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(Second World War - D-Day) France Scale 1:100,000 Cherbourg-Valognes Sheet 6E... (Second Edition) [with manuscript additions]

Stock#: 61145
Map Maker: Geographical Section, War Office (UK)
Date: 1942 (1943 edition)
Place: London
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 30 x 24.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Contemporary Military Map of Omaha and Utah Beaches, the American Sectors of the D-Day Invasion.

Folding map from the 1:100,000 U.K. War Office, Geographical Section, GSGS 4249 series. The map shows the Normandy coast between Cherbourg and Port-en-Bessin (east of which was Gold Beach), including Omaha and Utah Beaches.

This fully color-printed map of Normandy takes its road classifications from the 1:200,000 Michelin tourist maps of the area, last revised in 1938. The whole of the map is shown to have been revised from Survey Photographs during August and September of 1942. The reference key elaborates over 30 symbols covering a wide range of militarily-relevant geographic features. The level of precision is quite extraordinary, as the map differentiates between windmills, windpumps, and watermills; and between towers, chimneys, and monuments.

As this is a Geographical Section map, it would have most likely been used by a British or Commonwealth soldier.

[An example of this edition of the map is held in the D-Day Story Museum, Portsmouth.](#)

Manuscript Annotations



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This example includes intriguing red-pencil manuscript additions covering the Allied areas of operation. The manuscript appears to be contemporary to 1944.

At Pointe du Hoc and the surrounding cliffs to "Pointe et Raz de la Percee", the map is labeled "2R" for the 2nd Ranger Division that famously scaled the cliffs there.

Across Omaha Beach is the label "5th", presumably denoting US V Corps.

At Utah Beach are the labels "1st" (i.e., First United States Army) and "4th" (i.e., 4th Infantry Division).

The meaning of the labeling of Roches de Grandcamp, "6th", is not readily apparent.

The farthest-west section of Gold Beach is labeled as such.

An uncommon D-Day era map rendered more interesting by its manuscript.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map with some of the usual darkening of folds and panels, particularly around Cherbourg, but overall very good.