

COMMUNIQUE NO. 9

10 June 1944

American troops have captured ISIGNY.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions the disembarkation of further men and materiel was uninterrupted.

Withstanding heavy enemy attacks delivered yesterday morning by infantry and armor, British and Canadian troops stood firm in the CAEN area.

Our forces have made contact with strong enemy forces near CONDE SUR SEULLES.

There is continuous fighting in other sectors.

Adverse weather during daylight yesterday confined our air activity to limited patrols over the immediate battle area and to coastal aircraft operations. An enemy destroyer, driven ashore off BATZ in the BREST peninsula earlier in the day by naval surface forces, was attacked and left a smouldering hulk. One enemy aircraft was shot down twenty miles off BREST by anti-E-boat patrols flown over western Channel waters.

Last night a strong force of heavy bombers, eight of which are missing, attacked enemy airfields at FLERS, RENNES, LAVAL, and LE MANS in northwestern FRANCE, and the railway center at ETAMPES. Light bombers pounded enemy communications in the rear of the battle zone. Weather conditions remained unfavorable.

Night fighters and intruder aircraft shot down four enemy planes over the beachhead.

Coastal aircraft are cooperating with naval surface forces in a vigorous offensive against U-boats which are threatening to attack our lines of communication to the assault area.