

Description: This is a simplified report of the "Present Situation" for Operation Fortitude for SHAEF.

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MOVEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATIONS

4. General direction on the movement and administrative preparations necessary to support the PAS DE CALAIS threat has been issued to the War Office, which is interpreting this direction in detail to Commands through General Headquarters, Home Forces, Q(Ops) and Q(M) channels.

SPECIAL MEANS

5. Implementation by Special Means within the framework of Plan 'FORTITUDE' has been started.

RELEVANT PAPERS

- Para 1. COSSAC/00/6/3/1/Opn dated 22nd September, 1943.
CHQ.HF.S/00/355/1/G(O) dated 25th January, 1944.
SHAEF/18205/Ops dated 7th February, 1944.
- Para 2. COSSAC/2355/Ops dated 9th December, 1943.
- Para 3. COSSAC/3140/11/Sec dated 18th December, 1943.
COSSAC/18210/Ops dated 27th January, 1944.
- Para 4. SHAEF/18201/4/Ops dated 9th February, 1944.

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dated 26th February, 1944

PLAN 'FORTITUDE' ('MEPTURE')

PRESENT SITUATION

CAMOUFLAGE AND CONCEALMENT

1. Instructions were issued on 22nd September, 1943, directing maximum concealment in the SOUTH and WEST of all operational preparation, concentration and movement, and also directing discreet display in the EAST and South-East.

WIRELESS SECURITY

2. Periodic wireless sifonos and intense activity was ordered on 9th December, 1943, as a security measure necessary to cover final embarkation. Period 25th December, 1943, to 28th December, 1943, was observed; period 24th January, 1944, to 27th January, 1944, was broken at the request of 21 Army Group to allow 1 Corps exercises.

DECEPTIVE AND DECOY LIGHTING

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