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COMINCH COMNAV (ADM) 7TH ARMY 6TH CORPS
12TH TAC CTF 84 CTF 85 CTF 86

NAVSITINTREP 26.
DRAGOON. PERIOD ENDING 092400.

RIGHT FLANK GS. HILARY P JONES AIDED IN SUCCESSFULLY
BREAKING UP COUNTER ATTACK BY ENEMY TROOPS AND TANKS IN
CASTILLON AREA FIRING 124 RDS. TROOPS WERE DISPERSED
SOME TANKS DESTROYED. 2ND COUNTERATTACK OCCURED IN MT
BELLENDA AREA WITH HILARY P JONES FIRING 330 RDS MADISON
6 RDS. SFCP REPORTED MANY TROOPS KILLED OTHERS DISPERSED.
THROUGHOUT REMAINDER DAY HARASSING FIRE DELIVERED AGAINST
FLAK WAGONS MACHINE GUN NESTS AND MORTARS AS FOLLOWS.
CASTILLON HILARY P JONES 227 RDS MT BELLENDA HILARY P JONES
109 RDS MADISON 6 RDS CRASC1 MADISON 73 RDS.

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MINESEARCHING UNIT, TOULON, IN 85 FDS. TARGET BATTERIES AT
HOLD. NEAR MINESEARCHING MASHVILLE 1 CONTACT TIMES WERE CUT
VIGOROUSLY OF NORTH END OF MANCE MAGNETIC MIRRORING THEIR POSTS
CONTINUED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. IN BAY MASHVILLE, ONE
SHALLOW SWEEPING CONTACTS DETONATED 2 CONTACTS. 9 MORE
BELIEVED PRESENT. OPENING OF 1 NORTH BLOCK IS NOW 200 FEET
WIDE AND LEAST DEPTH 25 FEET. WITHIN 1.5 OPENING IS 120 FOOT
CHANNEL WITH 25 FOOT DEPTH TOULON. 4 ADDITIONAL MINES
DETECTED IN MACE AREA, MACE REMAINING GROUP IN THE
DETONATION. BOTH MACH 1 CHANNEL DEPLOYED SAFELY. MENTON
CHANNEL SHIPPED FOR GS SHIPS FROM MALLE SOUTH OF MENTON EXTENDING
3 MILES TO EASTWARD.

UNLOADING. 5 MAY PARTICIPATE UNLOADINGAT BEACHES. D PLUS 25
CONVOYS ARRIVED. 52 CARO VESSELS. 47 ST. 28 OCT. 52 CARO
SHIP DIVISION. 10 VESSELS. 3 TOULON. 5 PORT DE BOUG.
ESTIMATED TOTALS BEACHED PERSONNEL 31130, VEHICLES 5220 TONS
27890.

MWT IF IN CATGOTH APPEARED TO TOULON, WORKED IN INNER HARBOR.
AT D-DAY, T/S FORCES P7 87 D/BOLTED, ABANDONED BY T6 85 WITH
EXCEPTION BAYFLEET WHICH DEPARTED BAYFLEET WITH STAFF EMBARKED.
AT D-DAY, BEACH CONTROL GROUP OPERATIONS WERE TAKEN OVER BY COASTAL
BASE SFAU. AT 1300 UNLOADING OVER ALFA BEACHES WAS COMPLETED.
TF 42 BEING REASSEMBLED OTHER FORCES. MWT/LAIFON GROUP
CONTINUES AS HORED BATTERIES UNDER TF 85.

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(SACMED, CINCMED, CTG 80.6, CTU 80.6, CTF 84, CTF 85, CTF 86, COMINCH, CONNAV, COMNAVNAV (ADM), 7TH ARMY 6 CORPS, 12 TAC)

PERIOD ENDING 082400.

RIGHT FLANK GS. DUGUAY TROUIN 457 RDS AT BATTERIES TROOPS AND PILLBOXES IN SUSPENSE AREA. HILARY P JONES FIRED 44 RDS AGAINST MACHINE GUN NESTS GOOD RESULTS REPORTED.

MARSEILLE. MAINTENANCE M/S AND HARBOR CLEARANCE SWEEPING. FINAL PHASE SWEEPING PRIOR TO OPENING VIEUX PORT. 2 MINES SET OFF WHILE BLASTING BLOCK SHIPS MARECHAL PETAIN BASIN. 200 MOORED AND INFLUENCE MINES WERE LAID IN HARBOR AREA ACCORDING TO POW INFO.

FRENCH ASSISTING IN LOCATING MINES.
Toulon. 2 mines cut in La Seine. 6 mooring buoys reported safe.

Additional berths. 1 Liberty West Pier 1 Liberty East Pier 5. 1 LST at arsenal in New Basin. 5 LCT in basin subsistances. Shore side repairs by Seabees ahead Marine clearance. Discovered enemy plan for laying 190 mines. Major portion apparently unexecuted.

Unloading. All Ha M/V remains. 75 percent unloaded.

Beaches. Personnel 50 vehicles 22 tons 8672. POW evacuated 800 awaiting 5229.

Marseille. Vehicles 214 tons 793.

Toulon personnel 181 tons 1050.

Delivered to 20G
CONFERENCE ARMY AND NAVY AUTHORITIES CONCERNING JOHN THE OPENING OF THE PORTS OF SOUTHERN FRANCE PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATES WHICH WERE CONCURRED IN BY ALL CONCERNED:

MARSEILLE (A)

SEPT 15TH. NO ALONGSIDE BERTHS. NO SHELTERED OFFLOADING BERTHS AVAILABLE.

(D) SEPTEMBER 18. 10-1/2 ALONGSIDE LIBERTY BERTHS AND 15 SHELTERED HOLDING BERTHS FOR OFFLOADING AVAILABLE.

ESTIMATED UNLOADING CAPACITY 10,000 TONS PER DAY.

(C) SEPTEMBER 25TH. 14-1/2 ALONGSIDE LIBERTY BERTHS...
AND 11 HOLDING BERTHS FOR OFFLOADING AVAILABLE. ESTIMATED UNLOADING CAPACITY 12,500 TONS PER DAY. THE DECREASE IN LOADING BERTHS IS DUE TO PROJECTED INSTALLATION OF FUEL AND WATER POINTS.

(D). IMPRACTICABLE TO PREDICT FOR SUBSEQUENT DATES AT PRESENT.

TOULON.

(A). 15 SEPTEMBER 6-1/2 ALONGSIDE LIBERTY BERTHS AVAILABLE.

(B). OFFLOADING BERTHS NUMEROUS BUT AT PRESENT LIMITED TO OFFLOADING BY 10 LCT'S AS ONLY THIS NUMBER OF HARD'S NOW AVAILABLE. ESTIMATED TONNAGE 2,575 PER DAY.

(C). 22 SEPTEMBER 8 ALONGSIDE LIBERTY BERTHS AVAILABLE OFFLOADING BERTHS SUFFICIENT TO WORK 18 LCT'S AS THESE ARE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HARD'S THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE. TOTAL PER DAY ESTIMATED 3,400.

(D). 29 SEPTEMBER 9-1/2 ALONGSIDE LIBERTY BERTHS. OFFLOADING AS IN (C) ABOVE. ESTIMATED TONNAGE 3,625 TONS PER DAY.

PORT DE BOUC.

(A). 15 SEPTEMBER 1 22 FOOT DRAFT ALONGSIDE LIBERTY BERTH WITH AN ESTIMATED DISCHARGE OF 350 TONS PER DAY. 2 25 FOOT DRAFT ALONGSIDE LIBERTY BERTHS. ESTIMATED DISCHARGE 450 TONS PER DAY. TOTAL DISCHARGE 1,250 TONS PER DAY.
(B). IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE 1 25 FOOT DRAFT TANKER BERTH AVAILABLE

(C). 22 SEPTEMBER INCREASE OF 2 25 FOOT DRAFT LIBERTY BERTHS IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN SUBPARAGRAPH (B) ABOVE WITH AN ESTIMATED DISCHARGE OF AN ADDITIONAL 450 TONS PER DAY EACH TOTAL PORT CAPACITY 2,150 TONS PER DAY.

(D). NO INCREASE IN BERTHS AFTER 22 SEPTEMBER.

THE ABOVE ESTIMATES ARE CONTINGENT UPON NO UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES.

* ADEES NOT LISTED AS EITHER ACTION OR INFO ADEES IN THE TEXTRESS OF THIS DISPATCH.

THE FOLLOWING ADEES FOR THIS DISPATCH WERE REC'D IN RESTRICTED DISPATCH (091444) TO BE APPLIED TO THIS MESSAGE, CINCMED, CTG 80.8, CTG 80.11, CTF 84, CTF 85 FOR ACTION.

FROM COM 8TH FLT(OPS), INFO COMINCH CNO.
Situation report #428.

F.S. MONTCALM, F.S. LEO MALIN and U.S.S. LUDLOW gave fire support in Montone area on 5th September against battery emplacements (and?) troop movements. Some return fire; no damage. Nice harbour was swept and 2 mines exploded. Controlled mine fields rendered safe. The first Liberty ship berthed at Toulon.


3. H.M.S. P.73 reports destroying 30-(ton?) Caique by gunfire North of (Crete?) on 31st August.

4. H.M.S. P-74 reports attacking convoy 4 large Caiques and an R/boat North of Crete and estimates 1 Caique possible 2 sunk.

5. H.M.S. P-71 reports torpedoing XT ship North of Crete on 6th September. Reconnaissance did not (substantiate?) this claim.

Field Marshal: Strad 0/1063
Admiral: J.S.M. (S) Col.Cook Rec'd P/L from
Air Marshal: S.O.(O) Col.O'Connor
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NAVSTINTREP 23. DRAGOON. PERIOD ENDING 062400. WEATHER. RAIN 19 OUT OF 24 HOURS. EASTERLY WINDS AVERAGE 22 KNOTS. 30 KNOTS RECORDED 1500.

UNLOADING RATE BEACHES RETARDED DURING DAY AND CEASED AFTER 1800 EXCEPT FOR CAMEL. PERSONNEL 1701 VEHICLES 964 CARGO 9533. 528 POW EVACUATED. 5600 AWAITING.

MARSEILLES VEHICLES 51 CARGO 202 VIA CRAFT AND DUCKS.

RIGHT FLANK GS. EHILE BERTIN 112 RDS MALIN 30 RDS LUDLOW 428 RDS AGAINST BATTERIES AND TROOPS IN AREA MONACO TO MENTON.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

By RT, NARA, Date May 1 1973
AM RECONNAISSANCE BY SOC FOR HUMAN TORPEDOES. NO ACTIVITY OTHER THAN FLAK ACROSS ITALIAN BORDER.

PORT DE BOUC. 2 DAY M/A SWEEP COMPLETED NO MINES FOUND. CHANNEL TO MARSEILLE WIDENED TO 3 MILES. SWEEPING AVANT PORT NORD AND BASSIN MARECHAL PETAIN HELD UP TO PERMIT SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

TOULON. SWEEPING DANGEROUS AREA WESTERN HARBOR 1 MINE DETONATED. 2ND LIBERTY BERTH REPORTED AVAILABLE (WEST OF PIER 5) AND SALVAGE PROGRESSING FOR 2 ADDITIONAL IN MISSISSIPPI.

NICE. CHANNEL TO HARBOR ENTRANCE SAFE. SWEEPING OF HARBOR CONTINUED.

*AS RECEIVED. DELIVERED TO 20-G.
NCWF SENDS ACTION TO SACRED CINCMED (RDO CASERTA PASS) INFO COMINCH COMNAVUECOMNAVNAV NAVY 6 CORPS 12 TAG CTF 84 85 86 87 CTG 89.6 CTU 89.6-7.
NAVSTINTREP 22. DRAGOON. PERIOD ENDING 052400.

RIGHT FLANK GS. MONTCAIM 443 RDS TROOP MOVEMENTS BETWEEN MONTE CARLO AND SOSPEL. LUDLOW AGAINST SHORE BATTERIES ON COAST MONTE CARLO TO MENTON. MALIN 193 RDS AGAINST CONCRETE EMBEDMENT NORTH OF SOSPEL. SOME RETURN FIRE.
ALL USED SFCP. 183M OFF MONACO MALIN WITH LUDLOW DETECTED PRESENCE HUMAN TORPEDOES. OPENED FIRE AND DROPPED CHARGES FRUSTRATING ATTACK. RECOVERED 3 GERMANS. SANK 3 HUMAN TORPEDOES. MARSEILLE. W/S VIEUX PORT 1 MAGNETIC MIN BLOWN. SHORE SIDE NORTHERN HALF PORT READY TO RECEIVE 8 LIBERTIES. ESTIMATE 5 DAYS FOR OUT THROUGH NORTH BLOCK BASIN VIRABEU. ONLY DANGEROUS AREA REPORTED OUTSIDE WOLFE IS VICINITY LE LAVE DUE TO WRECKAGE.

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Toulon. 4 more mines destroyed. 25 more remain. Control minefield 96 mines reported across entrance. French engineers have set off 6 mines. Shore side unloading preparations behind that afloat. Nine. 2 mines exploded 1 rendered safe. Harbor swept M/A. Entrance control minefield eliminated. 11 mines destroyed 1 dud.


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FROM: Headquarters Seventh Army
To: War Department
British Army Staff

No: CPX 13300 7 September 1944

WOSUM number 3 020001B September to 072400B September. CPX 13300 2OP SECRET to AFRIC for action personal for Wilson for approval prior to dispatch personal for Marshall and Brooke.

Part I. Ground Operations Army B:

II Corps: 1st DB advanced north from Aubenas area clearing enemy from west of Rhone, through St Etienne, Lyon, Le Creusot, Chalon-sur-Saone and attacked Beaune meeting stiff resistance in Beaune area.

1st DMI moved north from Aubenas area in conjunc-
tion with 1st DB cleaned up Lyon area west of Rhone, moving to Beaune area. 3rd DIA moved from Marseilles area to north of Grenoble occupied Chambery, Fontanier and now in contact with enemy 25 miles south and southwest of Belfort.

9th DIG started moving from Toulon area to Belfort area. 2nd DIM received VI Corps elements on right flank. With group De Taboris attached, occupied passes SE and NE of Guillestre, Briancon, St Michel, Bourg-St Maurice. 4th DMM assembled advance elements in Le Muy area.

VI Corps: 3rd Div advanced north from Moirans area through Bourgoin, Lons-le-Saunier and attacked Beaune from west and south. 36th Div advanced north from Veaur-

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paire, cleared enemy from Lyon east of Rhone, advanced north on line Bourg-Rouhans-Dole, protecting left flank of VI Corps. 45th Div advanced north from Ambrièu area, occupied Bourg-en-Bresse, Lons-la-Saunier, attacking enemy at Beaune Desoules-Dumes (* - 0*69).

1st ABTF consolidated positions along line: Monac-Utelle-Barcellonette.

Part 2. Intention is to seize Dijon and Belfort Gap, block retreat of enemy forces through Belfort and continue advance to NE.

Part 3. Locations Seventh Army Grenoble. Army B

Ascon. VI Corps 0 5670. I Corps St Ladrent. II Corps Rouilly S 9989. 1st DB Chalons-sur-Saone. CC-1 S 8999. CC-2 S 8287. 1st DMI Lyon, moving north. 3rd DIA Fontarlier. 3rd RTA Aische F 3669. 3rd RSA P 3574. 4th RTR P 1365. 2nd DIM Vizille. 4th RNM 5 KM SW of Brianco. 5th RNM 2-0070. 9th DIC moving north to join these DIA.

3rd Division 0 8550. 7th Inf 0 7556. 15th Inf 0 7755. 40th Inf 0 8357. 36th Div 0 6117. 141st Inf Poligly 0 5710. 142nd Inf 0 6218. 143rd Inf Pont-Sous-
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Vaudrey 0 4926, 45th Div Orms 0 8941, 157th Inf F-0257, 179th Inf F-0868, 180th Infantry F-0168. ABTF Nice.
End
* Being serviced.

ACTION: Gen. Handy
INFORMATION: CC/s
Gen. Arnold
Gen. Bissell
Adm. King
Col. Park
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To: War Department
No: FX 93403 7 Sept 1944

Signed Wilson cite FHQTY FX 93403 added AGWAR for
General Surles, Troopers for Lord Burnham.

1. Southern France. The rapid northward advance of the Seventh Army is continuing. RCT of 3rd Algerian Division operating on the right of VI Corps has taken Pierrefontaine, Maiche and Basse Les Dames. Elements of 3rd US Division have reached Thaiyen outskirts of Besancon and have crossed the river Doubs to the west of the town. 36th Division has taken Bletterans and St Germain De Bois. II French Corps has taken Montceau-Les-Mines, Le Creusot, and Oranges, and is meeting some resistance at Verdun-Sur-Les-Doubs.

2. Italy. There have been no major changes on the Adriatic front. Heavy fighting continues on the left flank of the 1 Canadian Corps and in the V Corps sector. The enemy made local withdrawals east and west of the Tiber River and X Corps troops occupied M Foggio without opposition. Other X Corps troops occupied M Modina, nine miles east of Bibbiena, after a sharp fight. Fifth Army. There have been no changes in the XIII Corps Sector. In II Corps sector, troops of 86th Division entered Prato. IV Corps now has elements in Lucca.

ACTION: BFR

INFORMATION: CC/B, CGA, OPD, 0-2, Adm King, Col Park Log.

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SUBJECT: SEVENTH ARMY 6TH CORPS

SIXTH CORPS XII TAC CTF 84 CTF 85 CTF 86 CTF 87 CTF 88 CTF 89

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NAYSINTREP 28. DRAGON. PERIOD ENDING 53240S. RIGHT FLANK GS. PHILADELPHIA WITH 2 DDS OFF

MONTE CARLO MONACO AREA. CL FIRED 16 RDS. EDISON INTERDICTION TWICE. OPENING OF PORTS.

CONCENTRATING MARSEILLE TO OPEN EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME WITH ADDITIONAL FORCES ASSIGN TOULON. PORT DE BOUC

AND ABLES CANAL PROGRESSING. NICE BEING EXPLOITED TO SUPPORT RIGHT FLANK. SEABEES REPLACING ARMY

ENGINEERS ABOARD DE BOUC AND TOULON BUT BOTH UNITS WILL BE REALLOCATED AS NECESSARY TO BALANCE PROGRESS

OF CLEARANCE AFLOAT AND ASHORE. MARSEILLES. 16 MAGNETIC MINES INNER SIDE HOI BLEW WHILE SWEEPING

OUTSIDE HOLE. XYANI PORT SUD REPORTED REASONABLY SAFE WITH SOME TRAFFIC ENTERING. TOULON 2 MINS CUT

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EGUILLETTE RDS. SLICS SWEPT MILHAUD POWDER FACTORY TO MISSISSIPY NEGATIVE RESULTS. WEATHER. 0100 NORTHWEST

WIND IN NATURE MISTRAL INCREASED RAPIDLY TO GALE VELOCITY. MAX 1050 KNOTS WITH GUSTS TO 67 KNOTS OFF TROPEZ. APPROACHING CONVOYS DELAYED. NUMBER US SHIPS DRAGGED ANCHOR. ALPHA. DAMAGE. 6 BLCM BROACHED ON ROCKS SALVAGED. DELTA.

SC 535 GROUNDED. TOWED TO TROPEZ. 3 LC VP1 CAUSEWAY DRIVEN ASHORE 1 GTP LOST. CANUL. YMS 373 LCT 682 GROUNDED NOW. REPAIRED. 8 BLCM DRIVEN ASHORE 1 SUNK. BLCI 316ML 565 REPORTED MISSING. UNLOADING CURTAILED UNTIL 1700. VEHICLES 111 CARGO 9165 TONS. POW EVACUATED 1950 AWAITING 4602.
From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.
To: War Department
HQ Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, US Army, France
CG North African District, Algiers, Algeria.

Nr: PX 92669  6 Sept 44

FX 92669 signed Wilson to for action TROOPERS, AGWAR to for info SHAEF Forward, Mideast, SOMTO, LFA, ACG, AAI, Advance, 3POC, Seventh Army OP cite FKHB.

G-2 Summary number 25.

France. Still no contact with main body 19th Army reported by own forward troops who have now reached Belleville 8 8528, Montrevel 2 1553 and Poligny 0 5710. Lyons now completely occupied. Traffic pattern shows enemy using both Macon-Chalon-Dijon route and Chalon-Dole-Beaunçon route. Column of MT with tanks seen morning 4th moving on road east of Tournus 59578 probably rearguard 11th Panzer Division which engaged our reconnaissance Montrevel afternoon 3rd. Reports of strong enemy hits at Dole 0 4035 and Arbois and of preparations of demolitions over Bousa River suggest enemy forming screening line to withdrawal along axis Dijon-Beaunçon.

Italy. Battle area enemy continues attempts to block off penetration in Adriatic sector, and has now brought down elements of 162nd Division and remaining
regiment of 58th Division to right flank 1st Para Division. Enemy order of battle thus assuming familiar tangled appearance, with divisions being drawn in piecemeal. Picture likely to be still further complicated by arrival elements 29th FG Divisions whose relief by 334th Inf Division in central sector now confirmed by PW identification.

Northeast Italy. CX reports 237th Infantry Division Istria. Probably equates with unidentified division recently reported to have arrived same area and proposed to accept.

Balkans. Communications. Attacks by Partisans and Allied Airforce on communications Yugoslavia meeting conspicuous success. These include destruction of western rail bridge across Sava at Zemun and rail bridge Cuprija both as result of bombing. Hits also scored Smederevo ferry terminals and one of two ferries believed sunk. Partisans have cut main line in numerous places between Zagreb and Belgrade in addition to attacks in Serbia.

Dalmatia. 600/1000 Germans reported landed Brac 3rd Sept. Possibly to mop up, and evacuate civilians.

Serbia. Movement troops into Nis area continuing. These reported 18,000 strong. Troop movement in progress from Nis to north presumably destined Banat or Transylvania. Reports of clashes between Bulgars and Germans believed
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Exaggerated. Former now said to be remaining aloof and maintaining "armed truce". Evidently hope soon return Bulgaria without fighting. Desertion to Partisans on small scale only. Bulgarians pulling in outlying detachments to main towns, presumably as preliminary measure to withdrawal.

Greece. Fighting reported Evros area between Askortes and Germans. Some Germans crossed into Turkey. Area reported free of enemy.

Roumania. Allied officer Bucharest reported 2nd Sept fighting in Transylvania between Roumanian and German-Hungarian forces. Latter bringing up reinforcements by road and rail. Fighting also in Arad area. German reinforcements arriving from Yugoslavia. Transylvania mainly in German hands though latter now cleared from Moldavia and Wallachia. North of Brasov Roumanians driving north east across river Oltul. Progress slow. Roumanians will exert maximum effort to oust Hungarians. Some source reported all German units Bulgaria disarmed except those which escaped to Yugoslavia.

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TYPED BY: STEARNS

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SECRET CYPHER.

SITUATION REPORT 424. ON 2ND SEPTEMBER USS WOOLSEY AND USS EDISON BOMBARDED BRIDGES AND STRONG POINTS IN MONACO AREA IN SUPPORT 7TH ARMY RIGHT FLANK.

(2) SWEETING IN MARSEILLES PORT IN PROGRESS. 8 MAGNETIC MINES EXPLODED. SALVAGE AND CLEARANCE OPERATION CONTINUE.

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To: War Department
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No. FX 92221 4 September 1944

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TROOPERS, AGWAR for info to SHAEP, MIDEAST, SOMTO, LPA, ACC,
AAI Adv, SFSC Seventh Army CF.

G2 summary No. 24.

France.

No contact reported west of Rhone and Seine to
Villefranche SS513 up to evening 3rd. No sign any enemy
remaining Lyon. Northeast Lyon picture somewhat confused.
Lons Le Saunier (T4591) and Champagnole (T7199) were occupied
with no opposition. At same time heavy resistance continued
south and east of Bourg (T2337) where civilians reported
enemy in strength with artillery and 30 tanks. This possibly
exaggerated but reconnaissance elements to Montrevel (T1552)
were counterattacked by tanks in early afternoon. No identifi-
cations reported but probable that strong rearguard 11th
Panzer Division involved. Air reports of 100 horse-drawn
vehicles (T0063) and 500 horse-drawn on side road north
from Chalon (N9201) morning 3rd suggest main body 19th Army.

Italy.

Paratroops appear to have staged successful with-
drawal from coastal pocket. Own troops found Cattolica

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clear and enemy line now generally Riacino (R9392)–Coriano (R8387)–Monte Colombo (R8583). Withdrawal and conservation remaining battalions 1st Para Division evidently preferred to observance Kesselring’s order that positions must be held for three weeks. No evidence any further reinforcement this front but expect * of either 90th FG Division or something from central sector, where according to FW 4th Para Division 29th FG Division was withdrawn from front 1st September. West of Adriatic battle sector enemy continues to edge back and opposition encountered only at isolated points with exception of sector north of Florence where he shows greater stubbornness and is evidently anxious to find out our strength.

Northwest Italy.

Independent reports locate HQ of Graziani at Novi Liguere with German Corps of 2 divisions and Monte Rosa and San Marco Divisions under command. Presume German divisions are 34th Infantry and 42nd Jaeger and Graziani nominally in command with Germans in effective control as in Africa and Sicily. Balkans.

Communications Yugoslavia: widespread attacks by Partisans main L of C include cutting Belgrade–Salonica line at Skoplje–Veles bottleneck. Centre span Vancevo Bridge destroyed by bombing.

Montenegro: Partisans now hold Kolasin, Savnik, Matecevo, Andrijevica, Berane.

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Serbia: RIO reports Litoli and Prilep full troops ex Greece. Unconfirmed GX information of 18th August states battalion Saranda, came from Corfu.

Bulgaria: unconfirmed GX states Bulgarian troops (assume 16th Div) began 30th Aug on scorched earth withdrawal from area north railway Drama-Xanthi.

Roumanian journalist quoted by GX stated 1st Sept that according Roumanian Order of Day 50,000 German prisoners taken, including Generals Gerstenberg, Steigel, Buch, Von Lilienthal, Buchard plus 4 others and 652 officers. Also Roumanian troops had entered Hungarian Transylvania at Valoce north of Prasov.

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To: CO, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

Hr: FX 91379 3 September 1944

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France.

1. Operations.

West of Rhone no contact with enemy south of line Valence to St Agreve R 5204. East of Rhone little opposition encountered in advance to within nine miles south of Lyons. stubborn resistance on other hand from road blocks manned infantry and tanks on all side roads to Lyons from east and northeast.

2. Order of battle, all from documents. Remnants 242nd Division and March Battalion 716th attached 338th Division Battle Group. IV GAP Corps with 716th Division, elements 189th Division and other miscellaneous units to continue move north on west bank of Rhone.

3. Miscellaneous.

FW's 71st GAP Regiment from tail of column moving

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east area 71587 stated Lyons almost evacuated of troops and regiment ordered to escape to north best way they could. Nineteenth Army order 29 August stresses importance speedy withdrawal LXXV Corps in order to relieve 11th Panzer Division for other assignment.


All evidence points to main body Nineteenth Army now north of Lyons. Lack of contact northeast of Bourges together with continuation strong blocking action on roads east and northeast Lyons suggests route six principal withdrawal route for both IV and LXXV Corps. Combined strength now hardly more than equivalent two Infantry Divisions and one week Armoured Division.

Italy.

5. General operations and dispositions.

Our attack has thrust deep into right flank of 1st Paré Division and capture of Tomba Di Pasaro R 9979 and Monte Luro S 8160 appears to have compelled general withdrawal of divisions front. Casualties believed heavy includes nearly 200 PW from 4th Paré Regiment 1 September alone. All four Infantry Battalions 26th Panzer Division identified by PW's sector R 9979-9475. West of 26th Panzer Division 290th Gr of 95th Inf Division area R 9375. According to PW divisional recce parties sent Florence area 27/28 August but destination

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Later switched to Adriatic sector. Not clear yet whether division will relieve or reinforce 71st Inf Division from which FW taken 31st August from both 194th and 191st Regiments area Monte Celvo. No further evidence move down of 90th FG Division or relief 29th FG Division from central sector where little contact reported and precise tendency of enemy regrouping not yet clear.

6. Miscellaneous.

FW 71st Inf Division sector included part detachment Monte Rosa Division attached 191st GR as observers. This probable explanation of rumours that Italian Division was taking over sector line. Unconfirmed CX reports Monte Rosa dispersed over wide area Liguria and many troops discreetly finding their way home.

Balkans.

7. South of Cajaepina partisans in fierce clash inflicted 800 casualties on Bulgars, who now withdrawing eastwards. Reliable source states Bulgar occupation troops began withdrawal 26 August. Same source confirms disarming German troops entering Bulgaria and reports possibility German garrison moving towards Yugoslavian frontier. This borne out by large movement vehicles via Sofia-Prout into Serbia.

8. Heavy transport activity MIS assume reflects

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move further elements of the Mountain Division into area. 14 trains ready move seen Karlovac also heavy movement north through Bihać. Evidence not yet sufficient to equate this activity with large-scale change in location any formation. Sofia, Pirat, MIS, Karlovac and Bihać information from air recce.

9. MA Ankara reports 194 Germans of garrison railway Kara Agac Python surrendered to Turks also German garrison Demotika surrounded by Andartes. Reliable reported 30 August arrived Salonika 1100 German troops and equipment from Lemnos. CX state German troops possibly embarked on RT Heidelberg which seen heading Candia to Suda morning 31 August and again night 31 August/1 September after putting back in interim.

10. Other reports on troop movement Greece and Aegean state continual arrival German troops Laurium, Porto Rafti and other east Attica Bays from Crete. At least 5,000 said to have arrived. Above no doubt exaggerated but probably founded on fact. Intensified movement also reported road north from Athens.

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INFO: CC/S, CGAAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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Nr: FX 91460 3 September 1944
Cite FECOS number FX 91460.
MEDCOS 183

1. In consideration of a report from Seventh Army of disorganized enemy withdrawal to North and Northeast and insufficient opposition in Lyons to warrant delay for a coordinated assault on that city, I have approved of a change in the plans of Seventh Army under which VI Corps, by-passing Lyons to the east, will continue rapid pursuit on the axis Le Saunier-Besancon-Belfort. French Army B will capture Lyons and thereafter pursue up west bank of Seine River on the axis Chalon-Dijon-Epinal-Strasbourg, deterring only sufficient of its forces to protect the right flank of the Seventh Army.

2. This is further to my MEDCOS 181. While it is realized that this constitutes a departure from the wishes of SCAEP as expressed in his FW 13445 of 31 August in which he indicated that the operations of the 7th Army should be designed to place American Forces on the left with the French on the right, I consider that in view of the fleeting nature of the opportunity, this disadvantage must be accepted.

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with the understanding that re-grouping to conform to General Eisenhower's wishes may be accomplished at a later stage.

3. While it had been my thought that SHAPE should assume operational control of Seventh Army effective upon the resumption of the pursuit north from Lyons, I am convinced that this should not operate to delay operations. I therefore propose to retain operational control of these operations until the establishment of signal communications makes it possible for SHAPE to assume this responsibility. In the meantime, I shall be guided in so far as possible by the desires of SCAEF, who is invited to communicate them to me direct.

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ACTION: CC/3
INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
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To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Forward on Continent

No: FX-91666 3 September 1944

Reference your FWD 13446 of 31 August. FX 91666 from APHQ to for action SHAPE Forward for for information AGWAR, Seventh Army CP signed Wilson cite FHQCT.

It is agreed that the time for definite coordination between DRAGOON and OVERLORD forces will be when DRAGOON is prepared to advance in strength north of Lyons. However, since it has now been decided to accelerate the pursuit north from Lyons (see MEDCOS 185), prior to the capture of that place, and prior to the time when the establishment of the necessary Signal communications will permit of the taking over of operational control by SHAPE, it is proposed that this coordination should, during the interim, be accomplished by direct correspondence between our two headquarters, with information copies to Seventh Army and APHQ Adv Det.

Radio communications between Seventh Army and your forces already have been established. ADLS established between this hq and Seventh Army with courier service from this hq to your hq. If direct ADLS service is required between SHAPE and Seventh Army suggest your hq provide same. Detail of radio channels will follow in message from CSO APHQ to CSO SHAPE.

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It is agreed that the assumption of operational control over DRAGOON by SHAPE need not be determined by logistical considerations and also that we should continue to supply DRAGOON through the Mediterranean Theater of Operations at least as long as the US supplies in this theater are in excess of reserves needed for other US units in this theater. (In this connection, November requirements have been submitted to PEMBARK). It is doubtful that, even when logistical control of DRAGOON is assumed by SHAPE, it will be feasible to transfer the base for DRAGOON from the Mediterranean, where these forces will be supported over a newly rehabilitated and operating line of communications, to the Bay of Biscay, which will require the transfer of SGS troops and installations and the rehabilitation of ports and lines of communication.

It is agreed that so long as APOC has responsibility for maintenance of land and air forces in the DRAGOON Area APOC should retain responsibility for civil affairs; administration and coordination to remain as at present.

No comments have been made with respect to the air set up pending proposals which you state will be made following General Spaatz return.

General Patch and not General Devers is at present in operational command of DRAGOON forces.

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In this connection see part 1 para 1 MEDCOS 181 of 2nd Sept. General Devers is representing SACMED at AFRQ Adv Det.

End

References not in WDCMC files

ACTION: CC/S (Gen MacFarland)

INFORMATION: Gen Handy
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Gen Hilldring
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CL STANDBY AT ST TROPEX. WOOLSEY AND EIDON 384 ROUNDS AT
BATTERIES STRONGPOINTS TROOP MOVEMENTS IN QM* MARTIN
MOCAGO AREA USING SFCP AND AIR SPG WITH GOOD RESULTS.
SOME RETURN FIRE AND FLAK NEAR CUB PLANE. SWEEPING AND
HARBOR CLEARANCE PROGRESSING IN PORTS. YAS 21 SUNK BY
MOORED CONTACT MINE EQUILLE+TECOADS* TOULON. US NAVLA
DETACHMENT ESTABLISHED MARSEILLES. 4 MAGNETIC MINES
DESTROYED INAVANT* PORT SUD AND BASIN JOLIETTE. COMenced
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DAUPHINE 2 TUGS AND 2 BARGES CLEARING CHANNEL. BERTH S REPORTED NOW AVAILABLE 3 LIBERTY 1 AO 1 LST AND SEVERAL FOR SMALL SHIPS. 14 LCM ENROUTE ARLES VIA RHONE RIVER. PTS PATROL BETWEEN CAP ERRAT AND CAP MARTIN. SCREEN OFF ASSAULT AREA NOW REDUCED TO 800. 2 DO PATROL OFF MARSEILLES ENTRANCE CHANNEL. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY REPORTED. UNLOADING FIGURES. PERSONNEL 2592 VEHICLES 1300 CARGO 14366 TONS. 210 M/V SHIPS ARRIVED TO DATE. 172 COMPLETELY UNLOADED. CARGO SHIPS ARRIVING D PLUS 20 SCHEDULED TO UNLOAD OVER BEACHES. ALL BRITISH M/S VESSELS RELEASED. OMAHA MARBLEHEAD CINCINNATI QUINCY DEPARTED MED. S/M UPSTART AND SULTAN ENROUTE MARSEILLE FOR PURPOSE FURNISHING POWER.

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A1G 307 FROM CINCCEF.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 423.

ISLANDS IN APPROACH TO MARSEILLES SURRENDERED TO USS PHILADELPHIA ON 38TH AUG. MARINES WERE LANDED AND 888 PRISONERS OF WAR EVACUATED.

2. SWEEP CHANNEL ESTABLISHED TO MARSEILLES AND TOULON.

67 MINES SWEEP FREE LATTER OPERATION. US YMS 21 WAS SUNK ON 1ST SEPT WHILE SWEEPING IN TOULON AREA.

3. ON 1ST SEPT USS WOLSEY BOMBARDED GUN POSITION SOUTH OF MONACO. SLIGHT RETURN FIRE.

4. ON 1ST SEPT HMS LOYAL AND HMS UNDINE ENGAGED BATTERIES AND CROSS ROADS NEAR CATTOLICA.
RESULT OF HMS LOYAL'S BOMBARDMENT UNKNOWN.
HMS UNDINE REPORTED RESULTS MOST EFFECTIVE WITH ALL TARGETS WELL COVERED.

5. 1 MINE SELF DETONATED INSIDE CIVITA VECCHIA HARBOUR ON 1ST SEPT.
AND A SECOND BLEW UP AND SANK HMS 117. THIS OCCURRED PRECEDING DAY AFTER LAST MINE HAD BEEN SWEPT.

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To: British Chiefs of Staff
Joint Staff Mission for U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff
SHAEP
Nr: FX 91375, MEDCOS 181, 2 September 1944

Following is a review of the situation in the Mediterranean Theatre.

I. Operation DRAGOON.

1. Thanks to the skill with which it was mounted and carried through by all 3 services Operation DRAGOON has been an outstanding success. Once ashore the skill of the commanders combined with the determination and speed of manoeuvre of all forces coupled with effective assistance from the FFI have produced a situation in which the whole of southeastern France east of the Rhone and south of Lyons as far east as Nice is under the control of the Allied armies. Some 50,000 prisoners have been captured and very heavy losses have been inflicted on the enemy though some ½ divisions have escaped to the north after having suffered heavy losses in men and material. The capture ahead of schedule of the ports of Toulon and Marseilles coupled with our unexpected success in securing control of the Fort de Bouc practically undamaged have resulted in a situation in which by the middle of September the ports of Southern France will be able to handle any foreseeable demands which may be placed upon them. Subsequently the logistical bottleneck will be the capacity of the railway leading north through the Rhone valley, but thanks to the speed of our advance and the consequent reduction in the expected scale of demolitions

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7th Army expect to be able to maintain a force of one armoured division and 4 infantry divisions north of Lyons by 15th September at earliest. By 1st October it is estimated that a double line of railway will be working as far as Lyons which will by that date place the supply facilities for Allied Armies operating in southeastern France on a satisfactory basis. A preliminary estimate, taking into account facilities offered by the use of the Rhone Canal, some 10,000 tons per day might be delivered in the Lyons area from that date.

The general tactical plan of commander 7th Army which I have approved is that after the capture of Lyons the general grouping of his forces will be that the French Armee "B" will undertake the protection of the right flank facing the Franco-Italian frontier and will operate east of the Rhone with an Axis of advance Bourg-Besançon. In the execution of its security mission along the Franco-Italian frontier it will be assisted by the U.S. Divisional Airborne Division, and First Special Service Force. At the same time the 6th American Corps will be regrouped so as to operate west of the Rhone on the line Autun-Dijon-Langres with the object of making contact with the American Third Army. I would propose that at this stage of the operations the command of the forces in France should be transferred to General Eisenhower. While the forces at present employed under the command of the 7th Army might not appear to be of sufficient magnitude to warrant the formation of 6th Army Group, I consider that in view of the length of communications the very heavy responsibilities for port maintenance and civil affairs and matters connected with the French resistance movement together with the possibility that forces from the right "wing" of American Armies already in France might either be placed under its command or maintained from Mediterranean ports it is desirable that the 6th Army Group should take over command of Southern France.
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France. Anticipating that this will be approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff I am sending General Devers to consider plans with General Eisenhower. As regards administration, I have sent a planning representative to S.H.A.E.F. to discuss the time when S.H.A.E.F should assume administrative responsibility. I would suggest that this matter be left for final settlement between S.H.A.E.F and my Headquarters. As regards the large areas in France west of the Rhone, I consider that no military action is required to deal with such small German forces as are still in this area and which are being rapidly rounded up by the FFI, and I feel that any divergence of regular troops would be a waste of effort.

2. Air.

I have recently discussed with General Eaker and General Spaatz proposals for the disposition of U.S. Tactical Air Forces between Italy and southern France which have my full approval and which are now being discussed with General Eisenhower. Their general effect would be that continued offensive operations in the Autumn and Winter by the Allied Armies in Italy would continue to receive very powerful air support from U.S.A.A.F. fighter-bombers as well as by medium bombers. The detailed deployment and distribution of the Tactical Air Forces cannot and need not be decided until we see the outcome of the present offensive in the Po Valley. Meanwhile I am satisfied that that offensive as well as the operations in the DRAGOON area are receiving most adequate and effective support. At the same time certain administrative measures such as holding up the shipping to France of aviation engineers and steel planking

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have been taken to facilitate any redeployment of the Tactical Air Forces that may be decided upon.

Italy.

In the Italian theatre the enemy now has a total of some 26 divisions which are estimated to be the equivalent of some 16 to 17. As a result of the deterioration in the situation in northern France the Germans have withdrawn 2 Panzer Grenadier Divisions from this theatre which have now been identified in central France. On the other hand the success of our cover plans which have been designed to make the enemy think that one of our objects was to secure Genoa and the Ligurian Coast together with the enemy's fear that the landings in southern France might be the prelude to an invasion of Italy from the west, have resulted in the enemy disposing some 5 divisions, including three Italian divisions to meet this threat. As a result his forces holding the Gothic Line have been considerably weakened and until the last few days the enemy did not apparently appreciate the threat to his left flank. He has, however, now realised to some extent the seriousness of this threat and has moved 2 divisions into the line northwest of Pesaro and further movements to this flank may well be expected. With the reduction in the number of divisions available to him consequent upon the decision to launch operation DRAGON, General Alexander changed the plan for the major offensive in Italy, which was to be launched at the end of August. Whereas in the original plan the main blow was to be launched on the general Axis Florence-Bologna with the object of breaking the enemy's centre and pinning the eastern portion of his forces back against the sea, the new plan is to launch the main blow
along the Adriatic Coast north of Ancona where the Appenines present the least obstacle to movement. This main offensive was started on 26th August and is being conducted by the 8th Army with a force of 9 divisions. Good progress is being made and considerable penetration of the Gothic Line have been made on a front extending some 20 miles westwards from Pesaro. As soon as the enemy starts to move reserves to this area, General Alexander plans to start a second offensive to be launched by the 5th U.S. Army which now commands the 13th British Corps northeast of Florence in the direction of Bologna. I have every hope that as a result of these 2 offensives the Allied Armies will secure control of the line Padua-Verona-Brescia within a few weeks and thus secure the destruction of Kesselring's army by preventing its withdrawal through the alpine passes. To complete this task it will be necessary to have available the full resources now at General Alexander's disposal. Further the limited communication facilities which are available to the enemy in northern Italy point to the fact that the use of the air will be a major factor in completing his destruction and facilitating our advance. There will therefore be ample scope for the employment of medium bomber forces throughout the whole operation and it is also to be noted that if medium bombers are established in the Florence-Ancona area, heavy and sustained attacks can be delivered by such Air Forces well into Austria. In view of the developments which are daily occurring in the general war situation it does not appear to me possible to undertake any further definite commitments. Should, however, the war be further prolonged and the enemy endeavour to withdraw from Greece and the Balkans with the object of holding a line from Trieste through Zagreb and Belgrade to Turnu Severin and the Transylvanian mountains,
the best course would be to regroup our forces and to move northeastwards with the object of securing control of the Ljubljana gap. Such an operation would require the maximum co-operation with Tito's forces and the occupation of the port of Trieste. Amphibious resources in this theatre are not available to mount a seaborne attack on Trieste this year and consequently unless German resistance collapses it is unlikely that another major offensive could be mounted until the Spring of 1945. Concurrently with an advance northeastwards it will be well to clear the enemy completely from northwestern Italy and this should be completed as rapidly as possible with the minimum forces required to establish control and law and order. Provided that demolitions through the Maritime Alps are not too severe it might well be possible to establish land communication with the forces in France.

III. Balkans.

1. All information goes to show that the enemy is faced with an increasingly difficult situation throughout the Balkans and the Islands of the Aegean. This situation is likely to be further accentuated by the situation in Roumania and the probable defection of Bulgaria. Though it is estimated that a proportion of the troops are suitable from the training and equipment point of view for use elsewhere, there is little evidence at the moment that any substantial withdrawal is taking place. However, I anticipate that the Germans now faced with the necessity of finding some reserves in the Balkan area will be forced to regroup and make available 4 or 5 divisions if they are to hold either
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the Bulgarian frontier or the Zagreb-Belgrade line later.

2. Balkan Air Force.

Since its formation, the Balkan Air Force has been successful in maintaining pressure against the enemy forces in Yugoslavia and Albania and inflicting continuing losses upon him. On 1st September as a result of consultations with Marshal Tito a concentrated attack on enemy communications in the Balkans began with the object of further embarrassing him and preventing the regrouping of forces. This operation has the codename "RATWORK" and appears suitable timed.

Stimulation of Partisan activity in Greece and Albania is also in hand.


Arrangements are in hand in the event of German withdrawal or surrender for the rapid occupation of Athens with its ports and airfields with a view of ensuring order and stability and the commencement of relief measures.

4. Rankin "C"

I wish to draw the attention of the Combined Chiefs of Staff to the unsatisfactory situation in which I am placed with regard to the policy to be pursued in the event of a German collapse. If prompt and effective action is to be taken it is essential that I should receive immediate direction as to the extent of my commitments in regard to occupational forces and as to the formation which I am permitted to

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SEPTEMBER. OF 2 DD’S SUPPORTING RIGHT FLANK

WOOLSEY BOMBARDED MG AND ANTI TANK GUNS SOUTH OF
MONACO WITH SOME RETURN FROM PROBABLE 88 ARTILLERY THAT
REMAINED UNLOCATED. UNLOADING ONTO BEACHES ACCORDING
TO SCHEDULE A MAXIMUM EFFORT BEING APPLIED TO PORT

CLEARANCE MARSEILLE AND TOULON. 3 M/V AND 2 CRANE SHIPS
5 PONTOON CAUSEWAYS ARRIVED MARSEILLE. 1 OILER UN-
LOADING IN PORT DE BOUC. ALL GCI SHIPS RELEASED.
NIGHT FIGHTER DIRECTION CONTROLLED FROM ASHORE. MAJOR
TASK MINESWEEPING COMPLETED. 3/45 CONTACT MINES AND
15 MOORED MAGNETIC MINES CLEARED IN SUITABLE CHANNELS
AND APPROACHES TO BOTH TOULON AND MARSEILLE CLEARED.
INNER HARBORS BEING SWEPT. RANDOM LAYS FOUND.

A/C MINE SPOTTING LOCATED ABOUT 30 MINES ACROSS
EQUILETTE ROADS TOULON. NO A/C MINING TO DATE.

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From: Headquarters, 7th Army Command Post, France.
To: War Department

Nr: CPX 13103

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WOSUM number 2, 250001B August to 012359B September. Seventh Army CPX 13103. AFRHQ for action. Personal for Wilson for approval prior to dispatch personal for Marshall and Brooke. This message is TOP SECRET.

Part I. Ground operations. Army B:

1. First DMI mopped up coastal region southwest of Hyeres occupied Cap Brun, Saint Marguerite, Saint Marse, and Calle Noire Fort. Assembled Vic Hyeres moved south of Avignon Vic Salon. As part of Groupe Du Vigier (First DB and First DMI reinforced) elements crossed Rhone River and advanced northwest to Largentiere area.


3. Third DIA: (Reinforced by two groups Goums and armed elements of First DB) captured Marseilles. Assembled Vic north of Marseilles, and started movement to relieve VI Corps elements in area north of Grenoble "continued relief of 3rd US Inf Div. Advanced west occupying Arles, Tarascon, Avignon and Chateau Renard. As part of Groupement De Visier crossed Rhone and reconnoitered southwest to Narbonne. Adv northwest to Yssingeaux and north to west bank of Rhone opposite Valence.

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Second DFM: Landed two rota in the St Tropez area, assembled in the Le Luc area. Started movement to the Briancon area to relieve VI Corps elements on right flank.

Fourth DFM: Landed advance detachment St Tropez area, assembling in the Le Nuy area.

Sixth Corps: 3rd WRM Div: After relief by Army B in the Salon area moved northwest along east bank of Rhone, captured Carpentras, Orange, moved north assisted by 36th Inf Div in capture of Montelimar. Assembled north of Montelimar and started movement to Voiron area.

36th Inf Div: Maintained def pos north of Montelimar, assisted in capture of Montelimar. With 3rd Inf Div reduced enemy positions between Montelimar and Valence. Captured Valence and advanced north to Beauraipair.


Prov Flank Protection Force; Established flank protection VI Corps from Briancon to Albertville being relieved by elements of 2nd DFM.


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Part II. Future intentions.

To advance north astride Rhone River capture Lyon with VI Corps and Groupe du Vigier, move forward supply installations to prepare for further advance. To strengthen right flank security.

Part III. Locations.

Seventh Army Brignoles. Seventh Army Rear St Tropez.
Army B Aix. VI Corps Moirans. 3rd Div Vairon. 36th Inf Div Chabennil. 45th Inf Div Lascin.

1st AEF Gresse,
1st DMI Uses,
3rd DIA Gardanne,
1st DB Vals les Beins,
9th DIC Toulon,
2nd DMI Gap,
7th Inf 99569,
15th Inf Y 5549,
30th Inf J 4043,
157th Inf Y 5964,
179th Inf T 2004,
180th Inf T 3510,
141st Inf J 1505,
142nd Inf J 0333,
143rd Inf J 1535.

* Being serviced.

ACTION: Gen Handy
INFO: CC/S, Gen Arnold, Gen Somervell, Gen Bissell, Adm. King, Col Park, Log

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From: Hqs, 7th Army, France.
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
CG, European Theater of Operations, U S Army,
Rear Echelon, London, England
CG, North African District, Algiers, Algeria

Nr: CPX 13111 1 September 1944

From Seventh Army to: COSINTREP addresses, plus
APHQ pass to NATAF and 12th Air Force, reference number CPX
13111, 011800B Sept 1944 cite PHCOT and PHQUI COSINTREP
number 22. Part 5-Load to 1200 hours 1 Sept 1944.

Section I. Intelligence.
Identification by FWS.
6th and 13th COS 194th Sicherungs Regt Barcelone-
ette area.
Following identified Montelimar-Livron area, 29
August:
277th, 557th, 731st AA Bns. 532nd, 606th Signal
Bns. 77th GA F. 485th Corps Signal Bns. 601st OST Bn.
Elements 1290 CA Regt, 30th Fortress Engr Bn. 1007th Landes-
schutz Bn.

Section II. Ground Operations.

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From: Hqs, 7th Army, France.

Date: 1 September 1944

Army B:

1st DIM: 1st Brigade at Ruoms N6041, 2nd and 3rd Brigade, no change.

1st DB: CP at Vals N6165. Rcn moving towards Tournon and Yssingeaux, main body toward La Voulte N9280 and Le Cheylard N6191.

2nd DIM: CP at Gap. 4th RTM no change.

3rd RSM in Guillestre area.

VIIIth Corps units being relieved in Prelles 0-3590, Col de Var 0-4758, and Isoard 0-4989 area.

9th DIC: No change.

3rd DIA: No change.

VIIIth Corps:

3rd Inf Div: 7th Inf: No change.

15th Inf: Closing from Voiron on 2nd Bn at Bourgoin.

30th Inf: Closed Voiron area.

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36th Inf Div: 141st Inf: No change.
142nd Inf: Moving to Chanas Hq 438.
143rd Inf: Moving to Beaurepaire J1341.

45th Inf Div: Continues closing north on forward elements at Maximeux and Amberieu on Bugey with rcm at Chalamont.

1st ABTF: Consolidated line short of Contes and La Pointe De Contes.

Prov Flank Protection Force: No change.

CPS: 3rd Inf Div at Voiron.

45th Inf Y3985.

1st DB at Vals Les Bains.

1st DMI at Uzes.

With Corps at Moirans.

Remainder: No change.

Total casualties as of 292359B:

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Killed and Hospitalized

American: 1746
French: 956

7694

3714.

PWs as of 292359B:

Taken by Americans 19840
Taken by French 34755

Total 54595.

Estimated unloaded as of 311800B:

Personnel Vehicles Cargo
254,498 44,285 174,462 LT

Section III. Air Operations.

Air support limited due to weather.

Bomb safety line: Along Dordogne River from mouth to Care River, Care River to Larquebrou, main railway
Murat BG 4212, Bricoude BG 8333, Montbrison WX 3569, rail
junction WX 4974, WX 8263, railway to WX 8968, along west
bank Rhone to WX 9580, WX 0185, WT 0100, WS 9008, WS 9214,

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From: Hqs, 7th Army, France

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WT 0633, WT 2338, WT 8238, Swiss and Italian border, VN 7018, VS 7082.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/5
CG AAF
ASF
A
Adm King
Col Park
Loc

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Priority

From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Br: FX 90360
31 August 1944

FX 90360 addressed TROOPERS for Lord Burnham, AGWAR for General Surles undated from AFRQ signed Wilson cite PHOT.

1. Southern France.

1st Airborne Task Force consolidated its positions West of the Var River and had active patrols in Nice. 45th Division continued to advance on Lyon and reached Amherieu En Bugey and Maximieux. The latter is 18 miles northeast of Lyon on the highway to Geneva, Switzerland. 35th Division was mopping up the Livron-Lorion area and attacking north. 3rd Division completed the mopping up of Montelimar and began moving northward to Bourg De Peace. End of 1st part. 2nd part follows:

In the South elements of French Army B have advanced up the west side of the Rhone river to Bourg St Andeol, and have reconnaissance west of Nimes.

2. Italy.

Elements of 2nd Polish Corps entered Pesaro, where heavy fighting continues. 5th Corps has crossed the Foglia river in two places, 13 miles and the other five miles, East of Auditoire. In the 10th Corps sector, Mercatello was occupied without opposition. Small gains were made and consolidated north of Fontassievo. Elsewhere on the Italian front there is nothing of significance.

Part 2 and last of FX 90360 undated from AFRQ.

End.

ACTION: Gen Surles
INFO: CC/S CG AAF OPD G-2 Col Park Log
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To: War Department
No: BX 15954 31 August 1944

Subject for action AGWAR personal for Marshall AFRQ personal for Wilson SHAEF personal for Eisenhower from AFRQ Adv Det in Bastia from Devers Reference number BX 15954

3rd Division completed mopping up Montelimar area, contacting elements 36th Division to the north. Commenced movement on Bourg de Peane.

36th Division clearing Livron-Loriol area and attacking to the north. Enemy infiltration reported vicinity N-9771, and stiffening resistance reported vicinity J-1292.

45th Division continued advance on Lyon with advance elements at Ambrieau en Bugey (T-3411) and Mouxmeux (T-2204).

First A/B Task Force moved through Nice occupying positions along general line east of Nice extending north to Levenzo (T-5699).

Army B. Elements of one DMI and one DB have advanced north to Bourg St Andeol with reconnaissance west of Nimes.

No contact reported west and southwest to Syfailles

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To: War Department
    CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

Nr: FWD 13445
     31 August 1944

FWD 13445 to AGWAR personal for General Marshall
info APRG personal for Gen Wilson from Eisenhower cite SHSSG

Coordination with DRAGOON forces is the subject of this
telegram.

The time when there will become necessary definite
coordination between DRAGOON operations and those of the
forces on this front will be when DRAGOON is able to advance
in strength north of Lyon. Prior to that time, the Commander
of DRAGOON must of course be informed as to the desired
direction of such later advance so that he may dispose forces
so as best to conform to the future scheme of maneuver. This
information will be furnished by my Headquarters as soon as
results of current operations on this front provide the answer.
There are three possible lines of later advance. I am quite
sure that in that stage of the DRAGOON Operation, the American
forces should be on the left flank, with the French on the
right.

Physical means of communications between this Head-
quartres and DRAGOON must be established before I can take over
from APFO entire operational responsibility. Until that time
it will be best to communicate to General Wilson our plans.

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces

Nr: FWD 13445 31 August 1944

and desires in order that he can issue necessary directions
with respect to DRAGOON. These physical communications will
probably be rather sketchy at first but we must be assured
of at least radio and airplane facilities.

I do not believe that the time that this Headquarters
must assume operational control over Ground and Tactical
Air Forces in DRAGOON should be determined by logistical
considerations. I assume that we will continue to supply
DRAGOON from the Mediterranean as long as United States
stores and supplies in that area are in excess of the
reserves needed for other United States units operating in
that theater. By the time this occurs we hope that DRAGOON
can be based on Bay of Biscay ports. Even if this should
not prove to be simultaneously feasible, I repeat that the
necessity for operational coordination will exist as soon
as DRAGOON is prepared to operate north of Lyons, and this
coordination should be done by direct action from here as
soon thereafter as facilities for signal communication
can be established. In this connection is Devers in operational
command of DRAGOON or is Patch in command?

As long as APOH retains responsibility for maintenance
of land and air forces in the south, it should also retain
responsibility for Civil Affairs Administration. Coordination
in this item will be secured as at present.

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To: FWD 13445 31 August 1944

The exact nature of the desirable air command setup is now under consideration at my Headquarters. The details of our proposals will be communicated to you as soon as Spaatz returns from the Mediterranean. In the meantime General Wilson is being informed of the contents of this telegram so that he may comment if he so desires.

End

ACTION: Gen Handy
INFO: Gen Arnold, C of S

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