

D-DAY TIMELINE: THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF WW2

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT – ‘Things look better’

[Voice of BBC correspondent Howard Marshall]

The scene on the beach, until one had sorted it out, was at first rather depressing because we did see a great many barges in difficulty with these anti-tank screens. And we noticed that a number of them had struck mines as ours struck mines.

But then we began to see that in fact the proportion which had got through was very much greater. And the troops were moving all along the roads. The tanks were out already and going up the hills. That in fact we were dominating the situation. And that our main enemy was the weather and that we were beating the weather. That we had our troops and our tanks ashore and that the Germans weren't really putting up a great deal of resistance.

Well, after spending some time on the beach talking to troops, finding them in tremendous fettle, very very delighted to be having this crack at the Germans, the next problem came – to get away and come back and do this news bulletin.

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