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Following particulars supplied for background information.

(1) The assault is on A - 5 divisional front. Landing of 7 divisions is to be completed by 1st tide of D plus 1.

Initial objectives capture of Cherbourg and Caen.

(2) Assault objectives are Force S - Ouistreham Force J - Courseulles Force G - Asulles Force U - Arreville Force I - Saint Laurent Force B follows up Force O. Force L is following up Force for Eastern Task Force. Forces L and B sailed so as to unload on 2nd tide of D Day.

(3) Assault Forces also include 7 Commandoes in Force J and 2 Ranger Battalions in Force O.

(4) Bombardment Force consisted of 6 battleships 2 Monitors 22 Cruisers 2 Gunboats 72 Fleet Destroyers 16 Hunts. Capital ships grouped in 5 Forces. Majority of Destroyers accompanied assault Forces detaching to join