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## Reveals D-Day Was Postponed At Last Minute

London, Oct. 31. (AP)—Two Allied destroyers and a Walrus aircraft turned back a large Normandy-bound invasion force when D-Day was postponed for 24 hours in 1944, and prevented a disastrously premature warning of the landing reaching the Germans, a report by the Allied Commander-in-Chief of the Expeditionary Navy Forces said yesterday.

At a meeting June 3, 1944, Admiral Ramsay said, Gen. Eisenhower decided to give the go-ahead to the invasion but early next morning it was decided that conditions the following day (June 5, the original D-Day) would not be acceptable and a 24-hour postponement was ordered.

"By this time, all of force 'U' from Devonshire and a portion of force 'O' from Portland (both American) were at sea, and ships and craft had to reverse their course and return to harbour," the report said.

But force U-2A, a slow assault convoy composed of 128 L.C.T. (landing craft, tanks) with their escort, failed to receive the signal ordering the postponement. The force was 25 miles at sea, steering south to Normandy.

"Two destroyers and a Walrus aircraft had to be sent at full speed to turn it round," Admiral Ramsay said. "Had this not been done, it is possible that the force would shortly have been detected by the enemy's radar and this would undoubtedly have resulted in his increased vigilance for the next few days."

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