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IN THE FALAISE GAP, AUGUST 1944

From a watercolour by Major W. A. Ogilvie, M.B.E.

Men of the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade moving forward through the debris of the German armies. In the centre is a 7.62-cm. self-propelled gun. Painted on the spot near Ecorches.

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SKETCH 1
LONDON
ESSEX
Thames
Box Hill
HAMPSHIRE
SURREY
KENT
Medway
Dover
Winchester
Folkestone
Ashdown Forest
Otterbourne
SUSSEX
Portsmouth
Littlehampton
Brighton
Dungeness
Alfriston
Newhaven
Eastbourne
Hayling
Bracklesham Bay
50
MILES
SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND
Inverness
Inveraray
Castle Toward
Glasgow
Edinburgh
Kilbride Bay
SCOTLAND
NORTH CHANNEL
NORTHERN IRELAND
Belfast
Newcastle
GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN FRANCE
50
100
200
MILES
MILES
IRISH SEA
Leeds
York
Bradford
Humber
Hull
Liverpool
Manchester
Goole
Trent
Sheffield
NORTH SEA
Nottingham
THE WASH
Great Yarmouth
Birmingham
WALES
ENGLAND
THE HAGUE
Rotterdam
Hook of Holland
NETHERLANDS
Tenby
LONDON
BRISTOL CHANNEL
Bristol
Flushing
Albert Canal
Ghent
Antwerp
Dover
Dunkirk
Southampton
Brighton
Brockenhurst
Bognor
BRUSSELS
PAS DE CALAIS
STRAIT OF DOVER
Boulogne
Le Touquet
Lille
Meuse
Liège
Plymouth
Portsmouth
Solent
Bay
Slapton Sands
ENGLISH CHANNEL
BELGIUM
Amiens
Dieppe
Cherbourg
Barfleur
Le Havre
Grandcamp
Carentan
Isigny
Deauville
Rouen
Caen
Seine
Vernon
Oise
Vire
Orne
PARIS
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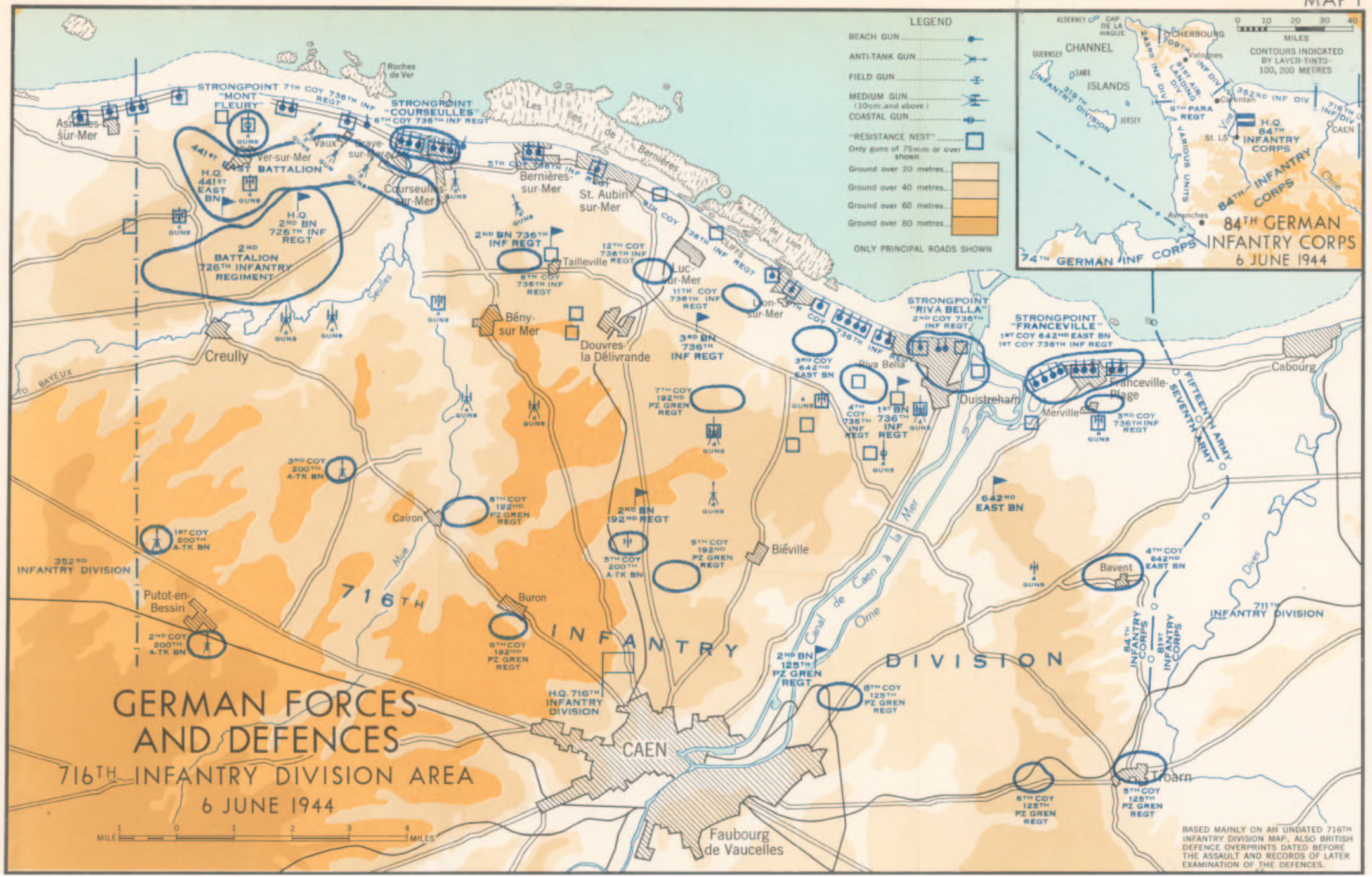
Orléans
St. Nazaire
Loire
Nantes
FRANCE


LEGEND
BEACH GUN
ANTI-TANK GUN
FIELD GUN
MEDIUM GUN (10cm. and above)
COASTAL GUN
"RESISTANCE NEST" Only guns of 75mm or over shown
Ground over 20 metres
Ground over 40 metres
Ground over 60 metres
Ground over 80 metres
ONLY PRINCIPAL ROADS SHOWN
ALDERNEY
CAP DE LA HAGUE
CHERBOURG
GUERNSEY
CHANNEL ISLANDS
JERSEY
243RD INF DIV
709TH
Valognes
91ST AIR LANDING DIV
6TH PARA REGT
VARIOUS UNITS
319TH INFANTRY DIVISION
352ND INF DIV
716TH INF DIV
Carentan
Vire
St. Lô
H.Q. 84TH INFANTRY CORPS
CAEN
Orne
Avranches
84TH INFANTRY CORPS
74TH GERMAN INF CORPS
0 10 20 30 40 MILES
CONTOURS INDICATED BY LAYER-TINTS-100, 200 METRES
84TH GERMAN INFANTRY CORPS
6 JUNE 1944
STRONGPOINT "MONT FLEURY" 7TH COY 736TH INF REGT
STRONGPOINT "COURSEULLES" 6TH COY 736TH INF REGT
5TH COY 736TH INF REGT
Roches de Ver
Les Iles de Bernières
Asnelles-sur-Mer
Ver-sur-Mer
Vaux
Graye-sur-Mer
Courseulles-sur-Mer
Bernières-sur-Mer
St. Aubin-sur-Mer
441ST EAST BATTALION
H.Q. 441ST EAST BN
4 GUNS
H.Q. 2ND BN 726TH INF REGT
2ND BATTALION 726TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
2ND BN 736TH INF REGT
Tailleville
8TH COY 736TH INF REGT
12TH COY 736TH INF REGT
Luc-sur-Mer
11TH COY 736TH INF REGT
738TH INF REGT
CLIFFS
Rochers de Lion
Lion-sur-Mer
9TH COY
STRONGPOINT "RIVA BELLA" 2ND COY 736TH INF REGT
STRONGPOINT "FRANCEVILLE" 1ST COY 642ND EAST BN 1ST COY 736TH INF REGT
Seulles
Creully
Bény-sur Mer
Douvres-la Délivrande
3RD BN 736TH INF REGT
3RD COY 642ND EAST BN
Riva Bella
4TH COY 736TH INF REGT
1ST BN 736TH INF REGT
Ouistreham
Franceville-Plage
Merville
3RD COY 736TH INF REGT
Cabourg
FIFTEENTH ARMY
SEVENTH ARMY
TO BAYEUX
7TH COY 192ND PZ GREN REGT
3RD COY 200TH A-TK BN
8TH COY 192ND PZ GREN REGT
Cairon
Mue
2ND BN 192ND REGT
5TH COY 200TH A-TK BN
5TH COY 192ND PZ GREN REGT
Biéville
642ND EAST BN
Bavent
4TH COY 642ND EAST BN
Canal de Caen à la Mer
Orne
Dives
352ND INFANTRY DIVISION
1ST COY 200TH A-TK BN
Putot-en-Bessin
2ND COY 200TH A-TK BN
716TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Buron
6TH COY 192ND PZ GREN REGT
2ND BN 125TH PZ GREN REGT
8TH COY 125TH PZ GREN REGT
711TH INFANTRY DIVISION
84TH INFANTRY CORPS
81ST INFANTRY CORPS
H.Q. 716TH INFANTRY DIVISION
CAEN
Faubourg de Vaucelles
Hérouville
5TH COY 125TH PZ GREN REGT
6TH COY 125TH PZ GREN REGT
GERMAN FORCES AND DEFENCES
716TH INFANTRY DIVISION AREA
6 JUNE 1944
MILE 1 0 1 2 3 4 MILES
BASED MAINLY ON AN UNDATED 716TH INFANTRY DIVISION MAP, ALSO BRITISH DEFENCE OVERPRINTS DATED BEFORE THE ASSAULT AND RECORDS OF LATER EXAMINATION OF THE DEFENCES.

DISTINGUISHED OBSERVERS AT EXERCISE "TROUSERS", 12 APRIL 1944

On the beach at Slapton Sands, Devon. From left to right in the foreground, Admiral Ramsay; Brigadier H. W. Foster; Admiral Vian; General Montgomery; and General Dempsey.

INFANTRYMEN OF THE ASSAULT FORCE IN TRAINING, 18 APRIL 1944

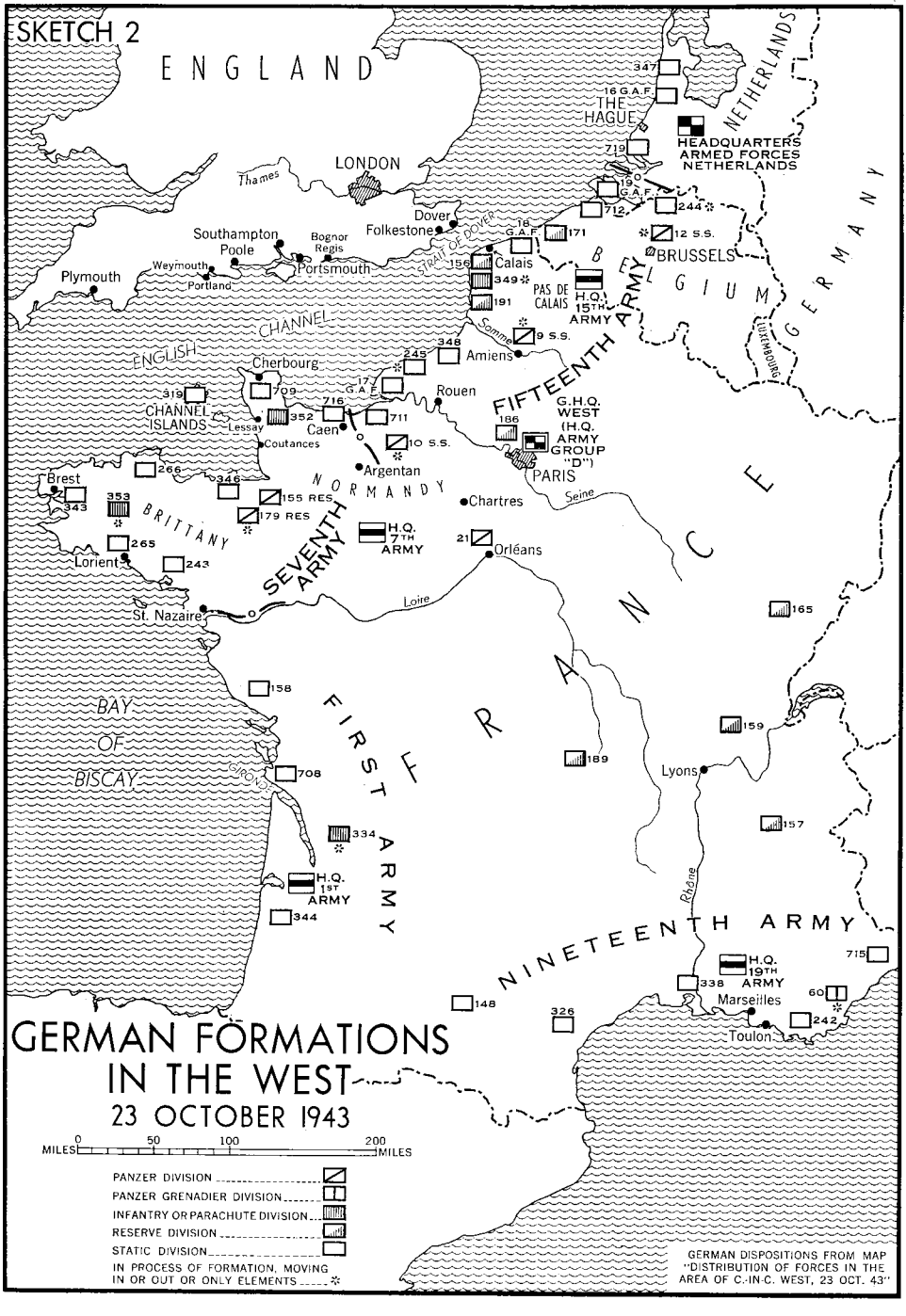
Firing over their comrades' heads, men of The Regina Rifle Regiment use a 2-inch mortar to lay smoke during an exercise on the Downs north of Southampton.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY LANDS THE 9TH BRIGADE

Men of The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders landing at Bernières-sur-Mer on the morning of D Day. Note the bicycles.

THE BROKEN ATLANTIC WALL

This watercolour by Capt. O. N. Fisher represents a typical German gun-position on the Normandy beaches. It is one of the casemates on the beach west of Courseulles.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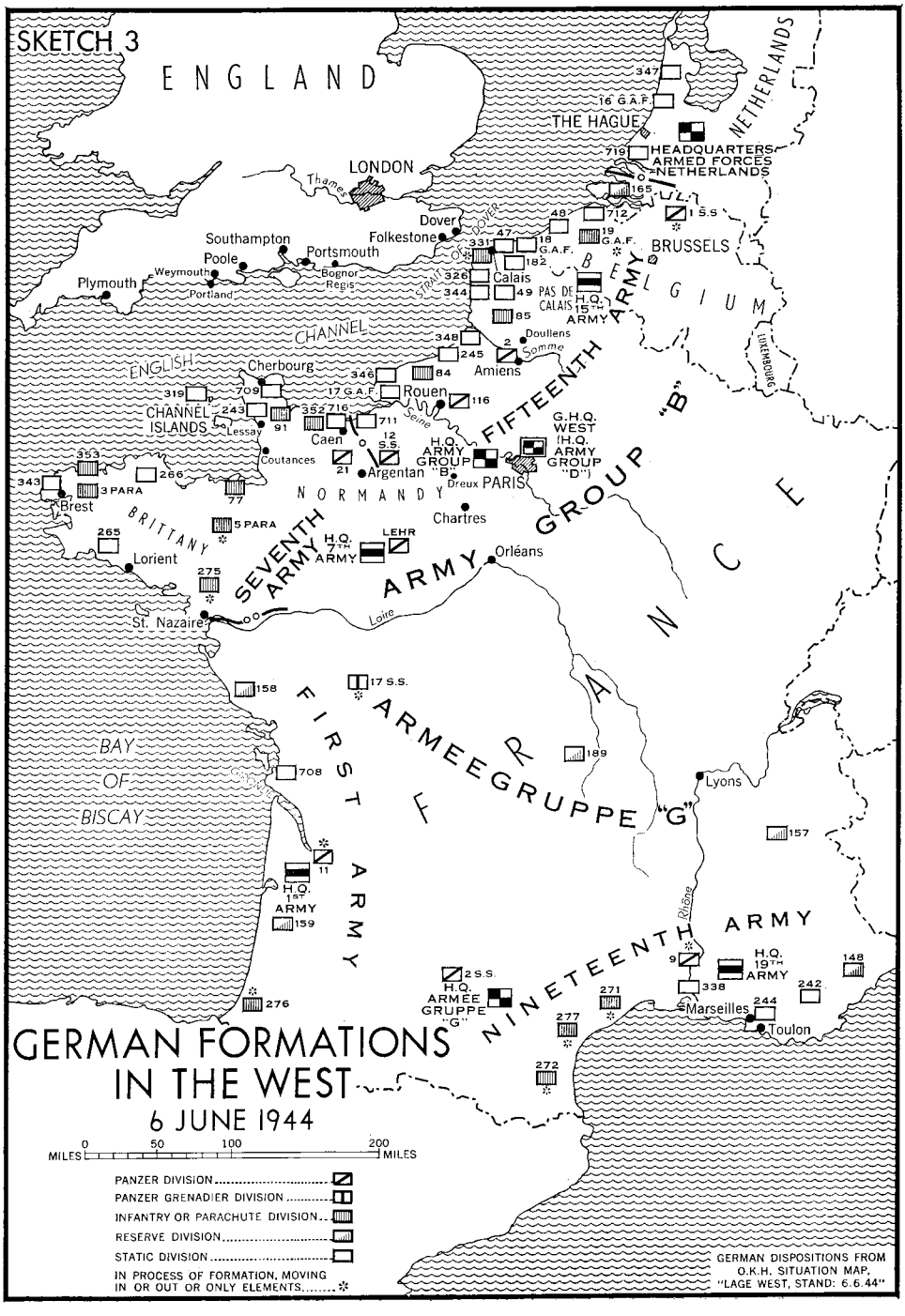
ENGLAND
NETHERLANDS
GERMANY
BELGIUM
LUXEMBOURG
FRANCE
347
16 G.A.F.
THE HAGUE
HEADQUARTERS ARMED FORCES NETHERLANDS
719
19 G.A.F.
244
712
12 S.S.
BRUSSELS
LONDON
Thames
Dover
Folkestone
Southampton
Poole
Bognor Regis
Portsmouth
Weymouth
Portland
Plymouth
STRAIT OF DOVER
18 G.A.F.
171
156
Calais
349
191
PAS DE CALAIS
H.Q. 15TH ARMY
FIFTEENTH ARMY
CHANNEL
ENGLISH
Somme
9 S.S.
348
245
Amiens
Cherbourg
17 G.A.F.
Rouen
319
709
716
CHANNEL ISLANDS
Lessay
352
Caen
711
186
G.H.Q. WEST (H.Q. ARMY GROUP "D")
Coutances
10 S.S.
Argentan
PARIS
266
Brest
343
346
353
155 RES
179 RES
NORMANDY
Chartres
Seine
BRITTANY
265
Lorient
243
H.Q. 7TH ARMY
SEVENTH ARMY
21
Orléans
St. Nazaire
Loire
165
158
BAY OF BISCAY
159
189
Lyons
708
334
157
H.Q. 1ST ARMY
344
Rhône
NINETEENTH ARMY
715
H.Q. 19TH ARMY
338
60
148
326
Marseilles
242
Toulon
GERMAN FORMATIONS IN THE WEST
23 OCTOBER 1943
0 50 100 200
MILES MILES
PANZER DIVISION
PANZER GRENADIER DIVISION
INFANTRY OR PARACHUTE DIVISION
RESERVE DIVISION
STATIC DIVISION
IN PROCESS OF FORMATION, MOVING IN OR OUT OR ONLY ELEMENTS
GERMAN DISPOSITIONS FROM MAP "DISTRIBUTION OF FORCES IN THE AREA OF C.-IN-C. WEST, 23 OCT. 43"


SKETCH 3
ENGLAND
NETHERLANDS
BELGIUM
FRANCE
THE HAGUE
HEADQUARTERS ARMED FORCES NETHERLANDS
LONDON
Thames
BRUSSELS
Dover
Folkestone
Southampton
Portsmouth
Poole
Weymouth
Bognor Regis
Portland
Plymouth
Calais
PAS DE CALAIS
H.Q. 15TH ARMY
ARMY GROUP "B"
CHANNEL
ENGLISH CHANNEL
Doullens
Somme
Amiens
Cherbourg
Rouen
Seine
CHANNEL ISLANDS
Lessay
Caen
Coutances
Argentan
H.Q. ARMY GROUP "B"
FIFTEENTH ARMY
G.H.Q. WEST (H.Q. ARMY GROUP "D")
Dreux
PARIS
Brest
3 PARA
5 PARA
BRITTANY
NORMANDY
Chartres
Orléans
Lorient
St. Nazaire
SEVENTH ARMY
H.Q. 7TH ARMY
LEHR
Loire
17 S.S.
ARMEEGRUPPE "G"
FIRST ARMY
BAY OF BISCAY
Lyons
Rhône
NINETEENTH ARMY
H.Q. 19TH ARMY
H.Q. 1ST ARMY
2 S.S.
H.Q. ARMEE GRUPPE "G"
Marseilles
Toulon
LUXEMBOURG
16 G.A.F.
1 S.S.
12 S.S.
GERMAN FORMATIONS IN THE WEST
6 JUNE 1944
0 50 100 200 MILES
PANZER DIVISION
PANZER GRENADIER DIVISION
INFANTRY OR PARACHUTE DIVISION
RESERVE DIVISION
STATIC DIVISION
IN PROCESS OF FORMATION, MOVING IN OR OUT OR ONLY ELEMENTS
GERMAN DISPOSITIONS FROM O.K.H. SITUATION MAP, "LAGE WEST, STAND: 6.6.44"

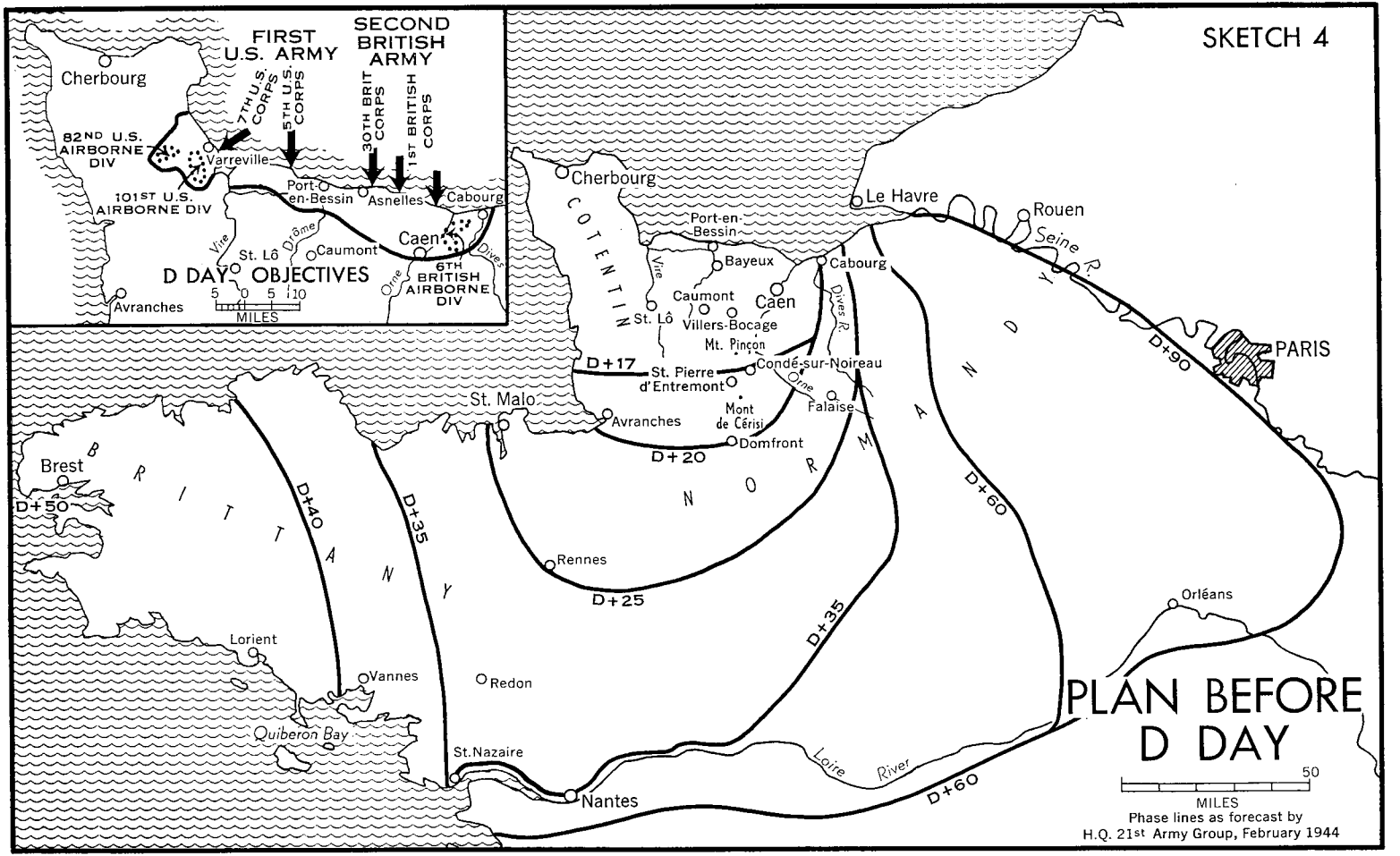
Courtesy U.S. Department of the Army

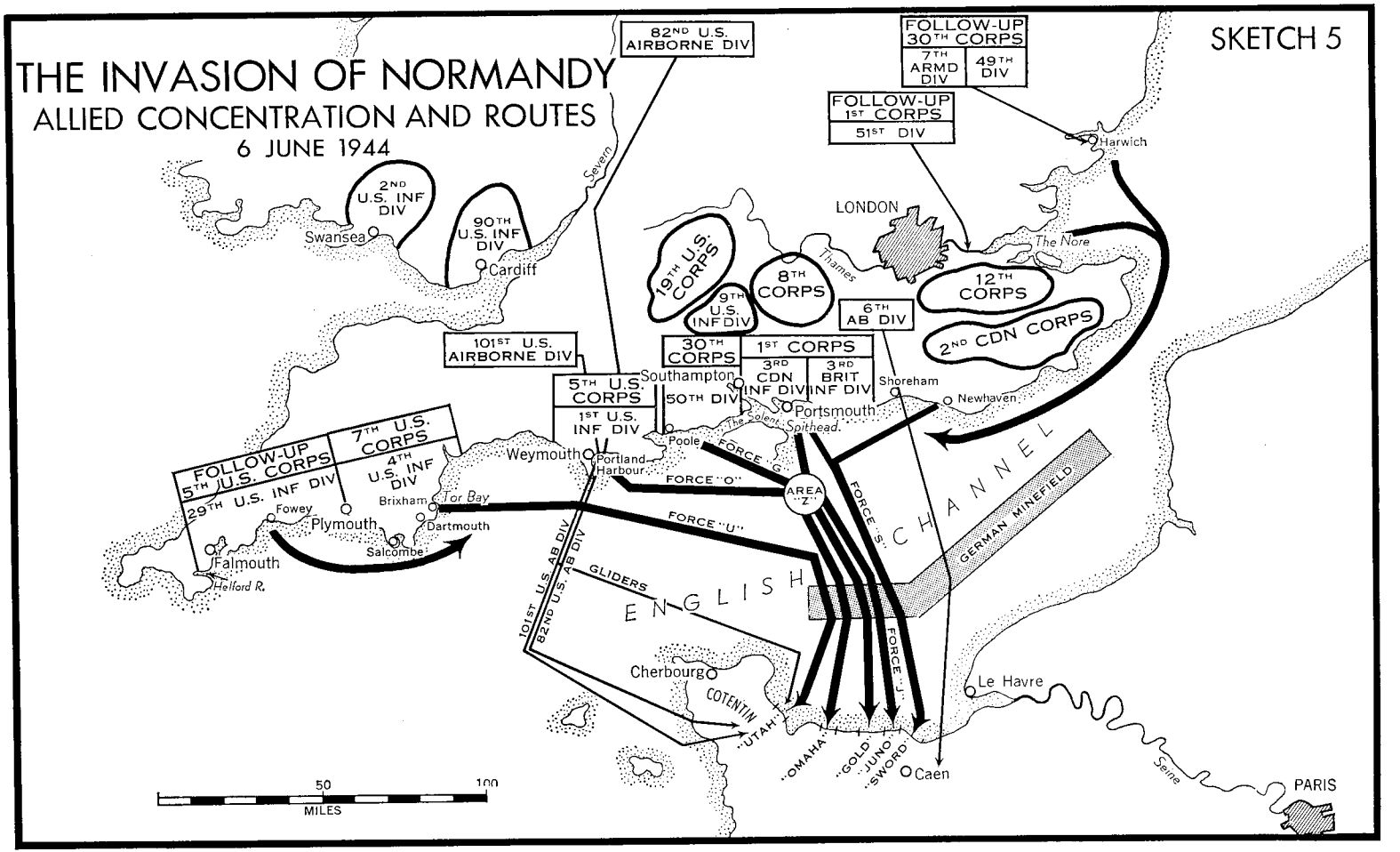
COURSEULLES FROM THE AIR

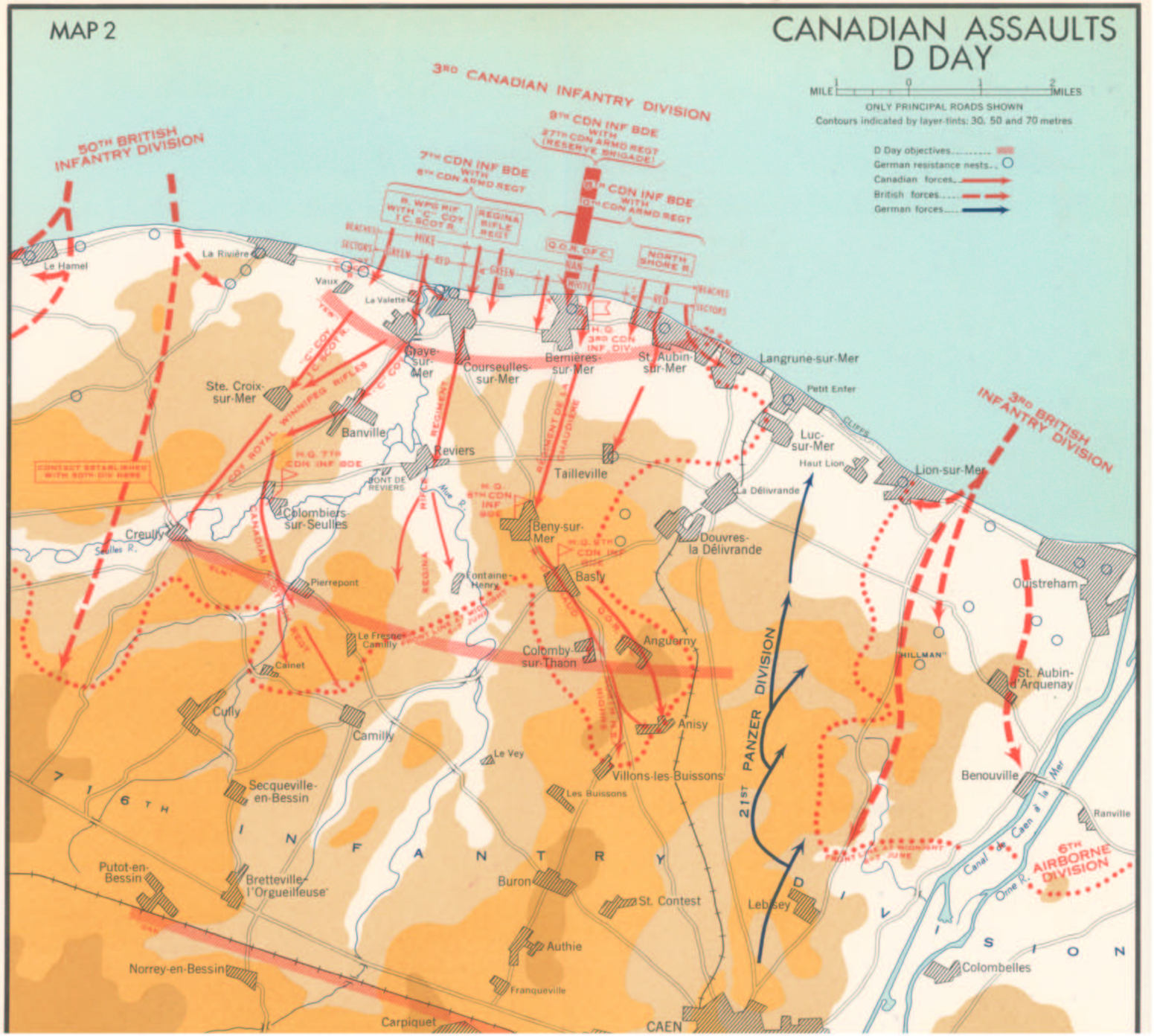
Although this photograph was taken in 1948, the major German positions assaulted by the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade on 6 June 1944 still existed and are indicated on the face of the photograph.

CONGESTION ON "MIKE RED" BEACH, D DAY

These air photographs, taken at an unspecified time near high tide on the morning of 6 June, illustrate the congestion on the beach just west of the River Seulles which resulted from difficulties with the single exit over the flooded area beyond the beach.


SKETCH 4
FIRST U.S. ARMY
SECOND BRITISH ARMY
Cherbourg
7TH U.S. CORPS
5TH U.S. CORPS
30TH BRIT CORPS
1ST BRITISH CORPS
82ND U.S. AIRBORNE DIV
Varreville
101ST U.S. AIRBORNE DIV
Port-en-Bessin
Asnelles
Cabourg
Vire
Drôme
St. Lô
Caumont
Caen
Orne
Dives
6TH BRITISH AIRBORNE DIV
D DAY OBJECTIVES
5 0 5 10
MILES
Avranches
Cherbourg
COTENTIN
Le Havre
Rouen
Seine R.
Port-en-Bessin
Bayeux
Cabourg
Vire
Caumont
Caen
St. Lô
Villers-Bocage
Dives R.
Mt. Pinçon
D+17
St. Pierre d'Entremont
Condé-sur-Noireau
Orne
Falaise
PARIS
D+90
St. Malo
Avranches
Mont de Cérisi
Domfront
D+20
NORMANDY
Brest
BRITTANY
D+50
D+40
D+35
Rennes
D+25
D+60
D+35
Orléans
Lorient
Vannes
Redon
Quiberon Bay
St.Nazaire
Loire River
Nantes
D+60
PLAN BEFORE D DAY
50
MILES
Phase lines as forecast by
H.Q. 21st Army Group, February 1944


THE INVASION OF NORMANDY
ALLIED CONCENTRATION AND ROUTES
6 JUNE 1944
SKETCH 5
82ND U.S. AIRBORNE DIV
FOLLOW-UP 30TH CORPS
7TH ARMD DIV
49TH DIV
FOLLOW-UP 1ST CORPS
51ST DIV
Harwich
2ND U.S. INF DIV
Swansea
90TH U.S. INF DIV
Cardiff
Severn
LONDON
Thames
The Nore
19TH U.S. CORPS
8TH CORPS
9TH U.S. INF DIV
6TH AB DIV
12TH CORPS
2ND CDN CORPS
101ST U.S. AIRBORNE DIV
30TH CORPS
1ST CORPS
3RD CDN INF DIV
3RD BRIT INF DIV
Southampton
Shoreham
Newhaven
5TH U.S. CORPS
50TH DIV
1ST U.S. INF DIV
Portsmouth
The Solent
Spithead
Poole
FOLLOW-UP 5TH U.S. CORPS
29TH U.S. INF DIV
7TH U.S. CORPS
4TH U.S. INF DIV
Weymouth
Portland Harbour
FORCE "G"
FORCE "O"
AREA "Z"
FORCE "S"
CHANNEL
GERMAN MINEFIELD
Fowey
Brixham
Tor Bay
Plymouth
Dartmouth
Salcombe
Falmouth
Helford R.
FORCE "U"
101ST U.S. AB DIV
82ND U.S. AB DIV
GLIDERS
ENGLISH
FORCE "J"
Cherbourg
COTENTIN
"UTAH"
"OMAHA"
"GOLD"
"JUNO"
"SWORD"
Caen
Le Havre
Seine
PARIS
50
100
MILES


MAP 2
CANADIAN ASSAULTS
D DAY
MILE 1 0 1 2 MILES
ONLY PRINCIPAL ROADS SHOWN
Contours indicated by layer-tints: 30, 50 and 70 metres
D Day objectives
German resistance nests
Canadian forces
British forces
German forces
3RD CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION
50TH BRITISH INFANTRY DIVISION
3RD BRITISH INFANTRY DIVISION
7TH CDN INF BDE WITH 8TH CDN ARMD REGT
9TH CDN INF BDE WITH 27TH CDN ARMD REGT (RESERVE BRIGADE)
8TH CDN INF BDE WITH 10TH CDN ARMD REGT
R. WPG RIF WITH "C" COY T.C. SCOT R.
REGINA RIFLE REGT
NORTH SHORE R.
H.Q. 3RD CDN INF DIV
H.Q. 7TH CDN INF BDE
H.Q. 8TH CDN INF BDE
H.Q. 9TH CDN INF BDE
CONTACT ESTABLISHED WITH 50TH DIV HERE
CANADIAN SCOTTISH
ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFLES
REGIMENT DE LA CHAUDIERE
REGINA
FRONT LINE AT MIDNIGHT
Le Hamel
La Rivière
Vaux
La Valette
Graye-sur-Mer
Courseulles-sur-Mer
Bernières-sur-Mer
St. Aubin-sur-Mer
Langrune-sur-Mer
Petit Enfer
Ste. Croix-sur-Mer
Banville
Reviers
Tailleville
Luc-sur-Mer
Haut Lion
Lion-sur-Mer
La Délivrande
Colombiers-sur-Seulles
Creully
Seulles R.
Beny-sur-Mer
Douvres-la Délivrande
Pierrepont
Fontaine-Henry
Basly
Ouistreham
Le Fresne-Camilly
Colomby-sur-Thaon
Anguerny
Cairet
Cully
Camilly
Anisy
St. Aubin-d'Arquenay
Le Vey
Villons-les-Buissons
Les Buissons
Secqueville-en-Bessin
Benouville
Ranville
Putot-en-Bessin
Bretteville-l'Orgueilleuse
Buron
St. Contest
Lebisey
Authie
Norrey-en-Bessin
Franqueville
Carpiquet
CAEN
Colombelles
Canal de Caen à la Mer
Orne R.
HILLMAN
21ST PANZER DIVISION
6TH AIRBORNE DIVISION
7 6 TH INFANTRY DIVISION

STRONGPOINT AT ST. AUBIN-SUR-MER

The 50-mm. anti-tank gun in the "resistance nest" attacked by The North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment on D Day. This gun was fought with determination and gave much trouble. From a water-colour by Capt. O. N. Fisher.

THE ABBEY OF ARDENNE

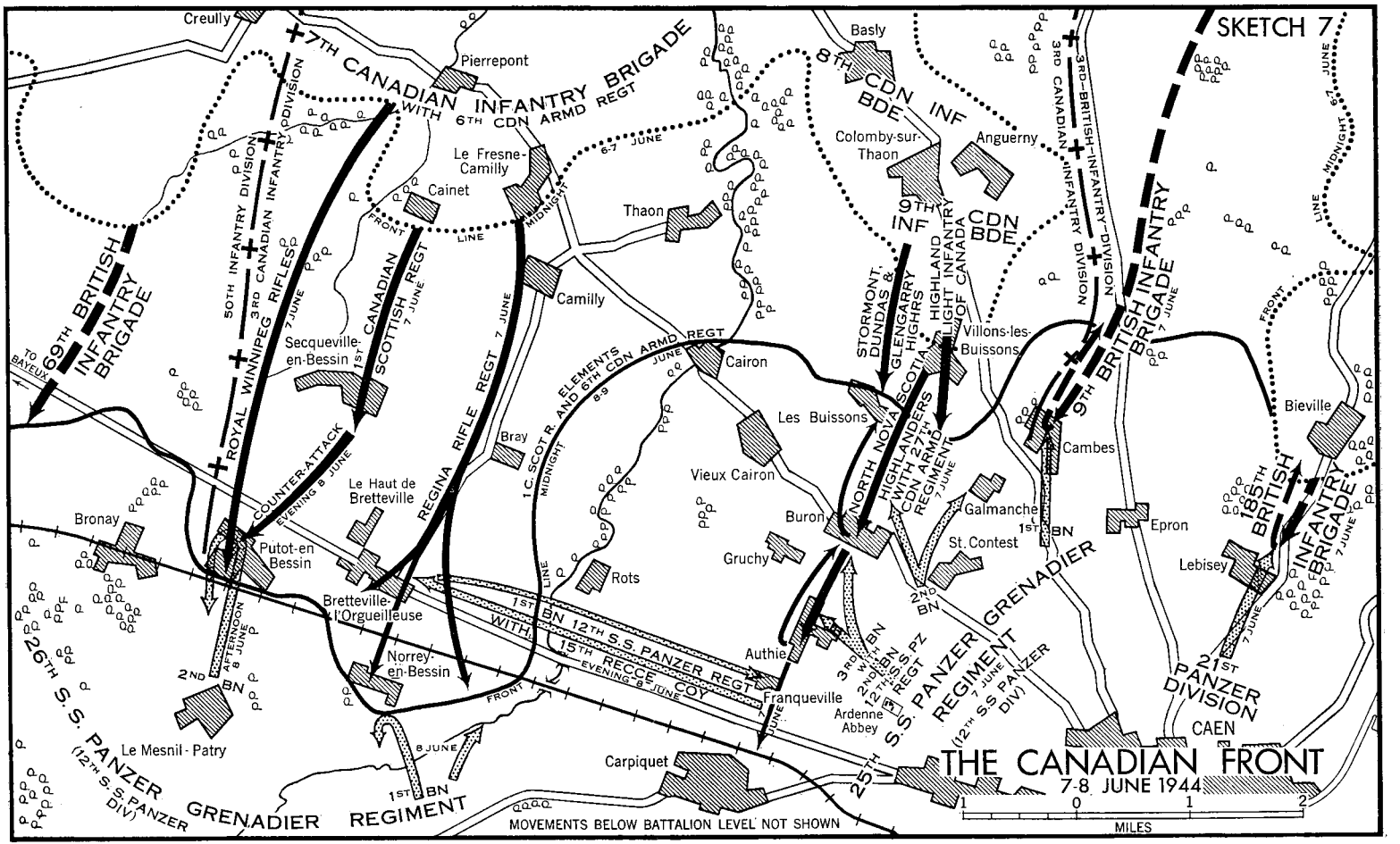
The lofty chapel served as an observation post for Kurt Meyer on 7 June (later General Crerar used it for the same purpose). The Abbey was the scene of fierce fighting on 8 July. Photograph taken in 1946.

DIVINE SERVICE ON BOARD H.M.C.S. *ALGONQUIN*, 18 JUNE 1944

A scene in the destroyer which carried General Crerar and members of his staff to Normandy. From left to right in the centre foreground, Brigadier A. E. Walford; Brigadier C. C. Mann; Captain F. L. Houghton, R.C.N.; General Stuart; Lt.-Cmdr. D. W. Piers, commanding H.M.C.S. *Algonquin*; General Crerar.

CANADIAN CONVOY IN CAEN

Vehicles of the 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade Company, R.C.A.S.C., bringing up supplies to the brigade through the ruined city, July 1944. From a watercolour by Major W. A. Ogilvie.


SKETCH 7
THE CANADIAN FRONT
7-8 JUNE 1944
MOVEMENTS BELOW BATTALION LEVEL NOT SHOWN
MILES
Creully
Pierrepont
Basly
Colomby-sur-Thaon
Anguerny
Le Fresne-Camilly
Cainet
Thaon
Camilly
Secqueville-en-Bessin
Cairon
Les Buissons
Villons-les-Buissons
Bieville
Cambes
Bray
Vieux Cairon
Buron
Galmanche
Epron
Le Haut de Bretteville
Bronay
Putot-en-Bessin
Rots
Gruchy
St. Contest
Lebisey
Bretteville-l'Orgueilleuse
Norrey-en-Bessin
Authie
Franqueville
Ardenne Abbey
Le Mesnil-Patry
Carpiquet
CAEN
69TH BRITISH INFANTRY BRIGADE
50TH INFANTRY DIVISION
3RD CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION
7TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE WITH 6TH CDN ARMD REGT
8TH CDN INF BDE
9TH CDN INF BDE
3RD CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION
3RD BRITISH INFANTRY DIVISION
9TH BRITISH INFANTRY BRIGADE
185TH BRITISH INFANTRY BRIGADE
ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFLES
1ST CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGT
REGINA RIFLE REGT
ELEMENTS 1C SCOT R. AND 6TH CDN ARMD REGT
STORMONT, DUNDAS & GLENGARRY HIGHRS
HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY OF CANADA
NORTH NOVA SCOTIA HIGHLANDERS WITH 27TH CDN ARMD REGIMENT
1ST BN 12TH S.S. PANZER REGT WITH 15TH RECCE COY
2ND BN 12TH S.S. PZ REGT
3RD BN
1ST BN GRENADIER REGIMENT
2ND BN GRENADIER REGIMENT
26TH S.S. PANZER GRENADIER REGIMENT (12TH S.S. PANZER DIV)
25TH S.S. PANZER REGIMENT (12TH S.S. PANZER DIV)
21ST PANZER DIVISION
2ND BN
1ST BN
COUNTERATTACK EVENING 8 JUNE
TO BAYEUX
FRONT LINE
MIDNIGHT
6-7 JUNE
7 JUNE
8 JUNE
8-9 JUNE
AFTERNOON 8 JUNE
EVENING 8 JUNE

THE STEELWORKS AT COLOMBELLES, 19 JULY 1944

The scene of fierce fighting during Operation "Atlantic". The ruins of the steelworks were cleared on the evening of 18 July and during the night that followed.

FORWARD TO THE LAISON

Through the golden grain and the dust, vehicles of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division advance towards the start-line for Operation "Tractable", 14 August. In the foreground are 6-pounder anti-tank guns towed by carriers.

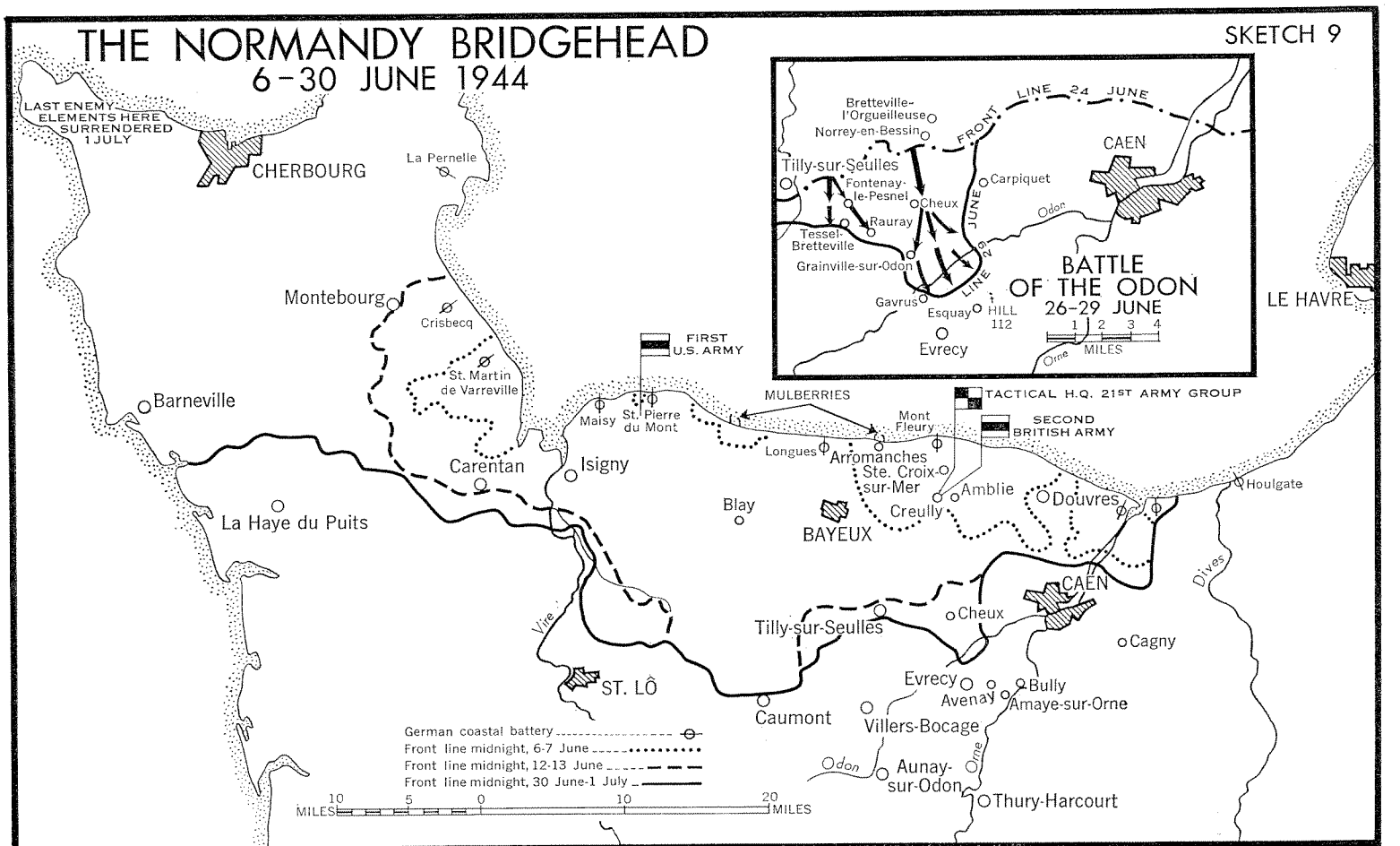
CLEARING OUT SNIPERS IN FALAISE

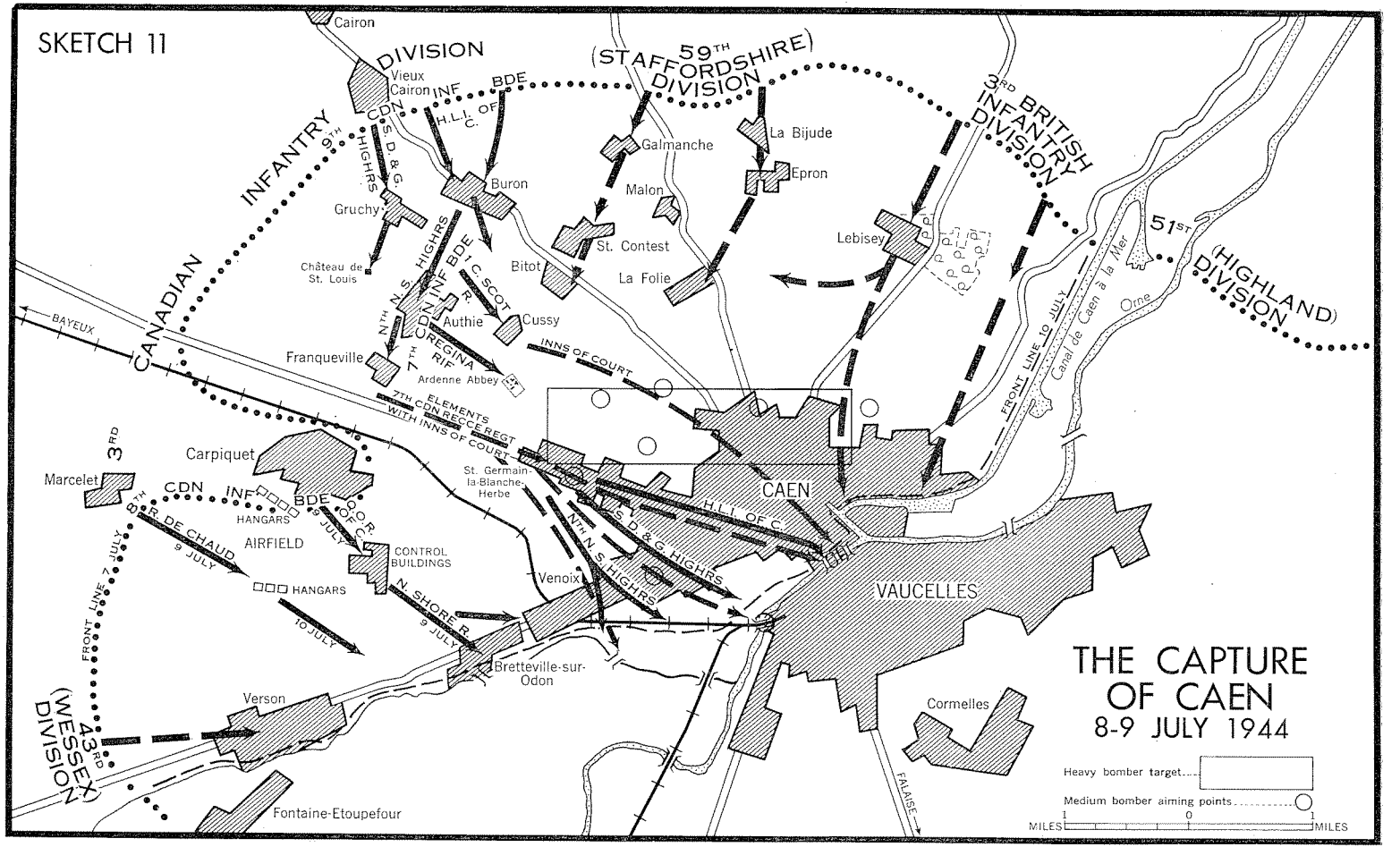
Men of Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal follow a tank of the 27th Armoured Regiment (the Sherbrooke Fusiliers Regiment) through the town on 17 August.

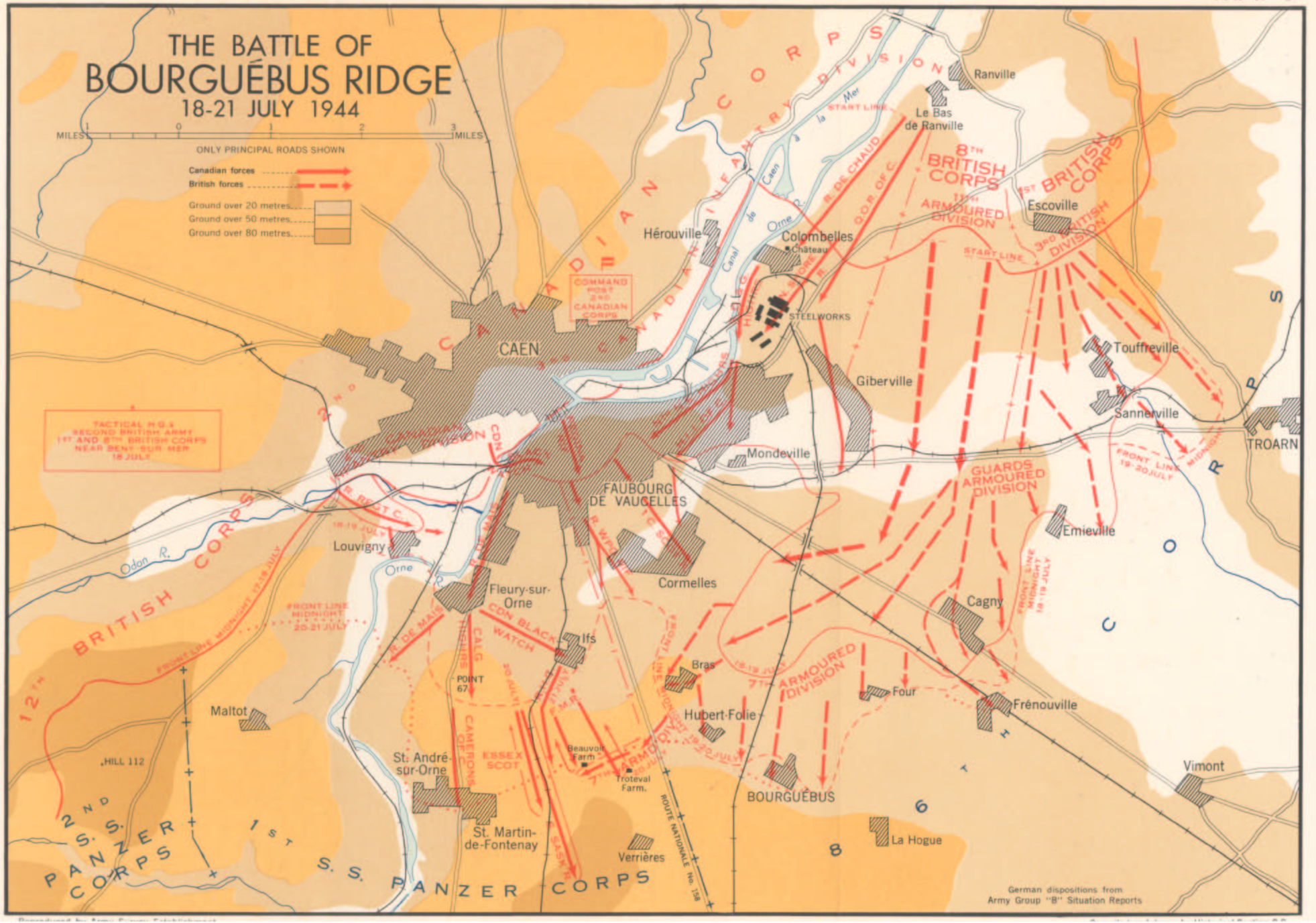
Courtesy Imperial War Museum, London

THE FALAISE GAP

This painting by Frank Wootton represents R.A.F. Typhoons harrying the German retirement through the Gap, August 1944.


THE NORMANDY BRIDGEHEAD
6-30 JUNE 1944
SKETCH 9
LAST ENEMY ELEMENTS HERE SURRENDERED 1 JULY
CHERBOURG
La Pernelle
Montebourg
Crisbecq
St. Martin de Varreville
Barneville
Carentan
La Haye du Puits
Isigny
Maisy
St. Pierre du Mont
FIRST U.S. ARMY
MULBERRIES
TACTICAL H.Q. 21ST ARMY GROUP
SECOND BRITISH ARMY
Mont Fleury
Longues
Arromanches
Ste. Croix-sur-Mer
Amblie
Douvres
Houlgate
Blay
BAYEUX
Creully
CAEN
Cheux
Tilly-sur-Seulles
Cagny
Vire
Dives
ST. LÔ
Caumont
Evrecy
Avenay
Bully
Amaye-sur-Orne
Villers-Bocage
Odon
Aunay-sur-Odon
Orne
Thury-Harcourt
LE HAVRE
German coastal battery
Front line midnight, 6-7 June
Front line midnight, 12-13 June
Front line midnight, 30 June-1 July
10 5 0 10 20 MILES
Bretteville-l'Orgueilleuse
Norrey-en-Bessin
Tilly-sur-Seulles
Fontenay-le-Pesnel
Cheux
Carpiquet
Rauray
Tessel-Bretteville
Grainville-sur-Odon
Gavrus
Esquay
HILL 112
Evrecy
CAEN
Odon
Orne
FRONT LINE 24 JUNE
LINE 25 JUNE
LINE 27 JUNE
BATTLE OF THE ODON
26-29 JUNE
1 2 3 4 MILES


SKETCH 11
Cairon
Vieux Cairon
CDN INF BDE
DIVISION
(STAFFORDSHIRE)
59TH DIVISION
3RD BRITISH INFANTRY DIVISION
51ST (HIGHLAND) DIVISION
CANADIAN INFANTRY 9TH
H.L.I. OF C.
CAMERONS OF C.
HIGHRS
Buron
Gruchy
Galmanche
La Bijude
Epron
Malon
St. Contest
Bitot
La Folie
Lebisey
Château de St. Louis
INF BDE
N.S. HIGHRS
R.C.SCOT
Authie
Cussy
Franqueville
REGINA RIF
7TH
Ardenne Abbey
INNS OF COURT
BAYEUX
7TH CDN RECCE REGT
ELEMENTS WITH INNS OF COURT
Canal de Caen à la Mer
Orne
FRONT LINE 10 JULY
3RD
Carpiquet
Marcelet
CDN INF BDE
HANGARS
AIRFIELD
CONTROL BUILDINGS
8TH R. DE CHAUD
9 JULY
10 JULY
FRONT LINE 7 JULY
St. Germain-la-Blanche-Herbe
CAEN
Venoix
N. SHORE R.
Bretteville-sur-Odon
VAUCELLES
Cormelles
Verson
43RD (WESSEX) DIVISION
Fontaine-Etoupefour
FALAISE
THE CAPTURE OF CAEN
8-9 JULY 1944
Heavy bomber target
Medium bomber aiming points
MILES
MILES


THE BATTLE OF
BOURGUÉBUS RIDGE
18-21 JULY 1944
MILES 1 0 1 2 3 MILES
ONLY PRINCIPAL ROADS SHOWN
Canadian forces
British forces
Ground over 20 metres
Ground over 50 metres
Ground over 80 metres
TACTICAL H.Q.s SECOND BRITISH ARMY 1ST AND 8TH BRITISH CORPS NEAR BENY-SUR-MER 18 JULY
CANADIAN CORPS
CAEN
COMMAND POST 2ND CANADIAN CORPS
3RD CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION
2ND CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
2ND CANADIAN ARMOURED BRIGADE
1ST HUSSARS
R. DE CHAUD
Canal de Caen à la Mer
Orne R.
Odon R.
Hérouville
Colombelles
Château
STEELWORKS
Ranville
Le Bas de Ranville
START LINE
8TH BRITISH CORPS
1ST BRITISH CORPS
7TH ARMOURED DIVISION
3RD BRITISH DIVISION
Escoville
Touffreville
Giberville
Sannerville
TROARN
Mondeville
FAUBOURG DE VAUCELLES
Cormelles
GUARDS ARMOURED DIVISION
Emieville
Cagny
Louvigny
Fleury-sur-Orne
Ifs
Bras
Four
Frénouville
Hubert-Folie
Maltot
POINT 67
St. André-sur-Orne
Beauvoir Farm
Troteval Farm
BOURGUÉBUS
Vimont
La Hogue
St. Martin-de-Fontenay
Verrières
HILL 112
12TH BRITISH CORPS
2ND S.S. PANZER CORPS
1ST S.S. PANZER CORPS
ROUTE NATIONALE No. 158
FRONT LINE MIDNIGHT 17-18 JULY
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FRONT LINE MIDNIGHT 19-20 JULY
FRONT LINE MIDNIGHT 20-21 JULY
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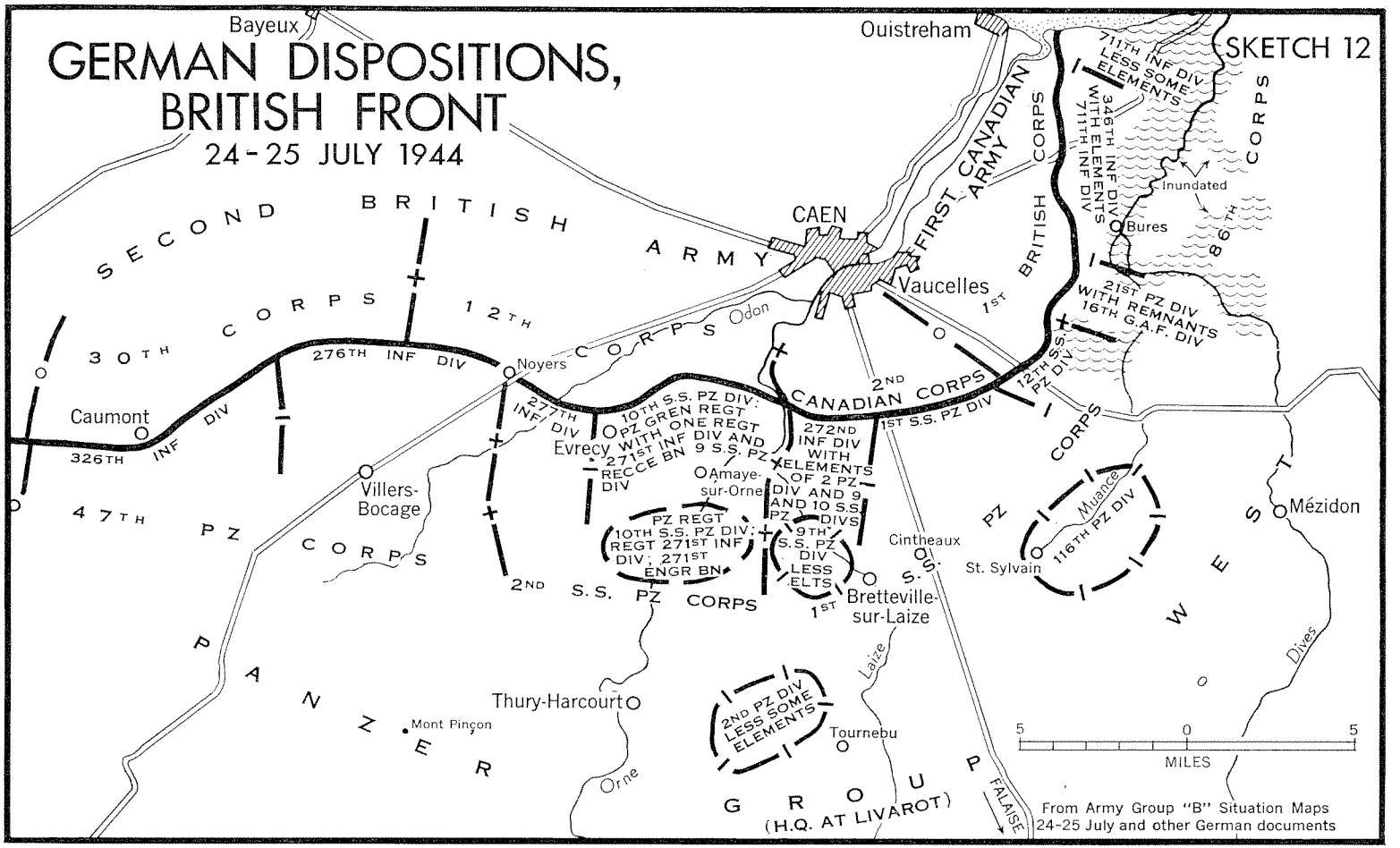
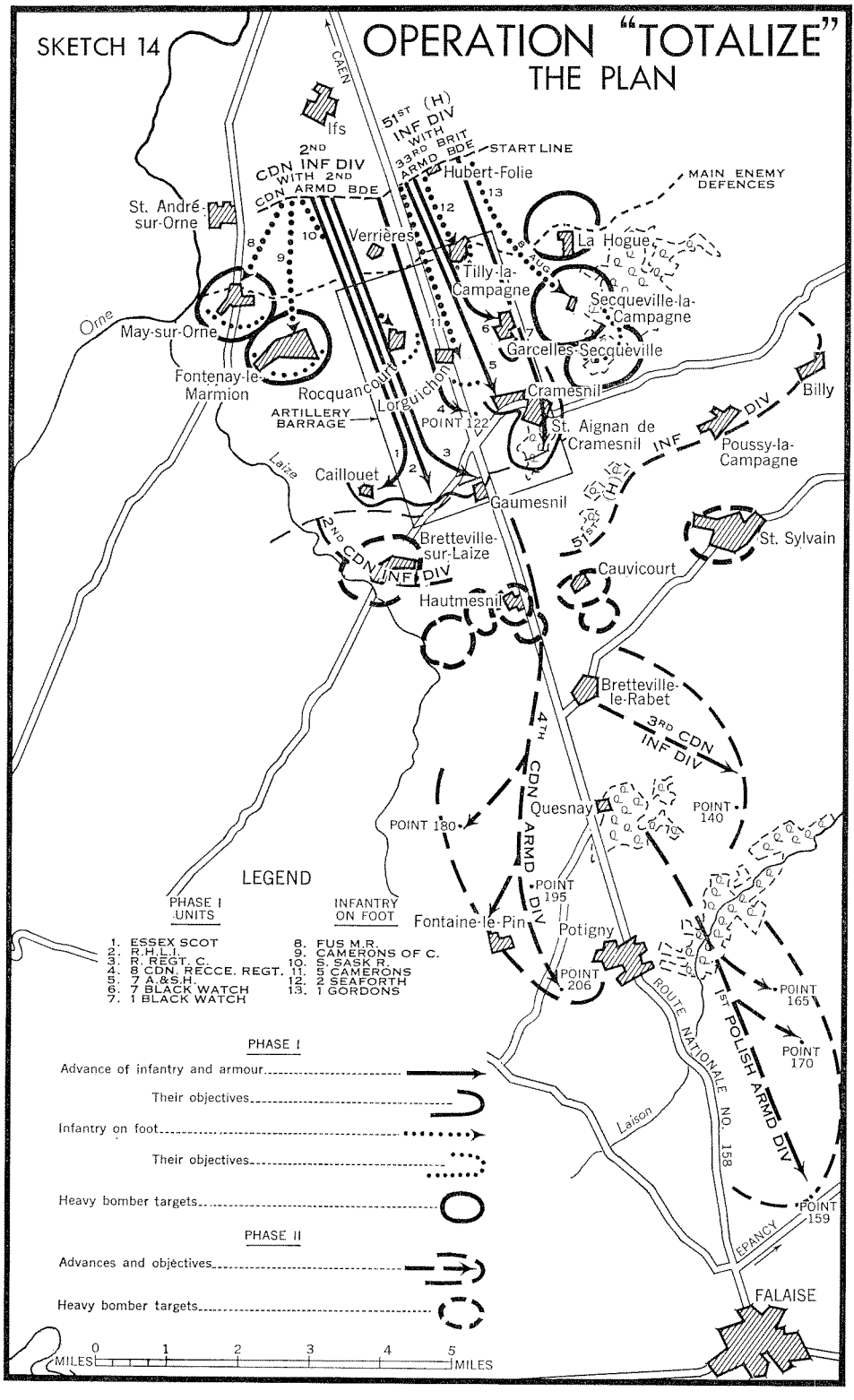

GERMAN DISPOSITIONS,
BRITISH FRONT
24-25 JULY 1944
SKETCH 12
Bayeux
Ouistreham
CAEN
SECOND BRITISH ARMY
FIRST CANADIAN ARMY
30TH CORPS
12TH CORPS
276TH INF DIV
Noyers
Odon
Caumont
326TH INF DIV
277TH INF DIV
10TH S.S. PZ DIV; PZ GREN REGT
Evrecy WITH ONE REGT 271ST INF DIV AND RECCE BN 9 S.S. PZ DIV
Amaye-sur-Orne
272ND INF DIV WITH ELEMENTS OF 2 PZ DIV AND 9 AND 10 S.S. PZ DIVS
2ND CANADIAN CORPS
1ST S.S. PZ DIV
12TH S.S. PZ DIV
711TH INF DIV LESS SOME ELEMENTS
346TH INF DIV WITH ELEMENTS 711TH INF DIV
Inundated
Bures
86TH CORPS
1ST BRITISH CORPS
Vaucelles
21ST PZ DIV WITH REMNANTS 16TH G.A.F. DIV
47TH PZ CORPS
Villers-Bocage
PZ REGT 10TH S.S. PZ DIV; REGT 271ST INF DIV; 271ST ENGR BN
9TH S.S. PZ DIV LESS ELTS
2ND S.S. PZ CORPS
1ST S.S. CORPS
Cintheaux
Bretteville-sur-Laize
Laize
Muance
116TH PZ DIV
St. Sylvain
Mézidon
WEST
Dives
PANZER GROUP
(H.Q. AT LIVAROT)
Thury-Harcourt
Mont Pinçon
2ND PZ DIV LESS SOME ELEMENTS
Tournebu
Orne
FALAISE
5 0 5
MILES
From Army Group "B" Situation Maps
24-25 July and other German documents


SKETCH 14
OPERATION "TOTALIZE"
THE PLAN
CAEN
Ifs
51ST (H) INF DIV WITH 33RD BRIT ARMD BDE
START LINE
2ND CDN INF DIV WITH 2ND CDN ARMD BDE
Hubert-Folie
MAIN ENEMY DEFENCES
St. André-sur-Orne
Verrières
La Hogue
Tilly-la-Campagne
Secqueville-la-Campagne
Orne
May-sur-Orne
Garcelles-Secqueville
Fontenay-le-Marmion
Rocquancourt
Lorguichon
Cramesnil
Billy
ARTILLERY BARRAGE
POINT 122
St. Aignan de Cramesnil
Poussy-la-Campagne
Laize
Caillouet
Gaumesnil
Bretteville-sur-Laize
St. Sylvain
Cauvicourt
Hautmesnil
Bretteville-le-Rabet
3RD CDN INF DIV
4TH CDN ARMD DIV
POINT 180
Quesnay
POINT 140
POINT 195
Fontaine-le-Pin
Potigny
POINT 206
POINT 165
POINT 170
1ST POLISH ARMD DIV
ROUTE NATIONALE NO. 158
Laison
POINT 159
EPANCY
FALAISE
LEGEND
PHASE I UNITS
INFANTRY ON FOOT
1. ESSEX SCOT
2. R.H.L.I.
3. R. REGT. C.
4. 8 CDN. RECCE. REGT.
5. 7 A.&S.H.
6. 7 BLACK WATCH
7. 1 BLACK WATCH
8. FUS M.R.
9. CAMERONS OF C.
10. S. SASK R.
11. 5 CAMERONS
12. 2 SEAFORTH
13. 1 GORDONS
PHASE I
Advance of infantry and armour
Their objectives
Infantry on foot
Their objectives
Heavy bomber targets
PHASE II
Advances and objectives
Heavy bomber targets
0 1 2 3 4 5
MILES
MILES

MAP 4

OPERATION "TOTALIZE"
7–10 AUGUST 1944

Ifs
2ND CDN CORPS
2ND CDN INF DIV WITH 2ND CDN ARMD BDE
COMMAND POST 2ND CANADIAN CORPS IN CORMELLES
Cagny
St. André-sur-Orne
TROTEVAL FARM
Hubert Folie
Bourguébus
Vimont
La Hogue
St. Martin-de-Fontenay
Verrières
Tilly-la-Campagne
Orne R.
May-sur-Orne
Secqueville-la-Campagne
Garcelles-Secqueville
Rocquancourt
Fontenay-le-Marmion
Lorguichon
POINT 122
Cramesnil
St. Aignan-de-Cramesnil
Caillouet
Robertmesnil
QUARRY
Gaumesnil
St. Sylvain
Cintheaux
Laize
Bretteville-sur-Laize
Cauvicourt
Hautmesnil
Gouvix
QUARRY
Soignolles
Urville
Bretteville-le-Rabet
Langannerie
Grainville-Langannerie
Estrées-la-Campagne
MAIZIÈRES
Quesnay
POINT 140
St. Germain-le-Vasson
ST. HILAIRE FARM
POINT 195
ROUTE NATIONALE No. 158
MINE
Potigny
Fontaine-le-Pin
HILL 206
OLENDON
EPANCY

1 MILE 0 MILE

ONLY PRINCIPAL ROADS SHOWN

Contours indicated by layer-tints: 50, 80 and 110 metres

Canadian forces
British or other forces

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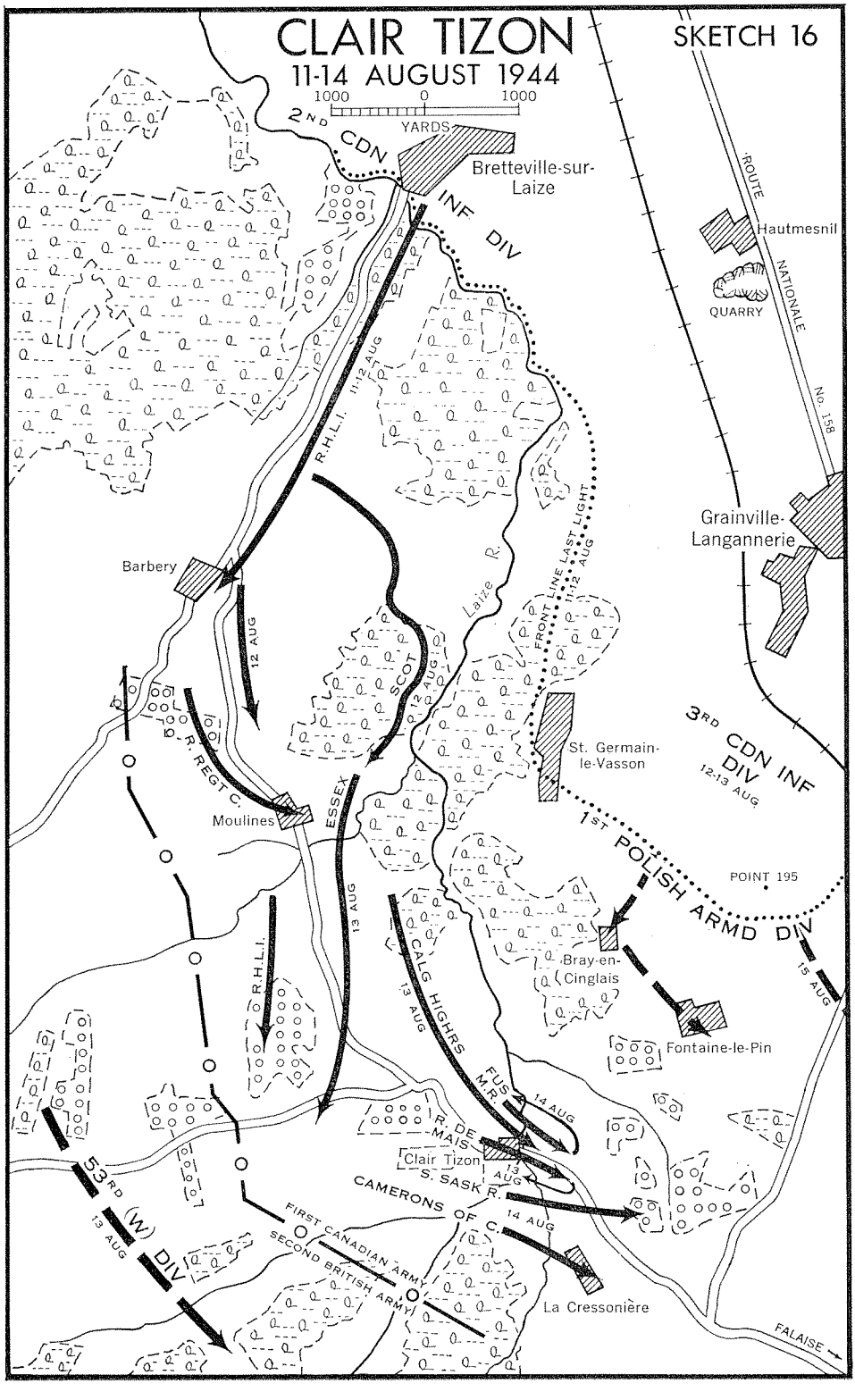
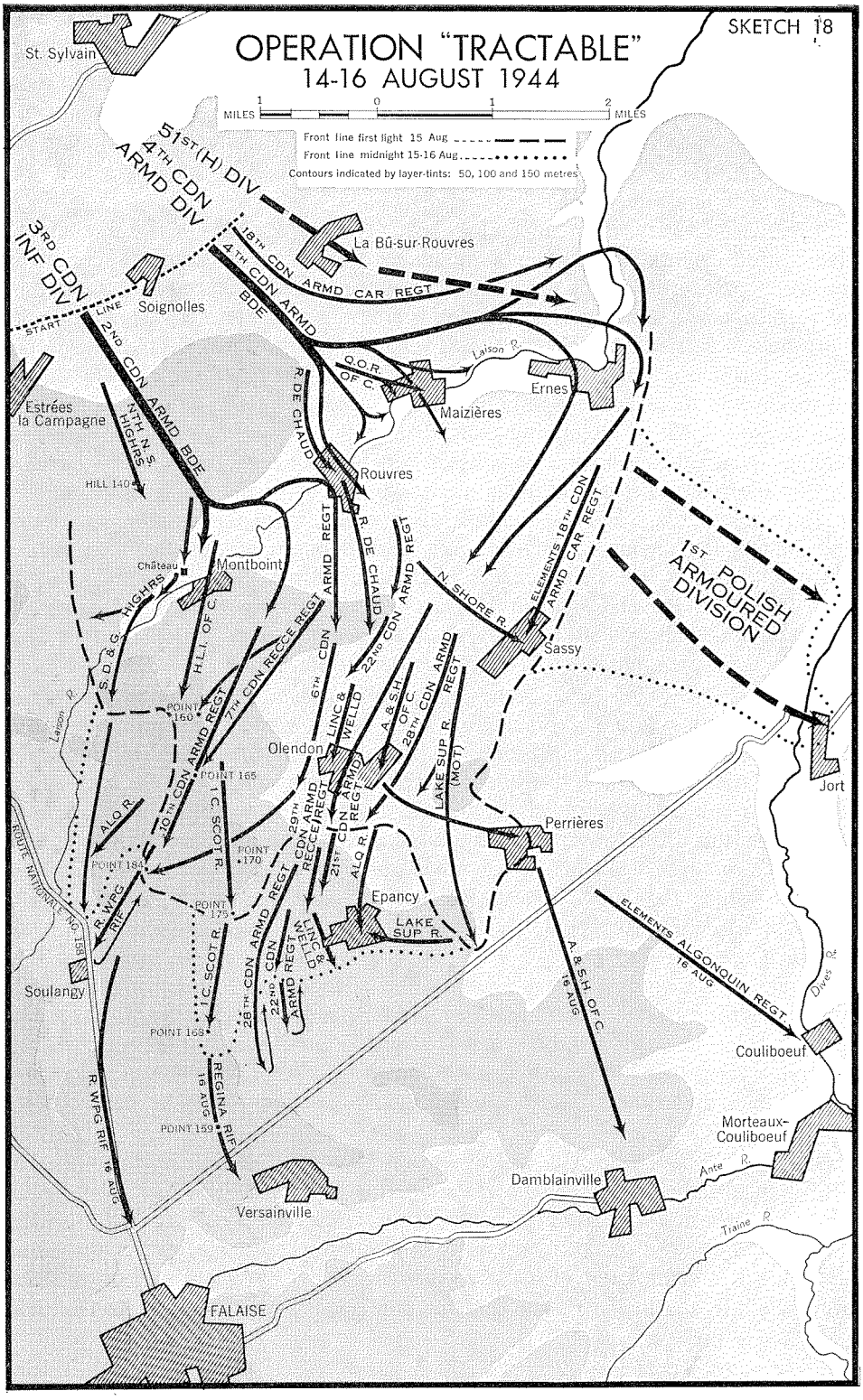
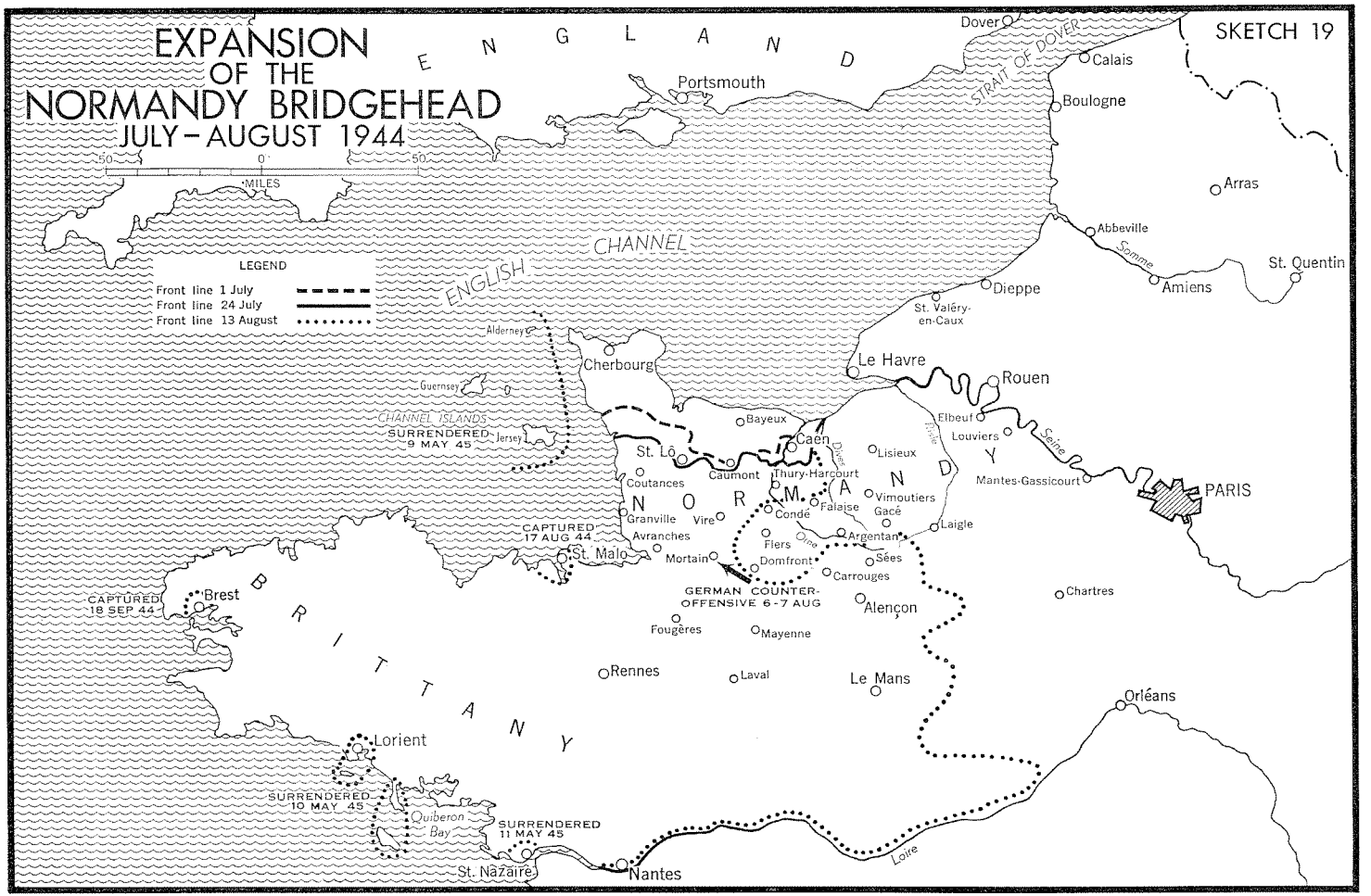
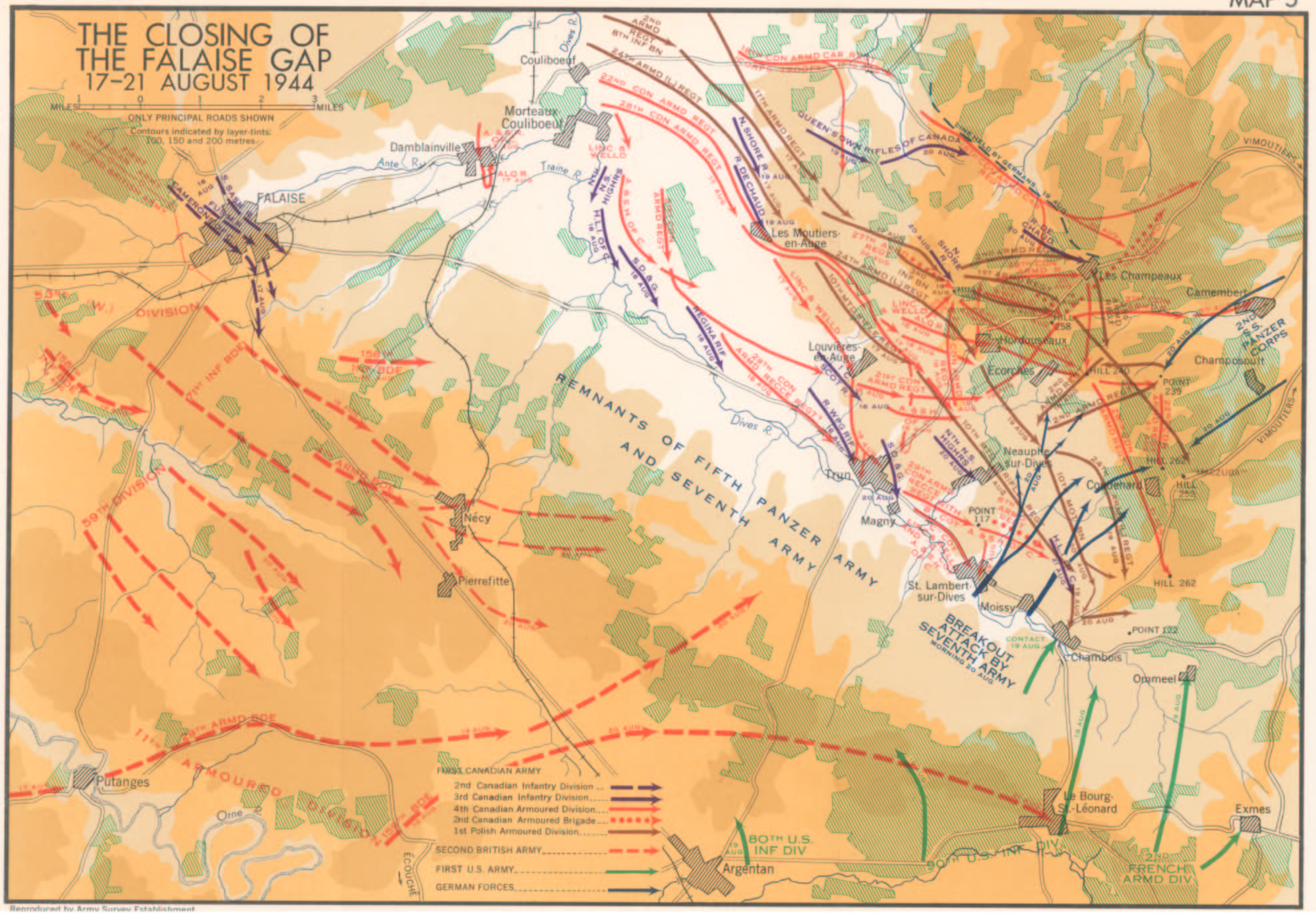

CLAIR TIZON
11-14 AUGUST 1944
SKETCH 16
1000 0 1000
YARDS
2ND CDN INF DIV
Bretteville-sur-Laize
ROUTE NATIONALE No. 158
Hautmesnil
QUARRY
Grainville-Langannerie
R.H.L.I. 11-12 AUG
FRONT LINE LAST LIGHT 11-12 AUG
Laize R.
Barbery
12 AUG
SCOT 12 AUG
R. R. REGT C.
Moulines
ESSEX 13 AUG
St. Germain-le-Vasson
3RD CDN INF DIV 12-13 AUG
1ST POLISH ARMD DIV
POINT 195
Bray-en-Cinglais
15 AUG
Fontaine-le-Pin
CALG HIGHRS 13 AUG
FUS M.R. 14 AUG
R. DE MAIS.
Clair Tizon 13 AUG
S. SASK R. 14 AUG
CAMERONS OF C.
53RD (W) DIV 13 AUG
FIRST CANADIAN ARMY
SECOND BRITISH ARMY
La Cressonière
FALAISE


SKETCH 18
OPERATION "TRACTABLE"
14-16 AUGUST 1944
MILES 1 0 1 2 MILES
Front line first light 15 Aug
Front line midnight 15-16 Aug
Contours indicated by layer-tints: 50, 100 and 150 metres
St. Sylvain
51ST (H) DIV
4TH CDN ARMD DIV
3RD CDN INF DIV
La Bû-sur-Rouvres
18TH CDN ARMD CAR REGT
4TH CDN ARMD BDE
START LINE
Soignolles
2ND CDN ARMD BDE
Laison R.
Q.O.R. OF C.
Ernes
Maizières
Estrées la Campagne
NTH N.S. HIGHRS
R. DE CHAUD
Rouvres
HILL 140
Château
Montboint
HIGHRS
S.D. & G.
H.L.I. OF C.
6TH CDN ARMD REGT
22ND CDN ARMD REGT
N. SHORE R.
ELEMENTS 18TH CDN ARMD CAR REGT
1ST POLISH ARMOURED DIVISION
Sassy
Jort
Laison R.
POINT 160
7TH CDN RECCE REGT
LINC & WELD
A. & S.H. OF C.
28TH CDN ARMD REGT
LAKE SUP R. (MOT)
Olendon
POINT 165
10TH CDN ARMD REGT
1 C. SCOT R.
ALQ R.
29TH CDN ARMD RECCE REGT
21ST CDN ARMD REGT
Perrières
ROUTE NATIONAL NO 158
POINT 180
POINT 170
R. WPG RIF
Epancy
LAKE SUP R.
POINT 175
1 C. SCOT R.
26TH CDN ARMD REGT
22ND CDN ARMD REGT
LINC & WELD
ELEMENTS ALGONQUIN REGT 16 AUG
A. & S.H. OF C. 16 AUG
Dives R.
Soulangy
POINT 169
REGINA RIF 16 AUG
Couliboeuf
R. WPG RIF 16 AUG
POINT 159
Morteaux-Couliboeuf
Damblainville
Ante R.
Versainville
Traine R.
FALAISE


EXPANSION
OF THE
NORMANDY BRIDGEHEAD
JULY – AUGUST 1944
SKETCH 19
50 0 50
MILES
LEGEND
Front line 1 July
Front line 24 July
Front line 13 August
ENGLAND
ENGLISH CHANNEL
STRAIT OF DOVER
Dover
Calais
Boulogne
Portsmouth
Arras
Abbeville
Somme
St. Quentin
Amiens
Dieppe
St. Valéry-en-Caux
Alderney
Cherbourg
Le Havre
Rouen
Guernsey
CHANNEL ISLANDS SURRENDERED 9 MAY 45
Jersey
Bayeux
Caen
Elbeuf
Louviers
Seine
Risle
Dives
St. Lô
Lisieux
Coutances
Caumont
Thury-Harcourt
Mantes-Gassicourt
PARIS
NORMANDY
Granville
Vire
Condé
Falaise
Vimoutiers
Gacé
Laigle
CAPTURED 17 AUG 44
Avranches
Flers
Orne
Argentan
St. Malo
Mortain
Domfront
Sées
Carrouges
GERMAN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE 6-7 AUG
Alençon
Chartres
CAPTURED 18 SEP 44
Brest
BRITTANY
Fougères
Mayenne
Rennes
Laval
Le Mans
Orléans
Lorient
SURRENDERED 10 MAY 45
Quiberon Bay
SURRENDERED 11 MAY 45
St. Nazaire
Nantes
Loire



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ST. LAMBERT-SUR-DIVES, AUGUST 1944

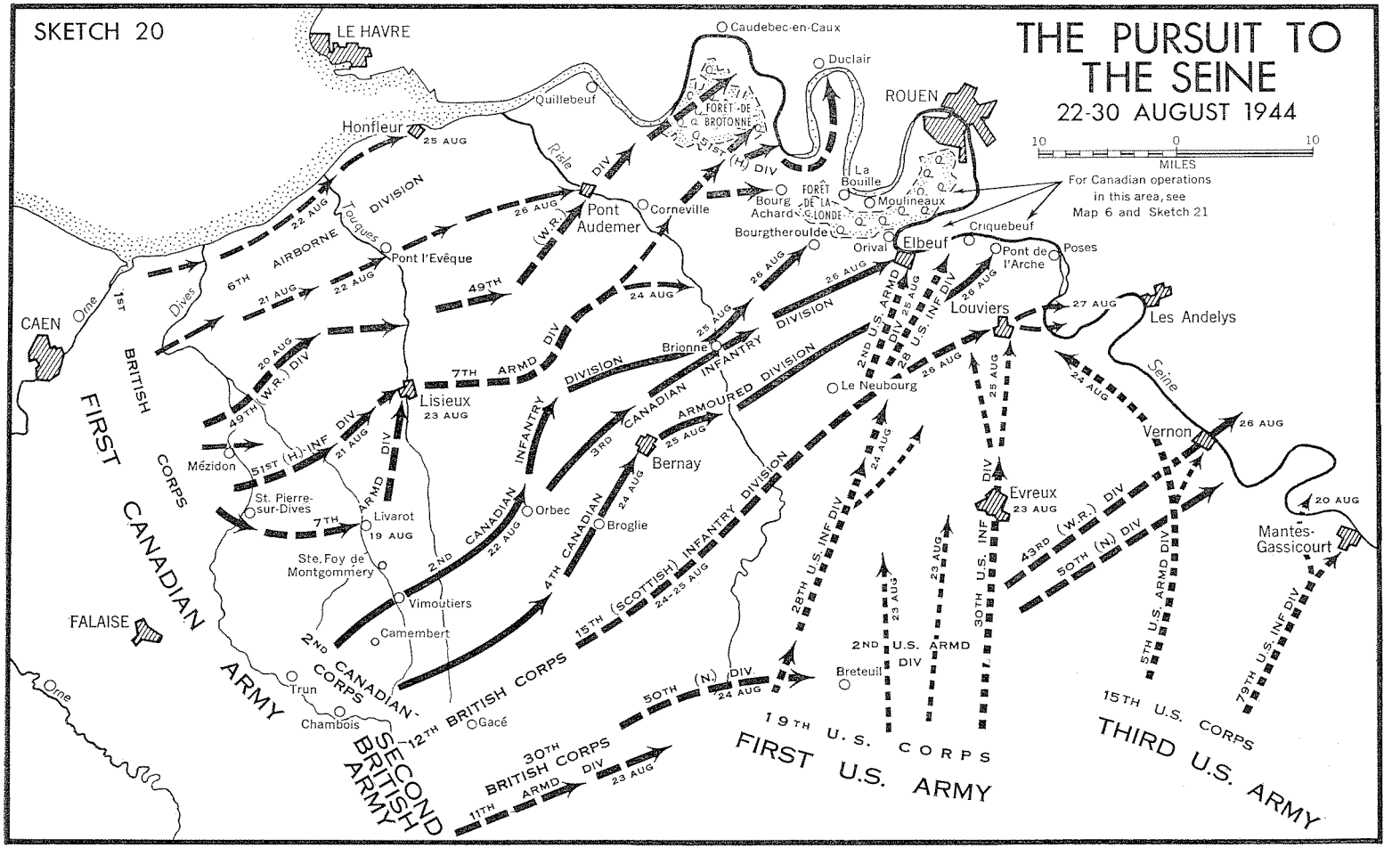
Germans surrendering to Major D. V. Currie's force. Major Currie himself, tired and grimy, appears at the left, pistol in hand. This is as close as we are ever likely to come to a photograph of a man winning the Victoria Cross.

THE RAILWAY "Y" IN THE FORET DE LA LONDE

By the time this photograph was taken (1946), an additional railway line (curving into the woods in the background) had been built, evidently to by-pass the demolished bridge. The picture was taken looking west from the east side of the valley. The South Saskatchewan Regiment suffered heavily in fighting hereabouts on 28 August 1944.

THE FORET DE LA LONDE

This mosaic, composed of air photographs taken on 24 May 1944, illustrates the 2nd Canadian Division's battlefield of 27-29 August 1944. The railway lines running from top to bottom indicate the course of the valley which proved such a serious obstacle. See also Map 6.


SKETCH 20
THE PURSUIT TO THE SEINE
22-30 AUGUST 1944
10 0 10
MILES
For Canadian operations in this area, see Map 6 and Sketch 21
LE HAVRE
Caudebec-en-Caux
Duclair
ROUEN
Quillebeuf
Honfleur
25 AUG
FORÊT DE BROTONNE
La Bouille
FORÊT DE LA LONDE
Bourg Achard
Moulineaux
Pont Audemer
Corneville
Bourgtheroulde
Criquebeuf
Orival
Elbeuf
Pont de l'Arche
Poses
Pont l'Evêque
Touques
Risle
Dives
Orne
CAEN
Louviers
27 AUG
Les Andelys
Seine
Le Neubourg
Brionne
Lisieux
23 AUG
Mézidon
St. Pierre-sur-Dives
Livarot
19 AUG
Orbec
Broglie
Bernay
Vernon
26 AUG
Evreux
23 AUG
Mantes-Gassicourt
20 AUG
Ste. Foy de Montgommery
Vimoutiers
Camembert
FALAISE
Trun
Chambois
Gacé
Breteuil
1ST BRITISH CORPS
FIRST CANADIAN ARMY
2ND CANADIAN CORPS
12TH BRITISH CORPS
30TH BRITISH CORPS
SECOND BRITISH ARMY
19TH U.S. CORPS
FIRST U.S. ARMY
15TH U.S. CORPS
THIRD U.S. ARMY
6TH AIRBORNE DIVISION
49TH (W.R.) DIV
51ST (H) INF DIV
7TH ARMD DIV
2ND CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION
3RD CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION
4TH CANADIAN ARMOURED DIVISION
15TH (SCOTTISH) INFANTRY DIVISION
50TH (N) DIV
11TH ARMD DIV
2ND U.S. ARMD DIV
2ND U.S. INF DIV
28TH U.S. INF DIV
30TH U.S. INF DIV
43RD (W.R.) DIV
5TH U.S. ARMD DIV
79TH U.S. INF DIV

MAP 6

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LANCASTERS OVER MONT LAMBERT, 17 SEPTEMBER 1944

A glimpse from above of the heavy attack made by the R.A.F. Bomber Command to prepare the way for the assault by the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division on the defences of Boulogne.

GERMAN PRISONERS AT BOULOGNE

The 400 Germans captured in the underground passages of the Herquelingue hill (the "bargain basement") march into Boulogne, 21 September 1944.

PERSONAL and TOP SECRET. ✓

TAC HEADQUARTERS,

21 ARMY GROUP.

21 A Gp/1004/13/G.

13 September, 1944.

Lt-Gen. H.D.G. Crerar, CB,DSO,
Commander,
First Canadian Army.

My dear Harry

1. Since last meeting you, we have had a great victory with SHAEF, and the main weight of maintenance is now to be diverted to the northward thrust against the RUHR.

2. I am delighted that you have captured HAVRE, and please give my congratulations to 1 Corps and the Divisions concerned.

3. The things that are now very important are :-

(a) Capture of BOULOGNE and DUNKIRK and CALAIS.

(b) The setting in motion of operations designed to enable us to use the port of ANTWERP.

4. Of these two things, (b) is probably the most important. We have captured a port which resembles LIVERPOOL in size, but we cannot use it; if we could use it, all our maintenance troubles would disappear. I am very anxious that (a) and (b) should both go on simultaneously if you can possibly arrange it, as time is of the utmost importance. I wonder whether you could possibly use one Corps HQ to control the operations from BOULOGNE to DUNKIRK, and the other Corps HQ to control the operations for the opening of ANTWERP. Perhaps you would let me know what you think about this.

5. For the operations concerned with ANTWERP, you will need a great deal of air support. I have ordered that bombing to destroy the forts on WALCHEREN Island is to begin at once. On the day concerned we can lay on for you the whole weight of the heavy bomber effort from ENGLAND, both Bomber Command and Eighth Air Force. I would like you to take over the city of ANTWERP itself from Dempsey as soon as possible; you will want that place and certain ground east of it, so that you can develop operations to push the enemy northwards from the city. You may also possibly want to develop operations westwards along the neck of the peninsula towards WALCHEREN.

6. Dempsey is launching Operation MARKET on Sunday 17th September. This is the operation designed to secure the crossings over the MAAS and the MAAS-WAAL in the ARNHEM area, and three Airborne Divisions are being used.

7. I have arranged that Airborne Forces (para Troops) will be available for you to assist in the capture of WALCHEREN Island.

/ 8. ....

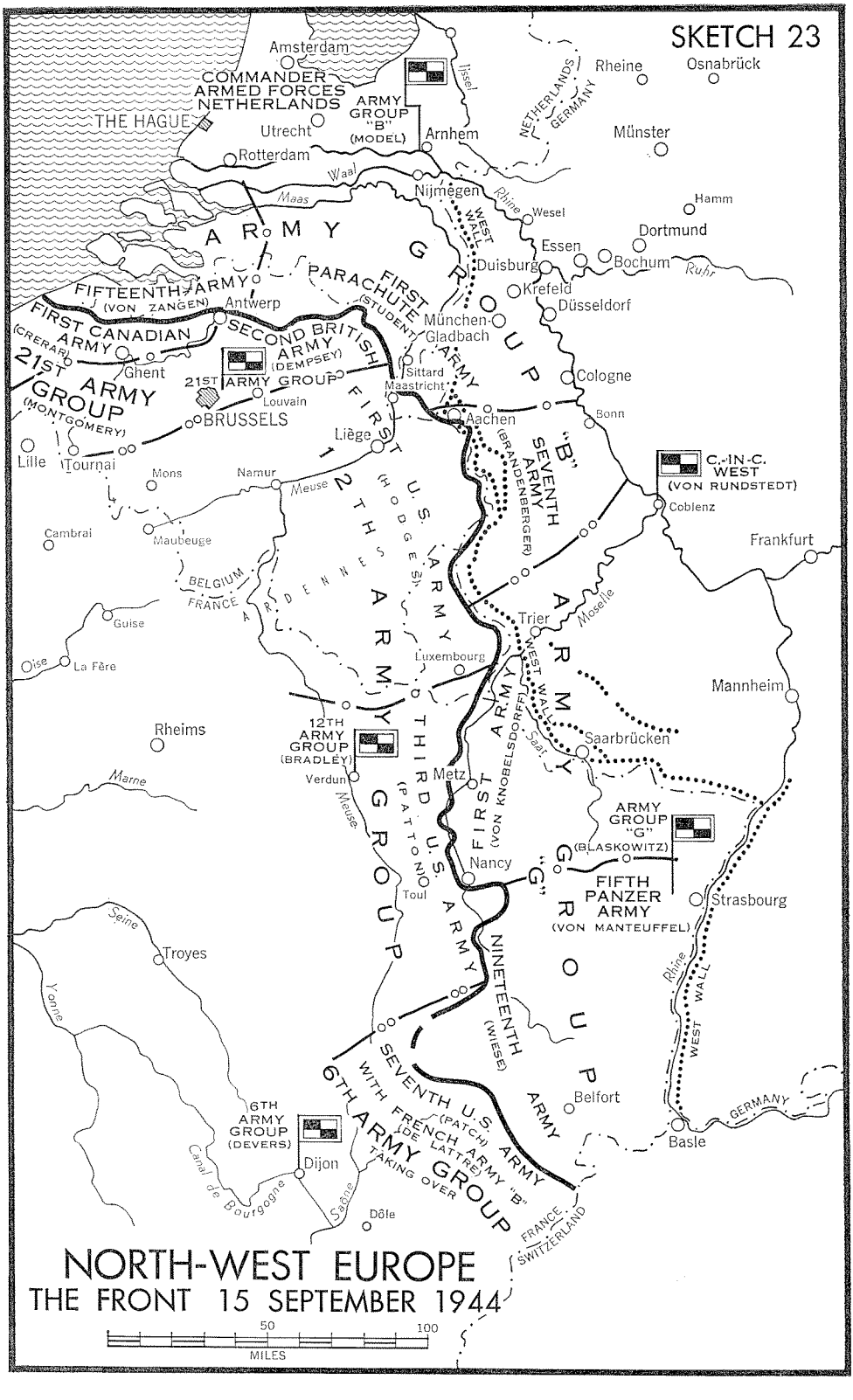
8. The really important thing is speed in setting in motion what we have to do. I hope very much that you will be able to tackle both your tasks simultaneously, i.e. the ~~road~~ to CALAIS Ports and the ANTWERP business.

Yrs ever

B. L. Montgomery

A LETTER FROM THE C.-IN-C.

Field-Marshal Montgomery's letter to General Crerar referring to the forthcoming Arnhem operation and expressing the hope that First Canadian Army can open Antwerp and clear the Channel Ports simultaneously.


SKETCH 23
Amsterdam
COMMANDER ARMED FORCES NETHERLANDS
THE HAGUE
Utrecht
Rotterdam
ARMY GROUP "B" (MODEL)
Arnhem
Issel
NETHERLANDS
GERMANY
Rheine
Osnabrück
Münster
Waal
Maas
Nijmegen
Rhine
Wesel
Hamm
Dortmund
Essen
Bochum
Ruhr
Duisburg
Krefeld
Düsseldorf
WEST WALL
ARMY GROUP "B"
FIRST PARACHUTE ARMY (STUDENT)
München-Gladbach
Cologne
Bonn
Aachen
Maastricht
Sittard
SEVENTH ARMY (BRANDENBERGER)
FIFTEENTH ARMY (VON ZANGEN)
Antwerp
FIRST CANADIAN ARMY (CRERAR)
SECOND BRITISH ARMY (DEMPSEY)
21ST ARMY GROUP (MONTGOMERY)
21ST ARMY GROUP
Ghent
Louvain
BRUSSELS
Liège
Lille
Tournai
Mons
Namur
Meuse
FIRST U.S. ARMY (HODGES)
12TH ARMY GROUP
Cambrai
Maubeuge
BELGIUM
FRANCE
ARDENNES
Guise
Oise
La Fère
Luxembourg
C.-IN-C. WEST (VON RUNDSTEDT)
Coblenz
Frankfurt
Trier
Moselle
ARMY GROUP "G"
WEST WALL
Saar
Saarbrücken
Mannheim
Rheims
Marne
12TH ARMY GROUP (BRADLEY)
Verdun
Meuse
THIRD U.S. ARMY (PATTON)
Metz
FIRST ARMY (VON KNOBELSDORFF)
Nancy
Toul
ARMY GROUP "G" (BLASKOWITZ)
FIFTH PANZER ARMY (VON MANTEUFFEL)
Strasbourg
Seine
Troyes
Yonne
NINETEENTH ARMY (WIESE)
Rhine
WEST WALL
GERMANY
Belfort
SEVENTH U.S. ARMY (PATCH)
WITH FRENCH ARMY "B" (DE LATTRE)
TAKING OVER
6TH ARMY GROUP
6TH ARMY GROUP (DEVERS)
Dijon
Canal de Bourgogne
Saône
Dôle
Basle
FRANCE
SWITZERLAND
NORTH-WEST EUROPE
THE FRONT 15 SEPTEMBER 1944
50
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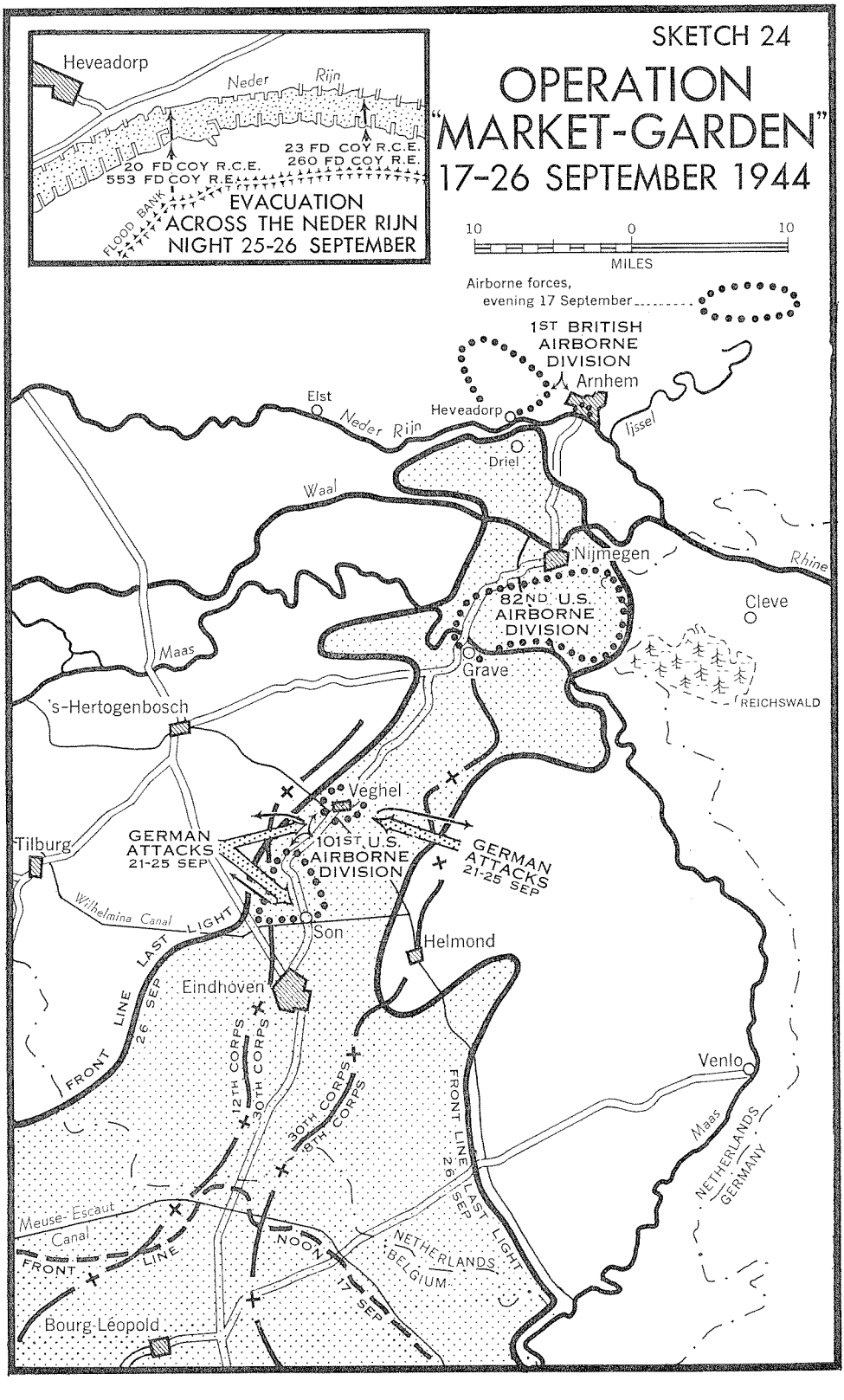
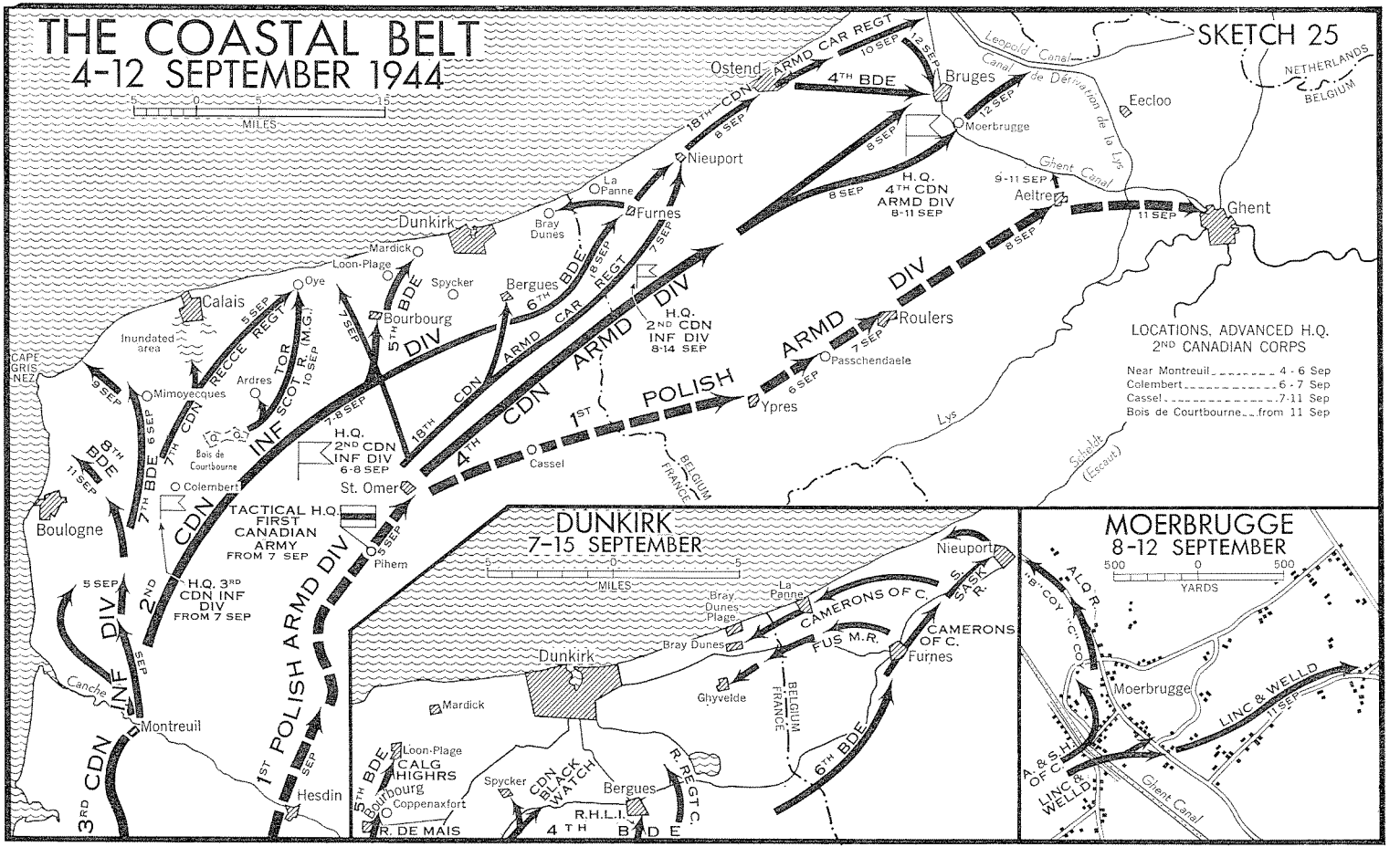
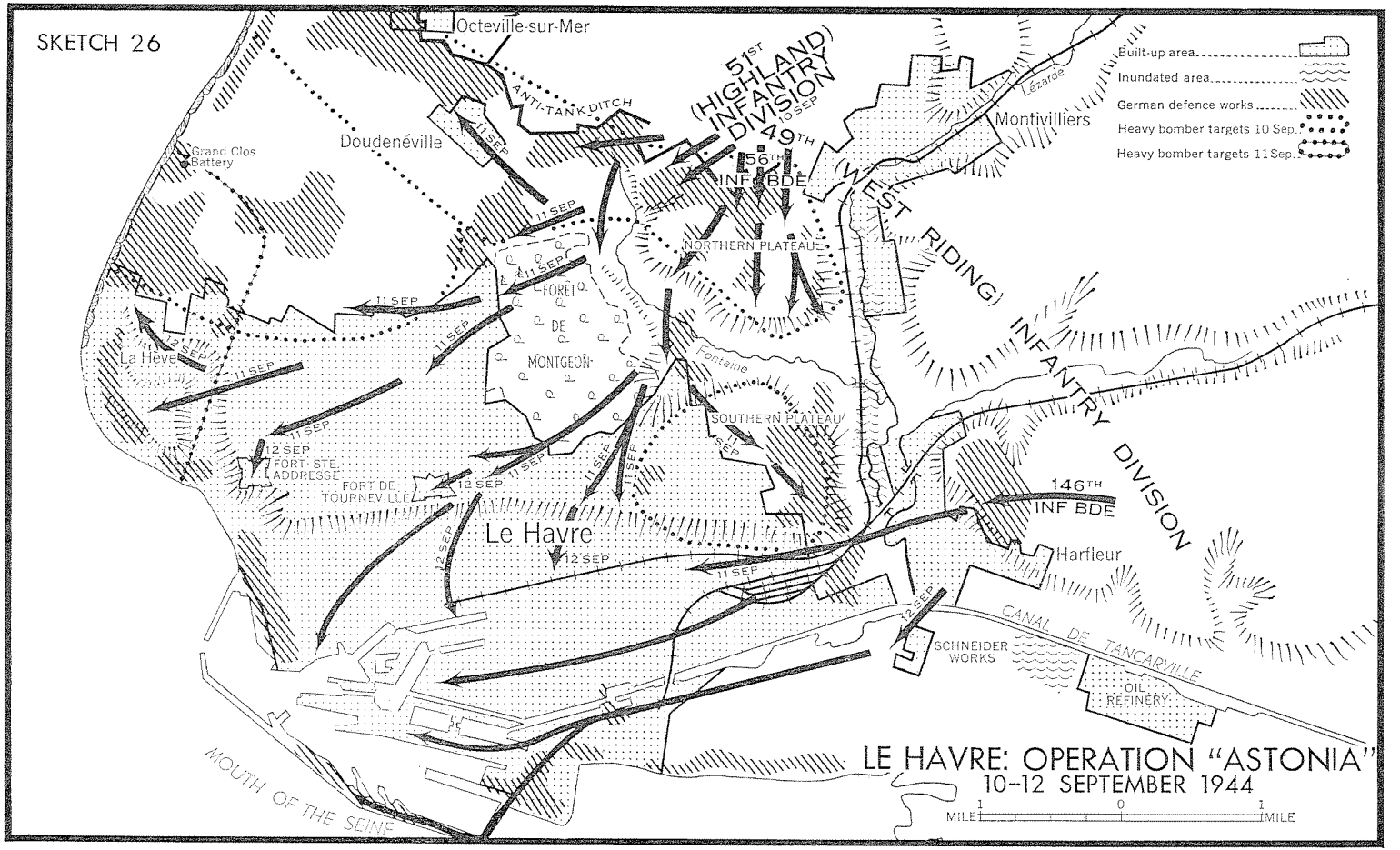
MILES


SKETCH 24
OPERATION "MARKET-GARDEN"
17-26 SEPTEMBER 1944
Heveadorp
Neder Rijn
23 FD COY R.C.E.
260 FD COY R.E.
20 FD COY R.C.E.
553 FD COY R.E.
FLOOD BANK
EVACUATION ACROSS THE NEDER RIJN NIGHT 25-26 SEPTEMBER
10 0 10
MILES
Airborne forces, evening 17 September
1ST BRITISH AIRBORNE DIVISION
Arnhem
Elst
Heveadorp
Ijssel
Driel
Waal
Nijmegen
Rhine
82ND U.S. AIRBORNE DIVISION
Cleve
Maas
Grave
REICHSWALD
's-Hertogenbosch
Veghel
Tilburg
GERMAN ATTACKS 21-25 SEP
101ST U.S. AIRBORNE DIVISION
GERMAN ATTACKS 21-25 SEP
Wilhelmina Canal
LIGHT
Son
Helmond
Eindhoven
FRONT LINE LAST LIGHT 26 SEP
12TH CORPS
30TH CORPS
30TH CORPS
18TH CORPS
FRONT LINE LAST LIGHT 26 SEP
Venlo
Maas
NETHERLANDS
GERMANY
Meuse-Escaut Canal
FRONT LINE
NOON 17 SEP
NETHERLANDS
BELGIUM
Bourg-Leopold


THE COASTAL BELT
4-12 SEPTEMBER 1944
MILES
SKETCH 25
Ostend
ARMD CAR REGT
10 SEP
4TH BDE
12 SEP
Bruges
Leopold Canal
Canal de Dérivation de la Lys
Eecloo
NETHERLANDS
BELGIUM
18TH CDN
8 SEP
Nieuport
La Panne
Bray Dunes
Furnes
Moerbrugge
12 SEP
8 SEP
H.Q. 4TH CDN ARMD DIV 8-11 SEP
Ghent Canal
9-11 SEP
Aeltre
Ghent
11 SEP
Dunkirk
Mardick
Loon-Plage
Oye
Spycker
Bergues
6TH BDE
18 SEP
7 SEP
5TH BDE
7 SEP
Bourbourg
5TH DIV
CAR REGT
ARMD
CDN
4TH CDN ARMD DIV
H.Q. 2ND CDN INF DIV 8-14 SEP
1ST POLISH ARMD DIV
7 SEP
Roulers
6 SEP
Passchendaele
Ypres
Lys
Schelde (Escaut)
Calais
5 SEP
RECCE REGT
Inundated area
TOR SCOT R. (M.G.)
10 SEP
Ardres
Mimoyecques
9 SEP
CAPE GRIS NEZ
8TH BDE
11 SEP
7TH BDE
6 SEP
7TH CDN INF
Bois de Courtbourne
7-8 SEP
H.Q. 2ND CDN INF DIV 6-8 SEP
Colembert
Cassel
BELGIUM FRANCE
LOCATIONS, ADVANCED H.Q. 2ND CANADIAN CORPS
Near Montreuil 4 - 6 Sep
Colembert 6 - 7 Sep
Cassel 7-11 Sep
Bois de Courtbourne from 11 Sep
Boulogne
TACTICAL H.Q. FIRST CANADIAN ARMY FROM 7 SEP
St. Omer
5 SEP
Pihem
5 SEP
2ND DIV
H.Q. 3RD CDN INF DIV FROM 7 SEP
CDN INF
Canche
Montreuil
3RD CDN INF
1ST POLISH ARMD DIV
Hesdin
DUNKIRK
7-15 SEPTEMBER
MILES
Nieuport
S. SASK R.
CAMERONS OF C.
La Panne
Bray Dunes Plage
Bray Dunes
FUS M.R.
CAMERONS OF C.
Furnes
Dunkirk
Ghyvelde
BELGIUM FRANCE
6TH BDE
Mardick
Loon-Plage
5TH BDE
CALG HIGHRS
Bourbourg
Coppenaxfort
R. DE MAIS
Spycker
CDN BLACK WATCH
Bergues
R.H.L.I.
R. REGT C.
4TH BDE
MOERBRUGGE
8-12 SEPTEMBER
YARDS
A.L.O.R.
18 COY C. COM
Moerbrugge
LINC & WELLD
11 SEP
A & SH OF C.
LINC & WELLD
Ghent Canal


SKETCH 26
Octeville-sur-Mer
ANTI-TANK DITCH
Doudenéville
Grand Clos Battery
51ST (HIGHLAND) INFANTRY DIVISION
10 SEP
49TH
56TH INF BDE
Montivilliers
Lézarde
Built-up area
Inundated area
German defence works
Heavy bomber targets 10 Sep.
Heavy bomber targets 11 Sep.
(WEST RIDING) INFANTRY DIVISION
NORTHERN PLATEAU
FORÊT DE MONTGEON
Fontaine
SOUTHERN PLATEAU
La Hève
FORT STE ADDRESSE
FORT DE TOURNEVILLE
Le Havre
146TH INF BDE
Harfleur
CANAL DE TANCARVILLE
SCHNEIDER WORKS
OIL REFINERY
MOUTH OF THE SEINE
11 SEP
12 SEP
LE HAVRE: OPERATION "ASTONIA"
10-12 SEPTEMBER 1944
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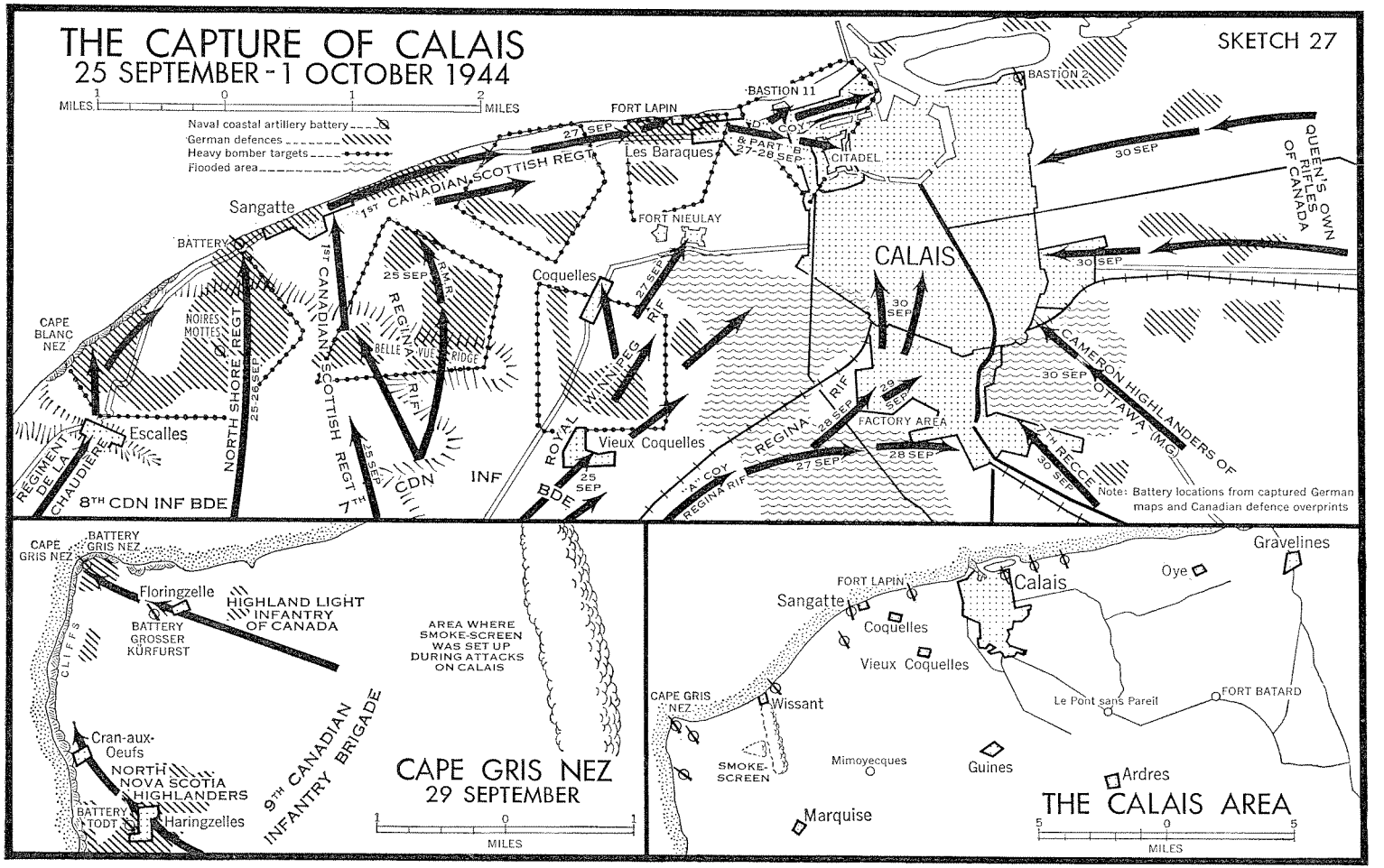
THE CAPTURE OF CALAIS
25 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 1944
SKETCH 27
MILES 1 0 1 2 MILES
Naval coastal artillery battery
German defences
Heavy bomber targets
Flooded area
FORT LAPIN
BASTION 11
BASTION 2
Les Baraques
FORT NIEULAY
CITADEL
CALAIS
Sangatte
BATTERY
CAPE BLANC NEZ
Escalles
Coquelles
Vieux Coquelles
FACTORY AREA
1ST CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGT
NORTH SHORE REGT
REGINA RIF
WINNIPEG RIF
ROYAL
CDN INF BDE
8TH CDN INF BDE
7TH RECCE
CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF OTTAWA (MG)
QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA
Note: Battery locations from captured German maps and Canadian defence overprints
CAPE GRIS NEZ
BATTERY GRIS NEZ
Floringzelle
BATTERY GROSSER KÜRFURST
HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY OF CANADA
AREA WHERE SMOKE-SCREEN WAS SET UP DURING ATTACKS ON CALAIS
Cran-aux-Oeufs
NORTH NOVA SCOTIA HIGHLANDERS
BATTERY TODT
Haringzelles
9TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
CAPE GRIS NEZ
29 SEPTEMBER
MILES
Gravelines
Oye
Calais
FORT LAPIN
Sangatte
Coquelles
Vieux Coquelles
CAPE GRIS NEZ
Wissant
Le Pont sans Pareil
FORT BATARD
SMOKE-SCREEN
Mimoyecques
Guines
Ardres
Marquise
THE CALAIS AREA
5 0 5
MILES

MAP 7

THE CAPTURE OF BOULOGNE

17-22 SEPTEMBER 1944

1 0 1
MILES MILES

Only principal roads and built-up areas significant in operations shown on this map.

Contours indicated by layer-tints,
40, 80 and 120 metres

German defence works

Hardelot 1/2 m

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THE LEOPOLD CANAL, LOOKING EAST, 1946

On this reach the units of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade made their assault crossing on the morning of 6 October 1944. The bridge in the background is near Oosthoek.

BIERVLIET FROM THE EAST, 1946

This is the area where the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade fought following its landing in the rear of the Breskens Pocket on 9 October 1944.