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HQ VII CORPS
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Maps: France, GSGS 4250 1/50,000.

1. See Annex No 2 - Intelligence.
2. The VII Corps will initiate its attack on CHERBOURG on 19 June with three (3) divisions abreast, in order from right to left, 4th, 79th, and 9th.
 - a. Boundaries: See Annex No 1 - Operations Overlay;
 - b. Time of attack: 4th Div - 190300.
79th Div - 190500.
9th Div - 190500.

3. a. 4TH DIVISION.

(1) Attachments.

183d FA Bn (155 How)
70th Tk Bn
801st TD Bn (less Co B)
377th AA Bn
Co C and Co D, 87th Cml Bn
24th Cav Rcn Sq

(2) Will make its initial major effort up the QUINEVILLE ridge and seize the high ground in the vic of TAIEVILLE - HAU DES TERRIERS, preparatory to a further advance on CHERBOURG.

b. 79TH DIVISION.

(1) Attachments.

951st FA Bn (155 How)
Co B 801st TD Bn
Cos A & B, 87th Cml Bn
Co A 746th Tk Bn

(2) Passing through the 90th Inf Div, will make its main effort initially on its left. Will seize the high ground west and northwest of VALOGNES south of the R DE GLOIRE preparatory to further advance on CHERBOURG.

(3) The attack of the 79th Div will be supported initially by two light artillery battalions of the 90th Div in addition to 79th Div Arty.

c. 9TH DIVISION.

(1) Attachments.

188th FA Gp
957th FA Bn (155 How)
172d FA Bn (4.5 Gun)
746th Tk Bn (less Co A)
899th TD Bn (less 2 Cos)

(2) Will attack to the north and seize the general line REUVILLE LA BIGOT (0910) - CROSVILLE (0409) - ST GERMAIN LE GAILLARD (0106) preparatory to a further advance on CHERBOURG.

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(3) The 47th Inf will be relieved by one RCT (reinforced by 1 Bn Medium Artillery) of the 90th Div as soon as practicable 18 June.

d. 90TH DIVISION.

(1) Attachments.

Co B 899th TD Bn

(2) Will send one RCT reinforced with a battalion of medium artillery to relieve the 47th Inf in the area ST LO D'OUVILLE - NEUVILLE EN BEAUMONT (1390) - LE ROUJERAY (1394) - (Hill #110) - LE MESNIL - ST MARTAIN (0793). This RCT will prevent any enemy advance to the north between ST SAUVEUR DU PIERRE - PONT (1488) - FORT BAIL (0689).

(3) The remainder of the 90th Div, when passed through by the 79th Div, will assemble in Corps Reserve in the area ORGLANDES - BINIVILLE (at 217978) - REIGNEVILLE.

(4) Two light artillery battalions of the 90th Div will initially support the attack of the 79th Div.

e. 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION.

(1) Attachments.

87th Armd FA Bn
188th FA Bn (155 How)
Co C 899th TD Bn
Tp B 4th Cav Rcn Sq

(2) Will retain its bridgehead southwest of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE until passed through by the 357th Inf. Thereafter, the boundary between the 82d Div and the 357th Inf, 90th Div, will extend along the railroad line between ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE and ST SAUVEUR DU PIERRE-PONT, all to 357th Inf.

(3) Early 19 June the division will seize a bridgehead beyond the DOUVE RIVER south of FONT L'ABBE, east of the BOIS DE LIMORS, and connect this bridgehead with the existing bridgehead south of BEUZEVILLE LA BASTILLE.

(4) It will extend patrols to the FORET DE MONT CASTRE and LA HAYE DU PUIITS.

f: 4TH CAVALRY GROUP. (less 24th Cav Sq and Tp B, 4th Cav Sq) will reconnoiter in area indicated in Overlay and maintain contact between the 79th and 9th Divisions.

g. VII CORPS ARTILLERY. Bulk of fires of VII Corps Artillery will be north of the line ST GERMAIN DE TOURNEBUT (3010) - VALOCNES - BRICQUEBEC. Fires south of that line will be only on call of the divisions.

x. (1) Bomblines effective 190500.

(a) North Bomblines - ST VAAST - QUETTEHOU - THEURTEVILLE - BOCCAGE (3017) - VAUTIERS (2215) - RR crossing at (103138) - BRICQUEBEC - LES PIEUX - SCIOTOT (973087). No bombing South of this line.

(b) South Bomblines - River mouth at (090840) - MOULINERIE (143850) - LA HAYE DU PUIITS - RJ at (267855) - LA BUTTE (275836.) No bombing North of this line.

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(2) White smoke will be used by units requesting special air support missions within the bomblines to mark targets. (No red smoke is at present available).

5. COMMAND POSTS.

4th Division	LE BISSON (3400)
79th Division	ORGLANDES (2598)
9th Division	Vic ST JACQUES DE NEHOUS
90th Division	Vic ORGLANDES
82d Division	ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE
VII Corps	BEAUVALS (NW of STE MERE EGLISE)
4th Cav Gp	To be reported.

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Annexes:

- 1 - Operations Overlay.
- 2 - Intelligence

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First Army.	10
VII Corps Hq	29
V Corps	1
VIII Corps	1
XIX Corps	1
4th Div	4
9th Div	4
79th Div	4
82d Div	4
90th Div	4
6th Armd Gp	1
4th Cav Gp	2
1st TD Gp	1
1106th Engr Gp	1
1120th Engr Gp	1
109th AAA Gp	1
50th Sig Bn	1
Arty Hq	4
CTF 125	1

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