

and the intricate machine worked as if it had been running for years.

Conclusion.

84. I am greatly indebted to my staff, so admirably led by Rear-Admiral G. E. Creasy, for their magnificent work and outstanding devotion to duty throughout the long planning period and later during the operation. No Commander-in-Chief has ever been better served and I count myself fortunate in having had the services of so fine a company of officers.

85. I desire also to record my complete satisfaction and admiration for the manner in which the ships of our Allies have carried out their arduous duties, and which has contributed so much towards the liberation of their countries.

86. Finally, I cannot close this letter without expressing my deepest admiration for the

manner in which the efforts of the many Commands of all Services and of both our countries were directed and co-ordinated by yourself as Supreme Commander. I deem it a very great honour to have commanded the Allied naval forces in this great operation under your inspiring leadership, which more perhaps than anything else has been responsible for the success achieved.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) B. H. RAMSAY,
Admiral.

GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, U.S. Army,
Supreme Commander,
Allied Expeditionary Force.

TABLE A—ARRIVALS OF MERCHANT SHIPPING AND LANDING CRAFT IN FRANCE
7th June–30th June, 1944, inclusive
(Subsequent to Initial Lift of Assault Forces)

| Date | Liberty Ships | Coasters | L.S.T. ¹⁰⁹ | L.C.T. ¹⁹ | Personnel Ships | L.C.I. (L.) |
|-----------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 7th June | 17 | 17 | 4 | 51 | 9 | — |
| 8th June | 29 | 29 | 6 | 110 | 11 | 31 |
| 9th June | 35 | 37 | 15 | 50 | 10 | 18 |
| 10th June | 29 | 44 | 31 | 81 | 10 | 28 |
| 11th June | 30 | 25 | 39 | 80 | 9 | 16 |
| 12th June | 17 | 68 | 55 | 57 | 11 | 18 |
| 13th June | 19 | 30 | 56 | 73 | 8 | 30 |
| 14th June | 30 | 25 | 53 | 95 | 9 | 29 |
| 15th June | 34 | 44 | 52 | 76 | 8 | 17 |
| 16th June | 25 | 52 | 62 | 48 | 8 | 18 |
| 17th June | 27 | 29 | 42 | 79 | 7 | 17 |
| 18th June | 30 | 26 | 48 | 89 | 11 | 29 |
| 19th June | 39 | 37 | 48 | 75 | 8 | 32 |
| 20th June | 20 | 22 | 3 | — | 2 | — |
| 21st June | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 22nd June | — | 30 | 38 | — | 13 | — |
| 23rd June | — | 33 | 60 | 165 | 9 | 14 |
| 24th June | 14 | 39 | 37 | 22 | 3 | 5 |
| 25th June | 23 | 50 | 29 | 39 | 7 | 15 |
| 26th June | 26 | 38 | 55 | 72 | 3 | 13 |
| 27th June | 28 | 27 | 38 | 59 | 7 | 9 |
| 28th June | 35 | 33 | 48 | — | 8 | — |
| 29th June | 33 | 29 | 41 | — | 4 | 16 |
| 30th June | 30 | 24 | 45 | 121 | 5 | 17 |
| Totals | 570 | 788 | 905 | 1,442 | 180 | 372 |

Note:—Following vessels are not included:—

- (a) Tankers.
- (b) Hospital Carriers.
- (c) Salvage ships and other auxiliaries.