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PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE C-in-C

- 1. After four days of fighting the Allied Armies have secured a good and firm lodgment area on the mainland of France.
- 2. First, we must thank Almighty God for the success we have achieved and for giving us such a good beginning towards the full completion of our task.
- 3. Second, we must pay a tribute to the Allied Navies and Air Forces for their magnificent co-operation and support; without it, we soldiers could have achieved nothing.
- 4. Third, I want personally congratulate every officer and man in the Allied Armies on the splendid results of the last four days.

British, Canadian, and American soldiers, fighting gallantly side by side, have achieved a great success and have placed themselves in a good position from which to exploit this success.

5. To every officer and man, whatever may be his rank or employment, I send my grateful thanks and my best wishes for the future.

Much yet remains to be done; but together, you and I, we will do it, and we will see the thing through to the end.

6. Good luck to you all.

B.L. Pontogomery General C. Li. C 21 Army Groep.

France, 10 June, 1944.