J 3213 and prepared to attack E. 1 Div cleared area of remaining enemy pockets SW of Mons J 3213 and prepared to follow advance of 3 Armd Div. V Corps 28 and 4 Ind Divs and 5 Armd Div enroute to assembly areas S of Rocroi 0-6952. XIX Corps. Prepared to continue attack to E. 30 Div assembled vic H-9332. Mopped up local resistance pocket S of Tournai. 79 Div assembled vic H-8720 and continued mopping up local pocket of resistance S of Cournai. 2 Armd Div. Mopped up local resistance in vic of assembly areas H-8410 and J-2117.

End

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To: War Department
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From Twelfth Army Group Forward, from Bradley signed
Eisenhower to COSITINTREP addresses ref no CX-21334 6 September
1944 COSITINTREP no 154 to 05/1200B Sept 1944.

Part I. Land.

Section B. Section 4 Intelligence.

Identifications.

By PW in Mons area 47,276, 348, Inf, 10th SS PZ, 18th
OAF, and 6th Precht Div: Unofficial sources state PW's in Mons
area also taken from 12th SS, 116 PZ, 89th Inf, 272th Inf, 48th Inf,
271th Inf, 16th GAF, 326th Inf, and 1st SS Divisions.

By PW vic Amiens, 64th Inf Div at Nancy and to northward,
unconfirmed report of 3rd PZ Gren, also 15th PZ Gren Div.
Elements 16th Inf Div. Reported vic Dijon.

Section 2. Ground operations.

CP's as follows:

12th Army Group adv. S-6739 Ninth Army, Rennes.

Third Army, T-6543. 8th Division, U-6532.

First Army adv, N-7526.

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V Corps, O-3929. 9th Div, O-8885, 1st Div. J-3211.

XIX Corps, H-9123. 2nd Armd Div, H-8623. 30th Div,
H-9426. 79th Div, H-8718.

Others no change.

Front line as follows:

First Army.

VII Corps. 3rd Armd Div. CCA, J-9611; CCB, J-7211.
9th Div. 09888, 09471, 09478.

V Corps. 5th Armd Div. CCR, 08447, others no change.
Boundaries between Third and Ninth Armies:

GC 3 from cr with road N-826 W-4944 south to Meung
sur Loire F-5015 (all incl to Ninth Army).

Boundaries between Ninth Army and Comm Z:

Road N-155 from St Vivier sur Mer S-9708 to Dol S-9803-
road N-795 to Heds X-9374-road N 137 to Rennes Y-0153-Vilaine
R to Mes Sac H-8922-Road N-772 to Chateau Avant J-2108-road
N-775 to Pouvance J-3610 (all incl to Comm Z)-road N-775 to
Segre J-5904-road N-163 to St Lion d'Angers 07197-road N-770
to Chateaneuf sur Sarthe J-8802-roads GC-39 and GC-24,
Seiches 09890-road N-766 to Bauge P-1686 to Noyant P-3382 to

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Chateau la Valliere P-4885 to Chateau Renault P-9389-road N-10 to Vendeme P-1512 to cr with road N-826 thence east along road N-826 to Moree W-1544 to cr with road GC-3-W-4944 (all incl to Ninth Army).

Rear boundary First Army Seine R from inter-Army Group boundary to St Denis S-0652; road N-186 to junction road N-186 and N-3; road N-3 to Meaux S-4552; Marne R to inter-Army boundary.

Ninth Army.

Lt Gen. Simpson.

Assumed command of VIII Corps as now constituted.

VIII Corps.

- ✓ 29th Div. No change.
- ✓ 8th Div. No change.
- ✓ 2nd Div. No change.
- ✓ 83rd Div. No change.
- ✓ 6th Armd Div. No change.

Third Army.

XII Corps.

4th Army Div. No change.

80th Div. Concentrated vic U-6129, U-6717, NE and SE U-6410.

35th Div. No change.

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XX Corps.

7th Armd Div. No change.
5th Div. No change.
90th Div. No change.

XV Corps.

2nd French Armd Div. No change.

First Army.

V Corps.

Corps elements crossed Meuse R into Belgium and reached vic of 09955 and 08334.

5th Armd Div. Closed in assembly area vic 06952. CCR advanced across Meuse R 08447. 28th closed in assembly area vic 03510.

4th Div. Continued to close in area S of 06952.

VII Corps.

3rd Armd Div. CCA reached Namur J-9611. CCB liberated Charleroi J-6606 and advanced NE.

9th Div. On general line south from Namur with elements across the Meuse R at 09888, 09481 and 09275.

1st Div. No change.

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XIX Corps.

2nd Armd Div, 30th and 79th Inf Div continued to occupy assembly areas S Tournai. Rcn elms 6 miles E Mons J-3214.

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
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No: 154, 5th September 1944
COSITINTREP number 154 to COSITINTREP addressees.
Part II. Naval. 052328.

A. General.

Weather has improved sufficiently to resume shipping movement to and from assault areas.

Dover heavy batteries have been instructed not to open fire on French coast owing to rapid approach of Army to channel ports of Boulogne and Calais. This comes after a sharp engagement last night when about 100 rounds were fired from each side.

B. Assault areas and captured ports

5 coasters arrived at Ouistreham yesterday and passed up canal to Caen.

HMS Erebus was hit forward by enemy shell while bombarding Havre FM today. Shell passed through bulge fracturing main suction pipe, temporarily preventing pumping out. Flooding became fairly extensive and bombardment was discontinued.

12 German C type mines have been found buried in quay surrounding Avant port at Dieppe.

C. Intelligence.

1. An escaper from Ushant reports that

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after having evacuated the island, 25 Huns returned on 3rd September to deal with a few deserters, who, together with locals, are fighting them. At 0800 this morning CRP Blyskawica closed to 2 miles of Ushant unopposed and saw French flag flying.

2. FFI at Sables D'Olonne, estimate 10,000 Huns between Loire Estuary and Pornic, evacuating in parties of 500 to La Rochelle, via La Roche Sur Yon and Lucon. Cholet is reported free.

3. Reliably reported majority port installation Brest now destroyed and harbour entrances partially blocked. There is much traffic by boat with Crozon Peninsular mostly under Red Cross.

D. Unloading figures.

	Personnel	Vehicles	Stores
British	833,794	207,642	1,489,664
US	1,252,545	231,155	1,956,289
<u>Total D plus 90</u>	<u>2,085,339</u>	<u>438,797</u>	<u>3,445,953</u>

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Part III - Air.

Total sorties	364
9th Air Force	235
Second TAF	105
ADGB	24

Airborne operations.

Total sorties	9
46 Group	9

Summary of targets.

Nil.

Claims: Nil.

Losses: 1 fighter bomber damaged.

Details of operations. Nil.

Summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets.

RAFBC.

Total sorties	5
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Summary of targets. Nil.

Claims: Nil.

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Losses: Nil.

Details of operations: Nil.

Eighth Air Force: Nil.

Special operations.

Two Thunderbolts dropped leaflets on Dijon area.

Enemy air operations.

The only sighting during the period was 1 Focke Wulf 190 seen of the hook of Holland but it was lost in cloud no reaction was plotted by radar and there was no enemy activity against this country.

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INFO : CCS
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A. GENERAL.

BAD WEATHER HAS CONTINUED TO RESTRICT SHIPPING MOVEMENT AND UNLOADING.

B. ASSAULT AREA.

NIGHT 2/3. ARROMANCHES EXAMINATION VESSEL HMS GLEN AVON FOUNDERED IN GALE AND SS EMPIRE CURZON

(7007 TONS) WAS DRIVEN ASHORE. GALES HAVE RENDERED MINES SENSITIVE AND FURTHER RESTRICTED SHIPPING

MOVEMENT. CAEN CANAL IS NOW CLEAR FOR COASTERS AND BARGES AS FAR AS NOUVEAU QUAI.

C. MINESWEEPING.

DAY 3RD APPROACH CHANNEL TO DIEPPE HAS BEEN SEARCHED TO WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE PORT AND BUOYED TO

WITHIN 20 MILES. INSHORE CHANNEL HAS BEEN SEARCHED FOR MOORED MINES AND ONLY TO WITHIN 2 MILES OF THE

PORT. DAY 4TH WEATHER PREVENTED SWEEPING "D".

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UNLOADING FIGURES.

	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	STORES.
BRITISH	830344	206937	1485519
U.S.	1248467	230566	1944035
TOTAL D PLUS 89.	2078811	437503	3429554

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

Hr: FWD 13786 4 Sept 1944

From SHAEF Forward, reference
FWD 13786. This is G 2 summary number 91. To TROOPERS,
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Advance Detachment. ARAF for Bennett. SHAEF Main cite SHGBI,
EXFOR, Ninth United States Army, First United States Army
Group, Headquarters Communication Zone Forward, Main Head-
quarters Twelfth Army Group, Advance Headquarters Twelfth
Army Group, XIII United States Corps, First Allied Airborne
Army for info from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI
Forward.

1. Operations.

In Metz area German First Army has withdrawn east of
the Moselle. Charleroi hastily abandoned by Seventh Army
which apparently collapsed and remains fleeing north. Brussels
abandoned by Germans and road to Antwerp now open, no resist-
ance expected * Fifteenth Army to Pas de Calais which shows
signs of its withdrawal nearing completion. Havre garrison
still holding out.

2. Movements.

It is reported that on 31st August a "Cavalry"
Division left Holland complete for the south. This is
assumed to be 20th Mobil Brigade, elements of which have
already been reported from the Pas de Calais.

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Towards end August all German forces southwest France with exception garrisons some fortress ports assembled at Bordeaux, Angouleme, Poitiers, Saumur, Blois and Nevers to carry out under command 64th Corps complete evacuation southwest France. Principal military participants: 16th Infantry Division on north and 159th Training Division on south flank. Total number personnel in whole column believed neighborhood 80,000. Column consists many widely differing types of transport, consequently very strung out and difficult to control. From a third to a half of this pilgrimage now across river Allier at Moulins, Nevers and La Charite. Appears that future route of columns will be Autun-Besancon-Belfort-Mulhouse though it was originally reported to be going via Dijon perhaps towards Nancy.

3. Prisoners of War.

Accumulative total captures up to 2400 hours 31st August, excluding Twelfth Army Group prisoners of war on 31st August: 231523.

4. Miscellaneous.

August | Captured document shows following strengths 27th
344th Infantry Division 2 battalions.
17th German Air Force Division 530.
271st Infantry Division 448.
353rd Infantry Division 131.

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276th Infantry Division 93.
326th Infantry Division 150.
277th Infantry Division about 1200.
* Division about 800.
344th Infantry Division had four troops artillery.
17th German Air Force four anti tank, three assault
guns.
353rd Infantry Division four infantry guns.
Rest no artillery.

5. General.

Allied advance through * leaving the approaches to Holland practically undefended except by natural obstacles. Fifteenth Army will, when Allies reach Antwerp, be cut off in the coastal areas of Pas de Calais and Flanders. Fifth Panzer Army will be left with a deep exposed right flank along the Meuse, where it has had, however, the foresight to send some of its armour. Allied hold on Nancy is at junction of German Army Groups B and G, * almost denuded of troops: hence constitutes double threat, either of encircling movement rounds south flank of German First Army, or thrust from the north into Army Groups G, cutting across the withdrawal routes of considerably exhausted 64th Corps and Nineteenth Army. Essential use Army Group G to complete these withdrawals with greatest possible rapidity.

* Being serviced

End

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To: War Department

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Part I - Land.

Section A. Period to 041200B.

Section I - Intelligence.

By PW. 13 Coy 936 GR of 245 Div area west of Abbeville. By captured document dated 29 Aug showed 1 SS Pz Corps withdrawn to area Albert. Another document undated shows 935 GR of 245 Div north of Somme area Abbeville.

Section II - Ground Operations.

Second Brit Army.

30 Corps. Gds Armd Div captured Brussels. Recce elements entered outskirts of town noon after midday 3 Sep and by last night 5 Gds Armd Bde and 32 Inf Bde were est in city and had control of all main exits.

11 Armd Div adv rapidly 3 Sep and by last night 29 Armd Bde conc area Wolverteem J 5966 with 159 Bde area

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SE of Alost J 4066. Each armd div adv approx 60 miles 3
Sep. 50 Div. 231 Bde moved to area Hal J 5343, 151 Bde to
area NE of Lens H5620. 63 Bde to Arras N 4799. 8 Armd Bde
screening southern exits from Lille.

12 Corps.

7 Armd Div. 22 Armd Bde turned east to Bethune area
to bypass demolitions on canal and arrived area H4020 - 4625-
4231. 131 Bde area south of Barlin H 3718. 4 Armd Bde area
1897.

53 Div. 160 Bde mopping up at St Pol H 1611. 158
Bde area H 1495. 71 Bde area Auxile Chateau N 3991.

15 (S) Div moved to area Feuillie M 5014.

First Cdn Army.

2 Cdn Corps.

4 Cdn Armd Div in corps res and reorganizing in area
M8081 - 8882.

1 Polish Armd Div. Recce elements reached R Authie
at M9102. 10 Polish Armd Bde gen area M 8392. 3 Polish
Inf Bde area M 7893.

1 Corps. 33 Armd Bde. Pwd elements in area L 6530.
49 Div. 56 Inf Bde conc in area L 5833. 146 Bde conc area
L6229. 147 Bde moving up to same gen area.

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Part I - Land, Section B.

Section I Intelligence.

Identifications:

115 PGR mopping up local pocket of resistance S of
Tournai.

2 Armd Div. Mopped up local resistance in vic of
assembly areas H-8410 and J-2117.

PGR of 15 PZ gr div vic Autey (T-8978); 103 Rcn Bn
of 3 Pz gr div at Poinville-Brienne (29 August); elements
1 SS Pz Div vic Charliroi.

By PW 1041 Inf Regt and 1042 Inf Regt of 226 Inf
Div 8 KM E of St Pierre (M-1841).

By PW, elements 3 Procht Div vic Mons.

By PW statement elements 2 Pz Div at Libramint
(P-3149); 30 SS Inf Div at Dijon.

By DOC; 16 Inf Div in assembly area vic Monbard (1
September).

Section II - Ground Operations.

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Part II. Naval. 042325.

A. General.

Bad weather has continued to restrict shipping movement and unloading.

B. Assault area.

Night 2nd/3rd. Arramanches examination vessel HMS Glen Avon foundered in gale, and SS Empire Curzon (7067 tons) was driven ashore. Gales have rendered mines sensitive and further restricted shipping movement. Caen canal is now clear for coasters and barges as far as Nouveau Quai.

C. Minesweeping.

Day 3rd. Approach channel to Dieppe has been searched to within 10 miles of the port and buoyed to within 20 miles. Inshore channel has been searched for moored mines only to within 2 miles of the port.

Day 4th. Weather prevented sweeping.

D. Unloading figures.

	Personnel	Vehicles	Stores
British	830,344	206,937	1,485,519
US	1,248,467	230,566	1,944,035
Total D plus 89	2,078,811	437,503	3,429,554

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Part III - Air.

Summary of operations for period 2100B 2 September
to 2100B 3 September 1944.

Total sorties	2482
Ninth Air Force	1809
Second TAF	296
ADGB	377

Airborne Operations.

Total sorties	4
38 Group	2
46 Group	2

Summary of targets.

2 bridges, gun positions in port area and 4 other
targets.

Claims: 2 Focke Wulfe 190 and 1 Dornier 217 destroyed
and 1 Messerschmidt 109 damaged.

Losses: 1 bomber and 16 fighters/fighter bombers
destroyed and 11 fighters/fighter bombers damaged.

Details of operations.

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Gun positions Brest area: 45 Bostons and 60 Marauders
642 500 GP fair to excellent. 16 Thunderbolts 29 500 GP un-
observed. 12 Bostons 48 500 GP fair, 35 Marauders 137 1000
GP good to excellent. 16 Thunderbolts 21 500 GP unobserved.
41 Thunderbolts 79 500 GP good to excellent. 32 Thunderbolts
53 500 GP unobserved.

Bridges: 48 Marauders on Brest area 214 1000 GP
fair to excellent. 16 Thunderbolts on Brest area (Q-9802)
24 500 GP excellent.

Other targets: 8 Thunderbolts on St Quentin (highways)
8 500 GP unobserved. 40 Thunderbolts on Cambrai/Mons (enemy
movements) 42 500 GP good. 12 Lightnings on Brussels (enemy
movements) 16 500 GP fair. 36 Lightnings on Courtrai/Mons/
Tournai/Arras (enemy movements) 24 500 GP fair.

Summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets.

RAFBC.

Total sorties 677

Summary of targets.

6 airfields in Holland.

Claims: Nil.

Losses: 2 Halifaxes

Details of operations.

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108 Lancasters on Glitz Rijen 662 tons good. 105
Halifaxes, 9 Lancasters, 6 Mosquitoes, on Venlo 571 tons
good. 110 Lancasters on Eindhoven 645 tons good, 105 Halifaxes, 9 Lancasters, 4 Mosquitoes on Volkel approximately
500 tons good. 105 Halifaxes, 9 Lancasters on Soesterberg
559 tons good. 103 Lancasters and 4 Mosquitoes on Deelen
580 tons good.

Eight Air Force.

Total sorties 393.

Summary of targets.

Gun position in port area.

Claims: 7-0-1 air. 0-0-1 ground.

Losses: 3 bombers, 3 fighters/fighter bombers.

Details of operations.

Gun position: 393 Fortresses on Brest area 1037. 9
tons GP fair to excellent.

Special operations.

8 Marauders dropped leaflets over Pas de Calais/Ghent
area with satisfactory results. 5 Fortresses dropped leaflets
over Saar Basin with good results and Thunderbolts
dropped leaflets in Brest area with satisfactory results.

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Enemy air operations.

The only sightings in the period consisted of 3 enemy aircraft over Louvain, of which 2 were shot down, and 1 enemy aircraft intercepted over Pelsin, which was damaged. 2 Reconnaissances operated but no enemy aircraft crossed the coast of this country and no flying bombs were despatched.

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A. INTELLIGENCE.

A REPORT FROM SABLES DOLONNE SHOWS THAT THE SITUATION IN THAT REGION IS FLUID AND UNCERTAIN WITH SMALL GROUPS OF GERMANS WITHDRAWING FROM AND SOMETIMES REOCCUPYING VARIOUS PLACES. THE MAIN ENEMY MOVEMENT IS FROM THAT DISTRICT TOWARDS LA ROCHELLE AND POITIERS. AT SABLE DOLONNE THE HARBOUR IS NOT MINED AND SHIPS DRAWING 12 FEET CAN BERTH AT HIGH WATER ON THE NORTH SIDE THOUGH THE PORT INSTALLATIONS ARE DEMOLISHED.

B. GENERAL.

PORT DIEPPE IS REPORTED FREE FROM ENEMY SHELLING. THE PORT INSTALLATIONS ARE DEMOLISHED BUT THE HARBOUR ENTRANCE ONLY PARTIALLY BLOCKED. CONVOY SAILINGS ARE SUSPENDED OWING TO BAD WEATHER.

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C. UNLOADING FIGURES.

	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	STORES
BRITISH	824,726	206,083	1,475,341
US	1,234,424	227,800	1,879,652
TOTAL D PLUS 87	2,059,150	433,883	3,354,993

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A. GENERAL.

MALAYA REPORTS HITS OBTAINED ON BOTH BATTERY POSITIONS AND BARRACK AREA AT CELEMBRE. USS MALOY STOPPED GERMAN STEAMER BORDEAUX PROCEEDING ST HELIER TO CELEMBRE. SHIP IS BEING BROUGHT TO PORTSMOUTH BY BRITISH WARSHIP. FORCE OF US MINESWEEPERS PROCEEDED TO CLEAN ST BRIEUC APPROACH. MINESWEEPERS AND PETER PARTY COMPLETED WORK IN CAEN CANAL. CANAL AND BASINS DECLARED CLEAR OF MINES.

B. UNLOADING FIGURES. BRITISH ASSAULT AREA, FIGURES NOT RECEIVED.

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And evacuated. Prisoner of war in this area from
226th Infantry Division: New identification said to be
commanded by F.M. Von Kloges brother.

Two prisoners of war. Accumulative grand total
to 29th August (excluding 12th Army Group figures for 28th-
29th August): 211473.

Four. General. No sign yet of any coherent enemy
strategy. 347th Infantry Division reported moving south-
wards, but no indication yet of which of Allied groups of
Armies it is to check.

Enemy reported by armies to be woefully weak in
equipment, tanks and horses. Morale and determination of
troops poor.

Three miscellaneous. Evidence from well placed

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prisoner of war that on 14th August Fifteenth Army strength
was 115000 men.

Large columns of enemy moving from Aubigny (M 07)
to Sancerre (M 35) thence to Loire at La Charite. Prisoner
of war this area states.

End

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CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

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Det AEAFF for Bennett SHAEP Main EXPOR Ninth US Army First
US Army Group Hq Com Zone Fwd Main Hq Twelfth Army Group
Adv Hq Twelfth Army Group XIII US Corps First Allied Air-
borne Army. First Part. This is G-2 Summary number 89.

To the south west Dieppe in our hands and reports
received Havre being mined.

On southeastern sector enemy continues to withdraw
with only slight contact with our forces. Movement eastward
observed in rear areas including barges on canals. In Somme
sector enemy resistance collapsing and delay imposed mainly
by mining. Our troops are beyond Arras on Lille road.
Identifications as expected.

End

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COSITINTREP 149 PART 2 NAVAL.

A. GENERAL.

NIGHT 29/30 AUGUST. AN ENEMY CONVOY WAS INTERCEPTED
BETWEEN LECAMP AND DIEPPE BUT ESCAPED INTO DIEPPE BEFORE
IT COULD BE SATISFACTORILY ENGAGED. IN THE ACTION HMS
CATTISTOCK WAS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

B. INTELLIGENCE.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LOCAL SOURCES
IS CONSIDERED IN GENERAL TO BE ACCURATE.

1. 15,000 GERMANS MAKING A STAND IN A POCKET ON THE
SOUTH SIDE OF THE LOIRE ESTUARY.

2. COAST FROM PORNIC TO AN UNSPECIFIED POINT
South of St Nazaire

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OPPOSITE THE DERE CLEAR OF GERMANS AND BATTERIES DESTROYED.

3. ILE NOIRMOUTIER EVACUATED. (*South of St Nazaire*)

4. GERMANS FORTIFYING AREA AROUND LA PALLICE AND LA ROCHELLE. (*Highway between St Nazaire + Bordeaux*)

C. UNLOADING FIGURES

	TROOPS	VEHICLES	STORES
BRITISH	815,439	203,678	1,448,077
UNITED STATES	1,220,118	224,316	1,809,595
TOTAL	2,035,557	427,994	3,257,672

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To: War Department

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SHAEF Forward G2 (01) 011700B TROOPERS AGWAR
21 Army Group AFHQ AEAF SHAEF Main AFHQ Adv Det Ninth US
Army First US Army Group Thirteenth US Corps First Allied
Airborne Army ref no FWD 13484.

Previous para 1 operations. This is G2 summary
number 88. To TROOPERS: AGWAR cite WDGBI for action to
21 Army Group, AFHQ cite PHGBI. AEAF for Bennett. SHAEF
Main. AFHQ Advance Detachment. Ninth United States Army.
First United States Army Group. Headquarters Communication
Zone Forward. Main Headquarters Twelfth Army Group. Ad-
vance Headquarters Twelfth Army Group. Thirteenth United
States Corps. First Allied Airborne Army for info from
Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

On Twelfth Army Group front advances made against
negligible interference to Commercy and Verdun where bridge-
heads established across River Meuse. No identifications
received. Our troops also in Montcornet (032) and Laon.
To the west enemy hopes of holding River Somme dashed by
our thrust through Amiens to within about 3 miles of Albert.
Against light resistance our troops reached Aumale, Forges
Les Eaux and Buchy (M42). Rouen clear of enemy and we are
along whole south bank of Seine.

General Eberback Commander Seventh Army has been

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captured with numerous staff officers. Confirmation that Kluge was dismissed on 20 August and replaced by Model. Prisoner of war states Headquarters 47 Panzer Corps is located at St Loup (071) and captured documents show main Headquarters Seventh Army at Metz (N67) (near Cambrai) and Rear Hq at Havrincourt (N67) which is also shown as Headquarters Army Group B.

Para 2 prisoners of war. Accumulative total passed through reception camps and base hospitals up to 1800 hours 31 August: 115325. Grand total captured up to 1800 hours 27 August excluding prisoners of war taken by Twelfth Army Group 25 to 26 August 204618.

Para 3 General. No indications that enemy has been able to reform any coherent armoured force since crossing River Seine. Only isolated armoured elements now being contacted north of River Oise, where infantry remnants, unsupported and disorganized, have failed to reach the Somme Line in time. Coastal garrisons of Fifteenth Army being left entirely to their own resources as line withdraws eastwards, and presumably only port fortresses will offer resistance. Further south and east no organized resistance confronting the Allied advance, which has left the projected Marne Line far behind: the only reputable force consists of 47 Panzer Corps, with 2 Panzer Grenadier Divisions from Italy, presumably attempting to stem thrust of our southern flank on the Marne.

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Somme Marne Saone Line now definitely a back number: breached in north and center, and never manned (by troops withdrawn from South and Southwest France) in south. One of many critical decisions now facing enemy command is what orders to give to Seventh and more especially Fifteenth Army. Combined resources on his northern flank seem inadequate for forming any sort of stable line, and continued withdrawal or fortress defence seem only alternatives open.

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To: War Department

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150 to 1200 hours, 1 Sept.

Part 1A. Land.

Section I. Intelligence.

Identifications P M.

By PW. 11 Coy 19 SS PGR area L-72. 3 Coy:
2 Bn Para Lehr Regt area Foret de Lavlodne. By captured
document date unknown. HQ Seventh Army at Metz N-67 and HQ
Army Havhincourt N-67.

Section II. Operations.

Second British Army.

30 Corps.

Gds Armd Div. By last light 5 Gds Armd Bde were
astride rd Amiens-Albert at 2264 and 32 Gds Inf Bde north of
Somme 2258. Good progress made during morning and fwd tps
reached rd Arras-Doullens with patrols of 2 H C R north and
SE of Arras though by 1200 hours town not yet in our hands.

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Fighting in progress in Albert and Baupaume 5178 but these towns being by-passed.

11 Armd div. By last light Div complete north of Somme with 29 Armd Bde astride rd Arras-Amiens at 1569 and 159 Inf Bde north of Amiens. 151 Inf Bde of 50 Div relieved 159 Bde of responsibility for Amiens. At first light adv continued and by 1200 hours fwd tps 29 Armd Bde had reached rd Arras-Doullens on left of Gds Armd Div.

12 Corps.

7 Armd Div. 4 Armd Bde reached Somme during morning and br at 9468 found intact. 22 Armd Bde area 8659 with 131 Inf Bde behind them. Enemy thought to be in some strength in Airaines 8568 which by-passed by 11 H.

53 Div have 160 Bde 5423, 71 Bde 5814, 158 Bde 5310, and is moving fwd to protect left flank of Corps while river crossing in progress.

8 Corps.

Corps Hq on move to Morgny 5505 staging night 1/2 September 318782.

First Canadian Army.

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2 Cdn Corps.

4 Cdn Armd Div. 18 Cdn Armd C Regt in contact
with enemy 849678 and leading tps 4 Cdn Armd Bde reached
852633 with 10 Cdn Inf Bde following up.

3 Cdn Inf Div. 9 Cdn Inf Bde occupied Bures
4050 and 8 Cdn Ind Bde reached Neufchatel 4644.

2 Cdn Inf Div. 1200 hours patrols 8 Cdn Recce
Regt entered Dieppe and reported town clear of enemy. 5 Cdn
Inf Bde moving up to town.

Polish Armd Div moving behind 4 Cdn Armd Div
reached area Buchy 4029.

1 Corps.

51 Div crossing Seine by Elbeuf brs temporarily
under comd 2 Cdn Corps and reverting to comd 1 Corps on
reaching line Duclair-Pavilly 1129 which now held by 4 SS
Bde.

49 Div being ferried over Seine and advancing
towards Le Havre. By 1200 hours 49 Recce Regt reached 6329
without contact. TAC HQ 21 Army Group R-606897.

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Part 1. Land.

Section B. 1 Intelligence.

Identifications by contact:

Elts 17 SS PZ Gren Div at St Menehould (T9358);
15 MTZ Div SE Troyes; 9 PZ and 21 PZ Divs N of Aisne between
Soissons and Compiègne.

By document captured 29 August:

271, 352, 84, 89, 708, 363, and 275 Divs along
Somme between Abbeville-Peronne; 326, 276, 272 Divs in area
Peronne-St Quentin; E of St Quentin, 345 Div; and in reserve
vic Amiens-Doullens, 353 and 243 Divs.

By P/W:

In Seine area, Gaudebec Loop held by elts
346 and 272 Inf Divs, Rouen Loop by 331 Div. NW Reims (T3RHTO).

Following units identifies:

74 Arty Regiment, 2 Panzer Division; 902 PGR, 130
Panzer Lehr Division; 1 SS Panzer Regiment; 599 Flak Regiment;
102 Air Signal Regiment.

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2. Operations.

Command posts as follows:

29 Division Q8301. 83 Division. 2208. 4 Armd
Division Z0088. 80 Division T9435. 7 Armd Division U0964.
5 Division T7061. 90 Division T3088.

Others no change.

Front lines as follows:

Third Army. VIII Corps.

29 Division Q9304-Q9104-V8699. 2 Division
R0103-R0003.

XII Corps.

35 Division Y 6382. 4 Armd Division CCA vicin-
ity St Mihiel.

XX Corps.

7 Armd Division. CCA Verdun; CCB U3868. Vision
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First Army. VII Corps.

3 Armd Division CCA 03930, 03841; CCB 0444.

V Corps.

5 Armd Division CCB N4502, CCA S7698.

XIX Corps.

79 Division S0897-N 0300. 30 Division S 128,
S 0689. 2 Armd Division CCA N2030, N1732; CCB N1717.

Others, no change.

Third Army. VIII Corps.

Continued attack with slight progress against
Brest with 29, 8 and 2 Divisions. 6 Armd Division CCB moving
to Orleans. 83rd Division no change.

XII Corps.

35 Division. 320 Infantry Regiment crossed
Aube River to Y6382. 4 Armd Division CCA advanced east of
Meuse River. CCB moved to west bank Meuse River at Z690.
80th Division. RCTS advanced 5-15 miles east.

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XX Corps.

7 Armd Div. CCA liberated Verdun and established bridgehead. CCB liberated Grandpre T9286 and moved 30 miles to SE. CC moved E through Forest D'Argonne to U0770. Five Division advanced rapidly to E. 90th Division. Elements advanced NE Reims.

First Army. VII Corps.

Three Armd Division. Advanced east along Corps right and then changed direction of attack to N. Nine Division advanced 25 miles north east. Followed advance of three Armd Division to north. Elements now located R03930 and O3221. 1 Division occupied defensive positions on Corps left flank. Elements at O0316, N9610, and between Soissons and N9004.

V Corps.

5 Armd Division CCB advanced against heavy resistance in Forest de Compiègne. CCA crossed the Aisne River west of Soissons. 4 Division advanced to line S6589-S6290-S5691-S5190. 28th Division followed advance of 5th Armd Division with elements at S369, S2789-S2186, S1372.

2nd French Armd Division no change.

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19th Corps.

Continued rapid advance against light resistance. 79th Division advanced N east with regiments abreast. 30th Division elements crossed Therain River and continued advance NE. 2nd Arm'd Division CCA advanced along Corps left boundary. CCB advanced (Possible omission)

Part II. Naval.

A. General.

✓ Malaya reports hits obtained on both battery positions and barrack area at Cezembre. USS Maloy stopped German steamer Bordeaux proceeding St Helier to Cezembre. Ship is being brought to Portsmouth by British warship.

Force US minesweepers proceeded to clear St Briec approach. Minesweepers and P party completed work in Caen canal. Canal and basins declared clear of mines.

B. Unloading figures.

British assault area. Figures not received.

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London, England

No. 150 1 September 1944

From Hq ARAF Leigh Mallory signed Eisenhower to
COSITINTREP addressees, ref no AO-1026, 1 September 1944.
COSITINTREP no. 150 from 2100B hrs 30 August to 2100B hrs
31 August.

Part III Air.

Total sorties	2023
Ninth Air Force	357
2nd TAF	1064
ADGB	602

Airborne operations 45

Ninth TCC	13
38 Group	28
46 Group	4

Summary of targets.

1 gun position, 2 dumps, 2 other targets.

Claims: 9 flying bombs.

Losses: 3 bombers and 6 fighters/fighters bombers.

Destroyed. 5 bombers and 1 fighter bomber damaged.

Details of operations.

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Gun positions: 64 Marauders and 23 Lightnings on
Ile de Cezembre 237 by 1000 GP, 16 by 500 GP, 18 by 150, 24
by 100, unobserved.

Dumps: 33 Bostons and 2 Marauders on Foret de Arques
(ammo) 192 by 500, good to excellent, 6 Mosquitoes on Momexy
(pol) 10 by 500, TD, excellent.

Other targets: 67 Mosquitoes on N and E France (M/T
and railway) 100 by 500 good; 6 Mosquitoes on Vincey (Troops
Hq) 22 by 500 good.

Summary of other commands on OVERLORD targets.

RAFBC

Total sorties 709

Summary of targets.

1 Coastal battery, 8 flying bomb targets.

Claims: nil.

Claims: 6 bombers.

Details of operations.

Coastal battery: 165 Halifaxes and 6 Mosquitoes on
St Brieuc area (Isle de Cezembere) 809.2 tons good.

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Flying bomb targets modified sites: 56 Lancasters and 5 Mosquitoes on Agenville 353.3 tons fair. 52 Lancasters and 5 Mosquitoes on St Ricquier 303.8 tons fair: 100 Lancasters on Pontremy 575.0 tons fair. 53 Lancasters 5 Mosquitoes on Raimbert 339.8 tons fair: 46 Lancasters and 2 Mosquitoes on Rollencourt 268.25 tons fair: 49 Lancasters and 2 Mosquitoes on Auchy les Hesdin 268.75 tons fair: 52 Lancasters and 3 Mosquitoes on Ber Gueuseuse 286.75 tons fair: 100 Halifaxes, 8 Lancasters, 10 Mosquitoes on Lumbres 127.9 tons fair.

Cities: 36 Mosquitoes on Frankfort 49.1 tons good to very good.

Eight Air Force.

Nil all items.

Special operations, Nil.

Enemy air operations.

During the period under review only 1 enemy aircraft was sighted a Junkers 88 near Antwerp. However no engagement ensued. According to radar 2 enemy aircraft operated over the Ostend St Omer - Abbeville area. Flying bomb activity continued on a slightly increased scale. Of the 70 that were launched 43 per cent made landfall and 14 per cent reached the London area. 26 per cent were claimed as destroyed. 70 flying bombs were plotted 30 made landfall and 10 reached greater London area. Claims: 9 to fighters 9 AA.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S Adm King
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