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Bombarding Force after reaching lowering position.

(5) Passage of Assault Forces from departure area which was 15 miles south of Isle of Wight was covered by 16 Destroyers and 50 Coastal Craft. 4 A/S groups (including E G 11 and 12) operated in approaches to Channel. In addition 6 support groups (E G 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 15) are employed in Western approaches English Channel and Bay of Biscay.

(6) 3 Diversionary operations on a small scale but without landing troops, took place off Boulogne Bruneval - Fecamp and Barfleur concurrently with main assault.

(7) 10 swept channels are being established between 50° North and lowering position, numbered from West to Eycika 2 for use of each assault force.

1 M/S flotilla with 3 or 4 Danlayers and 2 ML's has been provided for each channel. RCN ships are involved as follows 16th MSF to clear channel 1. 14th MSF to clear channel 2, 31st MSF to clear channel 3, 4th MSF to clear channel 4.

(8) Statistics.

Total ships employed 6480, including 9 battleships 30 cruisers 149 destroyers 5600 landing ships and craft, 429 coastal Forces, 277 British and RCN and