

Description: This is a list of "tasks" expected of the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who just reported to the job on January 15, 1944. Note that #9 states that he is responsible for Plan 'Mespot' (the name was soon changed to Operation Fortitude).

Title: Implementation and Allocation of Tasks

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OCCUPATION OPERATIONS

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SCANDINAVIAN OPERATIONS

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5. The Air Commander-in-Chief, ARAF, will arrange ground communication appropriate to preparations for the SCANDINAVIAN operations.

6. The present location of the Home Fleet and the normal shipping activities in Northern ports tends to support the threat. The Admiralty should be requested to make plans to support the deceptive operations as far as real operational commitments allow.

PAS DE CALAIS

7. Commander-in-Chief, 21 Army Group, in conjunction with the Allied Naval Commander, XF, and the Air Commander-in-Chief, ARAF, will conceal the state of readiness of the 'NEPTUNE' naval, military and air forces and of the preparations in the WEST and SOUTH. They will also make preparations consistent with a target date of 15th July in the EAST and South-East to indicate the PAS DE CALAIS as the target area for 'NEPTUNE'.

8. They will also, in conjunction with General Headquarters, Home Forces, make preparations, including preparations for suitable wireless traffic, to represent naval, military and air forces in the EAST and South-East for the maintenance of the threat to the PAS DE CALAIS. General Headquarters, Home Forces, will take over control of these forces and be responsible for the maintenance of the threat when requested to do so by 21 Army Group.

SOUTH OF FRANCE

9. The Commander-in-Chief, MEDITERRANEAN Theatre, is responsible for mounting and maintaining the threat to the SOUTH OF FRANCE ('ANVIL'), the Supreme Commander being responsible for co-ordinating this threat with 'NEPTUNE' and Plan 'MESPOT'.

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CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

TO
By authority of CIALA
BY J. F. PAISLEY
Major, AGD.

Date 2 AUG 1945

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APPENDIX 'A'
to SHAFF/18216/Op
dated 17th January, 1944
(Third draft)

IMPLEMENTATION AND ALLOCATION OF TASKS

GENERAL

1. The Supreme Commander is to:-
 - a. Co-ordinate and control the execution of the plan as a whole.
 - b. In conjunction with LCS and the War Office, implement the plan by special means.
 - c. Arrange real air and seaborne reconnaissance to support the SCANDINAVIAN and PAS DE CALAIS operations.
 - d. Arrange, with PWE and SOE, political warfare, propaganda and SOE activities in support of the plan.

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