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COAST GUARD GROUP COMMANDERS PLAN INVASION TACTICS

Final plans for the French invasion are laid by these two Coast Guard group commanders as they study a rubber mosaic of the coast in the hold of a Coastx Guard-manned assault transport just before the big assault. They are Capt. Edward H. Fritzsche (left), of 901 Creed Road, OAKLAND, Calif., Assault Group Commander of the Western Task Force, and Capt. Miles H. Imlay, of 105 Glenwood Avenue, NEW LONDON, Conn., Deputy Assault Group Commander of the Western Task Force.

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NORMANDY OPERATION,
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LOADING AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR THE NORMANDY LANDINGS, IN AN ENGLISH PORT, circa MAY or EARLY JUNE 1944. AT LEAST ONE OF THE LCMs IN THE FOREGROUND IS FROM USS SAMUEL CHASE (APA-26). IN CENTER ARE

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NORMANDY OPERATION,
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AMERICAN TROOPS CROWD INTO LANDING CRAFT FOR TRANSPORTATION TO LARGER SHIPS, DURING PRE-INVASION LOADING IN AN ENGLISH PORT, circa LATE MAY or EARLY JUNE 1944. CRAFT IN

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COAST GUARD FERRIES REINFORCEMENTS

Grim and determined, these American soldiers head towards the French coast as the American Flag flies from the stern of their U. S. Coast Guard landing barge as it speeds towards the invasion shore.

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COAST GUARD 83-FOOTERS SPEED TO RESCUE

TWO CUTTERS OF THE NOW FAMOUS COAST GUARD INVASION RESCUE FLOTILLA, WHICH HAS SAVED THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF MEN IN THE ICY CHANNEL WATERS OFF FRANCE, SPEED TOWARD ANOTHER RESCUE. THE LITTLE CUTTERS MAINTAIN AN UNCEASING PATROL OFF THE INVASION COAST.

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COAST GUARD'S ROVING RESCUERS CHEAT DEATH IN THE CHANNEL

TWO OF THE MORE THAN 1,400-- FROM THEIR "DOUGHNUT" LIFE RAFT, TWO FLIERS ARE HELPED ABOARD AN 83-FOOT COAST GUARD RESCUE CUTTER, AFTER THEIR MOSQUITO BOMBER CRASHED IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, ADDING TWO MORE LIVES SAVED TO THE RECORD OF THE COAST GUARD'S "MATCH BOX" FLOTILLA SINCE D-DAY. SEATED IN THE RAFT IS MICHAEL GRIBBIN, RAF FLYING OFFICER OF OXFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND; AND ABOUT TO CLIMB UP THE LIFE NET IS ROBERT GRIFFITH, RCAF FLIGHT OFFICER, OF TORONTO, CANADA, SURVIVORS OF THE MOSQUITO CRASH. COAST GUARDSMEN IN THE PICTURE ARE: ENSIGN NORRIS NEMER (BACK TO CAMERA), COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE CUTTER, 3900 SUNNYSIDE ROAD, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.; WILLIAM CASTLEMAN (BEYOND NEMER), CHIEF MOTOR MACHINIST'S MATE, 5332 WEST ADAMS STREET, CHICAGO, ILL.; AND LEO GRAHM (KNEELING RIGHT), QUARTERMASTER SECOND CLASS, 505 TROLLINGER STREET, BURLINGTON, N.C.

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"ELSIE" TAKES THE BOYS OVER

"Elsie," the boys call the LCIs -- those staunch landing craft that carry them through invasion waters to enemy coasts. "Elsie" wears a barrage balloon in her hair to keep enemy strafing planes from diving too close. Here, a typical group of G.I. Joes wait on the decks of a Coast Guard "Elsie" heading for the shores of France.

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ALL ABOARD -- PACKED TIGHT -- FOR INVASION

Aboard a Coast Guard LCI headed to the beach of France, these Army men find "standing room only" in a troop compartment. This is the way that countless G.I. Joes made the historic channel crossing that breached Hitler's vaunted coastal defense.

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INVADER NO. 1 IS MANNED BY COAST GUARDSMEN

AFTER ROLLING INTO THE FRENCH COAST WITH THE FIRST WAVE OF D-DAY INVADERS, THIS COAST GUARD MEDIUM LANDING CRAFT, BEARING THE PROUD NO. 1 ON ITS STERN, DASHES BACK TO ITS MOTHER SHIP, A COAST GUARD ASSAULT TRANSPORT, WITH SOME OF THE FIRST AMERICANS TO FALL WOUNDED IN THE THRUST ON HITLER'S ATLANTIC WALL. THE WOUNDED WERE GIVEN EMERGENCY TREATMENT IN THE TRANSPORT'S SICK BAY BEFORE RETURNING TO BRITAIN FOR HOSPITALIZATION.

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MASS FOR THE INVADERS OF AN LCI

Before the fateful hour when they will be called upon to storm the bullet-swept beaches of France, American fighting men attend Mass aboard a Coast Guard infantry landing craft. The services are held in the cramped troop compartment. The Chaplain can be seen kneeling before the portable altar.

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(FRANCE) 8/6/44-- WITHA HEAVY LIST TO ■ PORT, THIS COAST GUARD LCI CRAFT PULLS ALONGSIDE A TRANSPORT TO EVACUATE HER TROOPS AND WOUNDED, JUST BEFORE SHE CAPSIZED AND X SANK DURING FIRST INVASION DAY. (COAST GUARD FOTO) SIGNAL CORPS RADIO TELEPHOTO FROM LONDON

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COAST GUARD CRAFT SINKING

A COAST GUARD LCI (LANDING CRAFT, INFANTRY) LISTS SHARPLY AFTER BEING FATALLY HIT DURING THE INVASION OF THE COAST OF FRANCE. ONE MAN CLINGS TO A LIFE RAFT (AT LEFT), ANOTHER LIES WOUNDED ON A STRETCHER, AND A THIRD SPRAWLS DEAD ON THE DECK. THE WOUNDED WERE TRANSFERRED TO AN ASSAULT TRANSPORT BEFORE THE SHIP PLUNGED BENEATH THE WAVES.

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COAST GUARD SHIP IS HIT

Wounded American fighters lay on stretchers on the deck of a Coast Guard LCI (landing craft, infantry), ready to be transferred to an assault transport just before the Coast Guard ship rolled over and sank after being hit during the invasion of the French Coast. A dead soldier can be seen sprawled on deck at the left.

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KNOCKED OUT LCI HIGH AND DRY ON INVASION BEACH

Battered by exploding mines, smashed by Nazi 88s and gutted by fire, this Coast Guard infantry landing craft perches abandoned at the high water line on one of the hotly contested French invasion beaches. Coast Guard LCIs were in the first waves of liberation craft to hit the invasion coast on D Day.

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