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First official move in actual timetable of operation Neptune was sailing of convoy of corncocks for South on 31st May under escort of RCN corvettes various other assembling operations followed. Operation was ordered for 5th June but postponed 24 hours on account of weather.

(2) Assault forces sailed under 5th June and consisted of Forces S J and G under Naval Commander Eastern Task Force and Forces O and U under Naval Commander Western Task Force. They were preceded by fleet minesweepers to clear channels. Landing craft were despatched 7 to 11 miles out from enemy beaches.

(3) Heavy air bombing on coastal targets from H minus 5 hours to H hour. From H minus 30 minutes to H hour coastal batteries were heavily shelled