From: CG Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy
To: War Department
Nr: 90434

31 August 1944

Only port area damaged Marseilles. Street fighting with Miliciana and PPF continues. Number administrative officials arrested and held for trial including Regional Prefect. Representatives of each resistance movement that is: Socialist Communist CG and Front National to be formed on Committee of Liberation. Petit Provencal and Petit Marseillais have their presses intact and are printing 3 papers. Petit Provencal press printing Le Provencal Socialist daily. Petit Marseillais printing La Marseillaise organ of Front National and Rouge Midi Communist daily. Editors give circulation figures as 100,000. News service will be supplied by PWB for these papers. Sufficient stocks paper and ink. Petit Provencal and Petit Marseillais editors have been arrested. Communists and Socialists Marseilles divided by bitter difference opinion latter accusing former of taking credit for numerous exploits of resistance done by others. Communists also blamed for creation Front National which according Socialists is only disguised Communist Organization. This enmity also exists between Liberation Committee representatives of both parties. Liberation Committee decree has stopped pillaging by civilian population. Decree states anyone caught flagrante delicto will be shot.

Re radio station no information yet available.

End

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INFO: OPD Col Park
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To: War Department
CG, North African District, Algiers, Algeria
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

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31 August 1944

G2 Summary number 19. For action TROOPERS- AGWAR for information to SHAEP- MIDDLE EAST- SOMTO- Land Forces Adriatic-ACC-AAI-Adv-SPOC-Seventh Army CPFX 89981 signed Wilson cite FHGBI.

France.

No contact with enemy reported by column west of Rhone to Nimes area. On east flank enemy continues withdrawal beyond VAR in anticipation Allied pressure. Some success achieved by enemy withdrawing east of Rhone in extricating forces from Montelimar pocket but evident from stiff resistance and counterattacks Livron area that considerable body still south of Drôme on 29th and enemy concerned to keep ferries open. Regimental group 11th Panzer Div including tanks still operated NW Livron. To north enemy strongly covering road blocks southwest St Paul on road Voiron-Valence in order to keep open gap at Valence. So far no signs of any transfer of forces to west bank of Rhone and believe this unlikely to take place south of Valence in view latest bridge reports.

Total prisoners now reported to exceed 42,000 and includes Lt-Gen Schaeffer, GOC 244th Div and Major-General CM-IN-28570 (31 Aug 44)
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Richter, GOC 198th Div.

After fiercer fighting than that encountered in first two days enemy resistance slackened in Adriatic sector. Only contact reported on 29th in coastal sector where fierce fighting proceeding in outskirts Pesaro. Movement in rear areas slight and no indication that reinforcements are yet moving up. Both 26th Panzer and 29th PG Divisions still identified west of Florence though apparently not fully committed, and either could possibly spare regimental group.

Elements Five Mountain Div still identified in line but evident that Division now largely relieved by 278th Division. Destination of former not disclosed but Division most suited for employment to cover Alpine passes and relieve more mobile 90th PG Div for central reserve pool. Some reshuffle of divisional commitments east of Florence taking place with 1028th Regiment, previously in reserve on Adriatic flank, apparently coming into line under command 715th Div.

Balkans.

Clashes reported at NIS and Niska Banja in Serbia probably further German efforts at disarming Bulgars. Anti Partisan drive Montenegro now subsided owing transfer German troops to Serbia. Kolasin recaptured by Partisans who
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anticipate liberation Berane and Andrijevika in near future.

Troop movement northeast along road Sjenica-Uzice possibly indicates elements one Mountain Div to take part in anti-Bulgarian measures. E&L in message from Bucharest stated 29th Aug "About 200 German barges of war materials and troops making for Hungary, will be in Turnul Severin district 30th August'.

On 24th August King reported to have left Bucharest for safer place. 26th August fighting reported Ploesti afternoon. Germans bringing up bombers and fighters to this area. Large scale German movement from Buzau to front. German troops left Brașov via frontier at Prejmer (possibly troops disarmed by Roșianians) German troops disembarked Calafat disarmed Roșianians and took them to Bulgaria.

German racial groups arrested Brașov, Pitești and Târgoviște. Hungarian Irredentists arrested Brașov. Communications east of Arad occupied by Hungarian troops or possibly Germans from Hungary.

End.

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INFO: CC/S

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NAVSI TinTREP 15 DRAGOON PERIOD ENDING 3024000.

MARSEILLE AREA REPORTED QUIET. GERMAN TRUCE MISSION FROM ISLANDS ACCEPTED UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TERMS 0800 FROM CO PHILADELPHIA AND 90 MARINES WERE LANDED FREOUL HARBOR WHICH IS BETWEEN RATONNEAU AND POME GUES. DEMOLITION FREOUL HARBOR HAD BEEN PREPARED 21. ALL CHARGES REMOVED BY P-O-T ODAY.

LAND MINES ISOLATED. AUGUSTA PHILADELPHIA AND MADISON COVERED ABOVE OPERATION. SWEPT CHANNELS. ISLE MAIRS EXTENDED TO DIF THEN CONTINUED TO OUTER HARBOR MARSEILLE. RALE.

MARSEILLE SWEPT FOR MAGNETIC AND MOORED MINES. 13 MINES CUT GRANDE PASSE AND OUTER HARBOR TOLON SWEPT DESTROYING 12 NIS.

UNABLE TO SWEET INNER HARBOR DUE TO BOOM ACROSS ENTRANCE CARRIERS 2 F/B MISSIONS WITH 8 SORTIES. 1 W/T DESTROYED.

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SEVERAL DAMAGED. 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED. 1 HELLCAT DAMAGED. SEARCH UP RHONE TO 10 MILES SOUTH LYON INDICATED NO ENEMY MOVEMENT. 2 DD'S ASSIGNED RIGHT FLANK. NO FIRE CALLED. 2 FRENCH CL STANDING BY.
LORRAINE AND FEECH CLS Basing THOPEX GULF. GLOIRE TO ALGIERS FOR STORES RAMILLES AND DIDO RELEASED. FOLLOWING WITHDRAWN FROM FORWARD AREA PREPARING DEPART US. TULAGI KASAAN BAY DESDIV 34. OMAHA CINCINNATI MARBLEHEAD QUINCY. TEXAS ARKANSAS NEVADA AND DESRON 16.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department

30 August 1944

Mr: FX 89969

Added TROOPERS for Lord Burnham, AGWAR for General Surles, FX 89969 signed Wilson cite PGCT.

1. Southern France. 1st Airborne Task Force captured Vence and Cagnes and crossed the Var River, establishing positions on high ground near * 10 miles north of Nice. Elements of 45th Division are in the vicinity of St Julien, near the Swiss border. 3rd Division occupied Montelimar and is mopping up the Montelimar-Livron area, together with 36th Division. Elements of French Army B reached St Gilles, 10 miles west of the Rhone River, and occupied Remoulins, 15 miles west of Avignon.

2. Italy. Forward troops of II Polish Corps are now two miles north of the River Arreilla. On their left the Canadian Corps captured S Angelo and has patrols forward to the River Foglia. In the V Corps sector, 46th Division reached the Foglia west of Colbordolo. Urbino has been taken by 8th Indian Division who are now one mile north of the town. Troops of X Corps entered S Angelo, 12 miles southwest of Urbino and further small advances have been made in the * sector. There are no other major changes to report.

* Being avod.

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FOLEM TOTAI FOR IT TO 6TH ARMY CINCEF VA MALTA FOGMA TO 15TH C.S. COM'LLA COMORSEAFRON COMINCH FROM RHQ CAIRO ADMIN'LY COMNAVAFR PA ALEXANDRIA.

(AIG 387 FROM CINCHFED)

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 421.

1. ON 26TH AUGUST 27000 ROUNDS WERE FIRED AT HANDFIER BY FR LORRAINE HMS RAUVILLIES AND 4 CRUISERS EXPLOSION AND FIRE ENVELOPED THE PENINSULA. OTHER FORCES SUPPORTED M.S.'S IN APPROACH TO GULF OF FOS, BOMBARDED ISLAND NEAR MARSEILLES AND COAST DEFENCE GUNS AND STRONG POINTS ON RIGHT FLANK.

2. SIMILAR TARGETS WERE ENGAGED ON 27TH AUGUST.

2 AIRCRAFT WERE LOST AND 7 DAMAGED.

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(3) Attempted explosive I/B attack right flank night 25th/26th August was again driven off by screening destroyers. 8 boats reported destroyed.

(4) On 27th August 8th I/NES swept in Gulf of Fos and 3% in approaches to Marseilles.

(5) On 27th August 2 M/B's attempting escape were captured, 18 prisoners taken and a fishing vessel with 4 officers and 46 men of U-boat.

(6) Night 27th/28th August coastal forces encountered 3 unknown vessels probably barges off Cape Helle 1 was sunk by torpedo and another hit and probably sunk. Other forces attacked 2 small barges off Cape Delapa (43-49N Ø7-5ØE) but results were unobserved.

(7) On 28th August HMS Loyal bombed enemy gun positions and transports near Pesafo. Good results reported.

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NAVSI TINTREP 14. DRAGON. PERIOD ENDING 28244.

AT 1136 GERMAN GENERAL MARSEILLE AGREED TO SURRENDER TERMS
TO BECOME EFFECTIVE 1330. CEASE FIRE HAD BEEN ORDERED BY
FRENCH EVENING 27TH, REPORTED THAT GERMAN FORCES HAD

CROISSET MARSEILLE POMEONE PATONNEAU ACCEPTED TERMS.

FORCE OF 85% ON ISLAND D*IF SENT SECOND IN COMMAND TO
MADISON STATION THEY WOULD NOT SURRENDER TO FRENCH. CTF 86
DIRECTED MADISON TO accept SURRENDER AND 4 LCI'S WERE ORDERED
TO EVACUATE GERMANS ON D*IF IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE MENACE
TO VINESWEEPING PROGRESS. 9% MARINES FROM AUGUSTA AND
PHILADELPHIA PREPARED TO GO ASHORE ON ISLANDS INSURE THAT
SURRENDER TERMS FULFILLED. ALL RESISTANCE TOLON ENDED.
RPM ENDED WHEN GERMANS SURRENDERED TO FRENCH AT 1130.
ON RIGHT FLANK CHAMPLIN AND BOYLE FIRED 110 ROUNDS SFCP AND
AIR SPOT SUPPORTING ARMY VICINITY OF NICE.
EXCELLENT PROGRESS MINES WEEPING. 2 CHANNELS TO MARSEILLE
COMPLETED. 1 CHANNEL 251 DEGREES FROM MARSEILLE TO ENTRANCE
CHANNEL INTO GULF DE FOS. OTHER CHANNEL 000 DEGREES TO 1
MILE OFF ISLE PAIRE THENCE 310 TO ABOVE CHANNEL. 3 MINES CLEARED
IN LATTER CHANNEL TODAY.
CARRIERS. 3 F/B MISSIONS WITH 18 SORTIES DESTROYING 23 M/T
DAMAGING 15 M/T. 1 HELGCAT DAMAGED.
EVALUATION ENEMY AIR CAPABILITIES RESULTED IN ESTABLISHMENT
NEW CONVOY ROUTE FROM ORAN TO DRAGOON AREA.
AN UNIDENTIFIED MOTOR BOAT DRIVEN INTO VILLE FRANCHE AT 0545
BY PT PATROL.
LST 134 REPORTS ACCEPTING 6 PONIES CAPTURED BY FRENCH FISHING VESSEL
OFF MARSEILLE.
TO DATE FOLLOWING MAJOR LAR VESSELS RELEASED TO CINCHED. 9 HR
CL 1 FR CL 16 DD'S.
US NAVAL LIAISON OFFICERS FRENCH PORTS ESTABLISHED TEMPORARY
HEADQUARTERS AT MARSEILLE. INITIAL RECONNAISSANCE TOULON INDICATE
ABOUT 6 BERTHS AVAILABLE AFTER MINOR DOCK REPAIRS. ENTRANCE
BLOCKED BUT CLEARABLE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.
REAP ADAMIRAL SPENCER S LEWIS WAS RELIEVED BY CAPTAIN TUPKINS AS
CTG 87. DEPARTED ASSAULT AREA TO ASSUME DUTIES AS COM 6TH FLEET.
(ADM) IN NAPLES.

INTELLIGENCE. REAR ADMIRAL RUHFUS GERMAN NAVY WITH HIS CHIEF
OF STAFF SURRENDERED WITH FINAL GROUP AT SAN MANFRIER. HE
ASSUMED COMMAND DEFENCES SOUTH COAST ABOUT AUGUST 17 WHEN VICE
ADMIRAL REVER DIED ALLEGEDLY OF HEART ATTACK AT NAVAL HDQTRS AIX.
REPORTS AND STATEMENTS RUHFUS INDICATE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION
SURFACE INSTALLATIONS BY NAVAL GUNFIRE AND BOMBING OF ST
MANFRIER BUT LOW PERSONNEL CASUALTIES DUE TO DEEP TUNNEL SHELTERS.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Advanced Detachment, Bastia, Corsica

To: War Department Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

No. EX 15944 30 August 1944

To forward AGWAR personal for Marshall APO personal for Wilson SHAPE personal for Eisenhower from APO. Ref number BX15944.

The Seventh Army has made further progress clearing the enemy from the Rhone Valley. Montelinar has been occupied by 3rd Division. Livron is held by elements of 36th Division. Pockets of resistance in these areas are being mopped up. Elements of the 45th Division have occupied Moreitel (X-8440), Bourgoin (Y-3070) and Voiron (Y-5546).

Elements of Army B are reconnoitering to Montpellier and Marbonne, and advancing rapidly north along west bank of Rhone to assist in capture of Lyon and protect west flank. The bulk of Army B will relieve VI Corps on the east flank north of Larche and advance to the north on the Axis Sisterni-Crenoble-Bourg en Bresse-Besancon. The 2nd Moroccan Division has begun debarkation.

VI Corps plans to advance to the north on the Axis Lyon-Beaune-Dijon, capture Lyon, and destroy enemy forces in the zone.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Advanced Detachment, Bastia, Corsica
No. BX 15944
30 August 1944

Seventh Army reports 22771 POW taken as of 2300 hours 29 August. Just completed an inspection of Toulon and Marseilles. We shall concentrate on Marseilles and by September 15 this port will handle tonnages for a considerable number of divisions. The bottlenecks are not the ports but the bridges on the railroads. It is estimated that by September 15 we shall be able to deliver 1500 tons to Grenoble. By October 1st the main double track line will be into Lyon. About 25 serviceable locomotives and plenty of tank and other cars are available.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Adm. King, Col Park, C of S

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To: War Department
CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
No: FWD 13415 30 August 1944

SHAPE FORWARD from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SGEBI Aug 301900 TROOPERS for DNI, AGWAR cite WDGBI, XFOR, AREF for Bennett, 12th United States Army Group Forward, 12th United States Army Group Main, 1st Allied Airborne Army info APHQ FWD 13415. This is digest 85.

Fair 26 August German command area north Nimes seems have lost control troops from south-west attempting move up west bank Rhone. Comment IV German Air Force Corps same 26 August troops, strength 2 divisions some from south concentrated plain east of Lyon to cover city. Good 17 August Toulouse Gestapo leaving for Nancy; all not combatant services assembling Alsace. SAS 27 August 25 tanks arrived Dijon; 3,000 Russians and Germans holding Chatillon-sur-Seine.

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To: War Department
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England
CG, North African District, Algiers, Algeria

No: CPX 12957 28 August 1944

CG Seventh Army, urgent to: 1, AFHQ, 2, AGWAR, 3, TROOPERS, 4, USFOR; priority to: 5, Middle East, 6, Commanded Malta, 7, Commanded Gibraltar, 8, Fifth Army, 9, CINC MED, 10, Air CINC MED, 11, AAI Adv, 12, Eighth Army, 13, MADI, 14 LATY, 15, FRUITFUL, 16 MATAF, 17, AFHQ Adv Det, 18, Sixth Corps, 19, Army B, 20, CWNTF, 21, Twelfth Army Group, 22, Twenty first Army Group. Reference CPX 12957.

Garrisons Marseille and Toulon both surrendered unconditionally today. This brings total French estimated captures to 32-35,000. Admiral Commanding German Naval Forces Southeast France included.

ACTION: OPD
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by RT, NARA Date APR 27 1973
ON 25TH AUGUST FR BB LORRAINE HMS AURORA HMS SIRIUS AND FR CRUISER GLOIRE CONTINUED BOMBARDING TARGETS IN MANDRIER AREA THROUGHOUT THE DAY. FR CRUISER EMILE BERTIN AND DESTROYERS ENGAGED TROOP AND COASTAL BATTERIES IN NICE AREA AND USS AUGUSTA BOMBARDED IN APPROACHES TO MARSEILLES.

(2) CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT ATTACKED BRIDGE M/T AND TROOP COLUMNS IN RHONE VALLEY.

(3) DESTROYERS AND PT BOAT SCREENING RIGHT FLANK REPORT INTERCEPTING NIGHT 24TH/25TH AUGUST EXPLOSIVE M/B ATTACK LAUNCHED FROM BAIE DES ANGES SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD.
NO DAMAGE TO OUR FORCE RESULTED.

(4) NIGHT 25TH/26TH AUGUST COASTAL FORCE ATTACKED 2 FAST TARGETS OFF CAPE MELE (13°57' N 08°10' E). 1 TORPEDO HIT WAS REPORTED ON REAR SHIP OBSERVED TO BE DESTROYER. ENEMY RETURNED HEAVY FIRE BUT NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTY REPORTED.

(5) GERMAN GARRISON MARSEILLES INCLUDES ISLANDS SURRENDER NOON 28TH AUGUST ST MANDRIER TOULON SURRENDER 1100 28TH AUGUST.

(6) SWEPT CHANNEL NOW COMPLETED TO PORT DE BOUC AND PORT PART ESTABLISHED. 1 BERTH AT 22 FEET AND TANKER BERTH AT 26 FEET AVAILABLE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE
T.O.O. 282335

From: C. in C. Med.
To: A.I.G. 387

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 420.

On (25th) August Fr. BB LORRAINE, H.M.S. AURORA, H.M.S. SIRIUS and Fr. Cruiser GLOIRE continued bombarding targets in Mandrier area throughout the day. Fr. Cruiser EMILE BERTIN and Destroyers engaged troop and (to coastal) batteries in Nice Area and U.S.S. AUGUSTA bombarded in approaches to Marseilles.

2. Carrier based aircraft attacked bridge M/T and troop columns in Rhone Valley.

3. Destroyers and P.T. Boat screening right flank report intercepting night 24th/25th August explosive M/B attack launched from (Haie) Des Anges several explosions were heard, no damage to our force resulted.

4. Night 25th/26th August coastal force attacked 2 fast targets off Cape Mola (43-57 N 08-10 E). 1 torpedo hit was (reported) on rear ship observed to be Destroyer. Enemy returned heavy fire but no damage or casualty reported.

5. German garrison Marseilles includes Islands surrender noon 28th August St. Mandrier, Toulon surrender 1100 28th August.

6. Swept channel now completed to Port De Bouc and Port part established. 1 berth at 22 feet and Tanker berth at 26 feet available.

282335

A.I.G. 387

Rafaelo Marshal
Admiral
Gen. Macready
Air Marshal
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Head of N.I.D. 18
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Ret'd P/L from Navy Dept.
From: N.C.W.T.F.
To: CINCME
Info: C.TG. 88.2

URGENT

German Garrison at Marseilles including islands surrendered at noon today. San Mendriar which was sole remaining enemy pocket at Toulon surrendered about 1100. Gulfe De-Poso and Chennial from Deesward SXCHYNU* Naval Party established and Port De Bouc ready receive Tanker in 26 foot berth and Cargo Ship in 22 foot berth at once. 4 additional berths ready with estimated 3 day salvage now underway. Bulk gasoline storage now available Port De Bouc.

*As received.

Field Marshal
Admiral
Gen. Macready
Air Marshal
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Strat
J.S.M. (6)
Head of N.I.D. 18
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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
No: FX 89005 28 August 1944

Action AGWAR and TROOPERS from APHQ FX 89005 28th August nil. Signed Wilson cite PRGOT. AGWAR for General Surles TROOPERS for Lord Burnham.

The advance of Seventh Army in Southern France has again picked up speed after a slight delay. 1 Airborne Task Force has advanced 2 to 3 miles on a 12-mile front between Cannes and Crasse. Leading elements were approaching the Var River in the area 6 miles west of Nice. In 6th Corps sector 45th Division has reached Bourgoin, 22 miles southeast of Lyon. 36th Division continued to exert pressure on the enemy forces in the vicinity of Montelimar and has recaptured the town of Bonlieu South of.

Second part follows.

End
To: War Department

No. FX 89005 28 August 1944

2nd part FX 89005 dated 28th Aug nil.

Montelimer 3rd Division attacking the enemy flank and rear has captured Orange and Grignan and cleared the line of the Rhône River as far as Donzère. In 2nd French Corps sector, mopping up continues in Marseilles. The islands of Rattemnu and Poneges, still held by the enemy, were heavily attacked by our aircraft on 27th August. Other elements continued to mop up on Cap Sicie. The enemy still holds the St Madier peninsula. In Italy 2nd Polish Corps has occupied Fano on the Adriatic coast. Canadian troops have captured Kobarowski. (3rd part follows)

End

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GERMAN GARRISON AT VARESIELLES INCLUDING ISLANDS SURRENDERED AT NOON TODAY. SAN VANDRIER WHICH WAS SOLE REMAINING ENEMY POCKET AT TOULON SURRENDERED ABOUT 11HR. GULFE DE FOS AND CHANNEL FROM DEAWARD SWYTYNU NAVAL PARTY ESTABLISHED AND PORT DE ROUC READY RECEIVE TANKER IN 26 FOOT BERTH AND CARGO SHIP IN 22 FOOT BERTH AT ONCE. 4 ADDITIONAL BERTHS READY WITH ESTIMATED 3 DAY SALVAGE NOW BEGINNING. BULK GASOLINE STORAGE NOW AVAILABLE PORT DE ROUC.

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Situation Report Number 419.

(1) On 23rd August (U.S.S. NEVADA?) and cruisers hit coast defence batteries in Toulon area, U.S.S. BROOKLYN
U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA and destroyers engaged gun emplacements, oil storage and other targets in the vicinity Cannes.
After bombardment of Glen U.S.S. TATTNALL landed troops with no resistance.

(2) Carrier based aircraft destroyed 123 bridges as well as attacking railway trucks and motor transport.

(3) (200) 24th August U.S.S. NEVADA QUINCY and
U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA bombed in Gulf of Fos. Area in support of sweep operations. C.D. batteries near Toulon
were heavily hit by cruiser and other ships engaged target in vicinity Nice. The bridge across River Var was damaged and merchant ship hit in Nice Harbour.

(4) Attack communication by carrier based aircraft continued 2 aircraft lost and 5 damaged.

(5) 36 mines were swept in approach channel to Port de Bouc. A PT boat was mined near Cape Couronne but remaining afloat.

(6) Night 24th 25th coastal force attacked 2 unknown ships off Genoa. Torpedoes were fired and ship reported sunk the other damaged.

(7) Coastal force operating in Adriatic reported as follows:
(a) Night 18th 19th sank B-boat in Mijet Channel
(b) Attacked convoy of F lighters and B-boats
   night 20th 21st off Mest(?)a Point
   (45-10 North 12-30 East) 1 explosion heard but result unobserved.
(c) Sank laden 2000 (?ton) merchant ship off Tagliamento Point (45-37 North 13-06 East) night 24th/25th.

(8) P 77 reports on 11th August obtained 7 hits on small tanker North of Jude Bay before being (?) forced to dive by escort.

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Field Marshal
Admiral
Gen. Macready
Air Marshal
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J.S.M. (8)
Head of N.I.D. 18
S.O.(0)
S.O.(4)
N.H.C.S.
C.C.O.R.
Col. Cook
Col. O'Connor
G/Capt. Du Boulay

Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept.
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
No. P88578 27 August 1944

Following is paraphrase of WOSUM number one from Seventh Army covering the period 150001 to 242400 August. P88578. Signed Wilson cite PHOCT. AGWAR personal for Marshall, TROOPERS personal for Brooke.

2: Future intentions: 1st A/B TF is to secure the line of Var River and the Larche Pass.

Six Corps is to take and hold all the passes through the Alps north of Larche and Grenoble. Destroy enemy forces in the Montelimar area and after completion to take Valence.

Army B is to clean up enemy resistance in Toulon and Marseilles and south of Durance River. To send strong reconnaissance elements west of the Rhone and prepare to move north.

Seventh Army is to consolidate present position prior to further advance.

3. Locations: 3rd Infantry Division T5539, 30th Inf Regt Salon (T2353), 7th Inf Regt T3751, 15th Inf Regt T435315, 45th Infantry Division Aspres (O 7253), 157th Inf Regt T592623, 179 Inf Regt Grenoble, 180 Inf Regt Chorges (P1357), 36th Infantry Division 0 7363, 141 Inf Regt N9763, 142 Inf Regt 0 1262, 143rd Inf Regt Le Bourg (J1308).

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No. P68578 27 August 1944

First Airborne Task Force Grasse (53077). 6th Corps
Kias (T7451). Seventh Army T9729. Seventh Army Rear St
Tropes. Army B Alx (T5141).

2nd Corps T892. 3rd DIO T6714. 3rd RTA Ollicules
(Y8599). 7th RTA Marseilles. 1st DML U0606. 9th DIO Sollies
Point (U1106). 4th RTA T9701. 6th RTA T9601. 1st Armored Div
one (D B) T2048. 2nd DBC Y9798. 4th DBC Y9997. Task Force
Butler O 7363. One SRF N626370

1. Ground operations: 1st Airborne Task Force was
dropped in the vicinity of Le Muy and captured Le Muy,
Draguignan and Les Arcs. After relief by 36th Div assigned
to protect Army right flank and captured Grasse, Cannes and
Antibes. One SRF landed on islands of Levant and Port Cros.
After capturing the islands moved to mainland and assigned
to 1 ABTF.

6th Corps landed three divs between Agay and Cavalaire
Bay. Advanced west in the area north of Toulon and Marseilles
and north to the Rhone River at Livron, reached Grenoble to
the north and Briancon to the northeast.

36th Division landed in the vicinity of Agay advanced
to the northwest and captured St Raphael, Frejus, Brignoles,
Le Napolie. Task Force Butler was formed and moved from
Draguignan north through Sisteron to Gap and west to the
vicinity of Montelimar, where defensive positions were set
up on high ground northeast of the town. 1st Regiment
captured Grenoble.

Under control of 6th Corps, Combat Command one of
1st French Armored Division landed over beaches in Le Tropez

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Bay and moved to Le Luc, later capturing St Maximin. After passing to control of Army B, CC one captured Aubagne and attacked Marseilles from the east.

After landing over beaches in Cavalaire Bay and on the St Tropes Peninsula, 3rd Infantry Division advanced westward capturing Cap Benat, Cuers, Carnoules and Brignoles. Relieved by Army B in Sollies-Pont area. Advanced west and captured Aix, Salon and Martigues.

45th Infantry Division. Landing over beaches near St Maximin, advanced west, capturing Le Luc, Salernes, Pertuis, and Manosque. Moved north and relieved units of 36th Division in Grenoble, later occupying Briancon and Bourg de Peage.

French Army B. On night of 15 August, started landing over beaches in the Cavalaire-St Maximin area, relieved 3rd US Division, advanced west and attacked Toulon and Marseilles. Captured northern part of Toulon and all of Marseilles except for pockets.

1st DMI relieved 3rd US Division, captured Hyeres, eastern entrance to Toulon and Le Coudon.

1st French Armored Division. After release from 6th Corps, Combat Command one assisted in capture of Marseilles. Combat Command two landed in Gulf of St Tropes, moved north of Toulon and relieved 3rd US Division in area northwest of Marseilles and south of the Durance River.

3rd DIA minus one RCT advanced west, attacking Toulon from the north. Relieved by 9th DIC. Attacked

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Marseilles from the east. Captured Le Beausset, Bandol, northwestern sector of Toulon.

9th DIA. Moved into Cuers area after landing over Cavalaire Beaches. Attacked Toulon from the north and northeast. Captured northern section of Toulon, relieving 3rd DIA. (End Paraphrase.)

Instructions have been sent to Seventh Army to send WOSUMMS in CCM High Command cypher so as to prevent delay due paraphrase.

End

ACTION: GEN HANDY

INFO: CGS
GEN ARNOLD
GEN BISSELL
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From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
CG Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
No: FX 88348 27 August 1944

FX 88348 action to TROOPERS, AGWAR info to SHAPE, Mideast, COMTO, LFA, ACC, AAI adv, Seventh Army CP, SPOC signed Wilson cite PHGBI.

G2 Summary Number Sixteen.

France.

Para. 1. General Review. Little contact on east coastal flank or in upper Savoy region. In Rhone valley interest centers pound Montelimar where enemy bottleneck developing as result of accelerated withdrawal up Rhone valley and difficulty of passing more than small elements through Allied block in Livran area. Enemy counter attacks of 25th and 26th August evidently aimed at reopening Rhone escape corridor and clearing routes by which Allied flank attacks threaten to develop. Enemy forces in Rhone probably roughly equivalent Two Infantry Divisions (193rd Infantry plus elements 189th, 282nd and 338th Divisions) with Eleven Panzer presumably split between head end tail of column. Enemy probably plans blocking actions at Valence and Lyon but much depends on results present action round Montelimar. Lyon area possibly now being strengthened from evacuation column which has been passing up west bank of Rhone on foot and all kinds transport consisting presumably 716th Division,

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No: FX 88348 27 August 1944

remnants German military and civil occupational forces from southwestern and southern France. Column has suffered considerable losses during withdrawal.

Italy.

Para. 2. Accepted One Para Division has relieved 278th Infantry Division in Adriatic sector.

End.
From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
No: FX 88632

FX 88632 signed Wilson cite FHOT. Added AGWAR for General Surles, TROOPERS for Lord Burnham.

On Seventh Army front in southern France the advance has slowed down while operations are in progress to clear up the strong enemy force in the vicinity of Montelimar. 6th Corps continued to exert pressure on this force. An enemy counter attack north of Montelimar broke through a road block but the 36th Division reinforced by elements of 45th Division restored the line and continued the attack. 2nd French Corps captured Toulon and continued mopping up on Cap Sicile. The Saint Mandrier Peninsula is still in enemy hands. In Marseilles pockets of enemy resistance are being cleared.

On Eighth Army front in Italy an attack was launched in the Adriaetic sector with the Polish Corps, Canadian Corps and 5th Corps. Latest reports show an advance of four miles on a ten mile front between Acqualagna and Monteagrigore.

On 10th Corps front a small gain was made by 10th Indian Division in the area 2 1/2 miles southwest of Bibbiena.

On Fifth Army front 6th Armored Division of 13th Corps captured Pelago and advanced two miles to the northwest and north. 8th Indian Division crossed the Arno River all along the line from Florence to Pontassieve and have a bridgehead one to two miles deep. There was no change on the remainder of the Fifth Army front.

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NAVSITINTREP 11 DRAGOON. PERIOD ENDING 252000 OPENING THE GULF DE ACIJEJOLTLEV TO SWEETING. SWEETING TO GULF ENTRANCE

COMPLETED 1400. 13 FRENCH AND 16 GERMAN MINES WITH SNAG LINES CUT. LATTER AT GULF ENTRANCE 6 SC AND BPS TO PORT DE BOUC

CHANNEL ENTRANCE. HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED CAHRS AREA. PORT DE BOUC AREA NOT YET GARRISONED. SFCP RADIO NOW PROVIDES COMMUNICATIONS. ON 6TH DAY BOMBARDMENT MANDRIER STILL SOME ACTIVITY 3 LOCATIONS MANSEILL KOUA. AUGUSTA 128 RDS ISLE

RATOQUE 18 RDS ISLE POQUEUES 128 RDS CAP CROISETTE. QUINCY 30 RDS GIGNAC. RDS NOT REPORTED ON MANDRIER BY LORNAINE

AURORA SIRIUS GLOIRE BUT RETURN FIRE CEASED 1602 WHEN RANGE REDUCED TO 7 MILES. BOMBARDMENT THROUGHOUT DAY INTENSIFIED FROM 1800 TO 1900 AFTER WHICH ARMY WAS TO REQUEST SURRENDER. NO INFO RECEIVED FROM ARMY. FIRING CEASED. RIGHT FLANK. EMILE

BERTIN PLUS 3 DO COMPLETED 5 MISSIONS ON TROOPS MORTAR AND SMALL C D BATTERY IN NICE CANNES AREA.

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2 DD REPAIRED FOR NIGHT CALLS. CARRIER 7 V/c STARS 40 SORTIES IN R/HONE AREA. ATTACK BRIDGES TROOP COLUMNS AND M/T'S. NO LOSSES A/C REPORTED. PTS PATROLLING AND DNG BOTEJN SCREEN REPORTED EXPLOSIVE BOAT ATTACK FROM BATEIDE ANGES. 2 VISUAL SIGHTINGS AND SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS. NO DAMAGE. SIZE OF CRAFT MAKE RADAR DETECTION ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. TO DATE 207 LST AND 171 LCI HAVE UNLOADED IN ASSAULT AREA. CONVOYS ARRIVING SM-4 24 M/V 6 LST AM-3 5 M/V SF-5 7 TRANS- PORSS SF-4 13 LCI C M-3 10 LST X-4 S4-9 PORT DE BOUC SECTOR IN LIVERMORE.

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TARGETS FOR BOMBARDING SHIPS ON 23 AUGUST INCLUDED COAST DEFENCE BATTERIES IN TOULON AREA GUN EMPLACEMENTS OIL STORAGE AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS NEAR CANNES.

RAILWAY TRUCKS AND U/T WERE ATTACKED BY CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT 23 AUGUST 3 BRIDGES WERE ALSO DESTROYED.

HEAVY UNITSBombarded targets in Gulf of Fos Area on 24TH AUGUST SUPPORTING MINESweepING OPERATIONS. CRUISERS ATTACKED GD BATTERIES NEAR TOULON AND OTHER TARGETS IN VICINITY OF NICE WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED. 1 MERCHANT SHIP IN NICE HARBOUR WAS HIT AND CAUGHT FIRE AND A BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER VAR WAS DAMAGED.

2 AIRCRAFT LOST AND 5 DAMAGED IN ATTACKS ON ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS BY CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT.

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A PT boat was mined in approaches to Gulf of Fox. Sleeping operations to open Port de Bouc proceeding satisfactorily.

1 ship reported sunk and the other damaged of 2 unknown type vessels attacked by coastal forces in Gulf of Genoa Night 24/25 August.

Coastal forces report sinking E boat in Mljet Channel Night 18/19 August and 2000 Laden merchant ship in Gulf of Trieste Night 24/25 August.

HM Submarine reports gun action against small tanker during patrol in Aegean before being forced to dive by escort.

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Received as 262114B.

SCR has transmitted to Army via Scrambler.
From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Advanced Detachment, Bastia, Corsica
To: War Department
CG, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
No: BX 15895 27 August 1944

To: For action AGWAR for Marshall personal, APHQ for Wilson personal for info SHARF for Eisenhower personal from APHQ Adv Det from Devers no BX 15895.

Mopping up in the coastal regions continues. Regions southwest of Hyeres have been completed and Toulon city captures. Mopping up operations continue on Cap Sicie. Enemy still holds St. Maudrier. Enemy positions in Marseilles are being eliminated. The enemy attack in the Livron area has not been able to move the 36th Division. Avignon and Carpentras have been occupied and reconnaissance to Mollans (0-2819) and Vaison (0-1919) without contact. Briancon (F-3997) and Bourg (J-1408) have been occupied. Elements of 36th Division have occupied Nyons (0-2435). An advance in the Cannes and Grasse area of from 2 to 3 miles along a 12 mile front was reported.

Seventh Army requested maximum effort of bombers to attack Hyeres and Pomeaus off Marseilles harbor. 140 tons of bombs were dropped on these islands.

It is my opinion that the western port at Marseilles will be delivered promptly and that we will be able to use.

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the Rhone Canal and river as far as Arles. The railroads have not been materially damaged as far as Valence and if we can keep up the pressure will probably not be further damaged as far as Dijon. The delay in the operating of the main line will be the bridges which our own air force has knocked out.

I am very definitely of the opinion that Truscott has cut off the 11th Panzer Division and elements of three and other divisions trying to escape to the north. Some of the units of these divisions will undoubtedly filter through but I believe the battle which is now imminent will see the destruction or capture of all these forces. Cannon has moved his dive bombers into southern France with great rapidity and they are having a field day on the blocked traffic on the roads on both sides of the Rhone between Avignon and Valence. The 157th Reserve Division which retreated toward the passes leading into Italy has been pretty well cut up and will not amount to much as a division.

Saw Hewitt who is taking energetic action to have Port de Bouc operating immediately. Apparently the entrances to this port have not been completely blocked. It is exceptionally valuable in that there is oil storage and it is close to airfield, railroad and dock terminals.

Our principal need is another corps of 3 divisions to be pushed in as soon after the 20th of September as possible.
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possible. The Seventh Army has plenty of real estate and they are quite willing to give some of it to another corps.

I returned from the bridgehead at 1800 hours today.

Estimated unloaded as of 1800 hours 23 August:
cargo-35,377 LT.


Unconfirmed reports place Prisoners of War at 36,000 and 6,000 enemy dead counted, as of 1800 hours 26 August.

End.

ACTION: Gen Handy
INFO: CC/S
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
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NAVSTRINTREP 10. DRAGON. PERIOD ENDING 252400. CARRYING OUT DECISION NCWTF TO OPEN GULF DE FOI AND ETANG DE BERRE TF 86 MINESWEEPERS COVERED BY SOMERS AND ROADMAN BEGAN SWEEPING AT 1ST LIGHT ON A LINE 190 DEGREES FROM PORT DE BOUC LIGHT. NEVADA BOMBARDED TO POMEUGES (200 ROUNDS) SILENCING ALL BUT FLAK. GUN LIFE NEVADA EXHAUSTED. AT 1400 M/S SHELD LAT 47-15 FROM CAP COURONNE AND PORT GAG GAGNAC. CHANNEL WIDENED FOR CRUISER ACCESS. QUINCY AND PHILADELPHIA BOMBARDED. UNABLE TO LOCATE CD BATTERIES TILL DARK. SWEEPING PROGRESSED TO LAT 43-20 CLEARING 38 MINES PLANE MINE SPOTTING ASSISTED. 1700 PT 555 RETURNING FROM PORT DE BOUC WITH FRENCH RECCE MISSION HIT MINE AT CAPE COURONNE BUOY. FRIENDLY LOCAL GRAFT MINED ATTEMPTING RES-

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CUE. BOTH VESSELS REMAINED AFOAT AND ANCHORED. BOMBARDMENT 23RD (825 ROUNDS 1 BB 1 CA 3 CL) MOST EFFECTIVE IN AREA FROM CAPE SICILY TO GIOEN. LATTER AREA REDUCED. TODAY CD BATTERIES TOULON REGION HIT HEAVILY WITH 4 CRUISERS FIRING 516 ROUNDS. ONLY 3 CD BATTERIES REMAINED ACTIVE 1 CAPE SICILY 2 MANDIER. SUPPORTING ARMY RIGHT FLANK TUSCALOOSA 2 DD RECONNOITRED NICE. DREW NO FIRE. EDISON 227 ROUNDS DESTROYED R/R GUN. CHAMPLIN 94 ROUNDS DAMAGED BRIDGE ACROSS VAR. EMILE BERTIN 73 ROUNDS NICE HARBOR WITH M/V AFIRE. CARRIERS. 14 MISSIONS WITH 58 F/B SORTIES AGAINST COMMUNICATIONS. INTENSE FLAK MARSEILLE LESS IN TOULON 2 SEAFIRES MISSING. 5 HELLCATS DAMAGED. WEATHER EXCELLENT. 105 M/V OF 131 ARRIVING SINCE D DAY UNLOADED. REMAINING 26 APPROXIMATELY 70% UNLOADED. INSHORE PATROL MTB ON RIGHT FLANK ABOVE CAPE ANTIBES NOTED CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY AND PROBABLY BROKE UP ENEMY ATTEMPT TO LAUNCH HUMAN TORPEDO OR EXPLOSIVE BOAT ATTACK.

*AS RECD. PROBABLY SHOULD BE LAT 43-15.
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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters Advanced Detachment Bastia, Corsica

To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

No. BX15876  26 August 1944

To: for action AGWAR personal for Marshall AFRQ personal for Wilson SHAEP personal for Eisenhower from AFRQ Adv Det from Devers. T. Ref number BX15876

Further advances have been made throughout the entire front. The French II Corps has now occupied most of Toulon. Between Toulon and Marseilles it has advanced to the coast at T-6007. In Marseilles enemy pockets of resistance continue to be mopped up. Elements of French II Corps relieved the 3rd Division in area south of the Burance River. Elements then advanced to the west and occupied Arles and Tarascon, on the Rhone. Unconfirmed reports state that our troops are in Avignon and Carpentras northeast of Avignon.

Enemy forces estimated to be 1-1/2 Divisions, including armor, launched an attack on the 36th Division north of Montelmar. Results of this attack not yet known but indications are that we are holding. The 3rd Division and elements of 45th Division are moving to attack enemy flank and rear from general direction of Apt (T-4680) and Apremont (0-6949).

General Patch has announced his intention to take Toulon as opportunity offers, to concentrate his effort on
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Bastia, Corsica

No. HX15876 26 August 1944

Marseilles and clear it up rapidly, and move his bulk to
the destruction of German forces east and west of the Rhone.

Air Force strafed motor columns and railroads on
all roads running west of the Rhone from southwest France
where there appeared to be a mass evacuation.

General Patch has requested that Air Force cease
immediately all bombing of bridges south of the line: Tours-
Lyon-junction of Swiss-Italian border. This request is
being complied with.

Estimated unloaded as of 1800 hours 21 August:
Personnel 197,356 vehicles 29,191 cargo 23902 LF.
Casualties as of 2359 hours 21 August:

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Estimated prisoners to date approximately 25,000.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S
      Gen Arnold
      Gen Somervell
      Gen Bissell

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NAVITREP 9, DRAGOON. PERIOD ENDING 232400.

WEATHER SUITABLE. WIND 18 KNOTS PAX* YESTERDAY DROPPED TO 10 KNOTS TODAY. 4 FOOT SURF WHICH IMPeded UNLOADING OF CRAFT BECAME NEGLECTIBLE TODAY. NAVAL BEACH CONTROL UNLOADING FIGURES ALL BEARING PERSONNEL 2586. VEHICLES 279%. TONNAGE 16428.

7TH ARMY REQUESTED THAT SCHEDULED V/V BE ACCELERATED FOR UNLOADING BOMBARDMENT OF THE CRYSTAL RIM OF DEFENSE CONTINUED FROM MARSEILLE TO GIEN. *AFTER BOMBARDMENT OF GIEN AREA HPTTNALL* LANDED 136 FRENCH TROOPS WITH NO RESISTANCE APPROACHING THROUGH RADE D HYERES WHICH HAS BEEN SWEPT FOR GB SHIPS.

NO ADDITIONAL SWEEPING TO BE DONE THIS AREA IN THAT BEACH AND HYERES ANCHORAGE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED. LIGHT INDICATOR NETS WILL NOT BE LAID. ACTIVE BATTERIES IN CANNES AREA WERE COVERED.
Firing early morning by Boyle Champlin firing 8 missions. Numerous fires were observed. During day Tuscaloosa using air spotters 3 missions destroyed 2 groups gun emplacements and disrupted concentrations of enemy tracks on road near Balbonne. Brooklyn with SOC fired 3 missions on gun emplacements. Qooped* with SCFP on 4 missions hit oil storage (which burned) pill boxes and destroyed M/T Convoy. French tricolor sighted at noon on tower behind Cannifs. No real threat has appeared in the assault area since E boat attack early 22nd. Staticon air field (there reported in operation) facilitates air defense. 12 V/F SCFP provide cover with reserve ready to scramble. Spotting planes provided locally from cruisers CVE's and fields. Right A/C still from Corsica searching each side convoy lane close cover each convoy entire day. A/S A/C to direct communication with DD screen cover (1st group omitted - relay serviced) enemy contacts. Carrier 16 F/8 missions. Of 15 F/8 sorties. 25 MT destroyed. G railray trucks damaged 3 bridges destroyed. Spotting missions with cruisers reported 6 hits 4 near misses on Ft. Carriere target. 6 hits 4 near misses on Fort de Six Fours. 6 hits Cape Sicie. 5 near misses on heavy CO battery Cape Capet. TAC/SCFP reported little movement on phone. Established PT patrol off shore between Cape Antifer and Cape Ferrat to deny egress of E boat and explosive boats. Etibron 22 assigned to SCFS is operating with British MTB against coastal traffic east of Meridian through Cape Aneglio. Blood bank service from Corsica to beaches taken over from PTS by A/C.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44
INTELLIGENCE: GERMAN VICE ADMIRAL REPORTED SUICIDE AT
NAVAL HQS on 6 AUGUST 17. ICANINES AREA OFFICIALS USING
Houses as cover for artillery with frequent shift locations.
FFI agents rendering valuable assistance in locating for
NAVAL GUNFIRE.

SCR DELIVERED RENCYPHERMENT TO NAVCOM FOR TRANSMISSION TO
COMNAVEU AS 257349.

*AS RECEIVED
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From: CG, AFRHQ Adv Det. Bastia, Corsica
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

Nr: BX 15861 25 August 1944

BX 15861 to for action AGRWAR personal for Marshall, AFRHQ personal for Wilson, SHAEP personal for Eisenhower from AFRHQ Adv Det from Devers.

The Seventh Army is continuing to move the bulk of VI Corps north to operate in the vicinity of Grenoble, Livron N97, and Valence.

36th Division with attachments occupy Grenoble, Aspremont, 075, Livron, Gap, 095, and maintain flank protection in the vicinity L'Argentiere, P38.

45th Division has moved to join 36th Division in vicinity of Grenoble, leaving elements to assist 3rd Div on the west and north of Marseilles. At Marseilles pockets of resistance continue to hold out in the southern section of the city. Bulk of Toulon is held by 9th DIC, who are expected to complete occupation of Toulon the night of 25th Aug but not La Seyne, Y-59, or the Peninsula of Saint Mandrier, Y-99.

French garrison troops occupied Ile de Porquerolles which was captured by US Naval forces. First AB Task Force occupied Dannes and Antibes against light resistance.
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From: CG, APHQ Adv Det. Bastia, Corsica
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C in C Med. Reported minesweeping forces have commenced clearance of approach channel to Fort de Bouc.

Except for normal support, no air operations of importance.

End

ACTION: Gen Handy
INFO: CC/3 Adm King
       Gen Arnold Col Park
       Gen Somervell Log
       Gen Bissell

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AIG 387 FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 417.

(1) BOMBARDING FORCES ON 20TH AUGUST IN ADDITION TO SUPPORT FOR ATTACK ON TOULON ANX 212150 REFERS ENGAGED TARGETS BETWEEN HYERES AND PORQUEROLLES INCLUDING GIENS PENINSULA. EXCELLENT RESULTS REPORTED. ON 21ST AUGUST TARGETS WERE HEAVY SHIPS SOUTH OF LASEYNE AND IN MANDBIER AREA AND LIGHT FORCES GIENS AND HYERES. PORQUEROLLES TOWN WAS ALSO SHELLED. MANY ARMEIGNANS AND P. OF V. WERE REMOVED FROM THE ISLAND BUT ONE STRONG POINT HELD OUT, GARRISON
HOWEVER SURRENDERED TO OMAHA AT 221130. OTHER LANES
BOMBARDED IN GULF OF NAPOULE.

(2) CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT ON 20TH AUGUST DESTROYED 9
LOCOMOTIVES AND 118 M/T'S. 5 AIRCRAFT WERE LOST AND 4
BADLY DAMAGED. ON 21ST AUGUST IN ADDITION TO ATTACK ON
COMMUNICATIONS 6 LIGHTERS 1 STEAMER AND AN M/L WERE DESTROYED
IN TOULON. 1 SPOTTING AIRCRAFT WAS LOST.

(3) SAINT RAPHAEL PORT WAS OPEN ON 20TH AUGUST.

(4) MY 212159 PARAGRAPH 5 A THIRD E-BOAT WAS INTERCEPTED
LATER FORCED ASHORE AND BLEW UP BY GUNFIRE.

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Nr: PX 87762 25 Aug 1944

PX 87762 AGWAR for General Surles, TROOPERS for Lord Burnham signed Wilson cite FHQCT.

In Southern France the Island of Porquerolles surrendered on 22nd August to a US cruiser after several days of bombardment. 36th Division and elements of 45th Division were maintaining their positions along the line Agentiere-Grenoble-Liveron. Other elements of 45th Division were maintaining a road block west of Apt.

3rd Division moved west and occupied Salon and Martigues. On 2nd French Corps front some enemy pockets were still holding out in Marseilles.

9th Colonial Division and 3rd Algerian Division were still engaged in heavy fighting in Toulon. 1st Motorized Division made only slight progress in the vicinity of Le Fardet, east of Toulon. There has been no news from the Italian front since our last report.

End

ACTION: BPR
INFO: CC/S Col Park
CG AAF
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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Nr: FX 87242 24 August 1944

FX 87242 signed Wilson cite F3007. AGWAR for General Sirles, TR30728 for Lord Burnham.

Seventh Army continued its rapid advance in southern France. On VI Corps front 36th Division captured Argentière while other elements of the division moved west from Aspéront and ambushed the retreating enemy in the Rhône Valley between Montelimar and Valence.

Task force Butler captured Lavars and continued towards Grenoble. Grenoble was occupied by elements of 45th Division. Other elements of 45th Division reached Apt.

3rd Division was establishing defensive positions in the area eight miles west of Aix. In II French Corps sector Marseilles has been occupied although a few pockets of enemy resistance still remain to be cleared up.

To the southeast the fighting in Toulon continued. Despite stiff resistance 1st Motorized Division captured Hyères and advance to Le Pradet, five miles to the west.

On Eighth Army front in Italy, II Polish Corps has gained the line of the Metauro River all along the line. Further west Italian elements of the corps captured Acqualagna and Cagli.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FX 87242 24 August 1944

In X Corps sector 10th Indian Division made further small gains into the high ground north of Subbiano. On the remainder of Eighth Army front and on Fifth Army front active patrolling continued.

End

ACTION: BFR

INFO: CC/B, CGAEP, OPD, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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AIG 387: FOLEY, FOTATI, FOIT, 120 5TH ARMY, GINEF VA MALTA, FORCA, FO 15TH C.S. COMA, COMORSEAFRON, CONLIN, FOVE, RICHQ CAIRO, ABYTY, CONNAWAHR, FA ALEXANDRIA.

AIG 387 FROM OCHIED SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 416.

ON 19TH AUGUST BOMBARDMENT WAS CARRIED OUT IN GIBRALTAR. On PORQUEROLLES AND IN SUPPORT OF ARMY ADVANCE, ON 19TH AUGUST USS NEVADA FS LORRAINE AND USS AUGUSTA BOMBARDED 8TH IN TOULON AREA. No RETURN FIFE USS NEVADA OBTAINED DIRECT HIT ON FS STRASBOURG. OTHER SHIPS ENGAGED OUR EMPLACEMENTS IN GULF OF HAPOUL AND NORTH OF CANNES WITH GOOD RESULT.

(2) ON 20TH AUGUST USS NEVADA FS LORRAINE HITS BLACK PRINCE, HIS AURORA USS AUGUSTA USS PHILADELPHIA FS EMILY BERTH AND LE FANTASQUE CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFUL BOMBARDMENT IN SUPPORT.
OF ATTACK ON TOULON. ONLY SLIGHT RETURN FIRE. FS LE FANTASQUE
AND FS GEORGES LEVEGUES EACH RECEIVED 1 HIT FROM LIGHT BATTERY
CAUSING SLIGHT CASUALTIES IN FS LE FANTASQUE.

(3) CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO HAVE SUCCESSES ON 18TH
AUGUST AND 19TH AUGUST ON LOCOMOTIVES AND MOTOR TRANSPORT.
5 ENEMY AIRCRAFT, DESTROYED AND 1 DAMAGED FOR A LOSS OF 1 AIR-
CRAFT WITH 1 DAMAGED.

(4) SWEEPING IN GULF OF FRISEUS COMPLETED ON 19TH AUGUST TOTAL
BAG 75 CONTACTS AND 12 MAGNETIC.

(5) NIGHT 20TH/21ST F BOATS ATTEMPTED TO PENETRATE RIGHT FLANK
SCREEN 1 SUNK AND 1 BEACHED ON FIRE.

(6) FRENCH TROOPS REPORTED ENTERING TOULON FROM NORTH AT
201200.

(7) AT LEGHORN ON 20TH FIRST LIBERTY SHIP BERTHED ALONGSIDE.
GAP IN BLOCKSHIP NOW 200 FEET BY 26 FEET WITH 30 FEET IN
EASTERN HALF.

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DELAYED DUE TO SERVICING.
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From: CG, Air Force Headquarters Advance Detachment Corsica

To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

No: BX 15845

24 August 1944

Ref: BX 15845 F0 for action AGWAR personal for Marshall, AFRQ personal for Wilson, SHAEF personal for Eisenhower from AFRQ Adv Det from Devers.

Reports from Seventh Army today have been very meager. Seventh Army reported that Marseilles was occupied by French Army B at 1715 hours 23rd August. Pockets of resistance are holding out and being mopped up. Iles de Porquerolles surrendered 154 POWs. Supplies being moved across the beaches are fulfilling expectations. A limited amount of railroad equipment is in working condition. Local standard gauge railroads will be in working condition after minor repair.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO:
CG AAF
G-2
Adm. King
Col. Park
Log

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NAVITMREP 7. DRAGOON. PERIOD ENDING 2224Z.

NO ALERTS. 1 HE 111 REPORTED CROSSED CAMEL AREA AT DECK LEVEL. INTENTION NOT CLEAR BUT MAY HAVE DROPPED MINES.

A SECTOR OPERATIONS ROOM HAS BEEN SET UPashore. THIS SOR HAS ASSUMED CONTROL OF DAY AND NIGHT FIGHTERS AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR RAID WARNINGS AND DEFENSE AGAINST AIR ATTACKS TO A DISTANCE OF 40 MILES FROM THE BEACHES. THE CONTROL OF INDIVIDUAL NIGHT FIGHTERS MAY BE PASSED TO 3 SECTOR WHERE GCI SHIPS ARE STATIONED. THE 3RD DAY OF BOMBARDMENT COVERED AREA FROM MARSEILLE TO GIEN. AUGUSTA 54 RDS AND GLOIRE ANSWERED URGENT CALLS FROM ARMY IN ST MARCEL AREA. AURORA 76 RDS CAPE BRUM 2 DIRECT HITS.

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Philadelphia neutralized targets near Gien in connection
Porquerolles attack. White flag raised 2 occasions. 2 88
PCM 3 cl in call. Smoke screens employed against very active
cd guns. Splashes near all firing ships with 12 gun salvo
near Augusta including shells from Vandrier at reported range
32000 yards. Porquerolles after am bombing Eberle destroyed
boats barracks and ammunition dump and removed about 50 P.W.
Tatnall landed 19% Senegalese and took off 15% P.W. Number
enemy remaining unknown. Bombardment Tuscaloosa Brooklyn
Edison Woolsey Champlin Terrible in Gulf Napoule using Soo
planes and SCFP successfully covered targets la Boca Cannes
Area. Tuscaloosa near Miss Edison Terrible each had 1 man
slightly wounded early morning by unlocated battery. Tuscaloosa
destroyed 3 strong points of 17% MM and active batteries No 1
of Biscarre. Brooklyn with Soo fired against armored vehicles
R/R guns and neutralized target west of Fort Frege. Boyle
Woolsey Edison 8 night missions with SCFP against pillboxes
and harassing batteries with good results. Enemy reported
to be using mobile guns from tunnels, carrier force, 11
F/B missions, 84 F/B sorties, Rhone Valley. Destroyed 3
locomotives, 2 armored cars, staffed 50 M.T. Recce in early
morning showed very little movement. 25 to 50 M.T disclosed
moving NE in Rhone Valley at 1500. But deteriorating weather
prevented the F/B from attacking. 4 Spitfires not operating
from Ramatuelle airfield for spotting and fighter missions.
NAVAL MESSAGE

From: C.in C. Med.
To: A.I.O. 387

Situation Report Number 416.

On 18th August bombardment was carried out in Giens Area, on Forquerolles and in support of army advance. On (19th) August U.S.S. NEVADA F.S.LORRAINE and U.S.S. AUGUSTA bombarded P.M. in Toulon Area. No return fire U.S.S. NEVADA obtained direct hit on F.S.STRASBOURG. Other ships engaged gun emplacements in Gulf of Napoule and North of Cannes with good result.


(3) Carrier Based Aircraft continued to have successes on 18th August and 19th August on locomotives and motor transport. 5 enemy aircraft destroyed and 1 damaged for a loss of 1 aircraft with 1 damaged.

(4) Sweeping in Gulf of Fresus completed on 19th August total bag 75 contacts and 12 magnetic.

(5) Night 20th/21st E Boats attempted to penetrate right flank screen (?1) sunk and 1 beached on fire.
(6) French troops reported entering Toulon from North at 0200.

(7) At Leghorn on 20th first Liberty Ship berthed alongside. Gap in Block Ship now 200 feet by 26 feet with 30 feet in Eastern half.

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Field Marshal
Admiral
Gen. Macready
Air Marshal
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J.S.M. (8)
Head of N.I.D. 18
S.O. (1)
S.O. (4)
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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.  
To: War Department. 
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, 

No: FX 86701  
23 August 1944  

DRAGOON digest number 4. TROPERS, AGWAR, SHAEF 
for G 2, Adv Det APHQ for Allen, NADIST for SPOC for Follett 
from G 2 APHQ FX 86701 signed Wilson cite FHS61. 

1. Further indications Germans continuing withdrawal 
from SW France—SPOC reports 21 August that last enemy troops 
after evacuating their billets in Carcassonne destroyed stores 
and dumps of war equipment and POL and withdrew east in dis-
order. OSS reports 20 August road traffic through Montpellier, 
armoured units of 11th Panzer Division were followed by troops 
from Pyrenees Orientales and Haute Gironne. Further OSS re-
port dated 21 August states traffic Bordeaux to Angouleme and 
Poitiers resumed 18 August on increasing scale. Trains with 
HD material standing between Arcachon and Bordeaux. Army 
bakery service (? at Bordeaux) suspended production. Same 
source 18 August states all services evacuating Bordeaux 
north via highway 10. Morale troops in area especially low. 
SPOC reports (dated 21 August) Germans left Cahors, Montech, 
Montauban, Castelsarrasin destroying large fuel and munici-
pal dumps and line communications, and confirms FFI control 
Pyrenean frontier zone. 

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/64.
From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Advanced Detachment, Bastia, Corsica

To: War Department
    Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

Nr: BX 15826 23 August 1944

To forward AGWAR personal for Marshall AFHQ personal for Wilson for SHAPE personal for Eisenhower from AFHQ Adv Det from Devers to Toulon BX 15826.

The resistance at Toulon has been greater than anticipated but General De Lattre fully expects to reduce the defenses of the city and effect its capture to night. I doubt his ability to do so. At present we hold the majority of the city in which house to house and hand to hand combat is prevalent. General De Lattre, however, expects that additional time will be required to reduce Hun positions guarding the entrance to the harbor and to complete mopping up.

Marseilles is completely invested except for the coastal road leading to the northwest. General Patch believes that Marseilles will fall shortly. He reports the Port De Bouc, northwest of Marseilles, is in hands of FFI. With this port swept of mines, supply of Seventh Army can be effected from this area thus saving long haul from beach dumps in assault areas.

Butler task force beat the enemy to Rivex N-9977 late yesterday and ambushed the head of retreating columns. The destruction of the leading march columns is claimed, including approximately 690 Germans killed. The 36th Division is

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FROM: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Advanced Detachment, Bastia, Corsica

Nr: BX 15826q 23 August 1944

closing in the same area with task force Butler. The leading elements of the 45th Division have arrived in Grenoble and the remainder of the Division is enroute. Truscott plans to move Headquarters VI Corps to the area of the 36th and 45th Division tomorrow morning and assume control of operations.

Observers returning from task force Butler by air today reported roads on the Rhone Valley heavily congested with German troops and transport.

3rd Division is still engaged holding a defensive flank on the north and south road which runs generally from point T-4679 to Chau Des Quatres Tours T-3741.

First train leaves tonight with 60,000 gallons gas from St Raphael to St Maximin. Class one/supplies now moved well to west. These two classes insure support continued advance Seventh Army up Rhone valley. Unloading at beaches and supply is most rapid advance shows excellent planning of 7th and Seventh Army.

Casualties as of 0359 hours 19 August:

US killed and missing 1107, hospitalized 3096.
British killed and missing 366, hospitalized 91.
French as of 0359 hours 20 August: Killed and missing 54, hospitalized 304.

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Advanced Detachment, Bastia, Corsica

Nr: BX 15826 23 August 1944

Prisoners of war estimated at 1200 hours 22 August-16500.

Normal air support was given during the day. Medium and fighter bombers * bridges, rail and motor transportation, and gun positions. Good results reported.

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WEATHER, SLIGHT DISTURBANCE WITH WIND RISING TO 18 KNOTS FROM EAST SURF 2 FT VISIBILITY OVER 10 MILES.

ENEMY COASTAL GUNS TOULON TO GIEN AREA LESS ACTIVE THAN YESTERDAY. GUNS WERE REPORTED OPERATING AGAINST LAND FORCES AS WELL AS SEA FORCES. SOME SPLASHES CLOSE TO SHIPS NO DAMAGE REPORTED. BOMBARDMENT PLAN SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS DAY WITH LORRAINE NEVADA AND QUINCY COVERING AREA SOUTH OF LA SEINE INCLUDING MANDRIER AREA. ROUNDS FIRED UNKNOWN. GIEN HYERES AREA REPORTED NEUTRALIZED WHEN ABOUT 350 ROUNDS WERE FIRED BY FOLLOWING SHIPS AUGUSTA AURORA EMILE BERTIN MONTCAULM.
PHILADELPHIA SOC PLANE LOST GLEIN AREA, EBERLE BOMBARDED TOWN OF PORQUEROLLES ON ISLAND OF SAME NAME. BOATS SUNK IN HARBOR. EBERLE REPORTED REMOVING 140 ARMEAN POW FROM PORQUEROLLES. ALSO REPORTED A STRONG POINT REMAINS CONTAINING 150 GERMANS. 2 PT PATROLLED PETITE PASSE TO PREVENT ESCAPE. ON RIGHT OF ASSAULT AREA BROOKLYN TERRIBLE AND WOOLSEY CONDUCTED 5 MISSIONS IN NAPOULE AREA. DO'S DREW FIRE FROM CANNES AREA.

C F HUGHES DOYLE AND CHAMPLIN ENGAGED 3 ENEMY E-BOATS ATTEMPTING TO PENETRATE SCREEN AT O115 OFF ILES DE LERINS. OF THESE 1 EXPLODED.

1 DAMAGED AND FORCED AGROUND GULF JUAN. 2 ENEMY SURVIVORS ABOARD HUGHES. PRISONER STATED 1 E-BOAT HIDING ISLE ST HONORAT SOUTH OF CANNES. BROOKLYN SOC PLANE COORDINATING WITH DD'S DISCOVERED E-BOAT AT 0600 HEADING EAST FROM HONORAT. HUGHES AND JONES INTERCEPTED THIS BOAT, FORCED IT ASHORE AND BLEW IT UP BY GUNFIRE.

CARRIERS: 148 SORTIES V/F AND F/G AND T/R MISSIONS. STRUCK AT COMMUNICATIONS.

SUMMARIZING RESULTS TOULOUSE TO LYON SINCE D DAY. 360 M/T 19 LOCOMOTIVES 55 R/R CARS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. TODAY DESTROYED 8 F LIGHTERS 1 STEAMER.

1 ML IN TOULON AREA. 1 WILDCAT LOST.

DF/ DISAPPEARING ASV CONTACT AND 1 DD SOUND CONTACT BROUGHT NO DEFINITE INDICATION OF S/M AT SEA. NO DAMAGE REPORTED. NO RED ALERTS.

INTELLIGENCE: ENEMY MINING TACTICS ASSAULT AREA.

1. MINES 2 FEET BELOW SURFACE 30 TO 100 YARDS APART.

2. FREJUS FIELD HAD 2 LINES SHALLOW MINES AND 1 OF GROUND MAGNETIC TYPE.

3. FIELDS LAID TO DENY ENTRY LANDING CRAFT. LOCATED INSHORE AND INACCESSIBLE TO YMS AND LARGER SWEEPERS. BOAT H/S PROVED VALUABLE BUT LEFT HOLIDAYS DUE NAVIGATIONAL DIFFICULTIES AND INEXPERIENCE.
ANTI SWEEPING DEVICES CONSISTED OF CHAIN MOORINGS. SOLID RUBBER BALLS ON MOORING CABLE TO RENDER CUTTERS INEFFECTIVE. MINEFIELD OBSTACLES PRESENT.

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NAVSINTREP 6. DRAGON. PERIOD ENDING 224400.

A3 OF 183 N/V THAT ARRIVED BY D PLUS 1 COMPLETELY UNLOADED.

ARMY DOES NOT DESIRE SCHEDULE EXCEEDED.

ALPHA UNLOADED 2571 PERSONNEL 1270 VEHICLES 5753 TONS.

BECAUSE OF RAPID ARMY ADVANCE PRESENT INTENTIONS NOT TO
DEVELOP EITHER LE LAVANDOU OR RARE D HYRES BEACHES. 1
ENGINEER BATTALION INCLUDING 1 COMPANY FIRST BEACH BATTOLO
PREPARED TO MOVE TO TOULON. DELTA UNLOADED 2336 PERSONNEL
048 VEHICLES, 5361 TONS. LCM(L) UNLOADED 7328 PERSONNEL
451 VEHICLES 326 TONS. BEACH 265 CLOSED. SAN RAFAEL PORT
OPENED.

CONVOYS SAILED AU-24 N/V 1 YF/S-322***

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FACILITIES EXIST ASHORE. 7TH ARMY ASSUMES EVACUATION RESPONSIBILITIES.
CAPACITY FOR EVACUATION 97 patients until D plus 28.
3 RED ALERTS. 2ND DAY WITH NO E/A OVER AREA.
CAPTIVELS. 9 MISSIONS F/B. 59 SORTIES F/B. 4 Locomotives
DESTROYED 2 DAMAGED. 118 M/T DESTROYED. REPORT 6 F BOATS BEACHED
AND 4 DAMAGED. 4 HELLCATS DESTROYED 3 BADLY DAMAGED. 1 SEAFIRE
DESTROYED 1 BADLY DAMAGED BY FLAK OVER TOULON. 49 SORTIES FLOWN
OS SPOTTING. 1 HELLCAT DESTROYED.
CVE GROUP 1 ARRIVED MADDALENA. GROUP 1 WILL TAKE STATION RELIEVING
GROUP 2 TOMORROW. THEN GROUPS WILL ALTERNATE BASEIN MADDALENA
13 MORE CUB SPOTTING PLANES TRANSFERRED TO FIELD AT PATATUELLE.
COASTAL AIR FORCE REENFORCED NIGHT A/C SEARCH ALONG CONVOY ROUTES
AND ADJACENT ASSAULT AREA DUE TO POSSIBLE SUBMARINE VENACE.
AIR AND SURFACE FORCES SUPPORTED THE LAND ATTACK ON TOULON. BOM
BARDMENT BEGAN 1600, WHEN HAZE CLEARED FOR SPOTTING. ABOUT 1500
POUNDS REPORTED WITH TARGETS WAS FOLLOWS. LORRAINE AND QUINCY
MANDIER SAINFELIX AND SOUTHUSS LA SEYNE. AURORA BLACK PRINCE FILE
PERTHE CANTASQUE NEVADA AUGUSTA PHILADELPHIA (394 FDS) QUINCY (521 FDS)
FROM WEST HYDROSATO PORCEFROLLES INCLUDING VIEN PENINSULA. EXCELLENT
RESULTS ON NUMEROUS TARGETS. AT 1445 34 M/T GUN ACTIVE ON MANDIER.
FIRED ABOUT 57 FDS RANGES TO 2600 YARDS. CANTASQUE HIT 4 CASUALTIES
ERICSSON STRANDED BY 4 GUN BATTERY (MID C D). GEORGE LEYGUES HIT
BY 165 MM SNEIL. CANTASQUE ON LIVERMORE VIEWED THE ACTION.
SC 1029 REFERENCE VESSEL DURING THE ASSAULT BADLY DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION.
ESTIMATE 3 MONTHS FOR REPAIRS.

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TO: All1d Force Headquarters, Advance Detachment, Bastia, Corsica

From: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

No: BX 15813 22 August 1944

To for action AGWAR for Marshall, SHAEF for Eisenhower, AFRQ for Kilson from AFRQ Adv Det signed Devers

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Task Force Butler now in Valley of Rhone between Montelimar and Valence. Reports indicate that this force and Third Army of SHAEF are only 180 miles apart.

The 36th Division is moving by motor (shuttling) to join Task Force Butler. Upon arrival of 36th Division at location of Task Force Butler, the Task Force reverts to command of Major General Dahlquist. The plan is for 45th Division to follow 36th Division and move on Grenoble as soon as possible. Mission of these forces (under control of VI Corps) is to seal off Rhone Valley and seize Grenoble, and prevent the escape of the Germans.

At present the 45th Division is north of Aix in Valley of Durance with detachments along Coulon River at Apt. Cp of 45th Division is at St Paul on Durance River.

The 3rd Division with Cp at Aix has its advance elements deployed about ten miles west of Aix to protect against a counter thrust by the 11th Panzer Division, which

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is believed to have about 40 tanks east of the Rhone and south of the Durance. This Division is apparently establishing a defensive flank to cover the French during the reduction of Toulon and Marseilles.

The Airborne units with the 1st Special Service Force attached are protecting the Army right and rear from the former location of the 36th Division. Cp of the Airborne Task Force is at St Raphael.

Heavy fighting is going on in the Toulon Area where resistance is much stronger than expected by General De Lattre. Two RCT of three DIA, one RCT of nine DIO, and the entire FMI are engaged in the fighting for Toulon.

1 RCT of 3 DIA, 101, and three Tabors are investing Marseilles.

Cp of Seventh Army opens at Brignoles this afternoon. Cp of VI Corps is now at Rigns.

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ACTION OPD

INFO: G/S, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Adm King, Col Park, GSF of S

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From: CO Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England

Nr: FX 86419 22 August 1944

O 2 summary number 12. Action to TROOPERS, AGWAR info to MAJOR, Mideast, SONTO, IPA, ACC, AAI Adv, Seventh Army, SPAC FX 86-19 signed Wilson cite PIHGB

France. 1. Identifications and dispositions:
Main westwards thurst opposed mainly by elements 189th and 198th Divisions with some units 242nd, 244th and 358th Divisions.

Bulk 244th Division probably Marseilles area and elements 242nd Division Toulon. 11th Panzer not yet in action though division probably in general area Aix-Salon.

2. Operations:
Stiffening resistance Toulon area especially east of port. On main west front enemy opposition scattered but sharp at key points. No resistance on northern axes of advance.

3. Movements:
Enemy column reported on road Genoble-Sisteron,

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From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Mr: FX 86419 22 August 1944

Possibly implication elements 157th Reserve Division.

Italy, 4th General: No further reports enemy activity in Franco-Italian frontier area. Some indications reinforcement of Adriatic flank namely, 733rd and 450th Artillery Battalions and elements 4th Tank Regiment.

End

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INFO: CC/8
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Adv. A.A.I.

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France

Para ONE: Identifications further elements 242 Infantry Division, elements 244 Infantry Division, elements 338 Infantry Division including 757 OR and Divisional Anti Tank Battalion.

Para TWO: Dispositions.

Prisoners confirm 244 Division had not left general area Marseille and eastward's prior to invasion. Prisoners 338 Division state 758 and 759 OR last heard of at Lyon. Appreciate bulk of Division left Bouches Du Rhone (02 summary No. 5) before invasion, now probably well north of Lyon and unlikely return to intervene in present battle. Elements

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remaining and now being contacted probably reinforced regimental group. 11 Panzer Division not yet contacted but appreciate now generally in Bouches Du Rhone area with elements east of Rhone. Captured document confirms detailed order of battle southern France prior to D Day to have been almost exactly as estimated. Exceptions are 85 Corps (probably synonymous with Gruppe Kniess) and 627 and 682 Artillery Battalions.

Para THREE: Operations

Resistance still generally scattered with occasional determined fighting at strong points. Stiffer opposition west Brignoles and some elements holding out in town. Light opposition west of Salernes. Very little resistance to columns moving north. Coast defence positions require elimination one by one.

Para FOUR: Movements

Rail moves generally reduced. Some infantry trains believed empty moving south from Lyon 17 August.

Para FIVE: Intentions

No change. Developments in northern France may well modify enemy's plans in south. In any case enemy likely seek inflict maximum delay in Allied exploitation and deny
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No: FX 85219

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Ports of Toulon and Marseilles.

Italy

Para SIX:

Reported fairly heavy road movement west and southwest Messandria not associated with any definite formation but appreciated as probably precautionary transfer units towards French Frontier as safeguard against Allied flanking thrust in direction Italy.

T.O.O. Nil

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/S
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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England
Hqs, North African District, Algiers, Algeria

Nr: 410 21 August 1944

COSINTREP No. 410 Part 2 signed Wilson cite
FRRW3 COSINTREP Number 409 not issued. COSINTREP from
C in C MED.

1. Allied heavy ship bombarded in Toulon area on 19th
August and direct hit was obtained on F S Strasbourg. No
return fire. Targets in Gulf of Napoule and north of
Cannes were engaged by other forces with good results.

2. On 20th August US And French battleships with Allied
cruisers carried out successful bombardment of targets in
Toulon area return fire was only slight. Two French cruisers
each received one hit from light battery which caused a few
casualties in one ship.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CGS
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Adm. King
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To: War Department
Nr: PX 85911 21 August 1944

FX 85911 action to AGWAR, TROOPERS signed Wilson cite PHCT action AGWAR for General Surles, TROOPERS for Lord Burnham.

Southern France.
7th Army's excellent progress has been made by 6th Corps and advanced elements are now 6 miles south of Digne. CC Sudre of 1st French Armored Division captured St Maximin and troops of 45th Division are in the area 9 miles north of this town. 1st Motorized Infantry Division of 2nd French Corps is relieving elements of 3rd Division in the Solliès-pont area. It has just been reported that elements 3rd DIA (French) reported entry into Toulon from northwest and north 201900B. City one quarter occupied at 210600B. Enemy holds eastern entrance strongly.

Italy.
On the 2nd Polish Corps front the enemy has now withdrawn north of the Metauro River in the coastal sector except for small pockets of resistance. The situation re-
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Remains unchanged on the remainder of the 8th Army and on the 5th Army front where regrouping continues.

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INFO: CC/3
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Capture of St Maximin 2053 hrs as of 1200 hrs 19 August is reported by Seventh Army.

No resistance at Grasse 83078 and no resistance as far as Castellane U3630 reported by reconnaissance elements on right flank and on the northern front.

Elements of 3rd US Division being relieved by elements of II French Corps. Progressively stronger resistance being met at approaches to Toulon and by advances to west along Brignoles-Aix road.

BUTLER task force is at T2532 along and across river Seine according to last confirmed report. 1 column of BUTLER task force is headed towards Montelimar and another column at St Julien headed with clear sailing towards Grenoble according to unconfirmed reports of TAF.

Aix has been reported captured and the leading elements of 45th Division are reported to be 4 miles SE of Persuils which is held by Partisans. As of 2359 hrs 16 August US casualties:

Hospitalized 1062. Missing, captured or killed 354.

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Nr: FX 85906

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As of 1200 hrs 19 August 12,000 prisoners of war estimated. Several large ships were hit in bombing of shipping in harbour of Toulon, excellent support continued to be given by the Air Force during period 18-19 August.

End.

ACTION: General Handy
INFO: CCS
   General Arnold
   General Bissell
   SGS
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From: Allied Forces Headquarters, Advance Detachment, Bastia, Corsica.
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

Nr: EX 15806 21 August 1944


The greatest single advance since D-day was reported by Seventh Army today.

Elements of the Seventh Army are reported to have reached Le Napolé S-3062, Grasse S-3077, Le Bastide U-4568, Castellane U-3680, Barreme U-2492, Ase River T-8882, Peyrolles T-6255, point at T-5864, Aix T-5242, Aubagne T-521, point at Y-7798, point at Y-8996, Bollies Pont U-0105, point at Z-1397.

These advances represent a 10 to 20 mile advance for the day of 20 August.

II French Corps has moved into the line with the 1 EMI, 3 DIA, 9 DIC, and 1 DB. General De Lettry De Bassigny told our liaison officer that "The 9 DIC taking Toulon tonight"

The 3 DIA has bypassed Toulon and is advancing on Marseilles followed by 1 EMI.

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Last confirmed reports state Task Force Butler has elements at Sisteron 0-8919, Gigens P-0343, and Serres 0-6942. Unconfirmed reports from TAF place Task Force Butler at La Poncourt N-9464, Livron sur Drome N-9877, and Vharmes 0-0988, as of 1500 hours today.

Casualties as of 2359 hours, 17 August:
US killed and missing 1221, hospitalized 1754;
British killed and missing 111, hospitalized 54;
French casualties as of 2359 hours, 18 August:
Killed and missing 36, hospitalized 167.
Prisoners of war estimated as of 1200 hours 20 August 14,000.

Limited air support was given today on targets west of the Rhone because of the dispersion of our troops east of the Rhone. The bulk of the Tactical Air Command was directed to targets on Italy.

End.

ACTION: Gen. Handy
INFO: CC/8
Gen; Arnold
Gen; Bissell
Adm; King
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TROOPERS, AGWAR to for information SHAEP, Middleast, SOMTO,
LFA, ACC**.

G 2 Summary number ten. France.

1. Identifications. Elements 198th Infantry Division west of Brignoles.

**dispositions. LXII and LXXXV Corps now completely severed. GOC (General Neuling) and staff of LXII Corps captured. 148th Reserve Division Blochingkon Cannes-Grasse flank. No enemy encountered in northwards thrusts in direction Digne and rivers Asse and Duranze. Elements LXXXV Corps in contact west Slaemnes and Brignoles are 282 Infantry Division with on left flank element 189, 198 and 338 Infantry Divisions and on right elements 244 Infantry Division. Bulk 244 Division believed Marseilles and eastwards. Local defense Toulon mostly naval units, coastal artillery and static units. 11th Panzer Division not yet contacted but presumed now east of Rhone possible general area Aix.

3. Operations. Enemy adopting blocking tactics to oppose Allied exploitation east and west. Stiffening resis-
tance on westwards Axis of advance as enemy regroups and re-
ceives reinforcements. Defense reported stubborn on ap-
proaches to Toulon. Enemy unable offer any resistance to
north.
4. Movements. Ferries reported in operation Arles and Tarascon but all Rhone bridges south of Font St Esprit reported down. Some northwards movements Rhone Valley.

5. Intentions. From mixed identifications appreciate enemy committing in familiar piece meal fashion all divisions remaining with 19th Army with possible exception 716 Division not yet contacted. 338 Division still something of a mystery. Another prisoner states further elements of division coming into battle area but if earlier estimate correct (G 2 Summary nine) consider return any elements from Lyon on further unlikely in view general strategic situation. Estimate enemy immediate intentions unchanged but consider he will seek to avoid any major action involving bulk his available forces and will concentrate on effecting timed and orderly withdrawal to Rhone Valley masking Toulon and Marseilles. Situation in Northern France and inability reinforce south to any extent precludes protracted defence in coastal area as reasonable capability. Enemy may however well hope make good use of defensive possibilities of Rhone Valley. Present trend of events gives weight to report that Guderian has persuaded Hitler that commitments in south must be given up in order to withdraw maximum forces to continue battle in northeastern France. Identifications in present battle area show coastal area west Marseilles now possible virtually abandoned by enemy who is concentrating all possible resources to ensure an orderly action east of Rhone, Italy.

6. Further reports German troop movements from Turin in direction frontier. Considerable SS Forces believed this area and still appreciate intention prevent seizure main communications by French or Italian resistance.

End
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To: FX 85555

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INFO: CG/S
CG AAF
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APHQ Adv Det.

1. 18th Aug services reported being evacuated by Deaux north via hwy 10.

2. Abundant reports showing move 11 FX Div into Rhone Valley, including train with "40 mark VI" tanks going east from Montpellier 15 Aug. Good source 18 Aug reports armored troops bivouac Les Avignons and crossing river by ferry just north Avignon.


Comment: 11 FX Div.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: C/O S
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AGWAR for General Surles, TROOPERS for Lord Burnham.

Southern France. 7th Army. VI Corps continues to
advance rapidly and a task force has reached Castellane.
Elements of 36th Division moving north reached Grasse, Le
Beastide and Chardan. In the 45th Division Sector, leading
troops are 4 miles west of Barjols. There have been no
major changes in the 3rd Division Sector where Solliespont
has been taken. II French Corps continue to build up over
the beaches in the St Tropes area. The maneuver is designed
for an early attack on Toulon from west and east.

Italy. II Polish Corps has launched an attack against
enemy defensive positions at Soronatasso-Il Vicinatio three
miles north of the Cesano River. A counterattack has been
beaten off in this area and heavy casualties inflicted on
the enemv. There have been no major changes on the remainder
of the 8th Army front or on 5th Army front.

End

ACTION: Gen Surles

INFO: CC/S
CGAAF
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Col Pack

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Section one Intelligence.

Nine Co, three Bn, 932 Gr Cabasse U 1432, one and
One and two Cos, one Bn, 933 Gr Le Luc U 2229,
Two and three Bns of 244 Arty Regt West of Brignoles.
all belonging to 244 Inf Div.

Five and eight Cos, two Bn, 757 Gr Forcalqueret
U 0322, 338 Divisional at Co Brignoles U 129, both of 338
Div.

One Co of 305 Gr of 198 Inf Div Brignoles.

One Bn, 14 Flak Regt Le Luc.

One Co 90 Flieger (GAF) Regt Brignoles area.

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(20 Aug 44)
From: CG, US Seventh Army

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Flak Ersatz Bn 16 vicinity U 2630.

Captured document identified (85) corps to be same at Gruppe Knieas.

Section two Ground Operations.

SSF completed movement to mainland, assembled vicinity Sylvabelle U 4608 in army reserve. Seventh Co 18 Regiment Senegalese landed at Levat as garrison troops.

Sixth Corps: CC Sudre captured St Maxipin T 8534 Third Div Rcn elements pushing south and southwest of Cuers; Seventh Inf occupies position along line U 1509 to Cuers-St Gecoul U 0121. Fr Commandos relieved Second Bn Seventh Inf vicinity U 1002.

15 Inf assembled vicinity Roque Brussane (U 9523) with elements west and southwest of La Celgt (U 0028).

13 Inf. Brignoles occupied after stiff resistance Elements advancing NW from Brasnyons forward elements vicinity U 9533.

45 Inf Div; 157 Inf continuing advance to west against slight opposition, leading elements at U 8550.

179 Inf attacking Barjols

180 Inf moving to assembly area vicinity U 0648.

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36 Inf Div; 142 Inf moving to Carcehvx 143 Inf (minus) occupies Draguignan 141 Inf no change.

One platoon 636 TD Bn reinforced moving to vicinity U 5757, one plat 36 ROA troop encountered no resistance at Castellane.

Two Plat 36 Ron troop reports no resistance at Grasse.

Task force Butler; at 0700B, advance elements had reached U 8786 and U 0992, contact made in vicinity latter coordinates.

Advance Cp located U 9476. First ABTF; no change. Elements of first DMI (FR) starting to relieve Seventh Inf.

Command Posts: Seventh Army at Trope; VI Corps U 3125; Third Div U 1823, 45 Div U 0250, 36 Div U 3938, ABTF Le Muy, first SSP U 4608; Cp Second French Corps (Army B) U 2912; third DIA 3716.

Casualties: as of 162359B; killed, captured or missing 354; hospitalized 1062.

Prisoners of war estimated as of 191200B, 12000.

Section Three Air Operations.

Air support heavy armed reconnaissance from bomb safety line to limit of aircraft range. Shipping in Toulon
From: CG, Seventh Army

Nr: CPX 12642 20 August 1944

harbor attacked. Several large ships hit. Bomb safety line Y 9396, T 7015, T 7060, T 3080, 3050, N 5070, S 4066.

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To: War Department.
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    CO, US Army Forces in the European Theater of

Nbr: CPX 12614 19 August 1944

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Section II, grand operations.

VI Corps. Task force Butler reported reached
Valenza River and Castellane at 1700E moving to Digne.
36th Div recon elements Grenade, La Beside (U4668) and
Chardon (U3766). 45th Division 157th Inf four miles west
Berjols. Cp 45th Division Salernes. 3rd Division 30th In-
come one mile east Brignoles. 15th Inf Roquebrassane (Y9522).
7th Inf Sollies Pont and three miles west Li Londe (U1701).

End

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To AGWAR for Marshall to SHAEF for Eisenhower from AFHQ Adv Det signed Dovors BX 15785.

Reports as of 1800 hours 18 August indicate a general advance over the entire front during the preceding 30 hours.

Reconnaissance elements have reached La Nepule S3062, Gressa S3077, Le Bastide U4668, Chardan U3762, .4 miles west of Berjols T9046, within 1 mile of Brignoles U0850, La Roque-brussanne Y9522, Sollies port U0150 and .3 miles west of La Londe U1701.

This indicates advances from 4 to 15 miles along the entire front.

Patch dispatched Bulter Task Force consisting of tanks, tds, motorized infantry, engineers, arm FA and service units to advance rapidly NW to join Maquiu then advance to Valence and Lyons.

At 1700 hrs 18 August this force has reached Castellane U3680 and was moving rapidly on Digne P1208 against little or no resistance. The 2nd French Corps is continuing to land and is assembling in vicinity Borgues U2802, Cogolin U4114.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Advance Detachment, Corsica.

Mr: BX 15785 19 August 1944

Resistance west of Brignoles U0130 stiffening. Determined resistance by coast defenses positions vicinity Hueres. Reconnaissance units continue rapid advances to north and northwest, with * . Opposition continues negligible.

End.

ACTION: Gen Handy

INFO: CC/S
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Nr: FX 84809 19 August 1944

1. This is daily DRAGOON digest number two. FX 84809 SHARP for G 2, TROOPERS, AGWAR, AFRQ Adv Det for Allen from G 2 AFRQ signed Wilson cite FH3B1.


3. Paybook of FW from 807 OST Bn relating with 4th Bn 765 Regt show entry of Ersatz Unit as Freiwilligen Stamm Regt 2 at Mende. Another paybook gives 18 Coy, 765 Regt. Comment. Evident that 765 and 932 Regts possess a 4th OST Battalion with Coys numbered 15 to 18 in addition to three German battalions.

4. Good. (OSS) source 16th August reports 11th

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Nr: FX 84809 19 August 1944

Panzer Division moving north. Armoured cars stated to have reached Pierrelette (Drome) 15th August. Officers said they were to stop at Montpellier.

5. German Bieringer, Commanding Feldkommandantur 800 at Dreguigan, gave himself up with Batmen on occupation of town by airborne troops.

6. Daily DRAGOON digest number 1 not addressed TROOPERS and AGWAR.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/3
CG AAF
OPD
Adm. King
Col. Park
Log

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AIG 387 FROM CINCPAC

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 414.

BUILD UP OF OPERATION DRAGOON PROCEEDING WELL.

(2) NOT REPORTED 3 E-BOATS SUNK BY II/S IN ASSAULT AREA DURING APPROACH

(3) SUCCESSFUL DIVERSION ASSAULT CARRIED OUT IN BAIE DE CI-

W. TOULON DURING NIGHT 16TH/17TH AUGUST INCLUDES BOMBARDMENT BY HIS APHIS HIS SCARAB AND US DESTROYER ENDICOTT. SHORE BATTERIES OPENED HEAVY FIRE BUT CAUSED NO DAMAGE. DURING WITHDRAWAL 2 ENEMY CORVETTES WERE ENCOUNTERED ENGAGED AND SUNK. 210 PRISONERS TAKEN INCLUDING BOTH CO'S.

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(4) CASUALTIES NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DAMAGED 1 LCI(L) BY
MINE 1 LCI(L) AND 4 LCT'S BY GUNFIRE ALL DURING ASSAULT STAGE.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.
To: War Department
Nr: FX 84344

FX 84344 signed Wilson cite FGBOT added for action AGWAR for General Surles, TROOPERS for Lord Burnham from APHQ.

In southern France our forces continued to advance and have reached a point some 19 miles inland. The towns of Le Muy, Le Luc, Lorgues, Collobrières and La Lavendou have been captured. Contact has been established between the airborne units and the main force.

In Italy there has been no change except in 10th Corps sector of Eighth Army front where 10th Indian Division captured Mt Acuto, 3½ miles northwest of Subbiano.

End

ACTION: BPR
INFORMATION: CO/3
          CO AAF
          CPD
          G-2
          Adm. King
          Log

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From: Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

DTe: 182211B August 1944

COSINTREP from C in C Med. COSINTREP number 467 Part 2 signed Wilson cite FDHA. My 182214 Part 1.

Build up of operation DRAGOON proceeds well.


3. During night 16th Aug/17th Aug a successful diversion assault was carried out in Baie de Ciotat. Shore batteries returned fire of bombarding forces but caused no damage.

Part 2 final follows.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CO/3, CGA AF, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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AIG 387 FROM CINCHED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 413.

1. OPERATION DRAGON PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

2. LST 282 HIT BY GLIDER BOMB AT 152100 AND CAUGHT FIRE REACHED BUT TOTAL LOSS.

3. NO ENEMY SURFACE FORCES ENCOUNTERED BY DIVERSION GROUPS OFF NICE AND CIOTAT NIGHT 14TH/15TH AUGUST OR BY PATROLS ON FLANKS OF ASSAULT AREA NIGHT 15TH/16TH AUGUST.

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From: CG 7th Army, France
To: War Department
    Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy
    CG US Army Forces in the European Theater of Operations
    London England
    Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
    London England

No: CPX 12590 18 August 1944

Ref number: CPX 12590 181120B Aug 1944 cite PHGB and
PHGB COSITINTREP do 6 part 5 land, to 2400 hrs 17 Aug 1944
signed Wilson. KENQ passes to COSITINTREP addressee.
COSITINTREP issued as of 171200B August should have been
number 5 instead of 4.

Section 1. Intelligence.

3rd Div sector: 1st and 3rd Bns 917th GR Regt 242nd
Div, 14th Co 918th Gren Regt 242nd Div.

45th Div Sector: 3rd Co 1038th Assault Gun Bn,
9 Festungs Stamm Co, 6 Btry 557 AA Bn.

36th Div Sector: 148th Fusilier Bn 148th Div,
242nd Signal Bn 242nd Div, Hq Co and 3rd Co 148th Engr Bn
148th Div, 1st Bn 618th Signal Regt ZBV, 17 GAF Arty Regt,
327th Res Bn of 239th Res Regt 148th Div, 7th Res Bn of 252nd
Res Regt 148th Div.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st SSB moving from
islands to mainland.
From: CG 7th Army, France
No: CPX 12590 18 August 1944

6th Corps, 3 Inf Div: Elements 7th Inf moving west on Pforst-Fusse road. 30th Inf moving west on Brignoles, now at U 0629.

Ron elements in contact vicinity U 040295.

45th Inf Div: 179 Inf moving northwest and west to Le Thoronet U 215355 and Oubasre U 145325 with no opposition.

157th Inf moving north from Perauban to Lorgues, landing En in Lorgues.

180th Inf assembling vicinity U 415380.

36th Inf Div: 142nd Inf now Draguignen moving west. No contact.

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NAVSITINTREP 2. D PLUS 1 DRAGOON.

ALPHA BEACH 266 OPENED LATE TODAY AND BEACH 261 PAMPELONNE BAY CLOSED DUE TO UNSATISFACTORY EXITS. PREPARATIONS IN PROGRESS TO UNLOAD ACROSS LAVEANDAU BEACH 257 WHERE BRASS GROUP FROM 261 CLEARING MINES AND CONSTRUCTING EIRKS XDPMXJPAR FOR APPROACH AND ANCHORAGE IN RADE BOMBS STARRED. WILL BE CONCLUDED WHEN PORT OP'S IS TAKEN. CAPE BENAUT NEUTRALIZED.

DELTA BEACHES 262 262A AND 263 IN USE IN ADDITION TO ASSAULT BEACHES. 3 E BOATS SUNK DURING ASSAULT APPROACH SWEEP D DAY OFF BEACH 261. MINE SWEEPING IN ALPHA FP WELLY ANNEAR COMPLETION. SEVERAL MINFIELDS CONTAINING OBSTRUCTIONS FREJUS GULF CAUSING EXTENSIVE LOSS OF SLEEPGEAR. NEW TASK GROUP 88-1o ESTABLISHED TO REORGANIZE AND CONTROL ALL M/S TASKS.
2 RED ALERTS. ENEMY PLANES BOMBED BEACH 262 TULJE R. 50
CASUALTIES REPORTED. SEVERAL PLANES MADE DUSK ATTACK. PROBABLE
GLIDE BOMB NEAR CTF HUGHES. MOVEMENTS OF SOME SHIPS RESTRICTED.
PENDING CHECK SWEETING. PLANES APPROACHED FROM LAND WITH BRIEF
WARNING PERIOD. SMOKE CONDITIONS GOOD AND SCREENING FAIR.
CARRIER FORCE. IN 22 MISSIONS 96 SORTIES OF FIGHTER BOMBERS AND
7 MISSIONS 32 SORTIES OF FIGHTERS FOLLOWING SUCCESS REPORTED.
BY STRAFING. 16 TRUCKS DESTROYED 35 DAMAGED. 2 LOCOMOTIVES.
12 TANK CARS. 25 FREIGHT CARS. COMMUNICATIONS AGGRESSIVELY
ATTACKED. ROADS BLOCKED AND RAIL COMMUNICATIONS DISRUPTED.
NO ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED. HEAVY TO LIGHT MODERATE
FLAK ENCOUNTERED CAUSING DAMAGE TO SOME HELLCATS.
ASSAULT FORCE CAN BE ALTERED TO REDUCE NUMBER GUNFIRE SUPPORT
VESSELS. BRITISH VESSELS TO HAVE FIRST PRIORITY IN RETIREMENT
FOR OTHER OPERATIONS. JEANNE D'ARC RELEASED TO CINCMED. DELTA
FIRE SUPPORT GROUP RETIRED TO PALEMO. LIVERMORE SILENCED
BATTERIES AND GAVE SUPPORTING FIRE CAPE BENAT AREA. ENEMY
SHELLED LEVANT FROM MAINLAND. ALL ETYIUM OBQVRTRNATTCK FIRED.
284 ROUNDS TOTAL ON CROS. 16 FIGHTER BOMBERS MISSIONS ON EROS
6 HITS. CAMEL AREA 9 MISSIONS WITH SFXR. MISSIONS MARBLEHEAD WITH
CUB SPOT. EMILE HERTIN FIRED COUNTER BATTERY. MISSIONS AGAINST
STRONG POINTS TANKS SNIPER AND MT.
UNLOADING WELL ORGANIZED AND PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY. CONVOYS
ARRIVING. TM-1, 40 HV'S 3 TANKERS. TF-2 11 TRANSPORTS.
CX-1 4 APD'S. CONVOYS DEPARTING. ARF-1 9 TRANSPORTS
SRF-2 25 LCI'S JSF-3 8 TRANSPORTS SRM-1 17 LST'S CRM-2
9 LST. SUNK IN FREJUS GULF YMS 24 AND YL 5AFS30 WHEN
ASSISTING YMS. HMS BRAVE DAMAGED IN COLLISION BR LCT 591.
LCI 951 MINED BEACH 261.
3 HOSPITAL SHIPS ARRIVED ASSAULT AREA EARLY AND DEPARTED
BEFORE SUNSET. CHATEAU THIERRY LOADED. SHAMROCK HALF
LOADED. ALGONQUIN PLQFDPGDOMX RETURNING ASSAULT AREA
D PLUS 2.
WEATHER GENERALLY EXCELLENT WITH HAZE IN MORNING. AC CORSICA
BASES PREVENTED NIGHT TAKE OFF FOR SHORT PERIOD.
INTELLIGENCE. CAPTURE OF ST RAPHAEL REVEALS COMPLICATED
NETWORK DEFENCES BEACH 264A INCLUDING CONCEALED PILLOXIES
AND NUMEROUS LAND MINES BLOCKING ALL EXITS. SEVERAL MINEFIELDS
WITH SOME MINES MOORED 2 FEET UNDER SURFACE WITHIN MILE OF HARBOR
ENTRANCE. UNDERWATER OBSTRUCTIONS MINED. DURING ENEMY
AIR ATTACK 162055 ON BEACH 262 (NORTH) MANY OBJECTS DROPPED
BELIEVED TO BE MINES. ANTI PERSONNEL MINES USED IN BOMBING
OF BEACH AND BOAFF YPMETS* BEACH 262 NUMEROUS LAND MINES
REMOVED S TYN TELLER* ANTI GLIDER. GERMAN NAVAL HQ STAG TED
GERMAN NAVAL HQ MOVED FROM TOULON TO LOCATION 15-15 KILOMETERS
EAST OF CITY.
*AS RECEIVED.
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PRIORITY

From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces London, England
No: FX 84671 18 August 1944

From AFHQ to for action Troopers, AGWAR to for info SHAPE, Mideast, SOMTO, Land Forces Adriatic CCO ACC, AAI Adv FX 84671, signed Wilson cite PHGBI.


1. (A) Identifications: Mainly 242nd Division and Ost Battalions which form IV Battalion all regiments this Division. Elements 239th Regiment 148th Division also encountered.

(B) Captured Document shows battle organisation in sector Montpellier-Sete included elements 189th, 198th and 244th Divisions. Somewhat confused battle order this sector probably due deficiencies of 189th and 198th Divisions. No mention 336th Division of which bulk believed departed but elements probably still area Bouches Du Rhone.

2. Operations:

Enemy has not yet succeeded in establishing coherent front but engagement reinforcements in local counter-attack role anticipated especially north of Le Muy and west of Draguignan.

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3. Movements:

Increased eastwards movement from area south east Toulouse and west of Nimes. Probably approach 11th Panzer Division and infantry elements from divisions mentioned Para 1 0. Ground source reports tanks moving Avignon-Aix road evening 16 August, suggesting elements 11th Panzer succeeded in crossing Rhone.

4. Intentions:

Enemy endeavoring group blocking forces to check Allied exploitation of bridgehead. Counter-attacks in strength unlikely except in support to block approaches to Toulon and Argens Valley.

5. Miscellaneous:

Prisoners estimated over 2,500, generally poor quality. Major General Bierings Oberfeldkommandeur surrendered with his Hq Draguignan [italy].


End

ACTION: 0-2

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

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Adv. Det. Corsica, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England

No: BX 15775 18 August 1944

RX 15775 from AFBQ Adv Det signed Devers action AGWAR for Marshall info SHAPE for Eisenhower.

No confirmed change in front line differing from report of yesterday except advance along coast road from Le Lavandou-U 2902 to point four miles east of Hyeres at Z 0998.

Bomb line S 3665-U 4080-T 9080-T 7015-Y 9097, which is 15 to 25 miles beyond confirmed front line, situation fluid.

US casualties as of 2359 hours 15 Aug are 198 killed, missing and captured; 395 wounded.

No report from French.

POW taken approximately 2800.

No additional information on rate of discharge across beaches.

Major General Ludwig Bieringer, Field Commandant (Chief Adm Off.) of War Dept surrendered himself and staff at Draguignan 16 Aug because of resistance and populace.

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No: EX 15775 18 August 1944

threatening to kill him and entire staff. Stated landing announced 13 Aug to take place on 15 August, but thought to be in Genoa Area therefore came as complete surprise in present area. He expressed amazement at speed of American advance. He did not think revolution in Germany possible because of rigid control but foresees tragic end for Germany.

Excellent air support continues. Air opposition negligible.

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

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To: War Department
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

DAG: 17/21238
17 August 1944

COSITINTREF from C in C MED. COSITINTREF number 406. Part 2 signed Wilson cite PRINA.

Operation DRAGOON continues according to plan.

2. 1 LST caught fire following hit by glider bomb on 15th August ship was beached but is total loss.

3. No enemy surface forces encountered off Nice or La Ciotat by diversion groups night 14th/15th Aug or by patrols night 15th/16th August.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
CG AAF
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To: War Department.

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From FRUITFUL from Wilson signed SAC to AFHQ for Semmel pass to Col Kent information USFOR AGWAR for Marshall ref nr this message none, 16th August 1944 passed to USFOR and AGWAR by AFHQ time of origin is 162223B msg may be dups cde FRCT SHAEF pass clear text to USFOR.

Following is general report of situation 7th Army as known at 1330 hours 16th August.

1. On extreme right 36th Division had reached bridgehead objective. On left this division, beaches in vicinity St Raphael due to hostile artillery fire had been abandoned in favor of beach in Rade D'Argay but by noon 16th August both Frejus and St Raphael had been captured by an advance from the west, north and south. St Raphael beaches were in operation. This division was expected to have mopped up all resistance in its zone and to have secured its part of bridgehead by dark tonight.

2. In center 45th Division having assisted 36th Division in capture of Frejus, was advancing northwest in two main columns: one on Le Mou which had reached the high ground south of that place and made contacts with elements of Prov Parachute Division. The enemy was reported

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holding Le May strongly, however, and this column was pre-
paring an attack to take it thus opening the way to the
bulk of the paratroopers in the valley to the west and
northwest. The other column was moving on the high ground
about seven miles southwest of Le May.

3. On the left, the 3rd Division having overtaken
French Battalion De Choc was advancing westward and at last
report had reached Le Havendou where battalion De Choc turned
south to clear Cap Benat while 3rd Division continued on to
outer defenses of Toulon in the valley of the Real Martin.
Other columns of this division were reported nearing their
assigned sector of the bridgehead some 11 miles inland.

4. Unloadings have exceeded expectations. The
three assault divisions were completely ashore each with
its supporting tank and tank destroyer battalions together
with balanced stocks of ammunition and supplies. Combat
command C of French 1st Armored Division was partially un-
loaded and assembling in the vicinity of La Plan (4424)
Preliminary air bombardment most effective as seacoast
defenses have been silenced from the beginning.

5. Their resistance has been light, it has not
been as light as at first thought. Our casualties have
been moderate but there is good evidence that enemy losses
have been heavy, not only in prisoners of whom we had over

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1000 at noon today, but also in killed and wounded.

6. Enemy resistance at Frejus has delayed somewhat the establishment of a fighter strip in that area which it is now estimated will only be operational on 20th August.

7. The attack may be said to be a full day ahead of schedule.

End

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1) 1522195 FROM CINCHED. FOLEM, FOTAI, FOWIT, NLO 8TH AAF, CINCEEF, VA MALTA, FOGHA, FO 15TH C.S. COMA, COMHORSEAFRON, COMINCH, ROIC ALGERS, RNCRO CAIRO, ADMTY, COMAHVAR, RA ALEXANDRIA.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 412.

OPERATION DRAGON PROCEEDS ACCORDING TO PLAN.

(2) MY 1622195 PARAGRAPH 1 ENEMY SHIPS SUNK BY USS SONERS REPORTED AS 2 CORVETTES SOUTH OF ISLE PORT GROS. SOME GERMAN SURVIVORS RECOVERED.

(3) USS EDISON MADE A/S ATTACK IN SAN RAFAEL AREA.

(4) SHIP REPORTED DAMAGED 3 LCI(L) 2 BY MINES 1 BY MORTAR FIRE. HMS BRAVE HARBOR COLLISION WITH LANDING CRAFT TANK.

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REMAINING RCT OF 36TH DIVISION NOT LANDED OVER RED BEACH (264A). THE ASSAULT WAVES FORMED AND ADVANCED TOWARD THIS BEACH DURING THE HEAVY BOMBARDMENT PHASE BUT SOME ENEMY FIRE CONTINUED IN THE BEACH AREA. DISADVANTAGES OF CONGESTION AND POOR BEACH EXITS WERE ACCEPTED. RCT 1/2 WAS DIVERTED TO GREEN BEACH (264B) JUST TO THE EAST OF ST RAFAEL. THE GULF OF SAN TROPEZ HAS NOW ALMOST COMPLETELY BEEN SWEEP. ST MAXINE HAS BEEN CAPTURED AT 1400 COMMANDING GENERALS 3RD 36TH AND 45TH DIVISIONS HAD DISEMBARKED FROM ASSAULT FLAGSHIP SET UP CP ASHORE; CG 6TH CORPS DISEMBARKED FROM CATOCTIN AND ESTABLISHED

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CP IN ST MAXINE. 4 COMBAT LOADERS AND 7 PERSONNEL SHIPS COMPLETED UNLOADING BEFORE DARK AND Sailed FOR NAPLES. 1 LST 4 APO'S AND 2 LSD'S NEVADA AND LORRAINE Sailed FOR CORSICA. 42 LCT'S Sailed FOR NAPLES AND 22 LST'S Sailed FOR CORSICA. NO ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY IN ASSAULT AREA EXCEPT FOR 1 JU 88 AT DUSK. NO DAMAGE REPORTED.

INTELLIGENCE.

AT BOUGONI BAY AREA HAD BEEN PRACTICALLY NO EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS. UNDERWATER STAKE OBSTACLES ON BEACH 261 CAUSED LITTLE DIFFICULTY. SHALLOW WATER MINES NORTH END BEACH 259 CAUSED SOME DELAY. NO UNDERWATER OBSTACLES BEACHES 263ABC. NO NEW WEAPONS REPORTED. FLAME THROWERS FOUND ST PEYRE NOT IN WORKING ORDER.
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GTH CORPS 7TH ARMY 12 TAC H CQST INTREP 1.

D DAY OPERATION DRAGOM.

REFER MY 151222 AUGUST AND 160228 AUGUST WHICH WERE

PROMULGATED ON BASIS OF PRELIM REPORTS, 2 DIVERSION GROUPS

PERFORMED SUCCESSFUL MISSIONS, ONE OFF NICE AREA AND

OTHER OF SicOTAT. NO ENEMY SURFACE FORCES ENCOUNTERED. RES

ISTANCE LEVANT CEASED 15234. FOLLOWING TAKEN 5% PRISONES.

2 61 MM MORTARS 2 LIGHT IMD'S, POCKET RESISTANCE PORT CROS

PREVENTED OFF LOADING OF RADAR EQUIPMENT AND RETARDED IN-

STALLATION OF NIGHT FIGHTER GCI. PORT CROS SHIELLED BY

EMEY SHORE BATTERY ON CAPE BEAT DURING DARKNESS D DAY.

SURFACE PATROL OFF TOULON AND APPROACHES HYPPRE ROADS WITH

DRAWN WHILE NIGHT FIGHTERS PATROLLED, NO ACTIVITY REPORTED.

EITHER FLANK ASSAULT AREA. CARRIER FORCE OPERATING VICINITY

ASSAULT AREA GAVE SUPPORT WITH SPOTTING STRAFING AND

BOMBING MISSIONS, PROVIDED OWN AIR COVER DURING DAY AND

AND FIGHTER DIRECTORSHIP SHIP STUART PRINCE STATIONED NEAR FORC

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
TO CONTROL FIGHTERS AT NIGHT, UNLOADING OF INITIAL ASSAULT LIFT
AFFECTED WITH DISPATCH CONSIDERING NUMBER PERMISSIBLE EXITS.

LIMITED STORAGE AND DUMP AREAS, MINED BEACHES AND BEACH GRADIENTS
REQUIRING USE PONTOON CAUSEWAYS, MINOR SHELLING AND MOR TAR FIRE.

ALL SHIPS WERE UNLOADED WITH EXCEPTION M/V AND SPECIAL LIFTS. 42
LCT 22 LST 4 TRANSPORTS 45 PD AND 2 LSD'S DEPARTED FOR RELOADING
PORTS. CONVOYS ARRIVING SHIP 51 SHIPS AM 22 SHIPS AND SPECIAL NO
24 SHIPS. GOOD PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING BEACH 262 IN GULF ST.

TROPEX, EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN FREJUS GULF DUE TO SHALLOW
MINES BEFORE BEACH 264A. DUE TO DELAY AVAILABILITY BEACH 264A

ACTION TAKEN TO CLEAR AGAY BEACH (265) APPROACHES, OUTER SCREEN
FOR ASSAULT AREA ORGANIZED INTO OFF SHORE SECTOR WITH 13 DESTROYERS
AND 2 FLANK SECTORS WITH 6 DD'S EACH, POL'S BACKED UP OUTER SCREEN,
FOR GUNFIRE SUPPORT AND INITIAL BOMBARDMENT 1500 PROJECTILES 5

INCH AND OVER WERE EXPENDED, ABOUT 125% OF THESE PROJECTILES WERE
MAJOR CALIBRE, WHITE PHOSPHORUS PROJECTILES USED AND REPORTED

VERY EFFECTIVE, ACTION DAMAGE FOLLOWS PRELIM REPORT, ALPHA AREA
LCT'S 500 502 505 MINED 552 556 SHELLED. DAMAGE NOT EXTENSIVE.

LCT 1144 452 DAMAGED BY OBSTACLES. 1913 BY 20 MM. LOCP SEVERAL
DAMAGED BY MINES AND OBSTACLES. NO DAMAGE REPORTED DELTA AREA.

BAKER AREA LCT'S 51 339 610 625 DAMAGED BY ENEMY FIRE. LST 202
HIT ENROUTE BEACH BY GLIDER BOMB 2139. BURNED AND SANK WITH LOAD.

OTHER DAMAGE AND MATERIAL DEFICIENCIES OF CRAFT NEGLECTIBLE. CIVILANS
AND MILITARY REPORT TACTICAL SURPRISE GAINED BY INVADING ALLIED FORCES.
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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Advanced Detachment Corsica, Italy
To: War Department
    Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
    London, England
Nr: BX 15762

17 August 1944

RX 15762 action to AGWAR for Marshall to SHAEF info
Eisenhower and to APHQ info Wilson from Devers APHQ Adv Det

Forward elements have reached the line: S 3062-La
Na Poule-point U 3950-U 3346-Draguignan-U 2541-Lorgues-U
2230-Le Luc-U 1128-Besse-U 1219-Carnolles-U 0310-Cuers-U 2801-
Le Levantou, which represents an advance of 4 to 5 miles to the
west in the vicinity of Cuers and Besse. Resistance and
casualties continue light.

Approximately 2500 prisoners taken. Discharge of
personnel and cargo over beaches continues to be highly
satisfactory.

No information on proportion of II French Corps which
has been landed. Excellent air support continues with enemy
air opposition practically nil.

Seventh Army Command Post ashore at St Thopez.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CCS, GEN ARNOLD, GEN BISSELL, ADM KING

END.

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To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary
Forces, London, England
CG, US Army Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England
CG, North African District, Algiers, Algeria

D/O: 171200B 17 August 1944

To AFRHQ pass to following COSINTREP Addressees
AGWAR, TROOPERS, USFOR, AFRHQ pass to following COSINTREP
addresses priority, Middle East, Commandeth Malta, Commandeth
Gibraltar, Fifth Army, FAIRBANKS, CINOMED, Air CINOMED, AAF
Eighth Army, NADIST, LATY, FRUITFUL: To VI Corps pass to *
priority from CG Seventh Army.

Section 1. Intelligence:

3rd Division Sector:
Elements 3 Bn 765th Gren Regt; 4 Bn 997th Gren
Regt; 1 Bn 242nd Arty Regt; 1195 Arty Bn; 10 Btry 1291st
Coast Arty Regt; 1 Co 23 Air Signal Bn 28V.

45th Division Sector:
1st Bn 765th Gren Regt; elements 3 Bn 765th
Gren Regt; elements 242nd Eng Bn; elements 3rd Bn 1291st
Coast Arty Regt.

36th Division Sector:

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

DTG: 171200B 17 August 1944

2 Bn 765th Gren Regt 661 Ost Bn; 1 FW from 5th Co 372nd Inf Bn of 239 Res Gren Regt of 148 Res Div; 391 AA Bn; 481 AA Bn; 627th Tarins AA Bn 1192nd Arty Bn; 1198th Arty Bn; elements 51st Signal Bn.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First SSF.

Some enemy still holding out in town of Port Cros at last report.

First Airborne Task Force reports capture of Draguinan (U3345) and Les Arca (U3437).

VI Corps:

3rd Division 2000 yards north Bormes (U2404) moving south, one mile east Pierre Peu, in Carnoules.

3rd Division CP (U398148).

45th Division patrols one mile north Le Luc. Half mile south Taradeau. Contacted First Airborne Task Force and captured Le Muy.

CP 45th Division U480229

36th Division advancing inland northwest of Frejus.

36th Division CP Frejus.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

DTG: 171200B 17 August 1944

OP VI Corps St Maxime.

Main elements of CG Sudre, one French Arod Div, assembling vicinity Gonfaron.

Unloading of 2 French Corps (1st DMI, 3 DIA) commenced at 161800.

CP 7th Arz, St Tropez.

Section 3, FW.

Preliminary estimate of prisoners to 162400 August 2500.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CCS

CG AAF

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ADM KING

COL PARK

LOG

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From: CG, US 7th Army,
To: War Department

Nr: CFX 12475 17 Aug 1944

APHQ pass to COSINTREP addresses ref nvr CFX 12475 at 171800B Aug 1944 cite FECHT and PHCHY COSINTREP no 4 part 5-land to 1200 hours 17 Aug 1944.

Section Intelligence no change.

1st SSF enemy Port Cros capitulated 1100 after fire from battleship. SSF being relieved by French garrison troops on levant and Port Cros.

VI Corps, 3rd Division area forward elements at Cuers moving to SW; rcn elements at U 0519; U 1801; U 2329.

1st En 15th Inf moving on Pignans U 1218 remainder of 15th Inf at Coelobrières.

30th Inf advancing NW generally toward Plassars- sur-Issole U 1526.

Fr commandos mopping up Cap Benat area. 7th Inf advancing west along coastal highway vicinity Malt U 2202 CP 3rd Div Coelobrières.

C/IN-16275 (18 Aug 44)

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From: CG, US 7th Army,
Nr: CPX 12475  17 Aug 1944

45th Div ron elements at Lorgues U 2541, 179th Inf assembling vicinity Vidaubon U 3133.

157th Inf advancing general direction cannes-Des Maures U 2429, 180th Inf 2nd Bn at U 3536, remainder no change.

CP 45th Div U 317329, 36th Div 142nd Inf moving on Draguignay 143rd Inf assembling vicinity U 5545 prior to advance, 141st Inf generally along line S 2164-3062.

CP 36th Div U 562358. 1st ABTF no change.

Bulk of CC 1 First French DB at Gonfaron U 2020 and Le Luc 2229 ron elements at U 0817 U 2411 U 1518.

VI Corps advance CP U 316249.

7th Army C St Tropes.

Casualties to 152359: American killed captured missing 198, wounded 399; French not reported.

PW approximately 2800.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S  CG AAF  ASF  G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Log

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FROM: CG, 7th Army

TO: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
CG, US Army Forces in European Theater of Operations,
London, England
TROOPERS, London, England
CG, North African District, Algiers, Algeria

Nr: CP 12450 17 August 1944

Ref number CP 12450 162035B Aug 1944 cite PHQCT, PHGB1 COSINTREF no 3 to 1200 hrs 16 Aug 1944. From CG Seventh Army to addressees. COSINTREFS addressees APHQ, AGWAR, TROOPERS, USFOR, PRIORITY to COSINTREFS addressees SECRET PRIORITY Middle East, Commandeh Malta, Commandeh Gibraltar, Fifth Army, FAIRBANKS, C in C MED, Air C in C MED, AAI, Eighth Army, VI Corps, Army B, and NADIST. APHQ pass to all addressees except VI Corps.

Section 1. Intelligence. 3rd Div Sector:
1st Co 242nd Engr Bn (includes Italian workers).

Remainder of 242nd Engr Bn (3 cos, each 120 men) reported to be at Hyeres (Z-0858). Elements 242nd Arty Regt, 23rd Communications Co (air spotters). 1 Co, 14th Fortress Engrs, vicinity U-3505.

45th Div Sector: Nothing to report.
36th Div Sector: Nothing to report.

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From: CO, 7th Army
Nr: CP 12450 17 August 1944

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st SSF approximately 80 enemy holding out vicinity
town Port Cros on Island Port Cros. All resistance on
Levante reported ceased.

1st ABTF unconfirmed reports, satisfactory landings
parachutes, loss of three gliders, CP Le Mitan (U4242).

VI Corps advance inland proceeding satisfactory.

36th Division 141st Infantry reached high ground
S 295600 1 kilometer south Thieule and high ground (U6344).
142nd Infantry on ridge (U5637-5739). 143rd Infantry gen-
erally along highway Prejus-St Raphael CP 36th Division AGAY.

45th Division proceeding inland from beaches north
of St Maxime against light opposition.

180th Infantry in St Aygulf and on high ground
(U4831).

179th Infantry leading elements RJ (U4528).

157th Infantry leading elements Valprais, (U4226)-
Plan De La Tour (U4124)-La Garde Freinet.

CP 45th Division U 4823.

3rd Division, 30th Infantry, leading elements Gruf-
aron, (U2021).

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15th Infantry leading elements vicinity Collobrières, (U2312).

7th Infantry leading elements at (U2606) and St Clair (U2902).

3rd Division CP at Cogolin.

CCS debarking over beaches 262 and 262A assembling vicinity (U4323).

French Commandos landed Cape Negre as planned, destroyed enemy battery on Cape Negre and blocked coastal road. Contacted by 3rd Division at (U3604). French Naval Assault Group landed south of Théoule Sur Mer contacted by 36th Division.

CP VI Corps at Maxime.

Section 3. Air operations. Bomb line:

2089½ to U0818 to 2028 to 2535 to 3137 to 3542 to 3864-7 along railroad to 6054 to 53062.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CCS, CGAAS, ASP, U-2, SOS, Arm, King, Col. Park, LOG

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Advanced Detachment, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department
Supreme Hqs, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

No: BX 15741

17 August 1944

BX 15746 to Marshall for his eyes only \redacted\ and to Eisenhower from AFHQ Adv. Det signed Devens

15746

At 1800 hours all elements of the VI Corps including tank battalions and tank destroyer battalions and a combat command of the French Armored Division were ashore. Corps and Division Headquarters were ashore. The advanced elements of Patch's Headquarters go ashore tomorrow. Advanced elements were along the general line (taken from the map with scale 1/50,000): 23062-20054-railroad to U386-4-7-U542-3-U137-U2535-U2028-2102-U1711-U0802-Z0894. All small towns in this area were occupied and there are isolated groups which were bypassed and which are now being mopped up. The advance is continuing against light resistance and it is possible that the 3rd Division may be to Toulon by morning; at least they will be against the outer defenses. Prisoners captured are between 1500 and 2000 of which about 40% are Russians. Our casualties on landing were so light that I estimate the number are under 100 including the airborne operation, and casualties continue to be light.

Eaker, Cannon and I were over the landing area for 20 km over.

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an hour and a half yesterday. All landings were proceeding on schedule. There seemed to be no enemy air and no firing at the ships which were close in shore. This seems to have continued today.

Unloading is considerably ahead of schedule. The French II Corps starts to land tonight. Air operations were and are extremely successful. Bombing knocked out practically all coast defense guns and radar stations. The accuracy of the 12th and 15th Air Forces is unbelievable. The Navy was extremely efficient, delivering all the Army at the exact point, on time, as planned.

Patch and Truscott are both driving ahead as fast as possible under the conditions. They are not waiting for supplies or troops.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CC/S Log Col Park
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Adm King

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

To: War Department

Nr: FX 83919 16 August 1944

FX 83919 action AGWAR for General Surles, TROOPERS for Lord Burnham. Signed Wilson, cite FGCT for Burnham.

In Southern France American and French forces have advanced inland to a maximum depth of 5 miles. On the extreme left of the beachhead, French forces have repulsed an enemy counterattack, but elsewhere resistance is still described as light. There is nothing to report from the Italian front, where regrouping continues. BBC announced "that it was believed that General Devers was in command of the troops in Southern France". This is of course not correct. Suggest you make enquiries.

End.

ACTION: Gen Surles

INFO: CC/S, CGAAF, OPD, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Log

CM-IN-14968 (17 Aug 44) 0212Z jb
From: Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, Certa, Italy

To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
CC, US Army Forces in the European Theater of Operations,
London, England

DTG: 16/2214B August 1944

COSITTREP no 405 part 2. Signed Wilson cite FHRNA.
COSITTREP from CINC MED.
Operation DRAGOON proceeding according to plan.

2. US destroyer reports carrying out depth charge attack in vicinity of San Raphael.

3. Three LCI (L) damaged during assault two by mine and one by mortar fire. British minesweeper damaged in collision with LCP.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CO/3
CO AAF
3-2

Adm King

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SECRET OPERATION DRAGON SLIGHT OPPOSITION ONLY ENCOUNTERED BY 36TH DIVISION LANDING ON BEACHES EITHER SIDE OF AGAY ROAD. INTENTION WAS TO ASSAULT AT 1430 BEACH WEST OF SAINT RAPHAEL. ISLE PORT CRUS CAPTURED.
PRE 12 HOUR GUNFIRE REPORTED VERY EFFECTIVE. NO AIR ATTACKS UP TO NOON. 2 SMALL ENEMY SHIPS SUNK DURING INITIAL ASSAULT.

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By AT, NARA, Date 4/1/74

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Info: 12th TAC
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C.T.F. 86
COMNAVNAW (ADM)
C.T.F. 87
6th Corps 7th Army

IMPORTANT

Special NAVSITINTREP. Operation DRAGOON based on preliminary reports as of 1200.

Weather. Broken low stratum dissipating visibility 4 miles hazy improving. Gentle shifting wind. Negligible sea. All ships and craft reached their final assault destination as per plan. Pre H hour bombing completed presumable using Pathfinder technique. Airborne landings were on schedule and successful. Command post established at Le Moutin 0715. Many friendly aircraft over assault area. Recognition and AA fire discipline excellent no losses of own aircraft reported.

All 0600 landings reported successful at Levant Port Cros and Cap Negre. At 0920 Levant and Cros Islands reported captured without opposition.没啥 sunk 2 enemy corvettes Southwest of Cros. Some German survivors rescued. FOMS reported submarine operating San Raphael Area. EDISON made depth charge attack that area. Gunfire support and bombardment reported excellent. 5 Red alerts. Attacks not pressed home.

P38's shot down 1 E/A. R.C.M. equipment apparently effective. All enemy signals observed jammed. Landings on all beaches successful with good timing. Resistance light with slight hindrance due to mines and obstacles. Majority of landing waves have touched down with exception of 1 RCT to be landed in assault on beach 264A at 1400. Vessels damaged 3 LCI's. 2 mined and 1 damaged by mortar fire. All still afloat.

Field Marshal
Admiral
Gen. Macready
Air Marshal
C.O.S. (2)
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From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean, Algiers.
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
CG Allied Force Headquarters, Rear Echelon, Algiers, Algeria

DTG: 152154B August 1944

SECRETINTEP from C in C Med.

Secret operation DRAGON slight opposition only encountered by 36th Division landing on beaches either side of Agay road. Intention was to assault at 1400 beach west of Saint Raphael. Isle Port Cris captured.

Fire 12 hour gunfire reported very effective. No air attacks up to noon. Two small enemy ships sunk during initial assault. My 152154 part 1. Part 2 final follows

End

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S, CGAAF, O-2, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces in the European Theater of
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DTo: 151328B 15 August 1944

COSINTREP Number 403, Part 2, signed Wilson
Cite FHRA From CINC Med Part 2 final my 151328 previous
part 151104.

Operation DRAGOON (COSINTREP from CINC Med Part
1 my 151328) landing of French Commandos in vicinity of
Cape Negre was successful though some opposition was en-
countered from battery inland.

1. Landings at and part (is)

2. Levant Island reported occupied without
resistance following landing of Special Service Troops.

3. First waves of main assault landed on time.
Only slight opposition against 3rd Division landings in
Cavalaire and Pampelonne Bays and 45th Division landing
in Bougon Bay.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG/OPD CG AAF, G-2, SOS, Adm. King, Col.

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From: CG, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Nr: K 28271 15 August 1944

Strategic Air Force, 692 aircraft dispatched, consisting of 124 B-17’s, 418 B-24’s, 31 P-38’s, and 112 P-51’s. 164 bombers did not drop.

Overcast clouds at early hour forced large number of our bombers to hold bombs because of possible danger to assault troops and Navy. Remainder dropped 816 tons HE.

Seven beaches were attacked between Prejus and Cap Masarat. Bombing on four beaches reported good, fairly good on two and poor on one. No enemy aircraft encountered, flak slight inaccurate.

Following road bridges also attacked: Valence possibly hit, Bourge Saint Andeol half believed cut, Donzère hits on bridge and approaches, Le Tell possibly hit, Pont Saint Esprit West span destroyed. Four B-17’s, two B-24’s and seven P-51’s missing.

Overcast was encountered which hampered bombing. Fighters gave escort and cover. Tactical reports received to time this signal, medium bombers morning missions 171 B-26’s and 105 B-25’s. B-26’s attacked guns at Cap Benat, Cap Lestrel, north of Selines D’Nyeres and the beaches north of

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From: CO, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, Caserta, Italy
To: M 28271. 15 August 1944

Captiveballiere. The B-25s attacked guns at south of Trayas, near Agay, and north of Anthéop. Good concentration is reported on all targets. 30 B-25s and 75 B-25s did not bomb. Danger to our own forces restricted bombing in cloud conditions.


Troops carriers report only six abortive sorties during day. One crashed on take off but personnel only shaken. Six heavy bombers crashed on take off in darkness and poor visibility.

Aboard headquarters ship on invasion coast early reports aboard this ship indicate landings along 30 mile stretch coast between Cannes Toulon complete success. Opposition much less than feared. Invasion force over 1000 ships reached assault area over night without any interference whatever throughout their lengthy converging courses. Although this section coastline known equipped more naval coastal batteries than any part English Channel I watched great part invasion fleet manœuvre offshore this morning without seeing single shot fired at them. Fleet had few air alerts but we have not yet seen enemy planes.

Vital factor success been air strength. Thousands
planes, pilots American, British, French which plastered target areas, covered convoys approaches, unblurred entire operation resulting enemy conspicuous absence. On beach pictures by this ship 692 heavy bombers pointing early morning sun flying targetward which shortly thereafter rocked such force bomb concussion could be felt several miles seaward. Calmest conditions prevailed landings sandy beaches in heavy haze which first effected pilots pinpoint visibility but cleared later into typical Cote d'Azur day operation.

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters; Caserta, Italy.
To: War Department.
Nr: FX 85507

15 August 1944

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02 summary number 5, action to TROOPERS, AGWAR info to SHAPE, MIDEAST, SNO-MTO, Land Forces Adriatic, ACC, AAI
signed Wilson cite FRGBI.

France.

1. Identifications: None reported.

2. Operations: Enemy resistance reported relatively light in most assault areas, negligible in others. Limited beach and underwater obstacles. All enemy resistance Levant and Port Cros Islands terminated. Only slight opposition reported area Le May.

Rail bridge at Vignon reported passable 14th August and road traffic seen crossing improvised bridge. Further review recent traffic movements and additional information suggests infantry may have followed 9th Panzer Division up Rhone 2nd week August. 338th Division most likely candidate but recent reports have referred to planned departure both 244th and 242nd Divisions.

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Nr: FX 83507 15 August 1944

1. Miscellaneous: Administrative HQ Feldkommando-
tur 19th Army reported to have left Avignon 12th August for
Italy.
5. Nothing to report.

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URGENT

From: CG, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
No. M 28244 15 August 1944

To AGWAR for Arnold personal for Arnold from Baker reference M 28244 MAF Headquarters, Caserta.

Air operations for DRAGONN assault appear to have been in full force, on schedule, and highly effective. The following message was received from Saville who commands the air task force and was aboard the command ship, at 1147 hours:

"All goes well. No detailed report on YOSUM bombing but show looked awfully good and everyone was much impressed. Please extend my thanks to Twining, Webster, and Knopp. Landings on schedule. Ground opposition light. Air opposition nil."

The initial airborne operation appears to have been entirely successful.

The pre D Day bombing by heavies, mediums and fighter bombers was excellent and favored by good weather.

There was some cloud over the beaches this morning and in the dropping zone of paratroops at daylight but it did not seriously interfere.

There was 8 to 10/10th's cloud over the beaches during the early morning which made it necessary for the

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From: CG, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces
Caserta, Italy

No. M 28244 15 August 1944

Heavy bombers by pathfinder technique. By 1000 there was little clouds over the beaches and fighter bombers were operating at full scale. By noon there was no cloud on any of the beaches. Sea and winds were ideal.

I have talked today with Generals Wilson, Devers and Cannon, and all are enthusiastic the assault phase has seen very successful and with surprisingly little opposition, probably very light losses.

The heavies are now enroute for the afternoon mission and the afternoon serial of the airborne operation was approaching the dropping zone as I left, under excellent conditions.

End.

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From: Headquarters Seventh Army

To: War Department

DTG: 151055B 15 August 1944

Action AFHQ, AFHQ Avd, SHAPE info Henrico attn G-3 from CG Seventh Army. CRYPTOGRAPHIC number 1 as of 151030B.

1. No identifications so far reported.

2. (A) All assault divisions report successful breaching of beach defenses in target area. Attack proceeding according to plan.

(B) First SSF reported capture of Island Levant and Port Croc by 660GB.

(C) 36th Division reports that CP First Airborne Task Force at Le Mitin (420830) at 0715B.

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From: CG, 7th Army
To: War Department
DTG: 15/2400B August 1944

COSINTINTREP number 2 info as of 152400B from Seventh Army to AFRQ, AFRQ Adv, SHAEP info Henrico attn Berry and Suratt.

1: Total prisoners:
   415 Germans
   250 Russians

   New identifications 807 0ST Bn 14th Engineer
   Fortress Bn.

2: Despite earlier reports indicating complete reduction of islands later information reports fighting still in progress Port Cros.

First AB Task Force:

Unconfirmed troop carrier reports indicate satisfactory landings of parachute elements and loss of three gliders on first glider lift. CP reported at Le Mitin 420420 at 0715. Second glider lift observed approaching LX at about 1800 no direct radio communications yet established.

VI Corps:

CM-IN-14474 (16 Aug 44)

300 J. France

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Advance inland proceeded very satisfactorily during the afternoon from beaches which were assaulted during morning. Due to underwater obstacles and artillery fire on shore Navy did not land 142nd Inf on beach 264A at 15100B as planned. 142nd Inf was later landed over beach 264B. At 152000B 142nd and 143rd Infs were to attack from line of departure U 566372-583746, 142nd Inf attacking Fnejus and 143rd Inf attacking St Raphael and beach 264A to Argona River to contact 45th Inf Div. 141st Inf advanced north from beach 265A, leading elements reached approximately S 295600.

180th Inf advanced north and northwest against slight opposition, leading elements reaching U 460290, U 490315 and U 5550.

157th Inf advanced west and southwest, leading elements reaching U 440177, U 455215 and U 465255.

179th Inf landed and assembled vicinity U 487226.

Elements of 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron reached U 415242 and U 450280.

7th Inf of 3rd Inf Div contacted French Commando Force along coast road at U 365038.

30th Inf reached area U 3913 and Grismaud (U 3916).

2nd Bn 15th Inf attacking St Tropes at end of period. No contact between divisions.* French Commandos landed successfully at Cap Negre at 150130B. Destroyed battery and CM-IN-14474 (16 Aug 44)
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blockaded coastal road in that area. One counterattack repulsed. Passed to control of VI Corps at 150800B. Combat command Sudre of French Armored Div arrived in assault area prepared to land over 45th Div beaches prior to midnight, 15th August.

Bomblines U 3002 U 3105 U 3306 U 3916 U 3620 U 3926 U 3930 U 3336 U 3542 U 4446 U 6143 S 3160

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CCS, CGAOF, G-2, SGS, Adm. King, Col. Park, Log

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Action: GINMED SACMED
Info: COMINCF CTF 84 CTF 85 CTF 86 CTF 87 CTF 88 CTG 80.6
Number: 151148B 15th August, 1944

Landings proceeding on schedule. Opposition light. No enemy air attacks. Very little gunfire support called for after H hour. Intention CTF 87 assault 264-A at 1400. Pre H hour bombing and gunfire apparently very effective.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGS
CG AAF
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(JG PARK)
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Drafter: COM 8TH FLEET

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To: COINCH COMNAVNEU

Decoded by: KIMBRELL

Paraphrased by: DIEBEL/Ex

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Naval Message

Subject: SACRED CINQUE (NAPLES)

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OSS letter, May 1972

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Saul France
LEVANT AND CORS ISLANDS REPORTED CAPTURED WITHOUT OPPOSITION. SOME GERMAN SURVIVORS RESCUED. POWS REPORTED SUBMARINE OPERATING SOUTH-EAST FROM RAPHAEL AREA. EDISON MADE DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK THAT AREA. GUNFIRE SUPPORT AND BOMBARDMENT REPORTED EXCELLENT. 5 RED ALERTS. ATTACKS NOT PRESENTED HOME. P38'S SHOT DOWN 1 E/A. RCM EQUIPMENT APPARENTLY EFFECTIVE. ALL ENEMY SIGNALS OBSERVED JAMMED. LANDINGS ON ALL BEACHES SUCCESSFUL WITH GOOD TIMING. RESISTANCE LIGHT WITH SLIGHT HINDRANCE DUE TO MINES AND OBSTACLES. MAJORITY OF LANDING WAVES HAVE TOUCHED DOWN WITH EXCEPTION OF 1 ROT TO BE LANDED IN ASSAULT ON BEACH 264A AT 1400. VESSELS DAMAGED 3 LCI'S. 2 MINED AND 1 DAMAGED BY MORTAR FIRE. ALL STILL AFLOAT.

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DATE 15 AUGUST 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1314

DECODED BY KRAHNI

PARAPHRASED BY DORSEY/ FISHER

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE AT LEAST ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT.

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LANDINGS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE. OPPOSITION LIGHT.

NO ENEMY AIR ATTACKS. VERY LITTLE GUNFIRE SUPPORT CALLED FOR AFTER 1 HOUR. INTENTION CTF 87 ASSAULT 264-A AT 1400. PRE H HOUR BOMBING AND GUNFIRE APPARENTLY VERY EFFECTIVE.

South west of St. Raphael.

Local land mass west coast Gulf of Frejus.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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86 87 88 89 90 and INFO to COMINCH)

Dragoon: Admiral Hewitt reported at 15:000  

CAPE REGRE, LEVANT, PORT CAPTURED. LANDINGS
ON ALL BEACHES OF MAINLAND DATE ON SCHEDULE AGAINST
LIGHT OPPOSITION, OPERATION PROCEEDING SATISFACTORY
AND ON SCHEDULE. AIRBORNE LANDING REPORTED SUCCESS-
FUL. 2 SMALL ENEMY SHIPS SUNK PORTS BEING RETURNED
TO CORSICA IN PRINCESS BEATRIX AND PRICE BAUDOIP."

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FIRST WAVES LANDED EXACTLY ON TIME. OPERATIONS PROCEEDING AS SCHEDULED.