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BRITISH AIR COMMISSION
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With the compliments of British Air Commission
who enclose Statements Nos. 194, 195 and 196 --
Aircraft Despatched -- for the weeks ended June 15th,
June 22nd and June 29th respectively.

The Honourable Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 9, 1945.

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STATEMENT NO. 194

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended June 15, 1945.

TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA.
<u>POSD</u> Liberator GR-VIII	U.K.	U.K.		9	
<u>Douglas</u> *Dakota IV Dakota IV Dakota IV Dakota IV Dakota IV	U.K. W.E. R.A.F.T.C. S.A.A.F. India	U.K. W.E. 300 Wing S. Africa India		23 3 1 1	3
<u>HESSON</u> Beechcraft UC-45	U.K.	U.K.	1		
<u>REPUBLIC</u> Thunderbolt	India	India	1		
<u>HARVARD</u> Harvard	U.K.	U.K.		11	
<u>VOUGHT-SIKORSKY</u> Corsair	U.K.	U.K.		2	
<u>GRUMMAN</u> Hellcat Hellcat	U.K. Australia	U.K. Sydney	8 20		
<u>NORTH AMERICAN</u> Mustang Mustang	India India	Calcutta Karachi	20 17		
<u>CURTIS</u> Seamew	U.K.	U.K.		5	
Total:			85	37	3

* Seven of these aircraft fitted with Glider Pick-up.

Please note five Mitchell III's and two Mitchell III's reported in Statement No. 189 May 11 and No. 186 April 20th having been exported to United Kingdom have been returned from Montreal and delivered to the U.S.A.A.F.. Also, nine Mitchell III's are to be returned from 111 O.T.U., Nassau and delivered to U.S.A.A.F. -- these were reported in Statement No. 189 May 11.

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U.S.A.A.F. Delegation
June 22, 1945.

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STATEMENT NO. 195

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended June 22, 1945

TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA.
<u>POSD</u> Liberator B-VIII Liberator GR-VIII Liberator GR-VIII	India U.K. Bahamas	India U.K. Nassau		4 5 3	
<u>CONSOLIDATED</u> Liberator B-VI	U.K.	U.K.		1	
<u>Douglas</u> *Dakota IV Dakota IV **Dakota IV	U.K. R.A.F.T.C. India	U.K. 300 Wing India		14 8	1
<u>GRUMMAN</u> Hellcat Avenger	U.K. Australia	U.K. Sydney	4 13		
<u>VOUGHT-SIKORSKY</u> Corsair Corsair	U.K. Australia	U.K. Sydney	1 29		
<u>CURTIS</u> Seamew	U.K.	U.K.		4	
<u>NOORSEAN</u> Harvard	U.K.	U.K.		11	
<u>NORTH AMERICAN</u> Mustang Mustang Mustang Mustang	India India Australia	Karachi Calcutta Brisbane	13 10 27		
Seafire	Returned to U.K.	U.K.		1	
Total:			113	35	1

* Ten fitted with Glider Pick-up.

** Eight fitted with Glider Pick-up.

Note: Hudson III was exported to 45 Group July 29, 1944.

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Statement No. 196

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended June 29, 1945.

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TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA.
<u>FORD</u>					
Liberator B-VIII	N.E.	N.Y.		6	
Liberator B-VIII	India	India		7	
Liberator GR-VIII	U.K.	U.K.		10	
Liberator GR-VIII	Bahamas	Nassau		1	
<u>DOUGLAS</u>					
Dakota IV	U.K.	U.K.		40 (a)	
Dakota IV	India	India		5 (b)	
<u>NORTH AMERICAN</u>					
Mustang	India	Calcutta		12	
Mustang	India	Karachi		7	
<u>QUINTISS</u>					
SEAMEW	U.K.	U.K.		8	
<u>BOORDWIN</u>					
Harvard	U.K.	U.K.		8	
<u>CHUMMAN</u>					
* Helicat	U.K.	U.K.		3	
* Helicat	Australia	Sydney		9	
<u>BROOK</u>					
* Beechcraft	Australia	Sydney		3	
Total:			50	69	0

* with radio equipment.

(a) Nine aircraft are Glider-Pick-Up fitted.

(b) Four aircraft are Glider-Pick-Up fitted.

Movements Freight I
B.A.C./R.A.F. Delegation

July 7, 1945.

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Aircraft Despatched — for the weeks ended May
25th, June 1st and June 8th respectively.

The Honourable Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 21, 1945.

STATEMENT NO. 191

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended May 25, 1945.

TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA
<u>FOXB</u> Liberator B-VI Liberator B-VI	U.K. India	U.K. India		12 1	
<u>DOUGLAS</u> Dakota IV Dakota IV	U.K. India	U.K. India		14 (a) 16 (b)	
<u>MOOREHEAD</u> Gravard	U.K.	U.K.		5	
<u>GRUMMAN</u> • Wildcat • Hellcat	U.K. U.K.	U.K. U.K.		4 3	
<u>REPUBLIC</u> Thunderbolt	U.K.	U.K.		1	
<u>VOUGHT-SIKORSKY</u> • Corsair	Australia	Sydney		14	
<u>NORTH AMERICAN</u> Mustang	Australia	Melbourne		25	
			Total:	52	43 0

with radio equipment.

- (a) Six of the fourteen are Glider-Pick-Up-Fitted.
(b) Seven of the sixteen are Glider-Pick-Up-Fitted.

Movements Freight I
R.A.F. Delegation

June 2, 1945.

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STATEMENT NO. 192

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended June 1, 1945.

TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA.
FORD					
Liberator B-VI	U.K.	U.K.		7	
Liberator B-VI	India	India		4	
Liberator GR-VIII	U.K.	U.K.		3	
DOUGLAS					
Dakota IV (1)	U.K.	U.K.		7	
Dakota IV (2)	India	India		15	
Dakota IV	S. Africa	S.A.A.F.		2	
CONSOLIDATED					
Liberator C-IX	India	India		1	
NORTH AMERICAN					
Mustang	India	Karachi	3		
Mustang	Australia	Sydney	16		
REPUBLIC					
Thunderbolt	India	Karachi	2		
POWNEY-SIKORSKY					
* Corsair	U.K.	U.K.	5		
* Corsair	Australia	Brisbane	2		
* Corsair	Australia	Sydney	1		
GRUMMAN					
* Hellcat	U.K.	U.K.	3		
* Hellcat	Australia	Brisbane	10		
* Hellcat	Australia	Sydney	2		
* Wildcat	U.K.	U.K.	1		
* Avenger	Australia	Sydney	7		
NOorduyn					
Harvard	U.K.	U.K.	15		
BECH					
* UC-45 Beechcraft	Australia	Sydney	1		
TOTAL:			68	39	0

with radio equipment.

- (1) Three of seven are Glider-Pick-Up-Fitted.
- (2) Twelve of fifteen are Glider-Pick-Up-Fitted.

Movements Freight I
RAC/R.A.F. Delegation

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June 9, 1945.

STATEMENT NO. 193

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended June 8, 1945.

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TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA.
FORD					
Liberator B-VI	U.K.	U.K.		1	
Liberator B-VI	India	India		1	
Liberator GR-VIII	U.K.	U.K.		16	
DOUGLAS					
Dakota IV	U.K.	U.K.		13	
Dakota IV	India	India		11	
Dakota IV	M.E.	M.E.		3	
Dakota IV	R.A.F.T.C.	300 Wing		1	1
Dakota IV	U.K.	U.K.			
Skymaster					
GRUMMAN					
Hellcat	Australia	Melbourne	5		
Avenger	Australia	Melbourne	3		
BECH					
Beechcraft UC-45	Australia	Melbourne	2		
Beechcraft UC-45	India	Karachi	15		
REPUBLIC					
Thunderbolt	India	Karachi	3		
NOORDUYN					
Harvard	U.K.	U.K.		20	
NORTH AMERICAN					
Mustang P 510	U.K.	U.K.		1	
Mustang P 510	India	Karachi		20	
Total:			69	46	1

* Glider Pick-Up Fitted.

Movements F 1
RAC/R.A.F. Delegation
June 15, 1945.

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EXCLUSIONS UNDER CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT ACTUATED BY U.S. TRAINING

PLANTING AND AIRFRAME SUPPLY
UNITED AIR COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 6, D.C.
JUNE 6, 1945.

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OPTEL No. 139

Information received up to 10 a.m., 1st May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. NORTHERN WATERS. 29th. One of H.M. Frigates torpedoed and sunk off Kola Inlet when 2 officers and 29 ratings picked up.
2. ANTI-SUBMARINE OPERATIONS. 29th. One of H.M. Frigates sank U-boat off Kola Inlet, while promising attack made against second U-boat later in same vicinity. 30th. A Sunderland, together with ships of 14th Escort Group probably sank U-boat off Isle of Man.
3. ENEMY ATTACK ON SHIPPING. 30th. A 7219 ton ship mined in Gulf Salonika.

MILITARY

4. WESTERN FRONT.
 Southern Sector: Rapid progress made along whole front with French troops on right reported reaching Friedrichshafen, while troops of 7th U.S. Army have advanced 5 miles into Austria at one point while at second they are 7 miles from frontier N.W. of Innsbruck. Troops of 3rd U.S. Army reported on line of River Isar (N.E. Munich) where 2 bridgeheads secured, while further east Passau reached.
 Central Sector: Further link-up reported between troops 1st U.S. Army and troops of U.S.S.R. south Wittenburg.
 Northern Sector: U.S. formations with British 2nd Army have secured bridgehead over Elbe 10 miles S.E. Lauenburg, while at latter town U.K. troops continue to enlarge bridgehead. On rest of fronts of 2nd British and 1st Canadian Armies only minor gains made.
5. EASTERN FRONT.
 Central Sector: Russians report capture of Griefswald, Treptow, Neustrelitz, Fuerstenberg and Zehdenick, while German communique claims establishment of firm front on this sector with line running west of Oranienburg, Neustrelitz and Neibrandenburg. In Berlin area further progress reported.
 Southern Sector: In Czechoslovakia, Moravska, Ostrava and further south Zilina captured, while Germans report failure of Russian breakthrough N.W. of former town.
6. ITALY.
 8th Army Sector: Troops advancing round north of Adriatic Sea now reported 15 miles east of River Piave.
 5th Army Sector: U.S. troops in West Coast Sector have struck north from Genoa to Alessandria and thence to Turin.
7. BURMA.
 Central Sector: West of Irrawaddy, our troops cleared Sagu on 28th and have continued their advance to point 7 miles S.W. Minbu, which town cleared on 29th, while on east bank of river further advance of 11 miles made by troops advancing south to link up with our forces at Allamyo. Further east and to south leading troops now reported 36 miles from Rangoon, but no reports so far received re-capturing Pegu. Now estimated 300 Japanese killed in fighting area Payagale (north Pegu).
8. WESTERN FRONT. 30th. 497 Bomber Command aircraft dropped 974 tons food in areas Hague, Leyden and Rotterdam. 284 SHAEF (Air) aircraft dropped 405 tons on targets Ile D'Oleron (south La Rochelle) with varying results, while 1046 other tactical aircraft (7 missing) operated destroying or damaging 85 locomotives, 392 railway wagons and 1062 M.T. at same time inflicting enemy air casualties 38,1,7 in combat and 21,0,37 on ground.
9. MEDITERRANEAN. 28th/29th. 111 medium bombers effectively attacked communications N.E. Italy. 29th. 570 fighter bombers obtained excellent results against enemy road movements and other targets N. Italy destroying or damaging 765 M.T.
10. S.E.A.S. 27th/28th. Liberators dropped 154 tons on dumps Rangoon area causing many fires.



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Aircraft Despatched — for the weeks ended
April 13th and April 20th respectively.

The Honourable Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 2, 1945.

STATEMENT NO. 185

Aircraft despatched from the United States
Week Ended April 13, 1945

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TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA.
<u>FOUR</u> Liberator GR-VIII	U.K.	U.K.		9	
<u>NORTH AMERICAN</u> Mitchell III	U.K.	U.K.		2	
Mustang	Australia	Brisbane	6		
Mustang	Australia	Sydney	42		
Mustang	U.K.	U.K.	20		
<u>DOUGLAS</u> Dakota IV	U.K.	U.K.		19	
<u>BECH</u> UC 45 Beechcraft	India	Karachi	4		
<u>GRUMMAN</u> Hellcat	Australia	Sydney	9		
Avenger	Australia	Sydney	4		
<u>VOUGHT-SIKORSKY</u> Coeair	Australia	Sydney	3		
TOTAL:			88	30	0

Movements Freight I
R.A.F. Delegation

April 21, 1945.
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STATEMENT NO. 186

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended April 30, 1945.

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TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA
FORD					
Liberator B-VIII	M.E.	M.E.		1	
Liberator B-VIII	India	India		4	
Liberator GR-VIII	U.K.	U.K.		2	
Liberator GR-VIII	Bahamas	Nassau		1	
NORTH AMERICAN					
Mitchell III	U.K.	U.K.		13	
Mustang	U.K.	U.K.	55		
Mustang	Australia	Sydney	3		
DOUGLAS					
Dakota IV	U.K.	U.K.		2	
Dakota IV	R.A.F.T.C.	300 Wing			1
Dakota IV	India	India		1	
MOOREHEAD					
Harvard	U.K.	U.K.		2	
Trainer	U.K.	U.K.		1	
GRUMMAN					
* Wildcat	India	Cochin		8	
* Wildcat	U.K.	U.K.		12	
			Total:	81	24
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* with radio equipment.

Movements Freight I
R.A.F. Delegation

April 28, 1945.
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OPTTEL No. 140

Information received up to 10 a.m., 2nd May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 30th. Naval forces supported attack on Ile d' Oleron (Bay of Biscay).
2. EAST INDIES. 30th. Three of H.M. Destroyers sank convoy of 10 small ships off Rangoon. A French Battleship and Dutch Cruiser bombarded air strips on Car Nicobar and also Port Blair (Andamans) preliminary to amphibious assaults at mouth of Rangoon River which is taking place 2nd May.
3. ANTI-SUBMARINE OPERATIONS. French Catalina made promising attack S.W. of Ushant.

MILITARY

4. WESTERN FRONT. French-Italian frontier: French troops made further small advances into Italy.
Southern Sector: 1st French Army made general advance towards Austrian border east of Lake Constance. 7th U.S. Army crossed Austrian border near Garmisch Partenkirchen and reported within 10 miles of Innsbruck. Troops this army also cleared area between Augsburg and Munich and advanced 35 miles S.E. from Munich. They freed 32,000 prisoners in concentration camp at Dachau.
Central Sector: 3rd U.S. Army advanced front to line of River Isar and now on Austrian frontier at Passau. 1st U.S. Army reported to have made slight penetrations into Western Czechoslovakia, to have met Russians west of Wittenberg and to have advanced 10 miles towards Brandenburg.
Northern Sector: 2nd British Army bridgehead over Elbe S.E. of Hamburg now 15 miles deep and 30 miles wide. Troops of 1st Canadian Army now advanced 6 miles northwards from Leer on 10 mile front.
5. EASTERN FRONT. Northern Sector: Russians report further progress in clearing of Frische Nehrung, S.W. of Pillau.
Central Sector: West of Stettin Russians report considerable advance on 70 mile front and capture Stralsund. West and N.W. of Berlin further advances made and Brandenburg captured. Germans admit further reduction of area held in Berlin. South of Berlin Russians have split German forces encircled east of Luckenwalde. Russians report further advance in Eastern Carpathians, S.E. of Moravske Ostrava. East of Brno a number of places captured.
6. ITALY. In East, New Zealand troops continue advance towards Trieste and linked up with Marshal Tito's forces beyond River Isonzo at Monfalcone. On their left British armour passed on through San Vito and unconfirmed reports state that Udine has been reached. Another British armoured column drove north through Vittoria Veneto UT Highway 51, reaching beyond Lago di San Croce. U.S. forces advanced north into mountains capturing Feltre and reaching to within 5 miles Borgo on main route from Bassano to Trento. At head of and on Western shores of Lake Garda, U.S. mountain troops made slight progress against strong resistance.
7. BURMA. Our forces made further progress eastwards from Pegu and at Waw and have blocked railway running east to Sittang River. 36 Japanese including Major-General, have been killed or captured at this road and rail block. On East bank of Irrawaddy our forces meeting stiff opposition in advance from Allanmye to Proma.

AIR

8. WESTERN FRONT. 1st. 503 Bomber Command aircraft and 392 Fortresses dropped 1739 tons of food over The Hague, Leiden and Rotterdam areas. Bad weather restricted medium bomber operations. 1192 fighters and fighter bombers (5 missing) operated over battle areas. Over 900 MT destroyed or damaged in Northern Sector. Enemy air casualties 21,1, 13 in combat.
9. MEDITERRANEAN. 29th/30th. 128 medium bombers attacked troop movements in N.E. Italy. 30th. 421 fighters and fighter bombers (11 missing harassed enemy withdrawal in N.E. and N.W. Italy. Over 650 road vehicles destroyed or damaged.
10. BURMA. 29th. Liberators dropped 96 tons on Moulmein airfield.

AIRCRAFT RECEIVED AND EXPORTED BY THE BRITISH FROM R.A.F. CASE CONTRACTS AND LEASE-LEASE RECONSTRUCTION DURING AND THROUGH APRIL 1945 WITH DISTRIBUTION BY TYPES AS OF APRIL 30, 1945

(A) Lines 1 - Net receipts - see Table I for details of diversions from R.A.C. Cash Contracts; see Tables II and III for notes covering Land-Loose aircraft movements - from British charge after delivery to destinations.
Line 17 - Remaining balance subject to reduction by sightings as information is received.
(B) Line 1 - Figures representing or including sea shipments are subject to reduction by sightings as information is received.
(C) Line 2 - For British use.
(D) Line 3 - Remaining balance referred to previous after acceptance. The remaining 2 are no longer charged to a Land-Loose requisition.
(E) Lines 4 - Reduced by 1 Guinea 1 (LC-20) returned to U.S. Navy, March 15, 1943.
(F) Lines 5 - Reduced by 1 Guinea 1 (LC-20) being placed with Comair. See Signal 719, March 15, 1943.
(G) Line 6 - Direct British contract in being placed with Comair. See Signal 719, March 15, 1943.
(H) Lines 8 and 32 - 305 Airways for Royal Navy (LL Requisitions) are included as Training.
(I) Line 39 - Reduced by 2 Guinea 2 (MC-330), MC-330-7 declared surplus by L.M.A.B. and transferred to F.S.A.

(a) Line 7 - Increased by one exported in March but shown in U.S. on Report No. 32.
(b) Line 11 - Increased by 3 received in March but reported too late for inclusion on Report No. 32.
(c) Line 36 - Increased by one exported in February.

PLANNING AND AIRPLANE SUPPLY
BRITISH AIR COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 4, D.C.
MAY 3, 1949.

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OPTEL No. 141

Information received up to 10 a.m., 3rd May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. NORTH ATLANTIC. 2nd. One of H.M. Trawlers sunk probably by U-boat off Reykjavik.

2. ANTI-SUBMARINE OPERATIONS. 2nd. Mosquitoes made promising attack on 2 U-boats in the Kattegat when minesweeper also damaged.

3. ENERGY ATTACK ON SHIPPING. 2nd. A 9182 ton ship mined and sunk in Gulf of Taranto, but no troops on board.

MILITARY

4. WESTERN FRONT. Southern Sector: In the Alps French troops continued advance into Italy and now 5 miles from Cuneo while further north troops of 1st French Army crossed Austrian frontier S.E. of Lake Constance. Troops of 7th U.S. Army now within 15 miles Landeck (west Innsbruck) while following collapse of resistance in Munich other troops reported as reaching River Inn at 3 points.

Central Sector: 3rd U.S. Army crossed into Austria and now 15 miles from Linz while further north has continued to advance into Czechoslovakia on broad front. Reference link-up with U.S. and Russian forces at Wittenburg on 1st May now reported junction made by troops 9th U.S. Army and not troops 1st U.S. Army.

Northern Sector: British and U.S. troops have broken out from Laueburg bridgehead and former now reported reaching Baltic at Wismar and Lubeck while fairly strong opposition still being encountered on left flank this advance. Further west Canadian troops are closing on Oldenburg.

Other Areas: French troops captured Ile D'Oleron in Bay of Biscay.

5. EASTERN FRONT. Central Sector: In the north advances made to Baltic Coast and ports of Rostock and Warnemunde captured while Russian troops reported 15 miles from Stralsund. In Berlin area complete capture and surrender of capital's garrison reported while to N.W. further advances made to within 25 miles Wittenberge with Neu Rappin and Wusterhausen captured.

Southern Sector: East of Brno good progress made on broad front in northward drive towards Prerov.

6. ITALY. General: German Armies in Italy surrendered at midday on 2nd and during the course of the afternoon German H.Q. in Italy were broadcasting orders in clear that all troops under C. in C.S.W., should lay down their arms and meanwhile troops of 15th Army Group continued to penetrate further.

8th Army Sector: New Zealand troops have reached Udine and Cividale (10 miles N.E. Udine).

5th Army Sector: U.S. troops entered Ospitale (14 miles N. Belluno) and Stenico (10 miles north Lake Garda).

7. BURMA. Central Sector: Further progress made down valley of Irrawaddy with leading elements 12 miles north of Prome, while on western bank our troops have advanced to a point some 20 miles west Minla. Further east and south our troops have all but cleared Pegu while still further south landings have been successfully accomplished on both banks of Rangoon Estuary.

AIR

8. WESTERN FRONT. Second Bomber Command aircraft 498 and 393 U.S. Fortresses dropped 1722 tons food over enemy occupied Holland. 47 SHARF (Air) Mitchells attacked railway centre Itzehoe while 1128 fighters and fighter bombers (5 missing) operated battle areas destroying 35 enemy aircraft in combat over Northern Sector.

9. MEDITERRANEAN. 1st. 27 Fortresses (1 missing) obtained good concentration on railway centre Salzburg (71 tons) while 264 fighters and fighter bombers (1 missing) operated mainly against retreating enemy area Udine when 180 road vehicles destroyed.

10. JAPAN. 30th. 111 Super Fortresses (3 missing) dropped 553 tons visually on 6 airfields on Kyushu, when 36 enemy aircraft destroyed in combat.

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OPTEL No. 142

Information received up to 10 a.m., 4th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 2nd. Enemy air-sea rescue craft surrendered to a Warwick aircraft north of Shetlands, to which MTB's were homed and 12 prisoners taken.

2. BALTIC. 3rd. Large number ships and small craft seen leaving Kiel in northerly direction attacked by 2nd TAF who sank 9 and damaged 69 intercepted German signal states. Kiel surrendered yesterday.

MILITARY

3. WESTERN FRONT.

Southern Sector: Troops U.S. 7th Army captured Innsbruck and leading elements within 8 miles Landeck while further east armoured forces crossed River Inn, south Rosenheim. Troops 3rd U.S. Army swept southward on 60 mile front towards River Inn where several crossings secured between Wasserburg and Passau, while on left this Army sector advance continues into Czechoslovakia on broad front against little resistance.

Northern Sector: Hamburg surrendered to troops 2nd British Army while further east contact made by troops this army with troops U.S.S.R. at Grabow and Wismar. Further west Oldenburg surrendered to troops 1st Canadian Army.

4. EASTERN FRONT.

Central Sector: Russians report linkup with Allied troops on line Wismar-Wittenberge.

Southern Sector: Further gains reported south Moravia Ostrava.

5. ITALY. 8th Army Sector: Troops this army occupied Gerizia and Caporetto while elements of 2nd New Zealand Division reported as having entered Trieste.

6. BURMA. Central Sector: Further progress made in advance down Irrawaddy with our patrols entering Prome on the 2nd. Further east and to south Pegu now clear and patrols to N.E. of town have crossed River Sittang, while still further south as result combined operations by Naval, Land and Air Forces Rangoon entered at 0600 hrs. on 3rd. No details yet received but known that landing made on East bank of River Rangoon below Rangoon itself, made rapid progress in northerly direction with forward troops reaching Syrian opposite Rangoon. Heavy rain is hampering operations.

AIR

7. WESTERN FRONT. 3rd. Bomber Command despatched 403 aircraft in conjunction with 395 U.S. heavy bombers to drop 1492 tons food for Dutch in enemy-occupied Holland. 132 SHARF (Air) Marauders dropped 211 tons on ammunition dump Pilsen, while 1608 fighters and fighter bombers (14 missing) destroyed or damaged 1600 road and rail vehicles, 14 E-boats and 148 ships, mainly in Lubeck and Kiel areas.

Coastal Command aircraft attacked shipping area Copenhagen, sinking or damaging 25 ships (including 8 totalling 33,000 tons), while further three ships totalling 12,000 tons set on fire in Kiel Bay.

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OPTEL NO. 143

Information received up to 10 a.m. 5th May '45.

NAVAL

1. Mediterranean. 4th. Seven E-boats and one Italian 100 ton U-boat arrived Ancona and surrendered.
2. East Indies. Rangoon docks reported fair condition and ships expected to berth inner harbour tomorrow.
3. Anti-Submarine Operations. 3rd. Beaufighters made promising attack on U-boat Kattegat. 4th. Beaufighters made promising attack on U-boat off Kiel.
4. Enemy Attack on shipping. 5th. British tanker (6386) torpedoed in convoy off Reykjavik.

MILITARY

5. Western Front. General. German Command agreed to unconditional surrender of German Armed Forces in Holland, N.W. Germany (including Frisian Islands, Heligoland, and all other islands), Schleswig Holstein and Denmark, to C. in C., 21st Army Group, with all hostilities by German Forces to cease 0800 hrs. 5th May. Southern Sector. Seventh U.S. Army cleared Innsbruck and reported in contact with troops Fifth Army in Italy at Vipiteno (ten miles South Brenner Pass). Further North Third U.S. Army cleared line of River Inn and has advance units at Berchtesgaden, Salzburg and Laufen while other armoured element are driving East from Braunau and North of River Donau towards Linz. Central Sector. Troops Ninth U.S. Army reported making contact with Russians on River Elbe, N.W. of Stendal in which area large bodies German troops have surrendered. Northern Sector. 3rd/4th. Forces of Second British Army occupied extensive area North and East Hamburg which ceded by German Commander on surrender of town. Neustadt (ten miles North Lubeck) also occupied while elsewhere during this period only minor gains reported against little opposition.
6. Eastern Front. Central Sector. On Northern flank Russians report crossing of Dievenow Canal and capture of Wollin on Wollin Island (East Swinemunde) while further West further advances made North of Wittenberge and South of Brandenburg. Southern Sector. Wiggstadtl (ten miles S.W. Troppau) captured while further South progress made East Bruno.
7. Italy. Eighth Army Sector. British Armour advancing in two columns on Tarvisio with one reaching Plezzo (where advance continues on foot owing to blown bridges) and the other at Ospedaletto where temporarily held up by enemy who were not surrendering but have since withdrawn to Venzona. Fifth Army Sector. U.S. troops have entered Dobbiaco from whence elements have reached Austrian border to East while other troops have advanced N.W. to link up with troops Seventh U.S. Army at Vipiteno. Another column is advancing West towards Bolzano.

AIR

3. Western Front. 4th. Bomber Command aircraft 216 dropped 412 tons food for Dutch in enemy occupied Holland while Lancasters 144 evacuated 3075 ex PW from Continent. SHAEF (Air) Tactical aircraft 984 (missing fighters 3) operated battle areas destroying or damaging 25 locomotives, 530 railway wagons and 559 MT at same time inflicting enemy air casualties 5:01 in combat and 47:0:58 on ground. Coastal Command Mosquitoes 42 sank one minesweeper and one R-boat and set on fire two merchant vessels of about 4,000 tons, one destroyer, one escort vessel and one tanker off East Coast Denmark.

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OPTEL No. 144

Information received up to 10 a.m., 6th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. NORWEGIAN WATERS. In recent attack on Skibotn (north Narvik) by aircraft from three of H.M. Ships supported by ships of Home Fleet, one German U-boat depot ship and one tanker were sunk and one U-boat probably sunk, while one A.A. ship also damaged for loss of one of our aircraft with one other missing.
2. BALTIC. Enemy demolitions at Hamburg not extensive and berths and cranes available, while also reported that no German mines laid between Cuxhaven and this port.
3. MEDITERRANEAN. Approaches to Venice heavily mined but demolitions slight.

4. ANTI-SUBMARINE OPERATIONS. 5th. Liberators made number of promising attacks on U-boats in Kattegat.

MILITARY

5. WESTERN FRONT. Southern Sector: German forces opposit 1st French Army and 7th U.S. Army surrendered at 0300 hours 5th May, while forces opposing 3rd U.S. Army have agreed to cease fire at noon 6th May. Now reported good progress made by latter Army during 4th May in direction Linz, while latest reports state town captured without opposition. Northern Sector: The cease fire on 21 Army Group front became effective 0800 hours 5th May.
6. EASTERN FRONT. Central Sector: On northern flank Russians captured Peenemunde, Swinemunde and Island of Usedom, while further west number of places S.W. Brandenburg taken, including Burg and Moeckern. Southern Sector: Further advances made S.W. and south Moravska Ostrava and Krokowitz (N.E. Brno) captured, while Germans report heavy fighting in area Olomouc.
7. ITALY. 8th Army Sector: Situation quiet in Trieste while advance towards Tarvisio proceeds slowly in face demolitions and rear guards. 5th Army Sector: Now confirmed contact made between reconnaissance elements U.S. 7th Army and of U.S. 5th Army at Brenner Pass on 4th May, while further west other U.S. troops have reached Resia Pass into Austria just east of Swiss border.
8. BURMA. Central Group: In Irrawaddy area, Proms captured on 2nd and our troops now 22 miles south of town on road to Rangoon, while to east and further south our forces now 17 miles S.W. Pegu. 3rd. On occupation Rangoon 1400 Allied prisoners of war liberated.

AIR

9. WESTERN FRONT. 5th. 212 Bomber Command aircraft dropped 397 tons food for Dutch in occupied Holland. 402 U.S. heavy bombers dropped 665 tons food for Dutch in occupied Holland.
10. MEDITERRANEAN. 4th. 144 Allied tactical aircraft attacked communications, barracks and dumps N.W. Yugoslavia and coastal guns Melos.

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OPTEL No. 145

Information received up to 10 a.m., 7th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 5th. Two British merchant ships carrying relief supplies to Holland left Ostend to rendezvous with German aircraft vessels en route for Rotterdam.
2. MEDITERRANEAN. Preliminary survey Genoa shows berths for 10 ships and 3 coasters available, and minesweeping of approaches now taking place.

MILITARY

3. WESTERN FRONT. Central Sector: Right hand corps of 1st U.S. Army now under command 3rd U.S. Army and advancing on broad front into Czechoslovakia where according to unconfirmed reports Pilsen captured.
Northern Sector: 5th. Force of British airborne troops was flown in to Copenhagen where it arrived safely and had great reception.
4. EASTERN FRONT. Northern Sector: Adriatic Island of Ruegen near German coast north of Stralsund captured while further west and south further progress made west of Brandenburg towards River Elbe.
Southern Sector: Advances continue S.W. Moravska Ostrava and N.E. Brno.
5. ITALY. 8th Army Sector: Situation in Trieste and Gorizia remains quiet, while further west truce between troops 13th Corps and enemy opposing their advance N.E. and north from Udine prolonged while negotiations for surrender continue.
5th Army Sector: There is nothing to report.
6. BURMA. Rangoon Sector: Heavy rain is hampering operations but according to unconfirmed reports troops of 15th Indian Corps and 14th Army have linked up north of Rangoon.

AIR

7. WESTERN FRONT. Allied heavy bombers continued to drop food supplies for Dutch in Holland and to evacuate ex-P.W.'s.
8. JAPAN. 3rd. 58 Super Fortresses bombed airfields on Kyushu with good results.
4th. Super Fortresses 60 bombed airfields on Kyushu with good results.
5th. Super Fortresses attacked naval aircraft factory at Kure (Honshu) as well as airfields on Kyushu.

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OPTEL No. 147

Information received up to 10 a.m., 8th May, 1945.

GENERAL

1. In accordance with agreement signed 7th May all German forces in Europe surrendered unconditionally to the Allies. "Cease fire" comes into force 0001 hours 9th May.

NAVAL

2. HOME WATERS. Naval party reports Emden port apparently in good order with 25 minor warships present, but no U-boats.
3. ENEMY ATTACK ON SHIPPING. 7th. A 2878 ton and 1701 ton ship sunk by U-boat in coastal convoy off Firth of Forth.

MILITARY

4. WESTERN FRONT.
Southern Sector: 3rd U.S. Army continued advance along Danube Valley east of Linz, while further north troops of same army are sweeping through Western Czechoslovakia on very wide front. Now confirmed that Pilsen captured by U.S. armoured forces on 6th.
Northern Sector: 2nd British Army has reached line of Kiel Canal and further west is approaching Cuxhaven. 1st Canadian Army cleared country between the Weser and the Ems and occupied Emden.
5. EASTERN FRONT.
Northern Sector: Russians have reached River Elbe north and S.E. Magdeburg.
Southern Sector: Breslau captured while further south progress made west and S.W. Moravska Ostrava.
6. ITALY.
8th Army Sector: U.S. forces now stationed alongside New Zealand and United Kingdom troops in Trieste where situation remains quiet.

AIR

7. WESTERN FRONT.
6th. Allied aircraft dropped 1545 tons food supplies Holland.
408 CMAEF (Air) fighters (2 missing) supported advance into Czechoslovakia destroyed 2 enemy aircraft in combat.
8. S.E.A.C.
4th. 47 Liberators dropped 91 tons Naval dockyard and arsenal Saigon inflicting enemy casualties 2,300 in combat.

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OPTEL No. 148

Information received up to 10 a.m., 9th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 8th. White ensign hoisted over Kiel Naval Headquarters noon. Convoy of 24 ships, escorted by ships of Home Fleet, arrived in home waters from Russia. Report of Lubeck shows port facilities normal. Numerous scuttled U-boats, E-boats and other ships in Lubeck Bay. At Cuxhaven port installations reported intact. PRINZ EUGEN and NURNBERG together with 3 destroyers, 2 torpedo boats, and about 80 minor war vessels and 27 passenger ships reported at Copenhagen.

2. ENEMY ATTACK ON SHIPPING. 8th. Promising attack made on U-boat off St. David Head.

MILITARY

3. WESTERN FRONT.
Central Sector: Sweeping advances continue to be made by 3rd U.S. Army S.E. from Salzburg and east from Linz. Substantial advances also made N.E. and East towards Prague. Northern Sector: Troops of 2nd British Army entered Cuxhaven.
Channel Islands: 8th/9th. Surrender of Channel Islands expected to be signed midnight. No confirmation of surrender yet received.

4. BURMA. Our troops captured Okpo after advance of some 30 miles. Link-up made by our forces at point 26 miles N.E. Rangoon.

AIR

5. WESTERN FRONT.
8th. 155 Bomber Command aircraft dropped 319 tons food supplies in Holland. 209 Lancasters evacuated 5012 ex-P.W. 795 SHAEF (Air) fighters and fighter bombers airborne, mainly over P.W. camps in Chemnitz/Leipzig areas and over south Germany and Czechoslovakia. 5 enemy aircraft destroyed in combat for loss of 2 Allied fighters.
8th. SHAEF aircraft evacuated 15,383 ex-P.W. on this day.

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OPTEL No. 149

Information received up to 10 a.m., 10th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 9th. Two of H.M. Ships arrived Copenhagen with four destroyers in company. One of H.M. Fleet Minesweepers mined off Omend. Wilhelmshaven Harbour in good condition. 180 ships immobile for lack of fuel. S.S. EUROPA (49,746 tons) in good condition. Channel free of mines.

2. BALTIC. Condition of Kiel worse than anticipated from photographs. HIPPER found sabotaged in dock and EMDEN stranded and gutted. Only warships afloat are small minesweepers, one E-boat and two depot ships. Some eight to twelve U-boats scuttled. Kiel Canal efficient except for one lock. 9th German garrison Bornholm surrendered and Russians landed later.

3. U-BOAT ACTIVITY. 13 U-boats at sea have surfaced, reported their positions and are proceeding to Allied ports. Two have arrived.

MILITARY

4. WESTERN FRONT. 3rd U.S. Army advanced further into Czechoslovakia without incident. U.S. Armoured units made contact with Russians at Amstetten, 30 miles S.E. of Linz on 8th. Troops of 1st Canadian Army moved into Western Holland. British advance parties arrived in Oslo and more troops started being flown in today to Oslo and Stavanger.
Channel Islands: 9th. At 0715 hours on board one of H.M. Ships representative of German Garrison Commander signed terms of unconditional surrender. Same afternoon advance party of occupation force arrived in Islands, detachments landing on Jersey and Guernsey.

5. EASTERN FRONT. 8th. German Group in Kurland started surrendering to Russians at 2300 hours.

9th. German forces in Frische Nehrung, Danzig and Gdynia areas ceased resistance. Russian tank and infantry formations liberated Prague at 0400 hours.

6. BURMA. 8th. Tactical reconnaissance reported our leading troops advancing down Irome-Rangoon Road, to be in Irrawaddy, but this not yet confirmed. Some 15 miles north of Prome our troops carried our successful ambush on west bank of Irrawaddy and sunk some large boats. Considerable Japanese opposition met east of Maw, where enemy holding firm positions covering their withdrawal over the Sittang.

AIR

7. WESTERN FRONT. 9th. Lancasters evacuated 5,392 ex-P.W. SHAEF aircraft 58 lifted personnel and equipment to Kastrup airfield (near Copenhagen). Mosquitoes patrolled Channel Islands.

8. BURMA. 7th. 34 Liberators bombed enemy troop areas in Moulmein. 122 tactical aircraft attacked other targets.

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OPTEL No. 150

Information received up to 10 a.m., 11th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. Reports of harbour facilities Rotterdam indicate 5,000 tons a day may be unloaded with increase to 10,000 tons shortly.
2. MEDITERRANEAN. As a result minesweeping operations landing craft unloading on beaches East Genoa.
3. U-BOATS. 14 U-boats have reported their positions and 6 have arrived in U.K. ports.

MILITARY

4. WESTERN EUROPE. 8th/9th. Enemy forces St. Nazaire surrendered unconditionally at midnight.
9th. Enemy forces at Dunkirk surrendered. Elements advance party occupational force for Jersey and Guernsey (Channel Islands) occupied St. Helier and St. Peterport according to plan.
10th. Bad weather held up arrival of troops in Norway, but one brigade flown in to Stavanger, while elements of another brigade flown in to Gardemoen whence they proceeded to Oslo. Units of 7th U.S. Army made further advances into Austria. The occupation of Schleswig-Holstein by 2nd British Army continues.
 5. SOUTHERN EUROPE. 8th Army Sector: United Kingdom armoured troops contacted forward elements Red Army at Voitsberg between Graz and Wolfsberg.
5th Army Sector: Assembling and disarming of German troops continues.
 6. EASTERN EUROPE. Russians announce surrender German troops in Latvia and Danzig Bay pockets, and in former they have occupied Windau (Ventspils). In Czechoslovakia they report German troops under F.M. Schoerner refused to surrender and were attacked, while similarly German armies in Austria refused to surrender, but considerable advances made in subsequent fighting.
 7. EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. 8th. German Officer Commanding Dodecanese surrendered.
9th. German command on Crete and German Garrison on Melos surrendered.
- AIR
8. WESTERN EUROPE. 10th. Lancasters evacuated 10,683 ex-prisoners of war.

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OPTEL No. 151

Information received up to 10 a.m., 12th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 10th. LA ROCHELLE and LA PALlice became operational.
11th. The White Ensign hoisted on Heligoland. Occupation of Lorient by French forces completed where no sabotage or demolition evident and U-boat pens in good condition. At Brunsbittel (Elbe Estuary) town appears undamaged while one A.A. Cruiser, one destroyer, four U-boats, and other naval vessels captured.
Channel Islands: Harbour installations and public services appear undamaged.
2. U-BOAT ACTIVITIES. 25 U-boats have surrendered of which 9 have arrived in United Kingdom ports. 90 Midget U-boats with personnel and equipment complete have been located on North coast of Zealand.

MILITARY

3. WESTERN EUROPE.
Channel Islands: The occupational force completed embarkation and sailed from U.K. yesterday.
British 2nd Army occupied Flensburg.
11th. Further Allied troops flown to Norway while elements Norwegian Reserve Police Battalions arrived in Oslo from Sweden without incident and it is further reported that Allied troops have arrived Tromso.
 4. EASTERN EUROPE.
Northern Sector: Russian troops completed occupation of Courland Peninsula. The south of the Vistula now cleared of remaining German elements. *Island of Bornholm occupied.
Central Sector: Further junctions made by Russian and U.S. forces N.E. of Pilsen, N.W. of Budejovice and in Austria, S.E. of Linz, while Russians have further reduced pocket east and N.E. of Prague where advance of 20 miles made along River Elbe from Pardubice.
 5. BURMA.
Enemy withdrawals west of Irrawaddy continue with attempts to cross to east bank of river between Allammyo and Thame. Our troops have established bridgehead six miles deep on west bank of Irrawaddy five miles south Thayetmyo.
- AIR
6. WESTERN FRONT. 11th. Lancasters evacuated 9,395 ex-prisoners of war. 90 aircraft despatched to carry troops to Norway of which 20 operated successfully, 65 returned due weather, 24 are missing and 1 crashed.

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OPTEL No. 152

Information received up to 10 a.m., 13th May, 1945.

1. HOME WATERS. All cargo ships at Hamburg now disarmed and scuttling charges removed.

2. U-BOATS. Ten have now reached U.K. ports and two have arrived Gibraltar while sixteen others have reported their positions at sea. Coastal Command flew continuous searches for surrendering U-boats and made numerous sightings.

3. WESTERN EUROPE. Channel Islands: Landing of main body occupational force proceeding according to plan.

Norway: Representatives of German Army, Navy and Air Force have arrived in United Kingdom to arrange handing over of armaments and equipment in Norway, while further Allied troops have been flown in and Moss and Frederikstad in Gulf of Oslo now occupied. Norwegian Reserve Police are reported to have liberated Narvik.

4. EASTERN EUROPE. Russians report continued mopping up of dispersed detachments from German Army Groups in Czechoslovakia and Austria. They also state 63 Generals and more than 700,000 German prisoners of war taken between 9th and 12th May.

5. BURMA. Japanese withdrawals continue from west bank of Irrawaddy into Pegu Yomas mountains.

6. WESTERN EUROPE. 550 aircraft evacuated ex-prisoners of war.

7. S.E.A.C. 10th. 55 Liberators dropped 112 tons on dumps at Mergui (300 miles south Moulmein).

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NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 10th/11th. 7 German destroyers and 4 torpedo boats entered Kiel and were disarmed, of these each ship carried some 1600 troops and refugees, while 1 destroyer attempted to scuttle but this prevented by Royal Marine Guard.

12th. At Wilhelmshaven all U-boats have been scuttled but one torpedo boat in floating dock is ready for sea while one Sperrbrecher and 12 minesweepers available for sweeping.

13th. Force comprising three of H.M. Cruisers with four destroyers arrived Oslo where Crown Prince Olaf of Norway disembarked.

2. U-BOATS. 15 have now reached United Kingdom harbours while 2 have arrived Gibraltar and further 12 have reported their positions at sea.

3. WESTERN EUROPE.
Norway: Norwegian Police Forces have occupied Trondheim in addition to Narvik.

4. S.E.A.C.
Central Burma: On West bank of Irrawaddy further advances made with little contact, while east of river several Japanese columns up to 200 strong have been attacked in area 10 miles S.W. Prome. Further South leading troops now 5 miles south Minhia.

5. WESTERN EUROPE.
12th. 184 aircraft ferried troops and stores to Norway.

13th. 140 Bomber Command Lancasters evacuated ex-prisoners of war while approximately 100 U.S. heavy bombers despatched on similar mission.

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OPTEL No. 155

Information received up to 10 a.m., 15th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. PACIFIC. 12th and 13th. Aircraft of British Pacific Fleet again attacked airfields in Sakishima Islands. Dumps and M.T. Parks also attacked. No enemy air opposition, but three of our aircraft shot down by A.A. fire.

2. U-BOATS. Of 33 U-boats which have now reported their positions, 19 reached harbour in U.K., 2 arrived at Gibraltar and 2 in Canada. Of remainder, 10 are at sea, 2 back at Bergen, 1 at St. Nazaire, 20 in North German ports and 1 off Mindanao, apparently on way to Australia.

MILITARY

3. AUSTRIA. Reconnaissance units of the 46th U.K. Division made contact with troops of 7th U.S. Army in area Selzthal (250 miles E.S.E. of Salzburg). Further West patrols of 78th U.K. Division linked up with 3rd U.S. Infantry Division at Radstad and Salzburg.

AIR

4. WESTERN FRONT. 13th. Additional reports show 145 aircraft carried troops and stores to Norway. 587 aircraft evacuated over 14,000 ex-prisoners of war to France and U.K.

14th. 234 Lancasters evacuated 5,514 ex-prisoners of war and approximately 50 Fortresses despatched to collect others.

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OPTEL No. 156

Information received up to 10 a.m., 16th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. First Allied convoy for Cuxhaven consisting of 14 ships sailed.

15th. 3 convoys with troops and essential stores sailed for Stavanger, Kristiansand and Oslo.

2. U-BOATS. 33 U-boats have surrendered, of these 25 reached port. U-532 which surrendered on 13th at Loch Erribol proves to be store carrier from Japan with cargo including 600 tons rubber.

3. RHINE FLOTILLA. 14th. German Rhine Flotilla consisting of 64 craft and some 700 officers and men surrendered and have been ordered to Rotterdam.

MILITARY

4. WESTERN EUROPE. French troops moved to positions along Austro-Swiss border as far east as Resiapass, (50 miles S.W. of Innsbruck). U.S. troops now hold Austro-Swiss and Austro-Italian border from Resiapass to point 25 miles north of San Candide. From this point line runs eastward to Leinz (Tryol).

5. RUENNA. Gwa, 50 miles south of Sandoway, occupied by West African troops.

AIR

6. WESTERN EUROPE. 14th. Further 3,940 ex-prisoners of war evacuated.

15th. Lancasters and Fortresses evacuated 7,550 ex-prisoners of war and SHAEF (Air) aircraft further 2,814.

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Information received up to 10 a.m., 17th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 12th. MTB mined and sank while on passage from Aberdeen to Gothenburg when two survivors picked up by Norwegian ship and 30 passengers, together with Ship's company reported missing.

2. EAST INDIES. 16th. Sighted by aircraft from one of H.M. Escort Carriers a Japanese cruiser of 10,000 tons sunk off Penang by one of H.M. Destroyers in company with other destroyers.

3. U-BOATS. Of 33 which have surrendered 29 have reached port. In addition, 14 are being escorted from Narvik to Trondheim while there are 17 in Kristiansand, 35 in Bergen, 9 in Stavanger and 24 have been scuttled Wilhelmshaven.

MILITARY

4. WESTERN EUROPE.
Norway: German withdrawal from towns to concentration areas continued without incident. Disarmament of troops on Lofoten Islands has begun. Norwegian police troops and Swedish troops are cooperating in controlling common frontier.

5. BURMA.
Central Sector: Our forces advancing south from Promé reported 15 miles from our leading elements moving north from Rangoon. Japanese resisting stubbornly along line of Sittang River from Shwegyin to Mokpalin to cover their withdrawal across river. Our patrols which crossed Sittang on night 14th/15th just north Mokpalin reported much activity.

AIR

6. WESTERN FRONT.
16th. 59 Bomber Command Lancasters evacuated 1409 ex-prisoners of war from continent. 200 U.S. heavy bombers operated repatriating ex-prisoners of war. SHAEF (Air) 659 aircraft evacuated 3,087 ex-prisoners of war and 1,119 casualties, besides carrying troops and equipment to Norway and freight to U.S. Sectors.

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May 17, 1945.

STATEMENT NO. 187

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended April 27, 1945.

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TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA.
<u>FORD</u>					
Liberator B-VI	N.E.	M.E.		9	
Liberator B-VIII	N.E.	M.E.		3	
Liberator B-VIII	India	India		8	
<u>NORTH AMERICAN</u>					
Mitchell III	U.K.	U.K.		1	
Mustang	U.K.	U.K.	57		
Mustang	Australia	Sydney	18		
<u>DOUGLAS</u>					
Dakota IV	U.K.	U.K.		1	
Dakota IV	R.A.F.T.C.	300 Wing			2
Dakota IV	India	India		6	
<u>CONSOLIDATED</u>					
Liberator C-IX	India	India		2	
<u>GRUMMAN</u>					
* Avenger	Australia	Brisbane	5		
* Wildcat	U.K.	U.K.	1		
* Hellcat	U.K.	U.K.	5		
<u>BECH</u>					
* UC-45 Beechcraft	Australia	Brisbane	1		
UC-45 Beechcraft	India	Karachi	3		
<u>REPUBLIC</u>					
Thunderbolt	N.E.	Alexandria	8		
<u>VOUGHT-SIKORSKY</u>					
* Corsair	U.K.	U.K.	9		
* Corsair	Australia	Sydney	19		
TOTAL: 126			30	2	

* with radio equipment.

Movements Freight I
RAC/R.A.F. Delegation

May 4, 1945.
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STATEMENT NO. 188

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended May 4, 1945.

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TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE OF R.A.F.T.C.
<u>FORD</u>					
Liberator B-VI	N.E.	M.E.		24	
Liberator B-VIII	N.E.	M.E.		4	
Liberator B-VIII	India	India		4	
<u>DOUGLAS</u>					
Dakota IV	R.A.F.T.C.	300 Wing			1
Dakota IV	India	India		6	
Skymaster	U.K.	U.K.		1	
<u>CONSOLIDATED</u>					
Liberator C-IX	India	India		3	
<u>VOUGHT-SIKORSKY</u>					
* Corsair	U.K.	U.K.	13		
<u>REPUBLIC</u>					
Thunderbolt	N.E.	Alexandria	12		
<u>GRUMMAN</u>					
Hellcat	Australia	Sydney	9		
<u>NORTH AMERICAN</u>					
Mustang	Australia	Sydney	22		
Mustang	Australia	Melbourne	12		
* with radio equipment.			TOTAL: 68	42	1

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R.A.F. Delegation
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OPTEL No. 158

Information received up to 10 a.m., 18th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 6 captured German minesweepers and 2 patrol vessels escorted by H.M. Ships have arrived at Plymouth from the Channel Islands, while in latter area good progress being made in unloading supplies. In Kiel area 35 two-man U-boats, 15 one-man U-boats, and about 100 one-man torpedoes are reported as under construction, while the Kiel Canal is now open. At Den Helder 17 E-boats, 10 minesweeping craft and 9 river gunboats are reported amongst craft lying in harbour.

MILITARY

2. BURMA. Central Sector: West of Irrawaddy our troops now 20 miles north Mindon with Japanese withdrawing west and S.W. while East of Irrawaddy series of small actions in progress to clear Japanese from area east of road north of Prome. Further south our troops took Letpadan and Tharawaddy, making contact with troops advancing northward from Rangoon.

AIR

3. WESTERN FRONT. 17th. Lancasters evacuated 1,838 ex-prisoners of war.

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OPTEL 159

Information received up to 10 a.m. 19th May, 1945.

NAVAL. 1. Home Waters. 18th. First convoy for Denmark sailed from Rosyth for Copenhagen.

2. U-Boats. The German U.183 operating of Mindanao has acknowledged order to surrender and is proceeding to Australia. No further arrivals of U-Boats in Home Waters is reported.

MILITARY 3. Burma Coastal Sector. The Taungup-Prome road is blocked for motor transport by large landslide 25 miles S.E. former town while Japanese forces from this sector believed concentrating in the Henzada area.

Central Sector. After engagement 10 miles south Tharrawaddy, Japanese withdrew to East suffering many casualties. Further East and South our troops encountered heavy opposition in village 4 miles West Mokpalin which finally cleared two days later while further North in Toungoo area operations with tank support being carried out to overcome two enemy road blocks 6 miles N.E. of town.

AIR

4. Western Front. 17th. Further 13,523 ex P.W. repatriated and 159 casualties evacuated.

18th. Lancasters 25 repatriated 222 Belgians and repatriated 600 ex P.W. from continent while Fortresses 70 were despatched to collect others.

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OPTEL 160

Information received up to 10 a.m. 20th May, 1945

- NAVAL 1. Home waters. 18th First Trade convoy to Norway comprising 8 ships sailed from Rosyth.
2. U-Boats. 15 U-Boats intercepted off Norwegian Coast on 16th have arrived in U.K. port.
- MILITARY 3. Burma. Central Sector. Our troops have crossed Irrawaddy and reached point 17 miles S.W. Prome. Further east and south on the Sittang our troops encountered strong enemy positions in area Shwegyin but have advanced five miles to East of town.
- AIR 4. Western Front. 18th. SHAEF (Air) and Transport Command flew 557 sorties to continent with troops, passengers and supplies while evacuating 7,000 ex P.W.
19th. Lancasters evacuated 1,750 ex P.W. and repatriated 232 Belgians while 100 Fortresses despatched on similar operations.
5. Mediterranean. 18th. Heavy bombers and Dakotas 320 carried passengers and freight.
6. S.E.A.C. 17th. Liberators dropped 56 tons on Port Blair and 31 tons on two railway bridges in Siam.

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Information received up to 10 A.M. 21st May 1945.

NAVAL

1. Northern Waters.
Convoy of 26 ships escorted by ships of Home Fleet has arrived North Russia without incident.
2. East Indies.
15th/16th. Four ML's destroyed eight armed supply craft and killed 80 Japanese in Irrawaddy Delta.
3. U-Boats.
At Travemunde 25 U-Boats found scuttled in harbour.

MILITARY

4. Burma.
Central Sector. East Toungoo slight progress made along Mawchi Road against opposition while further South the Japanese crossing the Pegu Yomas range now concentrating North of Pegu River in village fifteen miles N.W. Pegu.

AIR

5. Western Front.
19th SHAEF (Air) and Transport Command flew 307 sorties to continent with freight and passengers and evacuated over 10,000 ex-P.W. and 239 casualties while further 69 aircraft carried freight, troops and mail to Norway.
20th. Fortresses 200 despatched to deliver rations and collect ex-P.W.
6. Mediterranean.
19th. Heavy Bombers and Dakotas 485 carried personnel and 1,287 tons freight.

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Information received up to 10 a.m., 22nd May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. U-Boats. Now estimated only 12 U-boats at sea which have not surrendered, while all those which have surrendered have now reached harbour.

U-287 probably scuttled off Brunsbittel on night 14th/15th, while U-963 scuttled off Lisbon on 20th.

MILITARY

2. Burma.

Central Sector: Enemy attempts to cross to east bank of Irrawaddy between Tilayetmye and Prome continue with one small enemy bridgehead established ten miles N.W. Prome. Further east and to south further small advance made to crossroads ten miles N.W. Toungoo against some opposition.

AIR

3. Western Front: 20th. 400 aircraft, including 200 Fortresses, evacuated 7,222 ex prisoners of war of which majority French.

21st. No operations undertaken.

4. Mediterranean. 20th. 550 Allied aircraft carried 1,307 tons supplies to North Italy and Austria.

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OPTEL No. 164

Information received up to 10 a.m., 23rd May, 1945.

MILITARY

1. BURMA.

Central Sector: Enemy movement east across Pegu Yomas continues with Japanese breaking into small parties to cross railway. Number of small scale actions with such parties taking place 20 to 30 miles N.E. Prome. Further east additional advance of four miles made eastward along road from Toungoo where road block established 15 miles east this town.

AIR

2.

WESTERN FRONT.

21st. Late reports state further 211 Transport Command aircraft evacuated 1,142 ex-prisoners of war and casualties.

22nd. 47 Lancasters evacuated 1,124 ex-prisoners of war while Transport Command evacuated 1,087 ex-prisoners of war and 111 casualties.

3. MEDITERRANEAN.

21st. 595 aircraft carried 1638 tons supplies to North Italy while 20 Fortresses (1 missing) carried 300 personnel to Casablanca.

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OPTEL No. 165

Information received up to 10 a.m., 24th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. Port of IJmuiden now open to ships of draught under 22 feet; latest figures German ships in Denmark indicate 92 cargo ships, 6 hospital ships, 2 troopships, 9 passenger ships and 5 tankers, while there are also 70 ships under 800 tons, 59 tugs, 11 floating cranes and 2 floating docks.

MILITARY

2. WESTERN EUROPE. In Southern sector further contacts established between U.S. armies and British troops of 15th Army Group at Mallnitz and Tamsweg.

3. SOUTHERN EUROPE. 8th Army Sector reports indicate no Yugoslav reaction to eastward advance 13 Corps and 2 U.S. Corps with 2 New Zealand Division on right occupying new positions area Sgonico and other British troops areas Comeno and Montespino (all north Trieste) while in south Austria Yugoslav withdrawal taking place.

4. BURMA. Central Sector: Minor clashes continue as enemy parties endeavouring escape east are located and mopped up with heavy casualties.

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5. WESTERN FRONT. 23rd. Bomber Command and Transport Command evacuated 2,732 and 820 ex-prisoners of war respectively.

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OPTEL No. 166

Information received up to 10 a.m., 25th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 24th. PRINZ EUGEN and NURNBURG left Copenhagen for Wilhelmshaven escorted by two of H.M. Cruisers and Destroyers.

MILITARY

2. SOUTHERN EUROPE. Venezia Giulia: 13 Corps and 2 U.S. Corps have advanced to general line Sgonico-Tarveva.

3. BURMA. Central Sector: Our patrols have contacted fairly strong Japanese parties holding positions 12 miles N.W. Pegu, while further north enemy's slow withdrawal along road eastwards from Toungoo being followed up by our troops against strong and stubborn resistance. In this latter area one of our columns strongly counter attacked and made slight withdrawal.

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4. WESTERN FRONT. 24th. Bomber Command aircraft evacuated 2,158 ex prisoners of war.

5. MEDITERRANEAN. 23rd. 520 heavy bombers carried 1218 tons supplies to North Italy.

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Information received up to 10 a.m., 26th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. NORTHERN WATERS. 25th. A party landed on Bear Island (south of Spitzbergen) from Norwegian destroyer STORD and found no signs recent occupation.

2. U-BOATS. 25th. No. U-979 returning from patrol went ashore on Anrum Island (south Sylt) and Captain and some of crew were arrested but some officers escaped. At Flensburg 27 U-boats found scuttled or sunk in harbour.

MILITARY

3. BURMA. Central Sector: Further progress made on West Bank of Irrawaddy where our troops now 25 miles N.W. Prome. Further East our troops have made slight withdrawals in Toungoo sector in face strong enemy opposition.

4. CHINA. 21st. 76 aircraft (3 missing) attacked communications and troop concentrations in Paoching and Yellow River areas.

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Information received up to 10 A.M. 27th May 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. At Copenhagen good progress made with salvage work and normal shipping can now be resumed. At Terschelling the Harbour is undamaged, while the sweeping and buoying of Southern part of Dutch Coastal Route now completed.

2. MEDITERRANEAN. 26th. Italian Trawler mined and sunk South Legoyzu, when all passengers and crew rescued.

MILITARY

3. SOUTHERN EUROPE. In Austria Yugoslav evacuation Carinthia almost complete though some troops remain Area of Styrian Frontier East of Wolfsberg, while handover of Croats to Yugoslavs and negotiations handover of Cossecks to Russians continue.

VENEZIA GIULIA. As result conversations with Yugoslav Commanders on 13 Corps and 2 U.S. Corps Fronts, threat by Yugoslavs to remove our Troops by force from positions taken up East Gorizia were withdrawn and agreement reached by which Troops of both sides would remain temporarily present positions and not advance. Situation now reported generally quiet, though Yugoslavs have moved some tanks North out of Trieste and have erected Barricade in that Area.

4. BURMA. Central Sector: Determined enemy resistance continues on Toungoo-Mawchi Road while in Area QYU small parties still attempting to cross to East of River Sittang.

5. CHINA. Japanese Forces reported operating 40 miles N.E. Kanchow.

6. S.W.P.A.. On New Guinea Australian Troops advancing Eastwards now attacking enemy strong points 6 miles S.E. Wewak.

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AIR

7. WESTERN FRONT

- 25th. Aircraft evacuated 25,600 ex P.W.
26th. Bomber and Transport Commands evacuated 5,661 ex P.W.

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OPTEL No. 169

Information received up to 10 a.m., 28th May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. ENEMY ATTACK ON SHIPPING. 27th/28th. A 7191 ton U.S. ship mined off Ostend whilst in convoy and now in tow for U.K.
2. EAST INDIES. One of H.M. Cruisers and two sloops on patrol off Northern Andamans since 16th report food situation at Port Blair appears acute, according to information obtained from native fishermen whose boat intercepted.

MILITARY

3. BURMA. Central Sector: On West bank of Irrawaddy further advance of 8 miles made against light opposition with our troops entering Kama, while on road Irrawaddy-Prome 300 Japanese engaged in successful ambush 30 miles north former town.

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4. WESTERN FRONT. 27th. Aircraft evacuated 2,235 ex-prisoners of war.

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OPTEL No. 171

Information received up to 10 a.m., 29th
May, 1945.

NAVAL

1. HOME WATERS. 27th. German Cruisers PRINZ
EUGEN and MURNBERG have arrived Wilhelmshaven from Copen-
hagen.

2. BLACK SEA. 27th. A 5151 ton ship from
Liverpool to Constanta (Roumania) mined off latter
port but proceeding to destination with Russian rescue
craft standing by.

MILITARY

3. SOUTHERN EUROPE. Up to 26th. Venezia
Giulia: No further incidents area north Trieste, but
Yugoslavs established road blocks 25th May in front of
our forward troops in area Comeno-Montespino (S.E.
Gorizia).

4. BURMA. Coastal Sector: Our troops moving
by inland waterways have occupied Bassein.

Central Sector: Japanese troops in
endeavours move east are still offering strong resistance
in bridgehead over Irrawaddy south of Kama and in hills
to east of main road north of Letpadan. Further east
strong resistance also encountered east of Sittang
River opposite Toungoo and further south in area N.W.
Pegu.

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5. WESTERN FRONT. 28th. Aircraft evacuated
2,029 ex P.W.

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Secretary of the Treasury
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 30th, 1945.

STATEMENT NO. 189

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended May 11, 1945.49
SECRET

TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA.
FORD					
Liberator B-VI	N.E.	N.E.		8	
Liberator B-VI	India	India		1	
NORTH AMERICAN					
Mitchell III	U.K.	U.K.		6	
Mitchell III	Bahamas	Nassau		9	
Mustang	India	Karachi	12		
Mustang	Australia	Brisbane	6		
DOUGLAS					
Dakota IV	U.K.	U.K.		1	
Dakota IV	India	India		29	
CONSOLIDATED					
Liberator C-IX	R.A.F.T.C.	45 Group			2
REPUBLIC					
Thunderbolt	India	Karachi		7	
TOTAL:			25	54	2

Movements Freight I
R.A.F. Delegation

May 18, 1945.

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Statement No. 190

Aircraft Despatched from the United States
Week Ended May 18, 1945.50
SECRET

TYPE	DESTINATION	ASSEMBLY POINT	BY SEA	BY AIR	FLIGHT DELIVERED FOR USE IN CANADA.
FORD					
Liberator B-VI	U.K.	U.K.		6	
DOUGLAS					
Dakota IV	U.K.	U.K.		4	
Dakota IV	India	India		14	
Skymaster	U.K.	U.K.		1	
REPUBLIC					
Thunderbolt	India	Karachi		12	
NORTH AMERICAN					
Mustang	N.E. (1)	Port Said	25		
Mustang	India	Calcutta	25		
FOURTY-SIXORSEY					
* Corsair	U.K.	U.K.		3	
GREENMAN					
* Hellcat	U.K.	U.K.		1	
* Wildcat	U.K.	U.K.		11	
* Avenger	Australia	Sydney		3	
CURTISS					
Sessaw	U.K.	U.K.		6	
BECH					
U.C. 45 Beechcraft	U.K.	U.K.		1	
Total:			87	25	0

* with radio equipment.

(1) for onward despatch to India.

Movements Freight I
R.A.F. Delegation

May 25, 1945.

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