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Section I: NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS

20 South Atlantic: SS Berwickshire (British cargo ship,
7,464 tons) sunk by submarine torpedo at 30-58 S, 38-50 E.

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Section II: WESTERN EUROPEAN THEATER

1. France:

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Exploiting break-through of enemy lines, Corps pushes rapidly S and W through Brittany. Fourth Armd Div races toward Rennes and, by night, is about 2 mi. N of objective. Sixth Armd Div crosses Selune R. and swings W into Brittany; Pontorson captured and bridgehead established across Couesnon R., just W of Pontorson.

XV Corps Ninetieth Div moves from Periers SE to positions between See and Selune rivers to block any enemy movement W toward Avranches; 2 special forces organized to seize crossings over Selune R. at St. Hilaire du Harcourt move rapidly SE but encounter resistance NW of objective.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Elements of 3d Armd spearhead drive to SE, followed by CT 18 on R and CT 26 on L; latter units secure positions along See R., force a crossing, and approach St. Pois and le Mesnil Adeles. Eighth Regt, 4th Div, with CQB by-passes Villedieu les Poeles and follows enemy, who is fighting delaying actions, toward St. Pois. Meanwhile, 12th Regt, 4th Div, occupies Villedieu. Two regts of 9th Div move into positions on L flank of Corps.

XIX Corps On R flank of Corps, 28th Div seizes Percy and high ground just NE of town; farther to the NE, CCA, 2d Armd Div, drives to the E from vicinity of Villebaudon and occupies Tassy-sur-Vire; 30th Div troops break through enemy line near le Mesnil Opac and advance S to Tassy where they relieve armd units. High ground N of Percy - Tassy road occupied by 29th Div which then pushes SE from Montabot.

V Corps With 35th Div on R, 2d in center, and 5th on L, Corps advances S toward Vire and Soulevre Rivers: 35th reaches positions in Guilberville area, about 3 mi. N of river; in center, 2d Div advances $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ mi. S against scattered

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resistance; 5th Div reaches Soulevre R. and is pinched out by British.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Twenty-ninth Armd Brig moves E from Pt. 205 and captures Benny Bocage and Pts. 222 and 243, to the N. Guards Armd Div advances S to line generally along stream bed W of le Mancelliere. Fifteenth Div reorganized on high ground N of Galet and repulses counterattack from Galet area.

XXX Corps Forty-third Div clears area NE of Bois du Homme while 231st Brig of 50th Div is attacking in area Lictot-Feugerolles sur Seulles.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fifth Brig of 2d Div attacks Tilly la Campagne, S of Bourguebus, and is strongly opposed by 1st SS Pz Div; heavy fighting continues. Elements of 10th Brig, 4th Cdn Armd Div, reach Pt. 63, just E of Tilly.

I Corps Forty-ninth Div assumes control of Sannerville-Troarn sector.

Total of 476 8th AF B-17s escorted by 203 fighters attacks RR bridge, craters airfield near Chartres, and strikes airfields near Melun, Chateaudun, Orleans, Etampes, and Tours with 1,121 tons of bombs; results mostly good with heavy damage at Chateaudun; 6 bombers and 2 fighters lost; 193 B-17s escorted by 270 fighters attack special targets. Total of 235 B-24s, escorted by 227 fighters, drop 1,057.7 tons on oil installations and rail bridges N and NE of Paris and launching sites in NW France; cloud cover obscures results. Ninety-three other heavy bombers drop 59.3 tons on lesser objectives. Weather greatly reduces RAF attacks against launching sites. Of 806 aircraft dispatched, 22 Lancasters and 4 Mosquitoes effectively attack sites at Pas de Calais, dropping 127 tons. RAF night operations are cancelled because of weather. Rail bridges on the Vire and in le Mans, Chartres, and Dreux area, fuel stores at Angers and ammunition dump at Livarot are targets for medium and light bombers; MT and dumps in battle area are attacked by fighters and fighter bombers; more

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than 1,800 tactical sorties are flown. Enemy planes fly from 170 to 200 sorties, including night operations of 80 long-range bombers in battle area.

Holland:

Four mosquitoes successfully attack water transport near Rosendaal.

England:

Total of 47 of 70 pilotless bombing incidents occurs in London area.

North Sea:

SS Leda (Finnish cargo ship, 1,283 tons) sunk at 53-05 N, 08-43 E.

English Channel:

SS Merceditta (French trawler, 1,162 tons) sunk at 45-25 N, 00-50 W.

SS Stanasfalt (French tanker, 2,468 tons) sunk at 45-25 N, 00-50 W.

SS Kolente (French cargo ship, 3,723 tons) sunk at 47-13 N, 01-33 W.

SS Kertosono (Dutch cargo ship, 9,289 tons) sunk at 47-13 N, 01-32 W.

East Atlantic:

SS Frost (Swedish cargo ship, 1,573 tons) sunk at 45-25 N, 00-50 W.

SS Leontios Teryazos (Greek cargo ship, 4,479 tons) sunk at 45-25 N, 00-50 W.

SS Baudouinville (Belgian passenger ship, 13,761 tons) sunk at 47-13 N, 01-33 W.

SS Olinda (French cargo ship, 7,000 tons) sunk at 47-13 N, 01-33 W.

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SS Dauphine (French tanker, 9,716 tons) sunk at 43-25 N, 05-00 E.

2 France:

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps CT 13, 8th Div, motorized to join 4th Armd which is maintaining pressure on Rennes. Rest of 8th Div is in positions along Selune R. to point about 10 mi. inland from the sea. Sixth Armd advances W from Pontorson, passes S of Dol, and heads toward Dinan; strong opposition encountered in this area and town is by-passed as 6th turns S and reaches Evran by nightfall. Eighty-third Div follows 6th Armd and moves into positions near Pontorson. E flank of Corps protected by 106th Cav Gp, which heads toward Fougères.

XV Corps St. Hilaire du Harcourt occupied after bridges over Selune R. are seized; some elements of 90th Div then move S toward Louvigne and Landivy. Advancing SE from Pontorson, 79th Div, spearheaded by 313th Regt, moves toward Fougères; elements of 5th Armd Div also driving toward Fougères but these are recalled to St. James area.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps CCA, 3d Armd, speeds toward Mortain, seizing high ground near Belle Fontaine and Romagny, NW and SW of the town. First Div units follow closely behind, occupying Juvigny le Tertre and reaching positions overlooking Mortain from the W. CCB drives toward St. Pois; 12th Regt, on R of armd elements, pushes SE along Villedieu-St. Pois road while 8th Regt, on L, gets positions W of Forêt de St. Sever, eliminating scattered enemy strong-points as it advances. Forty-seventh and 60th Regts, 9th Div, also move E but encounter increasingly heavy opposition.

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XIX Corps. Advance SE of Percy continues: 28th Div moves through Margueray to Hill 268 while CCB, 2d Armd Div, reaches Le Neufbourg. Twenty-ninth Div attacks in conjunction with 28th and 115th Regts secures high ground NE of Rousseville while 116th gains hills NE of St. Vigor des Monts, heights commanding Villedieu les Poeles-Pontfaroy road; opposition is moderate as enemy troops are withdrawing toward positions in Foret de St. Sever. Thirtieth Div consolidates and defends L flank of Corps.

V Corps Slow but steady southward advance maintained in face of increasing opposition; 35th Div crosses Vire R. and consolidates positions just S of it; 2d Div, with 9th and 23d Regts abreast, crosses Soulevre R. Enemy offers strong resistance to occupation of ridge S of river.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps By evening 29th Brig of 11th Armd Div reaches Vire - Conde sur Noireau road and pickets roads into Vire from the N.

XXX Corps During night of 2/3, 131st Brig, 7th Armd Div, reaches high ground 2 mi. W of Aunay shortly after midnight while 69th Brig of 50th Div occupies Amaye feature (W of Villers-Bocage) and contacts 7th Armd just S of there. Also during night, elements of 43d Div move to l'Oisonniere and points SE of Bois du Homme.

Oil and supply dumps in Paris area are attacked by 126 B-17s and 103 B-24s of 8th AF which drop 434 tons of bombs with generally good results, and strike at bridges over Seine and Loire, releasing 341 tons with some success; 2 rail yards in Chartres area are struck and there are light attacks on airfields at St. Dixier and Creton; 34 B-17s attack Chartres rail bridge with 72 tons. Pilotless plane sites are attacked with 564 tons, and bridges with 388 tons by 162 B-17s and 235 B-24s with limited success; Achiet airfield is target for 43 tons. Eleven bombers and 7 fighters are lost in these missions, which include fighter escort of 407 planes. Supply depots at Trossy/St. Maximin and Bois de Cassan are bombed by 170 Lancasters and 9 Mosquitoes with about 935 tons; weather limits

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good results to Trossy/St. Maximin. Supply dump at Foret de Nieppe is damaged by about 200 tons dropped by 55 Halifaxes and 8 Mosquitoes; 39 Lancasters, 38 Halifaxes, 20 Stirlings and 12 Mosquitoes make well-concentrated attack on 7 launching sites in Northern France; 53 Lancasters and 2 Mosquitoes accurately drop 328 tons on Le Havre. Unfavorable weather forces cancellation of all night RAF operations.

With good to excellent results, medium and light bombers of 9th AF attack Loire-Seine RR bridges, Caudebec, Le Lude, and Montreuil - Belfroi ammunition dumps, and special targets at Chateau Maulnay and Chateau De Fair; fighters support ground forces. Successful tactical sorties total about 2,000. Enemy fighters fly from 200 to 250 sorties and at night 90 German bombers are operative.

Total of 212 heavy bombers escorted by 169 fighters attacks targets in the Rhone valley: 109 B-17s unload 324.75 tons of bombs on Portes les Valence torpedo factory and marshalling yards with good results; 57 B-24s cut approaches to 2 RR bridges at Avignon with 123.75 tons; oil storage facilities at Le Pouzin and Le Pontet are objectives for 46 B-24s and B-17s which drop 113.5 tons with poor coverage; 4 B-24s missing. Var R. road and RR bridges in Nice area hit by 57 B-25s with fair results.

England:

Only 7 of 66 pilotless planes are destroyed.

3 France:U.S. THIRD ARMY:

VIII Corps Combat Command A, 4th Armd, drives W of Rennes, turns S through Plélan le Grand, and then swings SE and E through Messac to Bain de Bretagne; CGA splits into 2 task forces which move to Crevin and Janze, effectively blocking all roads leading S from Rennes. Combat Command B, 4th Armd, swings in 90-mi. arc outside perimeter of CGA, eliminating any opposition. CT 13, 8th Div, attacks enemy at Rennes in late afternoon and secures positions NE of the city. Remainder of 8th Div moves to area SW of Rennes. Sixth Armd Div speeds rapidly W to Brest. Task Force A organized to clean up

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by-passed enemy resistance in St. Malo area; TFA approaches Dol; 83d Div moves into positions W of Pontorson, prepared to support attack against St. Malo.

XV Corps. Ninetieth Div occupies Landivy and contacts 79th Div on R; Fougères captured by 313th Regt. Both divs then organize a defensive front from Mortain area to S of Fougères.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Mortain occupied by 18th Regt of 1st Div which then pushes E of town to Hill 317; some units advance SE of town in direction of Barenton; 26th Regt, 1st Div, and CCA, 3d Armd, are engaged with elements of German 84th Army Corps near Juvigny. Fourth Div attacks to secure high ground W and NE of St. Pois; positions secured on slopes of Hill 232, NE of St. Pois. Ninth Div drives slowly SE and reaches positions just NW of Forêt de St. Sever, where enemy is strongly entrenched.

XIX Corps Encountering only delaying actions, 28th Div advances steadily SE toward St. Sever Calvados and secures positions about 2 mi. NW of town; 112th Regt having seized Montbray despite strong resistance. CCB, 2d Armd, reaches a general line from Girardières to Sept Frères, 1½-2 mi. NW and N of St. Sever, by night. To the NE, 115th and 116th Regts of 29th Div occupy positions between Sept Frères and vicinity of Landelles et Coupigny. CCA, 2d Armd, advances SE on Corps L flank.

V Corps Thirty-fifth Div secures heights S of Vire R. and approaches Beaumesnil; elements of 137th Regt contact units of 116th Regt, 29th Div, closing gap on R flank. In 2d Div sector, 9th and 23d Regts make slow progress against stiff opposition and elements of 38th Regt are committed in support of 9th Regt; points about 2 mi. S of Soulevre R. reached.

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VIII Corps Eleventh Armd Div with 185th Brig of 3d Div under command is involved in confused fighting with enemy tanks and inf of 2d Parachute Corps NE of Vire and by evening is in area Presles-Burcy-Viessoix, 5 mi. NE and $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E of Vire. Guards Armd Div engages in heavy fighting N of Montchamp which is held by enemy; 44th Brig gets high ground S of Arclais.

XXX Corps Twenty-second Brig, 7th Armd Div, advances in SW direction, reaching point near le Bus and Pt. 138, 1 mi. NW of Aunay sur Odon. In 43d Div sector, 130th Brig is unable to progress against strong opposition but 214th Brig reaches road junction 5 mi. SE of St. Martin de Besaces.

XII Corps By nightfall 197th Brig of 59th Div is on line from Villers Bocage along N side of road for $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi. Seventy-first Brig, 53d Div, is to the L about 2 mi. NW of Evrecy.

Total of 397 B-17s of 8th AF effectively attacks rail yards in Alsace-Lorraine with 551 tons and obtains good results in 260-ton strike on Merckwiller refinery near Strasbourg; 164 tons are dropped on 3 airfields in France. Bridges in Joiny and Troyes areas receive 164 tons and fuel dumps and lesser objectives 286 tons. Total of 112 B-17s and 302 B-24s drops 771 tons on pilotless aircraft sites in Pas de Calais area; results range from fair to very good. Escort for 8th AF missions consists of 562 fighters; 9 bombers and 4 fighters are lost and 11 enemy aircraft destroyed; 45 enemy planes are active, mainly over assault areas. Supply depots at Trossy/St. Maximin, Bois de Cassan, and Forêt de Nieppe are hit successfully again by 595 Lancasters, 472 Halifaxes, and 24 Mosquitoes with over 4,900 tons of bombs. RAF night operations are cancelled due to weather. Main attack of 9th AF, which flies over 1,000 sorties, is directed against 4 RR bridges at Chartres, Merey, la Chenaie, and Mantes-Gassicourt; in battle zone, fighters and fighter-bombers attack MT and enemy armor. There are from 220 to 250 enemy fighter sorties.

Road and RR bridges on Var R. and at Levens and Lesegré attacked by 85 B-25s and B-26s. Nice airdrome raided

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by 16 P-47s. During night 79 Liberators, Wellingtons, and Halifaxes drop 158 tons of bombs on Portes les Valence RR yards; good concentration reported; 2 Wellingtons lost. Single Beaufighter scores RP strikes on 4 E-boats off Monaco.

Belgium:

Eighth AF planes in connection with missions over France drop 56 tons on rail targets and dumps near Ghent and 143 tons on airfield near Brussels with some success.

Austria and S Germany:

Total of 137 B-17s and 65 B-24s of 15th AF escorted by 109 fighters attacks Ober Raderach chemical works with 118.5 tons of bombs; results poor; during mission, 83.5 tons are dropped on Immenstadt rail yards with poor results, 70.5 tons on Lowenthal airfield, where clouds obscure results, 102.75 tons on Zahnrad works, and 84 tons on Manzell aircraft plant with poor results. Later, 148 B-24s escorted by 45 fighters drop 379.25 tons on Manzell objectives with excellent results, and 80 B-24s with 45 fighters as escort attack Lowenthal aircraft works with 181.5 tons and Zahnrad plant with 75 tons; results vary from poor to good; in these missions 17 enemy aircraft are destroyed.

England:

Total of 101 of 202 flying bombs reach London area.

4 France:

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Rennes occupied by CT 13; L TF from CCA, 4th Armd, pushes N, contacts CT 13, and opens highway 137 up to Rennes. Dol de Bretagne captured by 330th Regt, 83d Div, while 329th, in conjunction with TFA, attacks to W of Dol and secures 2 towns about 4 mi. SE of Chateauneuf. Sixth Armd Div continues rapid advance toward Brest, reaching Pontivy by evening.

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VII Corps Elements of CCA, 3d Armd, move SE. E of Mortain, 18th Regt consolidates positions on high ground and repulses enemy counterattack while 26th Regt, just N of Mortain, sets up road block at Abbaye Blanche. Fourth Div attacks to secure St. Pois and high ground to the NE and S; 22d Regt, attacking the town, gets within 700 yds. of objective but is halted by heavy fire from Hill 232 which 12th Regt is unable to take in the face of terrible arty and MG fire; 8th Regt, after fierce, day-long battle, captures Hill 211, about 1½ mi. S of St. Pois. Enemy troops, probably from 47th Armd Corps, in Forêt de St. Sever offer stiff resistance to 47th and 60th Regts, 9th Div, which finally dig in at le Gast and la Jouardiere, on SW edge of forest. CT 39, 9th Div, attached to 1st Div and moved to Mortain area.

XIX Corps St. Sever Calvados captured by 28th Div; troops turn S into Forêt de St. Sever and secure several hill positions; CCB, 2d Armd, is unable to take heights just E of St. Sever Calvados because opposition is too strong. CCA, 2d Armd, passes through 29th Div to main road leading E toward Vire and gains several miles; 29th reaches positions about 5 mi. W and NW of Vire.

V Corps Thirty-fifth Div advances S rapidly and reaches a line from Beaumesnil to Choisel; latter is 2½ mi. NW of Vire. Second Div continues to meet strong opposition on L flank of Corps but, by dark, reaches pts. about 5 mi. N of Vire and continues advance during night.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Enemy opposition continues on R flank of 11th Armd Div, in area le Bas-Montisanger, NE of Vire; 185th Brig captures village W of le Bas. Guards Armd Div captures Courtacon and high ground N of it and advances SE toward Montchamp but town is strongly held.

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XXX Corps In 43d Div sector, 214th Brig secures le Mesnil Azouf and 130th Brig captures Ondefontaine, SW of Aunay. Seventh Armd Div is driving toward points NW and SE of Aunay but progress is slow because of extensive mine fields. Villers Bocage captured by 231st Brig, 50th Div.

XII Corps Corps advances on entire front with 59th Div driving toward Thury Harcourt and 53d reaching a line beyond le Locheur-Evrecy-Esquay-Feugerolles.

Force of 36 B-17s and 68 B-24s attacks airfields near Lille and Achiet, rail targets in NW France, gun positions, and pilotless plane sites; results are chiefly good. For the third consecutive day, supply depots at Trossy/St. Maximin, Bois de Cassan, and Foret de Nieppe are under attack: 166 Halifaxes, 112 Lancasters, and 11 Mosquitoes successfully drop 1,985 tons of bombs on these targets. Twenty-seven Lancasters, 2 Mosquitoes, and 1 Mustang, with 151 tons of bombs, attack Etaples RR bridge, scoring hits on tracks. Oil stores and refineries at Pauillac and Bec d'Ambes (N of Bordeaux) are hit with very good results by 282 Lancasters with 1,334 tons of bombs. Twenty P-51s drop 20 tons of bombs on locks, barges, and a jetty on Seine R. There are no RAF night operations.

Thirty-six A-20s concentrate 43 tons of bombs on Beauvais rail yards and Epernon RR bridge; 36 A-20s attack Chartres rail bridge with 35 tons, and 37 Bostons strike at Mantes-Gassicourt bridge. Oil dump at Angers, airfield at Amiens, communication targets and enemy movements draw main fighter effort. Ninth AF flies about 1,400 sorties. At night 9th AF planes attack St. Malo harbor and Foret de Sille fuel dump.

Bridges and flak guns N of Nice are hit by 58 P-47s while 18 B-25s strike at Var RR bridges. Marshalling yards at Fontaine bombed by 5 B-25s.

Germany:

Total of 678 8th AF B-17s and 498 B-24s attacks assembly plants, airfields, dock areas, torpedo plant, and other objectives chiefly in coastal areas including Hamburg, Bremen, Peenemunde, Anklam, Kiel, Wismar, Schwerin, and Rostock with generally good results; damage at Rostock and Anklam is heavy and widespread. Eighth AF missions, escorted by 838 fighters, result in loss of 15 bombers and 15 fighters, and

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destruction of 53 enemy aircraft.

England:

Total of 96 of 197 flying bombs are shot down.

5 France:U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Brittany cut off as CCA, 4th Armd, captures Vannes. Sixth Armd gains about 35 mi. in drive on Brest, reaching Huelgoat and Gourin. Eighty-third Div and TFA attack outer defenses of St. Malo: 329th Regt and TFA encounter strong resistance at Chateauneuf but town is finally taken; 331st attacks NW and N along shore of Bay of Mont St. Michel. Eighth Div is occupied in mopping up operations in Rennes area.

XV Corps Task Force Weaver, organized by 90th Div, advances rapidly SE, seizes bridge over Mayenne R., and occupies Mayenne. On R flank of Corps, 79th Div moves along Fougeres - Laval road to outskirts of latter; advance delayed by resistance at Croixville, about halfway between the 2 cities. Fifth Armd Div moves E toward points on Mayenne R. between Mayenne and Laval.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Elements of CCA, 3d Armd, advance SE to Barenton and le Teilleul. CT 39, 1st Div, and elements of CCA attack NE toward Gathemo; after heavy fighting, line generally about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. N and NE of Cherance la Boussel reached. Ninth Div continues attack to S through Foret de St. Sever but is halted in Champ du Boult area by troops of 363d Inf Div. In area between 9th and 1st Divs, 4th Div attacks E: 22d Regt wins St. Pois and positions E and SE, despite opposition of 116th Pz Div; 12th attacks in conjunction with 47th Regt, 9th Div, and secures Hill 329, N of St. Pois, making entire St. Pois ridge untenable for enemy who withdraws.

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XIX Corps Twenty-eighth Div moves through Foret de St. Sever to S edge; CCB, 2d Armd, advances through the forest and reaches points about 4 mi. SE of St. Sever Calvados. Twenty-ninth Div and CCA approach Vire, capturing Hill 219, just W of the city, and other positions just W and SW. Thirtieth Div attached to VII Corps.

V Corps Thirty-fifth Div moves to an assembly area and 2d Div, having maintained southward drive through night, reaches points just N of Vire in early morning and establishes defensive positions.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Guards Armd Div reports Montchamp-1'Ecrivain area clear of enemy and advances S through Ecoublets. Elements of 15th Div move through Montcharivel and meet determined opposition N and E of Estry.

XXX Corps S of Aunay 129th Brig, 43d Div, attacks Mont Pincon but is unable to gain. Seventh Armd Div enters Aunay; finds town heavily cratered and mined.

Thirty-eight 8th AF B-17s attack pilotless aircraft sites in the Pas de Calais area with moderate success. Foret de Nieppe supply depot is again subjected to attack as 268 Halifaxes, 8 Lancasters, and 5 Mosquitoes drop about 980 tons of bombs with good results. Supply depot at St. Leu d'Esserent is bombed successfully by 240 Lancasters, 190 Halifaxes, and 10 Mosquitoes; 2,487 tons are dropped. Thirteen Lancasters drop 83 tons on Etaples RR bridge, and 14 Lancasters and 3 Mosquitoes drop 84 tons on the submarine pens at Brest. Oil storage depots in Bordeaux area (Bassens, Pauillac, Blaye) are attacked by 296 Lancasters with 1,818 tons of bombs; results are excellent. Weather hampers attack by 30 Lancasters and 5 Mosquitoes on 3 launching sites in Abbeville-Amiens area. Escorting fighters attack radar installation and MT in North Morlaix and Pas de Calais areas, scoring many hits. About 835 tons of bombs dropped on RR bridges on an arc extending from Elbeuf on the Seine to Briollay near Angers, RR centers at Beauvais and Glos Montfort, and marshaling yards at Compeigne; fighters and fighter-bombers attack RR

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facilities, MT, tanks, bridges, dumps, and gun positions. About 1,000 sorties flown by 9th AF. Enemy fighters fly from 180 to 200 sorties and during night 100/105 aircraft are operational in battle area.

Germany:

Total of 594 8th AF B-17s and 479 B-24s with escort of 575 fighters attacks aircraft, air-engine, and tank factories at Brunswick with 721 tons of bombs, resulting in extensive, severe to moderate damage, hits tank factory and air-engine plant at Magdeburg with 431 tons, causing considerable damage, strikes automobile works at Fallersleben, using 270 tons with good results; drops 939 tons on oil installations near Dollbergen and Nienburg with satisfactory results, craters airfield near Hanover, but has less success over airfields at Goslar, Helmstedt, and Nordholtz and over other targets near Heligoland, using 115 tons. Eighth AF missions destroy 33 enemy aircraft with loss of 15 bombers and 6 fighters. During the night 32 Mosquitoes successfully bomb Wanne-Eickel Synthetic-oil plant with 30 tons.

6 France:U.S. THIRD ARMY.

VIII Corps. Fourth Armd Div speeds toward Lorient; CCA captures Auray and CCB reaches vicinity of Baud, towns about 20 mi. SE and NE of objective. Sixth Armd reaches Landivisiau, about 20 mi. from Brest. Eighty-third Div attacks St. Malo; 331st Regt, on R, drives N, seizes Cancale, and then turns W although some units continue N to end of promontory; 330th, in center, and 329th, on L, make steady progress W against moderate opposition until they approach main defenses which extend in an arc from Pte de la Varde to Rance R. CT 121 of 8th Div attached to 83d for purpose of seizing Dinard, just W of St. Malo. Task Force A, given mission of clearing enemy from N coast of Brittany, moves quickly W, and reaches St. Briec by night.

XX Corps Fifth Inf Div seizes bridge across Seiche R. in vicinity of Guerche de Bratagne.

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XV Corps Laval occupied by 79th Div. Fifth Armd Div continues eastward advance and by midnight is crossing Mayenne R. First Div begins relief of 90th in Mayenne; latter starts toward Le Mans; TF Weaver, on L, encounters strong opposition at Aron from 9th Pz Div which is moving up to retake Mayenne; TF Barth, on R, advances to Ste. Suzanne, about 25 mi. W of Le Mans.

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VII Corps First Div, relieved by 30th in Mortain area, with CCA drives swiftly SE and seizes Ambrieres le Grand, Oisseau, and Mayenne, relieving 90th Div in vicinity of last. Ninth Div advances S against strong opposition to line just N of Michel de Montjoie-Gathemo. Fourth Div cleans up area S of St. Pois to Cherence le Roussel and SE to Lingear but meets no organized resistance.

XIX Corps Champ du Boulton, SE of Foret de St. Sever, captured by 28th Div's 109th Regt; to the NE, 112th Regt relieves CCB in la Forge-Manvieu Bocage area where opposition is very strong; CCA attacks Vire but enemy resists stubbornly. Twenty-ninth Div moves steadily forward: 175th Regt occupies high ground at St. Martin de Tallevende; 116th Regt moves from Hill 219 into Vire, occupying the city against only light opposition.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps In late afternoon 10th SS Pz Div counter-attacks toward Burcy and penetrates positions of 11th Armd Div. Guards Armd captures le Busq, on Vire-Aunay road, in face of strong opposition. Fifteenth Div is unable to dislodge enemy from Estry, meeting determined resistance here and E to St. Jean de Blanc. British 3d Div attacks S.

XXX Corps Despite heavy opposition, 43d Div captures Mont Pincon feature by midnight. Seventh Armd, SE of Aunay, finds Valcongrain still held by enemy and moves E to la Roque, 3 mi. W of Thury Harcourt.

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XII Corps In late afternoon 176th Brig, 59th Div, attacks across Orne R.

Supply depots are major objective for 104 Halifaxes, 8 Lancasters and 5 Mosquitoes which drop 415 tons of bombs on Foret de Nieppe in scattered attack, and for 42 Lancasters and 5 Mosquitoes which effectively drop 943 tons on Bois de Cassan. Much fighter activity is encountered and 3 Lancasters are missing; enemy losses: 2-0-2. Fifty-one Halifaxes, 5 Lancasters, and 2 Mosquitoes drop 220 tons on Harzbrock RR center with very good results. Submarine pens at Lorient/Keoman are bombed by 26 Lancasters and 2 Mosquitoes with 160 tons. Group of 179 Spitfires providing support for above operations destroy 3 enemy planes, damage a third. Nineteen B-25s drop about 40 tons on Livarot ammunition dump with unobserved results, while good results are achieved in medium and light bomber attack on RR bridges at Oissel, Courtalain, and Beaumont and on fuel and ammunition dumps in forests of Blois, Andaigne, and Perseigne; Ile de Cezembre also hit; gun positions, tanks, rolling stock, Seine barges, truck lines, and enemy movements in battle area are targets for fighters. Ninth AF flies over 850 sorties. Estimated 200-220 enemy sorties are flown during day and 80 bombers again operate in battle area at night.

Force of 688 B-24s and B-17s with escort of 244 P-38s and P-51s pounds targets in the Rhone valley with 1,745 tons of bombs: 235 B-24s and B-17s unload 606 tons on Portes les Valence and Miramas RR yards with excellent coverage; 142 more bombers cause fires at oil storage installations at le Pouzin, le Pontet, Lyon Vaise, and Lyon Port Herriot with 348 tons; Toulon submarine pens attacked by 146 B-24s which cause large explosions with 395 tons; 138 B-24s and B-17s concentrate 420 tons on RR bridges at Le Pouzin, Avignon, Tarascon, St. Rambert, and Givors; airdromes at Orange/Plan de Dieu and Valence/Tresorerie dive-bombed by 38 P-38s; 7 grounded enemy planes destroyed and 3 damaged; 6 B-24s and 5 P-38s missing. Medium bombers also strike at RR targets: 218 B-25s and B-26s drop 552 tons on Tarascon, Arles, Avignon, Lovault, and Var R. bridges. Communication lines along S coast attacked by 424 P-47s with 220 tons of bombs.

Germany:

In attacks on objectives near Berlin, force of 497 B-17s and 396 B-24s of 8th AF, escorted by 768 fighters, causes

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damage at Genshagen engine works with 402 tons of bombs, heavily damages Niederschonweide tank plant with 106 tons, effects some serious damage at Marienfelde engine works with 198 tons, and severely damages truck works at Brandenburg with 462 tons. In Hamburg-Kiel area oil distilleries are damaged, some seriously, with 622 tons; Harburg is hit by 251 tons with moderate damage and targets near Kiel are attacked with 170 tons with slight success. Refinery at Hemingstedt and airfields at Stendal and Nordholz receive 155 tons. In 8th AF missions, 33 enemy aircraft are destroyed; 24 bombers and 9 fighters are missing. During night 38 Mosquitoes drop 57 tons on the Castrop Rauzel synthetic oil plant; 6 other Mosquitoes drop 4 tons on Cologne.

7 France:

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VIII Corps CCB, 4th Armd, reaches N outskirts of Lorient while CCA engages in running fight from Auray to Hennebont, just NE of Lorient; considerable damage inflicted on enemy troops. Sixth Armd Div is on N outskirts of Brest. Battle for St. Malo continues as 83d Div troops move closer to the city from the E and NE, encountering heavy opposition at St. Ideuc. CT 121 captures Dinan and advances 6 mi. N to Pleslin area where it engages enemy in fierce fighting. TFA advances W to Guincamp.

XX Corps Fifth Div speeds toward Angers: CT 11 moves S and then turns E but is stopped 2 mi. W of Angers by determined resistance; Force Thackeray is stopped at Coudray by strong opposition.

XV Corps On R flank of Corps, 79th Div pushes E behind 106th Cav Gp; some opposition delays progress but troops reach positions N of Loue, about 15 mi. W of Le Mans. Fifth Armd Div keeps pace despite enemy delaying actions. Columns of 90th Div advance toward Le Mans against steadily increasing opposition of German 81st Corps: TF Barth drives from Ste. Suzanne through Bernay, eliminating opposition; TF Weaver drives E along main Laval-Le Mans highway, encountering resistance at St. Jean, St. Denis,

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Coulons, and Chafour (about 5 mi. W of le Mans); enemy units trying to escape N run into TF Barth and, farther N, into TF Clark.

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VII Corps: German 47th Armored Corps counterattacks to drive W to sea at Avranches and separate 1st and 3d Armies; weight of attack falls on 30th Div in Mortain-St. Barthelmy sector. Second SS Pz Div retakes Mortain and 2d Pz and 1st SS Pz units seize St. Barthelmy and continue W through le Mesnil Tove; penetration finally checked between latter and area of le Mesnil Adelee where CCB, 3d Armd, moves in. Twelfth CT, 9th Div, attached to 30th and fills gap W of Mortain between 117th on N and 119th and 120th on S; 119th attacks N from Juvigny to retake le Mesnil Tove but enemy opposition is determined; 120th attempts to enter Mortain from le Neufbourg-Romagny road but is unsuccessful although latter town is partially occupied. Third Bn, 120th, attacks E in effort to relieve isolated 2d Bn on Hill 314, just E of Mortain, and finally takes Barenton just before midnight. CCB, 2d Armd Div, attached to VII Corps and moves to Barenton area. Thirty-fifth Div moves into positions E of St. Hilaire du Harcouet. R flank of 9th Div line penetrated by enemy attack at le Mesnil Tove and 39th Regt is forced to withdraw to Cherance le Bousset; rest of Div advances S and SE to positions near Perriers en Beaufice.

XIX Corps: Twenty-eighth Div moves S toward Gathemo and vicinity; 109th Regt encounters strong opposition at outer defenses of town and before defensive line can be organized, 3d Bn is counterattacked and completely disorganized; 112th Regt concentrates on denying enemy the use of roads to the S. Twenty-fifth Div fans out in rough arc S of Vire: 175th Regt attacks S of Vire while 115th secures positions along Vire -- Gathemo road, in vicinity of junction of German 363d and 353d Inf Divs.

V Corps: Ninth Regt, 2d Div, relieves 116th Regt of 29th Div in Vire; 23d Regt makes minor advance S in area E of Vire.

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BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps British 3d Div reaches area just S of la Lande, 2 mi. NE of Vire. Eleventh Armd Div retakes ground lost previous day. Fifteenth Div contains enemy at Estry and, on L flank, advances S, occupying Lassy.

XXX Corps Forty-third Div mops up Mont Pincon area. Seventh Armd attacks S before dawn and secures points in Bois du Mont d'Ancre.

XII Corps In 59th Div sector, 177th Brig attacks S in area W of Thury Harcourt but makes little progress in face of strong opposition; 176th Brig is entirely across the Orne and repels counterattack in afternoon.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Just before midnight 2d Div on R and 51st Div on L attack S astride Caen-Falaise road.

Main force of 384 B-17s and 159 B-24s of 8th AF with escort of 500 fighters drops 1,154 tons on oil and fuel dumps in Paris and Bordeaux area, bridges N of Paris, RR S and NW of Paris, airfields near Chartres, and on lesser objectives. Results range from very good to poor. Thirty RAF Bostons attack ammunition dump at la Folletiere/Abenon with poor to fair results. Tactical air force planes also attack la Folletiere dump and dumps at Livarot, le Lude, Bouches du Desert, and Blois Foret. Medium and light bombers attack Blois Foret and Nogent le Roi bridge with good to excellent results; fighters concentrate on rail targets and tanks and fly close support missions. Successful 9th AF sorties total 1,059. During the night, troop concentrations N of Bretonville are bombed effectively by 457 Lancasters, 184 Halifaxes, and 11 Mosquitoes with 3,859 tons of bombs. Ten Lancasters are missing. Four Mosquitoes bomb Coulommiers airfield. Enemy air activity decreases about 30 per cent from preceding day and night.

Seventy-two B-25s drop 72 tons of bombs on RR bridges at Lavoutte, Livron, and Avignon; les Cerises road bridge hit with 36 tons by 18 B-25s. Communication targets and coastal guns attacked by 132 P-47s, dropping 72 tons of bombs.

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1944Section II: WESTERN EUROPEAN THEATERBelgium:

Eighth AF planes on missions over France also attack oil dumps and bridges near Ervilde, Langerbrugge, Ardenne, and lesser objectives with 105 tons of bombs; results are good.

England:

Sixty-eight of 122 flying bombs reach London.

Baltic Sea:

SS Rikke (Danish cargo, 1,432 tons) sunk at 55-40 N, 12-38 E.

East Atlantic:

SS William L. Marcy (U.S. cargo, 7,176 tons) sunk at 49-23 N, 27-30 W.

Mediterranean:

SS Conde (French cargo, 7,202 tons) sunk at 43-42 N, 07-16 E.

8 France:

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps CCB, 4th Armd, continues siege of Lorient and CCA engages enemy troops which offer strong resistance just NE of Lorient. TFA advances W from Guincamp, driving enemy into rear of 6th Armd at Brest. Eighty-third Div troops move closer to St. Malo from E and SE; 330th Regt attacks strong enemy positions at St. Joseph's Hill, just E of the city; 331st is checked by strong defenses near St. Ideuc. W of Rance R. CT 121 encounters determined opposition in drive N toward Dinard and reaches outskirts of Pleurtun, 4 mi. S of objective, only after slow, difficult advance.

IX Corps CT 11 moves S of Angers, crosses La Maine R. and secures bridgehead on far bank; enemy troops opposing Force Thackeray at Coudray are withdrawn

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during night and Force advances to Chateauneuf where bridge across Sarthe R. is demolished as troops arrive.

XV Corps Fifth Armd Div crosses Sarthe R. S of Le Mans and swings around the city to take positions in an arc N, NE, SE, and S; Clark force, 90th Div, crosses river N of Le Mans and advances S toward the encircled city as rest of 90th Div reaches W outskirts; 315th Regt, 79th Div, enters city from SE.

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VII Corps W of Mortain, Romagny is recaptured by 120th Regt; 119th supported by elements of CCB, 3d Armd, attacks N to secure le Mesnil Tove but is halted just S of objective by 2d Pz Div; 117th pushes NE toward St. Barthelmy but fighting is fierce and no progress made. In 30th Div sector, 12th CT, 4th Div, attacks E to seize crossroads just S of St. Barthelmy; after hard fighting, they reach point less than 1 mi. from objective. Ninth Div holds positions at Cherance le Boussel and area to the NE but is unable to advance in face of opposition by L wing of 116th Pz which attacks toward Cherance. E of Mortain, 2d Bn of 120th Regt maintains hold on Hill 314 despite all enemy efforts to dislodge it; CCB, 2d Armd, attacks to secure 3 hills N of Barenton and W of Ger road; some advance scored and wedge is driven between the 2 nearer hills. S of Mortain, 35th Div attacks E to close gap between Barenton and Mortain; 134th and 137th Regts reach line from St. Jean du Corail to les Bignes, just W of Mortain-Barenton road, but resistance is strong. On extreme R flank of Corps, 1st Div maintains contact with enemy by patrolling in area N and NW of Mayenne.

XIX Corps On R flank of Corps, 28th Div attacks Gathemo but makes only minor gains against determined enemy troops and well-dug-in positions; Mont Thabour, about 2 mi. NE of Gathemo, occupied by 112th Regt. S of Vire, St. Germain de Tallevende falls to 115th Regt; rest of 29th Div makes gains SW and SE of Vire.

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BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Forty-third and 7th Armd Div units attack SE; former captures le Plessis Grimault and latter approaches les Mazures.

XII Corps E of Orne R., 176th Brig repulses counter-attacks and strengthens bridgehead.

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II Corps Second Div advances through Fontenay le Marmion and Roquancourt, although strong opposition continues in May sur Orne, on E flank, and reaches line about 1½ mi. N and 2 mi. NE of Bretteville sur Laize. E of Caen-Falaise highway, 51st Div's advance parallels 2d; after clearing Tilly la Campagne, troops push S to Cramenil.

Force of 359 B-24s drops 798 tons of bombs on pilotless plane sites and strikes airfields at la Perthe, Chauny, Romilly, and Clastres, where bursts are widely distributed over target area. Bridges and rail targets in Paris vicinity are also objectives. In 8th AF missions, 4 enemy planes are destroyed with loss of 13 bombers and 6 fighters. More than 140 enemy aircraft are sighted and encountered over battle area. Mission of 430 B-17s drops 1,486 tons of bombs on targets in support of ground forces, attacking troop concentrations and strong points with success. Forêt de Chantilly oil dump (NE of Paris) is target of 146 Halifaxes, 49 Lancasters, and 4 Mosquitoes with 795 tons of bombs; very good results achieved. Fifty-four Halifaxes and 14 Mosquitoes drop 279 tons of bombs on 4 launching sites in Pas de Calais area; bombing generally well concentrated. In 2,000 sorties tactical aircraft strike at widely scattered rail and road bridges, radar installations between Argentan and Alençon, coastal battery at St. Malo, and rail yards at Igoville, S. of Rouen; MT is primary target for fighters supporting ground operations. During night fuel depot at Forêt de Lucheux is bombed by 118 Lancasters and 5 Mosquitoes with 506 tons; results are very good. Fuel dump at Aire-sur-Lys is bombed by 48 Lancasters and 3 Mosquitoes with 157 tons; bombing is very well concentrated. Enemy fighters and bombers operate in usual recent strength.

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Fifty-nine B-25s release 103 tons of bombs on RR bridges at Avignon and across the Var R.; additional bridges, gun positions, and supply lines in SE France are targets for 119 fighter bombers.

Germany:

Thirty-four Mosquitoes accurately bomb Cologne town center with 52 tons.

East Atlantic:

SS Ezra Weston (U.S. cargo, 7,176 tons) sunk at 50-42 N, 05-03 W.

9 France:

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Brest and Lorient contained by 6th Armd Div and CCB of 4th Armd; CCA advances E toward Nantes. A bn of 331st Regt advances into Parame and cuts off enemy in St. Ideuc-Pte. de la Varde area, to the N; latter troops engaged by remainder of 331st. Enemy defenses before St. Servan breached and 330th and 329th push through the town, engaging in bitter street fighting, and reach inner harbor. During night 331st Regt moves across Rance R. to positions W of CT 121 which is counterattacked during day; 3d Bn isolated in Pleurtuit area.

XX Corps Second Regt, 5th Div, moves SW to Nantes to block roads in that area; 11th CT drives N on E bank of La Maine R. and secures high ground SE of Angers; Force Thackeray approaches from N, reaching city limits, while 10th Regt seizes positions SW of Angers.

XV Corps Occupation of le Mans completed and Corps turns N toward Alencon. with 5th Armd on R, followed by 79th Inf Div, and 2d French Armd on L, followed by 90th Inf Div. During afternoon and night, 5th Armd secures crossings of Orne R. NE of le Mans. Eightieth Div operates against enemy troops W of le Mans.

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VII Corps Thirtieth Div with CT 12 attached continues attacks to secure high ground around Mortain and to drive enemy from le Mesnil Tove area; opposition stubborn and fierce fighting, often hand-to-hand, rages throughout day; CCB, 3d Armd, succeeds in seizing road junction S of St. Barthelmy. Ninth Div maintains pressure on enemy NE of Cherance le Boussel but can make no progress against determined resistance. SW and S of Mortain, 320th and 134th Regts, 35th Div, attack eastward and inch slowly forward. CCB, 2d Armd Div, secures 2 hills W of Ger road and repulses determined counterattack by units of 58th Corps from vicinity of Ger.

XIX Corps Twenty-eighth Div engages in bitter fighting in Gathemo area. Twenty-ninth Div continues to advance S of Vire and pushes about 2 mi. beyond St. Germain de Tallevende; 331st Inf Div arrives and strengthens enemy opposition in this sector.

V Corps Hills about 1 and 2 mi. SE of Vire, respectively, occupied by 9th Regt; 23d and 38th Regts maintain defensive positions in Vire area.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Ninth Brig of 3d Div advances to point about 1½ mi. E of Vire.

XXX Corps Forty-third Div captures villages 1½ mi. S of le Plessis Grimault; 7th Armd secures les Mazures; 50th Div advances S of Cauville, on Corps L flank.

XII Corps E of the Orne, 197th Brig extends bridgehead and forward troops reach Laize la Ville-Thury Harcourt road.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps On R, 2d Div captures May sur Orne while forward troops advance S to Bretteville sur Laize.

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Fourth Cdn Armd Div passes through and drives S through Bretteville le Rabet to Langannerie. First Polish Armd Div passes through 51st Div and gets positions just S of Cauvicurt, engaging enemy armor NE of Bretteville le Rabet.

Ninth AF flies 3,000 tactical sorties, fighters and fighter bombers effectively bombing and strafing MT, troops; tanks, flak positions, RR cars, and buildings in battle area. About 402 medium and light bombers attack Foret de Blois ammunition dump, Brest shipping targets, RR targets in N France, and radio station N of Alencon.

Fuel depot at Foret de Mormal is target for 143 Halifaxes, 8 Lancasters, and 5 Mosquitoes; 773 tons of bombs are dropped with good results. Twenty-nine Lancasters drop 72 tons of bombs on submarine pens at la Pallice. Seven launching sites in Abbeville-Amiens-Dieppe areas are bombed by 114 Halifaxes, 21 Lancasters, and 12 Mosquitoes; 618 tons are dropped with fair to good results. Aircraft of 8th AF mission over Germany attack airfields near Strasburg and Riems with some success. In night operations fuel and supplies are again under attack when 160 Lancasters drop 931 tons on fuel dump at Foret de Chatellerault (N of Poitiers), 116 Lancasters and 4 Mosquitoes drop 739 tons on Fort Denglos fuel depot, and 94 Halifaxes, 26 Lancasters, and 3 Mosquitoes drop 641 tons on Foret de Nieppe supply depot; generally good results achieved. Launching sites in Abbeville-Amiens-Dieppe-Rouen areas are attacked by 38 Halifaxes, 26 Lancasters, and 14 Mosquitoes with 90 tons which are well concentrated.

Belgium:

Some heavy bombers from 8th AF mission over Germany drop 140 tons of bombs on Elsenborn barracks. Results are good.

Luxembourg:

Luxembourg and St. Vith rail yards are attacked with 99 tons of bombs by elements from 8th AF mission against Germany; results good.

Holland:

Aircraft of 8th AF mission over Germany, drop 28 tons on Eindhoven with little success.

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Germany:

Total of 351 B-17s and 172 B-24s of 8th AF drops 670 tons on airfields near Munich, Erding, and Nurnberg, tank plant at Nurnberg, and on lesser objectives at Stuttgart, Sindelfingen, and elsewhere with some good results; 675 fighters escort above missions. Other 8th AF aircraft drops 437 tons of bombs on Saarbrucken RR yards.

English Channel:

SS Lussae (French cargo, 1,586 tons) sunk at 48-50 N, 02-20 W.

10 France:

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps CT-121 and 331st Regt attack toward Dinard but opposition is strong and progress slow; troops unable to break through isolated bn in Pleurtuit area. Old City of St. Malo attacked across causeway from Parame by elements of 330th while rest of regt attempts to reduce strongpoints at St. Ideuc and Pte. de la Varde. The Citadel guarding St. Malo also must be seized and 329th Regt prepares to attack it and polices St. Servan and Parame. In SE sector of Corps front, CCA, 4th Armd, drives rapidly E, forcing enemy troops in front of it into Nantes.

XX Corps Tenth and 11th Regts, 5th Div, attack Angers and occupy city by night.

XV Corps Armd units drive N against strong opposition by 9th Pz and 352d Divs; by night 5th Armd, advancing with CCR on R and CCA on L, reaches points S of Mamers and Morolles where strong German tank forces are contacted. Seventy-fifth Div moves N and halts about 6½ mi. NE of Le Mans. French troops encounter bitter opposition. Morle Mans, Evron and Ste. Suzanne seized by 80th Div troops which force enemy to flee N; 319th Regt advances E to secure le Mans bridgehead.

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VII Corps Thirtieth Div and CT 12, 4th Div, still heavily engaged just W and NW of Mortain; troops are unable to progress against stubborn opposition of 47th Armd Corps; although units of 2d Pz Div are driven from high ground E of le Mesnil Tove. Despite stubborn opposition, 35th Div makes some gains; occupies high ground S of Mortain, and reaches S slopes of Hill 317. Second Armd Div troops repulse counterattack by elements of 58th Armd Corps N of Barenton. Units of 4th Div move into line on R of 35th Div and establish road blocks in le Teilleul area.

XIX Corps Task Force organized from CGA, 2d Armd Div; TF and 109th Regt of 28th Div make coordinated attack on Gathemo; armor by-passes town, which is occupied by inf in afternoon, and advances steadily SE toward Hill 367, in vicinity of St. Sauveur de Chaulieu. Twenty-ninth Div attacks to secure heights E and SE of St. Sauveur with 115th Regt leading; enemy infiltrates on both rear flanks; 175th Regt secures road net supplying 115th which holds ground against attacks.

V Corps Second Div attacks S of Vire on narrow front; enemy driven to SE beyond maisoncelles la Jourdan; defensive positions established.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Despite strong opposition, 69th Brig of 50th Div advances S and captures Pts. 229 and 266, SW and NE of St. Pierre le Vieille.

XII Corps Bridgehead across the Orne now held by 56th Brig on R, 197th in center, and 158th on L; 56th Brig reaches general line Croisillès-Espins, NE of Thury Harcourt.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps On R flank 4th Armd Div progresses to area of Hamelet Fontaine-Pte 195 where enemy counter-

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attack is repulsed. On L flank 1st Polish Armd Div takes Soignolles and secures positions E of it.

I Corps Forty-ninth Div advances E toward Dives R.; heavy opposition encountered E of Banneville la Campagne and in Vimont.

Approximately 2,000 tactical sorties are flown, fighters striking against rail targets, artillery, troops, supply concentrations, and Seine barges. Limited results achieved in attack on rail targets near Paris by 159 B-26s releasing 300 tons. Falaise-Mortain sectors are attacked during day by 180 enemy fighters and at night by 88 enemy heavy and medium bombers.

Total of 162 B-24s escorted by 253 fighters attacks bridges and fuel dumps in Paris-Dyon area with 499 tons of bombs; results fairly satisfactory; 8 enemy aircraft are destroyed. Ninety-six Lancasters and 2 Mosquitoes attack Paris (Dijon) fuel depot, dropping approximately 603 tons with excellent results. Twelve Lancasters and 5 Mosquitoes attack launching sites at Pas de Calais, dropping 69 tons with fair results. During night, la Pallice oil storage depot is attacked by 93 Halifaxes and 58 Lancasters with 81 tons; results fair to excellent; oil storage depot at Bordeaux and RR center at Dijon are successfully attacked by 104 Halifaxes, 77 Lancasters, and 4 Mosquitoes with 623 tons.

Germany:

Thirty Mosquitoes make well-concentrated bombing attack on Berlin with 38 tons; 3 Lancasters drop 15 tons of bombs on Bremen.

11 France:

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VIII Corps Citadel unsuccessfully attacked by 329th Regt; objective thoroughly covered by enemy batteries in Dinard and on Ile de Cezembre, about 3 mi. NW of Citadel. First Bn, 330th Regt, continues attack across causeway from Parame but opposition is determined. Troops attacking toward Dinard make slow progress as they are always under observed enemy fire. Nantes captured by CGA, 4th Armd Div.

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CCB, 4th Armd, and 6th Armd maintain pressure on Lorient and Brest.

XX Corps Elements of 4th Armd Div relieve 2d Regt at Nantes and 2d returns E along Loire R., mopping up enemy opposition en route; 10th Regt advances S and SE of Angers.

XV Corps Fifth Armd units continue advance NW by-passing Foret de Perseigne, Mamers, and Morolles. Second Fr Armd reaches Alencon; 90th Div begins its march and reaches a line through Rene-Fresne sur Sarthe-Orne R.; 79th Div follows about 9 mi. behind 5th Armd and halts about 2 mi. N of Morolles. On Corps L, rear flank, elements of 80th Div occupy Sille le Guillaume and nearby high ground, eliminating threat to le Mans bridgehead.

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VII Corps After bitter fighting, 120th and elements of 119th Regts, 30th Div, reach W outskirts of Mortain but are forced to withdraw; to the NW, 117th Regt makes no gains and is held in la Vallee area by strong enemy opposition. Elements of 9th Div make some progress S, securing Perriers en Beaufice and surrounding high ground. Night of 11/12, 47th Armd Corps withdraws. SE of Mortain, 320th Regt of 35th Div turns N toward Hill 317 and battles its way slowly forward; 137th attacks NE from Barenton and then W toward Mortain forest, in enemy's rear. NE of Barenton, enemy counterattack from Ger repulsed by CCB, 2d Armd Div.

XIX Corps Twenty-eighth Div makes slow progress southward against 84th Corps, securing control of roads E and SE of Gathemo. Twenty-ninth Div and CCA, 2d Armd, encounter determined opposition to their attempts to take high ground around St. Sauveur de Chaulieu.

V Corps Second Div continues to hold positions.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Third British Div on R and Guards Armd

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on L attack S across Vire-Conde sur Noireau road: former reaches Pts. 272 and 312, 3 and 4 mi. SE of Vire, respectively; latter secures line Viessoix-Chenendolle, approximately 4-7 mi. E of Vire, after bitter fighting, particularly at Chenendolle.

XXX Corps In 50th Div sector, 231st Brig passes through 69th, captures St. Pierre la Vieille, and advances about 1 mi. S. To the N, elements of 53d Div are SW of Thury Harcourt. E of the Orne, 197th Brig of 59th Div advances S to points about 2 mi. E and SE of Thury Harcourt, patrolling to Espins; patrols also move through Foret de Cinglais and reach Barbery, on road running NE to Bretteville sur Laize.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fourth Armd Div and 3d Inf Div encounter such stubborn opposition that they are unable to progress. On Corps R flank 2d Div troops cross Laize R. at Bretteville and advance SW to Barbery, contacting XXX Corps troops.

I Corps On Corps R flank 51st Div advances in SE direction: 154th Brig attacks woods NW of Maizieres and repels counterattack while, to the NW, 153d Brig defeats counterattack in St. Sylvain.

Limited results achieved by 297 light and medium bombers of 9th Tactical Air Force operating against guns in Falaise area, defenses at St. Malo, dumps in Foret de Roumare and at Montrichard, rail targets in St. Maximin and Falaise areas and a temporary bridge at Oissel with over 400 tons; fighters and fighter bombers fly close support and carry out strafing and bombing missions in Evreux area and SE of Paris as far as Dijon. Enemy fighter effort in battle area reduced to 100-110 sorties chiefly in Mortain-Vire area; 90 enemy long-range bombers operate at night.

In 8th AF operations, 153 B-17s, effectively drop 375.7 tons of bombs on Mulhouse and Belfort rail yards near German front line; 70 B-24s attack oil dumps SE of Paris with 187 tons; 47 B-24s drop 100.8 tons on Coulommiers airfield; 17 B-17s and 65 B-24s drop 268.6 tons on 3 airfields near

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Paris; results good. Oil dumps and rail yards at Strasburg are successfully attacked by 131 B-24s with 365.5 tons. Military installations at Brest are targets for an 868.5-ton attack by 275 B-17s; results are poor to good. Major RR centers of Somain, Douai, Lens, and Cambrai are bombed by 264 Lancasters, 121 Halifaxes, and 14 Mosquitoes; 2,337 tons achieve good results. Etaples RR bridge, submarine pens at la Pallice and Bordeaux, and bomb-launching sites in the Pas de Calais and Abbeville-Amiens areas are attacked by 81 Halifaxes, 50 Lancasters, and 24 Mosquitoes with 714 tons; hits are scored on bridge and good results are obtained against launching sites. Five Mosquitoes strike Bézancourt tank repair factory with 4 tons, and attack 50 barges NW of target. In night mission, 174 Lancasters and 7 Mosquitoes make well-concentrated attack on Givors (Baden) RR center with 752 tons to interdict traffic from S.

Gun installations on S coast attacked by 74 B-26s with good results; fighter bombers strike at radar stations and fuel supplies.

Low Countries:

Ten Spitfires attack communication targets in Kessel (Belgium), Eindhoven (Holland), and Zaltbommel (Belgium), on Weert-Helmond (Holland) canal, and in areas NW of Wessel (Holland).

Germany:

Total of 211 B-17s with escort of 252 fighters attacks oil plants at Ruhland, Bohlen, and Brux, and Chemnitz vehicle plant with 321.3 tons; results at Bohlen fair, elsewhere unobserved; 122 B-17s drop 292.2 tons on rail yards and tire plant at Fulda with fair to good results. Sixty B-24s attack rail yards at Saarbrucken with 172.5 tons. Sixty-nine of about 180 airborne enemy aircraft and 26 grounded planes are destroyed. At night 32 Mosquitoes drop 47 tons of bombs on Berlin in scattered attack.

North Sea:

SS Erling Lindoe (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,281 tons) sunk by mine at 57-00 N, 11-20 E.

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Nantes Harbor:

SS Sandefjord (Norwegian tanker, 8,038 tons) scuttled by enemy at 47-13 N, 01-33 W.

SS Palmyre (French tanker, 14,120 tons) scuttled by enemy at 47-13 N, 01-33 W.

SS Le Loing (French tanker, 4,800 tons) scuttled by enemy at 47-13 N, 01-33 W.

12. France:

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps St. Ideuc strongpoint taken by elements of 331st Regt as 330th continues attack against heart of St. Malo. W of Rance R., 331st Regt pushes into Fleurtaut and contacts isolated bn of 121st; opposition still determined.

XX Corps Second Regt, 5th Div, assumes defense of Angers; remainder of 5th Div moves E to St. Calais area; Force Thackeray also moves toward Calais but along a southerly route, mopping up all resistance between main body and Loire R.

XV Corps Fifth Armd encounters only negligible opposition and sweeps N through Sees and attacks NW toward Argentan but is stopped just outside the town. Second Fr Armd drives toward Carrouges but meets heavy resistance in Foret d'Ecouves. Seventy-ninth Div makes rapid progress and advances through Mamers and Contilly to area of le Mesle, halting just E of the town and on banks of Sarthe R. Units of 90th Div relieve 2d Fr Armd in Alencon.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Isolated bn of 120th Regt relieved on Hill 317 by 320th Regt of 35th Div. Thirtieth Div and 12th 4th Div, penetrate enemy resistance and occupy St. Barthelmy, nearby crossroads, and attempt of 5-armd divs (1st SS, 2d SS, 2d, 10th SS, 116th) to break through to Avranches completely defeated.

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XIX Corps Twenty-eighth Div pushes S, against moderate resistance, toward Sourdeval. Hill 338, in St. Sauveur area, captured by elements of CCA, 2d Armd; 175th Regt, 29th Div, unsuccessfully attempts to seize hills W of St. Sauveur. Twenty-ninth Div assigned to V Corps. First signs enemy contemplating giving up counterattack toward Avranches and withdrawing.

V Corps Second Div attacks to SE against elements of 84th Army Corps: 9th Regt cuts road running SW from Truttener le Grand, in vicinity of la Moinerie; 23d Regt captures Truttener le Grand. Twenty-ninth Div attached.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY:

XXX Corps Pushing S, 231st Brig, 50th Div, secures line about 3 mi. N of Conde sur Noireau.

XII Corps Point 141, just W of Thury Harcourt, seized by 177th Brig which then reverts to 59th Div. E of the Orne, other elements of 53d Div take Fresney le Vieux and Bois Halbout although fighting continues in both places. Fifty-ninth Div is in Croisilles area and E.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Polish Armd Div moves toward la Bu sur Rouvres but opposition is strong and they only reach point halfway to objective. Second Div is SW of St. Germain le Vasson.

Results are varied in attacks on Argentan area highways, Marseille-en-Beauvais dump, Corbeil refueling siding, and Oissel RR bridge by 289 light and medium 9th AF bombers, releasing over 375 tons; fighters damage batteries, bridges, rail targets, Hq at Vassy, barges in Seine, and tunnel S of Lauriere in support missions. About 2,400 sorties are flown by 9th AF. In night attack, 89 Lancasters, 33 Halifaxes, 12 Sterlings, and 4 Mosquitoes release 722 tons on Falaise road junction to disrupt enemy retreat. Enemy fighters again fly 140-160 sorties with main effort N of Le Mans; 80 enemy long-range bombers operate in sea areas. Attacking 4 airfields NE

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of Paris, 251 B-24s of 8th AF drop 654.5 tons with good results; 275 B-17s effectively bomb rail yards at Metz and Paris and an airfield near Etampes; dispatched from Italy in return shuttle-bombing mission, 69 B-17s drop 158.8 tons on Toulouse airfield with good results. Total of 399 fighters furnish escort for missions during which 7 bombers and 3 fighters are lost. Ninety Halifaxes, 79 Lancasters, and 2 Mosquitoes attack submarine pens and oil storage at Brest and Bordeaux, submarine pens at la Pallice, and ammunition dump at Forêt de Montrichard with good results. At night, launching sites in Dieppe-Rouen area are targets for 151 tons of bombs from 38 Halifaxes and 9 Mosquitoes; results are fair to good; 4 Mosquitoes make scattered raids on airfields.

In 2 missions to the Sete area, E of the Rhone, 234 B-24s supported by 80 fighters, unload 580 tons of bombs on 16 gun positions, knocking out 8. With escort of 48 fighters, 104 B-24s release 251.5 tons with good concentration on 8 guns in the Marseille area; 9 B-24s missing. Fourteen radar stations on S coast are effectively strafed by 102 P-51s; 3 P-51s missing. Miramas marshalling yards damaged in strafing raid by 34 P-47s. Enemy installations near Cannes and between St. Tropez and Hyeres successfully attacked by 138 B-25s and 98 B-26s. Ninety-eight Spitfires damage 5 radar stations in St. Tropez area and silence guns at a fighter control station near Bormes. Five A-20s make night raid on shipping and MT between Monaco and Toulon. In 386 fighter-bomber sorties by 87th Fighter Wing, bridges at Arles, Tarascon, and Avignon are heavily damaged.

Holland:

Fighters attack Eindhoven canal.

Germany:

In night attack, Brunswick is bombed through clouds by 221 Lancasters and 129 Halifaxes with 917 tons. Russelsheim town and Opel works are bombed effectively by 181 Lancasters and 90 Halifaxes with 1,057 tons. Twenty Mosquitoes score good hits on Kiel with 33 tons. Claims for day: 9-1-4; losses 47 heavy bombers.

Elbe Estuary:

SS Namdo (Swedish cargo ship, 2,860 tons) sunk by mine at 53-60 N, 08-70 E.

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13 France:

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Bitter fighting continues in St. Malo area: Pte. de la Varde position reduced; attack across causeway maintained but little progress made; 121st and 331st gain about 3,000 yds. in push toward Dinard but resistance is still very strong.

XX Corps Eightieth Div attacks N against scattered opposition to positions N of Alencon and, to the W, through Villaines to la Lacelle, 11 mi. NE of Villaines; 2d French Armd Div contacted S of Carrouges and 80th pinched out by XV Corps.

XV Corps S of Argentan, CCA, 5th Armd Div, resumes attack on the town but is repulsed as Germans have apparently brought in reinforcements during night; CCB and CCR move into positions N of Sees, blocking roads leading E from Argentan. Seventy-ninth Div takes positions E and SE of le Mesle-Courtomer road and astride Mesle-Mortagne road. French by-pass Foret d'Ecouvés and reach Ecouche, 5 mi. SW of Argentan while 90th Div occupies high ground SE of Carrouges and advances 1 bn through Foret d'Ecouvés; Alencon bridgehead expanded and consolidated.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Corps attacks NE, spearheaded by CCA of 3d Armd Div; CCA attacks NE in 2 columns and turns N just W of Pre en Pail, contacting units of 2d French Armd Div just S of Carrouges; strong opposition develops as CCA tries to push N from Carrouges area toward Ranee. Armd units followed by 18th and 26th Regts of 1st Div which reach positions along Juvigny-Couptrain road; CCB, 3d Armd Div, takes positions just S of Couptrain.

XIX Corps Sourdeval captured by 110th Regt, 28th Div, which then pushes E and seizes hill positions just W of St. Martin de Chaulieu; rest of 28th maintains road blocks in Cathemo area. Elements

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of CCA, 2d Armd Div, approach Ger while 82d Rcn Bn. secures positions W and SW of Domfront.

V Corps Thirty-eighth Regt passes through 9th and attacks S to cut Tinchebray-Sourdeval road; about 1 mi. gained against determined opposition. Twenty-third Regt pushes SE and takes Truttemer le Petit. On R, 29th Div attacks S toward high ground near St. Sauveur and le Frene Poret but units of 84th Army Corps offer such strong resistance that objective is not reached. German 84th Army Corps begins withdrawal.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps In Vire sector, 3d Div troops reach points just S and NE of Coquard. Eleventh Armd Div reports la Rocque and St. Vigor des Mezerets clear of enemy troops.

XXX Corps Corps continues SE drive with 50th Div securing high ground S and SE of la Villette and 43d advancing along W bank of Orne through St. Lambert.

XII Corps Patrols of 56th Brig, 53d Div, reach N and NE outskirts of Thury Harcourt which is strongly held by enemy; rest of Div, E of Orne R., reports Espins clear and makes progress S of it; Pt. 221, 4 mi. SE of Espins, occupied.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Second Div advances SE along W bank of Laize R. with 5th Brig reaching outskirts of Clair Tizon.

Ninth AF sorties total 2,097; fighters blast tanks, MT, and rail target in assault area. With generally good results, 73 light and medium bombers make 872-ton attack on enemy front points S of Caen, communication targets at Ligneux, Perrone, Corbeil, and Doullons, and fuel dumps at les Bessons. Enemy attacks battle areas with 125-140 sorties.

Total of 757 B-17s and 448 B-24s of 8th AF escorted by 136 fighters effectively bombs communications in Seine R.

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battle area and coastal batteries at St. Malo and nearby Ile de Cezembre with 2,703 tons. Thirteen bombers are lost. In 175-ton attack on submarine pens and shipping at Brest, 5 of 27 Lancasters score direct hits. Fourteen Lancasters attack oil installations at Bordeaux with 75 tons.

Total of 136 B-17s and 413 B-24s escorted by 169 fighters pounds coastal targets with 1,522 tons of bombs, obtaining excellent results on RR bridges at Pont St. Esprit, Avignon, and Orange and good results on 4 gun positions near Toulon and 9 in the Sete area. Enemy installations between Toulon and Marseille also attacked by 116 B-26s and 144 B-25s which score many direct hits. Eighty-one Spitfires bomb radar stations in the Marseille area and strafe minesweepers in harbor with unobserved results. Airdromes in S Rhone valley near Avignon are targets for approximately 100 P-47s; Montelimar airdrome, MT in the Nice area, and radar installations near C. Dramont strafed by 31 P-38s; additional military objectives along S coast hit by 23 fighter bombers and 359 fighters.

Germany:

On night mission, 28 Mosquitoes make well-concentrated attack on Hanover with 44 tons.

14 France:U.S. THIRD ARMY:

VIII Corps Old city of St. Malo and Dinard captured after bitter house-to-house fighting; 329th Regt unsuccessfully attacks the Citadel.

XX Corps At noon, Corps attacks NE with 7th Armd Div leading; only light opposition encountered and troops advance rapidly, generally along line of Huisne R. to Nogent/le Rotrou area. Fifth Armd Div advances N to Authon. Second Regt, 5th Div, relieved at Angers by elements of 80th Div which is also mopping up in Le Mans area.

XV Corps Fifth Armd Div relieved near Argentan by French and moves to E of Argentan, preparatory to marching on Dreux and Seine R.; 79th also prepares

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to move E; only enemy troops contacted are those trying to escape E from Argentan-Falaise pocket. Foret d'Ecouves mopped up by 90th Div.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Task forces of 3d Armd Div encounter fierce opposition in drive toward Ranex as enemy struggles to keep open escape routes to the E; TFY reaches Ranex area late in afternoon. On L of armd units, 9th Div occupies on line running NE from Foret de la Motte to Joue du Bois. In 1st Div sector, 26th Regt secures la Ferte Mace and 18th takes Juvigny and advances $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. NE; 16th Regt pushes through and drives N between Foret d'Andaine and Foret de la Ferte through St. Michel to points about 3 mi. NW of la Ferte Mace.

XIX Corps Twenty-eighth Div goes into reserve with exception of 109th Regt which moves S toward Foret de Mortain. CCA, 2d Armd, advances E through Ger and Lonlay l'abbaye, and crosses Egrenne R. Thirtieth Div moves to positions W of Domfront which is occupied by 82d Rcn Bn of 2d Armd Div.

V Corps Against strong opposition, 2d Div moves S and SE: 38th Regt secures hills NE of St. Sauveur de Chaulieu and N of St. Christophe de Chaulieu; 23d Regt advances about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SE of Truttemer le Petit toward Tinchebray. Twenty-ninth Div's 175th Regt secures high ground near le Fresne Poret and turns E toward St. Jean de Bois but is halted by strong resistance.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Third Div continues attack but meets strong opposition N of Coquard; some elements secure point N of Truttemer le Grand and others move W to contact U.S. troops. Farther E, 15th Div is relieved by 11th Armd Div which then passes under control of XIX Corps in same positions. Patrols report Estrie and le Theil, N of Vire-Aunay road, clear of enemy troops.

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XXX Corps Elements of 130th Brig make slight advance S toward Conde sur Noireau and reach Proussy.

XII Corps Thury Harcourt taken by 56th Brig of 59th Div; other elements of Div cross the Orne and are on Caumont feature, S of Thury Harcourt, while some units clear Donnay and push S. On Corps L flank, 53d Div units advance S to Pt. 210 although R wing troops are held up on N outskirts of Haut d'Angoville.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Second Div secures bridgehead across Laize R. SE of Clair Tizon and in afternoon repulses 3 counterattacks in le Cressonniere area. At noon, 3d Div on R and 4th Cdn Armd Div on L attacks SE toward Laison R.

A-20s and B-26s of 9th AF attack bivouac area at Foret d'Halouse; and rail bridges in Paris area and near Bernay, scoring hits; B-25s and A-20s obtain good results in attacks on strong points SE of Bretteville; large numbers of MT, RR cars, and tanks are destroyed and 32 enemy guns silenced by fighters in battle area. Ninth AF flies 1,989 sorties. Enemy fighter sorties reduced to 80-100 in battle area, bomber sorties to 70.

In 8th AF missions, 354 B-24s drop 998.9 tons in generally effective attack on airfields near Lyon, Dole, Dijon, and Hamme in E France, and on bridges at Anizy and Fisme NE of Paris; 76 B-24s drop 223.5 tons on Saintes and Angouleme rail junctions NE of Bordeaux with considerable success; 72 B-17s attack airfields at Metz with moderately good results, dropping 156.7 tons of bombs; slight ground haze encountered at Metz; escort consists of 137 fighters. Using 3,944 tons, total of 512 Lancasters, 233 Halifaxes, and 34 Mosquitoes effectively bomb enemy concentrations in Potigny area astride Caen-Falaise road in support of First Canadian Army. Total of 147 Lancasters attack block ships in Brest harbor with 815 tons, scoring 4 direct hits.

Fifteenth Air Force continues hammering enemy defenses: in day and night attacks 203 B-24s and 27 B-17s release 565 tons of bombs on gun positions in Toulon area; 97 B-26s, 144 B-25s, 152 P-47s, 16 P-38s, and 49 Spitfires

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strike at gun positions and other military objectives along assault coast from Rade d'Agay to the Giens peninsula. Thirty-one P-38s and 114 P-51s concentrate on radar installations and coast watchers. During night 36 P-51s provide top cover for 405 C-47s which convey paratroopers over le Muy area; shipping and dock facilities in Marseille harbor effectively hit by 48 Wellingtons and 7 Halifaxes with 78.75 tons of bombs; 21 A-20s and A-30s raid MT in vicinity of Marseille and bomb airdromes in the Rhone valley, namely Legallon, Orange Plan de Dieu, and Istres.

Belgium:

Twenty-four B-17s successfully attack Florennes airfield with 60 tons of bombs.

Germany:

Total of 283 B-17s of 8th AF drops 601.5 tons on air-component, jet-propulsion, and MT plants and on airfield in Stuttgart area with fairly effective results although somewhat hindered by weather. Total of 306 B-17s drops 710.9 tons on airfield and jet plant at Mannheim, and on synthetic-oil plant at Ludwigshaven with good results as far as observed; 292 fighters in escort; 3 bombers and 1 fighter lost and 11 enemy planes destroyed; returning fighters strafe MT and RR equipment. In night attack, 32 Mosquitoes obtain fair results against Berlin with 46 tons of bombs.

15 France:

U.S. Allied forces invade Southern France coming ashore between Nice and Toulon at about 0800. Landings of airborne troops and French units ahead of the assaults and of a special force on 2 small islands offshore and a 50-70 min. bombardment precede attacks by three U.S. Divs between Cap Benat and Cap Des Salins, on the shore of the bay of St. Tropez, and near the mouth of Argens R. Fifty-three larger support ships, including U.S., British, and French BBs, Cas, and CLs, aided by large numbers of DDs and other craft bombard areas behind troops and sweep beaches with rocket and mortar fire. Naval aircraft from 7 British and 2 U.S. CAS participate. Drones, crew-less boats laden with explosives, are sent in and detonated. Dummy paratroops

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are dropped northwest of Toulon, and French small-scale landings with shore bombardment near Cannes provide diversions; 880 vessels and 1,370 shipborne landing craft participate, representing various nationalities.

German 242d Inf Div, which was to defend Toulon-Agay area, appears disorganized by preliminary bombardment, offering sporadic resistance. From installations on Corsica, 1st Signal Service Plat. (Special) direction-finding electronic equipment locates 87 enemy radar for Air Corps neutralization, and unit jams remaining German radar and radio along coast for D-Day breakdown of 19th German Army alarm system, set up to defend Mediterranean area from Spain to Italy.

To establish the beachhead, the Allies must capture the high land within arty range of the shore.

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps Seventh and 15th Regts of 3d Div (Alpha Beach) land NE of Cavalaire and E of Pampelone, 7th encountering concrete tetrahedrons off shore and wire and mines on beach but meeting little resistance except sporadic mortar and small arms fire, naval rocket barrage having been markedly effective. Thirtieth Regt lands 80 min. later. Fifteenth Regt overcomes beach resistance in 40 min. Troops of 3d Div fan out to E and N reaching 1 1/2 mi. E of Collobrieres, 9 mi. from beach, and the towns of Grimaud, Cogolin, and St. Tropez where 1st ABTF arty troops also land. Enemy resistance limited to road blocks and sniper fire. French commandos attached to 3d Div firmly established near G. Nègre, 6 mi. W of Cavalaire, dispose of enemy battery, beat off counterattack, cut coastal highways, and take high ground N of area. Parachute and glider drops by 1st Airborne TF units near Le Muy, 15 mi. N of St. Tropez, disperse local forces, preventing enemy reinforcement from W. Attempted landing of French naval assault group at Point de Trayas, near Cannes, fails with heavy casualties.

Troops of 157th and 180th Regts of 45th Div (Delta Beach) rapidly secure beaches near Ste. Maxime against SA and mortar fire, stiff street fighting delaying capture of Ste. Maxime by 157th until afternoon. Other 45th Div units find Plan

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de la Tour and Gratteloup clear of enemy, meeting only token resistance; 180th advances N on coastal highway toward St. Aygulf.

Thirty-sixth Div (Camel Beach) encounters delays from underwater obstacles and from unfavorable terrain. Troops of 141st quickly landing at Vieilles d'Agay (Camel Blue) and W of C. Drammont (Camel Green) against light opposition, clean up Rade d'Agay (Camel Yellow), making attack from rear because of frontal, enemy arty fire and rapidly advance NE to beachline near Napoule-les Bains. Elements of 143d, following 141st on Green Beach, move slowly W toward Argens R. to vicinity St. Raphael; 142d, kept from beach opposite Frejus (Camel Red Beach), lands in afternoon on Green Beach, slowly advancing through difficult terrain toward Frejus.

First Special Service Force encounters only moderate resistance in early landings on Port Cros and Levant islands.

In support of 7th Army, 84 B-17s and 168 B-24s unload 487.2 tons of bombs on invasion beaches which 171 B-26s and 105 B-25s also bomb, dropping 496 tons; enemy strongpoints also attacked by 83 P-38s and 509 P-47s which hit 16 gun positions, destroy 3 bridges, and cut approaches to 3 others; 12 A-20s hit enemy barracks near Draguignan, N of Frejus, with 16 tons. Total of 190 P-47s, P-40s, and Spitfires attacks communications and 115 Spitfires and P-40s hit gun batteries in S France; rocket projectile aircraft prove very effective against MT.

Targets in Rhone valley are attacked by heavy and medium bombers: 27 B-17s and 115 B-24s with escort of 137 fighters hit Valence, Bourg, St. Andreol, Donzere, Le Teil, and Pt. St. Esprit highway bridges with 363.5 tons; 63 B-26s bomb road bridges at Arles and Sisteron. Overcast hampers some missions; results for heavies reported generally good and mediums have good concentrations on all targets; 2 B-17s lost and 4 B-24s, and 10 fighters missing; fighter bombers engage 18 ME-109s, 3 of which are destroyed. Only 1 of 6 RR bridges across Rhone is serviceable. During night 51 Wellingtons and 7 Halifaxes drop 52 tons on Valence/Tresorerie airdrome with poor results because of haze; planes from a mission of 20 A-20s score hits on hangar at Orange/Plan de Dieu airdrome; the other A-20s attack MT in Marseille area and harbor area

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targets there and at Nice, causing fires and explosions. Effective sorties total 4,249, of which 3,936 are in participation in ground attack. Two LSTs and 2 LCVPs are sunk or destroyed by glider bomb during attack by 4 DC-217s and 2 other LCVPs by gunfire. Small force of Ju-88s attacks shipping and ground targets at dusk. Enemy shipping losses are 2 Corvettes off Port Cros. I. and 5 small craft.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps W. of Dinard 331st captures St. Lunaire and le Briac; 329th unsuccessfully attacks the citadel. Twenty-eighth Regt, 8th Div, moves to Cap Frehal, one of 2 pockets of enemy resistance remaining; enemy troops there surrender. TFA attacks other pocket near Paimpol. Troops of 6th Armd Div relieve CCB, 4th Armd, at Lorient.

XII Corps Fourth Armd drives E toward Orleans, closely followed by 35th Inf Div. CGA reaches positions just W of Ormes, about 5 mi. NW of Orleans, and captures airport N of Orleans; Task Force S, formed by 35th Div, also pushes toward Orleans while CT 320 drives toward Chateaudun, about 35 mi. NW of Orleans. CCB, 4th Armd, relieved at Lorient by elements of 6th Armd.

XX Corps Corps changes direction and turns toward Chartres; 7th Armd reaches W outskirts of Chartres by evening, closely followed by 5th Div which halts at Sandarville and Mignieres, less than 10 mi. SW of Chartres.

XV Corps Fifth Armd and 79th Inf Divs drive E toward Eure R., closing in W of Dreux and on outskirts of Nogent le Roi. Ninetieth Div relieves 5th Armd in Sees-Gace area, blocking Germans' escape routes E and extend line to Carrouges to assist 2d French Armd in protection of that town.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Banes and high ground just beyond seized by TFX, 3d Armd Div; strong enemy counter-attack repulsed. Ninth Div makes gains in area

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E of la Ferte Mace, securing positions around Beauvain. First Div moves N against strong opposition; 18th Regt advances through Foret d'Andaine.

XIX Corps On L flank of Corps 110th Regt, 28th Div, moves E across Egrenne R., occupying St. Cornier des Landes and Preaux without opposition; farther S, 30th Div troops get positions around St. Romer les Forges in area N of Domfront. Second Armd Div moves to an assembly area near Barenton.

V Corps Tinchebray captured by 2d Div and 102d Cav Gp; defensive positions established.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Eighth Brig of 3d Div pushes S and contacts U.S. 2d Div 2½ mi. E of Truttemer le Grand.

XXX Corps Eleventh Armd Div advances S and enters Vassy, finding all bridges blown and town heavily mined. In 43d Div sector, 130th Brig captures St. Denis de Mere, 2 mi. NE of Conde, and clears area from there E to Noireau R.; 214th Brig establishes bridgehead over river on high ground N and NE of Berjou.

XII Corps Elements of 59th Div advance swiftly S and reach area of confluence of Noireau and Orne rivers. Advancing steadily SE in area E of Orne R., 53d Div units reach Treprel and Pierrepont.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps On Corps R flank 3d Div reaches a general line from N of Soulange NE to Olendon and is advancing S toward Falaise. On L, 4th Cdn Armd moves S, captures Olendon, Perrieres, and Epaney, and reaches line 2½ mi. N of Falaise. In rear of 1st Div, 1st Armd seizes Potigny and Bons Tassilly.

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I Corps In 51st Div sector, 152d Brig reaches Laison R. just W of Conde sur Ifs; elements of 33d Armd Brig hold high ground just S of Ecures sur Favieres while 153d is at la Bu sur Rouvres.

Falaise, Limoges, and Seine Valley areas are targets for Typhoons, Spitfires, and RAF Mustangs which destroy tanks, MT, barges, and rolling stock. St. Malo citadel, RR center NE of Rouen, and fuel dumps and bridges N of Paris are hit by 22 B-26s and 107 A-20s with 493 tons of bombs in some of the 1,555 sorties flown by 9th AF. Estimated 260 enemy sorties flown over Normandy and Paris areas.

Belgium:

Force of 75 B-17s and 59 B-24s successfully strike Twente/Entschede and Florennes/Jusaine airfields with 323.5 tons. Total of 197 Halifaxes, 239 Lancasters, and 3 Mosquitoes successfully attack Tirlement/Gossoncourt, Brussels/Melsbroek, le Culot, and St. Trond/Brusthem airfields with 2,407 tons of bombs. Spitfires attack Antwerp wharf area.

Holland:

Venlo airfield is effectively attacked by 104 B-17s of 8th AF with 207 tons of bombs. Eindhoven airfield is target for 105 Halifaxes and 9 Lancasters in 544-ton attack; 73 Halifaxes and 38 Lancasters attack Soesterberg airfield with 562 tons; 108 Lancasters and 2 Mosquitoes drop 658 tons on Volkelaairfield, cratering target area; 92 Lancasters and 4 Mosquitoes make well-concentrated attack on Deelen airfield using 533 tons. Five Mosquitoes on night mission attack Venlo airfield.

Germany:

Airfields near Frankfurt, Cologne, and Wiesbaden are effectively attacked with 578.5 tons of bombs by 214 B-17s of 8th AF; 312 B-24s drop 825.8 tons on Zwischenahn, Plantlunne, Wittmundhafen, Vechta, and Hopstein airfields near the Elms and Weser rivers; 108 B-17s attack Handorf airfields with 87.5 tons of bombs. In these missions bombers and escort of 319 fighters destroy 21 enemy planes; 24 bombers and 3 fighters are lost.

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U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VII Corps Third Div on L continues rapid advances for most part to N and W; 7th Regt clears road block in the Hyeres-Cogolin highway near Col de Gratteloup and by-passes stiff resistance to reach St. Clair and makes slow progress toward Bormes from N. Fifteenth Regt moves to assembly areas E of Collobrieres; 30th Regt makes considerable advances to W clearing the enemy from la Garde Freinet, 9 mi. W of St. Tropez, taking les Mayons, Ganfaron, and Collobrieres, and nearing Carnoules, 13 mi. N of Hyeres, and Pierrefeu, 4 mi. W of la Garde Freinet; resistance is chiefly from snipers.

In center, 45th Div clears most of the area between coast and Argens R.; 157th Regt reaches Vidauban, 8 mi. W of Plan de la Tour, and moving SW contacts 3d Div at the head of St. Tropez bay; 180th circles R along the coast and the Argens R. overcoming resistance to take St. Aygulf, S of Frejus, seizing Villepey, and continuing under long range 88mm artillery fire toward Roquebrune; 179th moves toward an assembly area near Vidauban.

On R, 36th Div runs into increased resistance. Troops of 143d Regt overcome mines, road blocks, and some armor, clear road block at Bourlouis and capture St. Raphael; they find troublesome resistance in mopping up at Golf de Frejus (Camel Red) beach; 142d captures Frejus, liquidates enemy resistance there, and meets heavy resistance to the N in the Camp de Cais area, relieved by 143d, which advances through Camp de Cais to establish road block at Bagnols; 142d moves toward le Muy. One enemy tank and 5 anti-tank guns are knocked out by naval and arty support of an attack by 142d on Puget. Elements of 509th Para Inf Bn, 45th Div elements, and 142d neutralize all resistance at le Muy; on Corps R flank, 141st contacts French command and later receives an enemy counterattack in strength after establishing a road block 3 miles S of la Napoule, dispersing the enemy with S/A and arty fire.

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FRENCH ARMY B AND ASSAULT GROUPS

II Corps CCI of French 1st Armored Div disembarks over 45th beaches and moves forward to assembly area near Plan de la Tour. Battalion de Choc, operating in Cap Benat area, is contacted by 3d Div. Elements of II Corps begin landing in St. Tropez-Cavalaire area at 1800.

Road bridges leading to beach areas at Le Pouin, Le Teil, Bourg St. Andeol, and in Avignon area successfully attacked by 102 B-25s while 76 P-38s and 255 P-47s strike at military objectives in Cannes and Toulon-Hyeres areas, destroying 63 MT, 58 RR cars, and numerous gun positions; Plan de Dieu airfield also hit and 3 enemy planes destroyed. Force of 109 B-17s with fighter escort scores hits with 293 tons of bombs on Valence, St. Pierre Dalbingy, St. Vallier, and Grenoble road and RR bridges; good results achieved. Planes operating from CVs make 118 sorties against rolling stock. During night, 23 A-20s and A-30s attack MT along coastal roads with fair results. Seventeen C-47s, 141 Spitfires, and 30 P-51s fly patrols and special missions. One flight of 5 Ju-88s with 4 ME-109s escorting drops anti-personnel bombs in St. Tropez area, causing some casualties; AA destroys 1 enemy plane and 1 probable claimed. Naval gunfire neutralizes shore batteries at Cap Benat; Fort Cros, heavily shelled. Minesweepers sink 3 enemy E-boats in approach to invasion beaches. Two U.S. PT boats, 1 YMS, and a Br ML are sunk by mines.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Two forts N of St. Malo captured by 329th Regt but the Citadel and Ile de Cezembre continue to hold out.

XII Corps After capturing Ormes, CCA, 4th Armd Div, splits into 2 columns which attack Orleans from N and NW, respectively, while 137th Regt, 35th Div, attacks city from W; city captured and occupation taken over by 35th Div troops while armd units assemble NW of Orleans. Against stiff opposition, CT 320, 35th Div, reaches outskirts of Chateaudun. CCB moves steadily E to runway area, covering 264 miles in 34 hours.

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XX Corps Seventh Armd enters Chartres while 5th Div patrols to S and E; Bonneval occupied.

XV Corps Seventy-ninth Div crosses Eure R. and establishes bridgeheads at Coulombs on the N and Villiers-le-Merhier on the S, despite strong, organized opposition. Fifth Armd CCB crosses river S of Dreux and turns N, capturing town in late afternoon; CCA encounters strong resistance in attempt to cross Eure N of Dreux. Strong enemy counterattack E of Argentan forces 90th Div troops out of le Bourg St. Leonard but positions are re-established by dark.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps CCA and elements of CCB push slowly toward Fromental against very heavy resistance; remainder of CCB advances N in sector W of Fromental but is stopped by very heavy fire from N of the Rk. Ninth Div troops gain between 5 and 10 mi. in northward drive, reaching positions SE of Briouze. First Div, against strong opposition, pushes N of Foret d'Andaine toward positions SW of Briouze.

XIX Corps Thirtieth Div attacks NE along edge of Falaise-Argentan pocket and secures positions around St. Clair d'Halouse and to the SE along Varenne R.; 30th Rcn Tp occupies la Ferriere aux Etangs and contacts 18th Regt, 1st Div, in that area.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Eighth Brig of 3d Div advances SE to Montsecret - Mont Crespain area with 9th Brig on R just N of Tinchebray; elements of Div enter Flers in afternoon and find it clear of enemy troops.

XXX Corps Eleventh Armd Div advances S from Vassy to line from Mont de Cerisy to Conde sur Noireau which patrols find clear but heavily mined; in evening units of 29th Brig cross Noireau R. at point 2 mi. SW of Conde; 159th Brig repels counterattack from Aubusson area. Berjou captured by 214th Brig of 43d Div; 129th Brig then passes

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through, advances 2 mi. S, and takes Honorine la Chardonne.

XII Corps On R flank 59th Div pushes S through Pont d'Ouilly and establishes bridgehead across the Orne. Despite stiff opposition, 53d Div moves toward Falaise and captures Noron l'Abbaye, 2 mi. W of Falaise.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fourth Brig of 2d Div secures positions 1 mi. W and SW of Falaise; 6th Brig advances SE along Ussy-Falaise road and reaches positions 2 mi. NW of Falaise. Pol Armd Div is E of Dives R. in area Vicquette-Courcy with patrols S to Morteaux.

I Corps Elements of 51st Div capture Favieres, Escures, and St. Pierre sur Dives. N of here and W of Laison R. patrols of 49th Div report Cesny aux Vignes and Quezy clear; 147th Brig completes capture of Vimont and woods to S and patrols S and E to Moulit and Argences.

Ninth AF sorties are limited to 660 consisting chiefly of fighter operations against MT, tanks, and guns in area between Falaise and Lizeux; hits are scored. Total of 105 B-26s and 18 A-20s attacks Misle R. bridge and fuel dump W of Rouch with fair results. Three Lancasters attack la Pallice submarine pens. In the battle area enemy fighters fly 175 sorties in apparent attempts to protect their ground forces from Allied aircraft.

Holland:

Three Mosquitoes strike Deelen airfield in night attack.

Germany:

Force of 379 8th AF B-17s drops 908.7 tons of bombs on aircraft-assembly plants at Delitzsch, Schkeuditz, and Halle; on synthetic-oil plant at Benlen, and on several lesser objectives in same areas with considerable success; escort consists of 289 fighters; 21 of B-17s posing

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aircraft are destroyed and 10 bombers are lost; 209 B-17s escorted by 189 fighters drop 484.4 tons on Zeitz and Rositz oil refineries, inflicting serious damage; 6 bombers are lost. Engine plants at Dessau, Kothen, and near Magdeburg, an oil refinery in the Magdeburg vicinity, and lesser objectives are attacked by 326 B-24s with escort of 168 fighters which destroyed 12 of 20 opposing enemy aircraft; results chiefly good or very good; fighters destroy considerable rolling stock. Total of 115 B-24s escorted by 139 fighters attacks Ober Raderach chemical works with 213 tons. In all 8th AF missions 24 bombers and 3 fighters are lost. In night operations town centers of Stettin, Kiel, and Berlin are attacked by 481 Lancasters, 280 Halifaxes, and 29 Mosquitoes which drop 1,134 tons of bombs; bombing is scattered. Six Mosquitoes attack synthetic-oil plants at Dortmund, Kamen, and Sterkrade (Holtzen).

17 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps Expanding the beachhead W along the coastal and Toulon-Cogolin highways, 7th Inf of 3d Div takes Bormes, reaches the intersection of these highways, a mile and a half W, and Cuers, W of Pierrefeu, and, working S, establishes road block $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi. S of Pierrefeu. Enemy resistance, which is light and disorganized, limited to isolated strongpoints on main highways; 15th advancing N and W from Carnoules, captures Besse and comes within mi. of Forcalqueiret. Thirtieth takes prisoners and disperses enemy W of Pierrefeu, captures Flassans, farther N, overpowering antitank gun resistance 400 yds. E of Brignoles and takes le Luc. French commandos clear enemy from la Lavande to Cap. Benat, W of Cap. Negre, continuing W toward La Londe-les-Maures.

Troops of the 45th Div push VI Corps center five or six miles farther N, 179th Regt advancing W to within 3 mi. of le Thoronet, 157th drawing some arty fire, passing through Lorgues 3 or 4 mi. to W and N, and capturing arty pieces and prisoners near le Cannet, 180th Inf passing through unoccupied Roquebrune and moving NE toward le Muy. Elements

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of 1st ABTF dropped N of 45th Div enter les Arcs and Draguignan; only 3 gliders lost in landing operations. One-hundred-forty-second Regt of 36th Div moving NW takes le Muy and enters Draguignan, meeting no resistance and contacting ABTF units. Stiff opposition is encountered NW of Draguignan, 6 mi. NW of le Muy.

On R of VI Corps, 143d Regt of 36th Div establishes road blocks 7 mi. NE of Frejus and in Bagnols area, 6 mi. N of Frejus; 141st encounters stiffening resistance advancing half mi. E to within 2 mi. of la Napoule and is slowed on coastal highway W of Theoule by heavy enemy shelling which naval gunfire support on Ile Ste. Marguerite and peninsula S of Cannes does not neutralize; 142d encounters considerable opposition SE of Draguignan.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps CC Sudre elements now assembling at Gonfaron.

Total of 106 P-47s, 60 P-38s, and 73 Spitfires cover battle area and cut road and RR lines; 82 MT, and much rolling stock damaged; 16 enemy grounded planes at Orange and Valence airfields destroyed. Road and RR bridges at Sisteron, St. Julien, Montpellier, Roquemaure, and Bourg attacked with success by 68 B-26s and 35 B-25s, dropping 207 tons of bombs. Enemy Ju-88s again make ineffective bombing sorties. U.S. and Br planes operating from CVs off Cannes-Toulon beachhead support naval bombardment and bomb and strafe enemy communications, damaging RR equipment and disrupting traffic. Allied naval forces sink 2 enemy corvettes off Cap Croisette, NE of Marseille. Port Cros shelled and hit in 16 fighter-bomber sorties until white flag is displayed at 1300. Batteries at Gulf de Napoule, Ile St. Marguerite, and at Cannes bombarded by CAs and DDs. At midnight U.S. DDs repulse an attempt of German PTs to prevent landing of troops and supplies in beachhead area; 4 enemy PTs sunk.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Citadel surrenders; Ile de Cezembre continues to hold out and a CT of 83d Div is left to contain it. TFA cleans out enemy resistance

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at Paimpol and then moves S and W to vicinity of Landerneau and cuts off Plougastel P. Peninsula, just SE of Brest. Eighth Div moves toward Brest and begins relief of CCA of 6th Armd.

XII Corps Occupation of Orleans completed. Chateaudun seized by 320th which also occupies Cloyes, about 6 mi. SW of Chateaudun.

XX Corps Chartres mopped up by 7th Armd; 5th Div moves to Pezy, about 9 mi. S of Chartres, and blocks all roads leading S and SE from the city. Elements of 5th Div, just SW of Chartres, attack N against opposition at Luisant and Barjouville.

XV Corps CCR, 5th Armd, crosses Avre R. at Muzy, N of Dreux and seizes bridge at Avre but opposition is too strong for daylight crossing; CCB crosses Eure R., to the N. Provisional Corps organized with 90th and 2d French Armd Divs; enemy again attacks positions at le Bourg St. Leonard, which dominates valley to the NW and provides observation for escape route through Chambois, and captures town; battle continues throughout day but Allied forces are unable to retake le Bourg. Provisional Corps becomes part of V Corps and 1st Army.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps CCA, 3d Armd Div, attacks Fromentel and occupies it but is forced to withdraw and Germans retake town; CCB attacks N in flanking movement W of Fromentel, breaks through enemy line along RR, and captures Hill 216, S of Putanges. Ninth Div advances slowly against scattered opposition and secures a line from S of Briouze to outskirts of St. Hilaire le Briouze. First Div holds positions and 18th Regt contacts British units pushing SE of la Ferriere aux Etangs.

XIX Corps Corps consolidates and improves defensive positions and maintains contact with 1st Div on R and British troops on L.

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V Corps British troops relieve 2d Div in Tinchebray sector. Twenty-ninth Div detached.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Elements of 3d Div take over Tinchebray sector from U.S. troops.

XXX Corps Eleventh Armd Div advances along Conde-Putanges and Flers-Ecouches roads, reaching line from St. Philbert sur Orne S of Opportune, NW of Briouze; forward troops maintain contact with U.S. 1st Army along boundary.

XII Corps Units of 59th Div advance SE along E bank of Orne R. and secure positions S of Mesnil Villement with 197th Brig on W side of river, NW of St. Philbert.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Falaise captured by 2d Div; NW of town 5th Brig clears Bois du Roi; 6th Brig mops up the town and advances 1 mi. S. Fourth Cdn Armd crosses ante R. at Damblainville and near Morteaux Coulibœuf and in afternoon also crosses Traine R. and drives SE to points N of Trun.

Fighters attack gun positions, MT, and other targets in battle area and light and medium bombers drop about 265 tons of bombs on Mailleraye-sur-Seine fuel dump and Risle R. bridge. Ninth AF sorties increase in number to 1,500. Greater part of 300 enemy fighters sorties were over battle area. At night, 120 long-range bombers attack battle area targets and lay mines off Normandy. Weather prevents 8th AF heavy bomber missions; 54 RAF Halifaxes strike at Brest shipping with 265 tons of bombs.

Germany:

In night attack 37 Mosquitoes attack Mannheim and Kamen, with some success. Synthetic-oil plants at Sterkrade, Dortmund, and Kamen are successfully attacked by 15 Mosquitoes.

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SS Vendemiaire (French tanker, 9,228 tons) scuttled at 43-25 N, 05-00 E.

18 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps Third Div on L continues advance to N and W against increasing resistance. Seventh Regt has heavy fire fight E of la Londe, and overcomes stiff resistance 4 mi. NE of Hyeres; 15th sweeps NE to take Neoules and reaches vicinity of Le Roquebrussanne, Garecult, Forcalqueiret, and areas 3 to 5 mi. N in arty range of Aix-Brignoles highway, are secured by 15th which engages in fire fight N of Forcalqueiret; 30th fights in streets of Brignoles against strong opposition. French Groupe de Commandos from Cap. Negre relieves 7th near la Londe, continuing the advance NW.

TF Butler, composed of 117th Cav Rcn Sq, 59th Armored FA Bn, elements of 753d TK Bn, and supporting units, moves about 27 mi. NW and N without contact through Montmeyan to Riez but Rcn elements meet considerable resistance N of Draguignan.

Troops of 179th Regt of 45th, in Corps center, overcomes MG and antitank fire to take Le Thoronet, reach Carces and Cotignac to NW without enemy contact, and are heavily engaged at Barjols; 157th moving rapidly W through area 2 to 3 mi. N of 179th sector, takes Salernes and Tavernes and overcomes enemy resistance at Varages, capturing prisoners. Remaining enemy troops in Aix-Brignoles highway and Barjols areas now have 3d Div on S and 45th

VI Corps R, 141st Regt of 36th Div remains in position W of Theoule and La Napoule receiving periodic arty fire from Ile Ste. Marguerite direction until enemy batteries silenced by Naval bombardment; 142d elements, receiving mortar fire near Draguignon, relieve 143d at road blocks in Bagnols area; rcn elements of these Regts sweep 20 mi. N reaching Castellane and St. Vallier on

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Digne-Grasse highway; accidental bombing of these units by Allied planes 4 mi. NE of Draguignan and 2 mi. N of Bagnols causes numerous casualties and destruction of equipment.

With identifications of elements of the 198th, 244th, and 338th Divs on L of VI Corps front, enemy appears to be stiffening resistance there while making some withdrawals on R. The enemy has not yet succeeded in establishing coherent front.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps: Corps troops are assembling in vicinity of Bormes and Cogolin. GCL, 1st Armored Div, encountered enemy AA, arty, and infantry fire N of Cabasse, taking arty pieces and prisoners; advancing to Carces, the forces swing SW and reach Le Val.

Gun emplacements in battle area bombed by 105 B-26s; good results achieved with 202 tons of bombs; 2 B-26s missing. Ninety B-25s drop 104 tons on Rhone bridges, hitting Orange RR bridge and road bridge to W, and destroying W span of Valencis road bridge and 2 spans of road bridge S of Montelimar. Roads and bridges behind new battle area hit by 62 P-47s which cut tracks in Avignon marshalling yards and destroy 17 MT and 1 RR car. Total of 219 fighters and fighter bombers attack RR stock, MT, and guns in widespread sweep along coast. Bridge-bombing missions in Durance valley requested cancelled because of ground troops. During night 8 Beaufighters attack communications near Toulouse; 16 A-20s and A-30s operate in battle area with good results. Enemy Ju-88s attempt bombing attacks on shipping and ground targets. Allied Naval craft bombard Giens Peninsula and Ile de Porquerolles. Auxiliary-Amphibious Force flagship Catoctin, hit by two bombs in enemy air attack. BB Strasbourg receives hits from surface and land-based planes. Naval planes attack communications with good results; 5 enemy planes destroyed for loss of 1 Allied plane.

U.S. THIRD ARMY.

XII Corps Thirty-fifth Div dissolves TFS; CT 320 moves to positions N and E of Chateaudun.

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XX Corps Fifth Div relieves 7th Armd at Chartres and eliminates enemy pockets W of the city at Luisant and Barjouville. Seventh Armd sweeps NE to Maintenon area and also drives about 3 mi. E of Chartres.

XV Corps Corps turns NE toward Seine R. and Mantes-Gassicourt area; little opposition encountered and 5th Armd closes in near Breval while 79th reaches positions on an arc 2-3 mi. SW of Mantes-Gassicourt. W flank of Corps covered by 7th Armd Div units which move into Dreux.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

V Corps Second Div attached to VIII Corps, 3d Army. Corps, with 90th Div on R and 80th on L, attacks N to secure Argentan and Chambois, contact British pushing S from Falaise, and close gap. Both Divs meet strong opposition but 80th captures Bordeaux, cutting road E from Argentan, and 90th cuts le Bourg St. Leonard - Chambois road midway between the two.

VII Corps Fromental and high ground S of Putanges occupied by 3d Armd Div; British pushing S from Falaise contacted. Ninth Div withdraws to positions S of Briouze-Fromental road, contact with the enemy being completely broken as British troops move across front. First Div moves into an assembly area near la Ferte Mace.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Passes to Army reserve.

XXX Corps Eleventh Armd Div moves swiftly SE, reaching Briouze (where U.S. troops are contacted) and outskirts of Putanges and Ecouches (where 2d Fr Armd is contacted); during night, elements of 159th Brig cross Orne R. near Putanges.

XI Corps Fifty-ninth Div gains about 2 mi., pushing E to area just SW of Fourneaux. Farther E, 71st Brig of 53d Div reaches points 4 mi. SE of Falaise

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on road to Argentan; 4th Armd Brig passes through 71st and advances about 1 mi. beyond.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

Elements of 4th Cdn Armd Div occupy Trun, pushing rapidly toward a junction with U.S. forces to close enemy's escape gap from Argentan-Falaise trap. Pol Armd Div secures positions 3 mi. E and NE of Trun.

I Corps: Seventh Armd Div captures strongly-held Boissy and Mittois and pushes S of latter to Ecots and E to Castillon; by evening 131st Brig, advancing E against stiffening opposition, reaches area just NW of Heurtevent. Sixth Airborne Div reaches Varaville and captures Robehomme and Bricqueville; farther S, St. Sampson, Jauville, and St. Pair also occupied; by evening 3d and 5th Para Brigs are on island between Troarn and Goustranville.

Ninth AF fighters, flying the greater part of the 1200 sorties for the day, attack MT, tanks, dumps, guns, and river transport in and around battle zone. Thirty-seven A-20s and 53 B-26s attack communications targets at I'Isle Adam, Gournay-en-Bray, and in Rivercourt area and fuel dumps near Paris with good results; 15 Mosquitoes score at least 20 hits in 7-ton attack on SS Billets at Egeltons. Few of 225 enemy sorties penetrated to battle area; 20 long-range enemy night bombers operated in the Normandy battle area.

Eight AF missions totaling 243 B-24s effectively drop 686.5 tons of bombs on airfields at Metz and near Nancy, an air-engine plant at Woippy and fuel-storage dumps at Eaneureville. Escort consists of 93 fighters. Total of 194 B-17s drops 411 tons on objectives SE of Paris including St. Dizier airfield, and dumps at Pacy and Bourran; 96 fighters serve as escort; 43 B-24s attack Roye/Amy airfield N of Paris and lesser objectives with 102.3 tons. During day 8th AF aircraft destroy 48 enemy planes with a loss of 4 bombers and 6 fighters. Supply depot at Foret de Lisle is effectively bombed by 97 Lancasters and 3 Mosquitoes with 539 tons of bombs. In well-concentrated attack on la Pallice submarine pens, 118 tons are dropped by 22 Lancasters. Total of 333 tons are dropped in attacks by 24 Lancasters on Bordeaux oil

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stores and by 32 Lancasters and 14 Halifaxes on launching sites. Ninety-nine Halifaxes and 18 Lancasters strike Connatre RR center, 15 mi. NNE of Romilly, in 425-ton, night attack.

Belgium:

On 8th AF missions, 230 B-17s drop 678.3 tons of bombs on 7 bridges with generally effective results in attacks along supply routes for pilotless aircraft installations. Rieme/Ertwelde fuel dump is attacked with 206 tons by 38 Lancasters and 4 Mosquitoes. During night 102 Lancasters and 5 Mosquitoes attack Rieme/Ertwelde with 701 tons; results are good.

Holland:

An airfield at Eindhoven and other nearby objectives are attacked by 25 B-17s with 74 tons of bombs. Ten Spitfires attack 10 barges W of Wessel and destroy 1 locomotive near Eindhoven; 10 others on anti-shipping patrol attack barges in Kramer.

Germany:

During the night, 207 Lancasters, 60 Halifaxes, and 5 Mosquitoes attack Bremen area with 1,232 tons; 196 Halifaxes, 10 Lancasters, and 8 Mosquitoes obtain good results in 820-ton attack on synthetic-oil plant at Sterkrade; 28 Mosquitoes drop 25 tons in diversionary raids on Berlin and Cologne. Oil plants at Kamen and Wanne/Eickel and Hamburg RR station receive small bombing attacks.

19 France:U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps On L flank, 7th Regt of 3d Div maintains road blocks and other positions in coastal areas and high ground just beyond, patrols and other elements reach Mepunes, areas S and SW of Cuers, and N of Gagnolet. French Groupe de Commandos, reporting to 7th Army from 3d Div at noon, attacks enemy positions N and NE of Hyeres and takes

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pillboxes, arty material, and prisoners 1 mi. S of Londe. French CCL protecting 3d Div R flank moving N and W clears laVal and St. Maximin; 30th Regt takes Brignoles after stiff fight and moving rapidly NW and N reaches Bras, St. Maximin, Tourves, Pourcieux, and point 2 mi. N of Trets, 19 mi. W of Brignoles; 30th clears enemy resistance at la Celle, S of Brignoles, takes Bauxite mine, other points S of Brignoles-Tourves highway, and moves SW from near Pourcieux toward Trets.

In 45th Div area, 157th advances about 17 mi. W from Varages against light opposition to take Rians and reach outskirts of Jouques; it engages enemy moving N and W from Barjols while 179th fights way into Barjols; 180th, remaining in reserve, moves to assembly area 5 mi. E of Rians.

On the R of VI Corps, elements of 141st Regt of the 36th Div overcome heavy MG and S/A fire to enter Callian, fighting from house to house. Reverting to 7th Army control, 1 ABTF relieves 141st at R flank in coastal area. Main body of TF Butler reaches Valensole 50 mi. N of Toulon, and advances N up Durance R. through Oraison and Peyruis; Durance crossed W of Oraison. Other TF elements advance along Asse R. through Mezel, 15 mi. E of Oraison, both forces encountering resistance in Chateau-Arnoux, les Mees, Malijar, and Mallemoisson area. Enemy troops at Chateaufredon, NE of Mezel, surrender without a fight. Continuing N against light resistance, the main body takes Sisteron, 18 mi. N of Oraison. Other elements, heavily attacked by enemy at Digne N of Chateaufredon, overcome resistance, and occupy city; 143d relieves 142d near Droguignan.

FRENCH ARMY B

CCL, reverted from VI Corps to French Army B. A Navy task force began a preliminary bombardment of the Toulon area.

Buildings, motor and rail transport, bridges and gun installations in Montelimar, Avignon, Toulon, and Embrun areas attacked by 79 B-25s, 81 B-26s, and 23 A-20s; 4 bridges destroyed or severely damaged; 2 B-26s missing. Total of

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219 P-47s and P-38s hit enemy communications and other targets in S France battle area causing considerable damage. Two Venturas and 1 Wellington cause large explosion in oil stores at St. Louis de Rhone. Road movement attacked during night by 19 A-20s with fair results. Enemy aircraft at dusk bomb beach at Tulle R. causing casualties; a few enemy planes drop flares over Aix area. During afternoon U.S. and French BBs and CAs successfully bombard enemy targets in Toulon area; other ships hit gun emplacements N of Cannes with good results. Naval planes make 54 sorties, blocking roads and disrupting RR traffic.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Second Inf Div arrives in area NW of Landerneau. Elements of 80th Div relieved in Angers area by 329th Regt of 83d Div.

XX Corps Seventh Armd Div takes over bridgehead in Dreux area. Fifth Div mops up NW of Chartres and reconnoiters SE and NE toward Orleans and Rambouillet.

XV Corps From positions SW of Bonnières, 5th Armd interdicts Seine R. and roads running E. Task Force from 79th Div enters Mantes-Gassicourt and reports it clear of enemy troops; troops patrol about 5 mi. up Seine R. bank to Rollebloise and begin crossing river on dam in that area.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

V Corps Eightieth Div attacks toward Argentan and NW toward Hill 213 which overlooks the town; strong resistance halts attack on town and heavy fire from W edge of Foret de Gouffern slows 317th Regt although it reaches S slope of Hill 213. Ste. Eugenie, SW of Chambois, occupied by 358th Regt, 90th Div, while 359th penetrates Chambois but is unable to secure town because of Allied arty. On R flank of 90th, elements of 2d French Armd Div push N from Exmes to Ommael.

VII Corps Corps engages in mopping up operations and moving into assembly areas.

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BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Bridge at Putanges completed and rest of 11th Armd Div crosses the Orne; 29th Brig reaches Sentilly and area just NE; 159th Brig reaches Ecouche and turns N to high ground near Montgaroult.

XII Corps In 59th Div sector, 56th Brig captures Fourneaux and 177th seizes la Rabodanges. E and W of Falaise-Argentan road, 71st Brig of 53d Div takes Ronai, Pierrefitte and Clinchamps while 158th Brig secures high ground in Bois de St. Andre. W of the road, 4th Armd Brig captures several positions N of Habloville and engages enemy trying to escape E.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Elements of 4th Cdn Armd Div capture St. Lambert sur Dives and reach outskirts of Chambois; 1st Pol Armd captures Chambois in evening and contacts U.S. XV Corps.

I Corps Forward troops of 131st Brig, 7th Armd, cross la Vie R. and contact enemy on main N-S road. Farther N, 6th Airborne expands eastward front: 4th SS Brig crosses river E of Troarn; 3d and 5th Para Brigs are S of Dozule; 6th Air Landing Brig with Belgian and Dutch elements captures Gonerville, Franceville-Plage, and reaches W outskirts of Cabourg.

Weather restricts tactical operations of 9th AF to 500 sorties and halts offensive operations by 8th AF heavy bombers and night missions by RAF planes. Fighters operating between Touque and Risle rivers damage retreating enemy tanks and MT; barges on Seine are hit. Enemy planes fly 250 sorties to cover their retreating troops.

English Channel:

SS St. Anogat (French cargo ship, 2,360 tons) sunk by enemy action at 50-16 N, 00-50 W.

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20 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps Fifteenth Regt of 3d Div advancing W and SW toward Marseille meets stiff resistance in taking RJ 2 mi. N of Roquevaire, captures Trets, and encounters heavy arty, mortar, MG and S/A fire in E suburbs of Gardanne 30 mi. W of Brignoles; 30th, paralleling 15th a few miles N, moves W against Aix from Poits de Rians and along Aix-St. Maximin highway and Tholonet, overcoming road-block resistance 4 mi. E of Aix and dispersing enemy bicycle reinforcements; 1,000 yds. E of Aix, heavy arty, and mortar fire is received; 7th Div near coast is relieved by French Army B.

Farther in from the coast, elements of the 45th Div move W from Rians and cross the Durance R. in area S of TF Butler sector; 180th overcomes S/A and medium arty fire to capture Peyrolles and reaches Meyrargues. Farther N, 157th crosses Durance over partially destroyed bridge near St. Paul, taking Mirabeau and Pertuis without opposition and moving on Beaumont. Manosques, farther N, is reached by 45th elements.

Being relieved by 1st ABTF on Corps R flank, 36th Div, after cleaning Callian of enemy, advances more than 40 mi. to NW consolidating TF Butler gains in area as far as Sisteron.

TF Butler operating in hill country of over 2,000-ft. elevation, advances N through Laragne, Serres, Aspres, St. Julien, and Col de la Croix Haute to cut off possible enemy reinforcement of south from Grenoble and sweeps E of Aspres to take 1,000 prisoners and supply concentrations at Gap after a short engagement, reconnoitering valleys to N.

Total prisoners captured by VI Corps exceeds 12,000 including elements of 244th, 338th, and 198th Inf Divs and 189th, 148th and 157th Reserve Divs.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps First Inf Div attacks Hyeres from E, and Sallies Point 7 mi. NW of Hyeres, from N; 3d

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Algerian Inf Div attacking S from St. Maximin toward Toulon; CCI advances W toward Aubagne, 20 mi. NW of Toulon.

Twenty-four A-20s and 113 B-25s effectively bomb road bridges at Viviers and le Pouzin and Valence/Tresorerie airdrome with 140 tons of bombs; heavy AA fire encountered. Installations at St. Mandrier hit with 94 tons of bombs by 90 B-26s and 121 P-47s. Total of 366 fighters and fighter-bombers patrol S France battle areas and successfully attack communications. During night 9 A-20s attack area W of Avignon. U.S., Br, and Fr heavy ships and cruisers successfully bombard targets in Toulon area; naval aircraft spot for gunfire of bombarding force and attack enemy communications; 8 F-lighters, 1 steamer, and 1 CM sunk; 9 locomotives and 118 MT destroyed; 4 planes lost to AA fire. German E-boats attempting to penetrate DD screen on R flank are driven off; 1 E-boat sunk and 1 set on fire.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XII Corps Extending its control E of Chateaudun, CT 320 occupies Allaines and Janville; 35th Div then assembles in new area at Artenay, 11 mi. N of Orleans.

XV Corps Rest of 79th Div crosses Seine R. and takes up positions on road N from Limay to Follainville, a distance of about 2 mi. Fifth Armd Div turns NW between Seine and Eure rivers to deny enemy river crossings near Louviers (toward which XIX Corps is advancing); CCA meets determined resistance but succeeds in reaching la Heuniere, on Pacy-Vernon road; CCR reaches point about 5 mi. SE of Pacy.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

XIX Corps From positions S of Verneuil and Brezolles Corps attacks N toward Seine R.: 2d Armd Div spearheads drive but meets stiff resistance along Avre R. line in area between Verneuil and Brezolles; elements of CCA finally cross river but CCB is delayed by battle with enemy tanks on Laigle-Verneuil road. Thirtieth Div, to the R, crosses

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Avre R. and occupies positions W and NW of Nonancourt, defeating strong counterattack in afternoon.

V Corps Argentan captured by 80th Div which also secures positions N and W of town. Sporadic resistance in Chambois eliminated and R flank of 80th Div links up with Polish units, closing the gap.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Eleventh Armd Div continues NE and 159th Brig passes through Argentan and moves E on Bourg St. Leonard road to point halfway between latter town and Argentan; 29th Brig is in W edge of Forêt de Gouffern. Units of 50th Div advance E of Putanges to Courteilles area and to St. Andre de Briouze.

XII Corps Fifty-third Div is in area between Falaise-Argentan and Falaise-Trun roads; Moutabard captured. Enemy cleared from E bank of Orne to just N of Putanges by 177th Brig of 59th Div.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fourth Cdn Armd Div concentrated in area N and NE of Trun, from Louvieres en Auge to Ecorches. Pol Armd is heavily engaged with enemy E of Chambois.

I Corps Livarot cleared by 7th Armd Div; 22d Brig passes through 131st, moving NE on Lisieux road to Bois de Noiremarie and E to Fervaques. Sixth Airborne is in area N of Putot en Auge and in the town.

Sixty B-26s attack troops and equipment concentrations in Forêt de la Linde (SE of Royan), dropping 110 tons of bombs with good to excellent results; 127 Spitfires and 102 Typhoons patrol Lisieux/Fent-Audemer/Orbec area, attacking RP, MT, and tanks. Because of weather there are no 8th AF nor RAF operations and tactical sorties of the 9th AF are limited to 600 sorties. Enemy flies 100-120 sorties to cover retreat.

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Austria:

During night, 17 B-24s and 58 Wellingtons attack tank works near Steyr with 201 tons of bombs, which are well-concentrated.

Port St. Louis:

SS Port Saint Louis (1,090 tons) and SS Port de Bouc (1,743 tons), French tankers, scuttled at 43-43 N, 07-21 E.

SS Auvergne (2,114 tons) and SS Bourges (2,910 tons), French cargo ships, scuttled at 43-43 N, 07-21 E.

Toulon:

SS Kairouan (7,800 tons) and SS Capitaine Prieur (3,087 tons), French cargo ships, scuttled at 43-07 N, 05-56 E.

Marseille:

SS Pluviose (French tanker, 9,561 tons) scuttled at 43-17 N, 05-22 E.

SS Imerthie II (3,713 tons), SS Massilia (15,363 tons), SS Cap Corse (2,444 tons), French passenger ships, scuttled at 43-17 N, 05-22 E.

SS Colleville (2,012 tons), SS Senneville (4,578 tons), SS Platon (4,550 tons), SS Marechal Lyautey (8,256 tons), SS Cynos (2,406 tons), SS San Pedro (5,947 tons), SS Sinaia (8,567 tons), SS Tamara (3,747 tons), SS Edea (3,747 tons), SS El Mansour (5,818 tons), SS Explorateur Grandidi (10,268 tons), SS Djebel Amour (2,908 tons), SS Mariette Pacha (12,239 tons), SS Saint Cyrille (3,075 tons), SS Gonnevillle (2,285 tons), SS Gouv General Grevy (4,565 tons), SS Chenonceaux (14,825 tons), SS Djebel Dira (2,835 tons), SS Gouv General Jonnart (4,513 tons), and SS Djenne (8,790 tons), French cargo ships, scuttled at 43-17 N, 05-22 E.

SS Ampere (French cable supply ship, 2,435 tons) scuttled at 43-17 N, 05-22 E.

Marseille Rhodes:

SS Sahel (French cargo ship, 2,700 tons) scuttled at 43-16 N, 05-18 E.

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SS Langanger (Norwegian tanker, 9,215 tons) scuttled at 43-25 N, 05-00 E.

21 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps On the L flank, 15th Regt of 3d Div captures Gardanne and high land W setting up road blocks at Rognac, Aquedud, and Luynes, cutting approaches to Marseille; 30th overcomes some MG and scattered S/A fire to take Aix 9 mi. NW of Gardanne by mid-morning, the enemy having withdrawn in force during night. Meeting very little resistance, 30th reaches line 8 mi. W of Aix-Marseille highway and crosses Durance R. NW Aix, reaching Lourmarin; 7th engages in fire fight with infantry and tanks of 11th Pz Div NW of Aix, establishing a road block at Lignane; 11th Pz is acting as rear guard for enemy's withdrawing Aix to Rhone R.

In the 45th Div area, 180th Regt clear resistance W Meraygues, takes lePuy to W after stiff fight, reaching RJ 5 mi. W of lePuy without contact, but meeting light resistance N and NW of Meyrargues near Durance R. From assembly area 10 mi. N of Meyrargues, 157th advances NE for 8 mi.; other elements establish road block at Cadenet, W of Pertuis. Patrols contact FFI group near Cereste, 8 mi. E of Apt.

Elements of 36th Div make shuttle movements to relieve TF Butler in areas near Gap, 100 mi. N of Toulon, establishing road blocks in Guillestre area near Italian border. TF Butler, attached to 36th Div on 21 Aug, repulses attack against Col. Bayard road block by about 2 enemy battalions from la Mure 30 mi. N of Gap. FFI clears Monestier and Mens, more than 25 mi. N and a little W of Gap. TF Butler advancing E from St. Julien through Châtillon, Die, Saillans, and Crest, enters Rhone valley toward Montelimar SW through Marsanne and toward Valence N through Livron, destroying vehicle convoy N of Livron but encountering no other enemy.

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FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps First Fr Inf Div infiltrates Hyeres, occupies Montredon, N of Hyeres, and makes slight progress toward la Crau and la Farlede, 3 and 5 mi. NW of Hyeres; Group de Commandos takes le Coudon, NE of Toulon. Third Algerian Inf Div (reinforced) reaches region N and NW of Toulon and occupies part of city against fierce enemy resistance; other elements capture le Bausset, 7 mi. NW and Bandol on coast, cutting off Toulon. CC Sudre in Aubagne area approaches Marseille. U.S. 36th and 634th FA bns and armd FA Btry attached Fr II Corps.

In widespread sweep over S France battle area, 77 P-47s, 53 P-51s, and 89 Spitfires effectively attack roads, RR stock, and gun installations behind enemy lines; 8 guns are silenced SW of Montpellier. Nine A-20s again attack MT, W of Avignon, during night. Naval bombardment in Toulon area draws some coastal battery fire. Giens-Hyeres area, Porquerolles, off coast on R flank, and enemy positions near Cannes also bombarded. Five enemy E-boats sunk.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Task Force B activated (composed of TFA and 38th Regt of 2d Div) and reconnoiters enemy positions on Daoulas Peninsula.

XII Corps Fourth Armd Div resumes eastward advance: CCB moves by southern route to Courtenay; CCA advances by secondary roads to Sens and to positions 5 mi. E of the city while 137th Regt, 35th Div, assumes occupation of Sens; all major roads around Sens blocked. CT 134 and CT 320, 35th Div, advance E to Pithiviers and Barville.

XX Corps: Corps attacks E toward Seine R. with 7th Armd on the N and 5th on the S; former advances rapidly toward Rambouillet and Arpaion areas, SW and S of Paris, in drive toward Melun. Fifth Div strikes in direction of Etampes: 2d Regt reaches outskirts of Etampes where strong opposition is encountered; 10th Regt moves E along a more southerly route through Mereville to Malesherbes, SE of Etampes, crosses Essonne R., and establishes bridge-

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head about 3 mi. in depth; elements of 11th reach Bouville, about 5 mi. E of Etampes, to interdict enemy's main escape route while another group seizes bridge over Essonne R. at Maisee.

XV Corps Seventy-ninth Div extends bridgehead S to Porchéville, about 3 mi. SE of Mantes-Gassicourt. Fifth Armd makes slow progress against strong opposition. CCA drives about 5 mi. NW to point just S of Champenard while CCB swings to R into Foret de Bizy, halting just short of Vernon which patrols report clear; CCR blocks roads running to Pacy.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

XIX Corps CCA captures Damville despite strong opposition and secures positions on high ground N of town; CCB by-passes Verneuil to E and attacks N toward Breteuil, cutting Breteuil-Damville road and occupying pts. SW, S, and SE of Breteuil. In rear of armd units, 110th Regt of 28th Div reaches outskirts of Verneuil and 112th moves forward and gains possession of positions along Verneuil-Laigle road. On R flank of Corps, 30th Div advances NE to general vicinity of St. Andre de l'Eure, about 10 mi. SE of Evreux.

V Corps Allied forces concentrate on destruction of enemy forces within the pocket.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Twenty-ninth Brig, 11th Armd, crosses river S of Gace and moves to E of town; 159th Brig engages in heavy fighting in Gace but is established in the town by dark. Fiftieth Div clears all but E side of Foret de Gouffern and is in area of Bailleul-Crennes.

XII Corps Fifty-third Div is mopping up between Argentan and Trun.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Second Div advances NE to Tortisambert. Fourth Armd Div is NE and E of Trun, in area Esorches-Coudehard.

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Poles are heavily counterattacked in Chambois area.

I Corps Elements of 7th Armd secure bridgehead across Tocqies R. 2 mi. S of Lisieux, encountering stiff resistance, and engage enemy E of Fervaques. Fifty-first Div, attacking E, meets opposition in St. Aubin-les Monceaux area SW of Lisieux. Elements of 49th Div move NE from St. Laurent du Mont and capture Bonnebosq, but meet strong opposition just SW of the town. Units of 6th Airborne clear Annebault during night in hand-to-hand fighting and advance E to Drubec; Belgians held up on W outskirts of Cabourg.

Weather keeps 9th AF, RAF, and 8th AF planes idle.

22 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps Seventh Regt of 3d Div continuing NW from Aix takes Lambesc and la Roque on Durance R. after having received tank fire there; 30th moving W in a sector S of 7th, takes Salon and Lancon and sets up road blocks; 15th Regt advances W and SW, in Etang de Berre area, reaching Gignac without enemy opposition. Elements of the 180th Regt of 45th Div take Rognes, NW of Aix, receiving some S/A and self-propelled gun fire, although main enemy forces have withdrawn; 157th establishes road block E of Lauris and aids F.F.I. units in capturing Apt against moderate resistance.

Elements of 143d Regt of 36th Div, advancing from the Aspres-Gap area in two columns occupy Grenoble without encountering opposition, and reduce small enemy detachments at Poisat and Vabriles nearby; column moving through Corps and la Mure liquidate with arty fire a small enemy pocket at Vizelle 8 mi. S of Grenoble. Elements of 142d establish additional road blocks near Reotier and Guillestre and toward Briancon where enemy concentrations are reported; 141st Regt, reinforced by 141st and 977th FA Bns, is in E. Butler in Vassane area for fire support across Rhone.

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Between Valence and Montelimar, still in enemy hands, in the Crest-Marsanne area, TF Butler holds position paralleling Rhone highway, establishing road blocks. Enemy armor-supported column moving N toward Puy St. Martin in the area E of Montelimar is scattered; prisoners are taken and vehicles destroyed with several American vehicle losses. First ABTF advancing occupies Callian.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps First Fr Inf Div captures Hyeres and advances to le Pradet, 6 mi. W. Elements of 3d Algerian Inf Div and 9th Colonial Inf Div advance slowly against stiff resistance by enemy 198th and 242d Regts in Toulon and vicinity and la Vallette is passed. CC Sudre moves W from Auragne toward Marseille.

Forty-seven A-20s, 78 P-47s and 481 fighters attack communication targets in battle area with good results, damaging several bridges, and scoring hits on gun positions; fighter sweeps successfully carried out by 112 Spitfires. Wellingtons and Venturas bomb chemical works at Sete. Nineteen A-20s attack enemy communications near Avignon. Seven enemy aircraft ineffectively bomb Gillestre area. Navy bombardment of Marseille-Toulon-Giens area enters third day with coastal defense reply, especially from St. Mandrier and C de l'Esterel; Naval fire in St. Marcel area, 5 mi. E of Marseille, supports ground operations. Ile de Porquerolles surrenders to Navy. Installations and MT in Napoule area effectively engaged by CAs and DDs.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps TF B advances W and SW on Daoulas Peninsula against strong opposition. Eighty-third Div's 331st Regt relieves 2d Cav Gp at Nantes.

XII Corps CCA 4th Armd, is attacked by enemy inf and arty from Villeneuve area, about 12 mi. E of Sens but CCA counterattacks town and enemy's N flank and forces their withdrawal to E of Villeneuve. Thirty-fifth Div reaches W outskirts of Montargis.

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XX Corps Second Rgt captures Etampes; 10th and 11th move E against heavy opposition and occupy la Chappelle and Milly, about 10 mi. SW and W of Fontainebleau, respectively. Seventh Armd Div driven E toward Melun.

XV Corps Strong opposition between Eure and Seine rivers continues but 5th Armd advances N of Champenard and through Foret de Bizy toward Gaillon. Seventy-ninth Div strengthens bridgehead across Seine, wipes out German force at Guitrancourt, and defeats enemy attack against positions on Limay-Fontenay road.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

XIX Corps Second Armd Div advances N against increasing opposition; CCA pushes N of Damville and gets bridgehead across Iton R. while CCB clears Breteuil and continues N toward Conches, blocking roads around latter. Verneuil captured by 28th Div troops which continue NE through Damville toward Evreux, halting just S of latter. Thirtieth Div advances N to positions E of Evreux.

V Corps Corps withdraws S to assembly areas as British assume responsibility for sector. Second Fr Armd, in 2 columns, starts march toward Paris, followed by 4th Inf Div.

VII Corps Corps begins moving E to positions W of Chartres in area Chateauneuf en Thymerais-Courville sur Eure.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Eleventh Armd Div advances E against only light opposition; 29th Brig is on Argentan-Laigle road about 6 mi. W of latter; Laigle occupied by 159th Brig which also reports le Sap, SE of Vimoutiers, clear of enemy. Elements of 50th Div relieve U.S. 90th Div in Chambois-Gouffern area.

XII Corps Fourth Armd Brig clears Aubrey-Tournai area, NW of Chambois, then goes under command of 15th Div.

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CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fourth Brig of 2d Div relieves elements of 7th Armd in Livarot area and advances E along Livarot-Orbec road, reaching Touques R. near Notre Dame de Courson; 5th Brig passes through, occupies Vimoutiers, and establishes bridgehead across river NE of Vimoutiers; 6th Brig passes through 4th and reaches Meulles, about 5 mi. SW of Orbec. Fourth Odn Armd continues mopping up N of Chambois.

II Corps Seventh Armd is in positions S and W of Lisieux and elements of 22d Brig enter town. Between Lisieux and Pont l'Eveque, 146th and 147th Brigs of 49th Div secure positions. Fifth Para Brig, 6th Airborne, reaches Touques R. W of Pont l'Eveque. Advancing along the coast, Dutch capture Houlgate, Belgians take Benerville, and 6th Air Landing Brig pushes along road to Tourgeville.

Fighters fly ground cover and armed recon mainly against Seine R. crossings, knocking out communications. Eighth AF and RAF are grounded by weather but 9th AF totals 723 sorties. Enemy fighter activity in northern France estimated at 225-250 sorties.

Austria:

Total of 275 15th AF B-24s escorted by 101 fighters attacks oil refineries at Kornueberg and Lobau near Vienna, dropping 607.6 tons of bombs with loss of 11 bombers and 1 fighter; results generally good. Approximately 150 enemy fighters encountered.

23 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps. Fifteenth Regt of 3d Div operating both S and N of Etang de Berre blocks W and NW escape from Marseille, occupying Martigues and Marignane on S shore of Lake Berre, near sea, and St. Chamas, and several towns N of St. Chamas toward Salon, reservoir and aqueduct, 10 and 15 mi. N

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W of Marseille are secured; enemy arty-supported attack by substantial force on road block 7 mi. NW of Marseille broken up by arty and mortar fire; 30th Regt, operating N of 15th, sets up road blocks in Salon vicinity and takes Lamanon.

Elements of the 45th Div maintain positions on L flank S of TF Butler area, move to Gap area, and in N patrol 10-15 mi. N and NW of Grenoble without encountering enemy.

TF Butler is dissolved and components attached to 36th Div, in Montelimar-Valence area where VI Corps directs chief effort to block German retreat N on both sides Rhone, an estimated 450-500 enemy motor vehicles and several RR trains being observed in withdrawal through area. Arty hits stop two trains, destroying locomotive in one and RR gun on other; third train is turned back; 36th Div infantry, tanks, and TDs advancing from Puy St. Martin engage enemy column of 50-60 vehicles at Cleon; during day approximately 100 enemy vehicles destroyed by arty and tank fire. Elements of 141st, which attacked Montelimar in afternoon, continue heavily engaged 2/3 mi. NE of town and other units prevent enemy infiltration W on Condillac and establish positions SE of Loriol near union of Drome and Rhone rivers.

First ABTF advances E of Mandelieu, 2 mi. N of Napoule, and N of St. Vallier, 11 mi. N of Mandelieu.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps First Fr Inf Div pushes along coast toward E entrances to Toulon; 9th Colonial Inf Div and 3d Algerian Inf Div progress steadily against strong opposition in Toulon streets; elements of 3d Algerian Div, supported by CC Sudre, enter deep in Marseille from E and N; pockets of resistance continue in S section. First Fr Armored Div relieves U.S. 3d Div between Marseille and Durance R. Navy bombardment of Marseille-Toulon-Giens area continues, scoring hits on coastal batteries in St. Mandrier, Fort des Six-Fours, and C Sicie; Fr troops landing on Giens peninsula encounter no resistance.

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Fifty-one B-25s and 14 B-26s drop 102 tons of bombs on Givors, Rochemaure, Ponte, and Avignon bridges. Close support for ground troops furnished by 91 P-47s and 22 Spitfires which also attack guns and rolling stock in the Rhone valley. During night 17 A-30s and 15 A-20s cause fires and explosions among MP and fuel dumps in Rhone valley. Volbonne batteries, military supplies and installations near Cannes shelled; naval planes continue successful attacks on communications.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Twenty-ninth Div moves into area S of Lannilis, a town 12 mi. N of Brest. TFB makes some gains against determined resistance: CT 38 secures positions N of Daoulas-Brest road and TFA is S of the road.

XII Corps CCA repels scattered enemy attacks E of Sens; CCB turns W from Courtenay area and captures Montargis in conjunction with 35th Div troops which enter city from W.

XX Corps Seventh Armd Div reaches Seine R. just W and S of Melun. Fifth Div continues E: 11th Regt captures Fontainebleau and begins crossing of Seine; 10th crosses Loing R. at Grez and Nemours and pushes NE toward Montereau.

XV Corps Despite opposition, 5th Armd gains: task force from CCB reaches highway leading SW from Gaillon; CCA pushes NW to vicinity of Ailly, about 5 mi. W of Gaillon; CCR advances NW along E bank of Eure R. Germans maintain pressure on Seine bridgehead but 79th Div units hold positions.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

XIX Corps CCA advances about 20 mi. N against increasing opposition and reaches points about 1 mi. S of Elbeuf; CCB, by-passing Conches, reaches vicinity of le Neubourg and blocks all roads leading from town. Conches occupied by 112th Regt while rest of 28th Div, passing W of Evreux, reaches town about 3 mi. NW of Evreux. Thirtieth Div sends patrols into Evreux, finding town clear of enemy, blocks

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main highway leading NW of Evreux, and contacts 5th Armd Div on R flank.

V Corps Second Fr Armd encounters determined opposition W and S of Versailles and near Bois de Meudon, SW of Paris; 4th Div marches toward Arpajon area and meets some resistance near objective.

VII Corps Ninth Div follows armd units and moves E toward la Ferte Vidame, W of Chateauneuf; 47th Regt moves toward Verneuil to protect L flank of Corps.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Sixty-ninth Brig, 50th Div, clears Foret d'Evroult and reaches Rugles, NE of Laigle.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Elements of 2d Div advance NE from Orbec toward Thiberville. At 0800 4th Cdn Armd begins NE drive on R of 2d Div and reaches crossroads 5 mi. SW of Broglie in evening. Third Cdn Div reaches Orbec.

I Corps Although enemy is still holding out in E edge of Lisieux, 153d Brig of 51st Div secures N half of town. At Breuil, 146th Brig, 49th Div, establishes bridgehead over Touques R.; 147th crosses river just N of Lisieux. In coastal area, 6th Air Landing Brig crosses the Touques at Bonneville; Belgians are S of the river in Deauville les Bains and Dutch are about 5 mi. S of Villers.

Fighter formations carry out patrols in support of ground forces in Seine area and between Bourges and Orleans. Other formations dive-bomb 3 airfields in N France, including Rosieres; 12 B-25s attack fuel dump near Dieppe with 21 tons. Enemy fighter activity in Northern France increases to 275-325 sorties and 40 long range enemy bombers operate W of Seine. Heavy bombers of 8th AF and RAF are grounded by weather, but 9th AF flies over 1,500 sorties.

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Germany:

During night, center of Cologne received 40-ton attack by 43 Mosquitoes: 5 Mosquitoes attack oil plants at Homberg (Meerbeck) and Castrop-Rauxel.

Austria:

In Vienna area, 153 B-17s with cover of 77 fighters attack air-engine factory at Wiener Neustad with unobserved results; 241 B-24s drop 520.91 tons on airfield at Markersdorf, oil refinery at Vosendorf, and on industrial area S. of Vienna with good results. On Markersdorf mission, 44 enemy planes are destroyed. Support is furnished by 151 fighters; 11 bombers and 1 fighter are lost.

English Channel:

SS Fort Yale (British cargo ship, 7,134 tons) sunk by submarine torpedo at 50-23 N, 00-55 W.

24 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

- VI Corps Corps concentrates on shifting troops to Montelimar area to cut off and destroy elements of German 19th Army retreating up the Rhone Valley. At S end of L flank, 30th Regt of 3d Div patrols find Arles, 45 mi. W of Marseille, practically clear of enemy; 7th elements occupy Cavailon, 15 mi. SE of Avignon.
- On the north front 179th Regt of 45th Div encounters only one small enemy unit near Grenoble, destroying enemy vehicles near Gieres, E of Grenoble. East of Gap, 180th and 117th Cav Rcn find no enemy opposition in Guillestre area except MG fire at St. Paul S and E of Guillestre; 180th elements enter Briancon, reported occupied by strong enemy force, without opposition.

In German escape route near Montelimar, S of Valence, some enemy units attacking elements of 141st Regt of 36th Div are temporarily cut off by strong S/A and arty fire; others are scattered by

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the 141st supported by 2 Bns of arty N of Montelimar. Enemy heavy caliber RR arty shell Marsanne area positions. . . FFL forces are established at Baix, E of Rhone and arty fire destroys enemy vehicles at Livron RJ; 143d encounters strong opposition in thrust toward Valence from Chabeuil and regt is ordered withdrawn toward Crest. Elements of 142d move to support 141st.

TF Butler is reorganized to support operations in Montelimar-Puy-St. Marin area. First ABTF occupies Grasse, N of Cannes, and continues advance E.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps First Fr Inf Div relieves 3d U.S. Div and mops up on Cap de Carqueiranne and hills W of Hyeres; 9th Colonial Inf Div reaches les Dagboussees and land arsenal in Toulon; and elements occupy Ollioule, W of Toulon; 3d Algerian Inf Div occupies center of Marseille and Goums mop up Cassis-Aubane area 9 mi. E of Marseille. First Fr Armored Div relieves 3d U.S. Div.

Eighty-seven B-25s and B-26s hit Montpellier, Avignon, and Lunel RR bridges and gun positions in Marseille area, achieving excellent results with 172 tons of bombs. Thirty-two P-47s attack roads in battle zone and effect road cuts in Nice-Mentone areas while 83 additional P-47s and 172 Spitfires, P-40s, and P-51s strike effectively at gun positions, communications and fuel dumps. MT in Nice area bombed during night by 20 A-20s, which also strafe marshalling yards near Nimes. Heavy units of Allied Fleet bombard enemy targets in Gulf de Fos area near mouth of Rhone in support of mine-sweeping operations; batteries in Toulon and near Nice also shelled; 4 batteries in Toulon area, 1 at Cap Sicie and 2 at St. Mandries still active; 1 enemy AK in Nice harbor set on fire and bridge over Var R. damaged. Carrier-based planes make 14 missions against communications; 2 Allied planes lost and 5 damaged. Fighter planes of 324 Wing (RAF) moves to Sisteron airfield about 60 mi. inland from beachhead area.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Twenty-ninth Div moves up to line NW

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of Brest, running from positions N of Bohars W to positions SE of St. Renan. Two regts of 8th Div infiltrate during night to positions a few mi. N of Brest; 2d Div is on line NE of Brest.

XII Corps CCA again defeats minor enemy attacks E of Sens and begins eastward move toward Troyes and Seine R.; CCB advances E through St. Florentin while elements of 35th Div follow behind and occupy Joigny; CT 320 clears Courtenay area.

XX Corps Seventh Armd crosses Seine R. in vicinity of Pontthierry, W of Melun; 11th Regt, 5th Div, completes crossing at Fontainebleau while 10th captures Montereau and crosses there; 2d Regt pushes 13 mi. E of Nemours. Ninetieth Div attached to XX Corps.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

V Corps Allied troops are ordered to advance into Paris where heavy fighting is going on between Germans and FFI units but enemy strongpoints and road blocks in outskirts of city prevent entrance: 2d Fr Armd has units E of Versailles and 4th Div units move NE from Arpajon; 102d Cav Gp patrols W bank of Seine and reaches S outskirts of Paris.

XV Corps Seventy-ninth again beats off counterattacks against Seine bridgehead. CCA, 5th Armd, continues attack, slowed by heavy rain and mud, and reaches point $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. S of Heudebouville. CCR moves E across Mauldre R. to clear enemy from area S of the Seine and W of St. Germain en Laye. Late in day, CCA and CCB withdraw to area SE of Mantes-Gassicourt. Corps passes to 1st Army.

XIX Corps Thirtieth Div maintains defensive positions on R flank while 2d Armd and 28th Divs converge on enemy in Elbeuf area.

VII Corps Third Armd Div moves E to Melun Corbeil area; 9th Div closes in at la Ferte Vidame and 1st moves to Comville.

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BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Units of 11th Armd reach a line from Broglie SE to Bois Anzeray NE to point E of Beamesnil.

XII Corps Fifteenth Div begins eastward advance on L of XXX Corps but is halted by advance of Canadians..

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Tenth Brig of 4th Armd advances along road to Broglie. Third Div establishes bridgehead over the Touques at Orbec and contacts 4th Armd. Second Div reaches Thiberville early in day, then captures Bernay and advances E, establishing bridgehead over Risle R. about 6½ mi. E of Bernay.

I Corps Forward troops of 7th Armd are just W of Thiberville. Fifty-first Div mops up Lisieux. In 6th Airborne sector, 5th Para Brig gets troops across Touques R. about 2 mi. NW of Pont l'Eveque; 6th Landing Brig crosses river at Bonneville and Belgians cross at Trouville.

Results generally poor in fighter attack on enemy movements in Seine area and Rouen/Amiens/Abbeville/St. Quentin/Cambrai areas. Total of 694 sorties flown by 9th AF. Enemy fighter activity in Northern France is less than 50 sorties. Forty-nine RAF Halifaxes drop 246 tons of bombs through clouds on shipping in Brest harbor. On night mission, 60 Mosquitoes successfully attack enemy column on road between la Feuille and Gournay with 26 tons of bombs.

Holland:

Twenty-two Lancasters bomb submarine pens at Ijumuiden with about 119 tons; attack well-concentrated.

Germany:

Total of 389 B-24s drops 1,036.4 tons of bombs with good results on oil-refinery, air-engine plant, and aircraft-assembly plant near Brunswick, and on another assembly plant

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near Hanover; 286 fighters provide escort; 422 B-17s with escort of 152 fighters attack oil refinery at Merseburg, armament factory at Weimar, equipment depot at Kolleda, airfields at Kolleda, Nordhausen, Vorden, Stade, and Coslar, and lesser objectives; 354 B-17s effectively drop 798.6 tons of bombs on synthetic-oil installations at Brux, Freital, and Ruhland; escort consists of 284 fighters; 48 B-24s with escort of 17 fighters attack Kiel jet-engine plant and smaller objectives with 57 tons doing some damage. In all missions, 24 enemy aircraft are destroyed with loss of 27 bombers and 4 fighters.

English Channel:

SS Empire Rosebery (British tanker, 2,370 tons) sunk by mine at 49-30 N, 00-36 W.

25 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps Third Div recon troops moving NW from Cavailhon through Caumont N up Rhone valley through Avignon encounter enemy rear guard only at Orange, 14 mi. N of Avignon; other 3d Div elements move NW into Pennes-Charpentras-Jonquerettes-Vaison area S and E of Orange-Nyon line.

Elements of the 157th Regt of 45th move into Nyon-Crest area. N of Grenoble, FEL units cut off escape to NW of units of the enemy 157th Reserve Div who are partially surrounded near Domene, 6 mi. NE of Grenoble, by elements of 179th; 1,000 surrender en masse; other 179th elements reach Chambery, 28 mi. NW of Grenoble, unopposed. Some 180th Regt elements move N to support 179th, rest of regt continues R flank patrols in Guillestre-Briancon area E of Gap without opposition.

Chief effort made in Montelimar-Marsanne-Crest area where 36th Div and TF Butler heavily engage enemy forces covering their withdrawal up Rhone along highway 7 and other roads; 141st on R operating W of Crest and Marsanne is forced by enemy pressure during night to withdraw from road block at Saulce, 2½ mi. S of Livron; reinf by some

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143d elements, 141st attacks and again cuts highway, establishing block at la Coucourde, 2 mi. farther S.

On L, enemy recaptures Sauzet during small repeated counterattacks all along 142d front NE of Montelimar.

Enemy tank and infantry attack at Bonlieu against 11th Engineers forces withdrawal to within $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. of Marsanne. After arty and tank destroyer fire stops attack, elements of 143d recapture Bonlieu and restore lines. Near Livron, enemy vehicles make two attacks to E, on columns of approximately 100 vehicles preceded by tanks, advancing from Loriol, 4 mi. S of Livron, is stopped by tank and tank destroyer fire of TF Butler at Grane, S of Drome R. losing six vehicles and being forced to withdraw. Twenty enemy tanks heading E from Allex, 7 mi. E of Livron, N of Drome R., are stopped by arty fire, being forced to withdraw.

Several arty bns in Marsanne area fire on German withdrawal area. Elements of 143d move S from Bourg de Peace to battle area.

First ABTF captures Cannes and advances E of Cannes and Grasse.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps In the Giens-Hyeres area on R flank, 1st Fr Inf Div completes mopping up of coastal region SW of Hyeres, capturing Cap. Brun, SE of Toulon; 9th Colonial Inf Div with elements of 3d Algerian Inf Div attached, makes steady progress in E section of Toulon; 3d Algerian Inf Div reinf by Goums and elements of CCI consolidates positions inside Marseille with troops entering southeastern and northern suburbs. Elements of 1st Fr Armd Div relieving U.S. 3d Div in Durance R.-Etang de Berre area, occupy Arles at mouth of Rhone and Tarascon, 9 mi. N of Arles.

Allied planes operate over widespread area in support of ground forces: RR bridges (Ponte, Miximieux, Grande Combe, Culoz, Condrieu, Zocca, Lunel, and Avignon) hit with 198 tons of bombs by 121 B-25s and B-26s; gun positions in and S of battle zone attacked by 284 P-47s, P-51s, and Spitfires;

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generally good results at all targets. Nineteen A-20s make night raid on Nice-Nimes area, causing fires among MT and lights. Bombardment of St. Mandrier peninsula S of Toulon continues. Naval units attack mortars, troops and a small coastal battery between Nice and Cannes. Bomb safety line difficulties delayed requested air support in destruction of growing German forces in Montelinar area E.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Attack against Brest begins at 1300 in bad weather which greatly hampers planned air support. Coastal batteries at le Conquet, W of Brest, and naval base area W of Penfield R. shelled by British BB. On Corps extreme R, Task Force Sugar attacks in St. Renan area and gets positions SW of the town; 29th Div, in area NW of Brest, makes only slight gains against increasingly stubborn resistance. Eighth Div gains about 1,500 yds. against fierce opposition while 2d Div, on the L, advances only about 500 yds.

XII Corps CCA splits into 2 task forces, 1 of which moves to Fontaine les Gres, 10 mi. NW of Troyes, and starts bridging Seine R. and canal; other force attacks Troyes from W and encounters bitter opposition; battle continues through night and enemy troops close in rear of armd units. Thirty-fifth Div patrols R flank of XII Corps.

XX Corps Seventh Armd Div moves SE of Melun toward le Chatelet. Eleventh Regt, 5th Div, repulses counterattack against Fontainebleau bridgehead; 10th Regt defeats counterattack near Montereau; E of Montereau, 2d Regt crosses Yonne R. at Misy and prepares to attack NE toward Nogent sur Seine.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

V Corps At 2045 General LeClerc receives surrender of commanding general of enemy forces in Paris, 2d Armd Div and 12th Regt of 4th Inf Div having entered W and SE sections of city in morning and engaged in sporadic fighting all day. Eighth and 22d Regts, 4th Div cross Seine R. N of Corbeil and establish bridgehead on E bank.

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XV Corps CCR, 5th Armd Div, moves slowly E from Mauldre R., advancing to Mantes-St. Germain highway.

XIX Corps CCB, 2d Armd, blocks roads SW of Elbeuf while 82d Rcn Bn advances NW of Elbeuf to Bourgheroulde; CCA and 109th Regt of 28th Div attack Elbeuf, meeting strong opposition and heavy arty, A/T, and nebelwerfer fire from positions across Seine R.; town penetrated late in evening. On Corps R flank, 30th Div advances N to positions about 5 mi. S and SW of Louviers.

VII Corps Elements of CCB, 3d Armd Div, cross Seine R. and turn N along E bank; remainder of CCB crosses river during night on bridge at Tilly. Ninth and 1st Div troops move E to Arpaion, S of Paris.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Elements of 43d Div advance E from area SW of Breteuil, occupy Vernon, and attack to cross Seine R., 2 bns getting over before midnight.

XII Corps Fifteenth Div drives swiftly E and reaches a general line from Neubourg to Conche's, having contacted U.S. XIX Corps SE of Beaumont le Roger; 44th Brig crosses Risle R. in Beaumont area.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fourth Armd crosses river and reaches points 6 mi. NE of Neubourg while 3d Cdn Div, drives E in area S of Brionne; latter town occupied by 2d Div which also seizes high ground to the NE.

I Corps Elements of 49th Div are between Cormeilles and Thiberville. In 7th Armd Div sector, 22d Brig crosses river at Authou, N of Brionne, and 131st advances E on Lisieux-Thiberville road. Advancing swiftly up the coast, 6th Landing Brig and Belgians capture Honfleur and move on beyond it; 3d and 4th Brigs are just W of Beuzeville and Dutch are NE of Pont l'Eveque.

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Formations of light and medium bombers concentrate on Brest strong points with good results. Twenty-four B-25s and 6 A-20s attack MT concentrations S of Seine with 44 tons of bombs but results are poor; Clermont fuel dump receives 97 tons from 47 B-25s and 26 A-20s with unobserved results; other A-20s make scattered raids on Duclair, Caudebec, and Sotteville; 11 Mosquitoes attack rail targets E of Soissons, and SW of Fismes and Chalons. Fighters operate in Rouen area along Seine R. and strike at communication targets N of Paris and Oissel R. bridge. Ninth AF missions destroy 93 enemy planes and damage 27 others. Allied tactical aircraft fly 3,616 sorties.

Two large oxygen plants in N France are bombed with 130.5 tons by 31 B-17s and 17 B-24s. Large launching site at Watton is attacked successfully by 87 Halifaxes, 2 Lancasters, and 5 Mosquitoes with about 175 tons. Forty Halifaxes, 11 Lancasters, and 2 Mosquitoes attack launching sites in Pas de Calais and near Amiens with 250 tons. On night mission, Brest gun batteries and strong points are again attacked by 232 Halifaxes, 32 Lancasters, and 18 Mosquitoes; 1,246 tons are dropped.

Belgium:

Oxygen plants at la Louviere, Willerbroeck, Tilleur, and St. Trond are effectively attacked by 45 B-24s with 135 tons of bombs.

Holland:

Heavy bombers of 8th AF attack bridge at Merdijk; airfields at Venlo and Deelen are targets for 7 RAF Mosquitoes.

English Channel:

SS Orminster (British cargo ship, 5,712 tons) sunk by submarine torpedo at 50-08 N, 00-42 W.

26 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps Operations against center in Montelimar-Livron area, start with early morning enemy

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counterattack against 143d elements of 36th Div at Bonlieu, 7 mi. NE of Montelimar, the enemy being forced to withdraw to S after brisk fire fight. Troops of 142d restore line near Bonlieu. Other 143d units and elements of 141st are driven from la Coucourde road-block of Montelimar-Valence highway No. 7 by several tank thrusts and three other strong German attacks are launched against 141st and 142d elements in Bonlieu-Sauzet area NE and E of Montelimar and against Butler TF road-blocks in la Coucourde stretch of Highway 7. Blocked by lack of suitable ford over Drome R. near Highway 7, enemy 15th Pz Regt (29th Pz Div), and 110th, and 111th Pz Regts (11th Pz Div) screening withdrawal of mtz and horse drawn units are under fire of 977th FA Bn.

Troops of 157th Regt of 45th Div secure Alex, W of Livron and N of Drome, after severe fire fight; TF Butler moving SW takes Grane, S of Alex across Drome, wins stiff fire fight at Marsanne, and enters La Coucourde area, reestablishing line for attacking enemy highway movement.

Seventh Div, overcoming tanks, flakwagons, and entrenched inf at Orange, advances to within 20 mi. arc of Montelimar in Marnas-Bollene-Vaison line. Elements of 45th Div from Grenoble area find road net N and NW of Grenoble clear of enemy as far as Vienne, on Rhone R. 19 mi. S of Lyon. One thousand enemy reported at Albertville, 43 mi. E of Chambéry; artillery of 179th support FFI in capture of Aquebelle and la Chapelle, and set up road block at Chamoux, farther E, 14 mi. W of Albertville. In the 180th Sector, 60 mi. S of Albertville, FFI supported armored units of 117th Cav Ren Sq in driving back enemy counterattacks against Meyronnes. A large enemy mtz force is reported across Italian border just E and NE of Briancon. Elements of 180th and of Cav Ren Sq maintain road-blocks in area. First ATBF has captured Antibes and now advances toward Var R. near Cagnes.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps Ninth Colonial Inf Div mops up Toulon; San Mandrier Peninsula to S still occupied by enemy; 1st Fr Inf Div assembling vicinity Hyeres; 3d

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Algerian Inf Div reducing pockets of enemy resistance in Marseille. CCl of 1st Fr Armrd Div advances to Arles and Tarascon, and occupies Avignon.

Eighty-six B-26s strike gun positions on Ratonneau I. near Marseille; good pattern achieved. Roads and RR lines in battle area attacked by 104 P-47s and 118 P-40s, P-51s, and Spitfires with generally good results. British surface naval units bombard the St. Mandrier peninsula causing explosions and fires; fire returned only once. U.S. naval gunfire supports mine sweeping operations off Marseille; enemy explosive-controlled boat attack broken and eight sunk.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Attack is resumed at 0800 against very strong resistance. TF Sugar continues SW on R flank of Corps and secures high ground NE and SE of Ploumoguier; farther E, 175th Regt of 29th Div gets positions just N of Brest-le Conquet road. Eighth and 2d Divs make only minor gains.

XII Corps Elements of 4th Armrd mop up enemy in Troyes although some pockets of resistance remain. Thirty-fifth Div troops continue to patrol R flank of XII Corps. Eightieth Div assigned to XII Corps and moves to Sens.

XX Corps Seventh Armrd Div attacks NE toward Provins area; 11th Regt of 5th Div, pushes E to Coutenon-Courcelles line, NE of Montereau, while 2d Regt speeds E and captures Nogent. Ninetieth Div, attached to XX Corps, moves to Fontainebleau area.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps CCB continues to advance N to wipe out enemy opposition on E side of Seine R.; CCA crosses river at Tilly and advances 10-22 mi. N and NE in 2 columns.

V Corps Second French Armrd mops up isolated pockets in Paris, and 4th Div maintains defensive positions in SE section of city. Eightieth and 90th Divs are detached and assigned to XII and XX Corps, respectively.

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XV Corps CCR, 5th Armd, continues NE push; enemy cleared from Verneuil area after which CC turns W through Ecqueville and Flins, clearing entire area SE of Mantes-Gassicourt. Thirtieth Div attached to Corps.

XIX Corps Enemy finally cleared from Elbeuf and town turned over to 7th Cdn Brig.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Rcn elements of 4th Cdn Armd Div reach Pont de l'Arche, E of Elbeuf. Seventh Brig of 3d Cdn Div, driving toward Elbeuf, reaches point about 8 mi. SW of the town. Elements of 2d Div reach Bourgtheroulde while other units of the Div are clearing opposition SW of it.

I Corps Seventh Armd Div troops are SW of Bourgtheroulde and E of Montfort. Farther N, 147th Brig, 49th Div, is in area from NW of St. Georges to St. Symphorien; 56th Brig relieves 5th Para at Pont Audemer after latter has secured town. Belgians are NW of Pont Audemer and 6th Air Landing Brig advances toward mouth of the Seine with capture of Berville.

Force of 400 9th AF medium and light bombers attack fuel and storage dumps at Fournival, Bois de Mont, Compiègne, and Saleux; 52 B-26s, 84 B-25s and 33 A-20s drop 270 tons of bombs in Rouen area and in area W of there; 9th AF fighters inflict damage on communications in Seine R. area, flying total of 1,153 sorties. Fighter claims: 127-11-32. Total of 158 B-17s of 8th AF drops 352.2 tons on Brest defenses with generally satisfactory results. Enemy flies 250 sorties over Northern France and at night attacks Rouen/Beauvais/Amiens area with long-range bombers. In 9th AF night operations, 44 B-25s, 124 Mosquitoes, and 21 A-20s drop 150 tons of bombs and use cannon and machine guns on bridges and RR yards near Rouen, MT on roads E of Rouen, 14 barges, and airfield at Beauvais, inflicting greatest damage at Rouen. Because of weather, RAF operations are cancelled.

Holland:

Eindhoven airfield is bombed with 106 tons by 36 8th AF B-24s. During night, airfields at Venlo and Deelen are attacked by 7 RAF Mosquitoes.

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Germany:

Total of 174 B-17s drops 253 tons of bombs on two oil installations near Gelsenkirchen; 221 B-24s drop 643.7 tons on oil plants at Salzbergen, Emmerich, Dulmen, and Ludwigshaven with limited success. Total of 33 B-17s and 54 B-24s drops 217 tons with some success on lesser objectives including several airfields. One enemy plane is destroyed and 13 bombers and 1 fighter are lost in 8th AF missions. Kiel is attacked by 357 Lancasters and 9 Mosquitoes, dropping 1,137 tons of bombs with fair results. Seventeen aircraft are missing. Berlin area is hit by 29 tons in well-concentrated attack by 21 Mosquitoes.

English Channel:

SS Ashmun J. Clough (British cargo ship, 1,791 tons) sunk by submarine torpedo at 50-08 N, 01-37 W.

27 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY .

VI Corps Elements of the 36th Div continue to face stubborn enemy resistance N of Montelimar and in the la Coucourde area. The enemy launches persistent, unsuccessful counterattacks N from Sauzet and Bonlieu in the NW environs of Montelimar against elements of 141st Regt. Towns remain in enemy hands. On Highway 7 between Montelimar and Loriol, enemy vehicles stalled bumper to bumper are attacked by Division arty; TF Butler attacks la Coucourde and blows up two RR trains at les Tourettes. Elements of 157th Regt complete mopping up near Allex, N of Loriol, and establish strong road blocks with armor and infantry 1,000 yds. W of Loriol.

Advancing toward Montelimar from Orange-Nyon area, 3d Div troops come within 5 mi. of their objective, 30th Regt elements on R reach Grignan, Gougne, and Colombier; 15th troops encounter enemy machine gun and 88mm fire on entering Donzere, 9 mi. S of Montelimar; 7th moves up Highway 7 along Rhone R. taking la Palid and Pierrelatte

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and clearing out isolated pockets of resistance along Rhone.

To the N, 45th Div elements push toward Lyon from Grenoble, elements of 179th reaching Bourgoin in strength after meeting negligible resistance SW of Grenoble in the Valence direction, 45th Div rcn troops clash sharply at St. Lattier, 18 mi. NE of Valence, with hostile forces turning NE from Bourg de Peage; FFI block their escape N by taking Tournon, on Rhone NW of Bourge de Peage.

In the Briancon area E of Gap, TF Bibo, composed of elements of 117th Cav Rcn Sq, 171st FA Bn, a small unit of 180th Inf, and 2d, 3d, and 83d Chemical Bns relieve the 180th Regt on Corps R flank.

First ABTF encounters considerable resistance S of Cannes; patrols operate near Col de Larche, 60 mi. N of Cannes.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps S of Toulon elements of 9th Colonial Inf Div reach Fort St. Elme at entrance of St. Mandrier Peninsula; 3d Algerian Inf Div reduces enemy resistance in northern areas of Marseille but enemy still holds out in southern and port areas; 1st Fr Inf Div reorganizing in Avignon-Salon area and 1st Fr Armd Div in Avignon-Tarascon-Arles area.

I Corps Second Moroccan Inf Div starts debarkation.

Ninety-three B-25s hit gun emplacements in Marseille area while 96 B-25s attack Ratonneau I.; 186 tons of bombs dropped and excellent results obtained. Mine sweeping operations in approaches to Marseille continued. Navy bombardment of St. Mandrier SE of Toulon and of coast defense guns and infantry in Nice-Cannes area continues. In 6 missions, 34 fighter bombers from CVs attack numerous army vehicles in Montelimar-Livron area.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Enemy continues fierce opposition and only 175th Regt advances; it crosses le Conquet-Brest road, completing encirclement of Brest.

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On S flank elements of TFB extend rcn to base of Crozon Peninsula.

XII Corps Fourth Armd relieved at Troyes by elements of 35th Div which eliminates isolated pockets of resistance; CCA moves NE to secure bridges across Aubee R. at Ramerupt and Nogent; CCB continues to move E and crosses Seine.

XX Corps Seventh Armd Div attacks toward Marne R. in broad zone, followed by 5th Div on R and 90th Div on L. Fifth Div troops cross the Seine in Nogent area and push N; 90th reaches positions between Provins and la Ferte Gaucher.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Third Armd Div speeds northward: CCB crosses the Marne, captures Meaux, and secures bridges S of Meaux; CCA moves through Coulommiers, crosses the Marne at la Ferte sous Jouarre, and secures positions N of the river; only minor opposition encountered as enemy is fleeing NE; a detachment of 3d Armd moves E to secure crossings at Chateau Thierry. Ninth Div crosses Seine R. and advances about 15 mi. NE of Melun to line running from Tourman en Brie to Rozay en Brie. First Div also crosses the Seine and pushes N to positions SE of Paris.

V Corps Second Fr Armd continues mopping up operations in Paris and captures la Bourget airdrome after hard fighting. From positions in Bois de Vincennes, E of Paris, 4th Div attacks NE and gains approximately 8 mi., halting about 5 mi. SW of Claye Souilly.

XV Corps Thirtieth Div crosses Seine R. at Mantes-Gassicourt and relieves elements of 79th Div in Limay-Guitrancourt area. At 1600 Corps attacks, with 30th Div on R and 79th Div on L, to enlarge bridgehead E of the Seine: against strong opposition, 79th secures line from area 2½ mi. NE of Limay N to Vetheuil; 30th attacks NE toward Oinville but is unable to reach objective. Corps and Div arty

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of XIX Corps move into zone; 35 bns of arty available and fire devastating arty during night.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Forty-third Div is strengthening Vernon bridgehead and stops enemy attempts at infiltration.

XII Corps Closely pursuing a retreating enemy, 227th Brig of 15th Div crosses Seine R. E of Louviers in evening against only moderate opposition and reaches a line from Herqueville to Muids, about 2 mi. E of the river; rest of Div crosses during night and early next morning.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fourth Cdn Armd starts crossing Seine in Tourville area, N of Pont de l'Arche. Elements of 3d Div are crossing near Elbeuf. N of Bourgtheroulde, 2d Div clears Foret de la Londe, encountering some opposition at N edge.

I Corps Fifty-first Div begins crossing the Risle at Pont Authou. Twenty-second Brig of 7th Armd drives N and cuts road NE from Pont Audemer 5 mi. NE of town against heavy opposition; 131st Brig follows and is to the R rear, just S of Audemer-Rouen highway. Forty-ninth Div crosses the river in Audemer area.

Enemy concentrations of troops and MT in Rouen area and Rouen bridge, 2 fuel dumps in Laon area, and Boulogne/Burscon radio station are attacked by 86 medium and light bombers with 110 tons of bombs; bombers and fighters smash at enemy positions and vehicles in and around battle area; 9th AF and 2d TAC fly 2,369 sorties. Enemy fighter sorties reduced to 70-90; Seine valley E of Paris attacked by 30 enemy bombers. Twenty-four Lancasters attack Brest harbor with 129 tons, scoring many hits on marine targets; 174 Halifaxes, 37 Lancasters, and 9 Mosquitoes strike against tunnel of launching site at Marquise/Mimoyecques with 797 tons.

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Denmark:

Total of 61 B-17s attacks Esbjerg airfield and the island of Fano with 150 tons, most of the tonnage being used on Esbjerg with fair results.

Germany:

In spite of weather 187 of 1,203 B-17s and B-24s, escorted by 471 fighters attack some targets: 24 B-17s drop 24 tons on airfield at Husum and rail yards at Flensburg and on other objectives in Schleswig-Holstein area; 83 B-17s drop 201 tons on Emden, Wilhelmshaven, Heligoland, and the island of Sylt; 34 B-24s also attack Heligoland. Eighth AF missions destroy 2 enemy aircraft with a loss of 5 bombers and 10 fighters. Synthetic-oil plant at Homberg (Meerbeck) is hit with 768 tons of bombs dropped by 202 Halifaxes, 12 Lancasters, and 6 Mosquitoes with good results. On night mission, 27 Mosquitoes drop 37 tons of bombs on Mannheim with good results.

28 France:

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY

VI Corps In N, main forces of enemy 11th Pz and 189th Reserve Div escape Montelimar pocket to reach Valence area and man fortifications and road blocks in and around Lyon; 85 mi. N of Montelimar; 45th Div elements shifting to meet situation include 180th Regt moving N to Grenoble, and 179th in Bourgoin-Burcin area, nearer Lyon than Grenoble. In Montelimar area, TF Butler with elements of 143d Regt of 36th Div encountering stiff opposition, pass through Loriol from SE to Drome R. from which enemy withdrawal occurs after dark; 157th from W reaches outskirts of Livron; between Loriol and Montelimar, 36th Div arty continues destruction of enemy vehicles along Highway 7 and 142d maintains commanding position in La Coucourde area; 141st holds strongly in Sauzet-Bonlieu area, NW of Montelimar. S of Montelimar, some elements of 15th Regt, 3d Div, capture 350 enemy vehicles in double-banked column nearly 1½ mi. long; other elements

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enter Montelimar after overcoming stiff opposition. Elements of 7th and 30th fight ahead to within 2 mi. of this city.

First ABTF captures Cagnes, takes Vence, 5 mi. N and occupies high ground in vicinity of La Roquette, E of Var.

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps German commanders in Toulon and Marseille surrender; Ft. de St. Mandrier gives up to 9th Colonial Inf Div; light elements of 1st Fr Armd Div cross Rhone approaching Remoulins and Nimes, 13 and 28 mi. SW of Avignon.

Despite adverse weather, 33 B-25s successfully bomb RR bridges NW of Lyons; Anse and Tarare bridges are among targets hit. Fighters and fighter bombers continue attacks on guns and communications in support of ground troops. Air activity in beachhead area reduced to minimum; fighter patrols from 251st Sq RAF based at Cuers airfield about 18 mi. N of Toulon still active. Following bombardment, Ile de If off Marseille surrenders to light cruiser. Mine sweeping operations are continued in assault areas. Nice area shelled by 2 CAs. Enemy groups attempting to escape from occupied coast being rounded up by Allied light naval units.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps TF Sugar attacks SW toward Pte. de Corsen but opposition is so strong that they are unable to reach the water; 116th Regt of 29th Div attacks E toward Brest along highway from le Conquet and makes some gains. TFB drives through Plougastel and continues on of Crozon Peninsula.

XII Corps Eightieth Div, motorized, speeds toward Chalons in wake of CCA, 4th Armd; CCA, in 2 columns, drives N on Vitry le Francois, seizing positions on outskirts of objective and high ground E and SE of Chalons.

XX Corps Seventh Armd continues N; CCA crosses the Marne and seizes bridge near Chateau Thierry;

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elements of 357th Regt, 90th Div, in L rear of armd units, cross the Marne at Chateau Thierry and relieve 7th Armd; other elements close in at Dormans, 10 mi. E of Chateau Thierry. Fifth Div speeds N: elements of 2d Regt cross the Marne in evening; 10th Regt gets positions 9 mi. SW of Epernay while 11th clears Provins and moves to positions 5 mi. S of Epernay.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Pursuing a completely disorganized enemy, 3d Armd Div speeds N and captures Soissons. First and 9th Divs follow armd units, mopping up scattered opposition, and reach line in vicinity of Meaux but S of the Marne.

V Corps Second Fr Armd establishes line along NE outskirts of Paris. Fourth Div continues NE against scattered opposition, reaching positions around Claye Souilly. Twenty-eighth and 5th Armd Divs attached to V Corps.

XV Corps Second Armd Div attached to Corps; CCB crosses Seine R. and takes positions on L rear of 79th Div. Seventy-ninth advances about 2 mi. to a line from St. Cyr to Drocourt to N of Sailly. On extreme R flank of Corps, 120th Regt reaches Meulan while, to the N, rest of 30th Div gains positions near Seraincourt and N of Fremainville.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Forty-third Div extends bridgehead perimeter to form a triangle and repulses 2 counter-attacks. Eleventh Armd Div moves E toward Vernon.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Elements of 4th Armd Div advance to points about 3 mi. N of the Seine. Third Div completes crossing of the Seine. Second Div moves into positions just S and SE of Couronne.

I Corps In 51st Div sector, 154th Brig continues N to Bourg Achard, on Audemer-Rouen Highway, and to

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the NE, approaches Seine R.; to the R, 153d moves NE to mop up loop of Seine S of Duglair. Seventh Armd Div mops up area N of Routot but some pockets of opposition remain.

Fuel and ammunition dumps at Ham, Doullons, and Compeigne, and underground storage tanks at Barisis receive varied damage from attacks by 210 medium and light bombers; fighters hit tanks, MT, other vehicles, and rail targets. In night attacks, good results are achieved by 47 B-26s in raid on ammunition dump at Querrieu, and by 16 Mosquitoes in strike against communication targets. Ninth AF and TAC fly 2,114 sorties. Enemy fighter activity in Northern France battle area consists of 120-140 sorties. At night enemy long-range bombers return to Seine Valley E of Paris. Twelve launching sites in Pas de Calais and Somme areas are bombed by 68 Halifaxes, 48 Lancasters, and 19 Mosquitoes with approximately 471 tons of bombs, generally well-concentrated. Twenty-two Halifaxes, 2 Lancasters, and 5 Mosquitoes attack coastal battery at Ile de Cezembre, dropping about 115 tons of bombs with accuracy. At Brest, 23 Halifaxes drop about 99 tons of bombs, scoring many hits, in an effort to sink ship alongside pier and immobilize ships in dry dock.

Low Countries:

Small numbers of Mosquito bombers attack Venlo airfield in Holland and Le Culot airfield in Belgium.

Germany:

In night operations, 32 Mosquitoes drop 47 tons on Essen in scattered bombing attacks; others carry out small missions against Leverkusen chemical works and a MT factory at Cologne.

Austria:

Total of 154 B-17s escorted by 122 fighters attacks Moosbierbaum oil refinery with 400.5 tons with very good results.

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VI Corps Clearing Montelimar area, 3d and 45th Divs take more than 1,000 prisoners from 11th Pz Div, 198th, 338th and 242d Inf Divs and from GAF units and also from naval units and TODT labor Bns; in 3d Div, 15th Regt clears area surrounding Montelimar, occupies La Coucourde area to N, and mops up small remaining resistance pockets while preparing move to Voiron area, NW Grenoble, via Bourge de Peage; 7th closing in from E, relieves 143d Regt, and enters Montelimar; 30th assembles at Rochefort SE of Montelimar.

In 36th Div, 143d smashing counterattacks in vicinity of La Coucourde, captures 600 prisoners, including commander of 198th enemy Inf Div. Elements of 142d Regt relieve 157th Regt troops N of Allex and overcoming arty, tank, mortar, and scattered MG fire to SW takes Livron and turns to N and NW. Elements of 141st take Clary and Sauzet and push N from Allex area reaching Chabeuil, about 10 mi. N of Allex in Bourge de Peage-Valence direction.

To the N on 45th Div L flank, 179th Regt elements driving SW are halted by road-block at Bourge de Peage; other troops of 179th moving W and clearing St. Etienne, 22 mi. NW of Grenoble, making road-blocks against enemy near Beaurepaire, E of St. Etienne who were covering Rhone retreat through area to W. Elements of 180th Regt secure Chamoux 15 mi. E of Chambéry, and Aiguebelle, 5 mi. farther E, meeting no resistance; rest of Regt, moving N from Grenoble, takes Morestel, 35 mi. N of Grenoble, and TD elements approach Amerieu, 20 mi. beyond; 157th moves to assembly area near Voiron.

East of Gap superior enemy force from Italy forces TF Bibo out of Briancon and withdraws after encountering stiff rear guard action. TF Bibo establishes road-blocks N and W of Guillestre and patrols re-enter Briancon.

First ABTF takes major portion of W bank of Var R, consolidating positions.

II Corps Elements of 1st Fr Armored Div reach

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St. Gilles and Uxam in area W of Arles; Group Lecoq is at Bagnols, elements of 1st Fr Inf Div at Remoulins; 3d Algerian Inf Div and 9th Colonial Inf Div assembling N of Marseille and in Toulon area.

I Corps Second Moroccan Inf Div assembling Le Luc area.

Seventy-two P-47s bomb enemy communication targets. Three Venturas, 7 Wellingtons and Beaufighters patrol S coastal area. After bombardment, Friqule islands, near Marseille, surrender to Navy.

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VIII Corps Elements of 2d Rangers, attached to TF Sugar, capture strongpoint at Pte. de Corsen; inf divs remain in virtually the same positions, unable to advance against well organized opposition. TFB clears Plougastel Peninsula with exception of Pte. de 'Armorique, at the very tip.

XII Corps Vitry le Francois occupied by 1 column of CCA, 4th Armd, while other column attacks Chalons in conjunction with 80th Div; town captured and occupation assumed by 80th. Armd units then turn E and SE.

XX Corps Seventh Armd continues NE drive to Reims area while 90th Div speeds N to Fismes-Guignecourt line and the Aisne R. Reims falls to 5th Div which also secures positions E of the city.

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VII Corps Third Armd Div crosses Aisne R. at Pont Arcy, E of Soissons, and secures positions on high ground N of the river after severe fighting. In rear of 3d Div, 1st and 9th Divs secure positions at Villers Cotterets and along line running generally SE through Belleau Wood to Chateau Thierry.

V Corps Fourth Div advances N and NE; 8th Regt encounters strong opposition at Vitry-Mory; 12th

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Regt gains about 14 mi., reaching le Plessis Belleville. Twenty-eighth Div parades through Paris and assembles at St. Denis, NE of the city.

XIX Corps Corps takes over XV Corps bridgehead E of the Seine; units attached are 2d Armd, 30th, and 79th Inf Divs.

XV Corps Corps pushes NE with CCB and 79th Div reach Arthies-Gadencourt area; 30th Div secures high ground near Gadencourt and a line running SE to Longuesse. At noon, all 3 divisions attached to XIX Corps and XV Corps goes into reserve.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Eighth Armd Brig on R and 11th Armd Div on L push NE from Vernon bridgehead toward Magny en Vexin, getting about halfway to objective; 11th Armd reaches Rouen-Pontoise highway between St. Clair sur Epte and Thilliers en Vexin; any determined opposition by-passed.

XII Corps Fifteenth Div continues NE against considerable opposition: 46th Brig is on road W of Les Andelys; 227th is on L, attacking le Thuit; 44th Brig is just to the NW.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fourth Armd is about 6 mi. S of Rouen with 3d Div just S of armd units. Second Div is clearing area in Seine loop just S and SW of Couronne.

I Corps Forty-ninth Div is patrolling area from Routot W to the sea, with Belgians and Dutch under its command.

Twenty-five Typhoons and 71 Spitfires of ARAF attack rail targets and MT in Amiens/Arras area. Ninth AF and TAC fly 1,701 sorties; enemy fighters fly 70-80 sorties in Northern France battle area. Weather cancels 8th AF and RAF operations.

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Nine Mosquitoes bomb airfields at Florennes/Juzaine and Le Culot during night.

Germany:

In night operations, Stettin is bombed by 403 Lancasters and 1 Mosquito with about 1,320 tons; 23 Lancasters are lost. Thirty-eight Mosquitoes effectively bomb Berlin and Hamburg with 44 tons of bombs. Leverkusen and Cologne are attacked by Mosquito bombers.

30 France:

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VI Corps In Rhone valley above Montelimar, 142d Regt of 36th Div receives sharp counterattack at road-block near Loriol and 143d with TF Butler overcomes rear-guard resistance at junction Rhone and Drome E of Livron; 142d reduces resistance in Livron sector, 141st advances N and NW from Crest clears Etoile, N of Livron, Beaumont and Chabeuil, NW of Etoile, Alixan, and Bourge de Peage, where stiffening resistance is encountered; elements of 141st find only scattered enemy pockets near Valence and the city unoccupied. Third Div awaits relief by Maquis, completing mopping up in Montelimar-Livron area, where 3d and 36th take 2,500 prisoners and enemy loses 2,000 vehicles, 1,000 horses, 32 field arty pieces, 6 RR guns, two of 380mm.

Elements of 45th Div move N across area 20 to 30 mi. E of Lyon in operation to cut off enemy troops escaping up Rhone through Lyon; 179th elements occupy Gremieu, Loyettes, and overcome some enemy resistance to capture Maximieu; paralleling this advance, 180th units and 645th TD Bn rcn elements free Egnieu, Montelieu, and Lagnieu, the TD force clearing through Amberieu and 180th cleaning out small resistance pockets at Egnieu. Enemy opposition to thrust is negligible.

TF Biba maintains road blocks near Briancon; TF Butler is disbanded. ABTF units move E through

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Nice occupying positions along general line E of Nice N to Lavens; other elements at Barcelonette, 37 mi. N of Castellane.

FRENCH ARMY B:

II Corps First Fr Inf Div reaches Bourg St. Andeol on Rhone 15 mi. S of Montelimar; Elements of 3d Algerian Inf Div and 2d Moroccan Inf Div move N to relieve 45th Div units in Grenoble and Guillestre vicinities.

Sixty-eight French-based Spitfires bomb RR lines and MT in Lyon area; 26 MT and 7 locomotives destroyed; 39 MT and 30 RR cars reported damaged. Enemy antitank guns, S of Monaco, shelled. Good progress reported in mine sweeping operations of inner Toulon harbor.

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VIII Corps NW of Brest, 175th Regt captures high ground SE of Plouzane; rest of Corps is unable to advance against determined resistance; TFB clears tip of Plougastel Peninsula and is dissolved.

XII Corps Eightieth Div turns SE toward Bar le Duc and Commercy. St. Dizier captured by CCA, 4th Armd Div, despite strong resistance from within the town. CCB patrols between the Seine and Marne. Thirty-fifth Div, organized into task forces, attacks SE from Troyes to clear area extending to Vendevre and Bar sur Seine.

XX Corps Seventh Armd Div turns E toward the Meuse R. and Verdun. Fifth Div clears Reims and turns city over to 90th Div, follows armor E. Ninetieth Div occupies line NW of Reims and protects N flank of Corps.

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VII Corps Third Armd Div expands bridgehead across Aisne R. and, after being relieved at Soissons by 1st Div, drives swiftly NE and seizes Laon; 1st Div clears opposition in Soissons area. Ninth Div

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reaches Aisne R. with elements of 60th Regt crossing and seizing high ground N of the river.

V Corps Fifth Armd Div passes through inf and drives NE to Bois du Roi, followed by 4th Div on R and 28th Div on L; Senlis captured after some fighting.

XIX Corps Corps, with 2d Armd on L, 79th in center, and 30th on R, drives rapidly NE against only negligible opposition. On L flank 2d Armd makes greatest gains, advancing to positions SE of Gisors and 8 mi. S of Beauvais; inf gains about 20 mi. to reach a line from Hedouville NW to Henonville.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Armd units advance rapidly NE, by-passing any strong opposition: 8th Armd Brig captures Gisors and 29th Brig reaches St. Germer, 11 mi. to the N; elements of 50th Div are mopping up behind.

XII Corps Fourth Armd Brig, followed by 71st Brig of 53d Div, passes through 15th Div and drives NE along road to Gournay, reaching Coudray-Morgny line.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fourth Armd Div continues N and E advance; Fleury captured and positions about 8 mi. E of Rouen reached. Third Div is on SE outskirts of Rouen. Second Div prepares to cross the Seine NE of Bourgtheroulde.

I Corps Fifty-first Div is in Seine loop about 2 mi. S of Duglair; 49th is in loop S of Caudebec.

In battle area, 15 A-20s and 62 B-26s strike at fuel dumps S of Dieppe with 19 tons; 30 B-26s strike Ile de Cezebre gun positions with 51 tons; barges, tugs, MT, rolling stock, and a hatted camp are targets for 104 Spitfires in armed recon patrols. Ninth AF and TAC fly 669 sorties. Enemy fighter sorties limited to 25; 50 enemy long-range

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bombers operate in Rheims-Beauvais area.

Total of 208 B-17s and B-24s drops 556.7 tons in attacks on pilotless aircraft sites in Pas de Calais with small fighter escort.

Denmark:

Two Mosquitoes destroy 1 JU-88 and 1 ME-110 and damage 1 of each in Copenhagen area.

Germany:

Kiel shipyards are attacked with 690 tons by 282 B-17s of 8th AF; 327 B-17s strike aircraft and MT plants in Bremen with 753 tons; 294 fighters provide escort. Fifty-six P-51s of 15th AF strafe Grossenwarden airfield; 1 P-51 is lost. During night, 34 RAF Mosquitoes drop 50 tons of bombs on Frankfurt with good results.

East Atlantic:

SS Jacksonville (U.S. tanker, 10,448 tons) sunk by submarine torpedo at 55-30 N, 07-30 W.

Geronde Estuary:

SS De Grasse (French Passenger ship, 18,435 tons) scuttled at 45-08 N, 00-40 W.

31 France:

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VI Corps. In Rhone valley N of Livron, 141st clears remaining pocket of resistance at Valence after stiff fire fight and moves NE toward Beaurepaire, clearing and occupying Clerieux, Marge, and Hautrive enroute. Rest of 36th Div follows to Beaurepaire area, 142d easily neutralizing isolated resistance between Livron and Bourg de Peage.

E of Lyon, 45th Div moving NW across Ain R. meets increasing resistance, 179th establishing road-blocks near Dagneux, 10 mi. NE of Lyon, 10 mi. farther near Chalamont, and at Priay just beyond Chalamont, 180th has road-blocks at Pont d'Ain and

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W of Poncin on E side of Ain R. The remaining regt, 157th, and the 3d Div move north into area, advance elements reaching assembly areas. First ABTF consolidates positions along Nice-Espremont-Levens line.

In 17 days, VI Corps had advanced 300 mi., liberating approximately 17,500 sq mi. and capturing 19,050 prisoners mainly from 198th, 338th, and 716th Inf Divs and 11 Pz and 1st Flieger Divs, elements of 19th German Army. French units took 19,532 up to 27 Aug; 214,614 troops were unloaded. Casualties: Killed and missing in action: American, 1,331. French, 868; other casualties: American 5,867; French, 3,310. (All French to 27 Aug).

FRENCH ARMY B

II Corps First Fr Armored Div mops up in Barjac-Vallon-Bourg-St. Andeo triangle; 3d Algerian Inf Div elements reach Grenoble and 2d Moroccan Inf Div continues movement toward Guillestre.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

VIII Corps Units regroup in preparation for renewed attack.

XII Corps Bar le Duc occupied by elements of 80th Div. Fourth Armd Div continues rapid eastward advance: CCA drives through Ligny and Commercy, cross Meuse R., and establish bridgehead in Bois de Vignot, NE of Commercy; CCB crosses Marne R. N of Joinville, occupies Gondrecourt, and drives NE toward Vaucouleurs.

XX Corps Seventh Armd Div crosses the Meuse and occupies Verdun without encountering serious opposition; high ground SE of the city seized by 11th Regt; remainder of 5th Div clears Vouziers and follows closely behind 7th Armd.

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VII Corps Third Armd Div resumes advance NE, heading toward Sedan but is halted. As a result, as direction of Corps advance is changed to drive N

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toward Mons, Belgium. Ninth Div spearheads advance and reaches positions near Rozoy sur Serre in drive toward Vervins.

V Corps Twenty-eighth Div moves N through Chantilly, eliminates oppositions encountered at Creil, turns NE, and, in conjunction with elements of 5th Armd, secures bridgehead across Oise R. at Pont St. Maxence. R column of CCA, 5th Armd, crosses the Oise at Pommiers near Soissons, but other units are prevented from crossing by strong opposition. Fourth Div, on Corps R, advances N to positions NW of Villers Cotterets.

XIX Corps Armd units speed NW for 40-mi. gain, reaching Montdidier area. Seventy-ninth and 30th Divs push swiftly NE against light opposition, gaining a line SE of Beauvais along banks of Therain R. from Hermes to Mouy.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Eleventh Armd Div has driven NE throughout night and at 0730 enters Amiens, crosses Somme R. on bridge in heart of city and continues 6 mi. N on road to Doullens. Eighth Armd Brig captures Beauvais and continues N until halted to let Guards Armd Div pass through; elements of latter are 27 mi. NE of Beauvais by noon and continue N to positions across Amiens-Albert road, reaching points 12 mi. NE of the former. Fiftieth Div follows, mopping up opposition by-passed by armor; forward troops reach Auneuil, about 7 mi. SW of Beauvais.

XII Corps Fourth Armd Brig captures Gournay and drives about 12 mi. N; fighting is in progress at Formerie. Fifty-third Div is in positions about midway between Rouen and Gournay. Twenty-second Brig seals positions 5 mi. SW of Gournay with 131st Brig in les Andelys area.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Corps Fourth Cdn Armd advances to points 12 mi. NE of Rouen which is captured by 3d Div. Second

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Div drives swiftly N and reaches Totes.

I Corps Fifty-first Div patrols across the Seine to Duclair and reports the town clear. Forty-ninth crosses the Seine and secures a line from Lillebonne E to Anquetuer-Ville without contacting the enemy.

In battle area fuel and ammunition dumps, MT, and horse-drawn vehicles, are attacked by fighters which also strike at radar installations at Cap d'Antifer, Le Havre, and Fecamp. Second TAC continues harassing night attacks on enemy movements and concentrations. Ninth AF and 2d TAC fly 2,068 sorties. Enemy fighters support ground operations in Northern France with 100-120 sorties. Coastal battery at Ile de Cezembre is bombed again by 165 Halifaxes and 4 Mosquitoes of the RAF with about 800 tons; 9th AF fighters also attack battery; excellent results are achieved. Heavy bombers attack supply depots in Pas de Calais area: 381 Lancasters, 34 Halifaxes, and 29 Mosquitoes drop approximately 2,394 tons of bombs at Lumbres, Pont Remy, Agenville, Raimbert, St. Riquier, La Pourchinte, Berg, Neuseville, Auchy les Hesdin, and Rollencourt with poor to very good results.

Germany:

In night operations, 41 Mosquitoes effectively drop 58 tons on Dusseldorf; 11 Mosquitoes attack MT works at Cologne and chemical works at Leverkusen.

England:

Enemy pilotless aircraft attacks have continued throughout month on a considerable scale.

Brest:

SS Krossfonn (Norwegian tanker, 9,323 tons) scuttled at 48-25 N, 04-30 W.

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