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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 262146

Rec'd: 30th Sept., '43

Time: 1013

Addressed: COMINCH

From: ALGIERS.

IMMEDIATE.

Part 2 final of my 292146A from CINCMED

Five submarines during recent patrols

report having damaged one ship in approaches to

Bastia and obtaining hits on one possible two ships

north of Corsica. Six by 27 Sept 6400 troops 1100

tons stores and 134 vehicles had been transported to

Corsica mainly by French cruisers and destroyers.

262146A

Pt. 1 not received. Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept.

F.M.

Admiral,

Air Marshal

Gen. Macready,

C.O.S.

Plans,

Brigadier Redman (S)

N.I.

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Lt. Col O'Connor

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From: Hq 15th Army Group
To: War
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30th Sept 1943

From Hq 15 Army Group to COSINTREP Addressees MAC pass to Fairfield AMILCAR number 0-1201 300115. COSINTREP number 83. Signed Eisenhower cite FIGHT PREBI.

By DBS
Date MAY 21 1943

To 1600 A hrs 2nd Sept. Part 1 begins.

Section 1. Intelligence. NTR.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army 13th Corps. TAC Eq 0-808875 78 Div. S Servero and Lucera occupied 28 Sep receo patrols report Promontorio Del Cargano Peninsula and Amigos 2-255 clear of enemy. Patrole contacted enemy 1/1115 at 1400 hrs 28 Sept now lost contact.

1 CDW Div. moving to concentration area Irama 0-8041 Grivina P-036 8E Minervino 0-7476. Contact maintained with 78 Div at Cassoli Satriano and 5 Div at Atella. 1 CDW Arm Div concentrating Se of Minervino P-7476. 5 Div. Recce patrols in contact 5 Army at 0-144 6 Corps. 8 Ind Div Eq P781130 concentrating area Taranto Gialo.

2nd. 5 Army. 6th Corps. 45 Div. 180 BCT Forward Tps to N 2169 otherwise no change. 34 Div. 133 BCT forward troops W3485 Div right boundary W 3485 N 3485. 3 Div 7 BCT W7456 15 BCT no change. CP W6446. Right boundary W8542 W8586-6770- W446. Advance continues along Corps front many demolitions. 10 Corps 56 Div bulk of Div area N8453. 167 BDE passed through 165 BDE and reached W6546. 7 Arm Div. 11 Ramazzano Serno W5246 patrols 5048 5044. 13 BDE leading elements W1423. 22 Arm Div area W438 prepared to advance. 23 Arm BDE leading elements W3720 3940. 48 Div concentrating W-6034. 10 Corps attack and exploitation to plain

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To: War 0-1201
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continues against light enemy opposition heavy demolitions and adverse weather.

Section 3.

Air, 1st. Tactical reconnaissance which was restricted owing to weather conditions saw no road movement during the day at 1330 hrs medium bombers of Strategic Air Force reported 2 large convoys moving north west at GS504 and M7054 and much congested MT moving south at M2795.

2nd. Bombline 1500 hrs. 8 Army H7082-7024-0-0572. 5 Army no change. Section 3 ends. No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)
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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 292208

IN

Addressed: Admiralty COMINCH


From: C. in C. Med.

MAY 21 1973

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IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 192

(1) Sweeping of channel to Castellamare commenced on 28th Sept. Uncle Beach has been closed and reopened west of Salerno. Bad weather hampered (?unloading) on 27th and 28th Sept.

(2) Destroyers maintained patrol between Otranto and Valona during night 27th/28th and 28th/29th Sept. but sighted nothing.

(3) First convoy of 6 ships has arrived Brindisi and commenced discharge on 28th Sept.

(4) P 31 report having damaged 1 ship in approach to Bastia on 28th Sept. Evacuation still continues.

(5) P 51 report 1, possibly 2, ships hit during patrol north of Corsica.

(6) Total French force and equipment transported to Corsica up to 27th Sept. mainly by French cruiser and destroyer 6400 troops, 1100 tons stores, 134 vehicles.

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Received P/L from Navy Dept.

P.M. Plans N.M.C.S.
Admiral Brig.Redman (8) C.C.O.R.
Air Marshal N.I. Lt.Col. Cook
C.O.S. S.O. G/C Du Boulay

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From: 16th Army Group, Philpot, Algiers
To: War - 0 1194
USFOR London - No #

28th September 1943

From 15 Army Group to COSINTREP addresses 0 1194
2901004, COSINTREP number. Signed Eisenhower cite
FHQCT and FHQIA.

81 to 1600 hrs 28 Sep.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First. 8th Army. 5 Corps. 1 A/L Bde HQ J3503.
13 Corps. 78 Div and 4 Arm Bde passed Command 13
Corps 271200. 78 Div Patrols outskirts MANFREDONIA
J3503 Tac HQ J 9604. 4 Arm Bde captured Foggia J3030
271405 hrs. Recce elements have entered S Severo
J1543 and Lucera J 1123. Patrols in contact with enemy
at Ancolli Batriano 03090 261900A. 1 Cdn Div. Recce
elements from Canosa 07384 reached 05884 without making
contact. 2 Cdn Bde captured Melfi 03868 and held there
by demolitions. 1 Cdn Bde moving to area Gravina P0360.
5 Div. Recce elements reached Pesapagano 01849.

Second. 5 Army. 6 Corps. 45 Div 3 forward
troops S Andrea 01550-00968-S Angelo N 9969-Torella N 9370.
In contact with 5 Div (BE) in vicinity of Sandrea. 3 Div
forward troops N0556-N8157-Vollfrara M783-Solofra M7248.
10 Corps. 56 In Div occupies the line San Severino M4442-
Castel S Giorgio M5843 and is directed on Sarno M5248.
46 Div has pushed 3 miles North and Ranges 3 miles North-
west of Rocera M5338. 23 Arm Bde debouching into Pagani
N5136 area occupied Scafati M4438 and Castellamare M4033
1130A hrs. 131 Bde reached Pomsili M4039.

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To: War

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29th September 1943

Section 3. Air.

1. Lack of enemy movement seen over the whole front. Between 1330 and 1315 hrs 70-80 vehicles were reported moving both ways between Casarina N3675 and Benevento N0581 with some transport approaching Benevento from the South.


(Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-2409 (29 Sep 43) OPD)

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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From: 18th Army Adv Grp
To: War No. COSINTREP 81, No. 01199
USFOR, London

29 September 1943

From 15 Army Group to COSINTREP addresses 01199 290100A
COSINTREP number 81 to 1600 hrs 28 Sep. Signed Eisenhower
cite FICCT and PGGB.

1. Intelligence. Nothing to report.

2. Ground Operations.

1st. 8th Army. 5 Corps. A/L BDE Hq J0503.

13 Corps. 78 Div and 4 Arm BDE passed to Command 13
Corps 271200. 78 Div Patrons outskirts MANFREDONIA
J0638 TAC Hq J0504. 4 Arm BDE captured Foggia
J3020 271425 A Hrs. Recce elements have entered
S Esterno J 1543 and Lucera J 1125. Patrons in
contact with enemy at Arcella Battaglia 03060
261900A. 1 Cdn Div. Recce elements from Casino
07384 reached 05884 without making contact. 2 Cdn
BDE captured Malef 03968 and held there by demoli-
lions. 1 Cdn Bde moving to area Gravina
P0360.

5 Div. Recce elements reached Pescepagano 01849.

2nd. 5th Army. 6 Corps. 45 Div 3 forward Troops
S Andrea 01550 -00968 - S Angelo N9869 Torella
N 9370. In contact with 5 Div (Br) in vicinity
of Sandrea. 3 Div forward troops N 9858 N 8157
- Vollfras N 7853 - Solofra N 7248 10 Corps. 56
in Div occupies the line San Severino N 8442 -
Castel S Giorgio N 5842 and is directed on Sarno
N 5245. 46 Div has pushed 3 miles north and
Rangers 3 miles northwest of Rocca N 5338. 23
Arm Bde debouching into Pagani N 5136 Area oc-
cupied Scafati N 4438 and Castellamare N 4035.

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From: 15th Army Adv Grp
To: War

No. 2, 29 September 1943

1130 A hrs, 131 Bde reached Pomell N 4039.

3. Air.

1. Lack of enemy movement seen over the whole front. Between 1230 and 1315 hrs 70 - 80 * were reported moving both ways between Caserna N 2875 and Benevento N 6581 with some transport approaching Benevento from the south.


Section 3 ends.

NoSig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
General Deane CC/S
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URGENT

From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean
To: War

No. COSINTREP 79, 29 September 1943.

Addressed COSINTREP from Algiers CCO. COSINTREP from CINC Med. COSINTREP No. 79. Signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT.

Following is repetition of message 282150 begins.

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Gen. Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Number 78, 28th Sept 1943


1. U boat activity has been on an increased scale in the Salerno area. Several hunts have been in progress on 25 Sept and 26 Sept but without evidence of success.

2. SS Christian Michelsen in convoy UGS 17 blew up and sank off 26 Sept 30 miles east of Bone. U Boat blew proceeding in vicinity.

3. During night 26/27 Sept destroyers maintained patrol in vicinity of Corfu but sighted nothing.

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From: Algiers.
To: WAR

No. W 1154/496 28th September 1943.

AGWAR Troopers from G-3 OPSUM section AFRQ W 1154/496 28 Sept nil signed Eisenhower cite FHQCT.

Foggia was captured by 4th Arm Bde of 5th Corps 27th Sept. Special sitrep.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
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Gen. Deane (CCS)
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CM-IN-19771 (28 Sep 43) 1458Z law

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From: 15th Army Group Advanced Philpot
To: AGWAR

No. COSINTREP No. A 195 - 28 September 1943

From HQ 152 27 Army Group to COSINTREP addressees number A195 280100A. Sgd Eisenhowe cited FROCT FHGBI. COSINTREP number 80 to 1600 A hours 27 Sept.

Part 1, section 1. Intelligence. 5 Army front. PW 7 Coy 129th PGR captured area Capez Ano 24 Sept states his unit part of battle group commanded by Col Schaalz. Comment. Schaalz commanded a battle group of Hermann Goering Div in Sicily. His present appointment is unknown. Battle Group Fitz identified from document captured 25 Sept in area Cava Tirreni includes in its composition 2 Bn 1 Goering PGR and elements of 115 PGR 16 recce unit identified by 3 JWS area NW Cava Tirreni 25 Sept. 2 Bn 29 PGR reidentified 26 Sept Salerno front. 8th Army front. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations. First. 8th Army. 5 Corps. 1 A/B Div. 1 A/L Bde holding line Ortona J4304 Stornare J4800 Corignola 05897 two para Bde moving Canosa 07393. Hq 1 A/B Div Gioja P433492. 78 Div. Recce patrols J5730 and J3317. 4 ArmD Bde. Hq J4802. Fwd elements J3317. 13 Corps 1 Cdn Div. 2 Cdn Bde advanced through Ricem 04159 to Melfi 04067. 5 Div. NTR. Second. 8th Army. 6 Corps' 45 Div. Forward troops Miele 03053 Laconi 00354

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From: 15th Army Group Advanced Philpot
To: AGWAR
No. COSITINTREP No. A195 - 28 September 1943

Lioni 00053, 3 Div fwd tps Panino N8956 M La Vignola N 8186 and M Velluzzano N7343. 133 Rct holding Tears R0652. Remainder div in reserve 10 Corps. 56 Div captured Paronial N6438 (N2438). 46 Div captured Carmelle N8838.

Section 3. Air. First. Considerable traffic moving Northwest from R2033 to R5021 was reported at 0640 hrs. Otherwise no road movement of any note was seen during the day. Second. Bombine. 1600 hrs. 8th Army J7247 4346 3240 2431 1123 02778 1763. 5 Army 01763 N8966 8056 7358 6855 6844 4941 4837 4133. Section 3 ends.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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Situation Report Number 192.

(1) (Receive?) CHRISTIAN MICHEIiSEN (in?)

(convoy?) UGS 17 (by?) Oct. (and?) regulate at (about?)

1920/26th (in position?) 37-12 N 08-26 E. A/S A/S proceed

(in vicinity?) but via contact.

(2) During night 26th 27th Sept. H.M.S. QUILLIAM

and O.R.P. PIORUN maintain patrol recommend H.M.S. CORFU

nothing was sighted.

(3) JEANNE D'ARC escorted by H.M.S. PANTHER and

F.S. MONTCALM commodore of convoy escorted by H.M.S. PATH-

FINDER proceed AJACCIO with troops during night (25th?) 26th

(and 26th?) 27th Sept. respective.

(4) U-boat (GER) (activity?) has been on (in-

creased?) scale in Salerno Area. (Several?) A/S have been

in progress during 25th and 26th Sept. but without

(evidence?) (of?) success.
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PRIORITY CORRECTED COPY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W1122/258 27 September 1943

Troops, AGWAR info Mid-East, Fairfield Rear, Fatima, Fakir, Fable from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite PHOBI.

In west enemy forced in bitter fighting retire to Arena Avellino and under relentless attacks has withdrawn from commanding heights NW of Salerno. No reports from Adriatic. Southern Italy. No change in dispositions. Enemy rapidly evacuating whole Foggia area. Searguards on general line Manfredonia-Foggia-Melfi, in centre, line runs north of San Andrea-Lioni-Bagnoli-Castelfranco. G-2 summary.

No Sig.

Corrected copy of CM-IN-19553 (28 Sept 43) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD

CG AAF

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Operational Priority

From: Algiers
To: War
No: None 27 Sept 1943
Signed Eisenhower cite PAGEH.

COSINTREP, 78 part 2. COSINTREP from CINC Med 11 1 U boat activity has been on an increased scale in
the Salerno area. Several hunts have been in progress
on 25 Sept and 26 Sept but without evidence of success.
Christian Michelsen in convoy DGS 17 blew up and sank
M26 Sept 30 miles east of Bone. U boat hunt proceeding
in vicinity. 3. During night 26/27 Sept destroyers
maintained patrol in vicinity of Corfu but sighted nothing.

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T.O.O. 262222

IN

Rec'd: 27th Sept.'43

Time: 1242

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: C. in C. Levant

COMHOREAFRON

N.O. 1st Army

F.O. Force "W"

F.O. COM Gibraltar

H.W.N.W. African Air Forces

N.O. 8th Army

V. Malta

B.A.D. Washington

COMMNAVAF

MAY 21 1943

N.O. 18th Army Group

Senior Naval Officer,

Tripolitenie

Senior Officer Inshore Squadron

From: C. in C. Mediterranean

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 191

No. 252347 Paragraph 2 for T.B. SIBILLA read

motor vessel DUBAC

2. Port of Gallipoli has been reopened and 2

Coesters begun discharge on 24th Sept.

3. During night 25th 26th H.M.S. QUILLIAM O.K.P.

PIJABON carried petrol in vicinity Corfu to prevent enemy

supplies reaching that island. Nothing seen. 19 survivors

from Italian T.B. STOCCCO were rescued.

4. F 53 report torpedoing 10,000 ton tanker near

Bestia, Ship subsequently beached. 1 Seiblee ferry sunk.

5. 2 Merchant ships arrived Ajaccio on 25th Sept.

with French Army Stores.

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F.M.

Admiral

Air Marshal

Gen. Macready

C.O.S.

Flens

Brigadier Redman (8)

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Brigadier Redman (8)

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30th Italy
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean
To: War
No. COSITINTREP 77, 26 September 1943.
(COSITINTREP number 77 part 2 from C in C Med).

1. The Port of Salerno has been reopened and 2 Coasters commenced discharging 24th September. During night 25th Sept/26th Sept destroyers carried out patrol in vicinity of Corfu to prevent enemy supplies reaching the island nothing was sighted but 19 survivors of the Italian T B Stocco were rescued. EM HMS Ulto reports having torpedoed 10,000 ton tanker near Bastia. Ship was subsequently beached. One subel ferry was sunk.

4. Two merchant ships arrived Ajaccio 25th Sept with French Army stores.

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27 September 43
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PRIORITY

From: 15th Army Group Adv Philpot
To: War

No. 42, 27 September 1943

From Hq 15th Army Group to 5th Army, 7th Army 8th Army
No 1 District, No 2 District for info AFHQ, C in C Med,
MAC, Troopers, AGWAR, Hideast, Fairfield, AMILCAR, Command-
deth Malta, Fairfield Sicily, ELS, TRIPDIST, EBS, IBS,
North Africa District, TAF, ELS, Advance Party 15th Army
Gp Baru cite 01184.

HQ 15th Army Group closes Cassibile Sicily 0800A
hours 4th October and opens same time area San Spirito
P3088 northwest of Bari. Nearest landing ground at P3386.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CCS)

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From: 15th Army Group Advanced
To: USFOR London Unnumbered War No. O 1192

27 September 1943.

Second and last cipher part by O 1192. Signed Eisenhower cite FGCT and FGBI.

34th Div assigned 6th Corps with 153rd Inf at N 6333. 10th Corps. 56 Div. 169 Bde gained Mt Sella N 6836. 46 Div. 39th Bde occupied Epitaffeo Di Nava N 5935. Ranger occupied Sala N 5036. No further changes. 82nd A/B Div (less det) attached 10th Corps.

Section 3. Air.

1st. No road movement was seen on 8th Army front throughout the day. On 5th Army front light scattered movement was reported in the area south east of Benevento N 6591 and in the area north east of Naples.


Section 3 ends.

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From: 15th Army Group Advanced
To: War
No. O 1192 COSINTREP 79

27 September 1943.

From Hq 15 Army Group. Number O 1192 TOO 270100 A to COSINTREP addresses. MAC to pass to Fairfield AMILCAR. COSINTREP number 79 to 16:00 A hrs 26 Sept.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. 8th Army front. 1575 Heavy Flak Trp ZBV identified by PW Andria O 99 on 23 Sept. Hq 3rd Bn (Bn) 1 Para Arty Regt identified from captured documents at Canosa 24 Sept. 5th Army front. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army. 5th Corps. 1 A/B Div. NTR. 78 Div. Recce patrols has reached rd junction J 6022 evening of 25 and during the night captured Cerignola O 5897 and occupied Portascova J 3204 this morning. Div concentrating in area Moletetta P 1882-Gioninazzo P 2491 with Tac Hq area J 9503. One A/L Bde under command 5th Corps. 13 Corps. 1 CDN Div. Div recce elements are patrolling to river crossing O 5784 from Canosa O 7393 and to Bk O 4768 Minervino O 7578 Fkrenza O 5852 and Venosa O 5363 reported clear. Two CDN Bde still in contact with enemy in Rimero O 4259 evening of 25th. 5th Div. Now cut of contact 13th Corps Hq P 1350.

2nd. 5th Army 6th Corps 45 Div. 157 Inf is entrenched on the high ground at O 1150. Liono N 9953 occupied. 179 Inf occupied Taora O 0651 and is entrenched west of town. Patrols are advancing north west and along route 7. Div CP at O 0443. Demolitions making supply problem difficult. 3rd Div. Demolitions retarding main elements. Aggressive patrolling reached the

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From: 15th Army Group Advanced
To: War USFOR London
27 September 1943

No. 0 1192 COSITINTREP 79
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line Beimoli NW147-Castelfranci N 8855. Route 7 reached
and cut Casteno N 8853 and Montella N 8850 occupied. Short
heavy rain Maeno N 8837 (8937) at 1100 hrs. 7th Inf on
line N 8856 (8676)-N 8755-N 8856. 15 Inf no change.

(End of part 1 part 2 follows).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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GRF, DEANE (CCS)

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From: Advanced Command Post, Carthage, Tunisia
To: War

No. 591, 26 September 1943

Personal review from Commander in Chief to the Combined Chiefs of Staff reptd British Chiefs of Staff NAF 421 from General Eisenhowler AFHQ Adv Cp (AMILCAR).

Operations in general are proceeding satisfactorily. Alexander reports that the 10th Corps has gained the crest of the high ground dominating its position on the north and is getting into a situation where its forces can be used somewhat more advantageously, including some armor. The Rangers, Commandos and light forces on the left will support the 10th Corps as it advances. The 6th Corps on the right has pushed forward energetically and is approaching Avelino. RGT of the 34th Division is now in the Salerno area. In the east landings are going according to schedules previously furnished you and a portion of the 78th Division is moving toward Foggia. By my latest reports the 5th Army has suffered something over 14000 casualties to include 20 Sep, and the 8th Army has suffered more than 600 to include 22 September.

The enemy is working hard to block the port at Naples, but it is my personal opinion that he will have only a few more days at that place. Part following hard upon our initial landings we were faced with a number of critical problems, some of them in the nature of fleeting opportunities brought about by the feeble attempts of certain Italian units to hold their positions, while others were merely normal to the early stages of a vast landing operation. For example, there were a number of places along the Eastern Adriatic Coast that would have been most desirable to take and hold provided we could have spared the strength. The opportunity looked particularly inviting because in certain of those places, the Italian Forces were holding out temporarily. BIGOT AVALANCHE. Additional minor operations in the Mideast Theater looked particularly tempting as did also...
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Sardinia and Corsica. On top of all this, it was clear that additional landing operations to get behind the flanks of the German positions on the mainland would offer good results providing only these landings could be made in sufficient strength to maintain themselves for a considerable time unsupported. Because the 5th Army was still short of so much of its transportation and the 2 divisions of the 8th Army had so far to go, no support of an additional landing could be visualized for a considerable period. In this situation it was manifestly necessary to devote first attention to making good our landing in the Salerno Bay Area and to building up our forces rapidly into a coordinated body that could be handled effectively. Nevertheless we have, with limited means left for such ventures, worked hard on the Sardinia and Corsica problems and I am sure that both those areas will remain ours. We are likewise preparing to meet certain minimum demands from Witeast for carrying on a minor important operation, because of the great results promised by minimum expenditures and effort. For the moment there seems little that we can do on the Eastern Adriatic Coast but we will neglect no opportunity to get great dividends for little or nothing.

As previously notified we intended yesterday to send back the 3 B-24 groups to the UK. However, I am now informed that the Air Command in England desires us to carry our 1 mission with these groups against European air factories before returning them.

The Italian political situation seems to be clearing up with no evident opposition on the part of the Italians of things that we direct them to do. The only matters of which they seem to be somewhat sensitive are those involving their governmental status and such things as internal prestige and exchange rates. I believe that our position on all these matters will be easily accepted and I think that the long term Armistice will be signed about the middle of this week.

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From: Advanced Command Post, Carthage, Tunisia
To: War
No. 591, 26 September 1943

I have a report this morning that some additional trouble has developed in the French National Committee but reports on that matter will be largely rendered by Mister Mac Millan and Mister Murphy and possibly by General Smith. I personally have little concern as to how the committee organizes and operates so long as General Giraud retains a sufficiently strong position in the French Military World to control effectively French Forces in the Mediterranean and to continue to operate his forces under my general direction.

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Action: CC/S
Information: OPD
Gen. Strong
Gen. Arnold
Adm. King
LOG

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NAVAL MESSAGE  T.O.O. 252347

IN  Received: 26th Sept.'43
    Time: 1129

Addressed:  A.I.G. 269  COMINCH

From:  C. in C. Med.

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IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 190.

(1) Port Party arrived Bari P.M. 23rd Sept. Port is in
good order Italian Authority cooperative.

(2) During night 22nd/23rd Italian Torpedo Boat 329
patrolled in vicinity Corfu. German aircraft have been active
over water between Corfu and Otranto during last 24 hours.
Italian Torpedo Boat STOCCO (sunk off) Samathraki Island,
Torpedo Boat SIBILLA damaged near Otranto and Torpedo Boat
SIRIO also attacked.

(3) Convoy of Personnel Ships with 5th Indian Division
arrived Taranto 24th Sept. Ships have discharged and sailed.

(4) MM 570 was sunk by mine off Gallipoli on 24th Sept.
while on passage. 3 survivors.

(5) Destroyer Patrol in Strait of Otranto maintain
during night 24th/25th no incident reported.

(6) British LST with tank and OCI set arrived Ajaccio
(after daybreak) 25th.

(7) U.S.S. SKILL was torpedoed and sunk by U-boat
(German) about 1200 25th in position 40 - 20 14 - 35
H.H.S. TARTAR and H.M.S. FLY hunting.

(8) (In) sweep operations off Crotone 79 mines have
been swept by ship of minesweeping Flotilla 14th.

F.M.  Plans                    252347B
Admiral   Br.igadier Redman (8)
Air Marshal H.I.       Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept.
Gen. Macready S.O.(O) Personal N.M.C.S. Lt.Col. Cook

G/C Du Boulay
INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: 15th Army Group Advanced
To: USFORC London Unnumbered
War No. 01162

25th September 1943

(from HQ 15 Army Group to OGINTREP addressees number 01162 25040558) OGINTREP number 77 to 1600 hrs 24 Sep.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence.

Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations
1st. 8th Army. HQ 15 Army Group. 8th Div at Bari remainder Div landing at Taranto to concentrate Bari Area. 2nd. 5th Army. 6th Corps. 45 Div. Front line 00640-04403-0138 Valva 00638 Quaglione 00649 Calliano 00836 taken. CP 00332. 3rd Div. 7th RCT 0846-0748-0546. CP 0746. Close fighting with enemy tanks infantry and artillery. CP 0833. General advance 6th Corps front against demolitions mine fields. 10 Corps. 56 Div. leading elements 06534 no further change. 201 Rds held up by blow bridges. Leading elements on MT Stellby 06534. 46 Div leading elements 0333-0333-6033-46074. Attack continuing program slow Teobert Hill 0333 taken. Stubborn enemy resistance and terrain difficult.

Section 3. Air
1st. Night reconnaissance reported general impression considerable movement north west from Naples. Little road movement was reported throughout the day along the whole front. Bombing 1600 hrs. 8th Army J6139-4030-2120-07569-3067-1046. 5th Army. 01440-88854-7153-6838-5057-0567. Signed Eisenhower cite PHQG and PHBQI. Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF Gen Denae (CC/S)

CM-IN-17916 (25 Sept 43) 1142Z flw

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ITALIAN FOOD SITUATION

This situation is critical in Southern Italy. The problem is raised of feeding military and civilian population. In the 8th Army area, 8 Italian Divisions of approximately 113,000 men will have to be included.

Many reports from neutral sources indicate that there is great unrest and much resistance across the Adriatic and that remarkable progress has been made by patriot forces. Situation, however, is most confused and authentic reports are lacking. Some sources indicate that Trieste has been penetrated and Fiume closely approached. It is doubtful whether the patriot groups will have sufficient strength and equipment to resist serious German drive in this area.
T.O.O. 232342
Rec’d: 24 Sept. ’43
Time: 1610

Addressed: C.I.G. 264
COMINCH

From: C. in C. Med.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 182

1. During the night 21st/22nd Sept. 5 M.T.B.’s entered Valona (front) and report sinking 1 medium size Merchant ship loaded with ammunition and 1 smaller Merchant ship. 2 other ships were hit. M.T.B. 295 was damaged by shore battery which heavy engaging force (had not) run out. M.T.B. (2824) on 1 engine and returned to Otranto in tow of H.M.S. ILEX. No casualties.

2. DZIK reports sinking 3 Seibal ferries in approach to Bastia on 22nd September. Evacuation was continuing by air and sea.

3. Building (?) of (--------) avalanche continues according to programme. Enemy air activity against shipping has been on a reduced scale.

4. During night 22nd/23rd coastal forces operated along West Coast of Italy North of Naples. Destroyers maintain arm of Otranto patrol.

5. 27 boats and (TLC carrying ships) carried further supplies to Ajaccio during night 22nd/23rd Sept.

*Barbeld groups (2) being serviced

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Reference C. in C. Med.'s 232342.

Subject: Situation Report 169 (Most Secret)

Para. 3 correct to read -

"Building of air defence AVALANCHE"

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean
To: War
No. COSINTREP 4, 23 September 1943.

COSINTREP No 4. Part 2 (COSINTREP from CINC Med).

1. Force of M.T. boats entered Valona Harbour night 21st/22nd September and report sinking 1 medium sized merchant vessel loaded with ammunition and one small merchant vessel. Two other ships were hit. Shore batteries engaged M.T. boats whilst retiring 1 was damaged but returned to harbour in tow no casualties.

2. Polish submarine Dzik reports sinking 3 Seibel Ferries in approaches to Bastia on 22nd September. Evacuation was continuing by air and sea. Build up of operation AVALANCHE continues according to programme.

3. Air activity against shipping has been on a reduced scale.

4. Coastal forces carried out a sweep along west coast of Italy north of Naples during the night 22nd/23rd September and destroyers maintained patrol in the Straits of Toronto.

5. Further supplies were taken to Ajaccio during the night 22nd/23rd September by French cruiser and destroyer.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN. DEANE (CC/S), ADM KING LOG

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5. Further supplies were taken to Ajaccio during the night 22nd/23rd September by French Cruiser and Destroyer.

No. T.O.O./23rd

Part 1 not received in N.S.R.

F.M. Admiral
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General Macready
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Brigadier Redman (8)
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NAVAL MESSAGE  T.O.O. 222214
IN
Rec'd: 24th Sept. '43.
Time: 1054

Addressed: A.I.G. 264
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From: C. in C. Mediterranean

SITUATION REPORT No. 188.

1. My 212232, Para. No. 4, S.S. WILLIAM
    GERHARD was torpedoed. Cargo of petroleum and
    ammunition took fire and became uncontrollable.

2. DZIK reports the evacuation of Bastia by
    air was in progress on 21st September. At 1630 21st
    2 Merchant Ships were sunk by torpedo close to the
    entrance to harbour. 3 Ships in harbour were on fire.

3. During the night of 21st/22nd Sept.(4th ?)
    P.T. Boats operating from Capri carried on sweep (of?)
    Italian Coast in the vicinity of Civita Vecchia but
    saw nothing.

4. Strait of Otranto patrol was maintained
    during the night 21st/22nd Sept.

5. Some refugees are being evacuated from
    Corfu by Italian shipping.

6. S.S. RICHARD CLINEY was mined North of
    Bizerta at 0835 22nd. Ship has arrived in harbour.

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Gen. Macready
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. O 1117, 23 September 1943

(To COSINTREP addresses. Number O 1117
TOO 240050B. From HQ 15th Army Group, signed
Eisenhower cite FHQCT and FHQBI (MAC to pass to
Fairfield AMILCAR COSINTREP)

Number 76 to 1600B hours 23 September.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence.

Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1st. 8th Army. 5th Corps. Patrol activity con-
tinues. 1 Airborne Div. 1 Para Bde from Div reserve is
directed on Altamura PIP 1550. 13th Corps. 1 CDN Div
forward troops in contact with enemy south of Spinazzola
0 7364 and at Atella O 3963 5th Div no change. 5th Army
6th Corps 45th Div forward elements 157th Bct O 2635,
179th Bct O 0537, 180th Bct O 0086, Oliveto O 9633
occupied. 3rd Div forward elements 30th Bct O 3841,
15th Bct N 7744. Verno N 8837 occupied, 36th Div and
83rd Airborne Div in reserve. 10th Corps. Stiff oppo-
sition met in attack on Salerno front. 56th Div leading
tps N 6734. 46th Div leading tps line N 6033 to N 5632
7th Army Div in reserve. Rangers no change.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0 1177, 23 September 1943

Section 3. Air.

1st. Considerable MT movement west and north through Avellino N 6757 was reported by medium bombers at 0930Z hours. Tactical reconnaissance reported little or no road movement later in the day on the 8th Army and 5th Army fronts. Strategic Air Force reported considerable MT movement both ways in the area north of Naples including a large column moving northwest at N 0575 at 1135Z hours.

2nd Bombline 1600Z hours. 8th Army K 0100, 0286, PIP 2771 O 3070, O 3057, O 1048, N 9060. 5th Army N 9050, 7348 2 6536, 5936, 5837, 4133.

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Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-17453 (24 Sep 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
General Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 787/8506 23 September 1943

(Troopers info AGWAR USFOR from Freedom W787/8506
22 Sep. Signed Eisenhower cite PBOCT. 26 weekly summary
of Operations).

13 to 18 Sep.

Para 1. Ground:

19 Sep. 8th Army. While main body 13 Corps con-
centrated on general line Catanzaro-Micastro leading
Troops of 1 CDM Div pushed forward to Strongoli % 67 and
Patrols of 5 Div to Consenz Y 67. 1 Airborne Div finished
Gappano PT 47 and Sedano PT 47 with second lift arriving
Taranto.

5 Army. 6 Corps left flank was withdrawn to con-
form with 56th Div which was driven out of Battaglia
after suffering heavy losses. 46th Div maintained its
positions in the Salerno area.

14 Sep. 8th Army. No contact on 13 Corps front.
1 CDM Div occupied San Giovanni DEU. 15 and 16 Bde of
5 Div concentrated area Belvedere T51 while Patrols
occupied Scala. Elements of 1 Airborne Div occupied
position on road Mattola P83-Gioja P44.

5 Army. After heavy counter attacks on 6 Corps
front 36 Div withdrew from Altavilla and Albanella. To
hold line La Cosca River. 2 Bns 82 Airborne Div were
landed in area south of Sele River. 10 Corps. 36 Div.
consolidated their position. 7 Arm Div started unload-
ing.

CM-IN-18031 (25 Sept 43)

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To: War

No. W 787/8505 23 September 1943

15 Sep. 8 Army. 1 CDN Div nothing to report. Recce Unit of Inf Div reached Sapri with Patrols forward and remainder of Division moving up. 1 Airborne Div controlled line Mottola–Castellamare P42 thence south to coast. Patrols operated NE. To Bari and Adriatic Sea.

5 Army. Situation improved. Details of days fighting not available.

16 Sep. 8th Army. 1st CDN Div concentrated in general area Villapiana U14. Patrols of 5 Div made contact with 5 Army west of Vallo T08.

5 Army. 6th Corps reduced enemy salient between Sele and Calore Rivers and occupied Albanella.

(End of 1st section, 2nd section follows).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)

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To: War, 0 1177,
USFOR, No #
24 September, 1943

(To COSINTREP addresses. Number 0 1177 TOO 240030B. From HQ 15 Army Group MAC to pass to Fairfield AMILCAR. COSINTREP)

Number 76 to 1800 hrs 23 Sept.
Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st, 8th Army 5th Corps. Patrol activity continues. 1st Airborne Div. 1st Para BDE from Div reserve is directed on Altamura P 1850 13th Corps. 1st CDM Div forward troops in contact with enemy south of Spinazzola C7564 and at Atella C3953 5th Div. No change. 5th Army. 6th Corps. 45 Div forward elements 157 RCT 02635 179 RCT 0 9633 180 RCT 0 0038. Uliveto 0 9633 (0633) occupied. 3rd Div forward elements 30 RCT N 8841 15 RCT N 7744. Acerno N 9937 occupied, 36 Div and 82 Airborne Div in reserve. 10th Corps. Stiff opposition met in attack on Salerno front. 56 Div leading Tps N 6734. 46 Div leading TPD line N 6033 to N5932. 7th Arm Div in reserve. Rangers no change.

Section 3. Air. 1st. Considerable MT movement west and north through Avellino N6737 was reported by medium bombers at 0930B hrs. Tactical reconnaissance reported little or no road movement later in the day on the 8th Army and 5th Army fronts. Strategical Air Force re-

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24 September, 1943

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INFORMATION: G-2
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To: War
Nr: W787/B505 Sept. 22 1943
(Toope info AGWAR USFOR from Freedom W787/B505 22-Sept nil. Signed Eisenhower cite FGCT, 28 weekly summary of operations. 13 to 18 Sep.)

Para. 1. Ground, 13 Sept 8th Army. While 13 Corps concentrated on general line Catanzaro-Nicastro leading troops of 1 Cdn Div pushed forward to Strongoli 67 and patrols of 5 Div to Cerussa Y 97. 1 Airborne Div reached Capurso P 47 and Modugno P37 with second lift arriving Taranto 5 Army. 6 Corps left flank was withdrawn to conform with 56th Div which was driven out of Battaglia after suffering heavy losses. 6th Div maintained its positions in the Salerno area. 14 Sep, 8th Army. No contact on 13 Corps front. 1 Cdn Div occupied San Giovanni DEU 13 and 15 Bdes of 5 Div concentrated area Belvedere T51 while patrols occupied Scalea. Elements of 1 Airborne Div occupied position on road Mottola P 53-Gloja P44. 5 Army after heavy counter attacks on 6 Corps front 36 Div withdrew from Alta Villa and Albanella. To hold line La Costa river. 2 Bns 82 Airborne Div were landed in area south of Sele river. 10 Corps. 56 Div consolidated their position. 7 Armd Div started unloading. 15 Sep. 8 Army. 1 Cdn Div nothing to report. Recce unit of Inf Div reached Sapri and patrols forward and remainder of division moving up. 1 Airborne Div controlled line Mottola-Castellaneta P42 thence south to coast. Patrols operated NE to Bari and Adriatic Sea. 5 Army situation improved. Details of days fighting not available. 16 Sep 8th Army. 1st Cdn Div concentrated in general area Villapianza U 14. Patrols of 5 Div

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made contact with 5 Army west of Valio TO 8.5 Army. 6th Corps reduced enemy salient between Sele and Calore rivers and (end of 1st section section 2 follows) occupied Albanella.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
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General Deane CC/S

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IN Received: 23 Sept. 43
Time: 1642

Addressed: (A.I.O. 264?)
From: C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

Part I of my T.O.O. final Pt. 202220.

(Situation) report Number 186.

(1) Italian destroyer LEGGBARIO and ORIONI landed troops at Ajaccio during night 18th-19th Sept. and have now returned to Algiers.

2. Although some air attacks were made on shipping in the Salerno area on 19th Sept. no attack was pressed home and no damage (?is) reported. Minelaying (?was) suspected during night 18th-19th Sept. but sweeping has not produced any results.

3. Some of the bombarding force has been withdrawn from the assault area and are awaiting further call at Palermo and Malta.

Part 2, already typed and distributed under T.O.O. 202220

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Air Marshal  G.C.O.R.
Gen. Macready  Lt. Col. Cock
C.O.S.  Lt. Col. O'Connor
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To: War
Nr: W 732/5273, 22 September, 1943

(Troopers AGWAR Fairfield rear rptd Mideast from Freedom W732/5273 22 1900B)

Para 1. APULIA. No additional intelligence from our sources.

Para 2. Campania enemy line continues to pivot northeastwards on strongly held positions north and east Sdierno. Enemy rearguards now generally north S Cipriano, Montecorvino town, Contursi and 2 minefields encountered by own troops enemy destroying bridges behind him. Considered likely that some elements enemy forces definitely disengaged in direction Avellino where concentrations reported. Traffic westward into Naples from Avellino suggests possible increase in forces covering city and port. No indication immediate likelihood of major stand on enemy left flank but right flank holds very firm reported however Sorrento Peninsula now largely in Allied control. Enemy now organizing delayed positions north of Naples. Light fieldworks constructed at crossroads south of river Volturino on road Naples Agasas via Cancello. Antitank ditch south of river at Volturino crossing (No274). Other antitank ditches spread south and east Monragone, south and east Minturno, southeast Seusa and at No 786 work 2 no evidence at present any cross country works or continuous line but present activity suggests enemy possibly envisages defence line north of Volturino. Troopers AGWAR Fairfield rear for action Mideast for info from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite VFGBI.

Para 3. Sardinia reported that 1 Parachute Battalion (presumably from Nemo Division) and 55 Blackshirt Legion went over to Germans during withdrawal of latter.

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22nd September 1943

Para 4. Corsica. French report German controlled coastal strip considerably narrowed but still open. Retirement from Bonifacio reported but not confirmed considerable use being made Ghisonaccia and Borgo airfields by transport aircraft. Germans maintaining continuous patrolling on all approaches to Bastia and in defiles leading from Hinterland to coastal route. Considerable accumulation stores and transport Bastia. Patriot forces at * and pushing east from Corte and south from Zonza Levie and Sartenu. Detachments (end of first cipher part second cipher part follows)

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GEN DRANE (CC/S

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From: Algiers
To: War
No. W 732/8273, 22 September 1943

(Troops AGWAR Fairfield rear rptd MidEast from Freedom W 732/8273 22 1900B)


No additional intelligence from our sources.

Part 2. Campania.

Enemy line continues to pivot northeastwards on strongly held positions north and east Salerno. Enemy's rear guards now generally north S Cipriano, Montecorvino, Contursi and Potenza considerable mine fields encountered by own troops enemy destroying bridges behind him. Considered likely that some elements enemy forces definitely engaged in direction Avellino where concentrations reported. Traffic westwards into Naples from Avellino suggests possible increase in forces covering city and port. No indication immediate likelihood of major stand on enemies left flank but right flank holds very firm reported. However Sorrento Peninsula now largely in allied control. Enemy now organizing delayed positions north of Naples. Light fieldworks constructed at crossroads south of river Volturno on road Naples Agera via Cancellio. Antitank ditch south of river at Volturno crossing. No 274. Other antitank ditches spread south and east Monragone, south and east Minturno, southeast

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To: WAR
Nr.: W 732/8273 22nd September 1943

Sessa and at No 786. Work continues. No evidence at present any cross country works or continuous line but present activity suggests enemy possibly envisages defence line north of Volturco. Troopers AGWAR Fairfield rear for action Midesan for info from G2 freedom signed Eisenhower cite FMGBI.

Para 3. Sardinia. Reported that 1 Parachute Battalion (presumably from Nemo Division) and 55 Black-shirt Legion went over to Germans during withdrawal of latter.

Para 4. Corsica. French report German controlled coastal strip considerably narrowed but still open. Retirement from Bonifacio reported but not confirmed considerable use being made Ghisonaccia and Bourg airfields by transport aircraft. Germans maintaining continuous patrolling on all approaches to Bastia and in defiles leading from Hinterland to coastal route. Considerable accumulation stores and transport Bastia. Patriot forces at 8 Florent, and pushing east from Corte and south from Zonza Levie and Sartenu. Detachments. (end of first cipher part second cipher part follows.)

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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To: War

Nr: W 732/8273 22nd September 1943
Second part of and last of W732/8273 from Freedom the
2100.

Infiltrating towards Bonafacio and Porto Ecochio,
Bridge at Ventilagno destroyed by guerillas.
250 Germans killed at Leivi. In all patriots claim 1,000
Germans dead, 200 prisoners.

Para 5. Enemy casualties. Following figures for
prisoners received:

VI Corps 13th Sept, 212 German, 136 Italian
10th Corps 9-15 Sept, 401 German, 921 Italian
8th Army 3-13 Sept, 13 German, 19031 Italian, 162
unspecified.

Para 6. Intelligence from Allied mission to Italian
High Command:

(A). Railways at Pescara repaired 17 Sept but
cut again 18 Sept.

(B). Enemy Airborne troops North river Ofant
withdrawn from Gravina, Altamura, Santeramo and
Matara. Barletta, Andria and Canosa still held.
Trani reoccupied by 2 Italian Bns.

(C). Italian garrison at Niedroce (Corsica)
was overwhelmed by Germans.

(D). Two enemy landings in Cephalonia proceed-

CM-IN-18801 (26 Sept 43)

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favourably (Comment, no explanation yesterday's astonishing reports this area obviously contradicted by Middle East Signals).

(X), Germans have cut Aquilian aqueduct at Ponte Atella.

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Action: G-2
Information: OPD
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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Addressed: WAR

From: CINCMED

IMMEDIATE

COMINTREP Number 72

Part 2.

LSI and LCI(L) have commenced movement of 76th Division from Sicily to Italy.

S.S. ALMENARA straggler from convoy was mined and sunk in approaches to Taranto p.m. 20th September.

Patrol of Straits of Taranto was carried out during night 20th September/21st September by two destroyers. No incidents reported.

A force of French ships carried further personnel and stores to Ajaccio during the night 20th September/21st September. 1700 personnel and 300 tons of stores have now been landed.

A ship in convoy to Salerno beaches was torpedoed 13 miles South West of Licosa Point A.M. 21st September. Details not yet received.

No T.O.0./22nd

Part 1 not received

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plans
Brig. Redman (10)
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook
S.O.(O) Personal
S.O.
N.M.C.S.
C.C.O.R.
Lt. Col. O'Connor
Group Capt. Du Boulay

Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept.
Situation Report Number 187.

1. S.S. ALMENAPA straggler from convoy to Taranto was mined and sunk in the approaches about 1840/20th with H.M.S. QUEENSBOROUGH and H.M.S. ILSY carrying out Strait Otranto patrol during night 20th/21st September. No incident report.

3. French cruiser JEANNE D'ARC and destroyers carried further personnel and stores to Ajaccio during night 20th/21st September. 2500 personnel and 300 tons of stores have now been landed.

4. A ship in convoy NB (7Y) 3 was hit by torpedo at 0920/21st in position 40-05 14-43. Details not yet received.

5. Movement of 78th Division from Sicily to Italy by LSI and LCI (L) has now commenced.

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Admiral
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Brigadier Redman (10)
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Lt. Col. O'Connor
G/C Du Boulay

Rec'd. P/L from Navy Dept.
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean
To: War
Nr: 72, 22 September, 1943
(COSITINTREP number 72 part 2 COSITINTREP from CINC MED)

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ACTION: OPE
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S), Adm King, WHITE HOUSE LOG
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From: Algiers
To: War
Nr: W717/8201 22nd Sept 1943

(To Comintrep addressee from Freedon signed Eisen- enhower cite FHQCT and FBGBI W717/8201 Comintrep 74 22nd Sept. Part 4)

Corsica. 1. Intelligence. Destruction of depots at Porto Vecchio and demolitions on roads from Bonifacio to Livie and Sartene coupled with reported evacuation of Bonifacio indicate evacuation of southern portions of island by the enemy. Evacuation by air from Chisonaccia to Italian mainland continued.


(B) Ground. Italian troops have entered Sartene unopposed. French troops are moving towards Bonifacio and Porto Vecchio.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
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OSD Letter, May 1, 1972

From: 15th Army Group Advanced Philpot
To: War, No. O 1165 COSINTREP 74
USFOR London Unnumbered

22 September 1943.

(From 15th Army Group to COSINTREP
addresses less 5th 7th and 8th Armies MAC pass to
AIRFIELD MILCEN 0 1165. COSINTREP number 74).

To 1600 hours 21 Sept. Part 1 begins. Section
1. Intelligence. Captured documents show 4th Para Regt
less 2 Bn under command 26 Ps Div. Comment. This con-
firms identification 2nd Bn on 1 Airborne Div front.
Now confirmed 26 Tank Regt was not with Div in Calabria
but PW state Tank Regt was reequipped with new tanks and
is now in Rome area.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. Fifth Army. Six Corps. 45 Div advanced
to area 1 mile south and west of Olivero O 0532 and took
Campagna 9930 and Eboli 8924. Third Division assigned
to Corps and advanced to south edge of Acerno N9837.
36 Div in Army reserve concentrating west of Altavilla
N 9614. 82 Airborne Div in Army reserve concentrating
near Controne O 0212 to cover east flank of Corps and
contact 8th Army. Third Div 45 Div boundary N 8721-
Eboli-Mt Raioneck N9031-Fillogall N9340. Intercorps
boundary Aversancho N7817-Battaglia-Lenna- 8328-
Bellizzi 0754. Tenth Corps. Olivano 8629 Monte Corvino
Revallo 8232 Cipriano 7235 Ogi La 6833 occupied without
opposition. Third Div relieving from Olivano to boundary
little activity on Ranger front. Casualties to date
killed 692 wounded 2656 missing 1863.

2nd. Eighth Army. Fifth Corps. Aquavilla P3559
Laterza P3628 and Ginosa P3322 now reported clear of
enemy. SAS patrols report Santeramo P3247 strongly de-

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To: War
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fended. Thirteenth Corps. One CDW Div TAC Eq G-71B.
One CDW Bde patrolling on right flank of the Corps and
in contact with 5th Corps at Ginoso. Active patrolling
continued from Potenza to east and north. Avigliano
O 4538 now occupied by forward troops. Fifth Div. Eq
Sela Consilina at O 3530. Advance of leading Bdes still
held up by demolitions.

Section 3. Air.

1st. Fighters and tactical reconnaissance throughout
the day reported road movement on a greatly reduced
scale.

2nd. Fighter bombers reported considerable shipping
activity at NS9 during the morning.

3rd. Bombing 8th Army 1207 hours. P 0936-P 0966-
P 271-P 3050-O 3050-O 3070-O 3070-O 3080-O 1840. Bom-
bling 8th Army 1905 hours 20th Sept. O 1840-N 0950-N
7348-W 6033-M 5637-N 4133.

(Signed Eisenhower cite FNECT and FREGI. Section
3 ends).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)

White House
Admiral King

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From: Eq. Advanced Command Post
To: War

No. 539, 22 September 1943.

To AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeat Freedom from Fairfield Rear.

Evening situation 21st September follows. This is NAF 310. Fifth Army. Ten Corps: forward troops 3 miles North Salerno generally eastward to Monte Corvino including Cipriano. Ranger Group 7,000 strong. Sixth Corp: forward troops eastward to Contursi including Acerino and Campagno. Third Division on left and 45th Division on right with 2 Regiments 82nd Airborne protecting right flank reinforced with artillery. Thirty sixth Division reorganizing and reequipping. Thirty fourth Division started to arrive 20th September convoy landed.

Eighth Army. To report, nothing. No Sig

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
SOS
WHITE HOUSE
GEN ARNOLD
ADM KING
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To: WAR - 529
USFOR - London - No #
Algiers - No #

21st September 1943

Summary of report from Allied Mission dated 20 Sept follows: (To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff rptd Freedom from Fairfield Base. (This is NAP number 377 signed Eisenhower cite PGCT) Marshal Badoglio and General Ambrosio are proving very easy to work with and in General Mason MacFarlanes opinion we can be 100 percent sure of them. Italian Intelligence Personnel and Documents were left in Rome and Intelligence Organization now forming Brindisi will be of little value for some time. Naval and Air cooperation going quite well and Airforces active, operating mainly across Adriatic. Mission consider Italian Army Units in South to be of negligible fighting value owing lack of tanks and ammunition and because equipment antiquated. However Italian High Command keen to form Corps of 3 Divisions to join in the Allied advance; and wish to being back Divisions from Sardinia, to obtain release of Italian POW in Allied hands and to withdraw Italian personnel from Balkans. Our AMGOT proposals were accepted though a sterling Lire exchange rate more favourable to Italians is desired. Marshal Badoglio stressed that in view wholehearted German support presumably given Mussolini and Fascists, any undue restrictions on his own Government would be heavy embarrassment.

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ACTION: CC/S

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War - W 601
USFOR London - No #

21st September 1943

If you have not received a report within the past 24 hours from the Commander in Chief, following is the situation: (to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff. This is MAP 415).

In AVALANCHE all is going according to plan. On 5th Army front 6th Corps are firmly established in Battipaglia and have pushed patrols well forward to the high ground near Eboli. 48th Division reconnoitering actively line Eboli-Contoursi. Further North 10th Corps has patrols well North of Battipaglia on Battipaglia-Olevano road. The enemy is still holding the high ground North of Salerno and resistance is stiff. General picture is that although the Germans are withdrawing, they are pivoting on their right namely the high ground North of Salerno. 8th Army continues to advance and its patrols have made considerable progress. Main bodies are hampered somewhat owing to long lines of communication but contact is firmly established with 5th Army. 1st Airborne Division is now under Command of 5th Corps. It has been acting most aggressively and with great initiative. One patrol has entered Potenza, having reached there by train from Cassino. 4th Parachute Brigade occupies Gioja and 2nd Parachute Brigade occupies Lavrano. 1st Airborne Division will be freed for further aggressive action towards Foggia when 78th Division disembarks at Taranto which is due to start on 22nd September. Administrative set up in Taranto is good. Stores and administrative units for Army and Air Force started arriving yesterday, the 20th, and will continue at ever increasing rate. Both General Eisenhower and General Alexander have visited the AVALANCHE front. Due precautions are being taken for prompt relief of food shortage in Naples area when captured. Sardinia is cleared of the Germans and preparations are being made to move our

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From: Algiers
To: War - W 601
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21st September 1943

Air Units to Sardinian airfields. German evacuation of Corsica is underway and we are doing everything we can with such means as can be spared from AVALANCHE to make it costly to the enemy. About 2,000 additional French troops reached Corsica last night. One of our officers who returned yesterday reports energetic action by the Corsican patriots and the French Units already arrived; the Italians are doing nothing. French Pursuit Squadrons will be moving promptly into Corsica. Occupation of Corsica brings up an important question on the political side which we are solving by the establishment of a French Military Governor with an entire French Administration and a Liaison Officer from the Military Government section of this Headquarters. We are in full accord and understanding with General Giraud on this matter. DeGaulle is making difficulties.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen. Strong
Gen. Arnold
CG SCS
Adm. King
White House
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 631/7836, 21 September 1943

(COSITISTREP number 73. 21 Sep. Signed Eisenhower.
Cite FROCT PFMGI. Part 4.)

Corsica.

1. Intelligence. German troop movements northwards toward Bastia continue. Considerable air movement between airfields of Ghisonacchia 28 and Borgo D 24 and Italy. Convoy of 30 craft arrived Bastia afternoon 20 Sep.


B. Ground. Italian troops occupied Zonza H 95 previously evacuated by Germans and are holding Vesuvani D 00. Our patrols active on Axis Road Ponte Leccia D 04-Casamozza D 24.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Deane CC/S
White House

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21 September 1943

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Contursi O 0428 - Monte Marano N 8451 and Nurd Lucano O 2540 - Monte Marano. A total of 600 MT was reported including gas tanks. Considerable traffic jams were seen. Heavy movement west from Marigliano N 3958 to Naples was reported at 1100 hour.


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General Deane CC/S

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From: London USFOR
To: War

No. 0-1161, 21 September 1943

(From Hq 15 Army Group. number 0-1161 TOO nil to COSITINTREP).

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. 5th Army front. Information of 19th number 73 to 1800 B hrs 20 Sept enemy reported withdrawing on 8 of 10 Corps pivoting on Sardina N7033 and leaving small bodies of Infantry and tanks as rearguards. Enemy continuing to hold Manto and is strongly entrenched in Rocnara area. On 6 Corps front our advance encountered no enemy opposition. Mt movement on roads north and northeast of bridgehead reported on much smaller scale.

Section 2. Ground operations 1st. 8th Army. Situation as at 1600 hrs 19th Sept. TAC Army Hq T5339. 5th Corps Hq 1 Airborne Div P 7018. 1 A/L Bde area P 54 clearing Giona Air Field and town 2 Para Bde fwd troops in contact enemy east of Laterza P 3728. 13 Corps. 1 CDN Div Hq U 1579. Recce patrols met some resistance with ground P 0915. 3rd CDN Bde fwd troops at Anzi O 6314 2 JDN Bde marched to area SE of Rotondella U 1577. 5th Div. 13 Bde fwd tps reported Caggiano-O 2619. 15 Bde Montesano T 4487 adv to Auletta. 2nd 5th Army 6 Corps fwd troops at 191600 B hrs. 0 0211-0214-0215-0318-0519-0220-N9921-9622-9426-9126 position as at 201734 B hrs. 6 Corps advancing to north. Encountering mines and demolitions. 45 Div patrols have reached vicinity Contursa O 0528 180 Rct leading 3rd Div patrols have reached Monte Corvino Novella N 8335. Advance elements 30 Inf at

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Deane CC/S

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To: WAR
No. 0-1161 21 September 1943

(From Hq 15 Army Group. Number 0-1161 TOO nil to
COSITINTERP addresses Mac to pass to Fairfield AMILCAR).

Number 73 TO 1800 B hrs 20 Sept. COSITINTERP * Part
1 begins.

Section 1. Intelligence. 5th Army Front. Information of
19th enemy reported withdrawing on 8 of 10 Corps pivoting
on Sardinia W7033 and leaving small bodies of Infantry and
tanks as rearguards. Enemy continuing to hold Mango and is
strongly entrenched in Nocera area. On 6 Corps front our
advance encountered no enemy opposition. Mt movement on
roads north and northeast of bridgehead reported on much
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Section 2. Ground Operations. 1st. 8th Army. Situation
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east of Laterza PS728. 13 Corps 1 CDN Div Hq 30719. Racce
patrols met some resistance with ground PG151. 3rd CDN Bde fed
troops at Anzio 05314 2 CDN Bde marched to area SE of Noto-
della U1577. 5th Div. 13 Bde fed tps reported Caggiano
02619. 15 Bde Montesano T4487 adv to Auletta. 2nd * Army.
6 Corps fed troops at 191000B hrs. O 0211-0214-0215-0318-
6 Corps advancing to north. Encountering mines and destruc-
tions. 45 Div patrols have reached vicinity Contursa.
O 0528 180 Rct leading 3rd Div patrols have reached Monte.

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Corvino Novella N8333. Advance elements 30 Inf at Olevano N8729. 10 Corps. Leading troops as at 8 hrs. N8426-7731-7322-7030-6634-6032-5637-5036-5030-5126 position as at 2017345B. Patrols report Cluniano N* clear. Small enemy Dets at Mango * (End of Part 1 Part 2 follows) Situation unchanged in Salerno and ranger areas. Command Posts at *

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* Entire message being serviced.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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21 September 1943

(Frm HQ 15th Army Group, O-1153 200130 THI 211745 to COSINTREP addressees MAC pass to Fair-
field AMILCAR)

COSINTREP Number 72 to 16 B hours 19 Sept.

Part 1. Section Intelligence.

5th Army Front. Enemy began thinning out in
southern sector afternoon 17 September. Own patrol re-
turning from behind enemy line reported enemy withdraw-
ing from Persano to north and north east night 17/18.
No evidence enemy withdrawing from high ground west of
Salerno.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1st. 1 Airborne Div now under Command 5th Corps
4 Para BDE occupied Giaja P4648 cleared mines and hooby
traps from airfield and town. 2 Para BDE found Laterza
P3628 evacuated. 1 A/L BDE relieved 4 Para BDE during
night 17/18 Sept.

2nd. 8th Army. Nothing to report.

3rd. 5th Army. 6th Corps now occupied Battipaglia
N8323. Patrois on high ground between Battipaglia and
Eboli N9924 extending to Ponte Sele N9420. 45th Div

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reconnoitering on line Eboli-Costoursis 0/0428 2-Calibritta 0/0443. 10th Corps has patrols 6 miles north of Battipaglia on the Battipaglia-Olevano 58729 road. Command Post 17 September. 504 Para Inf 947096, 142nd Rct 907069, 143rd Rct 900118, 7th Arm Div 743399, 131st BDE 744253, 139th BDE 77221, 201st BDE 773267, 167 BDE 738368, 135th BDE 655290, 138th BDE 657303, 139th BDE 683285, Rangers 541274.

Section 3. Air.

From early morning fighters and fighter bombers reported very heavy movement north and west on roads.

(and of cipher Part 1, Cipher Part 2 follows).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2

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(4) By MS 19 was mined in the approach to Croton on 19th September. 7 Casualties.

(5) 8 Italian minor War Vessels arrived Malta from Palermo on 20 September. A further 31 are on passage). (DUKE?) of AOSTA arrived (AUGUSTA?) A.M. 20 September in Yacht (ZAJYBRI?) and is (proceeding?) to Taranto.

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(part one not received)

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From: CRAN
To: WAR

Unnumbered, 21st September 1943

(COSINTREHP from C in C Med) COSINTREHP No. 1 Part 2.

1. Two Italian destroyers landed personnel and supplies at Ajaccio during night 18th/19th September and have now returned to Algiers.

2. Several AIR attacks were made on shipping off AVALANCHE Beaches on the 19th September but attacks were not pressed home and no damage is reported. Unloading continued according to programme. Aircraft mine laying was suspected in raids during the night 18th/19th September but sweeping of channels has produced negative results.

3. Some of the bombarding ships have been with drawn for fuel and ammunition and are awaiting further call at Palermo and Malta. A minesweeper was mined in approaches to Crotone during sweeping operations on 19th September.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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SITUATION REPORT NR 185

(1) 2553 TONS 1295 VEHICLES AND 4692 PERSONNEL WERE UNLOADED OVER NORTHERNMOST BEACH DURING 24 HOURS ENDING 1800/17TH.

(2) US CRU PHILADELPHIA AND US DES RIBLACK SUPPORTED THE ASSAULT BY BOMBARDMENT ON 17TH SEPT WITH GOOD RESULTS. US CRU PHILADELPHIA WAS NEAR MISSED BY ROCKET BOMB ABOUT 1645/17TH. OTHER ROCKET BOMB ATTACKS WERE MADE IN NORTHERNMOST ASSAULT AREA DURING THE DAY WITHOUT DAMAGE.
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From: Algiers
To: War
No. 7166/W506 20 September 1943
(From Freedom 7166/W506. 20th mil signed Eisen-\nhower cite PHCCT and PHOSB).

COSITINTREP number 72. Part 4 20 Sep. No part
4 COSITINTREP number 71 issued. Paras 1 and 6 CORSICA.
Remaining elements of German Forces in Sardinia have been
transported to Corsica disembarking at Bonifacio and Porto
Vecchio. Troop movements continuing by road and rail from
Bonifacio area towards Bastia where embarkation has commen-
ced. Shipping observed moving north along east coast.
After making aggressibe thrusts towards Saint Florent-Pied-
icroce D25, Levie H95 and Zonna H95 enemy appears to have
withdrawn some of their advanced elements and evacuated
Saint Florent D16 and Levie. Piedicroce held by enemy.
Elements of French Battalion De Choc advanced towards Levie
to assist patriots who are offering effective resistance.
Liaison between French and Italian Troops excellent.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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General Deane (CCB)
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From: Tactical Hqs 15th Army Group
To: War

No. 01570, COSINTREP 71, 19 September 1943.

(From TAC Hqs 15th Army Group to COSINTREP addressee number 01570. COSINTREP number 71.)

To 1600B hrs 18th Sept. Part 1 begins. Section

1. Intelligence.

1st. Eighth Army. MTR.

2nd. Fifth Army. Considerable MT movement on roads north from Battipaglia suggests enemy thinning out on southern sector of front.


Section 2. Ground operations.


2nd. Eighth Army. Satisfactory progress continues.

3rd. Fifth Army. Sixth Corps. 36 MTV. 604th Pracht Inf recaptured Altavilla last night. 45 Div. Bela salient now consolidated and advance continues towards Paterno ROS16. 10 Corps. 56 Div occupied Battipaglia this morning. 46 Div made slight advance on road north from Salerno during the day. On entire front strong recce patrols are being maintained.

Section 3. Air.

1st. TAC/R. Large convoy seen Salerno-Avellino road 0715B hrs not confirmed by subsequent recce. Little

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movement seen otherwise. General direction north.

2nd. Attacks. Heavies on aerodromes Pratistas-Di-
Marefoglia and Viterbo with good results. Fighters and
fighter bombers claimed successes against MT gun posi-
tions and trains north and northeast of AVALANCHE bridge-
head.

3rd. Bombline. As at 1515 hrs P0996-0286-2771-
3248-2032-08431-6808-6800-1000 then as before. Signed
Eisenhower cit FROCT and FHGBI.

Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)
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Situation Report No. 185.

1. 2553 tons 1295 vehicles and 4692 personnel were unloaded over Northermost beach during 24 hours ending 1800/17th.

2. US CRU PHILADELPHIA and US DES NIBLACK supported the assault by bombardment on 17th September with good results. US CRU PHILADELPHIA was near missed by rocket bomb about 1645/17th. Other rocket bomb attacks were made in Northernmost assault (area) during the day without damage.

3. Report from refugees state CHOLEHA and TYPHUS are rampant Naples. Water situation (bed) as aqueduct has been cut by bombing.

4. US PT Boats carried (out) sweep (in) Northernmost part of Tyrrenenean Sea during the night 17th/18th Sept. no incident reported.

5. 3 Destroyers maintained patrol in Strait of Otranto during the night 17th/18th September (without) sighting anything.

6. 2 MGB's lended Brigadier Gen'l. Roosevelt at Cagliari a.m. 16th Sept, town in hands of Italians reception friendly.

25v Italy
7. H.M.S. WARRITE in tow of 4 Tugs passed Messina 2345 17th speed of advance 6 knots E.T. A. Malta (06)30 19th.

8. H.M.S. CLEVELAND damaged by near miss in Tyrhensian on 17th September temporary repairs have been effected speed now 22 knots. SS MARGA damaged by mine near Grotana 0900 18th.

(97) (Addressees) will form I.I.O. 264 repetition 264 to which future Situation Report will be addressed. Admiralty is requested to amend S 5.

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Message delayed awaiting first and second parts.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

IN

T.O.0.172356

Rec'd 19th Sept., '43

Time: 1042

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: C.in C. Levant.

S.O. Force "H"

N.O. Malta Army Group

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N.O.B. Oran

F.O. Tunisia.

From: C.in C. Med Elt

Situation Message 164.

1. Supply of 5th Army through Salerno Bay Beaches continues. Supply of 8th Army has commenced through Crotons.

2. Bombardment of targets in Salerno area was continued on 16th September by U.S.S. BOISE and U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA and Cruisers and Destroyers of ** Force K.

3. The Island Ischia surrendered to Naval force on 16th September and is being garrisoned by one Army Company.


5. H.M.S. INGLEFIELD and 2 Destroyers established patrol across Strait Otranto during the night 16th/17th September to intercept any enemy shipping break out Adriatic. Nothing was sighted. Otranto is open and is being used as base for this patrol.

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6. HM Hospital Ships SOMERSETSHIRE was bombed off Salerno A.M. 17th September, no damage.
   Italian Hospital Ship TOSCANA attacked by
   German Aircraft P.M. 17th September in a position
   38°00' North 17°15' East.

   ** Corrupt Group
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NAVAL MESSAGE

IN

No T.O.O./17

Received: 18th Sept'43

Time: 1515

Addressed: COSINTREP Number 68

From: C. in C. Med.

IMMEDIATE

1. Supply of Fifth Army through Salerno Beaches continues. Supply of Eighth Army has commenced through Crotone.

2. Bombardment of targets in Salerno Area was continued on 16th Sept. by British and U.S. Cruisers and destroyers.

3. The Island of Ischia surrendered to Naval Forces 16th Sept. and garrison is being installed.

4. During night 16th/17th Sept. Coastal Recces' carried out sweep in Gulf of Gaeta no incidents reported.

5. Destroyers operating from Taranto established patrol across the straits during night 16th Sept/17th Sept with object interception of any enemy shipping attempting to break out of the Adriatic nothing was sighted.

No T.O.O./17

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Sir:

Admiral

Sir Marshal

Gen. Macready

C.O.S.

Plans

Brigadier Redman (8)

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30th Italy
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W-380/8509, NAF 408, 18 September 1943.

1. Problem of build up in Italy is considered under 2 headings. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite PHCoS. This is NAF 408 reference FAN 232.

(A) Tactical build up.

2. The initial problems was to put the maximum fighting forces, together with their minimum maintenance requirements, ashore as quickly as possible in order to secure ports and to obtain a firm foothold. During this stage rate of build up is limited by the numbers of landing craft and LST available for vehicle lift. All available craft have been and are being used to the maximum extent and no action can now be taken to influence the immediate situation in any way. Use of 18 LST recently authorized is being of great assistance.

(B) Strategic build up.

3. Once we have secured Naples and the ports in the heel, our object will be to build up as rapidly as possible a balanced force in order to exploit our initial success. Port capacity, ability to clear ports, numbers of ships and craft, and readiness of formations are possible limiting factors to the rate at which this buildup can be

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To: WAR  
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accomplished. Although these factors have been examined in great detail, calculations made in advance cannot be exact, owing to such unknown factors as dates of occupation of ports, condition of ports when captured and losses at sea.

4. Port capacity. On present estimates this seems likely to be the principle bottleneck, the main problem being loading and off loading vehicles (including tanks and guns). Moreover, as forces on the mainland increase, so requirements for maintenance increase, thereby cutting down capacity available for build up. The best method of overcoming this limiting factor is use of LST, which do not take up store ship berths. We have allowed for use of all LST allotted to this theater by Quadrant decisions, but the longer additional LST can be retained the more the problem will be eased. Port capacity could be increased to the maximum clearance capacity by loading and offloading ships at anchor, using large numbers of tugs and lighters. Requests for tugs and lighters have already been submitted.

5. Shipping. Our aim must be to insure that all port capacity is fully employed at all times. For this purpose 140 store ships may be required; this is 14 more than provided by Quadrant decisions.

6. Readiness of formations. As pointed out above the limiting factor is likely to be port capacity. In general, formations are likely to be ready by the time that they can be moved, but the margin of time is extremely fine and it is most important that we run no risk of formations being unready to embark when required. The main difficulty is provision of load carrying vehicles for British formations and the shipment of these as early as possible would be of great assistance.

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No. W-380/6509, NAF 408, 18 September 1943. (3)

7. To sum up, our main requirements in order to speed up the rate of build up are:

(A) The retention of all LST now in the theater until the build up has reached the stage at which they can be released without running grave risks in Italy. However, if this is agreed in principle, every effort will be made to release LST in the numbers and on the dates laid down in the Quadrant decisions.

(B) Increase in flow of vehicles for British formations.

(C) To the present Mediterranean allotment of 128 an increase of 14 MT/store ships.

No Sig

Note: FAN 232 was CM-OUT-7641 (16 Sep 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OED
General Strong
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From: Algiers
To: War

No: 68, 17 September 1943

(COSINTREP number 68 part 2. COSINTREP from CINC Med).

1. Supply of 5th Army through Salerno beaches continues. Supply of 8th Army has commenced through Crotone.

2. Bombardment of targets in Salerno area was continued on 16th Sept by British and US cruisers and destroyers.

3. The island of Ischia surrendered to naval forces 16th Sept and garrison is being installed.

4. During night 16th/17th Sept coastal recces carried out sweep in Gulf of Gaeta no incidents reported.

5. Destroyers operating from Taranto established patrol across the straits during night 16th Sept/17th Sept with object interception of any enemy shipping attempting to break out of the Adriatic nothing was sighted.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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Adm. King
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No. W 308/6136, 18 September 1943

(2nd part of our W 308/6136 to Troopers rptd AGWAR, US FOR from AFHQ).

Francavilla and Grottaglie where air field found unusable. 6 Corps 36 28 V with 1/2 Bns Tank Destroyer extra Bn 105 MM and 2 Coya Medium Tanks established beach head 4 miles inland. 179 Bct of 48 landed south of Sele River. 10 Corps. Salerno captured 1045 8 hours and beach head extended to line Battipaglia-Pontecagnano Fiano-Nocera-Pagani N 53. 11 Sept. 8 Army. First CDC Bde occupied Catanzaroos 23 where roads found badly mined. Patrols reached Z 4 and Pentone Z 24. 51 Div made contact with CDW and 17 Bde reached Nicasarro Z 04. 1 Airborne Div confirmed area south of Line Taranto-Brindisi clear. 5 Army. Strong enemy pressure on Arm front continued 48 Div under 6 Corps holding position astride of D Sele River from N 9010 to just south of Eboli. Adv elements 46 Div in mountains 4 miles north of Salerno and 2 miles north Vietri N 63. Rangers reinforced by 1 Bn 82 Airborne Div hold high ground south of Pagani-Nocera 12 Sept. 8 Army. Recce Group CDW Div entered Crotone Z 75 while remainder concentrated Catanzaro Area. Patrols of 5 Div reached Z 06 and with Div concentrating Nicasarro. 1 Airborne Div no important change. 5 Army. Strong resistance along whole front, with 6 Corps consolidating beach head from S 8193-Torchibir-Trethinara-Persano N 8916. 10 Corps. On 56 Div front enemy remains in strength in Battipaglia. 46 Div continued occupation of Salerno.

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Para 2. Locations. 15 Army Group TAC Hq Bizerta main
Hq Cassibile. 82 Airborne Div Licata. 7 Army Palermo. 2
Corps B 8831. 1 Div G 8346. 6 (3rd part follows) 3 Di Trapani.
9 Div Cefalu. Prov Corps Palermo. 2 Army Div B 2343. 8 Army
main C 9846. 8 Army TAC Y 8208.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Ggn. Deane (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W308/6136 18 September 1943

3rd and last part of our W308/6136 from AFEQ to TROOPERS rptd AGWAR UBFOR:


3 movements. Nil PAD.

4. Estimated casualties. 8th Army for BAYTOWN 3 Sep to 0800 hours 8 Sep 17 offrs 100 and 60 ors incl 3 Cdn offrs killed and 2 Cdn ors wounded 5 Army for Avalance up to 1800 hrs 9 Sep 545 all British. No other details available.

Estimated prisoners up to 1800 hrs 10 Sep. 5 Army 400 German. 8 Army none reported.

Administration summary week ending 9 Sep. BAYTOWN beaches nd exits reported good but shortage army track nd low bridges caused difficulties on D day. Reggio. Stores being discharged satisfactorily. 3 coasters called forward from Sicily 5 Sep. 5 Giovanni. 2 berths 19 nd 115 feet draught nd 11 berths for craft. Extensive damage to rail facilities. 5 locos 110 wagons intact. Access to docks by road good. Estimated daily road clearance 550 tons. Salerno. 10 Corps only no reports re-ceived from 6 US Corps. Beaches. Reported 9 Sep no

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W308/6136, 16 September 1943

Immediate adm difficulty but difficulty anticipated in unloading stores ships owing shortage LCTs and present distance of ships from shore due to enemy action. Discharged US to 1800 hrs 9 Sep stores nil personnel 23,900 and 47 TKS and half tracks 80 guns 335 vehs inc trailers 3155. Bns nd rys ntr. Taranto. Opening up of Taranto Port with skeleton party from FORTBASE proceeding. Prov Bn of units based on needs 1 Airborne Div plus some air force on assumption port clearance tpt nd bulk of labor available from Italian sources. Ultimate intention switch maintenance 3 Army nd Eight Indian Div to Taranto nd other ports heel of Italy. General adm situation. BAYTOWN nd AVALANCHE satisfactory. BLASPHEMND-NO INFORMATION.

No Sig

NOTE: See CM-IN-13921 (18 Sep 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers

To: WAR

No. W 379/6508, 18 September 1943.

(Action COSITINREP addressees from Freedom
W 379/6508).

4 COSITINREP number 70. 18th Sep no parts 4
COSITINREP 68 and 69 issued.

Param 1 and 2. Sardinia. Germans have almost
completed evacuation to Corsica after attacks by 2
Italian Divisions. Corsica. Patriots and Italians
made local gains in south. Germans hold narrow strip
along east coast where fighting continues. During night
15 Sep 2 sqns Italian bombers from Alghero Sardinia
bombed German craft in Straits of Bonifacio. Ghisonacci
airfield Corsica also attacked. Signed Eisenhower cite
FBG41. Personal reps CINC sent to both Islands.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: C-2
CG AAF
SGS
White House
Ada, King
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Gen Deane (CC/S)

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18 September 1943.

(From TAC Hqs 15th Army Group to COSINTREP addressee 1556 1802058. COSINTREP number 70 to 1600B hrs 17 Sept. Part 1 begins, Section 1. Intelligence.)

1st. Eighth Army. NTR.

2nd. Fifth Army. Tenth Corps report total 100
enemy tanks and SP guns their front. Two six Pz Div
identified on 6 Corps Front. Enemy activity in southern
sector 6 Corps front limited to patrols. Some indications
slight withdrawal their sector.

3rd. Five Corps. No evidence any enemy withdrawal
from Gioja and Laterza. Section 1 ends.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. One Airborne Div night actions against Gioja
and Laterza resulted in strong reaction. Estimated some
40 Germans killed. Patrols working north and east of Bari
where inhabitants appear very friendly.

2nd. Fifth Army. SITREP timed 170029 stated 10
Corps no change. Six Corps no change from left to
N8714 then 907131-916122-9211. From this point front very
fluid. Command Post 180 RCT N873060. Patrons 8th and 5th
Army 882863 at 161400 hours. Rangers reinforced maintain-
ing their position and continuing harassing action. Fifty
sixth Div front reorganization in progress consolidation
continues. Elements 505 PRCT Inf Rgt occupied Roccardas-
pide. 504 PRCT Inf Rgt reinforced reoccupied Albanelia and

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GHQ Middle  
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continued advance on Altavilla. 179 BCT closed salient formed by branches of river Sele and are consolidating. Air support control message 172135 hours states fighting still continues Altavilla. Same source reports Controm occupied.

3rd. Eighth Army. Thirteen Corps Hq moving area Scaless today. One CDN Div. Recce elements made contact with 1 BR Airborne Div to the east 1300 hours 16 Sept. Concentration continuing with patrols forward. Fifth Div established contact with 5th Army evening 16 Sep 5 miles west of Vallo. (End of part 1 cipher part, part 2 follows).

(Second cipher part of COSINTREP number 70 from TAC 15th Army Group. 1556).

Leading troops have passed through Legonegro directed on Montesano T4427. Recce Unit Vallo patrolling to the north. Section 2 ends.

Section 3. Air.

1st. TAC/R. 1145 hrs much traffic east through Avellino and in Anzio F3617 area mid-day. Otherwise very little movement throughout day. 60 plus JUSS's were observed on six Foggia Airfield.

2nd. Bombing. Fighters and fighter bombers again on opportunity targets scoring direct hits on trains at Nola W4556 and Saviano W4556. Heavies successful attacks on 150/200 aircraft on Practica Di Mare F54 and Campino F7756 Aerodromes.

3rd. Bombing. Bombing as at 0605 hours -0 0801-

CM-IN-13491 (18 Sep 43)
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From: Tactical Res. 15th Army Group
To: Troopers London
     HQ, ETOUSA London
     AFRIC in North Africa
     War
     Chief Gibraltar
     GHQ Middle

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O 1000- P2000-P3325 then as before. Signed Eisenhower cite
FMGCT and FMGBI. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends.

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From: Tactical Hqrs 15th Army Group
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     Algiers No #
     War 1547
     Ecole Normale Algiers No #

17 September, 1943

(FROM TAC Hq 15 Army Group to COSINTREP addresses and for information TAF Main Hq 15 Army Group 5 Corps number 1547 170345). COSINTREP number 99 to 1600 B hrs 16 Sep.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence.

1. 8 Army. Nothing to report.

2. 5 Army. 3 PG Div identified 10 Corps front 14

3. Taranto sector enemy continues withdrawal northwards leaving rearguards mines and demolitions. Rearguards estimated 1 company strong hold Gioia-Laterza P3629. Italians report large convoys moving Foggia-Traia J0907 within last 4 days.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1. 8th Army. 13 Corps. 1 Canadian Div 1 and 3 Cdn Bdes now concentrating in general area Villa Piana U1041 Spezzano T9821. Patrols in touch with 5 Div at Castropillari T8836 0930B hours. 5 Div patrols pushing forward to contact 5th Army have reached Vallo T9881. Other recoce elements in contact with enemy outside Laconegro T5170. 13 Bde Area Malata T4806 Sepri. 17 Bde Area Scales.
From: Tactical Hqra 15th Army Group  
To: War 1547 
17 September, 1943  

2. 1 Airborne Div. Little change. Our patrols moving freely to Bari. Patrol to Bisceglie U0996 without contact 15 Sep. Contact made with 1 Canadian Div at U1235 at 160205B. 

3. 5th Army, 6 Corps. 36 Div enemy Walient between Sele A and Calore reduced early this morning and Albanella NS509 re-occupied. Indications of possible enemy withdrawals east and NE from Eboli NS924 being investigated by strong recce patrols. 504 Para Hct Cpt N9106.143 RCT N 9111. 45 Div. Hq N7526. 56 Div. 2 enemy attacks in 169 Bde area 3 miles west of Montecorvino NS222 repulsed during this morning and our positions further consolidated. Enemy shelling road south of Battipaglia NS223. 46 Div. Strong enemy. 

End of first part. Second part follows. 

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
NR: W 308/6136, 18th September 1943

(Signed Eisenhower. Cite FGCT for Troopers
rptd AGWAR, UBFOR from AFHQ N11) Summary of opera-
tions twenty seventh weekly summary 6 to 12/93.

Ground 6th Sept. 8th Army. CDN Div captured
Dellisangua D66 and pushed patrols to North and East
while 5 Div met slight opposition at Gioja D68. 154
BDE of 51st Div now under 13 Corps took over Reggio
from 3 CDN BDE.

7 Sept, 8th Army. Further demolitions slowed
mixed CDN column advancing on East Coast road to area
Loricu 96. 13 BDE of 5th Div moving by sea to area
Gioja passed through 15 BDE to find slight enemy mortar
and machine gun fire North of Roarano D78.

8th Sept. 8th Army. CDMS took Locri, Cittanova
D68 and Polistena D69 without contact. 5th Div 13th
BDE captured Roarano. 231 BDE and Commando parties
landed Southwest of Pizzio Y81 during morning in face of
shelling from both North and South.

9th Sept. 8th Army. 3 CDN BDE continued along East
coast road to Sadvolato Z20 while demolitions checked re-
mainder of Division 5 Div. 13 BDE made contact with
231 BDE Atvibo Valentina Y81 and RECCE patrols pushed for-
ward.

1st Airborne Div. First lift 1st airborne Div en-
tered Taranto Harbour where inhabitants friendly. 5th
Army. Convoy reached transport area on timetable and

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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CRAFT LOWERED 020 B hrs.

6th Corps. 36 Div retarded by water mines and opposition on beaches but beach head established after repulse of 5 light tank counter attack.

10th Corps. 46 and 56 Divs established beach head against some opposition from coast batteries. On left Rangers and Commandos landed according to plan and secured MAIRI 552 without opposition.

10th Sept. 8th Army. 1 CDN Div continued advance up East Coast road. 2 CDN BDE concentrated area Cittanova. Forward troops 231 BDE at E0735. 1 Airborne Div completed unloading at Taranto. 2 Para BDE at S Giorgio P81 and elements 4th Para BDE occupied Palagiano P52 and

Second cipher part follows.

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NOTE: See CN-IN-13921 (18 Sep 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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17 September 1943

Situation in AVALANCHE continues to improve. (To AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhowe Fairfield Bear repeated to Freedom. This is NAF number 375). 10th Corps front was quiet last night. Positions in Battaglia area still strongly held. Rangers reinforced by 2nd Battalion of 325th Glider Regiment are maintaining their positions and continuing harassing actions. Two enemy thrusts to south were made and both repulsed. Rocca Dapied was occupied by elements of 505th Parachute Infantry. The front from the Sele River to the south is very fluid. 36th Division continues to consolidate its positions and as a result of operations in 8th Corps certain number of objectives regained. Altavilla recaptured this morning by 3rd Battalion of 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Air Corps reports Salerno will be open (harbor) 18th September with 3 ships entering and 4 more on the 19th. CINC is at 8th Army Headquarters today. General feeling here and in 8th Army is optimistic. 8th Army continues advance and its patrols have made contact with patrols of 5th Army and with patrols from 1st Airborne Division in Taranto area. Report just received from Sardinia indicates that Italian forces are attacking the German rear guard in the northern part of the island. Movements of French to Corsica continuing under cover of darkness. Senior officers representing CINC are leaving tonight for Sardinia and Corsica.

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INFORMATION: OPD, GEN STRONG, GEN ARNOLD, SGS, ADM KING
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URGENT

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

No. 01547, 17th September 1943

'Snd and last cipher part of COSINTREP from Tac
Eq 16th Army Group number 01547 dated 17 Sep) Attack
Cappuccino R6034 early today penetrated certain distance.
Immediate counter attack at Commando regained all ground
lost and took upwards of 100 Pw.

Section 3. Air. First. Tac/R 0615 hours 300
MT moving west to Avellino. Later majority MT movement
was away from battle area. 1335B hours MT column 10
miles long moving east area Sessa R6091.

Second. Bombers. Medium and fighter bombers close
support. Strat Air Force on Benevento-Capua-Isernia and
Caserta Benevento-Capua-Isernia and Casserta.

Third. Bomblines. AVALANCHE US at 161593B. Tar-
anto as at 161445B. Bombline R4133-4938-6637-5933-6038
R7835-8333 8422-8904-orange 0213-0. 0801-T0690-01280-P1222-
P2333-P3447-P2772-P1483-P1993. Section 3 ends. Part 1
ends. Signed Eisenhower cite YGCT and YGMBI correction
to first cipher part of COSINTREP. Insert portion as
follows: 45 Div Eq R8213. 45 Div forward Troops generally
R8715-R8220. 10 Corps. Eq R7536. 56 Div.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers.
To: WAR

No. W223/5635 16th September 1943.

(To TROOPERS AGWAR FAIRFIELD rear (EBS pass clear)
into MIDEAST from FREEDOM signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI
W223/5635 16 Sept 1943).

G-2 summary.

1. No special summary yesterday.

2. Calabria. STILL no contact. Own forward troops
reached Sepri without interference and are believed well
beyond but reports state some bridges on coast road blown.

3. Apulia. No change.

4. Salerno Bay. For recent attacks enemy main con-
centrations were Battipaglia, Eboli, between Altavilla
and Albanello. On 14 Sept on 10 Corps front enemy
launched attack shortly after midnight with 40 tanks, In-
fantry and SP artillery. Attack maintained for 3 hours.
No ground gained. Own patrols later reported many German
dead. Little activity during day 14th Sept. On 6 Corps
front enemy made 2 major attacks on 13 Sept. Strong
southwards thrust from Eboli with tanks, Infantry and
Artillery enabled Enemy cross Sele River and push strong
forces north of confluence rivers Sele and Calore creat-
ing a salient here. Enemy also advanced north and east to
Altavilla. At last light fresh attack in strength launched
between Altavilla and Albanello forcing our withdrawal to
line of river Cosm. On 14 Sept further attacks developed
west of Sele River and tanks attempted to cross Calore
River. Pressure less severe 15 Sept and Germans apparently
organizing defensive positions north of River Sele con-
considerable recce with tanks on Cosm River Front. Defensive
activity west of Albanello. Reserves reported west of Con-
trone. At 1320 hrs 16 Sept 5 Army reported improved situ-
ation with salient between Sele and Calore Rivers reduced
and Albanello retaken. Attempted enemy infiltration

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From: Algiers.
To: WAR
No. W223/5625 16th September 1943.

north and west of Salerno which has been taking place
during recent days has been effectively held. Considerable
movement night 15/16 Sept between Potenza and.

(Second cipher part follows).

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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PRIORITY

FROM: Algiers
To: War

NO: W223/5625, 16 September 1943

(2nd and last cipher part message W223/5625 from Freedom) Avellino some indications today enemy may withdraw east and north east from Eboli. Enemy dispositions, consider bulk of 16th PG Division including possibly 40 tanks still Gulf of Gaeta area and unlikely leave this area whilst enemy appreciates threat of possible allied landing unless intervention in present battle essential for decisive results. Battle group Hermann Goring Division with perhaps 30 tanks estimated still general area Naples. In operational area on northern flank north and west Salerno is strong battle group Hermann Goring Division with probably elements 15th PG Division and other miscellaneous elements under command and possibly 50 tanks including some Mark VIs. Consider 15th PG Division and PIR likely to be still with Hermann Goring as in Sicily. On right flank of main front 16th Panzer Division general area Battipaglia with possibly 50-60 serviceable tanks and 3 Para Regt under command. On left flank 29th PG Division not known to have any tanks. In general reserve is probably bulk of 26th Panzer Division area Polla or further north and possibly part 4th Para Regt. Do not consider enemy has left more than 1 battle group of 26th Panzer on 8th Army Front. This probably withdrawing towards Salo Consolinas. Enemy thus has equivalent 2 Armoured Division at reduced strength, 1 Motorised Division also under strength and 1 Parachute Regiment in immediate contact. These forces capable of reinforcement by 4 battle groups from 26th Panzer, Hermann Goring, 15th PG and possibly 3rd PG Divisions. Enemy will however find position on left flank complicated by advance 8th Army and is unlikely commit all available forces unless speedy success assured. Present indications are that this is no longer possible. Enemy has suffered casualties, opposition is mounting up and bombing has severely hampered lines of...
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To: Var
No: W223/5825, 16 September 1943

movement and supply. No indications enemy immediate intentions in event further allied progress but consider further defence Naples and Foggia likely. C. Miscellaneous. Total German prisoners 8th Army. 40. PWS state Fullriede (Regt Commander 15th PG Division) formerly officer in British Army joining German Army 1940.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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Nlo 8th army Nlo 15th army Group from CINcMED)

SITUATION REPORT NO. 183.

(1) The Port of Brindisi was opened on 14th September

With Italian Naval authorities cooperation. The

Port is undamaged with 2 small floating docks and

Complete workshops.

(2) R.F.A. Derwentsdale was hit by bomb on 14th September

And engine room demolished. Ship is proceeding to

Malta in tow. S.S. Bushrod Washington Bombed P.M.

14th September and subsequently sunk A.M. 15th

September.

S.S. J.W. Marshall Damaged A.M. 15th September when

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVRECS.)
ROCKET BOMB HIT LCT ALONGSIDE.
(3) ISLAND OF PROCIJA AND PONZA WERE OCCUPIED BY ALLIED FORCES AND SURRENDER RECEIVED ON 15TH SEPTEMBER.
(4) CAPT. D (24TH DESTROYER FLOTILLA IN HMS TROUBRIDGE WITH 3 DESTROYERS OPERATED NORTH OF CAPE CIRCE DURING NIGHT 15TH/16TH SEPTEMBER AND PT BOATS CARRY OUT SWEEP IN THE GULF OF GAETA. NO INCIDENT REPORTED.
(5) HMS WARSPITE AND HMS VALIANT CARRY BOMBARDMENT OF TARGETS IN SALERNO AREA ON 16TH SEPTEMBER HMS WAR- SPITE WAS DAMAGED BY ROCKET BOMBS ABOUT 1500 16TH AS REPORTED IN MY 162221 NOT TO ALL ADDRESSES
(6) HMS SEAHAM SWEPT 17 MINES IN THE CROTONE AREA ON 16TH SEPTEMBER

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. COSINTREP 67 16 September, 1943

COSINTREP No 67 Part 2 (COSINTREP from C in C Med).

1. The port of Brindisi was opened on 14th September. Italian Naval authorities are cooperating and the port is in full working order. There is a lack of stevedores.

2. HFA Harwood was hit by bomb off Salerno on 14th September and has been taken in tow for Malta SS. Bushrod Washington was also hit and subsequently sunk Am 15th September. W Marshall was damaged when rocket bomb hit landing craft tank unloading alongside on 15th Sept.

3. The islands of Procida and Ponta were occupied by Allied forces on 15th Sept and surrender received.

4. British destroyers carried out sweep north of Cape Circeo during the night 15th/16th Sept and United States PT boats operated in the Gulf of Gaeta.

5. HMS Warspite and Valiant and gun support forces carried out bombardment on targets in Salerno area on 16th Sept. Warspite was damaged by rocket bombs about 1500/16.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF,
General Deane (CCS),
Admiral King, Log,
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My 152345 Part 2 Final.*

(4) H.M.S. WARSpite and H.M.S. VALIANT
bombarded targets in Salerno Area on 15th September.

(5) On 13th and 14th September 29 Italian
Small Naval Craft arrived Palermo.

(6) During night 13th /[14th?] September French
Light Cruiser "LE FANTAISIE" and French Light Cruiser
"LE TERRIBLE" landed 600 troops at Ajaccio.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

NR: COSINTREP 66, 16th September 1943
(Cosintrep from CINC Med) Part 2

1. During 14th September unloading over the
beaches of Salerno HAS continued satisfactorily-
British and U. S. cruisers and destroyers bombard
enemy positions and troop concentrations. Shelling
of the port of Salerno was on a reduced scale.

2. During the night 13th Sept/14th September
destroyers carried out sweep north of Cape Circeo
and coastal forces operated in the Gulf of Gaeta.
No incidents reported.

3. HMS Warspite and Valiant bombarded targets
in the Salerno area on 15th September.

4. During the night 13th Sept/14th Sept FS Faita-
sque and Terrible landed 600 troops at Ajaccio. (French troops)

5. Twenty eight more small Italian naval craft
arrived at Palermo during 13th Sept/14th Sept.

6. HS Hospital ship Newfoundland which had been
bombed on 13th Sept sank 15th Sept.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
Log
Adm. King
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Time:  0718  

Addressed:  Admiralty  

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N.O. 1/c Algiers  
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S.O. Force "H"  
N.O. 1/c Malta  
F.O.C. Gibraltar  
(T.C.B. Oran)  
N.O. 1/c Bizerte  
(TOM 10TH FLTR C & R)  

From:  C. in C. Med.  

IMPORTANT  

Situation Report Number 181.  

1. Capri was extinguished P.M. 18th Sept. The naval and military commanders were co-operative and have undertaken the defence of the island. It is intended to establish an H.T.B. Base at Capri. Radar is being installed.  

2. 1550 tons was discharged at Salerno during the 24 hour period ending 2000/13. The port party has now had to be reduced to (center) holding nucleus on account of enemy action.  

3. H.M.S. AURORA and H.M.S. FRENELLOPE arrived in the Salerno area A.M. 14th Sept to (augment) the bombing force. H.M.S. WARSEIZE (and) VALIANT proceeded from Malta (?P.M.) (?14th) Sept. to carry out bombardment at Salerno.  

4. H.M.S. EURYDICE, H.M.S. SCYLLA and H.M.S. CHARYBDIS are (?proceeding) to Tripoli to embark (?re-enforcements) for operation AVALANCHE. H.M.S. UGUNDA left the Salerno area A.M. 24th Sept. in tow of Tug and using 1 engine for Malta. Steering gear has been temporarily repaired.
6. 2 Italian Battleships, 4 (?)Cruisers) and 4 Destroyers escorted by 3rd Division of the Battle Fleet sailed from Malta 14th Sept., for Alexandria.

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No Para (5) received.

P.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Flans
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
S.O.(0) Personal
S.C.
N.M.C.3.
C.C.O.3.
Lt. Col. Cook
Lt. Col. O'Connor
G/O Du Boulay

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MAM
SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 181.

1. CAPRI WAS EXTINGUISHED P M 12TH SEPTEMBER.

THE NAVAL AND MILITARY COMMANDERS WERE COOPERATIVE AND HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE DEFENCE OF THE ISLAND. IT IS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH AN MTB BASE AT CAPRI. RADAR IS BEING INSTALLED.

2. 1850 TONS WAS DISCHARGED AT SALERNO DURING THE 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 2000/13. THE PORT PARTY HAS NOW HAD TO BE REDUCED TO CENTER HOLDING NUCLEUS ON ACCOUNT OF ENEMY ACTION.

PART 1 MY 142216B.

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BY OWG, DATE 5/1/73

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No: W-137/5250 16 Sept 1943

General Mason MacFarlane, in a message dated Taranto 14th September, reports the following: "At Brindisi all day yesterday. First saw Ambrosio, then Badoglio and then the King. Launched with A and B and Rossi and Minister of Marine and Roatta.

Ambrosio, Intelligent and friendly. Seemed depressed and lacking in enthusiasm.

Badoglio. Old, benevolent, honest and very friendly. Said all the right things.

The King. Pathetic, very old and rather gaga.

Apart from having got the fleet I should describe the situation as unpromising. I find no evidence of inspired leadership or genuine enthusiasm.

All I spoke to are inclined to ascribe the present state of affairs to the short notice we gave them of Avalanche and especially announcement of the armistice.

Communications. These, according to Ambrosio, are lamentable. Brindisi is in touch with the 2 divisions in the toe and the heel, with Sardinia, with Cephalonia, uncertainly with Venice, and with nowhere easy.

Army. Following Divisions are in being. In the South. Mantova Division near Crotona, Piceno Division near Brindisi, Legnano Division (part of) north of Brindisi, some coastal formations. In Sardinia. 4 Divisions (re recuperative). In Cephalonia. 1 Division. In Dodecanese. 1 Division.

Ambrosio says that all the rest of the Italian Army is "surrounded by the Germans and finished." In fact, they can be written off.
Of the divisions still in being in the south:
(A) They have hardly any motor transport left.
(B) Their armament is mostly 1916.
(C) Practically no petrol.
(D) Only unit echelons of ammunition.
(E) Very short of boots.

To sum up, they are practically immobile and have ammunition for about 2 days fighting.

The only reserve of ammunition appears to be the stocks we have captured in North Africa and Sicily.

Ambrosio suggest that we should collect these and send them over. He would also like as many boots as we can send at once.

There are no Italian tanks in the south at all.

We want organized labor very badly at Taranto and I am asking Ambrosio for 3000 troops tomorrow.

As regards employing the Italian formations in the zones we occupy, I suggest that they could come under the orders of the allied commander on the spot.

In the south they total 2 plus divisions—practically immobile and very short of ammunition. They could be used for defense of airdomes, L of C and to labor.

To keep the flag flying they might be organized into a corps (Headquarters 9 Corps is at Brindisi) but it would be a corps of extremely low fighting value.

I think it would be best to form this corps and put it under 8th Army for static use at ports and on L of C.

I put the above as an unofficial suggestion to Ambrosio who was quite in agreement.

It does not look as if we shall get much Italian help in the air.

CM-IN-12162 16 Sep 43
Poster has just arrived and I am taking him to
Brindisi tomorrow. The two things we can do here to
get assistance out of the Italians are:
1. SOE equals OSS.
2. PWE equals OWI.

There is tremendous scope and a fruitful field
for both.

I have made the point that good sabotage of enemy
communications, dumps, etc., will damage Italian towns
far less than the alternative-bombing,

We must go flat out on SOE and PWE.

Apart from the fleet the genuine military help we are
likely to get is going to be practically nil.

I am doing all I can to put some pep into the Italians
but they are unlikely to cheer up unless Avalanche goes
well.

They all say we should have landed north instead of
south of Naples. On this point I say they know nothing
about it and to shut up.

// The Crown Prince is in Brindisi. I have not seen
him yet.

The Duke of Aosta arrives here tomorrow to see the
King.

Mussolini, who had been taken to the Beruzzi country
under a picked guard of 50 was rescued by a German raid
of 500 paratroops from 3rd Paratroop Division. The guards
failed to shoot Mussolini as ordered.

Ambrosio says that there is little likelihood that
Italian formations or units in German occupied Italy will
fight against us—except for black shirt ones which probably
will.

I hope to install the mission in Brindisi tomorrow.
From: Algiers
To: War
No: W-137/5250

The transport situation here is very bad indeed. Please expedite at least 3 cars or jeeps for the mission and 1 truck to the utmost. End of message proper.

The following is a postscript. Ambrosio says that about the best bombing target for us would be the German supply depots and installations in the area of Mantua. This NAF 405 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and UWFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cited above.

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ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
SGS
Admiral King
Log

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URGENT

FROM: 15th Army Group
To: War

No: 68, 16 September 1943

Intelligence. NTR. Section 1 ends. Section 2.
Ground operations, 1st, 8th Army. Main army H Q Y
820883 13th Corps Tac H Q Scales T3336. 1st CDH Div NTR
5th Div H Q Scales. Recce units are (from TAC HQ 15
Army Gp TOC for action) COSINTINENP addresses less 7th
Army als 8th als 5th army Als Adv Gp Fairfield Als (im-
mEDIATE) C in C Med Els (immediate) into TAF main HQ
15 Army Gp 5th Corps no 0-1529 160100. COSINTINENP
number 68 to 1600 hrs 15 Sep, part 1 begins section 1).
Established at Sapri T4164 (Sapri 84358) with patrols
forward. 13 HDE moving on (Sapri) from Scales remainder
of Div moving up.

(2nd) 1 Airborne Div. Line under our control (Hot-
tola P0730) - T Castellinoto P4029) thence south to COASQ.
Patrol forces operating northeast to Adriatic including
Barri. 1 Italian Div concentrated Brindisi. Dockyard as-

section continues. Civil population reported to have 8
days rations. General Hopkins died of wound 13th Sep
Maj Gen Down now in cmd.

(3rd). 5th Army. Situation more favourable. De-
tail follow when available. Section 2 ends.

Section 3. Air. 1st Tac R. Avalanche 3C594. Heavy

traffic moving east Muro (01550) - Potenza 0830B. Mt col-

unns both ways east of Ebol 1030B. Otherwise only slight

movement. W1763 - N3356 1345B.

(2nd). Bombing. Opportunity targets mainly in

(Ebol-Potenza-Auletta) areas. Night 14/15 100 Mt damaged

Ebol-Potenza road at 0930B further 22 Mt destroyed and

36 damaged. Ebol town road junction Torre Del Greco N3143.

Successfully attacked. Day 14 Sep 1200 plus tons bombs
dropped in Avalanche area.

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From: 15th Army Group
To: War
No: 68, 16 September 1943

hrs. No change 2055 hrs. 8th Army T0590-U5590, 1035 hrs. Taranto no change section 3 ends part 1 ends.
signed Eisenhower cite FMCT and FMGBI.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/B)
White House

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From: AFBQ North Africa
To: War: 482
USFOR London: No #
Algeria: No #

18th September 1943

Have just received the following message from 5th Army through 15th Army Group. From the Commander-In-Chief Fairfield East to HQWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff. This is MAP number 373. BIGOT AVAMUCHE. Repeat Freedom.

"Situation vastly improved. Gets better hourly. Early this AM Allied between Bolo and Calore was reduced and Albanella recaptured. Some indications enemy may be withdrawing to East and Northeast from Eboli. Strong reconnaissance parties have been organized to determine attitude of enemy."

The enemy is probably becoming somewhat nervous due to the advance of the 8th Army which may now begin to move speedily. It is possible that the enemy is withdrawing his left flank to prevent it being taken in reverse by the advance of the 8th Army but he will unquestionably continue to oppose bitterly our forces on the Northern flank of the 5th Army.

General Alexander told me this morning that a small group of newspapermen have gotten through overland from 8th to 5th Army. We are pressing by land, sea and air to make good our hold on the Southern part of the Boot and when our forces can be brought up and properly organized, we will act aggressively against the Germans in the Southern region. Our Air Force and our Naval support continue to be superb.

(CM-IN-12313 16 Sep 43)
INCOMING MESSAGE
URGENT

From: AFHQ North Africa
To: War USFOR London Algiers

16th September 1943

I am leaving early tomorrow morning to visit 5th Army and will not submit any further personal reports until some time Saturday. Regular SITREP will be submitted.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION:
OFD General Strong
General Arnold
SOS Admiral King
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URGENT

From: AFEQ Adv Command Post
To: USFOR London Unnumbered
     Algiers Unnumbered
     War No. 480, RAF 372

16 September 1943.

Preliminary report from Alexander who has visited 5th Army indicates temporary stabilization of AVALANCHE situation. From the Commander in Chief to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff. This is WAV number 322. BIGOT AVALANCHE. Repeat Freedom from Fairfield Post. The 3rd US Division arriving in area on 17th and all fighting elements will be there by following morning. Infantry Brigade and about 1/3 tanks of 7th British Armored Division were landing 14th and 15th but move of Division will take some time to complete. Hope to send in last Battalion and heavy equipment of 82nd Airborne Division by plane and glider tonight. Seventy Eighth British will begin moving into Taranto about 22nd and at least 1/3 the Division should close rapidly using the 18 LSTs made available by CCS. Debarkation port for 8th Indian still somewhat doubtful since it would be advantageous to push straight into Brindisi if practicable. It should begin arriving by 24th. Eighth Army is hastening north with 5th Division in the lead concentrating at Scalea on 15th. Reconnaissance elements are already in Sepri with patrols beyond but not in contact with German forces. Canadian Division moving into Rosarno area will follow 5th Division in 2 pronged advance on Potenza. This drive should begin to exert a direct influence on the enemy opposing AVALANCHE within 4 or 5 days time.

ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD
     GEN STRONG
     GEN ARNOLD
     SGS
     ARM KING

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From: GHQ Second Echelon
To: War

No. COSINTREP 65, 14th September 1943

COSINTREP number 65 Part 2. (COSINTREP from CINC Med)

1. The island of Capri was occupied PM 12th September. The defence of the island continues to be undertaken by the Italian Naval and military commanders who are cooperating. An MTB base is being established and radar installed.

2. 180 tons was discharged at Salerno in 24 hours ending 2000 13th September. The port party has been reduced on account of enemy action.

3. Bombardment of targets in the assault area was continued by British and US cruisers and destroyers throughout 13th September. HMS Aurora and Penelope arrived AM 14th September to augment there forces.

4. HMS Warspite and Valiant sailed from Malta PM 14th September to carry out bombardment in the Salerno area.

5. HMS Euryalus Scylla and Charybdis are proceeding to Tripoli to embark reinforcements for operation AAC AVALANCHE.

6. An Italian squadron of 2 battleships, 4 cruisers and 4 destroyers sailed from Malta for Alexandria on 14th September. The Italian squadron was escorted by the 3rd Division of the battle fleet.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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SEASONAL CONTROL

PRIORITY

From: APO HQ Adv Liaison Op Algiers
To: WAR 476 NAF 371
USFQR London Unnumbered

15 September 1943.

Our entire air force is necessarily committed to
direct support of the efforts of the troops fighting on
the ground. From the Commander in Chief in AGWAR for
the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFQR for the British
Chiefs of Staff. This is NAF number R71. BIGOT AVALANCHE.
From Fairfield rear information copy for Freedom. The
enemy operating in our immediate front is unquestionably
encouraged to press home his attacks because of the know-
ledge that he has very strong reinforcements in the north,
including at least 4 mechanized and motorized divisions.
In fact, part of the 3rd German Division has already
moved southward to the Salerno area.

As I have previously reported, we are facing a
very tough problem which will endure until we have solidi-
fied our grasp on the southern part of the boot. When
once we have accomplished that we will have achieved a most
remarkable success and, moreover, one which can thereafter
be exploited or not, according to future decisions of the
Combined Chiefs of Staff. But for the moment and for a
number of days to come, our situation is bound to be pre-
carious. The only way in which forces other than those in
this theater could intervene during this critical period is by air. I therefore suggest the following:

1st, if long range air forces from the UK
could operate against the lines of communication
into Northern Italy it would tend to immobilize
the hostile units in that area and would have a
moral effect throughout Italy.

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From: AFHQ Adv Liaison Op Algiers
To: WAR 476 NAF 371
USFOR London Unnumbered

15 September 1943.

2nd, if the CCS could find it possible to send us back the 3 B24 groups that had a consider-
able experience in this area we could use them daily in the task of disrupting communications be-
tween the southern and northern enemy concentrations. They would even be valuable closer to the battle in the
rear extremity. Even if these 3 groups could operate here for a period of 2 weeks only it should have a most marked effect on our present critical problem.

If this suggestion can be favorably considered the forces should be dispatched here without a moments delay. I would appreciate an early reply.

The enemy attack yesterday along the Sola River made definite progress but according to my last reports, was finally checked. Admiral Cunningham has moved major Naval units in the area to support the 5th Army by gun-
fire and the strategic air force alone made 696 Sorties yesterday, dropping over a thousand tons of bombs. I have complete faith that we are going to solve this problem but I feel it my duty to let you know that any possible temporary assistance of the kind above indicated would mean a great deal to us.

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Information: OPD
Gen. Strong
Gen. Arnold
Adm. King
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From: Algiers
To: War
Nr: W13/5194, 15 September, 1943

(COSINTREP no 67. 15 Sept part 4 W13/5194 COS-INTREP addressees from AFRQ. Signed Eisenhower cite PROCT. No COSINTREP part 4 nos 41 to 68 issued)

Para 1 and 2. Italian troops assisted by patriots fighting Germans in North and West of Corsica since 11 Sep and now control Ajaccio and great part of interior. Germans hold Bastia and SE corner of island. Also reinforcing from Sardinia. Reinforcements already sent from North Africa include 600 French troops.

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Information: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CC/5)
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URGENT

From: Tactical Hq. 15th Army Group
To: War
No. 1512, 15 September 1943.

(T CONSISTITREP addresses from TAC Hq 15 Army Group
P. 1512 150350B. CONSISTITREP number 67 Ty 1600B hrs.
14 Sept. Part 1 begins. Section 1.)

Intelligence. First. 8 Army. NTR. Second. 5th Army. No evidence any enemy moves today. Identifications all 12 Sep. 29 Fl. Pioneer Bn. (AC) vicinity Persano N3817. Elements 15 PG and Hermann Goering Divs northeast of Salerno. Third. 1 Airborne Div 1 enemy Fl (Bu) with anti-tank guns hold Gioia Airfield. In counter attacking towards Bottola. Organization 1 Para Regt. Three Bns each 3 rifle Coys heavy Coy with M66S and light mortars. 13 Coy with 81 MM mortars and M44S (BMGs). 14 Coy with A/TK guns has 1 TP 3 37 MM 1 TP 3 50 MM 1 TP 4 42 MN. Organization 4 Para Regt. Three Bns each 3 rifle Coys 1 heavy Coy. Rifle Coys 2 LMGS per section 2 MOD 41 anti tank guns per Coy. Heavy Coys 4 8 12 two HUGS per section (probably 4 sections) unknown number 120 and 150 MN mortars. 13 Coy Ind Inf Coy. 14 Coy 8 to 12 SP 5 CM anti tank guns.

Section 2. Ground operations. First. 8th Army. 13 Corps. No contact. 1 CDN Div Hq 20638 B. Giovanni Z3376 occupied. Rd junc U1020 reached. 5 Div. 13 and 15 Bdes concentrating near Palmento to hold line of La Casa river running south from Calore River to N3813. 45 Div north of river Sele conforming. Report situation favourable. 179 HCT destroyed 13 enemy tanks. 1180 HCT Army reserve unloading south of River Sele 2 Bns 92 AIRBORNE DIV landed successfully by air night 13/14 area Sele River mouth. (End of 1st

CM-IN-11343 (15 Sep 43)

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From: Tactical Hq. 15th Army Group
To: War
No.: 1512, 15 September 1943
Page 2,
cipher part, 2nd part follows).

(Part 2 and last cipher part of COSINTREP
number 87 from TAC Hq 15 Army Group to all COSINTREP
addressees). 10 Corps. 85 Div positions consolidated.
Front coordinated with 45 Div. 46 Div no change.
Alernno port under shellfire not in use 7 Arm Div
started unloading this morning. Third. 1 Airborne Div
4 Para Bde in defensive position on Bottola-Gioga Rd.
2 Para Bde covering Castellovata. SAS successfully
released 300 (400) prisoners Pisticci P10 POW camp.

Section 3. Air. First. Tac/R. Traffic
north and west from Lagonegro. Much MT 1030B Capua-
Naples minor MT north and northeast of AVALANCHE
bridgehead. Extensive damage seen Eboli (2 main roads
blocked) and Battaglia (east-west road may be pass-
Sector. Medium Eboli Battaglia-Torre Annunziata-Auletto
and Avellino. Heavies in direct support-Mompeii-Torre
AVALANCHE bombline as at 0912B-0. 44034-5442-5638-5332-
8334-40803 (50803)-70803-0369 (0369). Eighth Army AED
Taranto Sector bomblines. No change. Section 3 ends.
Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FRGET and PHGBI.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Dzuang (CC/S)
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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W-105, 15 September 1943.

General Castellano has received authority from
Marshall Badoglio that Italian diplomatic organizations
abroad should place all information concerning Germany
at disposal of Allies. AGWAR rptd TROOPERS from G2
FREEDOM signed Eisenhower cite FBGBI (USFOR pass
to TROOPERS) AG recommend both United States and British
diplomatic representatives pass this information to Italian
representatives throughout the world.

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INFORMATION: OPD
GEN DEANE (CCS)
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URGENT

From: 15th Army Group
To: Troopers London
      Hq ETOUSA London
      Algiers
      Chief Gibraltar
      TAC 5th Corps
      Constantine

No #  No #  No #  No #  No #  No #

War  DBS  66

14 September 1943

(From TAC Hq 15 Army group to COSINTREP address
sees loc 7 Army 5 Army adv Fairfield C in C Med
info TAC 5 Corps Main Hq 15 Army Group 15 Aug 13th Sept 2509).
Nothing to report. COSINTREP number 66 to 1600 B hrs 13
Sept, part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. 8th Army. 5th Army.
MI movement northward in area 045289 59328 at
130825 suggests some enemy reinforcements from south by
-passing battle area. 1 Airborne Div. concentration 1
para Div Altamura where Italians report strength 1000. Ger-
man's destroying petrol stores Gioja Dell Colle Airfield.
Section 1 ends.

Section 2. Ground operations. First, 8 Army. Main
Hq D6276. 13 Corps now concentrated on line Catanzaro-
Nicastro. Patrols 1 CDn Div have reached Strongoli 28278
and patrols 5 Div have reached Coseni 18578 Belvedere
T9914. Elements believed farther north of these points.

Second, 1 Airborne Div. Capuraso P4575 Modugno P3378
Palo P2775 Mariotto P1575 (P1875) road P0171 clear
of enemy. No traffic on main roads crossed. Road blocked
and bridges railway mined west of Gravina. Second lift
arrived and disembarked.

Third, 5th Army. 10th Corps situation difficult.
56 Div who have suffered heavy losses forced out of
Battipaglia. 46 Div maintaining position in passes but
subjected to infiltration from north. No change ranger
front. 6 Corps left flank withdrawn after several coun-
trattacks to conform to 56 Div. 157 CBT now north of
Sele River. Section 2 ends.

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From: 15th Army Group
To: Troopers London
Nq ETOUSA London
Algiers
Chief Gibraltar
TAC 5th Corps
Constantine
War

14 September 1943

Section 3. Air. First. TAC/R and bomber escort reports show increased movement throughout the day mainly in areas north and northwest of Potenza with heavy concentrations of Infantry tanks and MT at Battipaglia at 1700 hours. Air photographs revealed columns of AFVs and MT moving west through Centurni 00428 and a large convoy north Eboli N8824 Oliveto 00532. On Taranto sector little movement was seen. (end of part 1: part 2 follows.)

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CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CC/SC)
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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. WR 387

14 September 1943

Part 2 and final part of my WR 387.14 September from Spaatz.

And 5 FW190's 2 A36's and 1 Spitfire lost all pilots safe. No major incidents reported by Coastal Air Force. Flask report from Troop Carrier Command reports 86 C47's were dispatched to drop paratroops near River area within our lines last night 85 returned safely no opposition mission successful. Today maximum effort of Strategic Air Force operating against targets in immediate vicinity of battle are to prevent further reinforcement and disorganize enemy concentrations and relieve pressure of junction between 6th and 10th Corps, as follows.

Pompei roads 1 group B17's, Torre Anzina 1 group B17's, Avellina roads 1 group B26's, Auletta Roads 1 group B26's, Eboli roads 1 group B26's, Eboli town 1 group mediums, Battipaggia town 1 group mediums 8th Air Force 2 groups B24's on communications Pescara. On completion of assigned missions all NASAF units rearm and concentrate attacks on Battipaggia area as long as (end of part 2) daylight permits.

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Information: G-2

CG AAF

Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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URGENT

From: 15th Army Gp
To: Troopers London
Hq. ETOUSA London
Algiers
Chief Gibraltar
GSQ Mideast
Constantine
War

14 September 1943

1530 hours. (End. and last cipher part of COSITIN-
TEEP number 66 from TAC 15 Army group TOQ 132359) Bombing.
Fighter bombers attacked at Potenza West and North West
areas whilst mediums attacked Sala Consiliana 03501 and
road junctions south. 3rd bomb line. AVALANCHE bomb line
0810 hours N6539-9030-00418-00717 then as before. 8th
Army bomb line no change from TS050-U 2250 m at 1920
hours 12 Sep. Taranto sector bomb line no change. Section
3 ends, Part 1.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War
No. W9916/4206, 13 September 1943.

(W9916/4206 131930 to Troopers AGWAR Fairfield
Bear info Mideast from G-2 Freedom cite FYGRI signed
Eisenhower. G-2 summary.)

1. Very little additional intelligence from any
sector.

2. No contacts Calabria and Apulia. Very little
movement observed either Arel.

3. Naples-Salerno area. Italian civilian re-
ported many vehicles including artillery and possibly
tanks between Laurito and Vallo 11 Sept. Vigorous
counterattack by tanks with infantry south of Batti-
paglia night 11/12 Sept. Two counterattacks from
vicinity Altavilla 13th Sept, 1st with 20 tanks, 2nd
with 1 Infantry Bn. Enemy concentrating north of
Sele River west of Persano. Eng Pl 29th Ps Division
identified area Persano but Ps stated division now
Naples are leaving only 26th Panzer Division in Cala-
bria. German troops in Sorrento, Torre-Annunziata
and northward to Yarno River where panzer troops with
tanks reported near mouth of Sarno. Elements 15 Ps
and Hermann Goring Divisions reported attempting in-
filitrate from positions north east Salerno.

4. General appreciation unchanged. Indications
enemy concentrating all available forces main Naples-
Salerno area and avoiding contact elsewhere.

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CM-IN-10688 (14 Sept 43) 11522
From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: W 9961/4458/141240 13 September 43

(From Freedom to AGWAR for OPD Troopers rptd Mideast W 9961/4458/141240 13th nil signed Eisenhower cite PHCST for MO 4)

BIGOT. This is first of a series of weekly telegrams sent to keep you informed as to possible future developments this theatre and the way in which this Headquarters is thinking is for planning purposes. These telegrams are for information and liaison purposes and should not be taken as committing AFHQ to any particular course of action.

2. Main feature of all planning at present is to achieve greater build up in Windschott. Situation there still critical particularly in Avalanche area and every possible improvisation is being studied to overcome our difficulties. Leading elements 8th Indian Division expected in heel about 24 September; but build up thereafter is slow. Probable that 2 NZ Div will follow in latter half of October.

3. Situation in Corsica is that Italians and patriots cooperating against Germans control the port of Ajaccio and a great part of interior of island. French are rushing limited number of troops in French destroyers French submarines and the Jeanne D'Arc in order to encourage and strengthen local resistance.
From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: W 9961/4458/141240
13 September 43

French troops moving include Bataillon De Choc (Rangers) Mountain Battalion and Tabors. Cannot however spare any shipping or craft to lift heavy weapons and it is doubtful whether it will be possible to prevent Germans regaining complete control.

4. In Sardinia Italians are being pressed to deal with situation on their own. It has been decided not to use French troops there. The Italians have been instructed to do everything in their power to prevent German forces escaping to Sardinia.

5. Study now being carried out to determine best method of returning 7th British and U States divisions to U Kingdom.

6. See possibility of useful employment for Plough force either on mainland of Italy or on Dalmation coast. Midast has been consulted about this and AGWAR has been requested to move this unit to Mediterranean Theater by mid November.

7. Examination of means for withdrawing Italian divisions from Balkans now being carried out. It will be necessary to use Italian shipping now under our control and do not anticipate that in fact great numbers can be withdrawn.

8. Will you please say if cables of this nature are useful to you and indicate what additional information on particular points you would like. We emphasize again that these messages are for information and to keep you in touch with our planning situation.

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NOTE: See CM-OUT-3852 (8 Sep 43) CC/S
ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD, GEN STRONG, SGS, GEN ARNOLD, ADM KING, LOG

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Unnumbered, 14th September 1943

Cosintrep no 64 part 2. Consint rep from C in C med. 1 Tug U Boat in Cosintrep no 63.

2. An attack was made with rocket bomb on bombarding ships in the Salerno Area P M 13th September USS Uganda was hit aft. Evidence now indicates that the attack on US S Savannah and USS Philadelphia were made with similar weapons.

3. The port of Crotone was occupied by our forces on 12th September. Installations were found intact.

4. Hospital ship Leinster and Newfoundland were both attacked by enemy aircraft a.m. 13th Sept. The latter ship was hit.

5. During a recent patrol in the Adriatic H M Sub Unshaken reports having hit a 7000 ton tanker on 5 Sept.

6. 6 Italian torpedo boats 1 motor torpedo boat and Italian U Boat arrived at Palermo 12th Sept. No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, WHITE HOUSE, GEN DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING

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COMORSEAFRON

From: C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 180.

1. By 132236, para. 7. U-Boat was originally attacked and disabled by (?squadron of) Wellington, U-boat made for territorial waters being (?continuously) attacked by (?aircraft) until H.M.S. (?)HARLEM) completed destruction by gunfire leaving U-boat burning.

2. Hospital ship LEIN(?ST)ER and NEWFOUNDLAND were both attacked by aircraft about 0600 13th. The former was not hit but the latter has been damaged.

3. The Port of Crotone was occupied (?on) 13th Sept. Installations found intact.

4. 6 Italian T.B., 1 MTB and 1 U-boat (?arrived) at Palermo 13th Sept. Admiral Nomad Polo was on board (?) DUKE OF AGSTA as passenger.

5. 4 Rocket bombs were dropped during (?raid) on bombarding ship at about 1440 13th. Aircraft attacked from 10000 feet. Bombs seem to turn 90° through the air during (?attack). H.M.S. UGANDA hit by one bomb and steering gear put out of action.

6. H.M.S. UNSHAVER report at 1442 13th in position to 00 - 36 North 18 - 08 (?East) scored on torpedo hit on 7000 tons tanker in ballast.

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Haurodey
G.O.S.

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6. Italian Destroyers LIBRA and ORIONE proceeded from Bone to Malta P.M. 11th Sept. 14 U-boats (Italian) are now in Allied ports and at least 3 others known to be en route.

7. H.M.S. HAARLEM proceeded 0254 12th to destroy damaged U-boat reported stranded in position 35-13 N 03-29 W.

122236

*Not yet received.*

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Macman (G)
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**SITUATION GULF OF SALERNO 12TH SEPTEMBER**

**BOISE ARRIVED TO REPLACE SAVANNAH. MAYO ON OUTER**

**PATROL BOMBED NEAR MISS. 3 AIR ATTACKS NEAR MISSES**

**ON BOTH CRUISERS 1 PLANE SHOT DOWN BY TRANSPORTS.**

**PHILADELPHIA FIRED 355 ROUNDS ON TANKS AND MACHINE**

**GUN NESTS.**

**DELIVERED TO 29-G**

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SECURITY CONTROL

URGENT

From: Adv Liaison Gp Algiers
To: War-471
London USFOR-No #
14 September 1943

Continuous German attacks are gaining some ground and
seriously flattening our beach head. From the Commander-In-
Chief to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to US-
FOR for the British Chiefs of Staff repeat Freedom. This
is NAV number 370. BIGOT AVALANCHE. From Fairfield Rear.
A German attack this morning along the Sele River gained some
ground but final reports are not yet in. It appears that
the enemy is continuing to reinforce his attacking troops
and Montgomery is still so far away that he cannot influence
the immediate situation. He is doing everything humanly
possible to speed up his advance. Our tactical and strategi-
cal bombers are working overtime in support of the 8th Army,
with the strategic bombers trying to execute 2 missions
daily.

Last night 2 Battalions of the 82nd Division were drop-
ed as reinforcement at the Mouth of the Sele River and to-
night the separate US Parachute Battalion drops at Avellino
to interrupt communications. In addition the remainder of
the Transport Command will carry in tonight more of the
82nd Division as reinforcements. The final Regiment of the
45th Division (US) was supposed to land this morning.

Further plans involve the acceleration of the 3rd Divi-
sion move into the area by using immediately every suitable

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    London USFOR-No #
14 September 1943

landing craft available to US. The 78th British Division will be pushed quickly into Taranto on the 18th LSTS where it can land and not only cover that area, but possibly create some diversion in favor of the 5th Army. It will be followed by the Indian Division which will begin arriv- ing sometime after the 20th.

General Alexander is visiting Clark this evening. If his units are in positions to absorb some replacements we will rush them to him by Naval vessels or Combat Loaders.

There is no question as to the valor and stamina of our troops or the efficiency of our Naval and Air Forces. The 3 Commanders-in-Chief are doing everything that men can do.

I have every confidence that we will come out all right but there is no disguising the adverse possibilities. We have had very tough fighting in that region but the enemy has had the same and he cannot be too happy with our Air Corps pounding his rear and communications and our Navy watching for him to expose himself on the flanks.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 466, 13 September 1943

The situation in the 10 Corps Sector and 5th Army is reported by McCreery and Clark to be unfavorable. From the Commander in Chief to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to UNFORS for the British Chiefs of Staff. This is (MAP number 309) Bigot Avalanche. From Fairfield rear 56th Division has been driven out of Battipaglia with heavy losses. 46th Division is maintaining its position in the passess but is subject to infiltration from the North. No change on Ranger front. Left flank of 8 Corps after several counter attacks has been withdrawn to conform to 5th Division front South of Battipaglia. 8 Corps is taking over from the right of 10 Corps as and when troops become available. Most of 45th US Division now debarked and 7th British armored is beginning slowly to come in. In view of the enemy's strength of 5th Army front, Clark must wait further reinforcements before resuming the offensive.

Montecorvino Air Field cannot be used because of artillery fire but one wing of daylight fighters are expected to be operating today from strips constructed in the Salerno area.

Enemy air action up to date has not been severe.

8th Army is striving to push forward and relieve the pressure on 5th Army. Montgomery has sufficient landing.
From: Algiers
To: War
No. 466, 13 September 1943

Craft to carry out small amphibious turning movements. My immediate concern is to reinforce 5th Army as quickly as possible. Additional landing craft recently released to me will, as soon as we can unload them, enable the move of the 3rd US Infantry Division to be accelerated. This has first priority. Shipping unsuited for the move will be used to reinforce Taranto and details are now being arranged. The Taranto Force when built up will move westward to assist 5th Army.

Mason MacFarlane accompanied by Murphy and MacMillan, left for Taranto this morning to set up the Allied Military Mission with Marshal Badoglio.

About 100 French Troops in French warships arrived at Ajaccio last night. A further small force is due there tonight and more troops will be loaded when the ships return. I think there is a reasonable prospect of success in Corsica but I cannot divert forces required for AVALANCHE to Corsica.

In summary, the present situation is tense but not unexpected. Our available resources are being utilized to the utmost as rapidly as they can be brought into action. Everything depends upon our ability to build up our forces more rapidly than the enemy and this again depends upon transportation and the affect of our Air Force upon enemy ground units and communications. The next several days will be critical but everybody is working at top speed and if the job can be done we will do it.
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From: Tactical Hq 15th Army Group
To: War
No. 65, 13 September 1943.

(Second and last part COSTINTREP number 65 from 15 Army Group)

And heavy traffic moving south from north of Naples 0730 band-1000B hrs. Strat Air Force Bombers report chain movements 1230B-1330B hrs-Frosinone G 4537 Cancello N 3565 and Priverno G 3219 areas and much traffic Sparanise No 888 marshalling yards. 2nd bombers. Medium attacked road and railway junctions at Amato N9184 Castelnuova (near Naples)-Corfetto 073011erminia (H2032) and Mignac G9911. Results good. Heavies attacked Benevento N6583 marshalling yards 1400B hrs. Railways Bridges and approaches successfully hit.


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NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-10038 (13 Sep 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen Deane (CCS).

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No.: W-9875/4072 13 September 43

Situation in Salerno area as known early this morning as follows:

(A) Heavy counter attacks on 10th Corps have forced some withdrawal and enemy are now in possession Battipaglia. 6th Corps have conformed by slight withdrawal from previous forward positions.

(B) Still unable to use Montecorvino Airfield.

(C) General Clark has postponed employment 82nd Airborne Division indefinitely, but has one bn 509th Parachute Regt standing by for possible use.

(D) Everything possible is being done to expedite remainder 45th Division and to move 3rd Division from Sicily to combat area (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff rptd USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff, signed Eisenhower, cite FOGC, this is MAF 392).

2. In Calabria 8th Army are making good progress. 1st Canadian Bde moving north from Crotone. Forward elements 5th Division at Rogliano Z. 0066. No contact with enemy.

3. 2nd Lift First Airborne Division landed Taranto this morning.

ACTION: CC/S

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From: Tactical Rqs 18th Army Group
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INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Tactical Hqs 15th Army Group
To: WAR
No. COSINTREP 65
13 September 1943

(From TAC Hqs 15th Army Group to COSINTREP addressees number 01480 130215B. COSINTREP)

Number 65 to 1600 B hrs 12 Sep. Part 1 begins section 1. Intelligence.

1st. 8th Army. No contact along entire front.

2nd. 5th Army. 64th Pgr identified 10th Corps front. 090635B. 16th Panzer still only enemy Division identified this front.

3rd. 1st Airborne Div. PW reports Hq 1 Para Div 1 km east of Altamura. 1st Para Regt reported withdrawing along main road Cestellane-Matera towards Matera.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1st. 8th Army. 13th Corps. No contact with enemy. 1st Cdn Div concentrating Castamara area. Recon group entered Crotona 111300B found port in good order and took over 3 small submarines. Patrols now 2 miles north of the town. 8th Div Recco patrols to Y9866 and Y8864. Div concentrating area Nicastro 30th Corps. NTR.

2nd 5th Army. 6th Corps... Hq M864051. 36th Div Hq M864051. 141st BCT area Agroholi 86504 143rd BCT area N8803 Capeccio N9303. 142nd BCT supported by 751. 5th En area Bocco Malonano N8806... 179th BCT of 45th Div M8505 in support of 36th Div. Beachhead firmly established 88193 including Torchiara S8912 Travetina M9400 Capeccio road and track junction 821073-9010 including Pertana 8916. Strong German resistance along

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To: WAR
No. CONIFINTREP 65 13 September 1943

Entire beachhead. 10th Corps. 56th Div. Enemy remains in strength area Battipaglia M8233. Div boundary with left 46th Div N725235-M7425. 46th Div occupation and preparation of Salerno continues. No further information available.

3rd. 1st Airborne Div. 2nd Para Bde area 5926 4th Para Bde reached 5137-4833 Castellana 4829-5123 men. South of Castellana patrols fwd to 4004. Section 3 air. 1st. TAC/R. MT movement on heavier scale than yesterday. General movement still north but traffic seen moving west from Foggia 26519 on secondary (1st part ends 2nd and last part follows) Roads.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

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From: Tactical Hq 15th Army Group
To: War
No.(0)1, 12 September 1943.

(From: TAC Hq 15 Army Group to COSINTREP addresses number 01 20730B, COSINTREP number.)

To 1800 GMT 11 Sept, Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence, 6th Army. Nothing to report. 5th Army, Identified 10 Sep 10th Corps front 10 Sep. MT movement from south of Salerno sector to north also from Eboli to Potenza and from North to South in direction Salerno suggests enemy forces from south may be by passing Salerno and entering Naples area. 1 A/B Div, II BN 4 Para Regt 1 BN 1 Para Regt Identified Castellaneta Mottola area P52. 1 Para Div has 75 MM SP guns in support. A TK Coy stated equipped 5 SP A TK guns. Section 1 ends.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st 8th Army. 13 Corps. 1 CDN Div TAC HQ Z2355 1 CDN BDE passed through 3 CDN BDE yesterday and took Castelararo. Troop marching with transport held up road verges south of Castelararo badly mined. Patrols today to Pantone Z2448 along coast road to Z4440 231 BDE now concentrated in area 0858 with patrols to road junction Z1740 to contact 1 CDN BDE. 5 Div Hq Z0031. 17 BDE have taken Ricastro an now established on general line Ricastro-Mambiasa Y9745 Genzera Y917 2nd 1 airborne Div. Recce patrols report coast road clear to 4006 and road leading north to Gioina 3423, 4 Para BDE Hq 6237(5237). 10 BN held up at castellaneta 156 BN in Mottola with recce patrol out to 5235 2 BDE Hq at 1817 Bns not in contact. Recce reports road to Martina Prange clear, Area south of line Taranto Brindisi clear of enemy. Civilians report column of MT and arty moving NE from Gioina. Castle lianeta held up by about

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1 company main concentration 400-500 reported north of
Castellaneta GIOJA airfield. Appear to be withdrawing
slowly leaving small rear guard parties with numerous
automatic weapons. Following airfields free from
enemy and fit for immediate use. Grottaglio P8818
grass good condition buildings wrecked. Brindisi
Harbor (Oratorio-Pierozzi) L3436 pier undamaged 44 tons
(1st part 2nd and last part follows).

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No. COSINTREP 64, No. 01476, 12th September 1943

Insert at garble #1 or beginning of original message:

"(From Tac Echol 15th Army Group to COSINTREP addresses number 01476 120730B. COSINTREP number 64 to 1800B hrs 11 Sept.

Section I. Intelligence 6 Army nothing to report 5 Army 79 PGR identified 10 Sep Roselle 9878182. 192 193 Ht HA Bns on 10th Corps front 10 Sep."

Insert at garble #2

"Troop marching with transport held up Z9113. Road verges south of Catanzaro badly mined. Patrols today to Pentone Z2446 and along coast road to Z4440. 231 Bde now concentrated in area Z0635 with patrols on road junction Z1140 to contact 1 Cdn Bde. 5 Div Hq Z0051, 17 Bde have taken Niscaturo an now established on general line"

Supplementary copy of CM-IN-9635 (12 Sep 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
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To: War
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Aircraft petrol, Brindisi (Antonio-Popolo) L3436
good condition 2 Taracu runways, Lecce (San Donato) Q5294
very good condition (2nd and last cipher part COSINTREP
number 64). 1 excellent runway most buildings serviceable
complete equipment for night flying in order. Leverano
Q3996 in good condition. San Pancrasso L3609 very good. Run-
way buildings available flare path can be put in action
at 24 hours notice. Avedrasa L501 grass emergency land-
ing ground no facilities, Manduria L503 grass landing
ground some buildings available. Gioja Bee Coll P4547 in
good condition.

3rd. 5th Army, 51STREP for 11 Sep not received and
this COSINTREP delayed, as result. Available informa-
tion follows. Effective 11 Sep 45 Div less 180 ECT as-
signed to 6th Corps. Montecorvino landing ground service-
able 1500 hrs for fueling and arming 56 Div situation
satisfactory, 46 Div occupies Salerno and has advanced
elements in passes as follows. North of Vietri about 2
miles. North of Salerno about 4 miles. Ranger position
in tact on high ground South of Pagani-Neces has been re-
inforced. 45 Div has astride Salle 48 ver with left flank
just south Eboli thence to N9010. 36 Div N9010 to Capaccio
to Torchiara to Agropoli area. Section 2 ends.

Section 3. Air, 1st TAC/R. 5th Army Sector. TAC/R
reported further movement of MT mostly north on a reduced
scale though 300 MT were reported (not confirmed) station-
ary 4090-3500 at 1700 hours. In front of the 8th area
200 MT were observed stretching west from U1714 at 1720
hours direction of movement not known. 2nd Bombers fight-
er bombers concentrated on MT and claimed 34 destroyed
and 64 damaged. 3rd. Bombline AVALANCHE bombline as at
1400 hours K5829-K4460-K5043 K5740-K5539-N7235-N8433
N9434-00616-00611-00705-T0794-T0284 then south to Bay.
8th Army bombline no change from Y6150-Z1050-Z5560-Z4070-
Z7070 section 3 ends. Part 1 ends, Signed Eisenhower cite
FBGT and FHGBI.

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From: Algiers
To: War

Sr: 112331 12th Sept 1943

(Part 2 final of C in C Med's 112331)

Arrived at Taranto PM 11th September. 4 light US cruisers of 12th Cruiser Squadron have reloaded with Army personnel and stores and sailed for Taranto PM 11th September.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: General Strong
General Arnold
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To: WAR

No. 62, 12 September 1943.

COSITINREP No 62 Part 2. 1. Unloading of ship and craft has progressed well. Owing to Monte Corino airfield still being under enemy fire (COSITINREP from C in C Med) fighter cover continued to be provided by aircraft carriers on 11th September. Port party moved in to Salerno PM 10th Sept.

2. USS Savannah damaged by direct bomb hit AM 11th Sept. and is proceeding to Malta. HMS Flores also damaged by near miss.

3. At Toronto the port is ready to operate and the Italian authorities are cooperating fully. A small party arrived at Brindisi without opposition. Italian battle ship Giulio Cesare and aviation transport Miraiglins (Part 1.).

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: Gen Strong, Gen Arnold, FGS, Gen Deane (CCS), White House, Admiral King, Log.

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2. SITUATION REPORT #10.
   (1) PORT PARTY MOVED INTO SALERNO PM 10TH SEPT. HARBOR REPORTED HEAVILY MINED AND BOOBY TRAPPED.
   (2) Owing to MONTECORVINO STILL BEING UNDER ENEMY FIRE ESCORT CARRIERS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE AIR COVER ON 11TH SEPT.
   (3) USS CAVANAUGH DAMAGED BY DIRECT BOMB HIT A.M. 11TH SEPT AND IS RETURNING TO MALTA. HMS FLORES DAMAGED BY NEAR MISS.
   (4) UNLOADING OF SHIP AND CRAFT ON TO BEACHES HAS PROGRESSED WELL AND RETURN AND FOLLOW UP CONVOYS ARE PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PROGRAMME.
   (5) SITUATION TARANTO. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE FULLY COOPERATING AND PORT IS READY TO OPERATE. A TOTAL OF 14 MINES HAVE NOW UNCLASIFIED.

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DETERIORATED IN THE OUTER HARBOUR. ITALIAN BATTLESHIP GIULIO CESARE AND AVIATION TRANSPORT MIRAGLIA ARRIVED TARANTO PM 11TH SEPTEMBER. A SMALL PARTY HAS ENTERED BRINDISI WITHOUT OPPOSITION. (6) 12TH CRUISER SQUADRON RETURNED TO BIZERTA RELOADED WITH ARMED PERSONNEL AND STORES AND SAILED FOR TARANTO PM 11TH SEPT.

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(COMINTREP 61)
5th Army (No number)

From: Bizerta

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IMMEDIATE

Para. 1 Italian battle fleet from Spezia, consisting of 2 battleships, 5 cruisers, and 7 destroyers was met by 2nd Division British battle fleet off Bone A.M., 10th September. Both forces proceeding in company to Malta. Italian battle- ship ROMA was sunk by German air attack F.M. 9th September. 2 battleships, 3 cruisers, and 1 destroyer from Taranto were due Malta F.M. 10th September.

Para. 2 8 Italian U-boats have now been identified on the surface, 3 of these have reached Allied port.

Para. 3 British naval forces, except 1 destroyer, have left Taranto; the cruisers after disembarking army personnel and stores. Vice Admiral Power remained as Senior Naval Officer Taranto. H.M.S. ARDIZEL was sunk by mine in Taranto Bay, P.M. 9th September. Army casualties are feared heavy.

Para. 4 Operation AVALANCHE. Unloading was hampered in initial stages by extensive minefields and enemy fire on beaches. Gun support of cruisers and destroyers had improved situation by 1700 9th September. Follow up and return convoys proceeding to plan. H.M.S. ABERCROMBIE damaged by mine and H.M.S. MENDIP by near miss. H.M.S. CATHU slightly damaged by mine.

Para. 5 H.M.S. UNRIVALLED reports entering Bari A.M. 10th September. 4 Italian merchant ships sunk by Germans. UNRIVALLED is proceeding with convoy of remaining 8 merchant ships to Malta.

No T.O.O./11th Sept.

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plains
Brigadier Redman (10)
N.T.
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N.0.1/c Algiers

From: CINC MED

SITREP Number 177

1. Italian Fleet from (Tripoli was) met by 2nd Division of Battle Fleet group C.A.M. 10th Sept. Both forces are proceeding to Malta (Arriving) A.M. 11th Sept. Italian battle fleet consists of 2 Littorio Class, 2 Scipio Class, 1 Apo's Class, 2 Giuseppe Garibaldi Class number 7 destroyers. Italian battleship ROMA sank in 20 minutes as a result of 1 bomb hit during air attack by German F.M. 9th Sept. Senior surviving Italian officer, Admiral De Divisions, Romeo Oliva.

2. Taranto section of Italian fleet 2 Cavour class, 2 Regolo class, 1 6-inch cruiser and battalion destroyer were due at Malta F.M. 10th Sept.

3. 3 Italian U-boats (Italian) have now reached Allied Harbour. 5 others have been identified and are proceeding to port.

4. H.M.S. ABDIEL was sunk in Taranto Bay probably by ground (mine) about 2300/9th Sept. G.O. among survivors. Ship had not unloaded military personnel and stores and casualties among soldiers are feared heavy.

5. 12th Cru, Squadron and U.S. Cruiser BOISE sailed from Taranto after unloading. H.M.S. HOVE also sailed. Vice Admiral Power remains in H.M.S. PALADIN as S.N.O. Taranto.

6. Operation AVANACHE. Presence of extensive mine field considerably hampered unloading in initial stages. Southern beaches were under heavy fire but support by cruisers and destroyers improved situation by 1700/8th.

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7. H.M.S. ABERCROMBIE damaged by mine 1730/9th starboard bilge flooded. H.M.S. DRAGON also sustained slight mine damage H.M.S. MENDIP damaged by near miss.

8. P.45 reported entering Bar A.M. 10th Sept. 4 Italian merchant ships sunk by German. P.45 is proceed (Twith) convoy of remaining 8 merchant ships to Malta.

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Admiral
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Gen. Macready
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Plana
Brigadier Rodman (10)
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From: Tactical Headquarters 15th Army Group
To: War No. FM 1456
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11 September 1943

(Number FM 1456 TOQ 110143B to COSINTREP addresses for action
info TAQ Main HQ 15 Army to 5th Army 6th Army from TAC HQ 13 5th Corps
Army Group. COSINTREP number 63 to 1500B hrs 10 Sep. Part 1 beanswal
section one. Intellligence. last 6th Army front.)

No new identifications. Slight enemy opposition EOT295 but general
enemy withdrawal northwards continues. 2nd 5th Army front 16th Panzer
Div onl only enemy division yet identified. Heavy MT movement on roads from
south suggests enemy reinforcements likely to appear soon on Army front.
3rd. 1st Airborne Div front. 1 Para Regt reported by PW area of
Massafra PGB25 as fully motorized with German MT GA/TK coy with 93.7 or
53. (CM) guns in Massafra.

Section 2. Ground oposiitions. 1st. 8th Army. TAC HQ 13 Corps.
231 Bde forward troops EOT325 5th Div. HQ Y2211. Forward Troops
following up 231 Bde. 1st Cdn Div. 3rd Cdn Bde advancing up east
cost. 2nd Cdn Bde concentrating area Cisterna W 19272(36274)(36274).
Remainder of Div moving up. 2nd 5th Army. 6th Corps. 36th Div beach-
head 4 miles inland from mouth of Sele river then south to include
Capaccio then Southwest. Entire division supported by 13 kms tank
destroyers extra on 105 M4 and 2 cys and two was ashore on 30 Sept. 10
Corps. Salerno occupied 1045 hrs. No further information available. 3rd.
1st Airborne Div Disembarking at Taranto completed. 1 ship lost in
harbour. 2nd Para Bde reached area S. Giorgio 8711. 4th Para Bde occupi-
cies Palagрино 572. and reached Francofiera and Grottaglie 9020 where
airfield grass reported in good condition.

CM-IN-9252 (12 Sep 43)

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From: Tactical Hqs 15th Army Group
To: WAR

Br.: FM 1436 11th September 1943

Section 3. Air, 1st. TAC/H throughout the day reported large columns MT moving north up the Central Lagomarroy-Sala Omoriana road and other roads that area. The Coast road (end of 1st part, part 2 follows) did not appear to be in use. Heavy traffic also received moving north and northwest in Caserta-Catino (2nd and last part of GGITYWsort number 63 from TAC Hq 15th Army Group) and Caserta-Gesta areas. A landing ground was discovered and attacked at T358h. Fires were reported in Naples and at Torre Annunziata M8609 on the 8th Army front. Bridges were seen to be blown in Tarants 22350 area but coast road 24038-5943 appeared undamaged, 2nd. Bombers, Bombers and fighter bombers attacked many MT drawings on the central road with believed good results. Heavy and medium bombers reported attacks on Ebeli-Gesta-Battipaglia and Capua where bridges were destroyed and Potenza railway yards Benevento Ra Isennia-Cassino-CASTELNO and Forina. 3rd. Bomb-lines. AVALLUNCE bombline at T03150. B6063-20794 0026-06806-00313-59728-5630-8233-7235-5839-5821-5462-5490-5838. 8th Army Bombline 10160C 50 northing grid line. At 2150 bomb line given as T6090-21090-3050-2070-7070 (section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower Site FEGBT and FHGBI).
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR, Milid
No. AMSME 294, 11 September 1943

Little known about reaction to Armistice among German and Italian Forces on Greek Mainland. (Sept 9th German Forces ordered to disarm Pavazza Garrison held up execution pending arrival instructions from Italian higher echelone to Italian garrison, Germans prevented movement of Italian Officers on roads) 26 Italian Corps proposed conditions acceptable to Jerry 1 Mtn Div which consisted of Italians keeping rifles pistols and some staff cars. (Information from MAUD IDA MEF from Moore and Thornton signed Hoyes) Albanian 41 Firenze Div assured Bulgars and Jerries that Italian arms would not be employed against them but Italians would resit force. Fighting on Rhodes afternoon Sept 9 among Germans and Italians results of which unknown. Greta considered under complete German control. (No arrivals to Mideast Italian aircraft reported.)

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General Deane (CCS)
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URGENT

From: Tactical Hq 15th Army Group
To: War

No. 0.1456, COSITINTREP No 63, 11th September 1943

(Number 0.1456 TOG 110145B to COSITINTREP addresses for action info TAF Main Hq 16 Army Grp 5 Army 8 Army from Tac Hq 15 Army Group A. COSITINTREP number 63 to 1800B hrs 10th Sep.)

Section 1. Intelligence. 1st, 8th Army Front A opposition 20735 but general enemy withdrawal northwards continues.

Second. 5th Army fronts 16 Panzer Div only enemy division yet identified heavy MT enemy on roads from south suggests enemy reinforcements likely to appear soon on army front.

Third. One airborne Div front 1 Para Regt reported by PW area north of Massafra P6325 as fully motorized with German MT. A/TK coy with 13.7 or 5 CM guns in Massafra.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st, 8th Army. Tac Hq Y8208. 13 Corps. 231 Bde forward troops 50735. 5 Div Hq Y8211 forward troops following up 231 Bde. One Cdn Div. Three Cdn Bde advancing up east coast. 2 Cdn Bde concentrating area Cittanova W18274. Remainder of Div moving up.

Second. 5th Army 6th Corps. 36 Div beachhead 4 miles inland from mouth of Sele river then south to conclude Capaccio then southwest. Entire division supported by 1 and a half Bns tank destroyers extra Bn 105 MM and 2 coy's med tks was ashore PM 9 Sep. 10 Corps. Salerno occupied 1045 Bsm no further information available.

Third. One airborne dimcm disembarkation at Taranto completed 1 ship lost in harbour. 2 Para Bde reached areas. Giorgio 8711. 4 Para Bde occupied Palagricio 5734(572) and reached Frascavilla and Grottaglie 9020

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From: Tactical Rqs 15th Army Group
To: War

No. 0.1456, COSINTREP No. 63, 11th September 1943

where airfield grass reported in good condition.

Section 3. Air. lst. TAC/R throughout the day reported large columns of moving north up the central Lagonegro-Salabeesiliana Pk Gonegro road and other roads that area. The coast road did not appear to be in use. Heavy traffic also observed no new identifications encountered.

(End of lst part part 2 follows).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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**SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 177**

(1) ITALIAN FLEET FROM SPEZIA WAS MET BY 2ND DIVISION OF BATTLE FLEET GROUP C A.M. 11TH SEPT. BOTH FORCES ARE PROCEEDING TO MALTA ARRIVING A.M. 11TH SEPT.

ITALIAN BATTLE FLEET CONSISTS OF 2 LITTORIO CLASS 2 SAVOIA CLASS 1 APOLLO CLASS 2 GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI CLASS NUMBER 7 DESTROYERS. ITALIAN BATTLESHIP "ROMA" SANK IN 20 MINUTES AS A RESULT OF 1 BOMB HIT DURING AIR ATTACK BY GERMANS P.M. 9TH SEPT. SENIOR SURVIVING

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ITALIAN OFFICER ADMIRAL DE DIVISIONE ROMEO OLIVA.

(2) TARANTO SECTION OF ITALIAN FLEET OF 2 CAVOUR CLASS 2 REGOLO CLASS 1 6 INCH CRUISER AND BATTALION DESTROYER WERE DUE AT MALTA P.M. 19TH SEPT.

(3) 3 ITALIAN U-BOATS (ITALIAN) HAVE NOW REACHED ALLIED HARBOUR. 5 OTHERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ARE PROCEEDING TO PORT.

(4) HMS ABDIEL WAS SUNK IN TARANTO BAY PROBABLY BY GROUND MINE ABOUT 2300/9TH SEPT. C.O. AMONG SURVIVORS. SHIP HAD NOT UNLOADED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND STORES AND CASUALTIES AMONG SOLDIERS ARE FEARED HEAVY.

(5) 12TH CRU. SQUADRON AND U.S. CRUISER BOISE SAILED FROM TARANTO AFTER UNLOADING. HMS HOWE ALSO
SAILED. VICE ADMIRAL POWER REMAINS IN HMS PALADIN AS S.N.O. TARANTO.

(6) OPERATION AVALANCHE. PRESENCE OF EXTENSIVE MINE FIELD CONSIDERABLY HAMPERED UNLOADING IN INITIAL STAGES. SOUTHERN BEACHES WERE UNDER ENEMY FIRE BUT SUPPORT BY CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS IMPROVED SITUATION BY 1700/8TH.

(2) HMS ABERCROMBIE DAMAGED BY MINE 1730/9TH STARBOARD BILGE FLOODED. HMS DRAGON ALSO SUSTAINED SLIGHT MINE DAMAGE HMS MENDIP DAMAGED BY NEAR MISS.

(8) P 45 REPORTED ENTERING BARI A.M. 1ST SEPT. 4 ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS SUNK BY GERMAN. P 45 IS PROCEED WITH CONVOY OF REMAINING 8 MERCHANT SHIPS TO MALTA.
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No number, 10th September 1943

Following is repetition of NCTTF's 091006Z begins addressed CINC Med CWNTF. From NCTTF (COSINTREP from CINC Med) COSINTREP, Both 9th and 10th Corps lst advances reached beach 0345Z. 10th Corps beaches secured at 0445Z. Southern attack group considerable opposition yellow and green beaches reported ready received LST. Mine situation delayed moving ships shoreward many mines exploded in sweep of boat lanes right flank well inshore of suspected fields. Number of floaters in channel. Commanding General 35th Division has landed. Several air attacks on assaulting convoys by small groups since 8 hours 2 attacks reported 8 and 10 planes turned away by fighter cover. Diversionary group captured Ventotene at midnight. Italian Garrison surrendered without opposition 1 German prisoner and 60 more barricaded in town hall to be dealt with shortly from inhabitants. Ventotene reported Mussolini departed (Pompe or Monza query) for Sardinia forenoon of 8th. Insufficient information assess attitude Italians except at Ventotene here cooperative rangers and commandos landed according to plan. No opposition at Maiori.

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FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-8294 (11 Sept 43) OPD
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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
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11 Sept 1943

From: Bizerta
To: WAR
COSINTREP 61
5th Army No Number

10 September 1943

(COSINTREP from C in C MED) COSINTREP number 61 Part 2:

Para 1. Italian battlefleet from Spezia consisting of 2 battleships 5 cruisers and 7 destroyers was met by 2nd Division British battlefleet off Rome AW 10th September. Both forces proceeding in company to Malta. Italian battlefleet Rome was sunk by German air attack PM 9th September. 2 battleships 3 cruisers and 1 destroyer from Taranto were due Malta PM 10th September.

Para 2. 8 Italian uboats have now been identified on the surface, 3 of these have reached Allied port.

Para 3. British Naval forces except 1 destroyer have left Taranto the cruisers after disembarking Army personnel and stores. Vice Admiral Power remained as senior naval officer Taranto. HMS Abdiel was sunk by mine in Taranto Bay PM 9th September. Army casualties are feared heavy.

Para 4. Operation AVALANCHE. Unloading was hampered in initial stages by extensive minefields and enemy fire on beaches. Gun support of cruisers and destroyers had improved situation by 1700 9th September. Follow up and return convoys proceeding to plan. HMS Abercrombie damaged by mine and HMS Mendip by near miss. HMS Cadmus slightly damaged by mine.

Para 5. HMS Unrivalled reports entering Bari AM 10th September. 4 Italian merchant ships sunk by Germans.

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By RT, NARA, Date

ITALY
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Bizerte
To: WAR COSINTREP 61
5th Army No Number

10 September 1943

Unrivalled is proceeding with convoy of remaining 8 merchant ships to Malta.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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General Deane (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: War - W-9621
USFOR London - No #

10th September 1943

General situation is as follows. To AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This is NAF 394.

8th Army:

Tactical headquarters of 13th Corps is now at Pizzo, 5 miles Northeast of Vibo Valentia. Forward elements of Canadian Division are North of Badolato, 25 miles South of Catanzaro. Reconnaissance Troops of 5th Division have crossed the Angitola River, 9 miles Northeast of Vibo Valentia.

5th Army:

All landings have been generally successful with a large number of mines in the water delaying moving in shore. Our mine layer HMS Abdiel carrying a heavy cargo and troops was sunk. The entire 36th Division is ashore, reinforced by 1 1/2 Battalions of tank destroyers and about 2 Companies of medium tanks. Five small enemy tank attacks reported. 36th Division's bridgehead extends from point 4 miles upstream from mouth of Sele River and 7 miles Southeast of Capaccio. 46th Division was counter attacked yesterday but situation is well in hand. However, the advance of this Division and 56th Division was delayed. Montecorvina Airfield is partially surrounded. Rangers and Commandos have Western half of Salerno and Rangers are now established in mountain pass Southeast of Nocera (8 miles Northwest of Salerno). Unloading on all beaches is proceeding satisfactorily.

The 1st Airborne Division landed at Taranto during

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300 Italy
10th September 1943

evening of 9 September without opposition. The inhabitants are cooperating.

Italian Fleet:

The battle fleet from Spezia now off Bone. Apparently battleship Roma on fire yesterday as a result of German bombing, blew up and sunk during the night. The Italian Admiral CINC MED is reported killed. A cruiser and 3 destroyers broke off from this fleet during the night and are now in vicinity of Balearics, apparently to intern in Spanish ports. The Italian Adriatic and Taranto fleets are proceeding to Malta, less 1 cruiser which broke away and is now moving North up the Adriatic.

A message just received via London from the British representative at the Vatican says Germans attacking along Ostia road are opposed by Italian troops outside the walls of Rome. Gun fire is close and it is thought Germans may succeed in entering Rome today. Other German Divisions are reported converging on Rome from Viterbo and elsewhere. An air report just received indicates very little enemy air activity over the battle area. Our aviation is extremely active, particularly against heavy enemy road movements which are general over entire area. Air Forces intend during the next few days to concentrate on isolating battle area. Strategical is operating North of line Battaglia-Potenza-Bari and tactical is operating South of this line. Phone call from Advance Headquarters states occupation of Salerno was completed 1000 hours.
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. W 9598/2686, 10 September 1943

Correct reference in first line our NAF 367 should be 322. This is NAF 382 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHSGS.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
ADM KING

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Madrid
Dated September 10, 1943
Rec'd 6:50 P.M.

SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Number 2525 September 10, 3 p.m.

Navy Ministry has informed Navy Attache that an
Italian light cruiser, Regolo class, and 3 destroyers
entered Port Mahon, Balearic Islands this morning. Three
destroyers entered Pollensa Bay, Balearics at the same
time. These will be transferred to Port Mahon to
facilitate guarding and provisioning.

Spaniards have sent mine layer Jupiter and destroyer
Miranda to act as guard ships.

Ministry says it does not know intentions of vessels
but they will not be permitted to leave pending some
decision concerning them.

Hayes

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN DEANE (CCS)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No #, 10 September, 1943

Following is a repetition of NCWTF's 0810053B begins addressed CINC • NTP from NCWBF-NCTF COSINTREAP from CINC MED COSINTREAP. Both 6th and 10th Corps first • reached beach 0345B. 10th Corps beaches secured at 0445B. Southern attack group considerable opposition yellow and green beaches reported ready receive LST. Mine situation delayed moving ships shoreward many mines exploded in sweep of boat lanes right flank well inshore of suspeced fields. Number * in channel/ Commanding General 36th Division has landed. Several air attacks on assaulting convoys by small groups since hour 2 attacks reported 8 and 10 planes turned away by fighter cover. (Piorionary group captured Ventotene at midnight. Italian garrison surrendered without opposition 1 German prisoner and 60 • barricaded in town hall to be dealt with shortly. From Inhabitants Ventotene reported Mussolini departed (query) for Sardinia forenoon 8th. Insufficient information assesses attitude Italians except at Ventotene here cooperative. Rangers and commandos landed according to plan. No opposition at

*Entire message being serviced.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
Adm. King

CM-1N-8294 (11 Sep 43) 0019Z

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COPY No. 59
Situation Report No. 175.

1. Operation DOMINENT AVALANCHE all movement carry according program weather calm.

2. Northern Attack force, Considerable initial activity beach battery, both beaches captured, moderate enemy air activity, 4 Brigades landed by 0600 9th, landing of 5th and 6th Division proceeding.

3. 1st return convoy of personnel ships sail at 0630.

4. Rangers and Commandos land successful, former encounter no opposition.

5. Southern Attack Force landing commenced satisfactorily to time.

F.M. Rec'd P/L from Navy
Admiral Dept.
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (10)
N.I.
S.O.(0) Personal

S.O.
N.M.G.S.
C.C.G.R.
Lt. Col. Cook
Lt. Col. O'Connor
Group Capt. Du Boulay
ADM'TY INFO CINCLEVANT SQ FORCE H NOIC MALTA FOOGIB SHA 116 COMNAVNAV COM 10TH FLT CANDR NOIC ALGIERS NOB ORAN CMSGF SHA 111 FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 175.

1. OPERATION IMMINENT AVALANCHE ALL MOVEMENT CARRY ACCORDING PROGRAM WEATHER CALM.

2. NORTHERN ATTACK FORCE. CONSIDERABLE INITIAL ACTIVITY BEACH BATTERY BOTH BEACHES CAPTURED MODERATE ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY 4 BRIGADES LANDED BY 0630 9TH LANDING OF 5TH AND 6TH DIVISION PROCEEDING

3. 1ST RETURN CONVOY OF PERSONNEL SHIPS SAIL AT 0630

4. RANGERS AND COMMANDOS LAND SUCCESSFUL FORMER ENCOUNTER NO OPPOSITION.

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5. SOUTHERN ATTACK FORCE LANDING COMMENCED SATISFACTORILY TO TIME.
Situation Report Number 174.

All movements for operations IMMINENT proceed according to plan,

(2) H.M.S. EREBUS H.M.S. APHIS and H.M.S. SCARAB continue to give support to left flank of operation BAYTOWN.

(3) 231st Brigade was landed at Vibo Valentia at 0330/8th September by 50 craft. All troops landed by 0530 and craft discharged by 0930 slight opposition from shore batteries, 1 LST and 2 LCT damaged.

MTP 77 sunk by near miss off Vibo. Casualties few, R.A. McGrigor slightly wounded.

(4) P. 221 report sinking German U-boat in Naples area at 2121/7th. 2 more German U-boats also reported on patrol in that vicinity.

(5) Motor gun boats carried out anti-E-boat patrol North coast Gallita Island night 7th/8th Sept. without incident.

(6) Floating docks at Augusta now in full operation for landing craft.

F.M. 082207B

Admiral Rec'd P/L from
Air Marshal Navy Dept.
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (10)
N.I.
S.O.(0) Personal
S.O.
N.M.C.S.
Situation Report (Number?) 176

(1) Force "H" was attacked by about 20 Torpedo Bombers between 2100 and 2215 5th Sept. 2 Aircraft were shot down. No damage.

(2) Expeditionary Group captured (?) Ventotene Island 0001 5th. Italian Garrison surrender without opposition. 1 (Rear?) (Admiral?) and 60 (Civilians?) found barricaded in Town Hall.

(3) Unloading of ships into Salerno Bay beaches continues well. H.M.S. LAFOREY and H.M.S. LOYAL damaged in Boiler by (enemy?) (action?) speed reduced to 20 knots and 24 knots respectively. (About?) all major units of Italian Fleet now appear to be carrying terms of Armistice. Battle Fleet from Spiza proceeded West of Corsica and turned into Asinara Bay about 1300 9th but later turned West. Reconnaissance Aircraft report Fleet was attacked by German Aircraft about 1600 9th. 1 Battleship or large Cruiser hit. Second Division of Force H detached to rendezvous with Italians off Bone 0600 10th.

(5) Force Z preceded by Sweeper passed up Swep Channel to Taranto with Pilot on board 1700 9th. Italian Fleet had then left Harbour and were proceeding to sea. By 1930 9th H.M.S. HUME 12th Cruiser Squad U.S. CRU BOISE and H.M.S. ARDELL with Destroyer had berthed inside the Harbour, H.M.S. KING GEORGE V and 3 Destroyers remain at sea. Reception at Taranto appeared friendly.

(6) Italian U-Boat VORTEX encountered on surface by H.M.S. HURistorth at 0900 9th and ordered into Auguste.
(Admiralty Info CinCleVant S.O. Force "H" NOIC MALTA FOC GIBRALTAR NOIC Algiers NOB ORAN COMMORSEAFRON FROM CINMED.)

PART 1 0822048 NCR 2132
PART 2 0822078 NCR 2126

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 174286 ALL MOVEMENTS FOR OPERATIONS IMMINENT AVALANCHE PROCEED ACCORDING TO PLAN
(2) HMS EREBUS HMS APHIS AND HMS SCARAB CONTINUE GIVE SUPPORT TO LEFT FLANK OF OPERATION BAYTOWN
(3) 231ST BRIGADE WAS LANDED AT VIBO VALENTIA AT 0130 8TH SEPTEMBER BY 50 CRAFT. ALL TROOPS LANDED BY 0530 AND CRAFT DISCHARGED BY 0930 SLIGHT OPPOSITION FROM SHORE BATTERIES 130T AND 2LCT
DAMAGED. MTB 77 SUNK BY NEAR MISS OFF VIBO.

CASUALTIES FEW R.A. MCGRILOR SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

(4) P 221 REPORT SINKING/U-BOAT IN NAPLES
AREA AT 2121 7TH. 2 MORE GERMAN UPBOATS
ALSO REPORTED ON PATROL IN THAT VICINITY.

(5) MOTOR GUN BOATS CARRIED OUT ANTI-E BOAT
PATROL NORTH COAST GALITA ISLAND NIGHT 7TH/8TH
SEPTEMBER WITHOUT INCIDENT.

(6) FLOATING DOCKS AT AUGUSTA NOW IN FULL
OPERATION FOR LANDING CRAFT.

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URGENT

From: Tactical Hqs. 18th Army Group
To: War

No. 62, 10th September 1943.

(From TTC Hq 18th Army Group to COSINTREP
addresses number 1442 100130B. COSINTREP number 62 to 1600B hrs 9th Sept.)

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. 5th Army front 18 P D Eng Bn identified N5527 09:080928B. Same time tanks identified close to shore area N769139-7661888 presumably 42 Pz Regt. 64 Pz Group Regt identified on Monte Corvino Airfield. All above from 10 Pz Div. 8th Army Front. A few PAV from 302 AAC VLM HAV 0HC reports on heavy NC movement between Castrovillari and Eboli and very slight degree of opposition to 8th Army advance suggests withdrawal of 20 and 22 Divs from Calabria being accelerated.

Section 2. Ground operations. First. 8th Army. Eighth Army Tac Hq 09:2877. 13 Corps Tac Hq Pizzo 8717. 231 Bde successfully completed landing in Pizzo area according to plan in face of some enemy opposition and are now located north. Five Div 10 now Fed 207ampa earmarked contact with 231 Bde by 2100 hrs 9th Sept St Vito Valienta. Did Recce elements planning north have reached Angola 9221. One Cdn Div. Fed Tps 3Cd Bde continued advance up east coast road and were reported at Adolato 2400 at 1400 hrs today. Adv of remainder of Div hampered by demolitions. Little contact with enemy over whole front.

Second. Fifth Army. Convoys arrived in transport area on schedule. Boats lowered 090200B hrs. Sea calm. Some enemy air attack on convoys damage light 5 enemy planes destroyed. 0400B hrs attack commenced. Hangar and Commando landed according to plan. No opposition at Naosiri, initial landing generally successful. Some German PW taken. 0800B

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From: Tactical Hqs. 15th Army Group
To: War

No. 62, 10th September 1943, Page 2,

The situation generally favourable. Considerable opposition at some beaches but 46 Div., ACT Div. and 2 landings 36 Div. successful. Large number water mines delayed movement in shore. Ten Corps advance satisfactorily considering strength of opposition. Six Corps temporarily held up.

Third. First Airborne Div., Naval report states convoy has entered Taranto Harbour and in-

habitants. See next page

(First part, part 2 and last follow.)

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
SMITH HOUSE
ADM KING
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ORD letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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From: Tactical Hqs 15th Army Group
To: War

No. COSINTREP 63, 10th September 1943

(Second cipher part COSINTREP number 63 dtg 10013PB) Appear friendly. Section 3 ends. Section 3. Air, Tac/R throughout the day reported steady movement of Mt northwards particularly in area Legowanoupe TS071 Sala Consilina (03571). In area of AVALANCHE landings no general movement west was observed. Considerable AA was reported at most road junctions on main roads leading north from Toe of Italy. Bomblines. 8th Army blinde as at 1200 hours TS4447-81047-81049 then east. AVALANCHE bomblines as at 1700 hours 83872-85921-8694-T0593-00013-N9025-7530-6827. Signed Eisenhower cite FHOCT and PHGUIC. Section ends. Part 1 ends.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE
LOG

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OSD letter, May 1, 1973
By DRB

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From: Algiers
To: War

Unnumbered - 9 September 1943

Special COSINTREP 9 September AUF 2nd
(COSINTREP from CINC Med).

1. British battle fleet was attacked by about
20 torpedo bombers between 0900 and 2215 8th Sept-
ember. No damage. 2 aircraft were shot down.

2. Diversionary Group captured Ventimile
Island 0001/9. Italian garrison surrendered without
opposition.

3. Unloading of ships at Salerno beaches con-
tinues well. 2 destroyers damaged by enemy action.

4. Units of Italian fleet now appear to be
proceeding in accordance with Armistice terms.
Battlefleet from Spezia is passed west of Corsica
AM 9th September. Reconnaissance aircraft reports
fleet was attacked by German aircraft about 1800/9
and 1 battleship 1 division of British battle fleet
proceeding to rendezvous with Italian off Bone 0600/ 10.

5. 1 battleship 4 British Cruisers and 1 US
Cruiser arrived Taranto PM 9 September and berthed
in the harbour. Reception there appeared friendly.

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By RT, NARA, Date 8/3/44
From: Algiers
To: War
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Italian battlefleet from Taranto have proceeded to sea.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/8)
ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
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From: Algiers
To: War

Unnumbered - 9 September 1943

Special COSINTREP 9 September AUF 2nd
(COSINTREP from CINC Med).

1. British battle fleet was attacked by about
20 torpedo bombers between 2900° and 2215 8th Sept-
ember. No damage. 2 aircraft were shot down.

2. Diversiary Group captured Ventotene
Island 0001/9. Italian garrison surrendered without
opposition.

3. Unloading of ships at Malerno beaches con-
tinues well. 2 destroyers damaged by enemy action.

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in the harbour. Reception there appeared friendly.

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From: Algiers
To: War
Unnumbered - 9 September 1943

Italian battlefleet from Taranto have proceeded to sea.

No Sig

* As received

Corrected copy of CM-IN-7759 (10 Sep 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:
G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Unnumbered 9 September 1943

(Cosintrep from CINC Med)

Special Cosintrep 9 September AUF 2nd.

1. British battle fleet was attacked by about 20 torpedo bombers between 6 and 2215 8th September. No damage. 2 aircraft were shot down.

2. Diversionary group captured Ventotene Island 0001/9. Italian garrison surrendered without opposition.

3. Unloading of ships at Nalerno Beaches continues well. 2 destroyers damaged by enemy action.

4. Units of Italian fleet now appear to be proceeding in accordance with Armistice terms. Battlefleet from Sardinia passed west of Corsica AM 9 September. Reconnaissance aircraft reports fleet was attacked by German aircraft about 1600/9 and 1 battleship or large cruiser hit. 1 division of British battlefleet proceeding to rendezvous with Italians 00/10.

5. 1 battleship 4 British Cruisers and 1 US Cruiser arrived Taranto PM 9 September and berthed in the harbour. Reception there appeared friendly. Italian battlefleet from Taranto have proceeded to sea.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN DEANE (CCS), WHITE HOUSE, ADM KING, LOG

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From: HQ NAFF SC
To: War Mr 61
    Troopers London Unnumbered
    UBPOR London Unnumbered
    GHQ Mideast Unnumbered
    Chief Gibraltar Unnumbered

9th September, 1943

(To COSINTREP addressees from GAC HQ 15 Army Group
O. 1427 090100B. COSINTREP number 61 to 1600 B hrs
8 Sept. Part 1 begins)

Section 1. Intelligence. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations. 8th Army.

(13)Corps Main HQ 6272. 1 CDN Div HQ 6672. 2 CDN Bde
Cittanova D8274 with tps at Pollistena D8261. 3 CDN Bde
Locri D 9882 moving North up coast road. No contact on div
front. 5 div. 13 Bde Rosarno with tps fwd to D 7069-
D7695 17 Bde concentrating South of Rizzicone D7181. 231 Bde
and commando tps who landed successfully SW of Pizzo met
shellfire and took some German and Italian pw.

Section 3. Air. First. Tac/r. 30 met and guns
reported moving North-area acquaro D9108 at 0830 hrs.
Small columns of met reported moving North and NE area
Z0303-Z0707-22525 1539 hrs. Medium bombers on night missions
reported 50/60 met moving both ways S8595 and S9981.
Second. Bombers. Fighter and medium bombers all day attack-
ing targets considerably in advance of 8th army positions
and also in Sardinia. Third. Bombline. 2000 hrs-T9122-
22322 section three ends. Part one ends. Signed Eisen-
hower cite FMCT and FhGBI.

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INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF. GEN. DEANE (CC/S) ADM.KING LOG
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From: Algiers
To: WAR
NR: W9585/2627, 9th September 1943

(Troopers AGWAR Fairfield rear (EBS) pass info Midsat from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI W9585/2627) General enemy situation

(A) Calabria. Little or no contact with enemy on general line Nicotera-Cinquemondi-Sicilia. Some initial resistance by Italians and Germans to landing area Pizzo 8th Sept. Contact with Germans reported east of Vibo Valentia.

(B) Salerno Area. Some initial reaction to Allied landings by coastal artillery reported. Believed principally Northern Sector of Gulf 4 Pz identified 16th Panzer Division on X Corps front. Enemy counterattacked during morning against 1 of 46th Division beaches. Situation restored but own progress somewhat delayed by this temporary threat to beachhead. 64 PGR identified area airfield.

(C) Miscellaneous. General indications further local withdrawals in Calabria. Considerable alertness on part German Troops with regard Italians. Many bonfires on hills reported during night 8/9 September.

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INFORMATION: OPD CG AAF GEN. DEANE (CC/8) LOG

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-9506/2257 9 September, 1943

(W-9506/2257 9th Sept nil signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT from GS GPH D Sect AFHQ action Troopers info AGWAR USFOR).

26 weekly summary. Summary of operations. 31 Aug to 5 Sep.

1. Ground. 3 Sept. 13th Corps landed on Italian mainland between Reggio and Catana 0430 hrs. Assault made by 1 Cdn Div and 5 Div. Initial assaults encountered little opposition and beach heads were quickly secured. Canadians on right occupied Reggio town and airfield. 5th Div secured San Giovanni D 45 and forward elements reached Cannitello D 46. Sept 4. While 2 Cdn Bde remained in reserve in Reggio 1 Cdn Bde advanced inland and reached Stracini D 55. 3rd Cdn Bde occupied Melito D 52 with patrols forward to Bova Marines D 62. 13 Bde reached Orti D 55 patrolling to San Stefano D 55. 13 Bde advanced along W coast road to Bagnara D 56 and joined Commando Unit which had landed north of Bagnara at 0430 hrs and had occupied the town without opposition. Sept 5. 3 Cdn Bde held up by craters south of Bagaladi occupied Bova Marines with 1 Cdn Bde in area 8 miles south of Bagnara facing extensive demolitions. 2 Cdn Bde was directed on Delisiomomi D 66. 5th Div. 15 Bde continued advance east and south of Bagnara. 13 Bde forced north by demolitions in following 15 Bde along coast road. 17 Bde concentrating between Scilla and Cannitello.

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From: Algiers
To: War
No. W-9506/2257

9 September, 1943

2. Locations. 15 Army group Cassibile. 82 Airborne Div Licata. 7 Army Palermo. 2 Corps D 8831. 1 Div G(T) 8446. 3 Div Trapani. 9 Div Cefalu. 45 Div B 7829. Prov Corps Palermo. 2 Arm Div B 2243. 8 Army main Falcone C 94. TAC D 4652. 30 Corps D 2762. 50 Div D-1317. 51 Div D-1487. 98 Div C-9248. 13 Corps 4652. 1 Cdn Div D 4546. 5th Div D 4557.


4. Estimated casualties. 7 Army to 1800 hrs 2 Sept 464 offrs 7096 ORS. 8 Army to 0600 hrs 1 Sept 881 offrs 10986 ORS.

(End of first cipher part part 2 follow).

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ACTION: OPU

INFORMATION:
G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
WHITE HOUSE

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SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers
To: War
No. W 9506/2254

Part 2 and last of AFHQ W 9506/2254 True THI 082103B. Estimated Baytown prisoners to 1800 hrs 3rd Sept 1000.

6. Administrative. Port capacity Palermo now 14 liberty ships and 6 coasters. 8th Army reports cases of suspected sabotage of railways such as small fires, fishplates removed and set of points wedged. Evacuation. 7th Army to follow. 8th Army 2nd sep casualties including Sicily, 17,285 CM 35,542. 6th Army report 8,375 cases malaria to 26th Aug. General administrative situation satisfactory. Corrections under para 2 locations read 13th Corps D 4652.

No Sig.

See CM-IN-7054 (9 Sep 43) OPD
CM-IN-7125 (9 Sep 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: GEN. STRONG SGS ADM. KING GEN. DEANE (CC/S) GEN. ARNOLD WHITE HOUSE LOG

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. No# 9th September 1943.

(Following is a repetition of my 08220 charge from CINC Med addressed Cosintrep no. 59 part 2 signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT.)

1. All movements of ships and craft for operation Avalanche are proceeding according to plan.

2. 231 brigade was landed from 50 craft at VIIIBO Valenita at 0130/8th. Slight opposition 1 LST and 2 LCT damaged. All troops ashore by 0830 hand craft discharged by 0930 MTB sunk by near miss. Rear Admiral McGrigor slightly wounded.

3. Gunboats continued support to left flank of 5 Division on 7th September.

4. Shakespeare reports sinking U-boat in Naples area PM 7th September. 2 other U-boats reported in same vicinity.

5. MGB's carried our anti E-boat patrol north of Galita Island night 7th/8th September but nothing was sighted. To 082203 ends.

No Sig.

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Sec. Gen. Staff
Gen. Deane (CC/B)
Adm. King

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/84

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(FOLLOWING IS A REPITITION OF MY §922)/0HRGE FROM CINC MED ADDRESSED COSITINTREP NO. 59 PART 2 SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FACOT).

1. ALL MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS AND CRAFT FOR OPERA-
TION AVALANCHE ARE PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

2. 239 BRIGADE WAS LANDED FROM 50 CRAFT AT
VIRO VALENTIA AT §139/8TH. SLIGHT OPPOSITION 1 LST
2 LCT DAMAGED. ALL TROOPS ASHORE BY §539 HAND CRAFT
DISCHARGED BY §939. MTB SUNK BY NEAR MISS. REAR
ADIRAL MCCRIGUR SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

3. GUNBOATS CONTINUED SUPPORT TO LEFT FLANK
OF 5 DIVISION ON 7TH SEPTEMBER.

4. SHAKESPEARE REPORTS SINKING U-BOAT IN,

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FDCOMNAV-NCR-18

May 21 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
NAPLES AREA PM 7TH SEPTEMBER. 2 OTHER U-BOATS REPORTED IN SAME VICINITY.

5. MGBS CARRIED OUR ANTI E-BOAT PATROL NORTH OF GALITA ISLAND NIGHT 7TH/8TH SEPTEMBER BUT NOTHING WAS SIGHTED. TO 862283 ENDS.

PASSED BY WAR
From: Algiers 
To: War

No. 60, 9 September 1943.

(COSINTREP from CINC MEO).

COSINTREP number 60 part 2.

1. All movements for operation AVALANCHE carried out according to programme. Weather calm.

2. Northern attack force was landed successfully and both beaches captured. Considerable initial activity from beach batteries and moderate enemy air activity 4 brigades ashore by 0800 9th Sept and landing of 5th and 6th in progress. First return convoy of personnel ships sailed 0830.

3. Rangers and Commandos landed successfully former without opposition.

4. Southern attack force landing commenced satisfactorily on time. (Signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT.)

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
SSS
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
White House
Adm King
LOG

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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ITALIANS HAVE SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY ORDERED ALL THEIR FORCES TO CEASE HOSTILITIES WHEREVER THEY MAY BE.

(2) ALL ITALIAN NAVAL OR MERCHANDISE SHIPS ARE BEING INSTRUCTED BY BROADCAST

(A) TO APPROACH UNITED NATIONS PORTS IN FULL DAYLIGHT AND AT SPEED NOT EXCEEDING 12 KNOTS, STOPPING AS SOON AS CHALLENGED AND AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

(B) TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY DAY: BY FLYING A LARGE BLACK OR LARGE BLUE PENDANT FROM THE MAIN WAST OR ONLY WAST; MARKING THEIR DECK WITH LARGE CIRCULAR BLACK DISC; BY NIGHT: BY BURNING DIMMED BLACK DISC.

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BY DSS. DATE
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NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND FLASHING LETTERS GA TOWARDS VESSELS SIGHTED.

(C) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SIGNAL BY W/T SHIPS ARE TO USE 500 KCS PER SEC. UNITED NATIONS STATIONS ADDRESSED WILL THEN ORDER THEM TO SHIFT FREQUENCY SHOULD THIS BE CONSIDERED DESIRABLE.

(3) WITHIN THE MEDITERRANEAN ACTION TOWARDS ITALIAN FORCES IS TO BE GOVERNED BY ORDERS OF CINCMED FLEET.

(4) OUTSIDE MEDITERRANEAN ATTACKS ARE TO BE CONTINUED AGAINST U BOATS OR OTHER ITALIAN UNITS UNLESS THEY SHOW UNHISTORABLE SIGNS OF SURRENDER AS IN PARA (2) OR OTHERWISE.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
WAR DEPARTMENT
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INCOMING MESSAGE
SECURITY CONTROL
URGENT

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War NAF 390

No. W-9523/2307, 9th September 1943

First report on Avalanche received at 0800B hours indicates first wave landed about on time. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This is MAF 390. Report from Naval Liaison Officer states landing on both beaches with some opposition from shore batteries and moderate air opposition. 56 and 46 Divisions have 4 Brigades on shore. 5th and 6th Divisions landing now. Rangers and Commandos landed at Maori without opposition. First Airborne Division and Naval Task Force expect to rush Taranto this afternoon. In operations at Baytown, the 231 Brigade plus Commandos made a flank movement by sea and landed on the beach southwest of Pianno. The operation seems successful. First Canadian Division has reached Locri and Polistena and the 5th British Division has entered Rosarno. As you probably know by now, Badoglio came through with his announcement of the Armistice at 1945 hours last night. Our press propagandas and leaflet plans are proceeding according to schedule. Press conference here last night gave brief general outline of situation in accordance with draft statement already furnished you. Further details later.

No Sig

Action: CC/S
Information: OPD
Gen. Strong
Gen. Arnold
Adm. King

CM-IN-6932 (9 Sept 43) 1034Z cc

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J.C.S. Regarding Ammo 14-532-77
By J.C.S. Date MAY 19 1945

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
ITALY HAS SURRENDERED AND ALL ITALIAN NAVAL AND MERCHANT SHIPS HAVE BEEN ORDERED:

(A) TO APPROACH UNITED NATIONS PORTS IN FULL DAYLIGHT AT SPEED OF NOT MORE THAN 12 KNOTS.

(B) TO STOP AS SOON AS CHALLENGED AND AVOID INSTRUCTIONS.

(C) FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION TO FLY A LARGE BLACK OR BLUE PENNANT FROM THE MAIN MAST OR ONLY MAST AND TO MARK DECK BY LARGE CIRCULAR BLACK DISC AT NIGHT TO BURN DIMMED NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND FLASH WHITE LIGHTS WHEN SIGHTED.

(D) TO USE 600 KCS IF NECESSARY TO USE RADIO FOR COMMUNICATION WITH UNITED NATIONS STATIONS AND TO SHIFT FREQUENCY IF THIS DEEMED DESIRABLE BY UNITED NATIONS STATION.

IN MEDITERRANEAN ORDERS OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF MEDITERRANEAN FLEET WILL GOVERN ACTION.
TOWARD ITALIAN FORCES.

IN OTHER AREAS ATTACKS AGAINST ITALIAN SHIPS INCLUDING SUBMARINES WILL CONTINUE UNLESS THEY INDICATE UNMISSKABLE SIGNS OF SURRENDER EITHER AS OUTLINED ABOVE OR IN SOME OTHER MANNER.
EYES ALONE FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

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From: AFHQ Advance Command Post
To: WAR 4333 J.C.B. Regarding Memo
USFOR London No #
Algiers No #

9 September 1943

This is a personal answer to your number 2838 and written on the basis of the understanding I and the Commanders in Chief had of the situation as of this noon. (Eyes alone from the Commander in Chief to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff information copy for Freedom, BIGOT AVALANCHE RAF number 387.) Due to my refusal to accept evasive and dilatory action on the part of the Italian Government, Badoglio went through with his part of the armistice program last evening. As a result of this certain major portions of the Italian fleet have at least left their harbors and appear to be moving toward destinations prescribed by the C in C Med. Movement from Spezia was prompt and heavy, from Taranto it was slightly delayed but has now taken place. On the other hand, the Deputy Chief of Staff Consalvi who came in here last night, painted a very dark picture of what could be expected from the Italian Army. He says all their ground formations are weak and are so pinched in by the Germans that he doubts they can do anything effective. Up to this hour, 6 PM, we have no information of any movements of the Italian Air Forces.

German troops in the Toe are moving Northward in the direction of AVALANCHE. While Montgomery will push as hard as he can, the extensive use of demolitions by the Germans rear guards will prevent his being any real help over the Overland Route for some days. From the meager reports available this noon, Clark has had some sharp fighting on his 10 Corps front but we have no reports on the 6 Corps front.

CM-IN-7325 (9 Sept 43)

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From: AFHQ Advance Command Post
To: WAR 4353
USFOR London No #
Algiers No #
9 September 1943

EYES ONLY

We are using every possible expedient to speed up Clark's buildup which is now a critical factor in this operation. This noon he was offered the 82nd Airborne provided any feasible plan can be devised for bringing it into his support. An additional lift of 1,800 men with light equipment is becoming available tomorrow morning through the arrival here of some LCI (L) from Malta. It is possible these may be used to help transfer the 82nd Airborne Division to Clark's position. In the meantime we have started a part of the British First Airborne Division into Taranto. They are going in light cruisers preceded by minesweepers. The initial lift is 3,600 and provided the first move is a success we will rapidly transfer the complete division into that area. Mideast has already started loading the 8th Indian Division but unfortunately they cannot begin arriving before about September 25th. It is destined to go into the Heel, preferably at Brindisi. It will be followed by further Divisions from Mideast or North Africa under 5 British Corps. The purpose of these moves is to keep the enemy upset and worried in the Southern end of the Boot so that he will be discouraged from making too heavy a counter attack on Clark. Our Air is flatout in its support of Clark's position but initially of course the bulk of it has to be used in providing cover for the landing. Today the heavy bomb, struck at the ridges along the Vulturino River. Some elements of the Tactical Force bombing formations are standing by to help Clark as favorable targets develop.

I feel that AVALANCHE will be a matter of touch and go for the next few days. If we had a lift to put in one more Infantry Division immediately the matter would be almost a foregone conclusion but if the enemy really appreciates correctly the speed of our buildup, we are in for some very tough fighting. All of us are aware of this and everything possible is being done.

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CH-IK-7325 (9 Sept 43)
FROM: AFHQ Advance Command Post
To: WAR
USFOR London: No #
Algiers: No #
9 September 1943

We are pressing the Italians to overpower the Germans remaining in Sardinia at an early date both for the morale effect on the Italian people themselves and for the actual gains involved.

While I do not discount the possibility of a very bad time in the AVALANCHE area, my belief is that the enemy is sufficiently confused by the events of the past 24 hours that it will be difficult for him to make up a definite plan and that by exploiting to the full our sea and air power, we will control the Southern end of the Boot to include the line Naples Foggia within a reasonable time. Our greatest asset now is confusion and uncertainty which we must take advantage of in every possible way.

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WDCMC believes reference to be CM-OUT-3853 (8 Sept 43) CCS

ACTION: CC/5 General Deane

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
Admiral King
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. COSINTINTREP 58, 8 September 1943

COSINTINTREP from C in C Med.

Cancel my 072229 groups 216 and my 081242 groups 232
undecypherable. Following is COSINTINTREP number 58, part 2.

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Sicily to Malta were mined northeast of Malta at 0630 6th
Sept, both vessels have arrived at Malta.

2. Circling torpedoes were dropped at Bizerta in
air raid about 2100 6th Sept. No damage or casualties.

3. Puckeridge reported sunk by U-boat 40 miles east
are hunting U-boat.

4. M.G.B.'s operated north of Malta is all during
night 6th/7th Sept on anti E-boat patrol. Nothing sighted.

5. HMS/N Unruffled reports during patrol in southern
Adriatic sank 4000 ton merchant vessel by torpedo on 27th
August.

6. HMS/N Sickle reports sinking 3000 ton armed mer-
chant vessel on 28th August while on patrol off east coast
of Corinca.

Corrected copy of CM-IN-7125 (9 Sep 43) OPD

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF SGS GEN, DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING WHITE HOUSE

CM-IN-7253 (9 Sep 43) 2000Z

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(6) HMS/M Sickle reports sinking 3000 ton armed merchant vessel on 28th August while on patrol off east coast of Corsica.

Corrected copy of CM-IN-7125 (9 Sep 43) OPD No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF SGS GEN.DEANE (CC/S) ADM. KING WHITE HOUSE

CM-IN-7253 (9 Sep 43) COPY No. 57

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

September 8, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM, ALGIERS

BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
BVFOR LONDON ENGLAND

While in no way wishing to cramp your initiative or interfere with the details of your plans, we would be glad if you could keep us posted as far in advance as possible regarding the situation as you see it developing and your intentions and plans in broad outline. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, (PHX 228) from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

This information is to enable us to fulfill our task of giving military advice to the President and the British Government.

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ORIGINATOR: CCS General Deane
INFORMATION: OPD General Strong
General Arnold
Admiral King

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CM-OUT-3852
CM-OUT-3853 (8 Sept 43) 2203Z med

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COPY No.
From: AFW in North Africa
To: War NAF 390

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PRIORITY

From: Tactical Hqrs 15th Army Group
To: War

No. *, 8 September 1943.

(CONTINUED number * 1600 hours 7 Sep. Part 1
begins. Section 1. Intelligence. From TAG Hq 15 Army
Group to action CONTINUED addresses same 7 Army 8
Army Adv Cp Fairfield C in C Med Info TAF Main Hq
15 Army Group 01712 9th Sept 0645).

Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations. No change. Sitrep
delayed.

Section 3. Air. 1st. TAC/R reported little
of importance throughout the day. Some activity and tentative
was seen in the area north of Paola (W-7385) at 0740
medium bombers attacked gun positions D-7402 and defended
area D-7790 in morning and in afternoon Cotrone Z-7057
and Z-2530. In all cases results good. Considerable flak
but no enemy aircraft opposition reported and little move-
ment seen.

2nd. Bombline (unchanged throughout the day) D-6789-779-7770-9070-9862. Special bombline for proposed Landing
operation west of Bizzo night 7/8 Sep W-9322-W9308 River
line to D-7993 thence as before. (Section 3 ends. Part
1 ends.)

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/1974

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COPY No. 53
SITUATION REPORT No. 173

(1) In convoy from Sicily SS SELLING and SS FORT DREY were mined off Huric Bank at 0630/6th. Both vessels have arrived at Malta.

(2) Air Raid on (Bizerta) Area about 2100/6th by over 100 aircraft. Parachutists were dropped near Froville and circling (this?) develop boundary. No damage or casualty.

(3) HMS EUDERIDGE reported sunk by U-boat (German) 26 deg. Europe Point, 40 miles at 2015/6th. 9 officers and about 120 ratings survivors rescued. Destroyers hunting.

(4) Motor gun boats operate from Bizerta North of Galita Islands for interception of E- (Boat) during the night 6th/7th September. Nothing was sighted.

(5) P 46 report sinking by torpedo 4000 ton Merchant ship in position 40-36 North 18-37 East at 1038 (27th?) August.

(6) P 224 report at 0658 28th August in position 42-26 North 09-50 (East?) sank 3 thousand ton Armed Merchant Vessel in convoy.

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From: AFHQ Algiers
To: WAR
No. 57, 6 September 1943.

COSINTREP from CINC MED following in a repeti-
tion of my 062156 begins COSINTREP No 57 Part 2
(1) HMS Quilliam passed through the Straits of Messina
0730 5th September and provided support for the left
flank of the 5th Division during the day (2) Cruisers
and destroyers operated south of the Straits of Messina
during 5th September and destroyers carried out patrol
off the Calabrian Coast during the night 5th September
6th September. No incidents reported.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CCS)
White House

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BY DBR, DATE
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Situation Report No. 171.

1. Maintenance and support of operation Baytown continues satisfactorily.

2. Small but frequent Fighter Bomber raids were made on shipping in the Straits of Messina on 3rd September but on at least three occasions bombs were jettisoned on approach of fighters no reports received of damage or casualties.

3. At 0430/4 Commandoes were landed without opposition at Bagnara.
NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 041916

Rec'd: 5 Sept. '43
Time: 1252

Addressed: Admiralty
Repeated: C, in C, Levant
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COMNAVNAV
FOGY
FOC Tunisia
COM Algeria
COMORSEAFRON
COMOB ORAN

From: C, in C, Mod.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 179

1. Monitors and gunboats landing ships and craft continue to support operation Baytown. During the night 3rd Sept./4th Sept. Cruisers and destroyers of Force K operated off the Calabrian Coast covering the operation.

2. Roggio Harbor is reported clear of underwater obstructions LOT and LOT Berths are expected to be available in 2 days and 4 berths alongside the breakwater in 3 days. At San Giovanni the landward approaches to the Harbour are reported badly blocked and there are some wrecks but the outer breakwater is intact.

3. H.M.S. ULTOS reports at 0814/28th in position 39°24’N 17°09’E torpedoed stranded Parthenee Class destroyer which was being salvaged after part broke off and sank.

4. H.M.S. UNSEEN reports at 0852/27th in position 41°30’N 17°27’E sank 150 ton Merchant vessel with Torpedo at 0730/28th in position 40°28’N 79°11’E attacked 150 ton A/S Schooner with gunfire. Crew abandoned ship leaving ancient captain and boatswain on board. These were taken prisoner and ship sunk with demolition charges.
URGENT

From: Algiers.
To: WAR

No.
No# 4th September 1943.

(COSINTREP from CINC MED).

1. Landing ships and craft monitors and gun boats continued to support operation BAYTOWN during the night 3rd Sept/4th Sept cruisers and destroyers operated off the Calabrian coast covering the operation signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT.

2. HM submarine ULTOR reports while on patrol off Gulf of Taranto on 28th August torpedoed stranded destroyer which was being salvaged ship broke in two.

3. HM Submarine Unseen whilst on patrol in Southern Adriatic sunk 1500 ton merchant vessel on 27th August and 150 ton A/S schooner on 28th August. cosintrep no 55.

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BY DBS, DATE MAY 21 1973

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
WHITE HOUSE
ADM. KING
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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/30/44
September 5, 1943

The following is an extract from a message to the Chief of the Imperial General Staff from General Alexander.

Dated 032200 September, 1943.

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I am mounting an operation to secure TAPANTO and build up 5th Corps in that area. Shipping is difficult and will probably have to be done by destroyers and naval units. It is vital at this stage to show a stronger front than we actually possess.

Ends.

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JCS LETTER, 7-5-72
BY OBC, DATE
MAY 21 1973
It has now been possible to examine information on German and Italian Divisions produced by General C. (AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. This NAF number 356.) Details being forwarded separately but in general can be said that information on German forces corresponds closely with that already in our possession and that up to 3rd August there had been no increase of German troops in South Italy over our previously shown estimates. General C states that German Divisions evacuated from Sicily have now been completely reorganized and reequipped although short in personnel. He may be exaggerating somewhat on this point. At Hitler-Mussolini conversations former stated that it would not be possible to send large numbers of German Divisions to Italy until October. Italian opinion is that German withdrawal in Russia no way voluntary but Italians fear German-Russian approachment although they consider possibility of this now less than at time of Lisbon meeting.

Italians still fear that Germans may occupy Rome in which case General Ambrosio hopes to escape and form a provisional government, various places Sicily, Sardinia and Albania have been mentioned. They consider that Farinacci who escaped in German uniform and in German Embassy aircraft may be put at head of Quiaining Government by Germans. Would be almost entirely dependent on German support to maintain his position. General C paints gloomy picture of state of equipment of Italian Divisions especially those in Rome area. Short of antitank guns, artillery and ammunition. He considers that advent of Badoglio has raised morale of Army but points out that without proper equipment and aid they cannot be expected to put up protracted resistance to Germans.
Italians attribute Italy's food difficulties chiefly to breakdown of transportation arrangements caused by bombing and shortage of motor fuel. Exodus from bombed cities has been enormous and there are some 600,000 additional persons in Rome who went there to escape bombing.

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ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPP
         GEN. STRONG
         GEN. ARNOLD
         ADM. KING
         WHITE HOUSE Corps

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NAVAL MESSAGE  T.O.O. 031919

IN  Received: 4th Sept. '43

Time: 0956

Addressed: COMINCH

From: C. in C. Med.

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IMPORTANT

3 possibly 4 Raiders shot down at Catania.

4. Clearance of depth charges in Messina Harbour has been carried out in depths up to 40 feet. Yards completed and port is now ready to operate.

5. Convoy UGF 10 attacked by torpedo and bomber aircraft in 2 or 3 waves 2115 to 2150 Sept. 2nd. U.S.S. KENDRICK hit aft by torpedo and has returned to Oran. At least 1 aircraft claimed shot down.

6. Operation Baytown consisting of assault by 5th Division and 1st Canadian Division on beaches between Reggio and Catona was successfully launched at 0430 3rd Sept. Assault ships and craft under the command of Fosy consisted of 22 LST 65 LCI(L) 38 LCT 100 LCM and 70 LCA covering and support were given by MAURITIUS ORION QULLIAM UAIF GRENADOURG OFFA LOYAL ORP PECUNR ABERCROMBI ROBERTS ERDUS APHIS and SCARAB. By 1400 3rd second flight was well under way all first flight loads having been cleared well ahead of programme.

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Parts 2 and 3 only.

F.M. C.O.S. S.O.(O) Personal
Admiral Plans S.O. Lt. Col. Cook
Air Marshal Brigadier Redman (10) N.M.C.S. Lt. Cwi.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War
No: W-9015/9015, 3 September 1943

Operations proceeding satisfactorily (AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff. USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBCT.) Successful landings made by 8th Army this morning on beaches between Reggio and Gallico Marins. Enemy opposition slight. This is MAP 352. Naval signal timed 1023 B hours indicates our troops passed through Reggio and white flags seen along coast as far as Capo Dell Armi.

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ACTION: CC/E

INFORMATION: OFD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD
SGS
ADM. KING
LOG

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No Number, 3 September 1943

(COSINTREP from C in C Med COSINTREP number 54
Part 2. COSINTREP from C in C Med signed Eisenhower
cite FAGOT Part 2 final my 032016).

US Destroyer Kendrik damaged by torpedo has returned
to Oran, at least 1 aircraft claimed shot down. (5) Operation
Baytown. Assault ships and craft under the command
of Flag Officer Sicily successfully landed 5th Division
and 1st Canadian Division on beaches between Reggio and
Catania at 043 3rd Sept. (5) Destroyers operated South-
est of Straits of Messina during night MST 2nd Sept.
No incidents reported. (2) HMS Wasp and Valiant
carried out bombardment 1000 Sept 2nd of targets in
vicinity of Cape Dellarmi. (3) Catania and Augusta both
had air raids by about 9 aircraft PM 2nd Sept. No damage
or casualties in either case. 3 or 4 Radde were shot
down at Catania. (4) Convoy UGP 10 attacked by torpedo
and bomb aircraft in 2 or 3 waves 20 miles Northwest of
Teneu between 2115 and 2150 second Sept. (Part 1 my
032016B). Cruisers, destroyers, monitor and gunboats
provided cover and support. COSINTREP Number 53 Part
2 not issued.

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NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-2445 (4 Sep 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen Deane (CCS),
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US destroyer Kendrik damaged by torpedo has returned
Togoan, at least one aircraft claimed shot down. (5)
Operation Baytown. Assault ships and craft under the com-
mand of Flag Officer Sicily successfully landed 5th U2Division
and 1st Canadian Division on Beaches between Reggio and
Catona on 1st and 2nd Sept. (5) Destroyers operated southeast
of Straits of Messina during night MST 2nd Sept. (COSINTIN-
TREP from CINC Mod COSINTREPREP number 54 part 2) No
incidents reported. (2) HMS Warrsipe and Valiant carried
out bombardment 1000 Sept 2nd of targets in vicinity of
Cape Dallarni. (3) Catania and Augusta both had air-
raid by about 9 aircraft P M 2nd Sept. No damage or
casualties in Either case. 3 or 4 raiders were shot down
at *********** cruisers destroyers monitor and gun-boats
provided cover and support. COSINTREPREP number 53 part
2 not issued.

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Gen. Daze (CC/S)
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