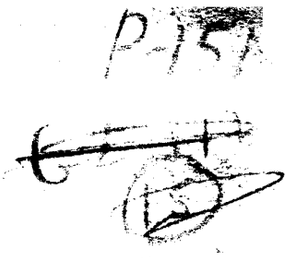
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1. a. Annex No. 1 INTELLIGENCE.

b. The VII Corps, with Divs in column, landing at "U" beach at H Hour on D Day, captures CHERBOURG with the least practicable delay. The 4th Inf Div leading the VII Corps, attacks to the Northwest and extends its left flank to the DOUVE RIVER as soon as practicable. The 101st A/B Div landing by prcht and glider vic BLOSVILLE (367923), in addition to assisting the landing of the assault trs on "U" beach and blocking movement of enemy reserves from the South, pushes a column to the West, blocks the crossings of the DOUVE at BEUZEVILLE and PONT L'ABBE, and makes contact with this Div at ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.

2. This Div (less dets) lands by prcht and glider before and after dawn of D Day, West of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE: seizes, clears, and secures the general area ST JACQUES DE NEHOU (136985) - BESNEVILLE (134928) (both inclusive) - ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE (exclusive) - BLANDAMOUR (167982) (inclusive), and reorganizes.

Missions

a. Seize and destroy the crossings of the PRAIRIE MARECAGEUSES North of LA SANGSURIERE (188898), at ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT (145890), destroy the crossings of the OLLONDE in the vicinity of ST LO D'OURVILLE (090894) and block crossroads vic LE CHEMIN (102902).

b. Prevent enemy forces moving north between ST LO D'OURVILLE and junction of DOUVE RIVER with PRAIRIE MARECAGEUSES (228921).

c. Protect the South flank of the VII Corps North of the same line.

d. TROOPS:

Force A (Prcht):
Comdr: Brig Gen J. M. Gavin

Det 82d A/B Div Hq & Hq Co
Det 82d A/B Sig Co
Det Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
Det 456th Prcht FA Bn
Air Support Party
505th Prcht Inf
507th Prcht Inf
508th Prcht Inf
Co "B" 307th A/B Engr Bn

Force B (Glider):
Comdr: Maj Gen M. B. Ridgway

325th Glider Inf
319th Glider FA Bn
320th Glider FA Bn
Btrys A, B & C 80th A/B AA Bn (AT)
Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn
307th A/B Med Co (-)
82d A/B Div Hq & Hq Co (-)
Hq & Hq Btry 82d A/B Div Arty (-)
82d A/B Sig Co (-)
82d A/B Div Rcn Plat (-)
Comd Vehicles - Prcht Regts

Force C (Seaborne):
Comdr: Brig Gen G. P. Howell

456th Prcht FA Bn (-)
80th A/B AA Bn (- Btrys A, B & C)
307th A/B Engr Bn (- Cos A, B & C)
782d A/B Ord Maint Co
407th A/B QM Co
82d A/B MP Plat
Seaborne elements of units in Forces A & B above.
87th Armd FA Bn
899th TD Bn
Tr B, 4th Cav Sqdn
Co C 746th Tk Bn (M)
3809th QM Trk Co
3810th QM Trk Co
Plat QM GR Co
Corps Med Dets.

3. a. Force A will drop between 0100 and 0345 on the night of D-1/D Day in accordance with Annex No. 2, Air Movement Table; seize, clear, and secure the Div area (para 2. above). (See overlay)

(1) The 505th Prcht Inf, with Co "B" 307th A/B Engr Bn (less one Plat) and Det 456th Prcht FA Bn atchd, landing in DZ No. 1, will:

(a) Clear, secure, and mark LZ No. 4 for dawn and dusk glider landings.

(b) Seize, secure and prepare for all around defense HILL 90 (154935).

(c) Employing not to exceed one bn, seize and hold ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.

(d) Destroy the causeway North of LA SANGSURIERE (188898), and deny its further use to the enemy.

(e) Patrol aggressively to the DOUVE and PRAIRIE MARECAGEUSES within its sector.

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(2) The 507th Prcht Inf, landing in DZ No. 3, will:

(a) Assemble one bn without delay in area indicated as Force Res.

(b) Seize, secure and prepare for all around defense HILL 82 (141973), the high ground vic 125975 and HILL 140 (103981).

(c) Establish a strong outpost without delay at FIERVILLE (093957).

(d) Patrol aggressively within its sector to the general line: DOUVE RIVER - SEYE RIVER West to the river crossing at (099011) thence Southwest to ST' PIERRE D'ARTHEGLISE (077984) and CR (067960) then SE to CR (085950)

(3) The 508th Prcht Inf with one plat Co "B" 307th A/B Engr Bn atchd, landing in DZ No. 2, will:

(a) Clear, secure, and mark LZ No. 5 for dawn and dusk glider landings.

(b) Seize, secure and prepare for all around defense HILL 110 (134940) and the high ground to the Northwest (125950).

(c) Send a strong patrol without delay and establish road block at CR 102902.

(d) Destroy the bridges at ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT and deny their further use by the enemy.

(e) Destroy the crossings of the OLLONDE in the vicinity of ST LO D'OURVILLE (090894).

(f) Patrol aggressively within its sector to the line: CR(085950) LE MESNIL ST MARTIN (073933) - CR 085916 - CR 102902 - ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT (145890).

b. Force B will land over a period of 36 hours, beginning at first light of D Day within the area secured by Force A in accordance with Annex No. 3, Air Movement Table, reorganize without delay, and assist in mopping up of enemy forces within the Div Area. (See overlay).

(1) The 325th Glider Inf will:

(a) Land in LZ No. 5.

(b) Assemble in Div Res in the area indicated.

(c) Initiate rcn and prepare plans to block the movement of hostile reserves between the coast and Highway Bridge over the OLLONDE RIVER at (103900), by seizing and organizing the high ground LEHAUT DE GRIS (096930) - CR (089942) and occupying with at least one Bn the village of HUPPEVILLE (096910) and the surrounding high ground.

(2) The 82d A/B Div Arty (less 376th & 456th Prcht FA Bn & detachments) will land in LZ No. 4 and support the Div. It will be prepared to mass its fires on CR 102902 and the bridge at 146889.

(a) 319th Gl FA Bn.
Direct support of 508th Prcht Inf
Position Area - See Overlay

(b) 320th Gl FA Bn.
Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf
Position Area - See Overlay.

(c) Alternate positions in assigned position area will be selected by each Bn Comdr permitting support of the 507th Prcht Inf.

(d) See Arty Annex No. 6.

(3) Btry C 80th A/B AA Bn atchd to 505th Prcht Inf on landing.

(4) Btry B 80th A/B AA Bn atchd to 508th Prcht Inf on landing.

(5) Btry A 80th A/B AA Bn in Div Res in the positions indicated. (See Annex No. 4).

(6) Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn in Div Res in the area indicated.

(7) 82d A/B Div Rcn Plat, see Rcn Plan, Annex No. 1. d.

c. Force "C", with atchmts, will assemble in the area NE of CHEF DU PONT (960938) and from there, proceed to join the Div in the area W of ST SAUVER LE VICOMTE as directed by CG Force "C".

x. (1) All units will reorganize without delay and establish and maintain contact with adjacent units.

(2) The ground described in para. 3a, (1)(b), (2)(b) and (3)(b), will be relinquished on Div order only.

(3) All hostile communication lines will be cut, except underground cables on which terminals will be opened.

(4) For AT plan see overlay ANNEX NO. 4 attached.

(5) Co "B" 307th A/B Engr Bn reverts to Div control vic Co "A" assembly area upon completion of demolition missions.

(6) Units will submit G-3 Periodic Reports daily as of 1800 hrs to reach this Hq at 2000 hrs.

4. See Adm O No. 1.

5. a. Current SOI Index No. 1-101.

b. (1) See Overlay.

(2) CP's 325th Glider Inf, Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn and Btry A 80th A/B AA Bn to be reported.

M. B. RIDGWAY,
Major General, U.S. Army,
Commanding.

INCLOSURES:
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63	9th Inf Div	1
64	4th Cav Group	1
65	4th Cav Sq	1
66	6th Armd Group	1
67	1st TD Group	1
68	IX Air Force	1
69-70	IX TCC	2
71	50th TC Wing	1
72	52d TC Wing	1
73	53d TC Wing	1
74-75	Army Ground Forces	2
76-77	C&GS School	2
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1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION: See Annexes 1a, 1b, and 1c.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION:

a. Will the enemy attempt to neutralize parachute and glider landings by installation of ground obstacles on DZs and LZs? If so, when, where and of what nature?

b. Will the enemy occupy our intended positions prior to our arrival? If so, what will be the identifications, strength and composition of the troops?

c. If the enemy occupies our intended positions prior to our arrival, will he have fortified those positions? To what extent and where?

d. Will the enemy attack prior to our occupation and organization of objectives? If so, at what time? From what direction? With what troops, local or mobile reserve? Piecemeal or coordinated? In what strength?

e. Will the enemy attack after we have occupied and organized objectives? If so, at what time? From what direction? With what troops, local or mobile reserve? Piecemeal or coordinated? In what strength?

f. Will the enemy attempt to by-pass our positions? If so, by what routes and with what troops?

g. Will the enemy disrupt traffic facilities by mines, road blocks, demolitions, etc? If so, which, when, how?

h. What is the state of morale, discipline and psychological attitude of enemy troops encountered?

i. What will be the weather conditions and how will they affect operations?

3. RECONNAISSANCE.

a. In the absence of specific instructions from these

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Headquarters, units will maintain aggressive reconnaissance 24 hours per day within their respective zones of action.

b. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, will coordinate Division and unit reconnaissance.

c. Following reconnaissance facilities will be available for missions through Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

(1) 82d Airborne Division Reconnaissance Platoon. Initially this unit will operate under Division control.

(2) Troop B, 4th Sqdn, 4th Cav. Group (Mech.). This unit will operate under Division control.

(3) Prearranged aerial photo and surveillance missions have been requested for period D-7 to D+7 to determine critical enemy dispositions and changes. These missions include the Division operational area, enemy mobile reserve bivouacs and avenues of approach.

d. For initial specific missions, see RECONNAISSANCE PLAN, Annex 1d.

e. See Paragraphs 3-4, Memorandum No. 4, "82d Airborne Division SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1944.

4. PRISONERS OF WAR AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

a. See Paragraph 5, Memorandum No. 4, "82d Airborne Division SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1944.

b. See "82d Airborne Division SOP, 'PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIAN SUSPECTS'," to be published later.

5. MAPS AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS: See Annex 1e.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

a. General Security.

(1) See Annexes 1f and 1f(1).

(2) See Paragraph 7, Memorandum No. 4, "82d Airborne Division SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1944.

b. Intelligence Funds. Intelligence funds will be under direct control of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and will not be sub-allotted prior to commencement of operations. After commencement of operations units may request such funds, assigning reasons.

c. Escape Kits. A limited number will be issued. They will not be opened except in cases of emergency. All unused kits will be returned to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, at conclusion of operations.

d. Press. Accredited Correspondents and Photographers, bearing proper identification, will be assigned to cover the Division operations. They will be given full liberty of operation but

may not interfere with operations. Unit censorship of such correspondents and photographers will not be applied.

7. REPORTS.

a. See Paragraph 2, Memorandum No. 4, "82d Airborne Division SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1944, for spot and periodic reports to be made by units.

(1) Report of captured stores, ordnance, engineer, signal, medical and chemical equipment will be included in S-2 periodic reports. Spot reports also will be made to G-2 where the nature or volume of such material warrants it.

b. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, will render by TWX, telephone or radio, a daily special G-2 Summary to reach higher headquarters by 2300, closing as late as transmission time will permit. This is in addition to the normal G-2 Periodic Report. To insure accuracy, completeness and punctuality of the daily G-2 Special Summary, unit S-2s will move their spot reports with all possible speed.

c. Division G-2 Summaries will be sent daily to units. Spot reports will be forwarded to units as received by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

d. At the close of an operation, reports as required by AR 345-105, Change 3, Paragraph 10; and Paragraph 43, FM 101-5, as pertains to intelligence, will be rendered by all units.

e. Reports of Prisoner of War Interrogators, CIC personnel and other Intelligence specialists attached to units will be forwarded to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, through intelligence channels. Important information will be forwarded as spot reports, and recapitulation will be included in Periodic Reports.

RIDGWAY,
Commanding.

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G-2

INCLOSURES:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SECTION III - POPULATION, ECONOMIC
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SECTION I - POLITICAL.

1. FRENCH GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.

a. Marshal PETAIN is head of the French State. He holds unlimited power with indefinite tenure. Under him is LAVAL, Premier and Minister of the Interior. Head of the Police is DARNAND.

b. For administrative purposes the country is divided into

(1) Regions, which are subdivided into

(2) Departements, which are subdivided into

(3) Arrondissements, which are subdivided into

(4) Cantons, which are subdivided into

(5) Communes.

c. The Region of ROUEN, administered from that city, corresponds generally to the old Province of NORMANDY. See Annex 1a (1).

d. The operational area of the 82d Airborne Division lies within the Arrondissement of COUTANCES, Departement of MANCHE. The Divisional DZs, LZs and initial objectives are in the Canton of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.

2. GERMAN MILITARY ADMINISTRATION.

a. General von STUELPNAGEL is German military administrator for FRANCE with full control of all local French officials. He administers local defense, internal security, supervision of the population, etc. By means of an extensive network of subheadquarters, STUELPNAGEL exercises strict and detailed control.

b. The NAZI party, with Headquarters in PARIS, is active in NORMANDY.

3. FRENCH POLICE AND PARA-MILITARY.

a. DARNAND, Chief of Police, controls the following police organizations:

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(1) "Police de la Securite Publique". These are the ordinary patrolmen and traffic police.

(2) "Police Judiciare" and "Police des Renseignements". These are plain clothes criminal and political police respectively.

(3) "Groups Mobiles de Reserve". This is a motorized force modelled on German SS. It handles public crises. Contains a large proportion of collaborationists.

(4) "Gendarmerie Nationale" Similar to (3) above.

b. FRANCE has no military force in NORMANDY. However, members of the following semi-military, collaborationist, uniformed, armed parties may be encountered in small numbers in NORMANDY.

(1) "P. P. F." (Parti Populaire Francais). Headed by JACQUES DORIOT, this group is pro-GERMANY and anti-everything else. It has many toughs and will use force. Uniform: Black plus four trousers. Navy blue shirts with epaulets having red corners. Black tie. Sam Browne belt. Nazi salute used.

(2) "R. N. P." (Rassemblement National Populaire). Headed by MARCEL DEAT and made up of pacifists, intellectuals and politicians.

(3) Legion des Combattants (Vichyite War Veterans).

(4) La Milice Francaise.

4. GERMAN POLICE AND PARA-MILITARY. The enemy has frequently used Service troops, such as Signal Corps, etc., as front line infantry, particularly in defense. The following organizations likely to be encountered in the combat zone may be used for combat purposes.

a. "Feldgendarmarie". (Military Police). There are headquarters at AVRANCHES, COUTANCES, GRANVILLE.

b. "O. T." (Organization TODT). A heavy construction organization (10,000 in the CHERBOURG Peninsula) containing a high percentage of foreigners. Uniform, ordinarily worn only by German personnel, is a khaki blouse open at the neck with khaki breeches. On the left sleeve is a red arm band with a black swastika in a white circle. Foreign workers wear civilian work-clothes with an arm band displaying the arabic number of the battalion.

c. Reichsarbertsdienst. (German Labor Service).

d. NSKK (Motorized Corps). A transportation organization.

5. THE NORMANS.

a. The Normans are politically reactionary, agricultural, and antagonistic to strong authority. Collaborationists have made little headway in NORMANDY. The overall political situation favors the Allied Forces.

b. The Norman will welcome the invasion. But simply because he is anti-German and anti-Vichy does not mean that he will remain enthusiastically pro-Allied after liberation. His attitude will be influenced by his losses from Allied air raids, the attitude of the Allied troops, replenishment of his losses in food and property, opportunity for work and political freedom.

c. Because of German security methods, it is not likely that the sympathetic Normans can be of assistance initially in our zone of operations.

SECTION II - PSYCHOLOGICAL

6. ATTITUDE OF HIGH RANKING GERMAN OFFICERS. The German General Staff and Officer Corps are well informed relative to the status of the war. They are determined to prevent a complete defeat by fighting a defensive war indefinitely if need be. Their greatest hope of respite in such a plan is to defeat the beachhead.

7. MORALE. German civilian morale is grim, determined and high. Morale of the Army is grim, determined and high. In each case it is a morale born of desperation and based on the inability of Allied air to break German home morale, their ability to hold the Allied advance in ITALY to a slow pace, their escape from complete defeat in RUSSIA.

SECTION III - POPULATION AND ECONOMICS

8. POPULATION IN NORMANDY.

a. In 1936 population was 2,332,100; area, 11,826 square miles; population density, 196 persons per square mile. Towns over 20,000 population were DIEPPE, 24,200; CHERBOURG, 39,105; CAEN, 54,400; LE HAVRE, 161,800; ROUEN, 215,-000.

b. Manche. Prewar (1936) population of 438,500. Populations of principal towns were as follows:

CHERBOURG	39,105	BRICQUEBEC	2,682
ST LO	11,[illegible]	FLERS	2,285
GRANVILLE	10,298	ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	2,124
AVRANCHES	7,130		
COUTANCES	6,465	LA HAYE DU PUITS	1,473
VALOGNES	4,989		

c. Recent Decline in Population. A plan for evacuation of all but essential civilians is ready to be put into execution by the Germans. Many civilians, particularly from the coastal areas, have already been evacuated. Entrance into the Coastal Zone, which includes most of the CHERBOURG Peninsula, is forbidden except on special pass. Through forced and voluntary evacuation more than 35,-000 persons had left MANCHE by the summer of 1943.

9. ECONOMICS. MANCHE is primarily agricultural, except for some industry in CHERBOURG prior to the war. Principal products are cattle, dairy produce and apple cider. Despite decline in production of foodstuffs, it is likely that the area is at a minimum sufficiency for food.

SECTION IV - GEOGRAPHY OF THE CHERBOURG PENINSULA.

10. GENERAL TOPOGRAPHY.

a. The CHERBOURG Peninsula comprises the seaward projection of NORMANDY north of the TAUTE River. The term "COTENTIN" is used synonimously with the term CHERBOURG Peninsula.

b. The northern region of the COTENTIN consists of a semi-circle of high ground which backs the CHERBOURG area and extends westward to the high granite ledge of the CAP DE LA HAGUE Peninsula (9234) and eastward to the rolling plateau of BARFLEUR (4625). Its irregular coast line is characterized by numerous inlets, bays and high cliffs. The steep-sided hills in the region rise to an elevation of 500 feet, on which there are frequent bare rock outcroppings and flat bottomed valleys.

c. The south-east section of COTENTIN consists of a low marshy coastal plain between VALOGNES (2408) and CARENTAN (3984) which extends inland to the low-

lying hills bordering the West Coast. Along the East Coast is a border of meadowland several miles wide, part of which is now inundated. The area is desolate and settlements consist of scattered buildings along the coast road and small villages on the landward side of the marsh. Across the neck of the Peninsula lies the plain of CARENTAN extending toward LESSAY (1676). This plain is flat and marshy and liable to extensive flooding.

d. Toward the west coast the country of this region becomes undulating in character and contains numerous isolated hills. The principal of these are in the area around LA HAYE DU PUITS (1784). The West Coast is entirely sandy below LESSAY and there are many broad shallow river estuaries.

e. In the south half of the COTENTIN the drained meadowland and broad alluvial river bottoms are generally in pasturage while the hilly portions are generally in mixed agriculture, small orchards and pasturage.

f. Throughout the COTENTIN, with exception of the SE portion, the fields are small, few running more than 150 X 350 yards. These fields are bordered by hedges, trees and earth embankments.

11. DRAINAGE. The COTENTIN is drained to the north by the DIVETTE River which runs into the sea at CHERBOURG; to the south and east by the DOUVE and MERDERET which flow south to CARENTAN, and the SAIRE and SINOPE which flow east into the BAY OF THE SEINE; and to the west by the OLLONDE and other minor streams. The valley of the DOUVE River flowing from the northwest is characterized by broad alluvial areas subject to inundation.

12. RIDGE SYSTEM. From MONTEBOURG (3005) N to ST PIERRE-EGLISE (2925), thence W to LES PIEUX (0010), thence S to LESSAY an irregular ridge pattern extends inland from 6 - 8 miles and "belts" the Peninsula. Ridges of particular importance to the 82d Airborne Division are considered in Annex 1c.

13. OBSTACLES. The principal natural obstacles in the COTENTIN are the marshy and inundated areas in the valleys of the DOUVE, MERDERET, and TAUTE Rivers and the flooded marshland behind the beaches between QUINEVILLE and LE GRAND VEY. The SINOPE River east of VLOGNES and the high ground south-east of CHERBOURG constitute obstacles in the approaches to CHERBOURG from the South. The DOUVE River with its flooded alluvial plains forms a natural barrier to the South in any operation in the COTENTIN.

14. COMMUNICATIONS. (For railways and principal roads in COTENTIN, see Annex 1c(3)). The road network is excellent in the COTENTIN peninsula. Rail communications are good to excellent. Water communications are limited to the lower reaches of the major rivers. Cross country movement is moderately easy in all instances with the exception of the marshy and inundated areas of the alluvial plains.

15. CRITICAL TERRAIN FEATURES.

a. Port of CHERBOURG and the high ground to the S thereof.

b. The low ground just back of the beaches on the E Coast from POINTE DE LA MADELEINE (4597) N to QUINEVILLE (3607). This area is now artificially inundated.

c. The lowlands of the East flowing rivers (DOUVE, SEVES and TAUTE) all subject to artificial inundation, which, with the estuary of the OLLONDE (0889) and the estuary of the AY (1676) form an almost continuous obstacle E and W across the "neck" of the COTENTIN.

d. The N - S course of the DOUVE River from 2392 to NEGREVILLE (1806).

e. HILLS 121 (1687) and 131 (1987) N of LA HAYE DU PUITS.

f. High ground on W bank of River DOUVE in vicinity of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE (1994).

SECTION V - CLIMATIC

16. GENERAL. MANCHE, subject to the climatic influence of the Gulf Stream and eastward moving Atlantic depressions, has a mild and damp but extremely variable climate, very similar to that of southern ENGLAND. The winters are mild and the summers cool for the latitude. Changes of all the elements may occur within a few hours at any time of year. Comparatively settled conditions prevail in late spring and summer, however, when the best weather occurs.

17. RAINFALL. Annual precipitation in MANCHE averages 31-47 inches, depending on the location. It is at the highest of these figures in the high ground of the COTENTIN. There is no wet or dry season, but the summer months (June - September) generally have less rainfall than others. In the lowlands, owing to the dampness of the climate, a very small proportion - only about one-tenth - is evaporated, tending to keep the ground soaked for long periods after rainfall.

18. TEMPERATURE. In the NEPTUNE area the maximum and minimum temperatures recorded, 1926-35, during the month of May were 78° and 36° Fahrenheit; during the month of June, 80° and 46°. Average temperature for May is 53°; June 60°; July 63°.

19. WINDS. The wind direction may vary greatly from day to day in MANCHE. About forty-five per cent of the winds there are from between south and west. South-easterly and easterly winds commonly give hot clear weather; south-westerly winds, cool weather, low cloud and sometimes sea fog. There are over thirty days of gale a year, mostly in winter, however.

20. CLOUDS. Cloud level is 4,000 feet or lower 75% of the time, and in the summer the average covering of cloud at all levels is six to seven tenths. Low cloud is much the most frequent in the early morning, and diminishes during daylight hours.

21. FOG AND HAZE. Fog is least common over MANCHE in summer, but even then it reduces visibility to less than 1,000 yards on an average of two days per month. Land fog tends to accumulate during the night and dissipate about two hours after daylight. Sea fog may occur at any hour and any season. River valleys and coastal areas are particularly subject to drifting land mists. CHERBOURG averages 14 days of fog a year.

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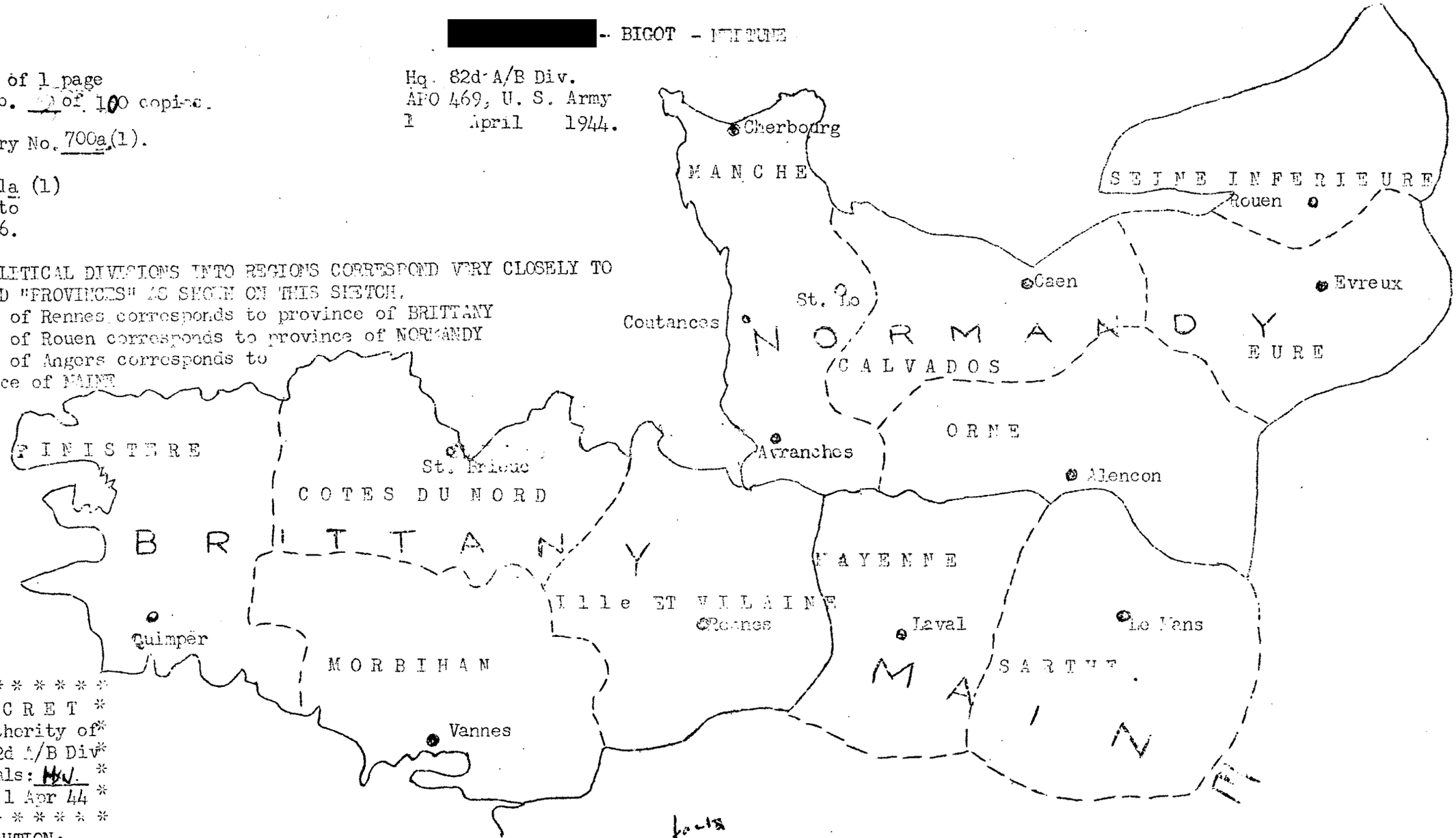
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a. Enemy Activities in Forward Areas and New Identifications.

(1 Defenses.

(a) On the CHERBOURG Peninsula, north of the line CARENTAN—LESSAY, the enemy has the following installations and non-divisional armament. They are massed mostly on the E, N and NW Coasts and immediately S of CHERBOURG.

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RR Guns	4	(2)*
Light AA	315	
Heavy AA	136	
Mobile Guns or How up to 120mm	70	
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Fixed Coastal Guns	89	

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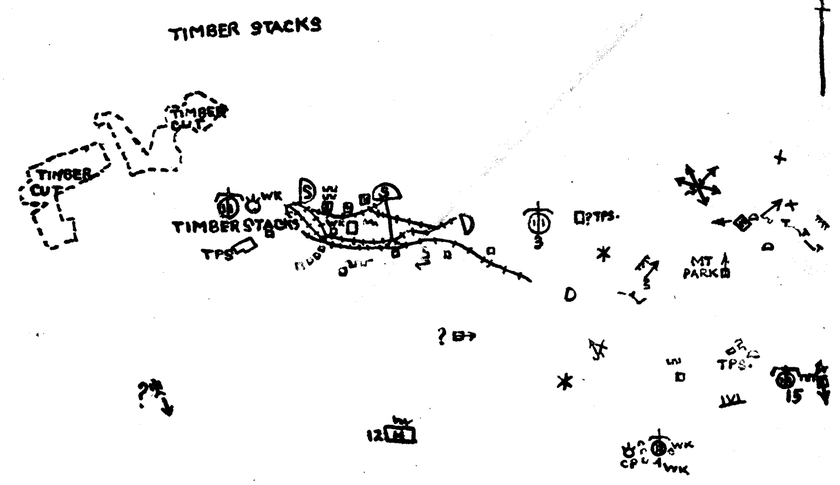
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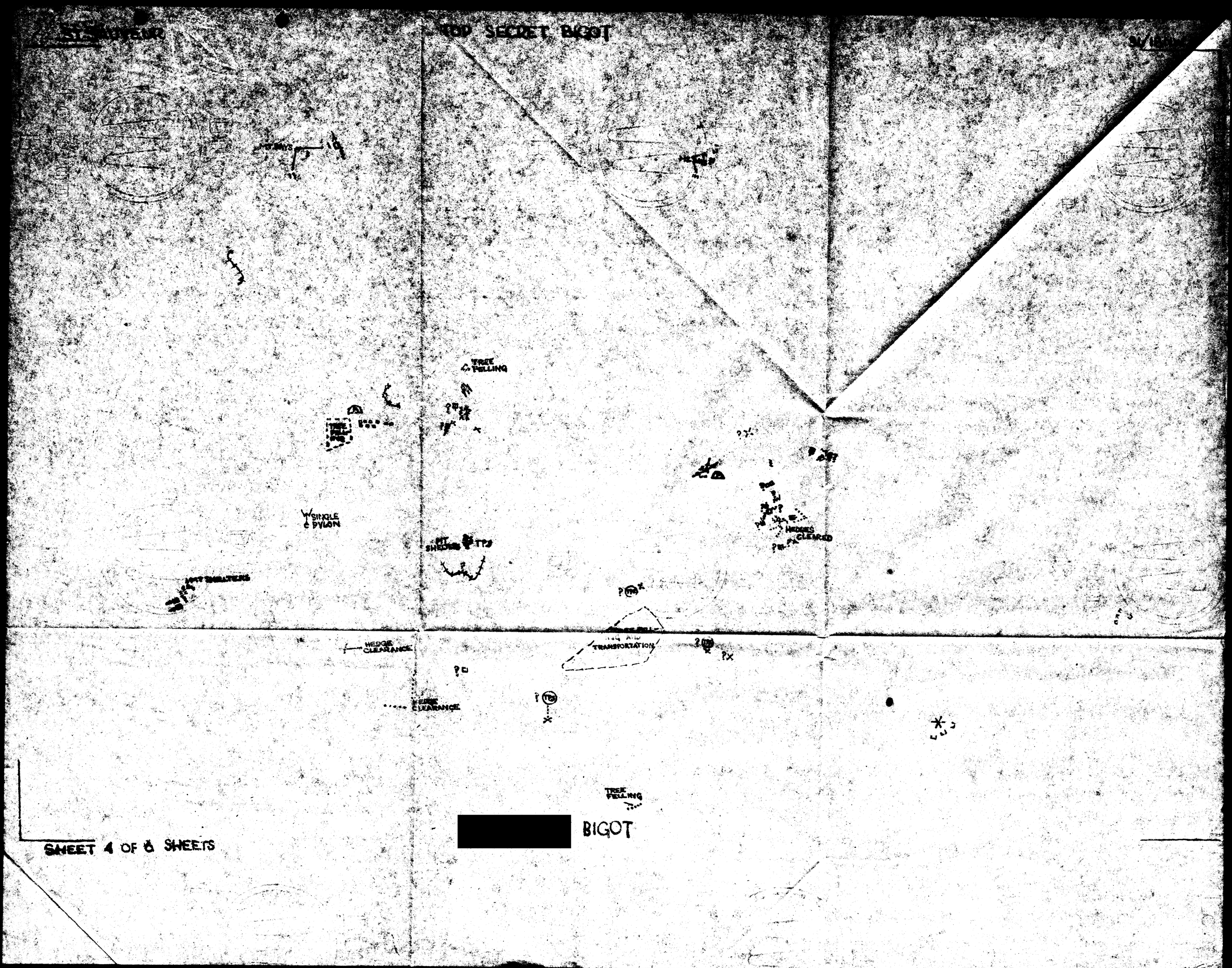
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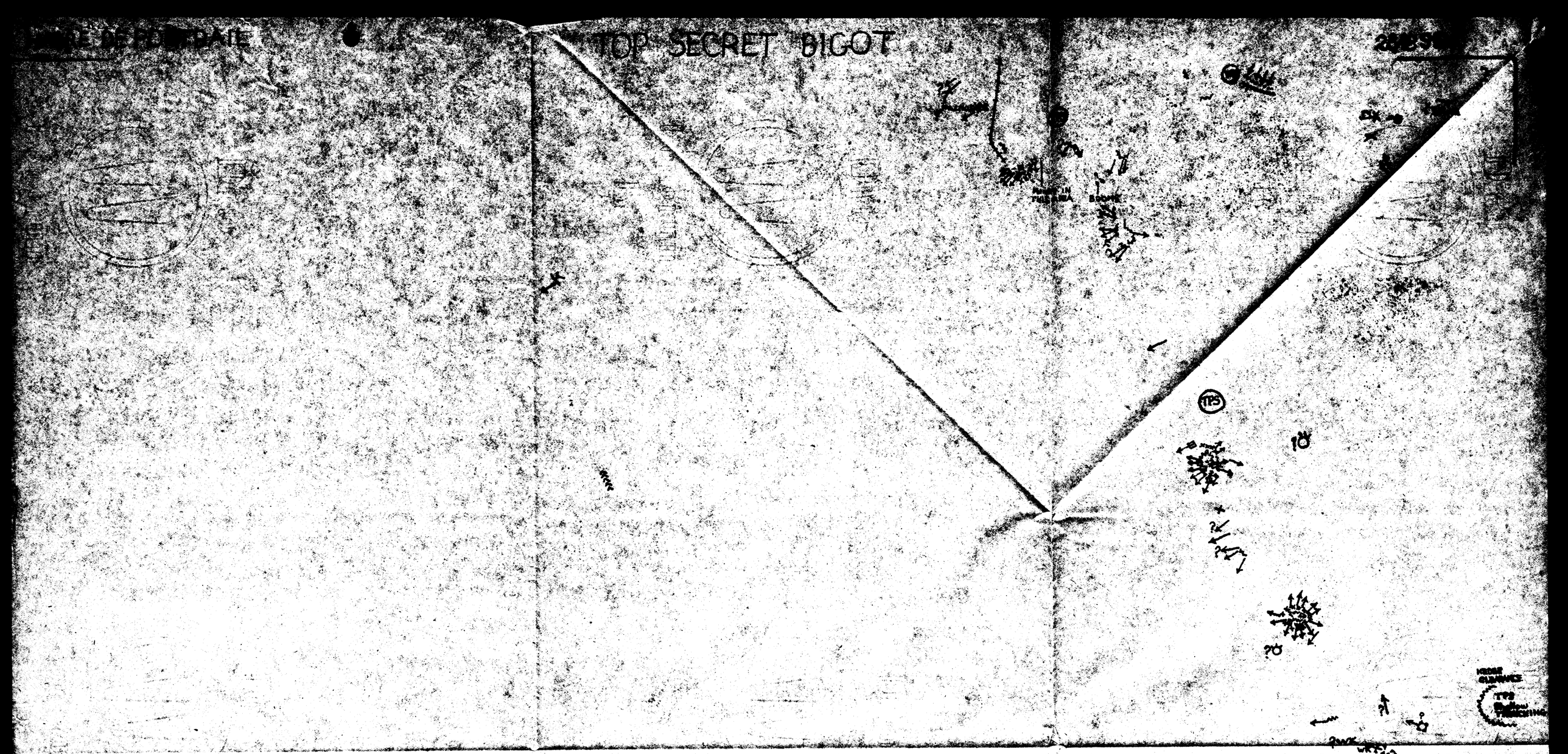
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NOTES ON CERTAIN OF THE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS SHOWN ON ANNEX 1 b (1) (SIX SHEETS)

1. LES PIEUX, SHEET NO. 28/20 SE.

a. Troops (087089). Small body of troops. Probably transient.

b. Strong Point (982073). Consists of 4 concrete (?) pillboxes or shelters, half buried; trenches; perimeter wire. Crew may live in farm house. FUSA rpts 20 Georgians in SP.

c. Strong Point (974058). Perimeter wire, weapon pits, communication trenches, excavation for shelter (?). Surface shelter.

d. Strong Point (974054). Wire; dug-in pillboxes are being constructed on cliff edge covering sea and beach to south. A large excavation, probably for buried shelter. Weapon pits.

e. Strong Point (981042). Activity and construction. 4 excavations 14' x 18' which appear to contain small concrete "boxes" (possible 4-man Tobruks). Round open emplacement approximately 18' containing gun(?). Square surface shelter 16'-18', probably painted same color as terrain. Another shelter, approximately same size or larger, is seen between dunes, partially buried. Elevated structure in area appears to be a device for straining sand and gravel for construction purposes. Ramp leads up onto it from beach and a road seems to lead under it on landward side. "Slits" in dunes may be entrances to underground installations or shelters.

f. Strong Point (983031). Identified by TIS as concrete strong point. Lt ? track activity from road.

g. Strong Point (?) 991027. Farm house appears to have military occupation. Personnel trench in yard. Possible weapon pit. Just NW of house possible camouflaged installation.

h. Trenches (006032, 999008, 002024). Probable military activity. Irregular patterns of shallow "trenches" with round holes at intervals. May be tracings for defense lines, situated on forward slope overlooking beach and beach exits, or it may be simply a simulated defensive installation used in tactical training of troops.

i. Strong Point (984007). Wire, camouflage. One open, round emplacement approximately 18' in diameter with small emplacement (horseshoe shaped), ammunition dump adjoining. Emplacement opening camouflaged. One surface shelter. Two square excavations (approximately 10') appear to be empty. "Slits" in dunes may be entrances to underground installations.

j. Cable Trench (996100 to 017019). Recent installation.

Seen on photos running from 996100 (LES PIEUX) south to 017019 (end of photo coverage). Junction box at 004050 where a branch line runs east. Terminal points are not seen on account of incomplete photo coverage. The junction box is now under construction, will probably be well buried (excavation seen).

k. Dump (076037) to (078045). Ammunition dump of 30-40 stacks. Some covered by Nissen-type shelters. Situated on two sides of the NS road through the forest; many of the huts themselves cannot be seen on account of camouflage, but the roads and tracks from them to the main road reveal their position.

2. VALOGNES, SHEET NO. 31/20 SW.

a. AA (108064). 4 (possibly 6) AA gun emplacement under construction. Emplacements approximately 20'

b. Troops (120060). Group of large buildins appear to be occupied by troops; several personnel trenches in area.

c. Work (108054). The felling of trees in this area may indicate that the wood is being used for construction of military installation.

d. BRICQUEBEC (123045). At Coordinates 119046 is a supply depot just off of the railway spur. At 121048 are probably 4 motor transport shelters. Eight huts in field south of BRICQUEBEC. Measurements: 6 huts 100' x 30', 2 huts 60' x 20'. Small trenches in corner of field. At Coordinates 128040 are 6 AA gun emplacements unoccupied, emplacements approximately 20'. Six MT shelters and two other shelters (possibly MT shelters) approximately 20' x 12' at Coordinates 134044. There are road blocks at Coordinates 121028, 118038, 121040 and at 128045.

3. BARNEVILLE, SHEET 28/18 NE.

a. Lt. AA (064987). Two 3-gun Lt. AA Btrys. 5 of the emplacements were unoccupied when observed (15 Feb. 44) and the 6th was camouflaged. Two additional emplacements are seen but appear disused. A grid frame beam direction finder and W/T Reporting Aerial (di-pole aerial type mast) are seen, and a nearby buried and camouflaged shelter (?) probably houses the controls of the radar and W/T sets. Seven (possibly eight) huts with blast walls provide shelter for the crews. Local defense consists of firing trenches on the east side of the wired-in area and a probable MG position on the NW side.

b. Local Defense, FIERVILLE (094957).

(1) 2 round 10' open emplacements in field. Possibly intended for AT or AA MGs. Light track activity.

(2) Personnel trenches in village itself.

c. Local Defense, BARNEVILLE (030950).

(1) Personnel trenches within town.

(2) Possible pillbox in RJ at water tower (035947).

(3) Weapon pits (?) in hedges near water tower. These are not well sited and their line of fire would be greatly restricted by hedgerows.

d. Military Work (052932). Construction involving the excavation of a "trench" a few feet wide and approximately 184 feet in length, with an extension approximately 33 feet long. Two excavations approximately 27 feet square are adjoining. Purpose and identification of project cannot be yet determined.

e. Military Work (084917). RJ at 084917 is surrounded at a distance of 200 yards by a zig-zag pattern of shallow trenching (less than 1' deep). Purpose not confirmed but may be a tracing of a firing trench for the defense of this important RJ. Wire is reported immediately surrounding the junction but it is doubtful that this is tactical wire.

4. ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, SHEET NO. 31/18 NW.

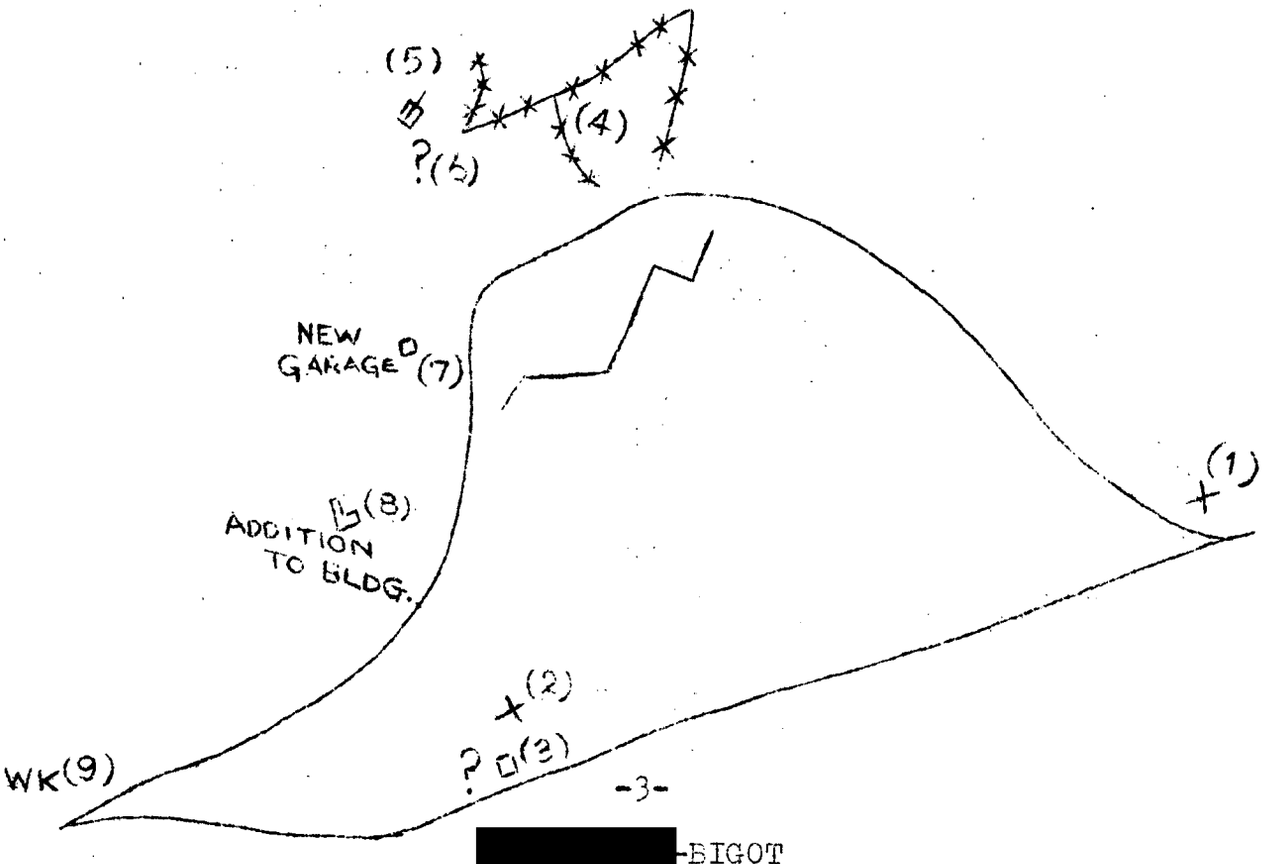
a. Trenches, Pillbox, MT Shelters (139988). Two personnel trenches have been constructed just south of the RJ. Pillbox has been constructed on the triangle of the RJ. Also there are two more MT shelters just on the W edge of ST. JACQUES DE NEHOU at 134984, with a personnel trench behind them, and another personnel trench at 13559855.

b. Motor Transport Bays and Trenches (188986). From 24 December 43 until 19 April 44 the following military activity has taken place, although positive identification is difficult due to scale and lack of clarity on photos available: 18549863, two motor transport bays or shelters; 18609861, a personnel trench, and to the E of it, what appears to be a motor transport bay; 18679867, either a short personnel trench or weapon pit; 18419840, center point for 2—3 weapon pits or motor transport bays.

c. Railway (?) (127971). Work being carried on resembling roadbed for railway.

d. Ammunition Dumps (145953). Nine piles of ammunition visible along road running E & W, N of Hill 110. Troops that guard these dumps are possibly housed in buildings just off the road on the N, 145953. There is also the felling of trees in the area.

e. Military Occupation (156952).



Former Chateau, probably now used by troops as Headquarters. Gates or roadblocks (1) & (2); possible pillbox on N shoulder of EW road, round in shape, measuring 8'—10' in diameter (3). Decorations on lawn, immediately N & S of main building, partially surrounded by barbed wire. Probable slit trench, approximately 100' long on N side of house(4). Possible pillbox, or emplacement 220' NW of NW corner of house (5). Shrubbery immediately E of it may contain auxiliary position (shelter or trench) (6). Recent garage (Nissen hut type) E of main building (7). Also construction of extension to building to the W of Main Bldg. and other constructional changes on other subsidiary houses (8). Timber in field further E indicates possible further construction activity.(9).

f. Wire (146956). Fence around wooded area. Posts 10 feet apart.

g. Trenches (193942). Trench 250' long along hedge line appears to be old. Rectangular area in the middle of it might be a covered or buried shelter. Trench not sufficiently visible to make definite interpretation. "Shelter" measures 40' square. Trench encloses it on three sides.

h. Trenches (195940). Trenches on two sides of field, with possible pillbox in NW Corner. Trenches cover strip 180' long on N side of field and over 100' on E side.

i. Pillbox (193940). Building 22' x 30', looks like concrete, possible pillbox.

j. Pillbox (193942). Possible pillbox near side of road, 30' x 12' in size. Sodded over. Not sufficiently visible to make definite interpretation.

k. Weapon Pits (193945). Two rectangular pits, one approximately 17', and the second, 45' long, which were not visible in September, 1942. Possibly open shelters or weapon pits. There may be a third pit, although foliage conceals most of the area.

l. Hedge Clearing (194939). Hedges appear to have been either removed or clipped close to the ground.

m. Hedge Clearing (194940). Hedge appears to have been cleared in parts, although lack of foliage in late cover makes definite statement difficult.

n. Fuel Depot (187946). Four fuel storage tanks. In existence prior to 1942. May be in military use at present time, and certainly of military importance. They vary in size from 30 to 50' in diameter. Also large building (possibly warehouse) 210 x 75'. Serviced by spur from railroad. Another small petrol dump may exist in RR yard, on N side of tracks. Consists of series of ditches into which drums might be placed. These extend 150' S from entrance to depot mentioned above, and about 250 ft. northward.

o. Communication Trenches (185947). Series of what appear to be communication trenches with 2—3 emplacements. However, installation does not appear to be completed. Emplacements probably contain nothing larger than MGs. Photos reveal very little, indicating installation is either unfinished, or possibly a dummy.

p. Pillbox (19909493). On E side of river, there appears to be a buried pillbox covering approach across bridge from W side. 20049493, personnel trench, paralleling highway on N side. 45' of it visible. 35' E along road on S side, a possible weapon pit. Earthen work with some type of structure, possibly pillbox.

q. Shelter (20009485). There appears to be a buried shelter, with firing slits westward toward ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.

r. Road Block (191952). Possible road block (photo coverage is poor, making identification difficult).

s. Hill 110 (135940). Wireless transmitting tower recently erected, base 50' sq. Height approximately 100'. Believed to still be incomplete. No evidence has been found as yet of control building unless the tower is built on it. Recent activity, consisting of rows of holes on hill, now under study.

t. Motor Transport Shelters (155938). Eight MT bays on road leading from main road to Chateau, which is halfway up the hill. These have been constructed since January 44. It is possible that the Chateau houses troops because of the amount of bays in the vicinity. There is a church just over the crest of the hill, but no military activity on the hill is visible at the present.

u. Road Block and Billet (166915, 177932). What appears to be a drop gate, or other type of road block is seen at entrance to driveway leading into a group of two houses, one a small one, possibly billets for troops. Large building 125' x 45'; second one 80' x 30'. Road block, or gate, bars entrance to group of buildings. Later photos are unsuitable for verifying this. Buildings are possible billet for troops, consisting of 2 2-story, measuring 145' x 30' and 80' x 25'; and 1 1-story, 100' x 30'.

v. BESNEVILLE Area (121931). Along E side of road 1204-9315 7 or 8 motor transport shelters have been dug. Two southernmost ones appear connected by a communication trench. A communication trench has been dug from road SW into orchard at same location. A structure approximately 12 x 20 feet is being constructed over trench and may be a pillbox. On W side of road at approximately same coordinates other MT shelters are visible. At 12039304 a personnel trench has been dug NW--SE on W side of hedge line. At 11959294 a possible pillbox is located. 120 ft. north of this point, another possible pillbox can be seen. On the south side of road from BESNEVILLE directly to Hill 110 another MT shelter, covered over, is located at Coordinates 12229300.

w. Fortification (215915). Old fortification, consisting of walls 40 or more feet thick, with 4 rather recently dug weapon pits in top of wall, averaging 9 ft. in diameter. Trench moat surrounds wall. Two weapon pits, and a third pit, possibly planned as shelter, outside of installations proper. Third pit approximately 35 ft. long. No other signs of recent activity.

5. HAVRE DE PORTBAIL (SHEET 28/18 SE).

a. Strong Point (052889) enclosed by wire. Seven weapon pits connected by a trench system. 3 of these are concrete firing positions (two clearly seen). Also two camouflaged positions approximately 20' and 30' in diameter. One bldg. 20' x 70' with wing extending seaward 40' is inside the wire.

b. Troops (015898). Four round emplacements approximately 17' in diameter connected by trenches just N of railway. They appear to be unoccupied at the present time. There are indications that the railroad yard is being used for a supply depot. There are also shallow trenches in the immediate vicinity. Hedges are being cleared in front of emplacements. Georgian troops have been reported in the area.

c. Weapon Pits and Trenches (093896). Two emplacements unoccupied connected by shallow trenches. Immediately N is a continuation of the shallow trench system along road, crossing the road and coming back on the other side. A bldg. to billet troops, with personnel trench alongside, is at Coordinates 088895. Road blocks as indicated on defense overlay and two weapon pits on hill at Coordinates 089889 cover causeway.

d. Strong Point (062883). Strong point consists of communication and fire trenches with numerous firing positions. No wire or buildings seen. A row of mines is in front of SP.

e. Troops (070865). Area in woods consisting of civilian houses is occupied by troops, possibly Georgians. Possible weapon pits.

f. Strong Point (069861). Well camouflaged installations. Communication trenches are mostly covered but still easily seen. Numerous firing positions, some concrete Tobruk type. "Civilian" surface shelters may be crew quarters. Possible underground shelters also. Position surrounded by wire. 2 small square structures, semi-buried, and placed at end of communication trenches are apparently concrete pillboxes (15' x 15'). There are other shelters, one of which may be of concrete and two of which are old civilian buildings, possibly reinforced.

g. Searchlight (079861). Flak Trace (M115-FUSA) 17 April. Possible searchlight.

h. Strong Point (078844). Strong Point consists of perimeter wire, numerous weapon pits and fire and communication trenches, and 2 structures (one 112' x 24' partially surrounded by blast wall); one 18' x 18' which may be a concrete pillbox.

i. Work? (083831). Probable military construction (of SP?) at end of road. Men and vehicles (trucks or wagons) are seen, but glare of sand prevents analysis of type of activity. Probably excavations of small caliber.

j. Work (086830, 091833). 3 excavations in dunes. Apparently in construction of semi-buried pillboxes, probably of Tobruk type. Little track activity in immediate area, but men and material are seen in area of work.

k. Trenches (098835). Shallow trenching around Chateau. Probably troop occupation. Hedge clearance suggests lines of fire are being cleared, making the Chateau a SP.

6. LA HAYE DU PUITS, SHEET 31/18 SW.

a. Weapon Pits. Two weapon pits at 154090; 3 weapon pits at 154884. 8' in diameter. Unoccupied. Hedges restrict flat trajectory fire from these positions; probably intended for mortars, to cover ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE-PONT.

b. Hill 121 (165882). Gives impression of having been first used for training purposes. However, present activity, on a larger scale, is visible at 2 points, indicating preparations for active defense. In May 42, only defenses detected were situated on N end of hill, apparently protecting entrance to quarry pit. From May 42 to Jan 44 defenses were extended S to cover entire hill. In the quarry at N end of hill, a building approximately 125' x 35' has been erected. Quarry is apparently being used as dump of some type

(possibly ammo), with local defenses rimming the excavation. These consist chiefly of communication and fire trenches with weapon pits interspersed. Additional weapon pits, pillboxes and communication trenches extend up the ridge of the hill for some 300 yds (South) from edge of quarry. On approximate crown of hill (location of windmill) construction of what appears to be 2 strong points is proceeding, each including a probable buried shelter approximately 35' square. There is activity in the windmill (OP?) and a possible AA-MG is seen on top. Weapon pits surround these installations and extend down eastern side of hill, also cover approaches from S and SW. Two surface shelters are seen: one at S end of Hill, the other midway between it and the windmill. Southernmost bldg. is a church (military occupation?) with well-tracked road leading to it. The second bldg. may be OP. Two or three possible gun positions exist, although none is a typical installation, nor are weapons visible. While these positions are annotated as shelters, pillboxes, or SPs, there is a possibility one or more may be arty. positions of new or unusual type (Coordinates: 16378870, 16538867, 16548867).

c. Hill 131 (195876). Considerable military activity has taken place on Hill 131, since April 42. The overall impression gathered from the military installations is that the area has been used as a training area (great variety of installations; for example, many different types of weapon pits). However, the more recent installations and present activity are on a more ambitious scale and would indicate that Hill 131 is actively a part of the enemy's plan of defense. Annotations on Hill 131 have been identified by letter, and specific discussion follows. (A) appears to be somewhat complicated installation, consisting of outer "U" shaped communication trench, with shelter inside the "U", and what looks like a gun emplacement in the center. Opening in center of shelter is approximately 13' wide with a slit 6' x 28' opening out of it, running slightly S of the shelter, presumably houses gun although none is visible. May be a howitzer position. Communication trench leads N from shelter for some 60 ft., where a shelter trench connects onto it and continues on for some 70' further. A series of 3—4 shelters, probably bunkers, are located on the W side of it. W arm of outer U shaped communication trench continues northward for another additional 75 feet and connects with large shelter, approximately 40' x 18', well dug in. Shelters or storage places are located along this trench to the shelter. (B) Weapon pits immediately adjacent to (A) and connected by underground trenches with (A) and with each other. (C) Large oval-shaped shelter approximately 85' long with openings along S side. Possibly OP. (D) Three weapon pits or emplacements approximately 18' square, with earthen revetments on 3 or 4 sides. 1, 2 and 3 are in triangular arrangement, while 4 is farther south. All appear too deep for AA, and also are probably empty. However, they may be future AA or large sized mortar positions. (E) A small hogback or ridge running N-S. Contains a series of installations. At E, a large pit is visible approximately 100' x 45'. Work is in progress although there is no indication of the purpose. The entire ridge has numerous weapon pits and other installations. Should be considered as a fortified position. Weapon pits are scattered at irregular intervals along the ridge. (F) A shelter exists here, with opening to W. This is connected by trench with several weapon pits nearby. May possibly be gun position. Size approximately 40' square. (G) appears to be small pillbox with cupola. (H) Circular emplacement, measuring approximately 17' inner diameter. Has revetment around it and is camouflaged. Communication trench on NW side, possibly leading to underground shelter and/or ammo pits. May be light AA, although only the one position is visible. Impossible to say from photo just what it contains. (I) May be strong point, although installation is hardly visible through trees. (J) Series of fire trenches, possibly with dugout or shelters, measuring from 220' to 265' in length. (K) Wooded

area, which has pronounced roadway leading into it. May be Hq or dump, although nothing is visible. (L) Pit, probably former quarry of small size (130' x 270') is connected by road with top of hill, also with south base of hill. Portion of road has been recently improved, indicating some use. Possible ammo or other type of dump. (O) Former orchard. Trees have been removed on lower end and weapon pits dug. Slight revetment in front of each pit.

d. Troops (197864). Chateau and grounds appear to be occupied by troops. 2 shelters, possibly for vehicles, are seen along driveway. The many bldgs of the Chateau could shelter an estimated company of troops.

e. Storage Bunkers (142848). Possible bunkers for ammo.

f. BOLLEVILLE (157853).

(1) Several personnel trenches about the village.

(2) 3 empty emplacements (approximately 21' in diameter) connected by communication trenches at 15058554. Direction of fire is toward LA HAYE DU PUITS. Not of recent construction.

(3) Horse Exercise Ring (159852). Also 11 bays or open-top bunkers around inside perimeter of field next to hedgerows. Measure approximately 32' x 8', built since 1942. Possible storage units. N corner of field personnel trench and weapon pit, probably MG or possibly AT, covering road from ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE-PONT to main road from BARNEVILLE. Building immediately across RJ covers approach from LA HAYE DU PUITS, and although no weapons are visible it may be reinforced as a strong point.

(4) Number of hedges removed, possibly to clear line of fire.

(5) Probable mortar or MG position (10' sq) (15568532).

(6) Rectangular earthen structure, possibly shelter of some sort, in center of field (15328547).

g. LA HAYE DU PUITS (179840).

(1) A series of personnel trenches, on three sides of small open plot. Appears to be horse exercise circle in center of it. Three buildings, 25' x 110', immediately west of this area. Possibly military Hq. Across road 7 motor transport shelters varying from 10—15 ft. wide, and 20—28 feet long. Walls about 7 ft. thick. Possibly sandbagged. Five of these shelters constructed between January and March 1944. (See Point "A" on overlay.)

(2) Personnel trenches, probably with weapon pits at points of trench. Hedge hides it on SE. Several buildings nearby, measuring 95' x 25'. Many additional buildings, immediately North. Entire installation thought to be combination motor transport park and supply dump. (See Point "B" on overlay.)

(3) In two adjoining fields north of (b) (Annex 1 b (1), between main street and railroad, there is a series of parallel ditches 6' wide and 50' long. Drums could be placed inside of these trenches, although it is impossible to determine from the photographs if trenches are being so used. In other areas petrol has been so stored. Bunkers along perimeter of E field may be for ammunition. (See Point "C" on overlay.)

(4) Since Jan 1944 a personnel trench has been extended from edge to center of field. In addition, an emplacement 15 ft. in diameter has been dug. Contains gun. Thought to be AA MG or Lt AA. Possible pillbox in N edge of field. (See Pt.D,Overlay.

(5) Possibly a small buried petrol dump N end of town just S of RR, off main street. Consists of approximately 5 trenches, filled in, 6 x 50', in size. Personnel trenches just NE of dump. (See Point "E" on overlay.)

(6) Three emplacements in field. Two of these measure 10 ft. inside diameter and appear to be quite deep and occupied, possibly by mortars. Third emplacement, U-shaped, points E and is unoccupied. Machine gun positions along RR embankment on COUTANCES line cover approach from E. Concrete road blocks on principal roads from E. Hedge clearance taking place SW of town, as indicated by dots. As of 24 March much increased activity visible in LA HAYE DU PUITS; RR yard had four trains in it; considerable number of new personnel trenches have been dug; additional MT shelters or bays dug, AA MG or lt AA emplacement dug, and weapon installed. (See Point "F" on overlay.)

h. Troops (202848). Chateau reported as occupied by troops. One large hut is probably a stable, and a horse exercise ring is in the area. No defensive installations are seen on aerial photos. The several bldgs. could shelter an estimated company of troops.

i. Ammo Dump (223852). Reported from ground sources.

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ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. GENERAL. a. With the situation on the Russian front growing daily more critical, with Allied air power approaching supremacy, the enemy relies on the WEST for the one hope of a positive military victory, or, barring that, a stalemate. Since 1941 he has been engaged in methodically preparing the ATLANTIC wall for invasion. Of his 300 odd divisions, 200 odd are engaged in RUSSIA, 53 in the WEST. The remainder are in SCANDINAVIA, the BALKANS, ITALY and GERMANY.

b. Despite the seriousness of the Russian situation, the total number of divisions in the WEST has never dropped below 40. On 21 December 1943 it was 42 divisions. On 24 March 1944 it had risen to 56 divisions. On 1 May 1944, the number of divisions had dropped to 53.

c. On 1 May 1944 the 53 divisions in the WEST were classified as follows:

MECHANIZED (PZ, PZG, MOTORIZED)

SS Pz	2
SS Pz Gren	1
Army Pz	2
Pz Tng	3

INFANTRY DIVISIONS

Field	5
Static (incl. GAF)	29
Training	10
Parachute	1
TOTAL	53

d. To maintain the number of his divisions the enemy has:

(1) Increased the percentage of foreigners and prisoners of war serving in combat units. In many units, particularly static divisions, AA and Coastal Artillery, this may run as high as 33 1/3%.

(2) Drastically reduced the T/Os of many classes of divisions. T/Os for most of his field and static divisions have been cut from 17,000 to 12,000.

e. Morale throughout the German Army is now definitely high. See Par. 7, Annex 1 a.

2. COMBAT EFFICIENCY OF GERMAN DIVISIONS.

a. Quality and quantity of men and equipment assigned to a particular division or class of divisions is dependent upon its intended combat mission. The only divisions in the WEST with combat experience are the 2 Pz and the SS REICH.

b. SS Divisions. These, plus a certain number of Army divisions, are at full T/O and T/E. The troops are young, ardent Nazis or loyal supporters thereof, physically fit and well trained. Equipment is in good condition and late model.

c. Army Panzer Divisions. Much the same as the SS divisions, though not quite as favored for allocation of troops and equipment.

d. Field Divisions. These will vary widely. None in the WEST are up to full T/O and probably none in the WEST up to full T/E.

e. Static Divisions. Composed of older men and men unfit for arduous field duty. High percentage of foreigners and prisoners of war. Immobile and intended for coastal defense. Many of these divisions are short one regiment or one battalion per regiment. Some have only one or two battalions of artillery.

f. Training Divisions. Recruits with cadres of experienced officers and men. Equipment not up to T/E in quantity or quality. Can put one or two regiments or battle groups into action immediately.

3. PLAN OF DEFENSE.

a. The entire coastal line from NORWAY to SPAIN is heavily fortified with concrete emplacements, strong points, underwater obstacles, etc. These defenses are manned by static divisions. At some points these static divisions are closely backed up by a second line of static and field divisions. Behind these, from 50 to 200 miles from the coast, are the mobile reserves (mechanized and training).

b. The key to the German scheme of defense is the rapid counterattack commitment of reserves.

4. ANTI-PARACHUTE UNITS. Every division can be expected to have a definite anti-parachute plan. Particular companies, battalions or battalion combat teams will have been designated and allotted appropriate transportation and equipment. If the unit designated for an anti-parachute role is as large as a battalion it will probably have artillery attached. The unit at ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, believed to be a Schnelle Abteilung (mobile Bn) (approximately 600 mtz Inf and Arty) is well suited for anti-parachute or similar missions. Battalions of the 3rd Parachute Division, now at HUELGOAT, W BRITTANY, if brought closer to the coast and provided with armored personnel carriers and artillery, would make excellent anti-parachute units.

5. INFORMATION CONCERNING DIVISIONS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION.

a. See "GERMAN ORDER OF BATTLE NO. ONE", Headquarters 82d

Airborne Division, 4 March 1944.

b. 243 Infantry Division (3 regt static).

(1) Commander: Not known.

(2) Composition: Assigned regt numbers are 920, 921, 922; probably only 2 battalions of FA; unidentified Division special troops.

(3) T/O and T/E: Below T/O and T/E. Estimated present strength between 6,000 and 7,000. Only 2 combat teams.

(4) History: Reported as "newly formed division"; arrived in 23 trains from VANNES—REDON—MONITOR, 8—10 January 1944, with a "few tanks, some AT or light artillery, both horse drawn and motor transport". Detrained at ST. SAUVEUR, LA HAYE DU PUITS, LESSAY, PERIERS, COUTANCES and CARENTAN. Hq at PERIERS.

(5) Quality: Personnel has been variously reported from "fairly young to age 30—40, mostly Austrian and Bavarian and many Russian front veterans".

c. 709 Infantry Division (3 regt static).

(1) Commander: Gen. SCHEFOLD believed to be still in command (poss. Genlt. THUMM).

(2) Composition: 719, 729, 739, and a Georgian Inf Regt; believed to have FA Regt with 2 Bns; 709 Engr Bn or Co; 709 Sig Bn or Co.

(3) T/O and T/E: Reported not up to T/O or T/E but extent of deficiencies not known. One or more of the 4 regts may lack a bn. Present strength should be approximately 14,000.

(4) History: Formed in April, 1941. In its present location since late 1942. CP and Hq 1 mile N of VALOGNES.

(5) Quality: Contains 25 to 33 1/3% of foreigners, mostly Georgians. Personnel are older men and men not physically fit for extended field duty. Morale not too high, but these people can be expected to fight well, at least as long as they are manning guns and positions.

d. 352 Infantry Division (3 regt "field").

(1) Commander; Not known.

(2) Composition: Assigned regt numbers are 914, 915 and 916; remaining units unidentified.

(3) T/O and T/E: Below T/O and T/E. Equipment said to include many horse drawn and some motor transport. Estimated present strength, 9,000 to 10,000; 3 combat teams.

(4) History: Arrived in present area in 30 trains, Nov/Dec, 1943. One report states it came from a year's front line service at GOMEL, RUSSIA. But it is carried as having no battle experience. The troops may contain some veterans of the Russian front as a nucleus of the 352nd. Present location believed to be ST. LO—VIRE area.

(5) Quality: Troops said to be of all arms and ages, including many foreigners (Russians and Mongols).

e. 21 Panzer Division.

(1) Commander: Unknown.

(2) Composition: 5 Pz Regiment; Mtz. Inf Brigade; 192nd (?) and 492nd (?) Pz Gren Regts; 155 Arty Regt including a bn of SP Assault Guns; 200 Pz Engr Bn; 200 Pz Sig Bn; 21 Pz Rcn Bn (2 Cos); 39 AT Bn.

(3) T/O and T/E: Reported up to full T/O and T/E, with full complement of 160 Mark IV, Tiger and Panther Tanks. Divisional strength should be about 17,000.

(4) History: This Div was formed after the French campaign from units of the 3rd Pz Div. It was first known as the 5th Light Div. In summer 1941 it was reorganized as a Pz Div in AFRICA; entered TUNISIA early 1943. It was destroyed in May, and reformed in summer 1943 in NORMANDY. It was reported August 1943 in the RHEIMS area, in November 43 moved to ORLEANS. In February 1944 this Div was reported at MANTES, believed to be completely reformed and reequipped and up to full T/O strength. Beginning of April the 21 Pz Div was ordered EAST, but upon reaching GERMANY the order was countermanded and the Div returned to the former area of the 155 and 179 Pz Trg Divisions; roughly: ST. MALO—PONTORSON—RENNES—PLOERMEL—JUGON.

(5) Quality: The Div has had no battle experience except possible survivors of the African campaign. Troops are young and contain considerable non-German elements.

f. 3 Parachute Division.

(1) Commander: Not known.

(2) Composition: Identifications not known.

(3) T/O and T/E: Should be at full T/O strength and full T/E. 2 Regts located in BRITTANY, a third Regt possibly in PAS DE CALAIS area. 3 Bns per Regt.

(4) History: First identified in the WEST at RHEIMS in January, 1944. Then located at MELUN, S of PARIS. Present location: HUELGOAT—SIZUN area BRITTANY.

(5) Qualtiy: All young troops in good condition and morale.

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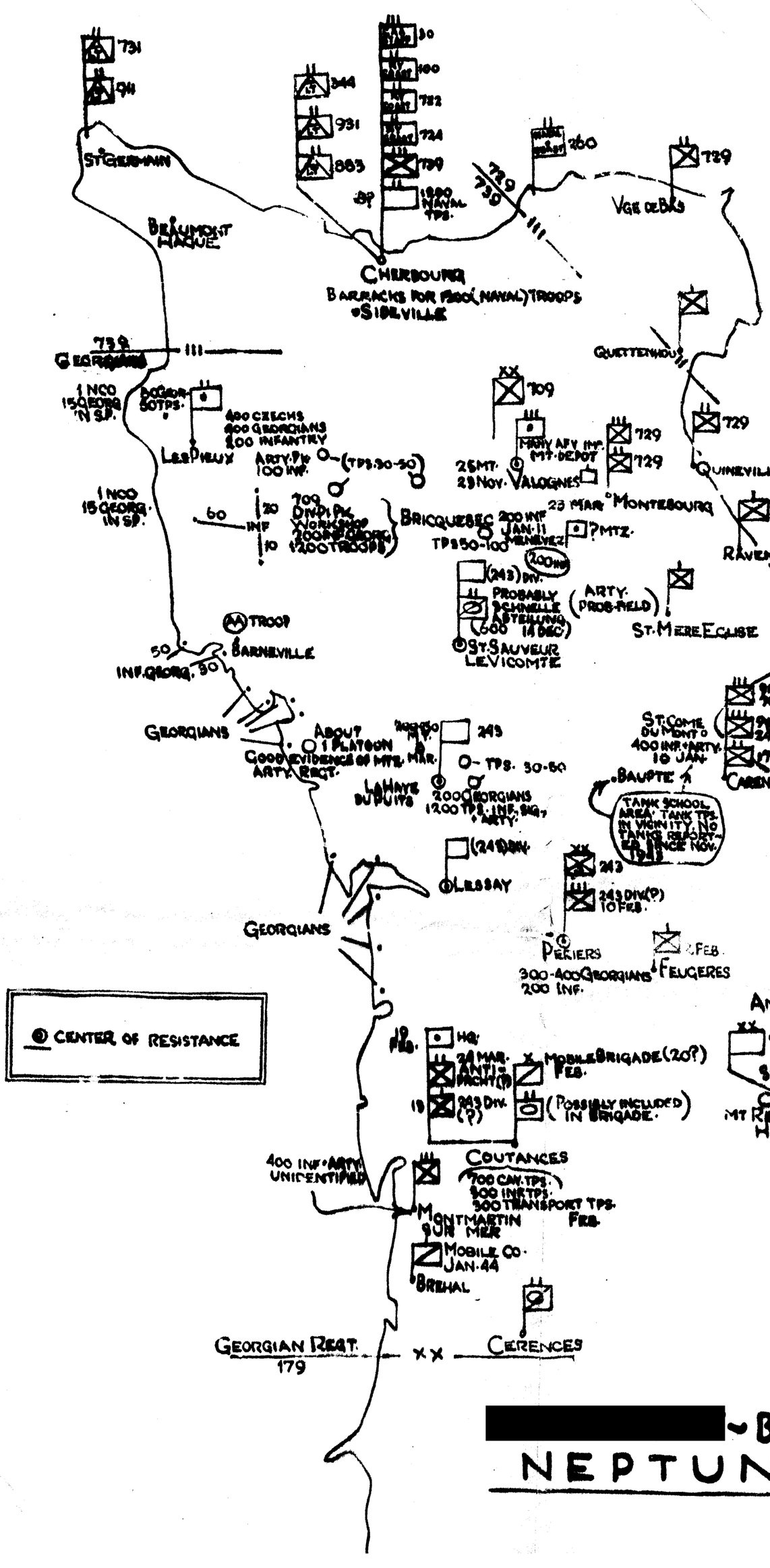
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ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE ON COTENTIN PENINSULA

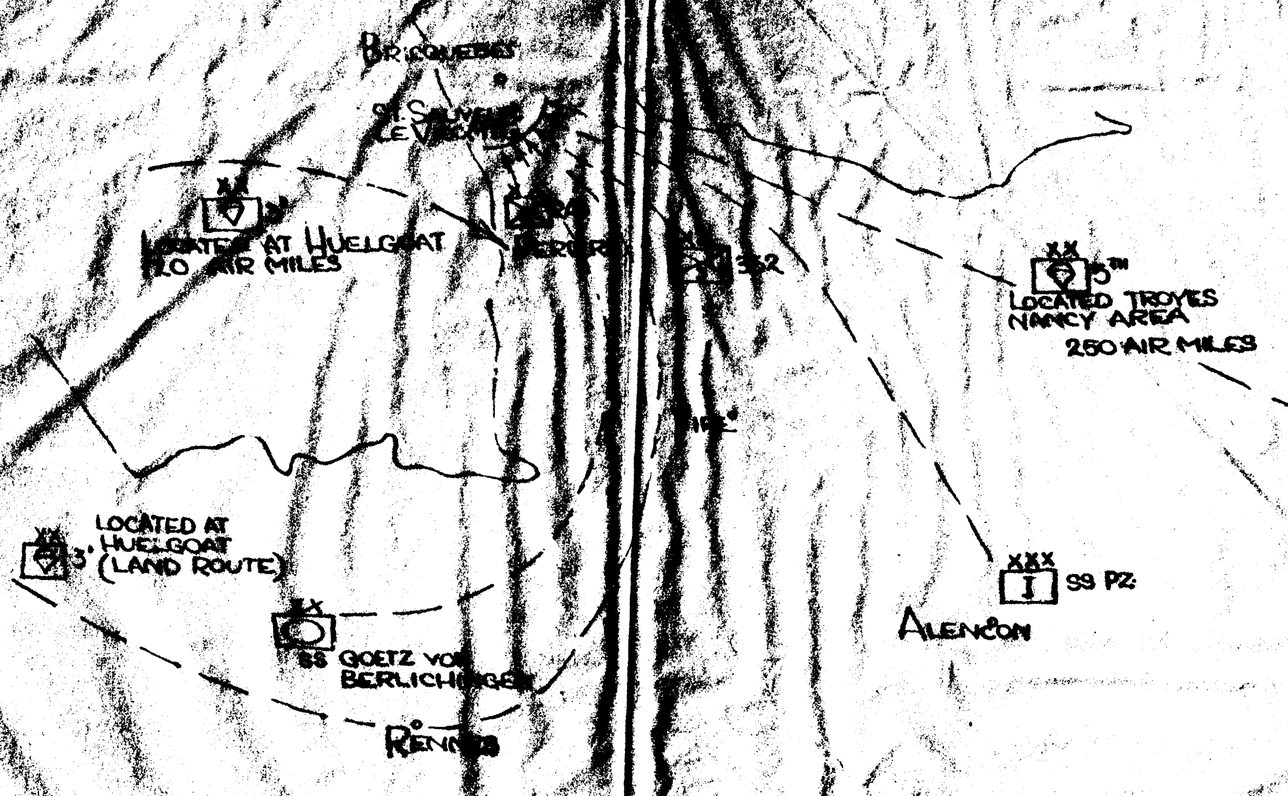
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COMMITMENT CAPABILITIES OF MOBILE RESERVES IN 82d DIV OPERATIONAL AREA

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UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH OF ATTACKING FORCE	DIRECTION OF ATTACK	AXES OF APPROACH	DISTANCE IN MILES	TIME OF ARRIVAL OF MAIN BODY Head of Column	Tail of Column	EVALUATION	REMARKS
Schnelle Abt (?) Mtz	ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	600 plus (Pts Inf and Arty)	W	Already in area	1	30 Min		Highest order of probability	The head of the 101st A/B Div air column precedes the head of the 82d A/B Div air column by approximately 1½ hrs. All enemy units in the immediate area can be expected to be dressed, armed and at their stations, and on the move when the first 82d A/B Div parachutists drops.
GY 921(?) (243 Div)	ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	1700? (Probably 1 Regt Inf plus 1 Bn FA, both at 2/3 T/O & T/E)	W	Already in area	1	30 Min	1½ Hrs	Highest order of probability	The Regt is on the E side of DOUVE R., 2 Mi SE of ST SAUVEUR, however, the bulk of the troops are probably on the W side of the DOUVE. Small anti-pcht units could be expected to attack immediately after the first drop. The main body is not likely to be committed until after daylight reconnaissance.
ST GILLES (243 Div)	LA HAYE DU PUITS	(Probably 1 Regt Inf plus 1 Bn FA, both at 2/3 T/O & T/E)	a. NE b. W c. W	a. Co... and ... b. ... c. ...	5–10	30 Min	1½ Hrs	High order of probability.	The ... in 3 Mi SE of LA HAYE DU PUITS. Small anti-pcht ... are likely to be sent into the area immediately. The main body is not likely to be committed until ... daylight reconnaissance.
Unidentified elements of 243 Div	PERIERS—ESSAY	600(?) Misc Special Troops, possibly Div Reserve Bn	a. NE b. W c. W	a. LE ... LA HAYE DU PUITS—ST LO D'... —ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. b. L'... —LA HAYE DU PUITS—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE c. P... PONT L'ABBE—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	10–20	2½ Hrs	3 Hrs	High order of probability	It is not likely that these troops would be committed until after daylight reconnaissance.
Georgian Troops	BRICQUEBEC	1 Bn of Inf	a. SW b. E	a. BR... —ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE b. BR... —GRAVILLE—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	6–9	2 Hrs	2½ Hrs	High order of probability	The composition of the troops at BRICQUEBEC is not known. They are not likely to be well suited for offensive action. Anti-parachute units should be expected to attack within 45 min after first drop. It is extremely likely that an attack in force will be launched after first light and then by not to exceed company strength of Infantry.
Mech Wpn Units	COUTANCES	2 Bns Mech Inf and Arty, totaling 1200–1500	a. NE b. N c. N	a. Co... between ST LO D'ORVILLE and ... b. Thr... ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT. c. Cau... ... at 189905.	25—35	3—3½ Hrs	3½—4 Hrs	High order of probability	These troops are believed capable of sending strong ... mobile units to arrive and attack within 2 hours ... drop. The main body may move up under cover ... but there is very little likelihood of it ... committed until after daylight reconnaissance
SS Goetz Von Berlichingen	RENNES Area	10,000 (2 Bns of Tanks Totaling 175 tanks)	a. NE b. W c. W	a. REN... —PONTORSON—GRAVILLE—COU... —ST LO D'ORVILLE—ST ... VEUR LE VICOMTE b. REN... —PONTORSON—GRAVILLE—COU... —ESSAY—LA HAYE DU ... —SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. c. ... —PERIERS—PONT L'ABBE—ST ... VEUR LE VICOMTE.	95—115	8 Hrs	11½ Hrs	High order of probability	SS Goetz Von Berlichingen can be committed into the CHERBOURG ... If the CARENTAN entrance is blocked ... is most likely to be up the west side of the ... It is likely that this division may get reinforcements coming from the Seventh Army Hq, which has ... advanced echelon at RENNES and rear echelon at LAVAL.
352 Inf Div	ST LO—BALLEROY—VIRE—GAUMONT	9,000	a. ... b. N	a. ... —PERIERS—PONT L'ABBE—ST ... LE VICOMTE b. ... —ESSAY—LA HAYE DU ... —ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	35—50	3 3/4 Hrs	4 3/4 Hrs	Possible, but low order of probability	352 Div ... expected to be committed into BAYEUX Area. Not considered likely to be committed up West side of Peninsula
1 SS Pz Corps	ALENCON	Bn of Hy Tanks	a. W b. N c. NE	a. ... —DOMFRONT—VIRE—ST LO—... —ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. b. ALE... —DOMFRONT—VIRE—COUTANCES—LA ... —ST LO D'ORVILLE—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. c. ALE... —DOMFRONT—VIRE—COUTANCES—LA ... —ST LO D'ORVILLE—ST ... VEUR LE VICOMTE.	120	13½ Hrs	... Hrs	Possible, but low order of possibility	Not likely to be committed into the CHERBOURG Peninsula until D plus 1. It is more probable that it will be committed into the BAYEUX Area. If they are committed up the W side of the COTENTIN it is not believed that they will exceed 1 Bn of heavy tanks.
3d Front Div (Air Route)	HUELGOAT Area BRITTANY	1600 Prchts. 1600 Gliders	S, W	... —GRAVILLE	120 Air Miles	1 to 10 hours after takeoff depending upon location of DZs		Low order of probability until D plus 2, then high order of probability.	This Division has been identified in BRITTANY as a ground ... and will probably not leave until the ... has clarified. However, it has satisfactory departure fields in its area. Its most likely employment is as reinforcements, landing in such ... PLEINE DE USSEL, 3 miles S of ESSAY, or on the open ground 3 miles W of LA HAYE DU PUITS or on the beaches between CARTERET and ESSAY. The possibility of strong parachute drops in the immediate vicinity of the 82d Division area is remote because of the relative strength of the opposing A/B forces. The possibility of parachute drops of small raiding and demolition parties in the 82d Airborne Division area is high.
3d Front Div (Land Route)	HUELGOAT Area BRITTANY	10,000	a. NE b. W c. W	a. ... —GRAVILLE—... —LA ... DU ... ES KOUTES. b. ... —COUTANCES—... —TANKS—PERIERS—... —ST SAUVEUR LE VI-	200—220	15½ Hrs	17½ Hrs	Low order of probability until D plus 2, then high order of probability.	
5th Front Div	Vicinity of NANCY and TROYES	1600 Prchts. 1600 Gliders.	S, W or E	Direct ... DZs	250 Air Miles	24 to 10 hours after takeoff depending upon location of DZs		Low order of probability until D plus 2 and then high order of probability.	This is a newly-formed division and there is little known about it. A probable employment for these troops would be to rush them up as reinforcements, landing in areas ... indicated above for 3d Front Div.

NOTES:
1. Each unit has been ... to move. This allows ... hrs to get equipment ready, etc. In the case of units close to 82d A/B Div areas ... of 101st A/B Div, in the case of larger units 1½ hours have been allowed between receipt of order and first movement of each body.
2. The road network would prohibit the rapid advance ... movement ... of more than ... division, or its equivalent.
3. Speeds: Wheels 15 MPH, ... 10 MPH; all units ... mobile.
4. All enemy troops will be at a high state of alert ... late in the evening of D-1, because of the approach of the assault craft.
5. Delays caused by bombing ... and bridges ... included in the calculations.
6. "Total gliders and jump carriers ... just ... to accommodate 1600 parachute and 1600 glider troops. ... number of ... is problematical. In an emergency, crash transport ... might be resorted to.

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ANNEX 1c

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TACTICAL TERRAIN STUDY

MAPS: GSGS 4250, 1/50,000.
GSGS 4347, 1/25,000.

1. LIMITATIONS.

a. This study is generally limited on the N to E-W grid 05, on the S to EW grid 70, on the E to N-S grid 45, and on the W to the W Coast.

b. For general geographical and climatic information on COTENTIN Peninsula, see Annex 1 a.

2. GENERAL TOPOGRAPHY.

a. General Nature of Terrain. North of BRICQUEBEC and VALOGNES a mass of steep hills of 300-500 ft. elevation, in which there are frequent bare rock outcroppings and flat bottomed valleys, reaches from the east to the west coast. South from BRICQUEBEC to LESSAY and west of the DOUVE River, the terrain is more undulating with an irregular pattern of hills which attain 450 ft. elevation only in a few isolated localities. This terrain is partitioned into small rectangular fields by hedgerows and stone walls, and consists of poor pastureland, some orchards, and some sparse woods. South of LESSAY is a heathland with scattered pine plantations. The southeastern COTENTIN (east and south of the DOUVE) is a flat marshy plain, little of which is above 100 ft. elevation. Here the fields are much larger than in the west and cultivation is much more extensive.

b. Drainage System.

(1) See Annex 1 c (2) for overlay showing bridges and the width and depth of principal streams.

(2) R. DOUVE flows from the North Central COTENTIN through ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE and N. of CARENTAN. Average width and depths are:

Sector	Average Width	Average Depth
LES ADAMS (1510) to BAUDRY (1608)	20 feet	.2-3 feet
BAUDRY TO ETIENVILLE (2692)	30 feet	3-4 feet
ETIENVILLE TO CARENTAN (3984)	40 feet	4-6 feet

The DOUVE by manipulation of locks and barrage at CARENTAN has been kept at a navigable minimum depth of 3 feet, 3 inches, upstream to ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. The average width of its valley from ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE to CARENTAN is 1.5--2 miles. The current does not exceed 2 m.p.h.

(3) SEYE R. rises in the hills within a mile of the W Coast in the vicinity of SURTAINVILLE (0903) and flows E to join the DOUVE at 1601. Its maximum width is approximately 15 feet and maximum depth 2-2.5 feet.

(4) BABEUF R. rises E of BARNEVILLE (0394) and flows E to join the DOUVE approximately 2 miles N of ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. It is comparable to the SEYE.

(5) Two unnamed tributaries of the DOUVE drain the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES. At their junction with the DOUVE, they average 10 feet in width.

(6) MERDERET R. flows from VALOGNES SE to its junction with the DOUVE at 3191. From YVETOT BOCAGE (2206) to URVILLE (2602) it is 10-20 feet wide. Below URVILLE it is 20-30 feet wide and 2-3 feet deep.

(7) TAUTE R. flows from 2563 NE to 4178 and N 4 miles to its junction with the CARENTAN Channel. It becomes 10 ft. wide at 273689, 20 ft. wide and 4-6 ft. deep at 302724, and 30-40 feet wide at its mouth.

(8) SEVES R. flows from 2570 NE through the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES to the DOUVE at 363872. It becomes 20 ft. wide at 314851 and 40 ft. wide at its confluence.

(9) OLLONDE R. rises about 3½ miles NE of ST LO D'OURVILLE (0989), flows in a semi-circle to ST. LO D'OURVILLE where it enters its estuary. This river is negligible in depth. At the point where it enters its estuary it is approximately 20 feet wide. At 095894 it becomes 10 ft. wide. The estuary is 200 yards wide at its narrowest point. It fills and drains with the 29 foot tide of the W Coast.

(10) AY R. flows from 219637 N about 7.5 miles to 216754, thence W to its mouth in a tidal estuary at 172764. It becomes 20 feet wide at 215756 and is 30 feet wide at its mouth.

c. Ridge System.

(1) See Par. 2 a above.

(2) Four substantially parallel ridges W of the DOUVE, listed from S to N:

(a) A ridge running SE from LES MOITIERS D'ALLONE (0197) to DENNEVILLE (0986) with elevations from NW to SE of 90-80-55-35-50-33 meters.

(b) Ridge running E from BARNEVILLE (0394) to FORET DE SAUVEUR (1593) with elevations from W to E of 55-75-80-69-50 meters.

(c) Ridge running E from LES MOITIERS D'ALLONE to vicinity of NEHOU (1998) with elevations from W to E of 90-122-145-121-82-70-33 meters.

(d) Ridge running E from LES BLONDS (0203) to BRICQUEBEC with elevations W to E of 87-112-121-144 meters.

(3) High ground approaching closely the W bank of the DOUVE from 2193 N to BRICQUEBEC.

(4) High ground N and E of LA HAYE DU PUITS, particularly HILLS 121, 131, and 122 (FORET DE MONT-CASTRE).

(5) Low ridge east of the DOUVE from 2005 S to ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, with elevations of 30 to nearly 50 meters.

(6) Three ridges, generally 30-50 meters high, reaching N, NNE, and NE from FORET DE MONT-CASTRE toward the DOUVE, with 30 meter elevations extending to 242915, 260920, and 306900 respectively.

(7) Ridge running from VALOGNES E to QUETTEVILLE (3607), with elevations from W to E of 63-110-117-69-10 meters.

d. Routes.

(1) Highways and Bridges.

(a) See Annex 1 c (3).

(b) The following "German Priority Routes" are likely to be in the best condition of repair of any roads in the area and are believed capable of carrying tracked vehicles of 50 tons:

(i) CARENTAN-STE MERE EGLISE-MONTEBOURG-VALOGNES-CHERBOURG; German roadside marker "V"; French number N13; bridge over DOUVE at 384862 to 384864 possibly less than 50-ton capacity.

(ii) CARENTAN-LA HAYE DU PUITS-ST. LO D'OURVILLE-CARTERET; French number N803.

(iii) PERIERS-CARENTAN; French number N171.

(iv) PERIERS-LESSAY-ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE (N800), ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE-VALOGNES (GC2); French numbers as indicated.

(c) There are three principal roads into the CHERBOURG Peninsula:

(i) CARENTAN-STE MERE EGLISE-MONTEBOURG-VALOGNES-CHERBOURG; French number N13; paved and 20-26 ft. wide.

(ii) LESSAY-LA HAYE DU PUITS (N800), LA HAYE DU PUITS-RJ 0792 (N803), RJ 0792-BRICQUEBEC (GC50), BRICQUEBEC-CHERBOURG (N800); French numbers as indicated; paved and 20-26 ft. wide.

(iii) PERIERS-ST. JORES-PONT L'ABBE-VALOGNES; French number GC24; paved and 10-20 ft. wide.

(d) Other N-S crossings of the DOUVE, besides those mentioned in (c) (i) and (iii) above, are as follows:

(i) At BEUZEVILLE LA BASTILLE (309910) on the secondary road from BAUPTE (8531) to RJ 9230; French number GC 138.

(ii) At LE MOULIN (417872) on an unnamed secondary route which by-passes CARENTAN on the east.

(e) There are two E-W roads across the neck of the Peninsula:

(i) CARENTAN-LA HAYE DU PUITS; French number N803; paved and 10-20 ft. wide.

(ii) RJ 3693-CHEF DU PONT-PONT L'ABBE (GC70), PONT L'ABBE-ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE (GC 15); French number as indicated; paved and 10-20 ft. wide.

(f) For roads inland from the UTAH beaches to Road N13, see Annex 1 c (3).

(g) The following towns are important highway communication centers: CARENTAN, MONTEBOURG, PERIERS, LESSAY, LA HAYE DU PUITS, ST. JORES, ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, PONT L'ABBE, BARNEVILLE, BRICQUEBEC, and VALOGNES.

(h) Marginal notes on GSGS Map 4250 (1/50,000), giving widths and surfaces of roads, are generally reliable.

(i) Many of the roads, especially the secondary ones, are bordered by hedges and ditches that would hinder deployment of vehicles.

(j) The bridge at ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE is a reinforced concrete 2-span masonry balastrade structure with piers 6-8 feet thick. It is 100 feet long by 30 feet wide. Under the bridge the water is 55 feet wide and 14-15 feet deep.

(k) The earthen causeway across the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES at 1890 is approximately 1400 yards long.

(2) Railroads.

(a) See Annex 1 c (3).

(b) The two railroads across the neck of the COTENTIN are the double-track PARIS-CHERBOURG line through CARENTAN, and the single track line through COUTANCES, LESSAY, LA HAYE DU PUITS, and ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE to CHERBOURG. An E-W single-track line runs from CARENTAN to CARTERET via LA HAYE DU PUITS.

(3) Airfields. There are three airfields in the COTENTIN:

(a) SE of LESSAY, a landing-ground at 203741, with a rough but possibly serviceable NE/SW strip 1800 x 350 yds.

(b) CHERBOURG-QUERQUEVILLE, an airfield at 097267, dimensions about 1050 yds. WSW/ENE and 900 yds NNW/SSE.

(c) CHERBOURG-MAUPERTUS, an airfield at 252236, roughly circular, with a diameter of 1100 yds.

3. MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE TERRAIN.

a. Avenues of Approach and Communications.

(1) See Par. 2 d above.

(2) Highways into the neck of the Peninsula are as follows:

(a) From the S by N800 via LESSAY, by GC24 via PERIERS, by GC 138 via BAUPTE (3185), and by N13 via CARENTAN.

(b) From the N by N803 via BARNEVILLE, by GC50 via BRICQUEBEC, by N800 via BRICQUEBEC, by GC 2 via VALOGNES, by N13 via VALOGNES, and by GC 14 via QUETTEHOU.

(3) Highways E to W across the neck and central COTENTIN are as follows:

(a) N803 via ST. JORES.

(b) GC 70 via CHEF DU PONT and PONT L'ABBE, and GC 15 via STE. MERE EGLISE and PONT L'ABBE.

(c) GC 42 via MONTEBOURG AND STE. COLOMBE.

(d) N802 via VALOGNES and BRICQUEBEC.

(4) Rail entrances into the area are from CARENTAN and LESSAY on the S, and from VALOGNES and BRICQUEBEC on the N.

(5) The W-E course of the DOUVE, extended westward by the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES, is an obstacle to cross-country movement of wheels or tracks as far W as ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE-PONT (1288). The estuary of the OLLONDE R. is an obstacle as far E as 0889. This leaves an entrance corridor 7,000 yds. wide into

the upper peninsula. Likewise, the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES is an obstacle to cross-country movement of wheels or tracks as far W as GORGES (2779), and the estuary and E-W course of the AY R. are an obstacle as far E as 2175. These latter obstacles form a second constriction—about 8000 yds. wide—of the western avenue into the Peninsula. See Par. 3 b (1) for discussion of obstacles.

b. Obstacles.

(1) Natural.

(a) See Annex 1 c (1).

(b) The estuary of the OLLONDE R. is tidal to the mouth of the river. Its bottom is covered with a 2-3 ft. layer of slimy sand silt. The tide ranges up to 30 feet. When the tide is in, the estuary is an impassable barrier to wheels or tracks. When the tide is out it is impassable to wheels, but tracks may be able to negotiate it with difficulty.

(c) The OLLONDE R. is 20 feet wide where it enters its estuary. At 095894 it becomes 10 feet wide. From its mouth to this point it is an obstacle but not a barrier to wheels or tracks. Up to this point depth is 2-4 feet and banks 4-8 feet high. Higher than this point the stream is negligible.

(d) The estuary of the AY R. is tidal to the mouth of the river, and 700-1800 yds. wide. Its bottom is covered with sand and silt, and probably with mud on either side of the main channel. The range of the tide here is 20-30 feet. Its passability to wheels and tracks is probably similar to that of the OLLONDE estuary.

(e) The AY R. is 30 feet wide at its mouth at 172764 and 20 feet wide at 215756. The depth of its E-W course is about 2-4 feet; the height of its banks here about 4-6 feet. The E-W course is through a low, flat, marshy valley, 900-1000 yds. wide, and is an obstacle to tracks and probably a barrier to wheels. The S-N course is not over 15 ft. wide, and is not an obstacle to foot or mechanized troops.

(f) The DOUVE R. (considering its channel proper and not its valley) has a bed of sand silt on a hard bottom. The sand silt is about 7 ft. deep at LE HAU DE HAUT (2491), and thins out to 2-3 ft. at NEGREVILLE (1806). This silt is only slightly compressible and affords a relatively firm bearing. The banks of the DOUVE are steep, and vary from 4 to 8 ft. in height. From NEGREVILLE to 1601, the River itself is probably impassable by wheels; from 1601 to LE HAU DE HAUT, it certainly is. From NEGREVILLE to 1601, it is probably passable with difficulty by tracks; from 1601 to AUREVILLE (1996), it is very nearly impassable by them; from AUREVILLE to ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, it is probably passable with difficulty by certain types of tracks; from ST. SAUVEUR to LE HAU DE HAUT, it is impassable by tracks.

(g) The lower 1-2 mi. of the SEYE and the BABEUF may be impassable to wheels. Above that wheels can probably cross with varying degrees of difficulty. These two rivers are only slight tank obstacles.

(h) Inundations are extensive in the Peninsula—in the valleys of the DOUVE, MERDERET, TAUTE, and SEVES Rivers, in the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES and the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES, and in the background of the UTAH beaches. See Annex 1 c (1). Consequently, the importance of the MERDERET, TAUTE and SEVES as obstacles in themselves—all of them being comparatively small streams with hard bottoms—is overridden by the importance of the extent and effect of the inundations. Inundations are controlled in the DOUVE watershed by manipulation of LA BARQUETTE lock and dam (398869); in the TAUTE watershed by manipulation of the HAUT DICK lock and dam (410860); in the East Coast areas by manipulation of numerous dams on the SINOPE River and the frequent drainage canals. Extent of inundated and saturated areas is as follows:

(i) PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES and E-W Course of DOUVE—1/2-3/4 mi. belt, mostly inundated or saturated, reaching generally from the LA BARQUETTE lock to the vicinity of ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT (1488); crossed by a causeway at 1890; the nature of the soil inundated or subject to inundation is that of a black carbonaceous sand silt, much like Texas "gumbo"—10-30 ft. deep, and when saturated, so highly compressible as to afford very poor bearing and be impassable by wheels and tracks; much of the previously inundated belt east of the causeway (1890) now has a dry surface which may be passable by light tracks and light wheels. See Annex 1 (c)(1).

(ii) MERDERET Valley—inundated, at a minimum width of one mile, upstream to 3293; saturated to 3294 at least; and may be subject to inundation N to PORT BREHAT (3099).

(iii) PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES—an inundated belt from the DOUVE Valley SW, about one mile in width, extending to 3180, but crossed by a causeway at BAUPTE (3185); the saturated area is much broader and extends to 2782.

(iv) SEVES Valley—a narrow arm reaching south from the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES, saturated to 2675.

(v) TAUTE Valley—inundated, in a mile wide belt from CARENTAN S to 3975, and saturated from there SW to 3072.

(vi) Eastern Beaches—backed by an inundated area from 360119 to 425978, the area being ½ mile wide in the North and 1½ miles wide south of QUINEVILLE.

(i) None of the above takes into consideration underwater capabilities of enemy tanks.

(j) The numerous orchards, patches of forest, hedges, earth embankments, etc., constitute obstacles of varying degree to cross country movement of wheels. They will slow but not stop track movement. Many of the roads are so lined with ditches, earth embankments and hedges that it will be slow and difficult work to get wheels off onto fields. The most favorable terrain for mechanized operations is the Plateau LANDE DE LESSAY south of LESSAY at 1970 where the only obstacles are small walls and wooded copses.

(2) Artificial Obstacles. Fixed concrete obstacles and moveable obstacles of concrete, wood and wire are now present on the approaches to several towns in the operational area:

VICINITY	TYPE	COORDINATES	DIRECTION FROM TOWN
VALOGNES	Fixed	244074	S
"	"	250083	E
"	"	238084	W
"	"	239082	W
"	Moveable	249074	SE
"	"	247088	NE
"	"	248085	NE
"	"	236076	SW
"	"	177076	W
BRBRICQUEBEC	Moveable	128044	E
"	"	121041	S
"	"	118038	S
"	"	121028	S
CARTERET	Moveable	004951	N
"	"	002946	W
"	Fixed	998942	W
"	"	999942	W
"	"	000942	W
CARENTAN	Moveable	383864	NW
"	"	384862	NW
"	"	386857	NW
LA HAYE DU PUITS	Fixed	183841	E
"	"	177845	N
LESSAY	Moveable	182766	N

c. Concealment and Cover. Along the coastline from CARTERET S to the AY estuary, inland for a depth of 1-3 miles, the only cover and concealment from ground observation are the sand dunes and earth embanked fields. No cover or concealment from the air exists here. Elsewhere, W of the DOUVE, cover and concealment from the air and ground vary from fair to good, depending upon the frequency of woods, orchards, uneven topography, houses, hedges, ditches and earth embankments. Such features are less common E of the DOUVE, and very scarce E of the MERDERET, and in the plateau S of LESSAY.

d. Observation. Except for the high points listed below, ground observation is limited by the many tree and hedge rows, earth embankments and patches of woods and orchards.

HILL 121 (166879)	HILL 133 (063977)
HILL 131 (198877)	HILL 145 (067985)
HILL 99 (020965)	HILL at 300075
HILL 90 (015972)	HILL at 091985
HILL 122 (035975)	HILL 121 (107978)
HILL at 154937	*HILL at 135940
HILL at 052980	HILL 117 (299073)

*The 110 meter height of this hill on 1/25,000 is considered more reliable than the 70 meters on the 1/50,000 map.

e. Fields of Fire. W of the DOUVE, except for stretches of beach along the W Coast, the inundated lowlands and the estuary of the OLLONDE, fields of fire for small arms and automatic weapons are short and broken because of the prevalence of small fields, patches of woods, orchards, buildings, hedges, earth embankments, tree rows, undulating terrain and hills. Artillery and mortar should have no trouble finding defiladed positions anywhere in this area. E of the DOUVE and especially E of the MERDERET and of the FORET DE MONT-CASTRE fields are larger, obstructions fewer, and the terrain flat.

4. CRITICAL TERRAIN FEATURES.

a. The lowlands of the DOUVE, the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES, the PRAIRIES

MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES, and behind the UTAH Beaches.

b. The 7000 yard wide corridor between ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE-PONT and the OLLONDE estuary.

c. The 8000 yard wide corridor between the E-W course of the AY and the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES.

d. HILLS 121 and 131 S of PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES.

e. The other 12 hills referred to in Paragraph 3 d above.

f. The ridges described in Paragraph 2 c (2) (a-c) above.

g. The high ground along the W bank of the DOUVE which commands the opposite bank of the river.

h. The N-S course of the DOUVE River.

i. The "bowl" of low ground with ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE at the center and low point.

j. The estuary of the OLLONDE R.

k. The estuary and E-W course of the AY R.

5. GLIDER AND PARACHUTE LANDING AREAS AND ZONES. Because the area is broken up into numerous small tree and hedge-lined fields, it is difficult to find areas west of the DOUVE suitable for glider landings in force. Parachute drop zones are not so restricted. East of the DOUVE, glider landing areas are much more numerous and satisfactory.

6. TACTICAL EFFECT OF THE TERRAIN.

a. To move troops up the western or central COTENTIN the enemy must (1) seize and hold the 7000 yard corridor between the estuary of the OLLONDE R. and ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE-PONT, (2) or cross the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSE, (3) or hold the crossings of the DOUVE at PONT L'ABBE (2692) and BEUZEVILLE LA BASTILLE (3091).

b. The corridor is commanded by HILL 121 (166879) and the three more southerly ridges described in Par. 2 c (2) (a), (b) and (c).

c. The PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES is commanded by HILLS 121 and 131 (1987), and by the ridge described in Par. 2 c (2) (b).

d. The crossings at PONT L'ABBE and BEUZEVILLE LA BASTILLE are to some extent commanded by low hills S of the DOUVE.

e. The ridge VALOGNES-QUINEVILLE, described in Par. 2 c (7), commands substantially all ground E of the DOUVE.

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DOUVE R.

ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE

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STE MERE EGLISE

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PICAUVILLE

DOUVE R.

CRETTEVILLE

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LA HAYE DU PUITS

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MAP G5G5 4250-FRANCE 1/50,000
SHEETS 6E5 AND 6E6

STATUS OF AREA SUBJECT TO INUNDATION OF RIVER DOUVE

FROM SORTIE R/482 OF APRIL 8, 1944 PHOTOS 5054-58, 4055-57. SORTIE R/490 OF APR 44 PHOTOS 3013-3033, 3113-3139, 4116-4131, 4020-4031 3046-3056. SORTIE R/490 OF 25 APR. 44 PHOTOS 1925-34. SORTIE R/482 OF 19 APR. 44 PHOTOS 4008-4010 SORTIE RB/508 OF 24 MAR 44 PHOTOS 3145-47, 4149-4150

THE OUTLINED AREA IS SUBJECT TO ARTIFICIAL INUNDATION. THE STATUS OF THIS AREA AS OF DATES SHOWN ON THIS OVERLAY

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LEGEND

HARD CREST CUT UP BY IRREGULAR PATTERN OF NATURAL DRAINAGE DITCHES APPROX. 3-8 FT. WIDE AND NOT MORE THAN 1 FT. DEEP. SOME WATER OR MUD IN BOTTOM OF DITCHES. — DRY SURFACE

SURFACE APPEARS PARTIALLY TO COMPLETELY SATURATED WITH WATER, HOWEVER NO SHEET OF WATER ON SURFACE. AREA USUALLY CUT UP BY IRREGULAR PATTERN OF NATURAL DRAINAGE DITCHES APPROX 3-8 FT. WIDE AND NOT MORE THAN 1 FT DEEP. — SATURATED SURFACE

SURFACE HAS THIN SHEET OF WATER, OVER IT, ALTHOUGH NOT INUNDATED. — SUPER SATURATED SURFACE

SURFACE COMPLETELY COVERED WITH WATER, DEPTH OF THIS WATER APPEARS TO BE FROM 3 IN. TO 2 FT. — INUNDATED

RECENT AERIAL PHOTO COVERAGE NOT AVAILABLE. REPORTED AS LITTLE TO FLOODING AND MAY BE ASSUMED TO BE AT LEAST PARTIALLY INUNDATED

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MAP: GSGS 4347, France, Scale 1/25000
SHEETS: 28/20SE, 28/16NE, SF 31/20SW, 31/16NW, SW.

WIDTHS AND DEPTHS OF RIVERS AND STREAMS IN 82 A/B DIV. AREA

LEGEND

3-4 denotes width
(3) " depth

SOURCES:
Eng. dossier File F&L and Aerial Photos. 1942-44 in all seasons.

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MUD FLAT (TIDAL)

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LEGEND

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VILLAGES

INTERMEDIATE

THE LOW LYING GROUND BEHIND DEVICE AREA FLOODED. NOW SEEMS TO BE DRYING PROPERLY. INUNDATION NOW RECEDING VERY SHALLOW AND SKETCHY.

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SHEETS 31/3 NW, NE, 31/4 SW, SE
OF THE NAB RIVER AT GRAVE 1900
EXTENDING IN 82 DIV AREA

LEGEND

24 ENEMY UNITS

ENEMY DUMPS OF WATER
GERMAN GRAVES

ROADS

RAILWAYS, PUB. BTN

SMALL TRACKS

RIVERS

(LETTER SHOWS GRID SQUARE)

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NEPTUNE

TO LESSAY

WL 10' EST 3' DIA CUL

N802

TO CHERBOURG

WL 10' EST 3' DIA CUL

WL 10' EST 4' DIA CUL

BRICQUEBEC

WL 10' EST 3' DIA CUL

N802

WL 10'

GC 42

TO ALOGNES

WL 10'

WL 10' EST 4' DIA CUL

L-30' (EST)

L-10' (EST) W-20'

L-90' W-30' R-26'

ROAD OVER DAM

WL 10' EST 2' DIA CUL

TO ALOGNES

03

20

GC 46

TO MONTEBOURG

WL 10' EST 4' DIA CUL

GC 42

WL 10' EST 4' DIA CUL

GC 47

L-100' W-55' D-30'

GC 2

N802

WL 10'

GC 42

L-10' W-20'

L-20' W-12'

BARNEVILLE SUR MER

GC 50

EST 4' DIA CUL

EST 4' DIA CUL

EST 4' DIA CUL

GC 2

6015

WL 10 ORIGINAL

TO ST L'ABBE

ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE

L-90' W-25' MILL STREAM

L-120' W-55' D-14'

WL 10' EST 4' DIA CUL

N802

90

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GC 15

WL 10'

WL 10'

L-25' W-?

N802

L-80' W-35' R-20'

WL 10' EST 4' DIA CUL

WL 10' EST 4' DIA CUL

WL 10' EST 4' DIA CUL

TO CARENTAN

N802

LA HAYE DU PUITS

L-20' (EST)

L-10' EMBANKMENT

WL 20

L-50' W-25'

N802

WL 10'

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- 1st Class Road, 6 to 8 meters wide
- 2nd Class Road, 3 to 6 meters wide
- 3rd Class Road, or Secondary Road
- Railroads
- High Water Mark

BRIDGE DATA

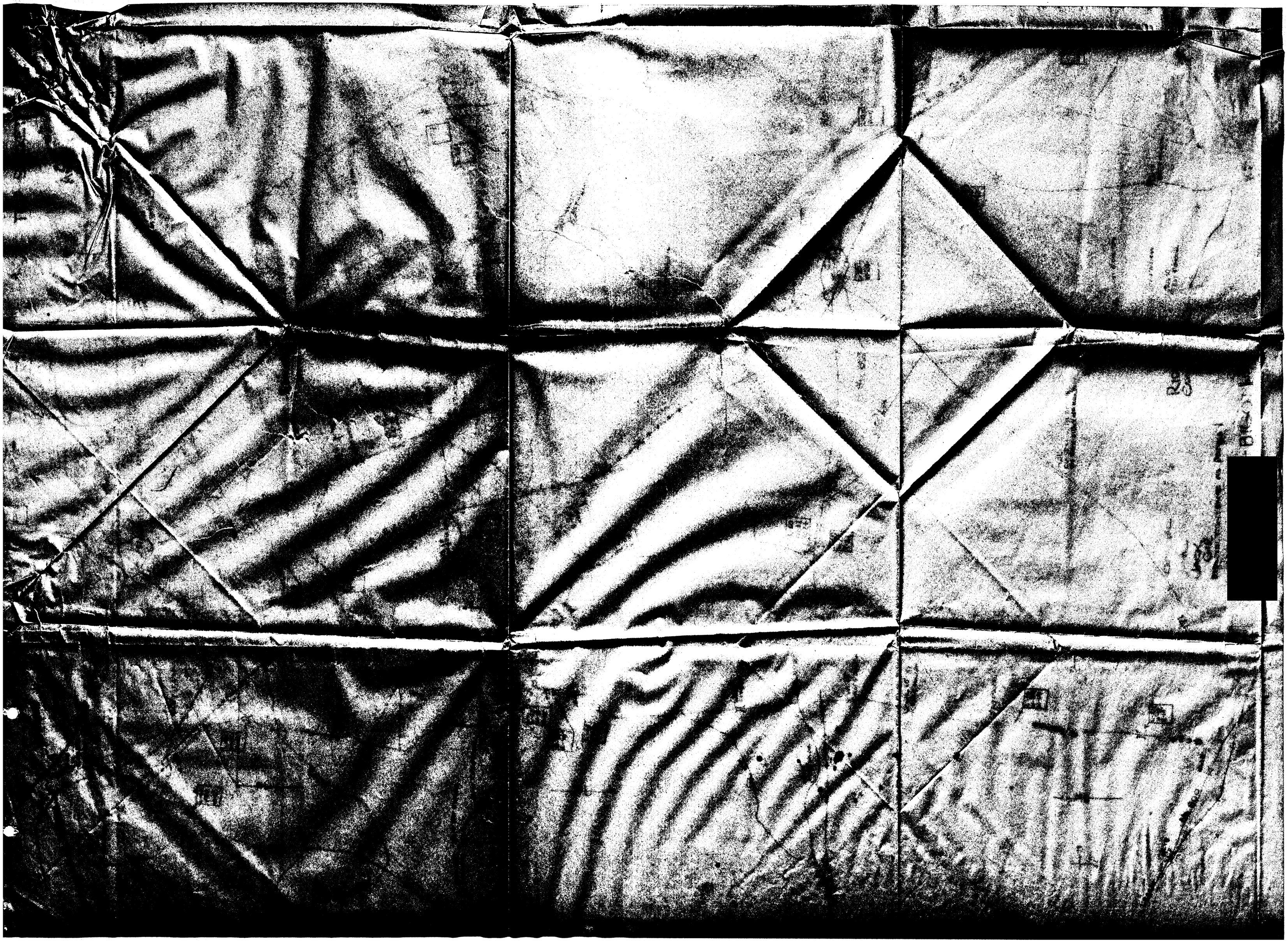
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- W Width of Stream
- R Width of Road
- D Depth of Water
- GC or N – Road Numbers

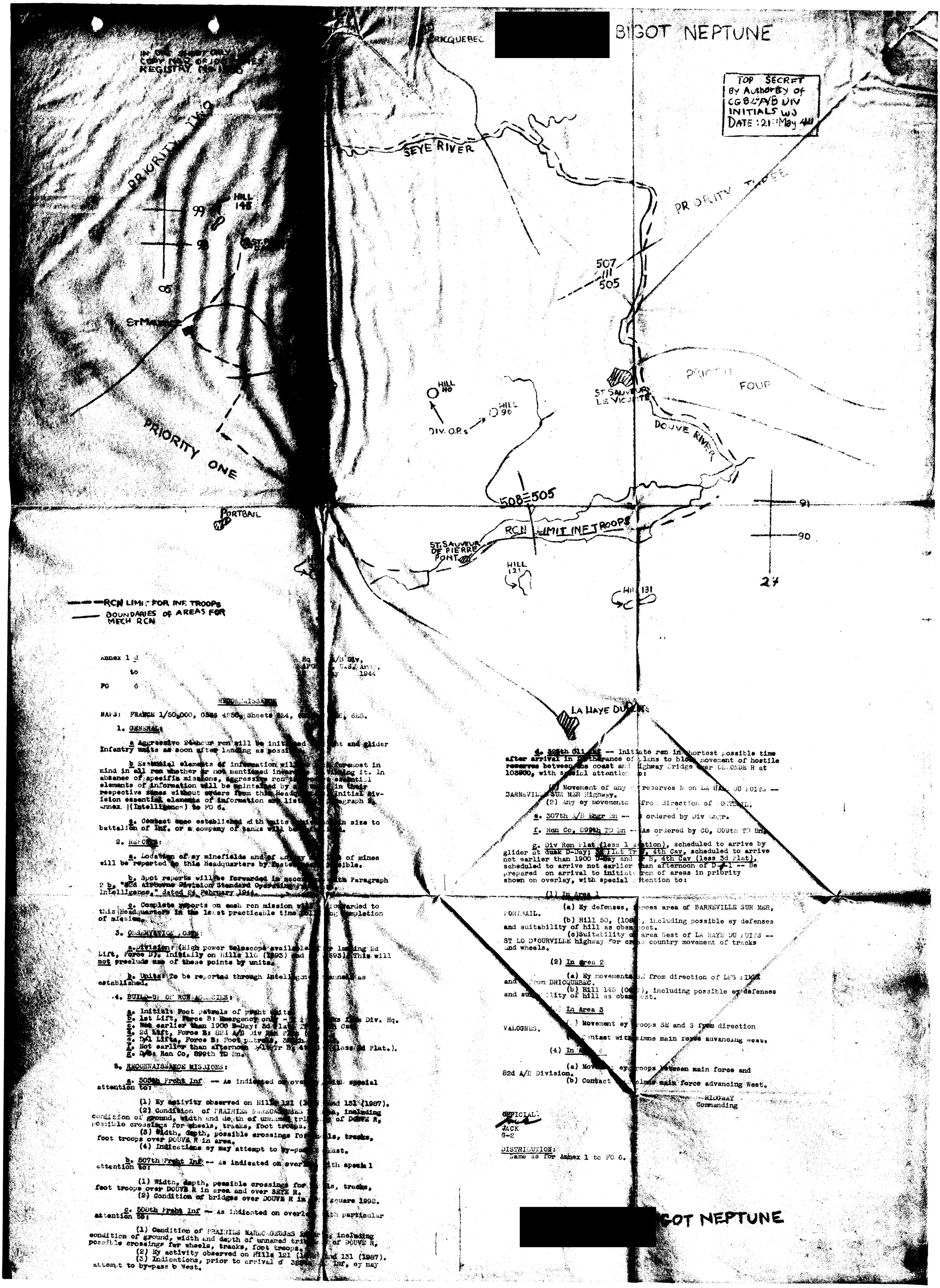
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MAP GSGS 7250 FRANCE SCALE 1/50,000
SHEETS 5E/4, 5E/6, 5F/2-6F/1, 6E/3-4, 6E/5
PRINCIPAL ROADS, RR AND BRIDGES
IN
CENTRAL COTENTIN PENINSULA





Annex 1 to FO 6

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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000, GSGS 4256, Sheets [illegible], 6E5.

1. GENERAL:

a. Aggressive 24-hour ron will be initiated [illegible]ht and glider Infantry units as soon after landing as possible.

b. Essential elements of information will be foremost in mind in all ron whether or not mentioned in each mission. In absence of specific missions, aggressive ron to obtain essential elements of information will be maintained by all units in their respective zones without orders from this Headquarters. Initial Division essential elements of information are listed in paragraph 2, Annex 3 (Intelligence) to FO 6.

c. Contact zone established with units [illegible] in size to battalion of Inf, or a company of tanks will be maintained.

2. REPORTS:

a. Location of ey minefields and of any [illegible] of mines will be reported to this Headquarters by fastest [illegible]sible.

b. Spot reports will be forwarded in accordance with Paragraph 2 b, "82d Airborne Division Standard Operating Procedure, Intelligence," dated 24 February 1944.

c. Complete reports on each ron mission will be forwarded to this Headquarters in the least practicable time following completion of mission.

3. OBSERVATION POSTS:

a. Division (High power telescope available) [illegible] landing 2d Lift, Force B. Initially on Hills 110 (1995) and [illegible]993). This will not preclude use of these points by units.

b. Units: To be reported through Intelligence channels as established.

4. BUILD-UP OF RON AGENCIES:

a. Initial: Foot patrols of Prcht Units [illegible] Div. Hq.
b. 1st Lift, Force B: Emergency only - [illegible] Co.
c. Not earlier than 1900 D-Day: 3d Plat, Tr B, 4th Cav
d. 2d Lift, Force B: 82d A/B Div Ron Plat (less 1 section).
e. D+1 Lifts, Force B: Foot patrols, 325th Gli Inf.
f. Not earlier than afternoon D+1: Tr B, 4th Cav (less 3d Plat.).
g. D+1: Ron Co, 899th TD Bn.

5. RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS:

a. 505th Prcht Inf -- As indicated on overlay, with special attention to:

(1) Ey activity observed on Hills 121 (1[illegible]) and 131 (1987).
(2) Condition of PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES [illegible], including condition of ground, width and depth of unnamed tri[illegible] of DOUVE R, possible crossings for wheels, tracks, foot troops.
(3) Width, depth, possible crossings for [illegible]ls, tracks, foot troops over DOUVE R in area.
(4) Indications ey may attempt to by-pass [illegible] east.

b. 507th Prcht Inf -- As indicated on overlay, with special attention to:

(1) Width, depth, possible crossings for [illegible]s, tracks, foot troops over DOUVE R in area and over SEYE R.
(2) Condition of bridges over DOUVE R in [illegible] square 1998.

c. 508th Prcht Inf -- As indicated on overlay, with particular attention to:

(1) Condition of PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES [illegible], including condition of ground, width and depth of unnamed tri[illegible] of DOUVE R, possible crossings for wheels, tracks, foot troops.
(2) Ey activity observed on Hills 121 (1[illegible]) and 131 (1987).
(3) Indications, prior to arrival of 325th Gli Inf, ey may attempt to by-pass to West.

d. 325th Gli Inf -- Initiate ron in shortest possible time after arrival in area entrance of plans to block movement of hostile reserves between the coast and Highway Bridge over CARENTAN R at 103900, with special attention to:

(1) Movement of any ey reserves N on LA HAYE DU PUITS -- BARNEVILLE SUR MER Highway.
(2) Any ey movements from direction of PORTBAIL.

e. 307th A/B Engr Bn -- As ordered by Div Engr.

f. Ron Co, 899th TD Bn -- As ordered by CO, 899th TD Bn.

g. Div Ron Plat (less 1 section), scheduled to arrive by glider at dusk D-Day; 3d Plat Tr B, 4th Cav, scheduled to arrive not earlier than 1900 D-Day and Tr B, 4th Cav (less 3d Plat), scheduled to arrive not earlier than afternoon of D+1 -- Be prepared on arrival to initiate ron of areas in priority shown on overlay, with special attention to:

(1) In Area 1

(a) Ey defenses, forces area of BARNEVILLE SUR MER, PORTBAIL.
(b) Hill 50, (108[illegible]), including possible ey defenses and suitability of hill as obsn post.
(c) Suitability of area West of LA HAYE DU PUITS -- ST LO D'OURVILLE highway for cross country movement of tracks and wheels.

(2) In Area 2

(a) Ey movements [illegible] from direction of LES PIEUX and from BRICQUEBEC.
(b) Hill 145 (0[illegible]), including possible ey defenses and suitability of hill as obsn post.

(3) In Area 3

(a) Movement ey troops SE and S from direction VALOGNES.
(b) Contact with [illegible]mans main force advancing west.

(4) In [illegible] 4

(a) Movement ey troops between main force and 82d A/B Division.
(b) Contact with [illegible]lmans main force advancing West.

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Annex 1e

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MAPS AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

1. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.

a. General cover of 1:20,000 - 1:30,000, Coastal, IZ, DZ, and Merton gridded obliques, and 1:10,000 operational study cover will be made available to units through Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, as received, subject to briefing levels to be announced.

b. Lithographic aerial mosaics will be made available for issue on basis of one per parachute and two per glider.

2. MAPS.

a. Planning Purposes. To be issued in limited quantities subject to briefing levels to be announced.

b. Troop Issue.

(1) In sealed packages of 20 or 50 sheets each, direct to units down to include battalions and separate companies.

(2) Issue will be made from advance map depots in or near marshalling areas.

(3) Units will keep maps under armed guards and issue same subject to briefing levels to be announced.

(4) 1:100,000 maps will include one set (4 sheets) per parachute and two sets per glider. These sheets may be pasted together and then cut out to meet requirements.

(5) Allotment to Units. The following sheets will be issued in quantities set out in Paragraph 2 b (8) below.

(a) GSGS 2957, Scale 1/4,000,000, Sheet No. 19.

(b) GSGS 2758, Scale 1/1,000,000, Sheet M30&PtM31.

(c) GSGS 4072, Scale 1/500,000 (air), Sheet No. 48/2.

(d) GSGS 4238, Scale 1/200,000 (Road), Sheet Nos. 54, 59.

(e) GSGS 2738, Scale 1/250,000, Sheet No. 3a&8.

(f) GSGS 4249, Scale 1/100,000, Sheet Nos. 5E, 6E, 5F, 6F.

(g) GSGS 4250, Scale 1/50,000, Sheet Nos. 5E2, 6E1, 5E4, 6E3&4.,

5E6, 6E5, 5F2&6F1, 6F3, and 5F6&6F5.

(h) GSGS 4347, Scale 1/25,000, Sheet Nos. 28/20, SE; 31/20, SE, SW; 28/18, NE, SE; 31/18, NE, SE, SW, NW; 31/16, NE, SE, SW, NW.

(i) Photomaps, Scale 1/25,000, Sheet Nos. as listed in Paragraph 2c (1) (h) above.

(j) Town maps, Scale 1/10,000, of LA HAYE DU PUITS, COUTANCES, GRANVILLE.

(k) Defense Overprints, GSGS 4347, Scale 1/25,000, Sheet Nos. as listed in Paragraph 2 c (1) (h) above.

(l) Town sketch maps of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, LESSAY, BRICQUEBEC, CARTERET, and BARNEVILLE-SUR-MER, if available.

(m) Trig Station Data maps, route maps, map indices.

(6) FOLLOWING SPECIAL MAPS WILL BE ISSUED TO UNITS IN THE QUANTITIES SHOWN BELOW:

(a) One set of Trig Station Data Maps to Headquarters, Division Artillery.

(b) Assault maps and tactical overprints, if available, in same quantities and to same units as 1/25,000 defense overprints.

(7) Units will report to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, their map breakdown requirements for parachute, glider, and water echelons on basis of total allotments set forth in Paragraph 2 b (8).

(8) MAP SCALES AND QUANTITIES TO BE ISSUED TO UNITS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT	GSGS 2957 1/4M	GSGS 2758 1/1M	GSGS 4672 1/500T	GSGS 4238 1/200T (ROAD)	GSGS 2738 1/250T	GSGS 4249 1/100T	GSGS 4250 1/50T	GSGS 4347 1/25T	PHOTO-MAP 1/25T	TOWN MAPS 1/10T	DEF OBJ'TIVE MAPS 1/25T	TOWN SKETCH MAPS *	ROUTE MAPS *	MAP INDICES
Div. Hq.	2	10	10	80	25	200	25	5	5	20	5	20	80	5
325 Gl. Inf.	1	5	4	50	35	560	170	170	35	30	170	30	50	5
Hq., Hq. Co., Sv Co	(1)	(2)	(1)	(20)	(5)	(140)	(20)	(20)	(5)	(30)	(20)	(30)	(20)	(2)
1st Bn.		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(140)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
2d En.		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(140)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
2d Bn., 401st Gl Inf(1)		**(1)**	**(10)**	**(10)**	**(10)**	(140)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
505 Frcht Inf	1	5	4	50	35	2200	170	170	35	30	170	30	50	5
Hq., Hq. Co., Sv Co.	(1)	(2)	(1)	(20)	(5)	(400)	(20)	(20)	(5)	(30)	(20)	(30)	(20)	(2)
1st Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
2d Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)				(10)	(1)
3d En		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
Hq., 2d A/B Inf Brig.	2	10	10	80	25	200	25	5	5	20	5	20	80	5
507 Frcht Inf	1	5	4	50	35	2200	170	170	35	30	170	30	50	5
Hq., Hq. Co. Sv. Co.	(1)	(2)	(1)	(20)	(5)	(400)	(20)	(20)	(5)	(30)	(20)	(30)	(20)	(2)
1st Bn.		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)

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3d Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
508 Prcht Inf	1	5	4	50	35	2200	170	170	35	30	170	30	50	5
Hq, Hq Co, Sv Co	(1)	(2)	(1)	(20)	(5)	(400)	(20)	(20)	(5)	(30)	(20)	(30)	(20)	(2)
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3d Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
DIV. ARTY.	1	4	7	160	50	1160	175	175	35	10	175	10	160	4
Hq./Hq. Btry,Div Arty	(1)	(1)	(4)	(10)	(20)	(140)	(25)	(25)	(5)	(10)	(25)	(10)	(40)	(1)
319 Gl. FA Bn		(1)	(1)	(40)	(10)	(250)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(40)	(1)
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456 Prcht FA Bn		(1)	(1)	(40)	(10)	(520)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(40)	(1)
87 FA Bn (Atchd)		1	5	165	10	45	45	15	5	2	15	2	165	1
80 A/B AA Bn		1	1	40	10	200	40	20	20				40	1
307 A/B Engr. Bn.		1	1	40	10	450	40	40	10	2		2	40	1

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782 A/B Ord M Co.				20	2	40	5						20	1
407 A/B Q[illegible] Co.				60	2	50	5						60	1
82 A/B Sig Co.				40	5	100	5						40	1
Div Rcn Plat				20	10	60	10			1		1	20	1
MP Plat.				10	5	40	5			5		5	10	1
A.S.P.				2	2	10	2						2	1
Prcht. Maint.				20	2	200							20	1
3809 QM Trk Co (Atchd)		1		60	1	1	5						60	1
3810 QM Trk Co (Atchd)		1		60	1	1	5						60	1
Graves Reg Plat (Atchd)				5	1	1	2			1		1	5	1
Med Co (Atchd)		1		20	1		5			1		1	20	1
Light Tank Co (Atchd)		1		45	5	5	15	5	1	1	5	1	45	1
Tr B, 4th Rcn Sqdn (Atchd)		1		45	5	5	15	5	1	1	5	1	45	1
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

(In addition to the provisions of Par. 7, Memo. No. 4, "82d Airborne Division, SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, 24 February 1944).

SECTION I -- GENERAL
SECTION II -- CENSORSHIP
SECTION III -- SECURITY PRIOR TO D-DAY
SECTION IV -- SECURITY IN ZONE OF OPERATIONS
SECTION V -- C.I.C. OPERATIONS

SECTION I -- GENERAL

1. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PLANS:

a. See Annex 1f(1), Division **Counterintelligence Plan.**

b. Regimental and battalion headquarters will prepare written counter-intelligence plans for the concentration and take-off period with written check list furnished to company commanders. Special attention will be given to attached and supporting units. In cases where Divisional units are working in close cooperation with TCC, SOS or British Command and Regional Security Officers, every precaution will be taken to coordinate security and counterintelligence plans and activities.

2. COVER PLAN: Cover plans may be formulated but executed only upon order of higher headquarters.

3. ESPIONAGE:

a. See Par. 8, Memo. No. 4, "82d Airborne Division, SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, 24 February 1944.

b. Espionage will be conducted only as directed by higher headquarters.

SECTION II - CENSORSHIP

4. See Par. 7a, Memo. No. 4, "82d Airborne Division, SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, 24 February 1944.

5. Current censorship regulations remain in effect.

6. Letters written in marshalling areas will be unit censored and placed in

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bags in accordance with instructions to be issued by this Headquarters. All letters will be collected prior to enplaning or embarking. Personnel will not write letters after embarkation unless there are provisions for collection of such mail prior to debarkation.

7. After departure from ENGLAND and until authorized by this Headquarters, individuals will not include in private correspondence:

a. Any reference, direct or indirect, disclosing the location of the individual or his own or any other unit.

b. Any details of combat or troop movement.

SECTION III -- SECURITY PRIOR TO D-DAY

8. PREPARATORY TO MOVEMENT FROM HOME STATIONS.

a. See Par. 61 - 65, "Preparation for Overseas Movement, ETOUSA, Short Sea Voyage", dated 10 January 1944 (Short title: POM - ETO - SSV).

b. Base echelons will continue telephone connections, insofar as practicable, so that personal calls will be answered in such a way as not to disclose a permanent departure of individuals or units.

9. PRIOR TO BRIEFING. Troops will be periodically confined to camps prior to briefing, on orders from this Headquarters, in order not to arouse comment when final restrictions are put into effect.

a. Personnel sent to hospitals during this period will be strictly admonished regarding security precautions.

b. Personnel earmarked for base echelon will be subject to same restrictions as those earmarked for assault echelons.

10. BRIEFING.

a. Huts, tents or requisitioned buildings will be used for briefing. Briefing buildings or tents will be guarded when in use and when they contain classified information.

b. Briefing levels will be announced by this Headquarters.

c. Packaged operational maps for troop issue will be issued to units in marshalling areas and will be kept under armed guard.

11. AFTER BRIEFING.

a. All personnel will be confined to camp once briefing has begun. Camps will be sealed. Camp commanders will issue special passes for personnel leaving or entering camps on official duties.

b. Only official telephone calls and telegrams, approved by camp commander, will go out after briefing starts.

c. Special instructions will be issued by this Headquarters in respect to casualties evacuated to hospitals after briefing. They must be segregated from other patients until the assault is announced officially.

12. PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS.

a. No letters, diaries, Soldier's Deposit Books, or other private papers of any description will be carried on the operation. A collection of these will be made by regiments and separate units in accordance with FM 30-25.

b. No orders, marked maps, or documents, other than those essential to the operation, will be carried; only such documents, or extracts, as are pertinent to the allotted task will be issued to individual officers. Maps of the UNITED KINGDOM will not be carried in the assault.

13. MEASURES AT EMBARKATION FIELDS AND CONCENTRATION AREAS.

a. Unit commanders will coordinate with TCC and SOS commanders, SOS, MPs, CIC, British Field Security Personnel and civilian police, to insure that all security measures, including the exclusion of unauthorized personnel and the restriction of troops, are strictly complied with.

b. SOS, civilian and American Red Cross personnel attached to or accompanying the Division will be subject to the same restrictions as tactical troops.

c. Assault craft commanders will prevent communication between troops in their craft and civilians or military personnel of other units.

14. RETURN AFTER EMBARKATION OR EMPLANING.

a. In event of postponement of D-Day, troops will be returned to their bivouacs or to special camps near departure fields or embarkation points where security measures prescribed above will continue.

b. In event of damage to aircraft or sea landing craft, necessitating a return to airfields or ports, troops will be held on the fields or aboard ships until H-Hour, or, if disembarked before H-Hour, they will be segregated until H-Hour.

SECTION IV - SECURITY IN ZONE OF OPERATIONS

15. GENERAL SECURITY MEASURES AFFECTING CIVILIANS. (See Par. 7h, Memo No. 4, "82d Airborne Division, SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, 24 February 1944.)

a. Authority Over Civil Population. The Division Commander is the sole authority over civil population in the zone of operations of this Division.

b. Civilian Communications. Civilian mail service and telephone, telegraph, cable and radio traffic in occupied territory will be stopped without delay. Mail will be held under guard in post offices. No communication services for civilians will be resumed until ordered by this Headquarters.

c. Civilian Identity Documents, Passes and Permits.

(1) Existing system of civilian Identity Documents will remain in force. Preparation and issue of any new civilian identity documents as may be necessary is a Civil Affairs responsibility. Security conditions to be imposed on such issue of passes and permits will be recommended by Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

16. CIVILIAN LABOR. Should occasion arise where civilian labor is employed, the names of such employes and any available data concerning them will be forwarded to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. This does not apply to casual employment involving no danger of breach of security.

17. HANDLING OF SUSPECTS - GENERAL. Local threats or subversive actions will be dealt with methodically, not only in order to apprehend dangerous persons but also to satisfy local civilians that action will be taken where justified. Except in emergency, no arrests will be made without authority from this Headquarters. In the forward areas civilians arrested as suspects will be handed over to the Provost Marshal for detention and evacuation.

18. HANDLING OF POLITICAL SUSPECTS. Intelligence officers and CIC detach-

ments must be guided by the general consideration that it is not desirable for Allied military forces to intervene in purely internal political disputes and that their responsibility does not extend beyond the task of securing the Allied forces against attack by enemy agents or subversive elements.

19. The capture of German Intelligence Service documents and records will be reported to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, immediately.

SECTION V -- C.I.C. OPERATIONS

20. C.I.C. personnel will operate under the direction of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

21. C.I.C. personnel will:

a. Formulate and recommend counterintelligence plans.

b. Investigate acts of enemy espionage or sabotage and subversive activities on the part of civilians.

c. Search captured or abandoned enemy CPs, billets, vehicles, motor pools, etc., for documents.

d. Assist in control of refugees to prevent enemy infiltration.

e. Assist in interrogation of any civilian arrested or interned.

f. Keep any civilian prisoner known or strongly believed to be an enemy agent, segregated from other civil detainees or prisoners of war.

g. In event of withdrawal by our forces, search evacuated CPs, bivouac areas, billets, and other installations for documents which might be of value to the enemy.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PLAN

PHASES OR PERIODS OF OPERATION	SPECIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED	AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTION OF SPECIAL CI MEASURES	SPECIFIC ORDERS, REQUESTS & NOTES FOR FUTURE ACTIONS	HQ & PLACE AT WHICH REPORTS RELATIVE TO EFFICIENCY OF CI MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED, OR REMARKS
I	II	III	IV	V
Prior to Concentration or Marshalling	Situation Rooms for Planning	All Units	1. ETOUSA, FUSA, & 82d A/B Div. memos on TOP SECURITY Control and Situation Rooms will be strictly complied with.	
		G-2 (Div)	2. Inspect Situation Rooms & TOP SECRET Control Procedures of units periodically.	Report violations and point out errors to C.O.s.
	Top Secret Control (Security) Officers	All Units	3. TOP SECRET Control Os will be appointed for all units, including Cos. & Btrys.	Names of TOP SECRET Control Os to Div G-2.
		G-2 (Div)	4. Hold meeting of all S-2s and TOP SECRET Control Officers of 2d A/B Inf Brig, Div Arty, Regts and separate Bns and Companies to explain duties	
	C. I. Plans	2d A/B Inf Brig, Div Arty, Regts, All Bns, and separate Cos.	5. Prepare written counterintelligence plans. Bns also will prepare written check lists for Co & Btry Commanders.	Copies of CI plans & check lists to Div G-2 as prepared and not later than Y-23.

I	II	III	IV	
	Censorship	All units.	6. Present censorship regulations remain in effect and unit censorship will be 100% stringent.	
		G-2 (Div)	7. Meeting of unit censors to discuss additional censorship rules for operation.	Date to be announced.
	Counter-Espionage	All units, G-1 & G-2 (Div)	8. All unauthorized civilians and press representatives to be barred from witnessing training.	
			9. Speculation, pools, discussion, etc., as to movement, place and date of assault is forbidden.	
Move to concentration or marshalling area (If it applies).	Base echelons	All units	10. Telephones of any vacated buildings will be continued and manned by base echelon personnel. Personal calls will be answered in such a way as not to disclose a permanent departure of the person or unit.	
	Troops en route	All units	11. No contact between troops and civilians and/or other troops, such as talking from trucks or trains or intermingling during halts, will be permitted.	SOS MPs & CIC, & Br. Mps & Civ. Police to be requested to aid move.
In marshalling areas but before briefing.	Restriction to areas.	All units	12. Troops to be confined to camps periodically on orders from this Headquarters. Leaves and furloughs will be granted only in cases of extreme emergency.	G-2 to recommend times to C/S.
		G-2, CIC Det. (Div)	13. Inspect efficiency of restrictions.	Recommendations for improvements.
	Segregation	All units	14. Personnel not embarking or enplaning will be segregated insofar as is practicable. Where such segregation is not practicable, and in any case, briefed personnel will be strictly enjoined not to discuss operational matters with personnel who have not been briefed.	

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	Casualties	All units	15. Personnel sent to hospitals will be admonished regarding security regulations.	
In marshalling areas (During briefing and afterwards).	Sealing	All units (including Base Echelons)	16. Camps and bivouacs will be sealed permanently prior to issue of operational as distinguished from planning maps to units. Civilian personnel accompanying troops will be subject to same restrictions as troops. Camp Cmdrs. will issue special passes for personnel leaving or entering camp on official business.	
		Base Echelon	17. All division and attached troops remaining in base echelons will be sealed upon departure of last combat element of respective units to concentration or marshalling areas.	Base echelon CO responsible
		G-2, CIC Det. (Div)	18. Same as 13.	Same as 13.
	Map Issue	S.C.S.	19. Map depots in marshalling areas will issue operational maps to units after camps & bivouacs have been sealed but not prior to 24 hours before briefing begins.	
		All units	20. Operational maps will be held under armed guard.	
			21. Huts, tents or requisitioned buildings within the marshalling area camps will be used for briefing. Briefing buildings or tents will be guarded when in use, and when they contain classified information.	
			22. Maps to individuals, including parachute and glider maps to be issued after all briefing has been completed.	

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	Telephone and Telegraph	Camp Cmdrs.	23. Only official telephone calls and telegrams approved by Camp Cmdr., will go out after briefing commences.
	Casualties	Div. Surgeon G - 2 (Div)	24. Make arrangement for operational troops evacuated to hospital after briefing be segregated from other patients until the assault is announced officially.
	Censorship	All units and postal officer	25. Letters written in concentration and marshalling areas after briefing will be unit censored and placed in bags in accordance with instructions to be issued by this Headquarters.
		All units	26. All letters will be collected prior to enplaning or embarking. Personnel will not write letters after embarkation unless there are provisions for collection of such mail prior to debarkation.
			27. Personnel will be instructed that individuals will not include in private correspondence any details of combat or troop movement or any reference, direct or indirect, disclosing the location of the individual or his own or any other unit.
	Papers and documents.	All units	28. No letters, diaries, Soldiers Deposit Books, or other private papers of any description will be carried on the operation. A collection of these will be made by regiments and separate units in accordance with FM 30-25.

I	II	III	IV	V
	Papers and documents (contd)	All units	29. No orders, marked maps or documents, other than those essential to the operation; will be carried; only such documents, or extracts, as are pertinent to the allotted task will be issued to individuals. Maps of the United Kingdom will not be carried in the assault.	
Move to P/E or departure fields.	Counter-Espionage	All units	30. Same as Item 11.	Same as Item 11.
At P/E or departure fields.		All units	31. Security measures, including exclusion of unauthorized personnel and restriction of troops, will be strictly complied with.	Coordinate with TCC
			32. SOS, civilian and ARC personnel attached to tactical troops will be subject to same restrictions as troops.	
			33. In event D-Day is postponed, troops will be returned to their bivouacs or to special camps near departure fields or embarkation points where security measures will continue in effect.	

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CIC OPERATIONS PLAN

1. REFERENCES. Sec. IV, Annex 1 f, 'COUNTERINTELLIGENCE", and Memorandum No. 4, 82d Airborne Division, SOP, "INTELLIGENCE", 24 February 1944.

2. STATUS AND FUNCTION OF CIC. The CIC operates under the direct supervision of the Division Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, except when attached to a subordinate unit, in which case it operates under the direct supervision of the Unit S-2. The senior CIC officer or non-commissioned officer will initiate all routine CIC activities. He will present to G-2, or S-2, specific detailed recommendations to cover present and anticipated CIC action and employment. These recommendations will be based upon the tactical situation. Because of the limited number of CIC personnel available, counterintelligence missions such as seizures and searches in towns and villages will require the employment of additional personnel. CIC functions in the combat zone include the following:

a. Arrest of known and suspected enemy agents, collaborationists, sympathizers, etc.

b. Search and seizure in buildings, billets, and installations known or suspected to contain documents of Intelligence value.

c. Search and seizure in enemy communication centers for codes, cipher devices, directories, and records.

d. Seizure and control of enemy and civil electrical communications facilities.

e. Seizure and impounding of civilian mail, telegrams, and associated records and funds, until they are taken over by Civil Affairs or censorship personnel. Such material will be guarded locally and not evacuated.

f. Search and seizure of hidden armaments, radios, or other equipment not surrendered or reported in accordance with proclamations.

g. Seizure of enemy films in motion picture houses and private photographic establishments.

h. Protection against sabotage of all strategic public and private installations whose continued operation is essential to the Allied Forces.

i. Investigation of cases of suspected espionage and sabotage.

j. Enforcement of observance by civil population of all

security provisions contained in proclamations and orders issued by Civil Affairs Staff.

k. Arrangement with Civil Police for strangers in the area to be brought to attention of CIC.

l. Assistance in enforcement of civil movement control; advice on establishment of civilian pass and identity systems, check on enforcement of such systems by local police. Investigation and recommendation of disposition of pro-Axis element, and hostile political factions of civilian population.

m. Contact local persons known to be friendly to the Allied cause in order to procure all possible information of value.

n. Coordination with Provost Marshal and Civil Affairs Officer with respect to security requirements involved in marshalling refugees and other civilians arriving from occupied territory.

o. Assistance to Civil Affairs Staff in establishment of a reliable civil administration. CIC will arrest civil officials without consulting Civil Affairs only when continued liberty of such officials represents threat to security.

p. Investigation of cases involving subversive influences emanating from civilian population and likely to affect Allied forces adversely.

3. ALLOCATION OF CIC DETACHMENT. The Division CIC Detachment consists of 2 officers and 14 EM. One officer and 2 EM jump with FORCE "A". The Detachment Commander and four EM arrive by glider with Division Headquarters on D-Day. The remainder of the Detachment land by sea on D + 2.

a. Upon landing that portion of the Detachment jumping with FORCE "A" is attached to 505th Parachute Infantry for operation with 3rd Battalion.

b. The remainder of the Detachment will operate initially under Division control.

4. CIC TOWN TARGETS. The four principal town targets in the Division Area are ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, BARNEVILLE, CARTERET and LA HAYE DU PUITS.

5. When CIC personnel are not attached, unit S-2s will use available intelligence personnel to perform CIC functions.

6. REPORTS.

a. Spot Reports.

(1) Entry into town.

(2) Capture of known enemy agents and dangerous civilians.

(3) Investigations of civilians.

(4) Any intelligence of major importance.

b. Daily and weekly report to Division and Corps G-2s.

c. Daily log or diary by Detachment and each sub-detachment.

d. Dossier of persons under investigation.

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Serial	Airborne Unit (include designation of Serial CO	USTCC Unit	No of A/C (Chalk)	Chalk	No of gliders	Take-off Airfield	DZ or LZ	A/C and gliders available for loading	Equipment loading completed by	A/C and gliders ready for emplaning	Emplaning completed	Time Take Off	Time of drop or landing
4	82d P/F	1st P/F	3			N. WITHAM	O						
5	82d P/F	1st P/F	3			N. WITHAM	N						
6	82d P/F	1st P/F	3			N. WITHAM	T						
						MISSION - "BOSTON"							
17	2nd Bn 505th Prcht Inf	316th Gp	36) 72			COTTESMORE	O						
18	3rd Bn 505th Prcht Inf	316th Gp	36)										
19	1st Bn 505th Prcht Inf Hq & Hq Co 505th Plat 307th A/B Engr	315th Gp	36) 9)48 3)			SPANHOE	O						
20	2nd Bn 508th Prcht Inf	314th Gp	36)			SALTBY	N						
21	Regt'l Hq 508th Prcht Co B (-) 307th Engr Bn Force "A" Hq	314th Gp	9)60 6) 9)			SALTBY	N						
22	1st Bn 508th Prcht Inf	313th Gp	36) 72			FOLKINGHAM	N						
23	3rd Bn 508th Prcht Inf	313th Gp	36)										

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Aerial	Airborne Unit (include designation of Serial CO	USTCC Unit	No of A/C (Chalk)	Chalk	No of gliders	Take-off Airfield	DZ or LZ	A/C and gliders available for loading	Equipment loading completed by	A/C and gliders ready for emplaning	Emplaning completed	Time Take Off	Time of drop or landing
5	82d P/F	1st P/F	3			N. WITHAM	1						P-0351
6	82d P/F	1st P/F	3			N. WITHAM	2						P-0341
7	82d P/F	1st P/F	3			N. WITHAM	3						P-0331
						MISSION - "BOSTON"							
18	2nd Bn 505th Prcht Inf	314th Gp	36	1-36		SALTBY	1						P-0321
19	Regt Hq Co 505th Prcht Inf.	314th Gp	9)	37-45		SALTBY	1						P-0315
	Co B (-) 307th A/B Engr Bn		6)	46-51									
	Comd Gp Div Hq		4)-24	52-55									
	Elmns 82d A/B Sig Co		3)	56-58									
	Hq & Hq Btry Div Arty		2)	59-60									
20	3rd Bn 505th Prcht Inf	316th Gp	36	1-36		COTTESMORE	1						P-0309
21	1st Bn 505th Prcht	316th Gp	36	37-72		COTTESMORE	1						P-0303

Serial	Airborne Unit (include designation of Serial CO	USTCC Unit	No of A/C (Chalk)	Chalk	No of gliders	Take-off Airfield	DZ or LZ	A/C and gliders available for loading	Equipment loading completed by	A/C and gliders ready for emplaning	Emplaning completed	Time Take Off	Time of drop or landing
22	1st Bn 508th Prcht Inf	315th Gp	36)	1-36		SPANHOE	2						P-0258
	Regt Hq 508th Prcht Inf		9)-48	37-45									
	1 Plat Co "B" 307th A/B Engr Bn		3)	46-48									
23	2nd Bn 508th Prcht Inf	313th Gp	36	1-36		FOLKINGHAM	2						P-0252
24	3rd Bn 508th Prcht Inf	313th Gp	36	37-72		FOLKINGHAM	2						P-0246
25	1st Bn 507th Prcht Inf	442nd Gp	36)	1-36		FULLBECK	3						P-0240
	Regt Hq 507th Prcht Inf		9)-45	37-45		FULLBECK	3						
26	2nd Bn 507th Prcht Inf	61st Gp	36	1-36		BARKSTON HEATH	3						P-0234
27	3rd Bn 507th Prcht Inf	61st Gp	36	37-72		BARKSTON HEATH	3						P-0228

Note 1. "P" denotes Morning Civil Twilight. Time of ldg, emplaning, drop etc., will be furnished by TCC Groups when D Day is announced.

2. Code name BOSTON has been assigned to the Prcht lift. (Exclusive of pathfinders).

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				DETROIT (D-1/D Day Night)			
2C	Btrys A & B 80th A/B AA Bn	437th Gp	52	42		RAMSBURY	O
	82d A/B Sig Co			2			
	Div Hq 82d A/B Div			6			
	ASP			1			
	82d A/B Div Arty			1			
				ELMIRA (D Day Dusk)			
3C*	Btry C 80th A/B AA Bn	437th Gp	26		13	RAMSBURY	
	82d A/B Sig Co			1			
	ASP			1			
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AIR MOVEMENT TABLE - GLIDER

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ANNEX NO. 3 LZ 4)
TO FO NO. 6 LZ 5)

See Annex No. 5

Ser-al	Airborne Unit (include designation of Serial CO	USTCC Unit	No of A/C (Chalk)	No of Gliders CG-4A	No of Gliders Horsa	Take-off Airfield	DZ or LZ	A/C and gliders available for loading	Equipment Loading completed by	A/C and gliders ready for emplaning	Emplaning completed	Time Take Off	Time of drop or landing
						DETROIT - D - Day Dawn							
29	Btries A & C 80th A/B AA Bn	437th Gp	52		26	RAISBURRY	4						P/0003
	Btry B, 80th A/B AA Bn				13		5						
	82d A/B Sig Co			3			4						
	Div Hq & Hq Co 82d A/B Div			3	4		4						
	ASP (glider)			2			4						
	319th Gl FA Bn)				1								
	320th Gl FA Bn)						4						
						ELMIRA - "D" Day Dusk							
30	82d A/B Sig Co(-)	438th Gp	50	1	9	GREENHAM	4						P-0030
	Hq 82d A/B Div				9	COMMONS							
	307th A/B Med Co(-)				18								
	82d Rcn Plat			11									
	ASP Vehicles			2									
31	319th Gl FA Bn	436th Gp	50		40	NEMBURY	4						
	307th A/B Med Co			1	1								
	82d A/B Div Arty			1	2								
	320th Gl FA Bn				4								
	Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn(-)				1								

Serial	Airborne Unit (include designation of Serial CO	USTCC Unit	No of A/C (Chalk)	No of Gliders CG-4A	Horsa	Take-off Airfield	DZ or LZ	A/C and gliders available for loading	Equipment Loading completed by	A/C and gliders ready for emplaning	Emplaning completed	Time Take Off	Time of drop or landing
						ELMIRA - "D" Day Dusk (Cont'd)							
32	320th Gl FA Bn	435th Gp	50	12	38	WELFORD	4						P-0030
						GALVESTON - D/1 Dawn							
33	Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn	437th Gp	50	4	3	RAMSBURY	5						P Hour
	1st Bn 325th Gl Inf			28	15								
34	Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn	434th Gp	50	2		ALDERMASTON	5						
	82d A/B Div Arty			5									
	82d Recn Plat			2									
	Hq & Hq Co 325th Gl Inf			40									
	Comd Vehicles 508th Prcht Inf			1									
						HACKENSACK - D/1 Dusk							
35	2nd Bn 325th Gl Inf (-)	439th Gp	50	10	15	UPPOTERY	5						P-0015
	2nd Bn 401st Gl Inf (-)			10	15								
36	2nd Bn 401st Gl Inf, Sply	441st Gp	50	18		MERRYFIELD	5						
	2nd Bn 325th Gl Inf, Sply			18									
	Serv Co 325th Gl Inf			3									
	Comd Veh 505th, 507th 508th Prcht Inf			11									

Note 1. "P" denotes Morning or Evening Civil Twilight. Time of loading, emplaning and landing will be furnished by the TCC Groups when D Day is announced.

2. Code names as indicated have been assigned by SHAEF to each seperate glider lift.

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Anti-tank Plan to accompany FO No. 6 (See Overlay Annex No. 5, (Revised)

Map: France, 1:25,000 GSGS 4347
Sheets 31/20 SW; 31/20 SE; 31/18 NW; 31/18 NE;
31/18 SE; 31/18 SW.

1. Btry A 80th A/B AA Bn, atchd to 507th Prcht Inf on landing, will occupy the positions indicated.

2. Btry B 80th A/B AA Bn, atchd to 508th Prcht Inf on landing, will occupy the positions indicated.

3. Btry C 80th A/B AA Bn less 2d Plat, in Div Res, will occupy positions indicated. Supplementary positions will be dug as soon as practicable.

4. 2d Plat Btry C 80th A/B AA Bn, atchd to 505th Prcht Inf on landing, will occupy positions indicated.

5. Initial gun positions will be reported promptly showing pin point locations and giving principal direction of field of fire.

6. Hasty mine fields will be laid by regts as indicated. Time of completion and changes from positions indicated will be reported at once.

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i-Tank Plan to Accompany FO No. 6.

Map: FRANCE, 1:25,000 GSGS 4347
Sheets 28/20 SE, 31/20 SW, 28/18 SE & NE,
31/18 NW & SW.

1. Btry A 80th A/B AA Bn, in Div res, will occupy the positions indicated. Supplementary positions will be dug as soon as practicable.

2. Btry B 80th A/B AA Bn, atchd to 506th Prcht Inf, will occupy the positions indicated.

3. Btry C 80th A/B AA Bn, atchd to 505th Prcht Inf, will occupy the positions indicated.

4. Any changes from positions indicated will be reported at once showing pin point location of gun with principle direction and field of fire.

5. Hasty mine fields will be laid by regts as indicated in their sectors at once. Time of completion and ch from positions indicated will be reported at once.

6. The deliberate mine field will be laid under the sup vision of the Div Engr at the earliest practicable h Units will be advised of the progress made and an changes in position that ron may indicate.

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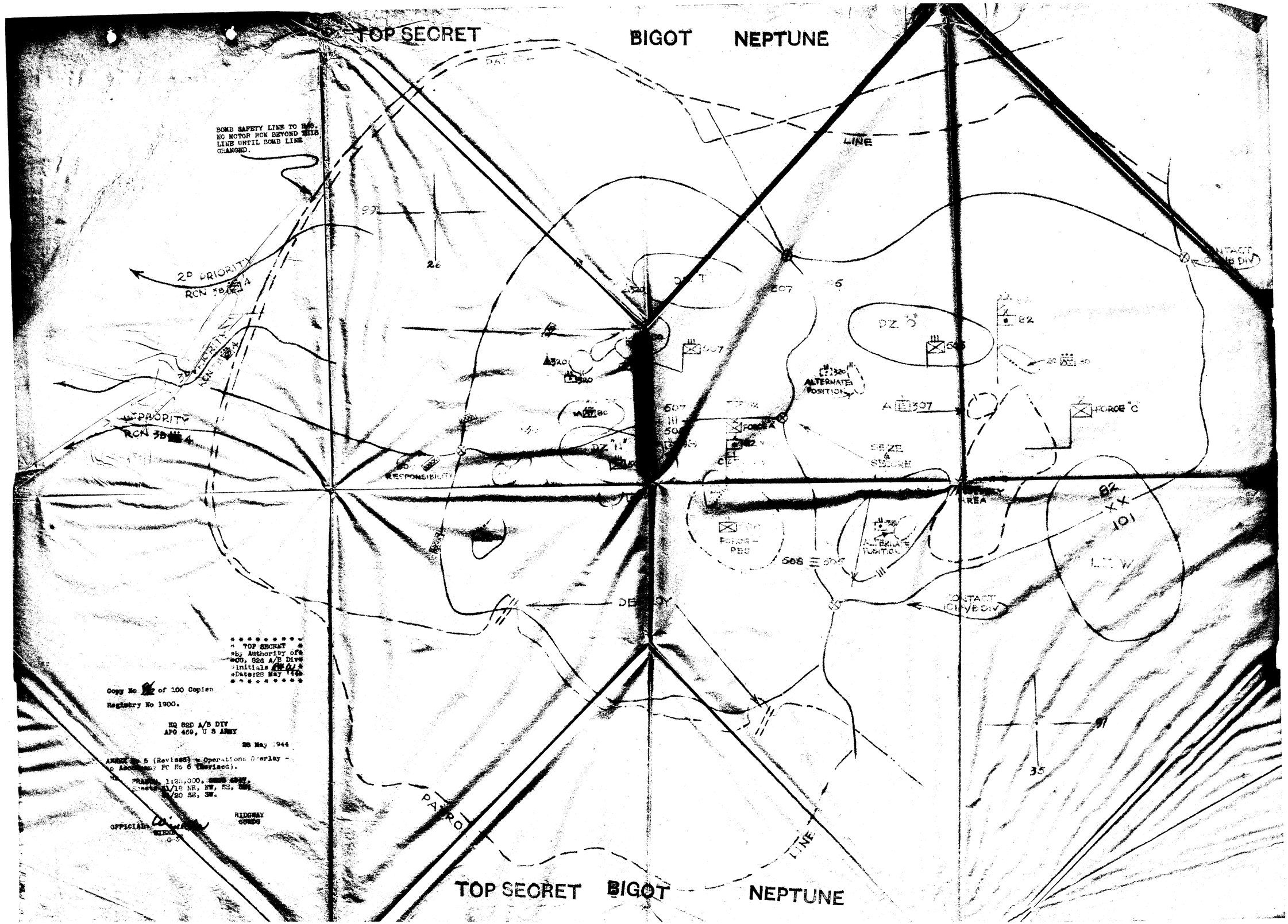
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OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY FO No 6
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MAP: FRANCE 1:25,000 GSGS
SHEETS 28/20 SE, 31/20 SW
28/18 SE & NE,
31/18 NW & SW

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PATROL LINE

DZ 3

HIGH GROUND VIC 125975

HILL 82

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507 FORCE 'A' RES

2325 DIV RES

82

507
505

FORCE

DZ 1

A E 307

505

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LZ

HIGH GROUND VIC

110

LZ 5

HILL 90

FOR TO SEIZE AND HOLD

PATROL

325TH GLIDER INF OBJ ON DIV ORDER

DIV AREA
PARA 2.a. & 3.a.

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ROAD BLOCK TO BE ESTABLISHED

508 505

CAUSEWAY TO BE DESTROYED

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to
FO NO. 6 (Revised)

MAPS: FRANCE, 1/25,000 GSGS 4347
1/50,000 GSGS 4250
1/100,000 GSGS 4249
1/250,000 GSGS 2738

1. a. Annex No. 1 to FO No. 6.

b. See par 1b, and par 2, FO No. 6, Revised.

2. The 82d A/B Div Arty (less 376th Prcht FA Bn and seaborne elements) lands by prcht and glider before and after dawn of D Day, South of STE MERE EGLISE in accordance with revised Annexes 2 and 3, FO No. 6 revised, Hq 82d A/B Div, AIR MOVEMENT TABLES, and supports the div. It will be prepared to mass the bulk of its fire on CR 267935, CR 259952, RJ 259963, RJ 260981, and the bridge at ETIENVILLE.

3. a. Hq and Hq Btry, 82d A/B Div Arty, will land by prcht and glider on DZ N and LZ W.

(1) The prcht element will:

(a) Establish com with bn areas.
(b) Identify Div Arty check points.
(c) Make rcn of bridges 315957 and 321930 and furnish latest information on their usability to Bn COs when latter land.

b. 319th Glider FA Bn will land by glider on LZ W.

(1) Mission: Direct support of 508th Prcht Inf. It will be prepared to mass its fire on bridge 308911 (by at least one btry), bridge 269927, CR 267935, CR 261938, RJ 250951, RJ 238948, CR 241954, CR 229954, CR 259952, RJ 259963, RJ 260981.

(2) Contingent zone: Zone of action 507th and 505th Prcht Inf Regts.

(3) Ln will be maintained with 505th Prcht Inf to provide available personnel to conduct fire.

(4) Position areas: See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised. (See also subparagraph 3x).

(a) Route to position West of MERDERET RIVER: Use CHEF DU PONT Bridge.

(5) OPs: See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised.

c. 320th Glider FA Bn will land by glider on LZ W.

(1) Mission: Direct support of 507th Prcht Inf. It will be prepared to mass its fire on Bridge 269927, CR 267935, CR 259952, CR 219962, RJ 259963, RJ 251971, RJ 225979, RJ 260981, RJ 253983, CR 237981, Bridge 255993.

(2) Contingent zone: Zone of action 508th and 505th Prcht Inf Regts.

(3) Position Areas: See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised. (See also subparagraph 3x).

(a) Route to position West of MERDERET RIVER. Use LA FIERE Bridge.

(4) OPs: See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised.

d. 456th Prcht FA Bn.

(1) Bn (less det) lands amphibiously, assembles, and proceeds to join the Div as directed by CG Force "C".

(2) Mission (on arrival): General support.

(3) Position Area: Will be assigned on arrival.

(4) Det of 456th Prcht FA Bn (Two how sections) atchd to 505th Prcht Inf prior to departure. This det will revert to Bn control on Div order.

e. Naval Shore Fire Control Party, consisting of an officer and 2 EM rad oprs, atchd to 505th Prcht Inf prior to departure, for conducting naval fire.

x. (1) Firing chart 1:25,000 map.

(2) Registration (a) HB if night occupation. Register on BP on first light.

(b) Div Arty check points - on order.

(3) Survey: By Bn. Location Div Arty check points by Div Arty.

(4) Reserve 40 rds/gun (2 rds Smoke, 18 rds HE w/M48, 20 rds HE w/M54 for fire on call by Div Arty.

(5) Smoke will not be fired unless authorized by Div Arty Comdr.

(6) No restrictions on time of opening fire.

(7) Positions.

(a) Positions as indicated East of MERDERET RIVER will be occupied if bridges to West are impassable.

(b) Positions as indicated will be selected to permit firing effectively in zones of action of 507th and 508th Prcht Inf Regts. Other positions, if necessary, to permit fire in the zone of action of the 505th Prcht Inf, will be selected and prepared. Alternate positions will be selected for each btry.

(c) Bns will be prepared to go into position near LZ on landing in support of 505th Prcht Inf in northern part of its sector, if so ordered at that tim.

(8) S-3 Periodic Reports to be submitted daily in duplicat as of 1800, to reach Div Arty Hq by 1900.

4. a. Supply.

(1) Ammunition.

(a) As soon as practicable after landing, units will dump a minimum of fifty (50) rounds per howitzer at btry positions. Bn dumps will be established as early as possible.

(b) One thousand (1000) rds each of 105mm and 75mm will be carried by atchd QM trk cos.

(c) For air re-supply (See Annex No. 1, Adm O No. 1, Hq 82d A/B Div).

(d) Organic seaborne echelons will carry additional arty am as space permits.

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b. Personnel.

(1) Evacuation.

(a) Prisoners of War will be evacuated to nearest regtl or div PW enclosure.

c. Miscellaneous.

(1) Reports: All reports required by Adm O's of 82d A/B Div will be sent through 82d A/B Div Arty.

(2) Rear echelon of Hq will be designated "Base Headquarters, 82d A/B Div Arty (UK)".

(3) Fiscal Policy: All Procurement will be effected through Purchasing and Contracting Officer of this Hq or adjacent inf regt.

d. For further adm instructions See Adm O No. 1, Hq 82d A/B Div

5. a. Current SOI Index No. 1-101.

b. See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised.

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ANNEX NO. 6 (ARTILLERY)

to

FO NO. 6

MAPS: FRANCE, 1/25,000 GSGS 4347
1/50,000 GSGS 4250
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1. a. Annex No. 1 to FO No. 6 and Annex No. 6a to FO No. 6.

b. (1) See paragraph 1b, FO No. 6.

(2) The 82d A/B Div (less detachments) lands by Prcht and glider before and after dawn of D Day, West of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, seizes, clears, and secures the general area ST JACQUES DE NEHOU (136985) - BESNEVILLE (134928) (both inclusive) - ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE (exclusive) - BLANDAMOUR (167932) (inclusive), and reorganizes. The 505th Prcht Inf will secure LZ No. 4 for dawn and dusk glider landings, seize HILL 90 and ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, blow the causeway North of LA SANGSURIERE, and patrol to the DOUVE and PRAIRIE MARECAGEUSES within its sector. The 507th Prcht Inf will seize HILL 82 (141973) and HILL 140 (103981), establish a strong outpost at FLERVILLE, and patrol within its sector to the general line DOUVE RIVER - SEYE RIVER West to the river crossing at (099011) thence Southwest to ST PIERRE D'ARTH EGLISE (077984) and CR (067960) then SE to to CR (085950). The 508th Prcht Inf will secure HILL 110 and the high ground to the Northwest (115950), establish a road block at CR (102902), blow the bridges at ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT, and patrol within its sector to the line: CR (085950) - LE MESNIL ST MARTIN (073933) - CR (085916) - CR (102902) - ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT.

2. The 82d A/B Div Arty (less 376th Prcht FA Bn and seaborne elements) lands by parachute and glider before and after dawn of D Day, West of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, in accordance with Annexes 2 and 3, FO 6, Hq 82d A/B Div, AIR MOVEMENT TABLES, and supports the attack of the division. It will be prepared to mass the bulk of its fire on CR 102902 and the bridges at 146889 without delay.

3. a. Hq and Hq Btry, 82d A/B Div Arty, will land by prcht and glider on DZ No. 1 and LZ's No. 4 and 5.

(1) The parachute element will establish communication with battalion areas and identify division artillery check points.

b. 319th Glider FA Bn will land by glider on LZ No. 4.

(1) Mission: Direct support of 508th Prcht Inf. It will be prepared to mass its fire on bridges at 146889 and on CR 102902.

(2) Contingent zone: Zones of action of 505th and 507th Prcht Inf Regts.

(3) Liaison will be maintained with 507th Prcht Inf to provide available personnel to conduct fire.

(4) Position Area: See Annex 6a.

(5) OP's : See Annex 6a.

c. 320th Gl FA Bn will land by glider on LZ No. 4.

(1) Mission: Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. It will be prepared to mass its fire on ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, causeway at 188898, Bridges at 146889, and CR 102902.

(2) Contingent zone: Zones of action of 507th and 508th Prcht Inf Regts.

(3) Position area : See Annex 6a.

(4) OP's : See Annex 6a.

d. 456th Prcht FA Bn

(1) Bn (less det) lands amphibiously, assembles, and proceeds to join the Div as directed by CG Force "C".

(2) Det of 456th Prcht FA Bn (Two (2) How. sections) atchd to 505th Prcht Inf prior to departure. This det will revert to Bn control on Div Order.

(3) Mission and position area will be assigned on arrival.

x. (1) Firing chart 1:25,000 map.

(2) Registration (a) HB after night occupation. Register on BP on first light. (b) Div Arty Ck Pts - on order.

(3) Survey: By battalions. Location of Div Arty Ck Pts by Div Arty. Ck Pts will be designated to member of Bn Rcn elements on D Day by Div Arty Survey O.

(4) Reserve 40 rds/gun (2 rds Smoke, 18 rds HE w/1148, 20 rds HE w/1154) for fire on call by Div Arty.

(5) Smoke will not be fired unless authorized by Div Arty Comdr.

(6) No restrictions on time of opening fire.

(7) Positions will be selected to permit firing effectively in zones of action of 505th and 508th Prcht Inf Regts. Other positions, if necessary to permit fire in the zone of action of the 507th Prcht Inf, will be selected and prepared. Alternate positions will be selected for each battery.

(8) 319th and 320th Gl FA Bns will each send a Rcn party, landing at dawn, to select and organize positions for night occupation (see Air Movement Table).

(9) S-3 Reports to be submitted in duplicate daily, as of 1800, to reach Div Arty Hq by 1900.

4. a. Supply.

(1) Ammunition.

(a) As soon as practicable after landing, units will dump a minimum of fifty (50) rounds per howitzer at battery positions. Bn dumps will be established as early as possible.

(b) One thousand (1000) rounds each of 105mm and 75mm will be carried by attached QM truck companies.

(c) For air re-supply see Annex No. 1, Adm O No. 1 Hq 82d A/B Div.

(d) Organic seaborne echelons will carry additional artillery ammunition as space permits.

b. Personnel.

(1) Evacuation.

(a) Prisoners of War will be evacuated to nearest regimental or division PW enclosure.

c. Miscellaneous.

(1) Reports: All reports required by Adm O's of 82d A/B Div will be sent through 82d A/B Div Arty.

(2) Rear Echelon of Hq will be designated "Base Headquarters, 82d A/B Div Arty (UK)".

(3) Fiscal Policy: All Procurement will be effected through Purchasing and Contracting Officer of this Hqs or adjacent infantry regiment.

d. For further administrative instructions see Adm O No. 1, Hq 82d A/B Div.

5. a. Current SOI Index No. 1-101

b. See Annex 6a.

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38	80th A/B AA Bn	1
39	Hq Co, 82d A/B Div	1
40	Hq Btry, Div Arty	1
41	407 A/B QM Co	1
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43	782d A/B Ord M Co	1
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45	Tr B, 4th Cav Sq	1
46	87th Armd FA Bn	1
47	899th TD Bn	1
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49	SHAEF	1
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61	101st A/B Div	1
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63	9th Inf Div	1
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LEGEND - RED NUMBERS - ENEMY

1. Pillboxes
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7. Oil Depot
8. Emplacements
9. Road Blocks
10. Shelters or Dugouts
11. Radio Pylon
12. Construction
13. Troop Billets
14. Old Fort - Improved
15. Radar

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Annex No. 6.a. Operations Overlay, Artillery
To Accompany FO No. 6.

MAP: FRANCE 1:25,000 G3G3 4347
Sheets 28/20 SE, 31/20 SW,
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FIELD O NO. 6 (REVISED)

1. Add the following to Par. 5g(1), Adm O No. 1:

De-waterproofing.

a. Responsibilities: Commanders and drivers are responsible that Phase 4 (de-waterproofing) including necessary preventive maintenance be performed as soon as possible. A special kit is issued to each vehicle to provide the necessary materials for this operation.

b. De-waterproofing Areas: ESB will establish de-waterproofing areas for the accomplishment of the initial stages of Phase 4, for units subsequent to the assault.

c. Salvage: Waterproofing materials will be salvaged to the maximum possible extent. Salvage material will be turned in to de-waterproofing areas or Ordnance Maintenance Companies.

2. Change Par. 2e, Adm O No. 1, to read:

Disposition of PW and location of PW inclosure to be announced upon organization of area.

3. Add the following to Par. 1, Annex No. 1 (Air Re-Supply Plan):

A limited quantity of ordnance supplies may be available for air re-supply "on call" by contacting A C of S, G-4, through Div Ord Officer.

Critical items of supplies of all services may be available for air re-supply "on call" by contacting A C of S, G-4, through appropriate supply officer.

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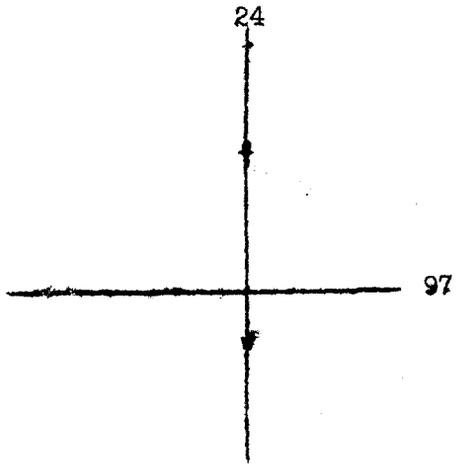
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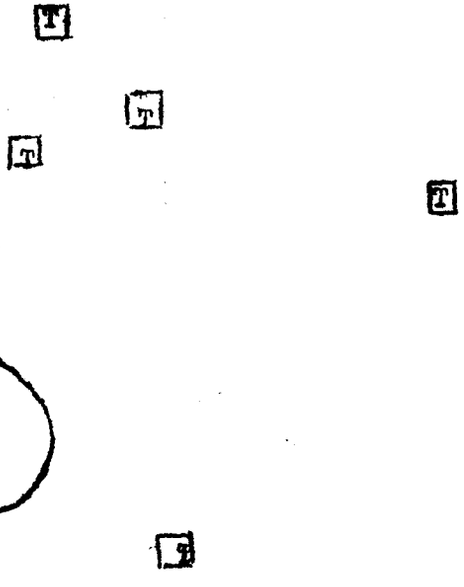
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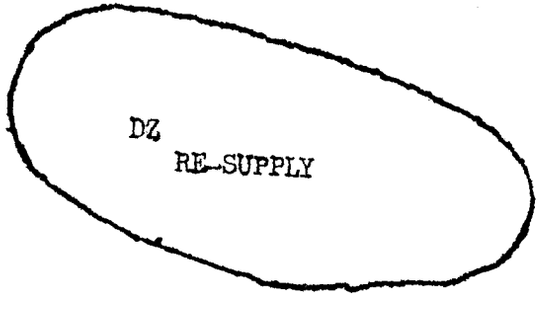
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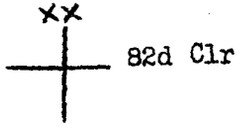
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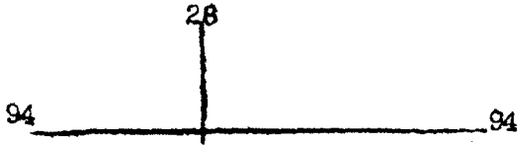
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1. SUPPLY.

a. Rations.

(1) All airborne personnel will carry on the person one (1) "K" and two (2) "D" rations.

(2) All seaborne personnel will carry on the person one (1) "K" and one (1) "D" ration.

(3) Vehicles will carry two (2) "K" rations for all airborne personnel.

(4) Vehicles will carry three (3) "K" rations for all seaborne personnel.

(5) Naval craft will provide rations for all seaborne personnel from time of embarkation until time of debarkation.

(6) For air re-supply see Annex No. 1.

(7) "C" rations will be available for refugees in concentration areas after airborne elements join with ground elements.

b. Special Individual Items.

(1) A gratuitous issue of one (1) week Post Exchange supplies will be carried on vehicles on seaborne lift for all troops.

(2) Each individual will carry one (1) bottle of Halazone tablets. Four (4) 1½-ounce Heat Units will be carried as directed by Unit Commander. Each individual will carry one (1) ½-ounce can of insecticide.

(3) Each individual will be permitted to carry two (2) prophylactic devices, mechanical.

(4) For other individual equipment, see Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 16 April 1944.

c. Gasoline and oil.

(1) All vehicles except motorcycles will embark or emplane with gasoline tanks filled.

(2) Each vehicle will carry five (5) quarts of engine oil of proper grade and filled grease guns.

(3) Each motored vehicle except motorcycles will carry the following quantities of gasoline in five (5) gallon Ameri-cans or Jerri-cans:

Trucks, 1/4-ton, 4 x 4	2 cans
Trucks, 3/4-ton and 1½-ton	5 cans
Trucks, 2½-ton, 6 x 6	10 cans

(4) Motorcycles will have gasoline tanks filled to 1/3 capacity.

(5) For air re-supply see Annex No. 1.

d Ammunition.

(1) Basic Load of Ammunition will accompany all troops; reference Memorandum, "Basic Loads of Ammunition", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 10 April 1944.

(2) One hundred and five (105) tons of ammunition will be carried by attached QM Truck Company 3809.

(3) The Division Engineer will draw and allocate electric and non-electric blasting caps in sufficient quantity for first four (4) days of operation.

(4) Units will carry five (5) u/f for each cal..50 MG (AA).

(5) For air-re-supply see Annex No. 1.

e. Water.

(1) All canteens will be filled.

(2) All glider units will carry one (1) five-gallon container of water per glider.

(3) All parachute units will carry one (1) five-gallon container of water per plane for consumption enroute to objective.

(4) All water on objective is considered non-potable until treated.

(5) Units will carry sufficient water cans for normal field maintenance.

f. Individual Clothing and Equipment.

(1) See Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 16 April 1944.

g. Additional Supplies.

(1) Each unit will carry on vehicles the following items, as organizational equipment:

Soap, ordinary issue	1/5 lb/man
Brushes, scrub, floor, hand	1/ 50 men
Brooms, cane	1/ 100 men
Matches	1 box/ 10 men
Calcium Hypochlorite	10 ampule/ 10 men
Methyl Bromide	10 ampule/ 10 men

Ten (10) days supply of stationery, forms, and office supplies.

(2) Units will carry heater units of range only. They will be left on the continent.

(3) The Division Quartermaster will carry sets of individual clothing and equipment for one hundred (100) men.

h. Chemical Warfare Service.

(1) Troops will carry lightweight or assault masks.

(a) In addition to the mask, each carrier will contain:

Protective covers	2
Eyeshields	4
Anti-dim Set	1
Sleeves, gas detector	2
Eye ointment, DA	1
Ointment, protective	1
Pocket reference card	1

(2) One (1) can impregnite, shoe will be carried by each individual.

(3) Impregnated clothing: See Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 16 April 1944.

(4) Vesicant, detector kit, will be carried by gas personnel.

(5) Helmets of gas personnel will be painted with LVD paint as precribed by WD Trng Cir, dated 19 April 1943.

(6) All appartus, decontaminating, 1½-quart, M2, will be filled.

(7) One (1) vesicant crayon detector will be carried by each unit gas officer and non-commissioned officer.

(8) There will be a team of CWS personnel, one (1) NCO and two (2) privates, at each departure airfield to secure replacements, up to 5% of total authorized, of chemical equipment.

(9) Personnel receiving new masks in the marshalling area will have them fitted and tested in gas chamber.

(10) Gas officers will report any gas attacks to Division Chemical Officer on AGO Form 890 by most expeditious means. Two (2) copies of AGO Form 890 will be carried by each unit gas officer and NCO.

(11) Incendiaries may be used to destroy abandoned enemy or our own equipment when the unit commander believes that capture by the enemy is imminent. Destruction will conform to existing regulations.

(12) For further details see Division SOP for Chemical Warfare and Section XII, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944, and Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 16 April 1944.

i. Supply Discipline.

(1) Full precaution must be taken to insure that clothing, equipment and supplies are not discarded or wasted. Loss of property through negligence or wanton or wilful destruction will be the subject for disciplinary action.

2. EVACUATION.

a. Medical.

(1) Supply.

(a) All units will carry special supplies including blood plasma.

(b) For additional supplies see Section XI, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

(2) Plan of Evacuation.

(a) First Echelon: Casualties will be collected and treated by unit medical detachments.

(b) Second Echelon: Upon arrival of the 307th A/B Medical Company, collecting platoons will be dispatched to the regiments to render medical support and assist in the collection of casualties. Each platoon will establish a collecting point at an area designated by the regiment for the evacuation of unit medical detachments. All collecting points will be camouflaged and 1/4-ton ambulances will display the red cross flag only when authorized by the regimental commander.

(c) The clearing section will establish a central clearing station (See Annex No. 2) for the reception of all casualties. This station will be concealed initially, and will be established on open terrain when the tactical situation permits and only on Division order.

(3) Disease Controls - Target Area.

(a) General: Although there has been a partial failure of public health practices in existence prior to the war, no widespread epidemics of infectious diseases have been reported. Sewage disposal in the area is inadequate, and normal sanitary standards are not maintained. Rural areas resort to privies, cesspools and septic tanks. Human wastes are collected and stored for use as fertilizer, which results in pollution of soil and water.

(b) Diseases of Military Importance.

(1) Enteric Infections (Typhoid fever, dysentery, diarrhea): The entire group is prevalent throughout Europe. Circumstances favoring the spread of these diseases are flies, lack of pasteurization of dairy products, and the pollution of soil and water with human wastes.

(2) Typhus fever will be a serious hazard to military forces operating on the continent. Immunity has been developed artificially by vaccination but does not produce absolute protection. All troops must maintain a high state of personal hygiene and must be very cautious in regard to close contact with civilians and entrance to dwellings.

(3) Venereal Diseases: There has been a marked increase in venereal disease throughout the continent, particularly syphilis. It is probable that these diseases will constitute one of the most difficult control problems to be encountered.

(4) Physical Inspections: All personnel will be given a physical examination within twenty-four (24) hours of departure from the marshalling area.

b. Burials.

(1) Initially by units. A Division cemetery will be established by Division GRSO at the earliest practicable date; units will be notified.

(2) Unit, company or battery commanders will report to Division GRSO, through channels, the pin-point location of all burials.

(3) For details see Sections VII and VIII, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

c. Disposition of personal effects of deceased persons.

(1) Every precaution must be taken to secure and protect the personal effects of deceased persons. It is the responsibility of officers in

charge of battlefield burials to insure that all personal effects of deceased persons are securely placed in a "Personal Effects Bag" and that the name, rank, and serial number followed by the word "deceased" are clearly marked on the bag. After making sure that all the bags containing personal effects have been properly marked, they will be forwarded by the officer in charge of the burial party to Division Headquarters. Personal effects of the deceased which are found at rest stations, bivouacs and home station will be disposed of by the commanding officer of the station. Prompt disposal of effects will be the rule.

d. Salvage and captured materiel.

(1) All captured and salvage materiel will be evacuated through proper Division Supply Service. Captured Materiel Reports will be rendered daily by the most expeditious means available, in duplicate, one copy to the A C of S, G-4, and one copy to the A C of S, G-2.

(2) Captured and salvage materiel which cannot be moved will be reported to appropriate Division Supply Service, giving type and quantity of materiel and exact location.

(3) Captured gasoline will not be used except in captured vehicles until tested and authorized by Army Quartermaster Petroleum Testing Laboratory.

(4) Captured materiel is not to be stripped of identification marks or equipment or documents to be taken by souvenir hunters or for use on other equipment until clearance is given by the proper headquarters.

(5) Captured food will be used to maximum to feed refugees and prisoners.

(6) Captured medical supplies will be utilized for treatment of enemy wounded or ill.

e. Prisoners of War.

(1) Evacuated to PW enclosure. See Annex No. 2.

(2) Prisoners of War will be handled as directed in Sections IV and V, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

f. Refugees.

(1) Unit commanders will restrict uncontrolled movement of refugees within their areas of responsibility and concentrate them in locations affording greatest security, reporting number and location to this Headquarters at earliest opportunity.

(2) Division Refugee Routes and Control Points will be announced on establishment of Division CP.

(3) Positive control over refugees will be maintained at all times to prevent infiltration of disguised enemy military personnel and subversive civilians.

(4) Division Memorandum, subject "Refugee Control in Combat Areas", (to be issued) will govern.

3. TRAFFIC.

a. General.

(1) All vehicles will drive on right side of the road.

b. Restriction.

(1) Only blackout marker lamps will be used until otherwise specified.

(2) Service tail and service stop lights will not be used.

c. Control.

(1) The Division Provost Marshal will control traffic at all critical road junctions, etc. See Annex No. 2.

(2) Units will prepare and have immediately available CP, DP, direction markers, and other necessary signs. See Operations Memorandum No. 15, HQ FUSA, dated 15 April 1944 and Circular No. 26, HQ ETOUSA, dated 12 Mar 1944.

(3) The Division Engineer will be responsible for mine clearance and marking, and for essential reconnaissance and maintenance of roads and bridges.

4. PERSONNEL.

a. Stragglers.

(1) Stragglers will be returned to units as soon as practicable through Military Police installations at traffic control points. See Annex No. 2. Unit commanders will plan to prevent straggling and provide collecting points initially.

(2) Straggler lines and collecting points will be announced on establishment of Division CP.

b. Mail.

(1) Collection and delivery will be suspended, effective D minus one

(2) For details on mail service see Section VI, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

c. G-1 Reports, Morning Reports and Casualty Reports will be rendered in accordance with Sections I, XIII and XIV, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

d. Daily "Estimated Loss Reports", as of 2359 will be forwarded by most expeditious means to reach this Headquarters by 1000 the following day. Reporting code will be announced at a later date.

e. Replacements: None in combat area.

f. Surplus baggage and supplies will be stored in present area as planned by Unit Rear Echelon Commanders. For details see Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 16 April 1944.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Reports.

(1) Captured Materiel - See Annex No. 3.

(2) G-4 Periodic Report - See Annex No. 4.

b. Rear Echelon of Headquarters: Base Headquarters will be designated "Base Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, (UK)."

c. Administrative Matters: The subjects listed below are covered in "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 Apr 1944:

(1) Awards, Decorations and Citations.
(2) Officer Promotions (Battlefield and Regular).
(3) Appointments, Battlefield.
(4) Demotion and Reclassification of Officers.

d. Fiscal Policy.

(1) See Section IX, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures" Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944; Annex No. 5 to this Order; and SOP No. 10, "Procurement Regulations in Occupied and Liberated Territories", HQ ETOUSA, dated 1 April 1944.

e. Red Cross Supplies.

(1) Additional comfort items such as cigarettes, shaving equipment, candy, etc. will be carried with seaborne lift.

f. Civil Affairs: Administration of Civil Affairs will follow procedures indicated in Memorandum, this Headquarters, subject "Administration of Civil Affairs" (to be issued).

g. Vehicles.

(1) Vehicles to be a part of the seaborne movement will be waterproofed to wading depth of not less than 3'6" in accordance with instructions in Par. 83, 84, 86, 87, and Table I, Appendix K, POM-SSV, dated 10 Jan 1944.

(2) All vehicles will remain on the continent in event the Division is returned to the UK.

(3) The vehicles of the attached 3810 QM Truck Company and 14 vehicles of the attached 3809 QM Truck Company will transport to the continent the organizational equipment, rolls, mess gear, PX rations, "K" rations, etc. of the units to which assigned. Thirty (30) vehicles of the 3809 QM Truck Company will transport Division reserve ammunition to the continent. Upon being unloaded in unit areas all QM Truck Company vehicles will revert to Division control, under the Division Motor Officer. Units using the above vehicles will provide one (1) enlisted man for each vehicle to accompany it from home station to unit area on the continent.

(4) Marking of all motor vehicles will be in accordanne with Section II, Cir No. 47, HQ FUSA, dated 16 April 1944, and ETO-POM-SSV, 10 Jan 1944.

(5) Vehicles in the seaborne echelon will move across the beaches with reduced tire pressure as directed in Cir No. 51, HQ FUSA, dated 21 April 1944.

h. Use of Geneva Red Cross.

(1) Only Medical personnel will display the Geneva Red Cross. When used it will be displayed prominently and "layout" will not be like a tactical "layout". When not used dispersal is required.

i. Enemy Underground Cables.

(1) Enemy undgrground cables (there is one (1) in our area) will not be cut, but enemy service will be interrupted by opening the terminals.

j. Unit commanders will be responsible that all instructions in ETO-POM-SSV, HQ ETOUSA, dated 10 Jan 1944, are complied with for all seaborne personnel and equipment.

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AIR RESUPPLY PLAN

1. Initial re-supply of all elements of the Division will be by air, on an automatic basis for first two days and "on call" thereafter until seaborne elements join with airborne elements.

a. IX TCC will provide aircraft for the delivery.

b. The 490th QM Depot Company will package all supplies, load them onto the aircraft and be responsible for release of bundles over the DZ.

c. The 490th QM Depot Company will be assisted in packing canopies and loading of bundles onto the aircraft by twenty (20) packers and one (1) officer from the Division Parachute Maintenance Company.

d. Supplies to be provided are as follows:

Class I	QM (Rations "K")	17.6 tons daily
Class II	Medical	2.0 tons daily
	Signal	2.0 tons daily
Class III	QM (POL)	5.0 tons daily
Class V	Ordnance (Ammunition)	203.0 tons 1st 2 days
	Ordnance (Ammunition)	223.0 tons daily after 1st 2 days
	Engineer (Mines)	20.0 tons 1st 2 days

e. Each class of supply packed in aerial delivery containers will be dropped with colored canopies as follows:

CANOPIES	CLASS OF SUPPLY
Blue	Class I
Green	Class III
Red or Yellow	Class V
White	Medical and Signal

f. Each bundle will be marked with white paint to indicate the exact contents of the containers. Sample identifications are given below:

SUPPLY	CANOPY	BUNDLE MARKING
Type "K" Rations	Blue	White "K"
Gasoline	Green	White "G"
75mm Shells	Red or Yellow	White "75"
.30 cal ammunition	Red or Yellow	White "30"
Mines	Red or Yellow	White "M"
Medical (assorted)	White	White Cross
Signal (assorted)	White	White "SI"
Ordnance (Spare parts)	Red or Yellow	White "ORD"

g. All containers will have an aerial delivery identification light attached on all night drops.

h. Use of gliders for re-supply will be made if possible. If used, chalk marks on each side will indicate class of supply and quantity.

2. Marking of Drop Zone.

a. The standard marking for Drop Zone will be in accordance with SHAEF SOP, Operational Memorandum No. 12, Appendix "B", 13 March 1944. Pathfinder

Team of 505th Parachute Infantry will be responsible for proper marking of the DZ. Time for mission to be announced later.

b. A reconnaissance plane will be over the re-supply DZ at noon (1200) on D plus 2 for ground signal as to whether mission will be flown that night. If the mission is called for, panels will be displayed by Pathfinder Group in this manner: [redacted]; if not, panels will be displayed as:  . Other details in IX TCC SOI.

3. Procedure in collection and distribution of supplies.

a. Each infantry Regiment and the Division Field Artillery will furnish twenty-five (25) enlisted men and ammunition officer; the 80th A/B AA Bn and 307th A/B Engr Bn will furnish ten (10) enlisted men and one (1) officer each to the A C of S, G-4 at point to be announced at 2330 daily until ground units contact. An officer designated by A C of S, G-4 will supervise the collection and stacking of bundles.

b. Riggers from parachute units will salvage Air Force equipment and assist in camouflaging supplies with parachutes and other materials.

c. The supplies will be stacked by class and camouflaged. Number of stacks will be held to a minimum.

d. Units locating isolated bundles not usable by them will report location and class of supply to A C of S, G-4.

e. Division Ammunition Officer (DAO) will be located on the Re-supply DZ. Unit supply officers will send ammunition hauling details to DAO to secure ammunition.

f. Quartermaster supplies will be drawn through Division Quartermaster Officer.

g. Medical and Signal Supply Officers will be responsible for location and distribution of appropriate supplies.

h. Division Artillery will release two (2) 1/4 ton 4 x 4 trucks and two (2) 1/4 ton trailers to each Parachute Infantry Regiment (505th, 507th, and 508th) upon landing, for purpose of hauling supplies to unit areas.

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CASUALTY ANNEX

1. AMMUNITION.

a. The Division Ammunition Office (DAO) will be located on the re-supply DZ. All units will contact DAO before drawing ammunition from Division Ammunition Dump (See Re-supply Annex).

b. Ammunition Reports will be submitted daily as of 0600, to reach the DAO by 1000. Reports will be submitted on First Army Ammunition Form, Universal, distribution of which has been made to all units. Airborne echelons will carry at least ten (10) sets of forms in air lifts. Remainder will be carried by units' seaborne echelons. One (1) copy only will be submitted to DAO for each reporting period. Reports will cover ammunition on hand last report, ammunition drawn during the period, ammunition expended during the period, ammunition on hand at end of period.

c. Location and description of unexploded bombs will be reported immediately upon discovery to the Division Ordnance Officer.

2. MAINTENANCE.

a. Limited Ordnance facilities for maintenance of artillery and anti-tank materiel will be available to airborne echelons by contacting the Division Ordnance Officer at the Division Ammunition Office (DAO). Upon arrival of the seaborne echelons the 782d A/B Ord Maint Co will operate a Division Ordnance Field Shop for all organic Divisional units plus units of the 2d Airborne Brigade. Ordnance maintenance service will be furnished to other attached units by the Ordnance units listed below. Direct contact with these Ordnance units is authorized.

(1) 560th Ordnance HM Tank Company

899th TD Bn
87th Armored FA Bn
Troop B, 4th Cavalry Squadron
Co C, 746th Tank Bn
Co F, 24th Cavalry Squadron

(2) 3456th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company.

3809th QM Truck Co
3810th QM Truck Co
Other attached units

3. SUPPLY.

a. A daily report of major items lost in combat or from other causes will be made by all units, whether organic or attached, as follows:

(1) Report will be furnished informally to the Division Ordnance Officer by the most expeditious means as of 0600 daily. Items will be classified as follows:

(a) Lost in combat.
(b) Lost from other causes.
(c) Evacuated, not replaced.

(2) Only items totally destroyed, lost to the enemy, missing, or damaged to the extent that they are not acceptable for direct exchange will be reported under (a) and (b) of Par 3a(1) above. Items acceptable for exchange, but not replaced by the Division Ordnance Officer by reason of non-availability, will

be reported under (c) of Par 3a(1) above. The same item will be reported only once.

(3) Units will use every effort to insure that reports are accurate, that duplication or repetition is eliminated, and that all items recovered are reported.

(4) Negative reports are not required. If a report is not received by the Division Ordnance Officer by 1200 daily, it will be assumed that that unit has had no losses of Ordnance materiel.

b. Ordnance Materiel received by Medical Clearing Stations under Division control will be evacuated to the Division Ordnance Field Shop.

4. CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIEL..

a. Location and description of captured ordnance materiel, including vehicles, will be reported to the Division Ordnance Officer daily, with an information copy to the A C of S, G-2. Commanders of units capturing such materiel are charged with the prevention of destruction of enemy materiel by souvenir hunters. No enemy materiel will be molested, destroyed or appropriated by individuals for their own use until clearance is given by the A C of S, G-4. Reports will be submitted daily by 2000.

5. Summary of Reports.

a. Ammunition Report to Division Ammunition Officer by 1000 daily as of 0600 daily.

b. Report of Unexploded Bombs, informally to Division Ammunition Officer immediately upon discovery.

c. Report of Major Items Lost in Combat to Division Ordnance Officer by 1200 daily as of 0600 daily.

d. Report of Captured Ordnance Materiel to Division Ordnance Officer by 2000 daily with copy to A C of S, G-2.

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G-4 REPORTS

1. CAPTURED MATERIEL REPORT.

a. This report will be submitted daily by 2000, in duplicate, one copy to the A C of S, G-4, through appropriate supply officer, and the other to the A C of S, G-2.

b. The report will include the following information:

(1) Quantity and type of equipment separated by class.
(2) Location.
(3) Unit which effected the capture.
(4) Special information which the Commanding Officer desires to add, such as: recommended uses, significance, details of capture, etc.
(5) Overlays will be used when necessary to positively locate the materiel.

2. G-4 DAILY REPORT.

a. This report will be submitted daily by 2000.

b. The report will be rendered as follows:

G-4 DAILY REPORT

Unit Reporting _____

Location _____ Date _____

Report No. _____ for 24-hour period ending 1800 _____

Attached units included in report: _____

A. Rations on hand: _____ days of supply for _____ individuals.

B. List of principal battle losses, reported:

VEHICLES OTHER EQUIPMENT

C. List of principal equipment received during period reported:

VEHICLES OTHER EQUIPMENT

D. P.O.L. (Class III). Average days of supply on hand _____

E. List of critical ammunition shortages by type _____

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F. Events of administrative interest: _____

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c. These forms may be secured from the A C of S, G-4.

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PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. POLICY.

a. All procurement of supplies, equipment, facilities, and services by agents and agencies of the U.S. in occupied and liberated territories will be in accordance with ETO Procurement Regulations, dated 1 April 1944. Each P & C officer appointed by this headquarters has been furnished with a copy of above regulations.

2. PURCHASES.

a. Price lists will be furnished P & C officers as soon as they become available, and prices established by such lists will be strictly adhered to except in case of immediate emergency.

b. Good judgment and common sense will govern prices paid until a definite value is set by higher Headquarters.

3. REQUISITIONS.

a. Requisitions for supplies and/or services will be made only upon the authority of the Commanding General.

(1) Requisition forms (ETOGPA No. 6) and instructions for their use have been furnished P & C officers by this Headquarters.

(2) Where possible, requisitioned supplies and/or services will be obtained by requisitioning on local officials, through Civil Affairs Officers.

(3) Complete records of requisitioned items will be maintained.

b. See ETO Procurement Regulations for definitions of Public and Private Property, also for what can be requisitioned.

4. FORMS.

a. The following three forms will be used by P & C officers:

(1) Local Procurement Voucher (FD ETO No. 1) for use in evidencing payment for cash or credit purchases and rentals.

(a) Triplicate copy retained by P & C officer.
(b) Original and duplicate copy turned in to Division Finance Officer.

(2) Requisition Form (CPA ETO No. 6) for use in evidencing a requisition.

(a) Original forwarded to G-4, this Headquarters.
(b) Duplicate given to owner of property.
(c) Triplicate copy retained by P & C officer.

(3) Procurement Action Report (CPA ETO No. 7) will be made as of the end of each calendar month by all P & C officers effecting purchases, rentals, requisitions or seizures during the month.

(a) Original and duplicate forwarded to G-4, this Headquarters.
(b) Triplicate copy retained by P & C officer.

5. All unused forms will be retained by P & C officer, and turned in to G-4, this Headquarters, upon completion of operation.

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