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and 31 USN minesweepers 152 British and RCN escort vessels, 19 USN PC and 7 French escort vessels. Also 1056 coasters and 236 merchant vessels. 2154 landing ships and craft allocated to assault and follow up forces with total lift capacity of 160000 personnel and 17000 vehicles, 1147 minor landing craft and 410 motor craft ex assault force allocated to ferry service between beaches and low ring position covering force provided by C in C Home Fleet, Western approaches and Plymouth contains 16 Destroyers and 83 MTB's 6518 aircraft are participating. Continuous fighter patrol is provided over cross channel route and assault area. 19000 airborne troops were dropped.

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