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Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces! You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. ~~By it, we shall bring about,~~ In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, ^{you will be doing about} the destruction of the German war machine, the ^{elementary} overthrow of Nazi tyranny, ^{and the liberation of the} oppressed peoples of Europe, ^{and security for ourselves in a free world.}

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. ^{He will} You ~~may expect him to~~ fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since ~~the~~ ^{Nazi} triumphs of 1940-41. ^{The United Nations} ~~We and our Allies~~ have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. ~~We shall do it again.~~ Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Front ^{has} given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are ^{together} marching to Victory!

The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere ^{are} with you. ~~You will not fail them.~~

I have full confidence in your courage, ^{devotion to duty} hardihood and skill in battle. We ^{will accept nothing less than full victory!} ~~can, and we will win.~~

Good Luck! And ^{let us all remember} the blessing of Almighty God rest upon ~~us~~ this great and noble undertaking.

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have failed to gain a
satisfactory foothold and
~~I have with them~~
~~the troops have been~~
~~withdrawn.~~ This particular
operation my decision to
attack at this time and place
was based upon the best
information available, and
the troops, the air and the
Navy did all that ~~was~~
Bravery and devotion to duty
could do. If any blame
or fault attaches to the attempt
it is mine alone.

July 5

[Misdated by Gen Eisenhower
date is actually June 5]