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MS 500, Sec. 3 -- BARFANI (EUROPE (2))
December, 1944

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ADD: NAPAIDE ..... (PER NCRNO #1)

ARMY(AGWAR)....ACT

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OSD letter, May 4, 1972

By DBS Date MAY 4, 1973

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FROM ALUSNA GREECE INFO CNO. NAVCOM PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY TO SEC STATE.

DESPITE ENCOURAGING BRITISH COMMUNIQUES THE SITUATION HERE IS STILL VERY BAD WITH FIGHTING GOING ON IN MANY PARTS OF THE CITY AND SNIPING EVERYWHERE. THE BRITISH HAVE BROUGHT IN THE 5TH INDIAN BRIGADE (ABOUT 3,000 MEN) TO PIRAEUS FROM ITALY SO THAT THE WHOLE 4TH INDIAN DIVISION IS NOW IN GREECE. THEY SAY THIS BRIGADE WILL BE USED FOR GUARD DUTY ONLY SO FAR AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION A BATTALION OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT HAS BEEN FLOWN IN ALSO FROM ITALY IN AMERICAN PLANES. BRITISH NAVAL VESSELS HAVE GONE INTO

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ACTION IN PIRAEUS SHELLING ELAS POSITIONS. THE PROVINCES ARE REPORTED QUIET INCLUDING SALONIKA WHERE HOWEVER THE ELAS WHICH IS IN CONTROL HAS REPUDIATED THE GOVERNMENT.

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT THE ELAS IN THE PELOPONNESUS DO NOT WANT TO JOIN IN THIS ATHENS AFFAIR AND THAT GENERAL SARAFIS IS AGAINST IT BUT AN AMERICAN UNRAA OFFICIAL SAW SEVERAL THOUSAND ELAS TROOPS CROSSING THE CORINTO CANAL YESTERDAY. IT IS THE OPINION OF MANY GOOD OBSERVERS THAT FIGHTING MAY CONTINUE HERE FOR A WEEK OR 10 DAYS MORE. MEANWHILE THE FOOD SITUATION IS BECOMING CRITICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IS MENACED BY NUMBERS OF UNBURIED DEAD AND INADEQUATE DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES. I HAVE TALKED WITH GENERAL SADLER AND THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR ABOUT THIS AND PLANS RED CROSS ACTIVITIES WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE TELEGRAMS SIGNED MACVEAGH.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/2/44
FROM ALUSHA GREECE INFO WAR

BRITISH CLEARED ROYAL GARDENS AND TOOK ARBUTOS HILL AND ACROPOLIS AREA AFTER STRAFING AND SHELLING. SUBURBS OF SYN GROUP ANKRATI AND PLAPA CLEARED YESTERDAY BUT ELAS INFILTRATED DURING THE NIGHT AND STRAFING CONTINUES THROUGHOUT TOWN. STRAFING OF PHILIP RAPPAS BY PLANES NOW IN PROGRESS PRELIMINARY GEN ASSAULT. TXXELAS ATTACK ON NAVY HOUSE YESTERDAY RELIEVED BY TANKS AND ARMORED CARS AFTER 3 KILLED 14 WOUNDED. CLEARANCE OF ELAS FROM UTVAL COLLEGE PENINSULA BEGAN 11TH TODAY PROGRESSING SLOWLY.
War Department

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Incoming Classified Message

Operational Priority

From: Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, Algiers, Algeria

To: War Department
CG, North African District, Algiers, Algeria

Date: 082214A December 1944

CINC Med sends to COSINTREP addresssees. COSINTREP No 519 part two signed Wilson cite FHRMA.

The Willhem(*)tare station at Piraeus has been put out of action and road to Athens is blocked by destroyer and three coastal craft engaged ELAS stronghold at Lofos Kastelav clearence of peninsular near Naval College continues and no further attack has been made on Navy House. Situation at other Greek ports remains obscure.

2. At Helios on 5th December raiding forces carried out successful ambush. Among enemy officers killed was Garrison Commander who has been largely responsible for determined resistance made by Germans on this island.

(*) Being Serviced.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CGS
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By Dgs. Date
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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/8/44
SITUATION REPORT #498.

ALL NAVAL OFFICERS AND MEN ASHORE AT PIRAEUS CONCENTRATED AT 4 STRONG POINTS. ELAS MADE DETERMINED ATTACK ON NAVY HOUSE BETWEEN 1200 AND 1800 ON 6TH DECEMBER, DURING WHICH BRITISH CASUALTIES WERE 1 KILLED AND 1 WOUNDED. G S SAKTOURIS RENDERED EFFECTIVE CLOSE SUPPORT. TANKS AND INFANTRY ARE SLOWLY CLEARING ELAS FROM NAVAL COLLEGE.

HMS CUMBRAE OPENED FIRE AT AND DISPERSED PARTY ATTEMPTING TO DIG IN. HMS'S ARE STANDING BY AT ALL GREEK PORTS OF IMPORTANCE.

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PRIORITY

From: Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy

To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France
Headquarters 6th Army Group, Main, Vittel, France
Headquarters 1st French Army.

From: 0110B 8 December 1944

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RG AAI to AFHQ information AGWAR TROOPERS MIDEST 6th
Army Group 8th Army 5th Army 1st French Army BAF SMIPO
number 1 Special Force ACC Patriots Branch BAF pass SMIPO
and number 1 Special Force in clear. Special OFS SITREP
number 99.

1. Arops night 7/8 December nil.

2. A. Liguria. Torriglia (P 1559) reported re-
occupied by Partisans.

B. Piedmont. 810 civilians reported massacred
by eneny in Val Sangone (H 7029) area during operations
against Partisans. Fasist propaganda in Val D'Aceta area.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
From: Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy
To: War Department
Nr: PX 64906 7 December 1944

First Part PX 64906 FREEDOM 072100A TROOPERS AGWAR for info usual addressees signed Wilson c/o FRGBI. 0-2
Summary Number 97.

A. Italy.

1. No change of note in situation north of Route 9. South of Faenza our attack across Lamone has now reached enemy MLR and is encountering determined resistance. Fighting reported particularly heavy area Pidaura M 2321. Elements of 308th Tank En believed supporting 305th Inf.Div in this sector. Evidence that both 715th and 365th Divisions have closed up slightly towards NE. No signs however of any imminent intervention fresh troops on 76th Corps front.

2. Order of Battle.

(A) Movements of 90th FG Division still obscure and latest reports suggest elements widely scattered east and northeast Bologna.

End

Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-7690 (8 Dec 44) G-2
ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/3
CG AAF
OPD
Col Park

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/44
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

To: War Department.
CG, 6th Army Group, Vittel, France.
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary FORCES, Main, Versailles, France.

Br: FX 64906
7 December 1944.

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First Part FX 64906 FREEDOM 072100A TROOPERS AGWAR for info usual addressees signed Wilson cite FHOBI. G2 summary number 97.

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* Being Serviced.

CM-IN-7690 (8 Dec 44)

300 Europe (1)
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

To: War Department.
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force,
Main, Versailles, France.

Cc, 6th Group Vittori, France.

Nr: FX 64906
7 December 1944.

Two, three in. Part FX 64906 FREEDOM 072100A signed Wilson cito PHOBI.

362nd Inf Division reidentified by deserter who states division in area Pianoro L 8835 about to relieve 65th Inf Division.

Comment: FW may be mistaken in identity of division to be relieved. Previous FW reports indicated 29 PG Div about to be relieved which appears more reasonable in view of possible shift of 90th PG Division.

B. Balkans.

1. Hungary.

(A) Russians reached eastern shores Lake Balaton and captured Balaton Folgar while beyond Kaposvar Marcali taken.

(B) Romanian source reports "Hungary" division new Hungarian armoured division and being organized west of Danube probably area Varpalota west Szekesfehervar.

Hungarian Radio states division largely composed young evacuees from Transylvanian.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

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2. Yugoslavia.

(A) In Srem advancing Russian and partisan forces have occupied Iluk, Erdevik, Martinci and Sid. Latter capture shows Allied have reached main German defensive position this area (these previously reported on line Yzovar-Sid-Drina mouth).

(B) No important change area XXI Corps.

(C) Enemy concentration Zvornik area now pushed through to Bijeljina. Presumably reinforcements for Russian Battle.

(D) In area XV Corps Gracac reported in partisan hands. All informed.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/8, CG AAF, OFD, Col Park, Log

CM-IN-7690 (8 Dec 44) 0543Z ngs
(INFO CNO FROM ALUSNA GREECE. GEN SADLER REQUESTS PASS FOLLOWING TO AGWAR FOR HILLDRINO)

*POLITICAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS IN GREECE DETERIORATING RAPIDLY. THE GOVERNMENT IS WEAK AND UNPOPULAR. SITUATION IN GREECE ESPECIALLY ATHENS PIRAEUS AREA CRITICAL AND CONDITIONS CHAOTIC.

SITUATION IN SALONIKA TENSE. 2 DECEMBER 6 CABINET MEMBERS OF THE LEFT 2 COMMUNIST AND 4 EAM RESIGNED IN DISAGREEMENT OVER QUESTION OF DISBANDING OF GUERRILLAS (EAM-ELAS). IT IS BELIEVED THAT EAM HAS OUTSIDE INFLUENCE AND SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNISTS. ON 3 DECEMBER CIVIL POLICE FIRED ON APPARENTLY UNARMED EAM PARADE AFTER GOVERNMENT HAD RESCINDED EARLIER PERMISSION AND BANNED THE DEMONSTRATION. BRITISH TROOPS WERE PATROLLING STREETS WITH TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES BUT DID NOT FIRE. INCIDENTS AND SPORADIC FIRING CONTINUED IN ATHENS PIRAEUS AREA ALL DURING SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER. MARTIAL LAW HAS EXISTED IN GREECE FOR SEVERAL YEARS BUT DIRECT ORDERS

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OF GOVERNMENT ARE BEING IGNORED. SCOBIE ISSUED STATEMENT THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN COMPelled TO PUT INTO FORCE

THE EXISTING MARTIAL LAW IN THE ATHENS PIRAEUS AREA AND REITERATED HIS STAND BEHIND AND SUPPORT OF THE PRESENT GREEK GOVERNMENT. SCOBIE ISSUED FURTHER STATEMENT ORDERING ELAS TO QUIT ATHENS PIRAEUS AREA WITHIN 72 HOURS AND COMMITTING BRITISH TROOPS TO POLICY OF FORCE. ON MONDAY 4 DECEMBER INCIDENTS AND FIRING BECAME MORE NUMEROUS. THE GENERAL SITUATION DETERIORATED RAPIDLY. ON 5 DECEMBER FIGHTING BROKE OUT BETWEEN ELAS AND CIVIL POLICE. THE ELAS TOOK OVER 18 OUT OF 24 POLICE STATIONS TO FORCIBLY EJECT ELAS FROM THE ATHENS PIRAEUS AREA BRITISH TROOPS WENT INTO ACTION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GREEK MOUNTAIN BRIGADE WHICH WAS RECENTLY BROUGHT IN FROM THE ITALIAN FRONT. FIGHTING CONTINUED ALL DURING THE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT WITH INCREASING INTENSITY. RAF PATROLLING ALL ROADS LEADING INTO ATHENS AND TURNED BACK 2 COLUMNS THAT WERE MARCHING ON THE CITY. FIGHTING CONTINUING WITH INCREASED INTENSITY MORNING OF 6 DECEMBER WHEN ELAS ATTEMPTED TO TAKE OVER GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS BY FORCE. BRITISH CASUALTIES TO DATE APPROXIMATELY 5 KILLED AND 25 WOUNDED. DISTRIBUTION OF ML SUPPLIES CEASED IN ATHENS PIRAEUS AREA TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER. WE ARE CONTINUING AND WILL CONTINUE TO DISTRIBUTE SUPPLIES IN OTHER AREAS BUT HAVE BEEN IMPEDED AND WILL CEASE IN ANY AREA WHERE CONDITIONS BECOME CHAOTIC. A GENERAL STRIKE IS ON AND UNLOADING OF SUPPLIES IS COMPLETELY TIED UP. UTILITIES ARE NOT FUNCTIONING AND SHOPS ARE CLOSED. THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND GREEKS WAS SIGNED LAST WEEK AND STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN BY MACVEAGH TO ASSOCIATE THE UNITED STATES WITH THIS AGREEMENT BY LETTER. OUR ML ORGANIZATION IS VERY SATISFACTORY
HAVE REACHED MOST SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH UNRRA WHICH MAKES BEST USE OF AVAILABLE ML AND UNRRA PERSONNEL AND AVOIDS DUPLICATION AND OVERLAPPING ALSO MINIMISES MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITH GREEK AUTHORITIES. UNDERSTANDINGS ARRIVED AT FULLY IN ACCORD WITH CCS DIRECTIVES AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER AUTHORITIES. UNRRA SKEPTICAL OF THEIR POSITION UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE INSTRUCTED AMERICAN OFFICERS TO STAY OUT OF INTERNAL STRIFE AND TEND TO THEIR OWN KNITTING AND TO AVOID ANY AREAS WHERE FIGHTING IS GOING ON. ATC PERSONNEL ON DUTY HERE HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE NO PART OF ANY KIND IN THE PRESENT CONDITIONS. WAS IN BARI AND CASERTA LAST WEEK ON PROBLEMS OF JUGOSLAVIA AND ALBANIA. ALBANIA PROCEEDING WITH PLANS AS OUTLINED IN DIRECTIVES FROM CRS. EXPECT TO BE FUNCTIONING IN ALBANIA BY 1 JANUARY 1945 IF EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO OUR PLANS AND OUR ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION IS FACTUAL. JUGOSLAV NEGOTIATIONS HAVE REACHED A STALEMATE AND ARE NOW WAITING FOR THEIR TURN OF A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM BELGRADE. RECOMMEND THAT WE STAY FIRM IN OUR STAND TO HAVE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION AND OBSERVE MS DESPITE ANY PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON OUR ALLIES TO APPEASE TITO AND THE JUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES. SIGNED SADLER.

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OSD letter, May 6, 1972
By DBS Date MAY 2 1973

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VA MALTA FOGMA FO 15TH CS RNHQ CAIRO
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RA ALEXANDRIA.

AIG 387 FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 497

SITUATION AT PIRAEUS IS NOW QUIETER. THAT AT KALAMATA
AND VOLOS IS NOT CERTAIN BUT DESTROYERS ARE BEING SENT TO
INVESTIGATE. AT INTERVALS CONTROL PORT IS IN ELAN HANDS
BUT LATTER ARE WILLING TO ALLOW SO MINEKEEPING FLOTILLA
WHO IS PRESENT TO TAKE CHARGE. PATRAS IS REPORTED
STRONGLY HELD BY OUR TROOPS.

* COULD BE ENVOYS.
RECEIVED BY HAND FROM ARMY

COSINTREP ADDRESSEES FROM CINCME, COSINTREP NR 517, PART 2 SIGNED WILSON CITE FRNA.

AT PIRAEUS SITUATION IS NOW QUIETER, BUT THAT AT VOLOS AND KALADATA IS OBSCURE AND DESTROYERS ARE BEING SENT TO INVESTIGATE.

CONTROL OF PORT AT FDVALLO IS IN HANDS OF ELAN WHO HOWEVER, ARE PREPARED TO LET SENIOR OFFICER OF OUR MINESWEEPER THERE TAKE CHARGE. PABRAS IS REPORTED STRONGLY HELD BY OUR TROOPS.
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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CINC MED FLT

TO: POWELL/MCCLELLAN

DATE: 6 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODE ROOM:

DECODER:

THOMSON/OLSSON

ROUTED BY:

AIG 387

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

Becalmed early on 4th December. Brisk small arms fire between Greeks. Our operation room was under fire. Situation was seriously injured later restored and British avoided opening fire. Naval ratings were wounded. Unloading of cargo continued situation deteriorated today Tuesday and Greek and British warships present moved out of Piraeus to Salamis Straits and stood by to bombarding on call from Army.
2. RHODES. HMS AURORA, HMS MINATURE, HMS METER and HMS MUSKETEER carried out night bombardment of Rhodes Harbour in heavy rain and using radar fixes on 4th December. Bombardment in which 154 round 6 inch and 399 round 4.7 inch fired designed destroy enemy ships and so prevent sorties to other island. Enemy reaction slow, 1st Star shell burst 4 minutes after cease fire. Delay described as "attributable rain and supper time".

3. ADRIATIC. HMS BROCKLESBY, HMS CAMERTON, HMS QUANTOCK AND HMS WILTON and 2 landing craft guns (LCG) accompanied by 2 motor torpedo boats bombarded Lusin Piccolo on 3rd December prolonged shooting being carried out at very close range while aircraft also attacked simultaneously. HMS WILTON slightly damaged by machine gun fire. Motor torpedo boat 633 entered Gigale Cove and destroyed 3 explosive motor torpedo boats and damaged a 4th. She was slightly damaged. 1 Rating was killed and 2 wounded.

4. M/S IN MUST have swept over 200 chain mines since 1ST September.

COPY TO: 20-G
FOLLOWING FROM AMBASSADOR TO SECSATE INFO TO NAVJICAME. PLEASE INFORM WAR DEPT.

"THE SITUATION RAPIDLY DETERIORATED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. MR CHURCHILL TELEGRAPHED LEOPERT THAT POLITICAL CHANGES AT THIS TIME ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND PAPANDREOU IS CARRYING ON WITH "FULL BRITISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF VCOBLES MEASURES." SERIOUS FIGHTING BEGAN EARLY THIS MORNING IN CONSTITUTION SQUARE AND NOW CONTINUES NEAR AGORA AND NEAR STADIUM WITH BRITISH FORCES ENGAGED. THE LOWER PART OF TOWN IS BURNING. I CANNOT LET EMBASSY STAFF PROCEED FROM HOMES TO OFFICE IN VIEW OF CONSTANT FIRING IN STREETS BUT NAVAL ATTACHE.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 9/8/79
FROM ALUSNA GREECE.

FURTHER DETERIORATION IN SITUATION FOLLOWING
1ST SOOBIES ULTIMATUM TO ELAS FORCES TO VACATE
ATTICA AREA BEFORE MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY 2ND
GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON SOOBIES ORDER TO USE
3RD MOUNTAIN BRIGADE AGAINST ELAS 3RD
INTERVENTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN INSISTING
PAPANDREOU REMAIN IN POWER AFTER OFFERING HIS
RESIGNATION. SHARP BATTLES IN PROGRESS IN
VARYING PARTS OF ATHENS AND SUBURBS WITH ELAS
USING WEAPONS OF HEAVIER CALIBRE THAN FORERLY.
BRITISH LOST THREE ARMoured CARS IN SUCH
CLASH TODAY.

16...ACT
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

CG, 6th Army Group, Vittel, France
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France

Nr: FX 63807

5 December 1944

FX 63807 undated action TROOPERS AGWAR info usual addressees from FREEDOM signed Wilson cite PKGBI. G2 summary number 96.

A. Italy.

1. On Adriatic flank enemy abandoned Ravenna night 3rd/4th December. Own troops advancing along route 16 have reached bridge over Lamone at M 4744 without opposition and believed that no organized enemy remain east of river. Strong resistance met west of river on left flank 356th Inf Division there determined counterattack in estimated strength two battalions with tank support succeeded in destroying our bridgehead. South of Faenza still no major reaction from 26th Panzer Division to bed crossings. Over Lamone. On remainder of front no changes of note.

2. Slight indications of move on part of 90th FG Division. Though not possible on present evidence to deduce destination movement does not appear directed towards Eighth Army front.

B. 1st Mountain Division moving Osijek and according one report already beyond town and crossing Drava at

CM-IN-5481
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Nr: FX 63807 5 December 1944

Moslavina, Division evidently intended to reinforce danger area 65th Corps.

B. Elements XXI Corps reached Lijeva Rijeka, northeast Vlcs, on 2 December.

C. Partisan capture Knin confirmed.

All informed.

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INFORMATION: CC/S
CG AAF
OPD
Col Park
Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
FROM ALUSNA GREECE, MILITARY ATTACHE REQUESTS PASS TO WAR DEPT.

REF MYDIS 021247 AM EMBASSY NUMBER 120 OF DEC 3. SITUATION STILL TENSE WITH CONTINUED BUT SCATTERED FIRING. BRITISH LENDING ARMED ASSISTANCE WHERE REQUESTED BUT UP TO PRESENT HAVE SUCCEEDED IN SHOW OF FORCE WITHOUT FIRING. GREEK TROOPS NOT BEING USED AS YET BEGINNING EARLY 3RD ARMD ELAS BANDS SURROUNDED MANY POLICE STATIONS DEMANDING CAPITULATION HOPING TO HAVE THEM IN HAND BEFORE YESTERDAYS DEMONSTRATION. MOST OF ATHENS STATIONS HAVE REMAINED IN HANDS OF POLICE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BRITISH BUT MOST PIRAEUS STATIONS AND SOME IN KIRYISSI AREA CONTROLLED BY...
ELAS. DURING NIGHT OF 3RD AND 4TH 1200 ARMED ELAS APPROACHING ATHENS FROM NORTH DISARMED BY BRITISH FORCES WITH TANKS AND ARMORED CARS WITHOUT BLOODSHED. 100 MORE ARMED GUERRILAS ARE SAID TO HAVE GOTTEN THROUGH TO ATHENS. NAVAL CADET SCHOOL WHICH IS HEADQUARTERS GREEK NAVAL COMINCH UNDER SEIGE THIS MORNING. SEVERAL WOUNDED IN ENTERING BUILDING. SITUATION BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL WITH ASSISTANCE BRITISH ARMOUR ESCORTS. GREEK AND BRITISH NAVIES TAKING STEPS TO PROTECT SHIPS BY MOVING THEM INTO THE STREAM. ALL LIBERTY CANCELLED AS OF 1200 2ND. GREEK COMINCH BELIEVES MORALE HIGH AND CREWS LOYAL.

1 DESTROYER DELEGATED PROTECT BRITISH NAVAL WITH LESS STATION AND BRITISH CRUISER ORIOY SAID TO BE READY TO SHELL OBJECTIVES IF CALLED UPON. GENERAL STRIKE PUBLIC UTILITIES 100% EFFECTIVE. CURFEW 1900 TO 060 BEGINNING 3RD.
From: Commander In Chief Mediterranean Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
   Headquarters North African District Rear Echelon
Nr: Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, US Army, Paris, France
   Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France
Nr: 2048 5 December 1944
From CINCMED my 052157 Part two PP 2048

Warships present moved out in Piraeus to Salamis Bay and stood by to bombard on call from Army.

Rhodes. A cruiser and three destroyers carried out night bombardment of Rhodes Harbour on 4th Dec in heavy rain and using radar fixes. 154 rounds 6 inch and 399 rounds 4.7 inch fired in bombardment which was designed to destroy enemy vessels and so prevent sorties to other islands. Enemy reaction slow first shells bursting four minutes after.

ACTION: OPD
End

INFORMATION: C/S, Q, AAF, ASF, G-2, Adm King
   Col Fark, Statistics, Log

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Situation Report Number 495

1. HMS Catterick has arrived at Heraklion where a reconnaissance party is in control of port which is only slightly damaged.

2. Approaches to and Harbour of Kavalla have been swept and clearance of Mudros Bay is in progress. Kavalla is practically undamaged.

3. At Piraeus declaration of a General Strike and cutting off of power and light is interfering with unloading which however continues.
SITUATION REPORT #494.

ON 28TH NOV HMS METEOR AND HMS WELVIN WHO WERE ACCOMPANIED BY COASTAL CRAFT, BOMBARDED PISCOPI. ENEMY SUSTAINED CASUALTIES AND CO'S HOUSE WAS HIT. SURRENDER WAS DEMANDED BUT ENEMY DID NOT RESPOND. A SMALL RAIDING PARTY WAS LANDED DURING THIS OPERATION.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/44

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CINCPAC
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 4 DEC 44
TOR CODER ROOM: 1401
DECODED BY: HALE
TYPED BY: JOHNSON
Routed By:

WAR DEPT
NAVFIC
(SEE BELOW)

IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW

31955A
NCR 2745

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:
ACTION

2 DESTROYERS WHO WERE ACCOMPANYED BY COASTAL
CRAFT BOMBARD PISCOPI ON 28 NOVEMBER.
ENEMY SUSTAINED CASUALTIES AND COMMANDING
OFFICERS HOUSE WAS HIT. SURRENDER WAS
DEMANDED BUT ENEMY MADE NO REPLY. A SMALL
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/74
Situation still tense with continued but scattered firing. British landing armed assistance where requested but up to present have succeeded in show of force without firing. Greek troops not being used as yet. Beginning early 3rd Arm Elas Bands surrounded many police stations demanding capitulation hoping to have them in hand before yesterday's demonstration. Most of Athens' stations have remained in hands of police with the assistance of the British but most Piraeus stations and some in Kifissias area controlled by Elas. During night of 3rd and 4th 1200 armed Elas approaching Athens from north disarmed by British forces with tanks and armored cars without bloodshed. 100 more armed guerrillas are said to have gotten through to Athens. Naval Ordet School which is Headquarters Greek Naval COMINCH under siege this morning. Several wounded in entering building. Situation brought under control with assistance British Armour escorts. Greek and British Navies taking steps to protect ships by moving them into stream. All liberty cancelled as of 1200 2nd. Greek COMINCH believes morale high and crews loyal. 1 destroyer delegated protect British Naval with less station and British cruiser Oriox said to be ready to shell objectives if called upon. General strike public utilities 100 percent effective. Curfew 1900 to 0600 beginning 3rd.
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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Nr: FX 62999 4 December 1944
Ref no FX 62999 signed Wilson action to TROOPERS,
AGWAR site FIBBI.

Following from Roumanian GS map dated 23rd November.
A are divisions accepted by US
B Divisions not accepted.

Locations are often unreliable but we show approximate
sectors given map.

1. Csop-Tokaj 7th, 16th and
24th Hungarian Divs
8th SS Cav Div

2. Tokaj-Miskolo 2nd, 5th and
211th Inf Div
27th Hungarian Inf Divs 239th Bde
2nd Hungarian Mtn Bde
3rd and 4th Mtn Divs
15th and 76th Inf Divs

3. Miskolo-Eger 4th Hungarian Inf Div
9th Hungarian Frontier Div
1st Hungarian Mtn Bde
8th Jaeger Div

4. Eger-Gyongyos 1st and 2nd Hungarian Panzer Divs
CM-IN-4945 (5 Dec 44)

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

4 December 1944

A
1st Hungarian Cav Div
4th SS Pol Div
24th Panzer Div

Assault Div Rhodes. (Comment: Possibly elements)

5. Gyongyosbi-Hatvan
9th, 12th, 13th and 95th Inf Div
20th Hungarian Inf Divs
13th Panzer Div
18th SS Panzer Div (Comment: Presumably Panzer Grenadier Div)

6. Hatvan-Budapest
10th Hungarian Inf Div Blue Division
23rd Panzer Div 8th SS Pol Div
60th Pz Div
46th Inf Div
22nd SS Cav Div

7. Budapest-south of Baja
5th Hungarian Inf Div 10th Inf Div
13th SS Div

8. Unlocated South Hungary
92nd Indep Mnt Bde
Brandenburg Div (Comment possibly elements) 7th SS Div
Mindenburg, Langlemark Divs

CM-IN-4945 (5 Dec 44)
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FX 62999 4 December 1944

9. Grateful your comments if not in agreement our classification A and B throughout.

End

ACTION: G-2
INPO: CC/s
CG AAF
OPD
COL PARK

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 493.

(1) SOUTH AFRICAN MANNED WHALER HMS BEVER HAS BEEN MINED AND SUNK IN AEGEAN. THERE WERE 9 SURVIVORS.

(2) PARTISANS REPORT FOLLOWING RESULTS OF BOMBARDMENT OF RAB ISLAND PATROL BETWEEN HMS DIadem AND HMS EGGEFSORD ON 17TH NOVEMBER. SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 487 REFER. 1 COAST DEFENSE GUN DESTROYED AND 2 BADLY DAMAGED, 2 FLAK GUNS DESTROYED AND OTHERS BADLY DAMAGED, OBSERVATION POST AND WIRELESS STATION DESTROYED AND A NUMBER OF HOUSES HIT.

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RMS 2210
NCL 1509
From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department
   Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France
   CG, 6th Army Group, Main, Vittel, France

Nr: FX 62501
3 December 1944

APHQ signed Wilson cite FGEBI action TROOPERS AGWAR info usual addresses December 32000 hours FX 62501. Cipart one. G-2 summary number 94.

A. Italy. Enemy resistance between Montone and Lemone has decreased. Main body of 356th Division believed back on Lemone line and right flank of 114th Division also reported by FW to be pulling back to line of railway east of Russi M 4334.

In coastal sector enemy still occupies positions covering Ravenna.

Enemy also falling back astride Castel Bolognese Road to New Mir along line of ridges running WNW from Bruiighella M 2318 to Tossignano M 0823.

On central and western sectors active patrolling but no evidence any major changes.

B. Balkans.

1. Hungary. Russian break through southern Hungary being rapidly exploited. End

CM-IN-3120 (4 Dec 44)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France
CG 6th Army Group, Main, Vittel, France

Nr: FX 62501
3 December 1944

Part 2 and last APHQ FX 62501 G-2 summary number

Capture Szekesaro shortly followed by that of Paks, Dombor and Koposvar.

2. Yugoslavia. Knin captured by Partisans. German column pushing south from Prijepolje was south Bijelopolje by 2 December. Bridge at Bioce reported destroyed by Allied aircraft. All informed.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log
CM-IN-3120 (4 Dec 44) 011112 m/m
(THIS ALUSNA GREECE DIS 211869)

REF IMDIS 261141 NOV.

5 CARGUES NOW UNLOADING FOOD ATHENS ILEION 1 BRIT ML
LYING IN HARBOUR 2 DESTROYERS PATROLLING. SMALL BRIT
COMMANDO FORCE WITH 275 MM GUNS BEING SENT TO REINFORCE
APPROXIMATELY 7,000 POORLY ARMED GUERILLAS GUARDING
ENEMY PERIMETER AND TO SET UP 2 RADIO WARNING STATIONS.
FORCE UNPREPARED FOR MAJOR BATTLE AGAINST ENEMY SUPERIOR
NUMBERS TANKS AND SELF PROPELLED GUNS BUT WILL FIGHT
DELAYING ACTION IF NECESSARY TO GIVE SUPPLY SHIPS TIME
TO WITHDRAW. 25 MILITARY LIAISON OFFICERS WILL ALSO
LANDED SHORTLY.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Mr. FX 61662 2 December 1944

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Administrative summary number 38 for week ending 28 November.

1. Casualties and POW. Read X Killed, Y wounded, Z missing, and POW. Read in 5 columns. (A) Italy. (cumulative totals to 27 November)

   X   Y   Z   POW

   Army. V Corps. No figures received.

   Eighth Army:

   British and Dominion 11,910 48,212 6,845 24,602
   Polish 1,595 6,627 401 3,593
   Italian 212 697 85 24
   Greek 87 260 nil nil

   Total Eighth Army: 13,804 55,816 7,331 28,219

   Polish Corps. No figures received.

   Fifth Army:

   US 20,677 66,052 8,248 43,746
   British 6,379 28,608 10,420 6,997
   French 5,241 20,848 1,583 8,367
   Italian 215 586 504 9
   Brazilian 43 189 32 273

   Total Fifth Army 32,555 116,293 20,787 59,382

CH-IN-3585 (4 Dec 44)

3rd Division (x)

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2 December 1944

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Personnel convoys. No military casualties during part week.

2. General administrative position remains satisfactory.

3. Data regarding maintenance in Italy as follows:
   (A) Most forward railheads: British and US, no change. Through traffic Rome-Leghorn via Grosseto recommenced 25 November.
   (B) Most forward pipeheads: British, Radicosa; US, Forlimpopoli.
   (C) For week ended 28 November forward port discharges averaged as follows: British: Ancona, 3,740 TPD; Leghorn, 1,110 TPD. US: Leghorn, 5,390 TPD.
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Cassino, Italy.

To: War Department.
CG, 6th Army Group, Vittel, France.
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Meudon, Versailles, France.

Nr: PX 52022 2 December 1944.

To TROOPERS AGWAR rptd usual addressees December Two nil from FREEDOM cite FHGBH signed Wilson PX 52022 02 summary number 93.

Part A. Nothing to report.

B. Balkans.

One. Hungary. Radio Budapest has made appeal for Hungary youth to join new SS Division "Hunjadi" Letter resumably setting up in Hungary but no details known.

Two. Yugoslavia.

(A) Novi Fazar now clear of enemy. Partisans advancing towards Sjejica. German column moving south to link up with XXI Corps reached Brodarevo by 1 December. Enemy forces in Montenegro have now reached Vilac beyond Bijec.

(B) Knin reported encircled by Partisans.

(C) Russians report identification 31st SS Volunteer Division their front in Yugoslavia. This new identification and believed 3rd Regiment LE Division of 6 Battalions.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.
Nr: FX 52022 2 December 1944.

(3) Aegean. Enemy said to be organizing raiding force about 400 soldiers on Leros to raid Greek Islands. All informed.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/s COAAFP OFD Col Park Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 1/18/94
From: Chiefs of Staff
To: A.F.H.Q.
Info: SHAER Joint Staff Mission
No: COSMED 198 2 December 1944

Following for General Wilson from Combined Chiefs of Staff. Reference MEDCOS 205.

The introduction of major forces into Balkans as recommended by you in your MEDCOS 205 is not favourably considered at this time. Your first and immediate objective should be to capture Bologna, then to secure the general line Ravenna - Bolongna - Spezia, and thereafter continue operations with a view to containing Kesselring's Army. Withdrawal of forces from line for rest, rehabilitation and rotation should be consistent with above mission.

You should continue to introduce light forces through liberated Dalmatian ports in order to harass and exert pressure and attrition on Germans withdrawing from the Balkans.

Such of your forces and resources as become available as result of withdrawals from the line will constitute a strategic reserve well placed to reinforce the effort against Kesselring and facilitate the rotation of tired units to be available for prompt employment in other operations as changing situation permits.

Arrangements should be made so that Air Forces can be rapidly switched between Italian and Yugoslavian fronts. You should allot such administrative resources as can be spared without detriment to your present campaign in Italy to preparation of bases on Dalmatian Coast so as to enable
From: Chiefs of Staff
No: COSMED 198 2 December 1944

You to take full advantage of any favorable situation which may later develop. These arrangements must be subject to constant review and revision in light of swiftly changing situation both to westward and to eastward of our armies in Italy.

End

Note: 205 is CM-IN-2465 (26 Oct 44) CC/S
ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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CM-IN-2920 (3 Dec 44) 1811Z pa

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