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This collection consists of a microfilm copy of communiqués issued by the Public Relations Office of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF). Communiqués were a form of press release and were used to describe major military actions in western Europe. The first communiqué was issued on the day of the Normandy Invasion to announce the commencement of the attack. Subsequent communiqués were released at 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. each day. They contained summaries of the military operations which had taken place since the previous communiqué had been issued. The frequency of the communiqués was later reduced to one per day, at 11:00 a.m., although special communiqués were issued at different times as events warranted. Communiqués were distributed to the British media in Europe and to the Office of War Information in the U.S. which forwarded them to U.S. and Canadian journalists.

The communiqués are part of the SHAEF records at the National Archives in Washington, DC. They were originally filed together in reverse chronological order by the SHAEF staff. After the communiqués were received at the National Archives the Archives staff rearranged the documents into straight chronological order and created a separate file for the special communiqués. The microfilm copy in this collection was made by the National Archives after the records were rearranged. Further information on the preparation and distribution of the communiqués is in the records of the SHAEF Public Relations Office at the National Archives.

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