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MR BRIAN LAMB

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DEAR MR LAMB: I AM ENJOYING YOUR D DAY SERIES. WHILE YOUR BRITISH HISTORIAN EXPERT MAY HAVE TAUGHT AT SANDHURST HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE D DAY OPERATION IS NOT VERY GOOD. I WAS ON [REDACTED] THAT CONTROLLED ALL SEA ,LAND AND AIR OPERATIONS AT OMAHA BEACH. I WAS ON [REDACTED] WHO COMMANDED THE OPERATION. THE MAIN REASON OMAHA HAD SO MUCH TROUBLE WAS THAT A FULL BATTALION OF GERMANS HAD ARRIVED IN BACK OF THE BEACH FOR TRAINING EXCERCISES THE NIGHT BEFORE. THEY WERE UNEXPECTED AND PUT UP STRONG RESISTANCE. YOUR BRITISH EXPERT ALSO SAID THAT THE BATTLESHIP NEVADA GAVE GUN SUPPORT. HE HAS HIS GEOGRAPHY WRONG. OUR RIGHT FLANK WAS SUPPORTED BY THE 16 INCH GUNS OF USS TEXAS WHICH HAD BEEN SUNK AT PEARL HARBOR AND COMPLETED REFITTED AND OUR LEFT FLANK WAS SUPPORTED BY THE FREE FRENCH HEAVY CRUISER LEGUES.

THE INTERESTING STORY OF D DAY WHICH YOU HAVE MISSED IS THE LOGISTICAL SUPPLY. AS YOU REALIZE THE ONLY PORT OF ANY SIZE ON THAT COAST WAS CHERBOURG AND WE KNEW IT WOULD BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE COULD TAKE IT AND MAKE IT OPERATIONAL. TO SUPPLY THE LARGE,GROWING NUMBER OF ALLIED TROOPS IN THE BRIDGEHEAD MANY MERCHANT SHIPS WERE SUNK OFF SHORE TO FORM A BREAKWATER. YOU



REALIZE WE WERE DEALING WITH TWENTY FOOT TIDES. INSIDE THE  
ARTIFICIAL BREAKWATER WERE STEEL PREFABRICATED CAUSEWAYS  
CALLED MULLBERRYS WHICH WERE TOWED ACROSS THE CHANNEL.  
MILLIONS OF TONS OF SUPPLIES WENT ACROSS THIS JURY RIG. TO GET



FUEL ACROSS IN LARGE QUANTITIES UNDERGROUND PLASTIC PIPES WERE USED ACROSS THE CHANNEL. THESE WERE CALLED PLUTOS.

THE BEST DESCRIPTION OF THIS OPERATION CAN BE FOUND ON SAMUEL ELIOT MORRISONS HISTORY OF US NAVAL OPERATIONS OF WHICH THERE IS A WHOLE VOLUME ON OPERATION OVERLORD.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

