Description: This is an outgoing message from COSSAC (which later became known as SHAEF) to the 1st and 21st Army Groups to observe radio silence between several date ranges. Radio silence is indicative of the start of an invasion, so doing this numerous times could help deceive the enemy because the enemy gets "numb" to the practice of radio silence when it repeatedly does not indicate the invasion.

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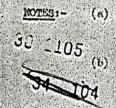
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8. In order to emphasize the periods of viroless silence the following periods of intense wiroless activity will be observed by those military formations and outeblishments subject to the periods of wireless silence:-

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9. During these periods W/T nots will be worked to full depacity and X/T nots for at least eight hours per day.

DECEPTION UNITS

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10. Proposals for a HAITIEN wireless deception unit are all present being considered by the War Office. It is anticipated that this unit will be formed and trained by 1st March, 1944. Elements of the unit, sufficient to bimulate at least two divisions, will ther be placed under command 21 Anny Group for the purpose of covering the nove of the ROSYMI force, and for augmenting the wireless facilities of the notional assault and follow-up forces in the South-East.

11. It is expected that a US radio deception battalion, emphase of simulating a corps of two divisions will be available about March, 1944. Instructions regarding the employment of this battalion will be issued when details of its exact time of arrival in the UK are available.

COMBINED READ WARTERS

12. Proparations for simulating the military vireless component of a combined headquarters at CHATHAM will be made by 21 Army Group. This notional combined headquarters will probably be worked from March, 1944, on the came scale of wireless activity as the combined headquarters at DOVER and FORTSHOUTH, but this is subject to final expression Appendix '1' to COSSAC (43) 28 dated 20th November, 1943, by the Chico of Staff.

ASSAULT TELENIQUE

13. The deceptive wireless energies carried out by the assault forces to conceal their tactical methods will be arranged by the army groups concerned. Any increment of staff and signals required to plan and supervise these energiess will be found from the resources of the army groups.

SUPERVISION OF DECEPTIVE ACTIVITY

14. If persible, arrangements will be made for 'Y' or SIS sections under any group control to intercept deceptive wireless activity. In this way the effectiveness of the deception, and its probable remotion on the energy interceptions be gauged.

.15. In addition to the above, all deceptive wireless activity will be monitored by the anay group concerned, to ensure that it is being carried out according to plan and that the necessary standards of wireless security and discipling are being maintained.



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