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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: ANF Natouza La Marsa Italy.
To: WAR
5th Army Comd Post (US)
7th Army

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30 December 1943.

To AFHQ to AGWAR to Troopers to USFOR to Mideast AHQ
Malta Commandeth Gibraltar 15th Army Group C in C Med
Algiers Plambo Fairfield 5th Army 7th Army 8th Army from
Air Commander in Chief Mediterranean cite A 257.
Part 3 Air COSITINTREP Nr 173 29th Dec signed Eisenhower,
Cite PHGCT PHGBI.

Attacked by 102 B-26's the Certaldo RR Bridge, Bucina
Viaduct, Foligno MY and Orvieto with generally good results. Day
29th. 104 B 17's escorted by 36 P-38's and 45 P-47's hit Ferrara
and Rimini MY with excellent results on both targets. No
enemy air craft encountered on fighter mission. No flak
no losses. 12 Warhawks hit a 6000 ton MV near Peljesac causing
large explosion. Spitfires flew bomb line and offensive
patrols without incident. 12 A 35's attacked Ferentino MY
with good results Anagni and Civitaveschia were also hit.
12 Balthores attacked a 4/3000 ton MV west of Lake Ekrsdin
claiming a near miss. Operations in support of ground troops
were restricted due to weather. The usual convoy escorts
were also provided. No incidents. (2 Air Intelligence)
Only 5 enemy aircraft seen over battle area during day. No
incidents. Northwest African Air Forces night 28/29 Dec.
No operations.

ACTION: OPD No Sig.

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S Capt Royal USN, LOG

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To: War

Nr: AF 288 30th December, 1943

AAAMMMNNN AGWAR AFHQ Gibraltar from Hq (Adv) MAAF
AF 288 30/12.

Mediterranean Allied Air Forces OPSUM. 312

Med Allied Strategic AF.

28/29 Dec. No operations.

29 Dec. 104 US Forts escort 36 US Lightnings and 45 US Thunderbolts Reggio Emilia. Due weather dropped 306 tons on alternative targets Ferrara and Rimini Marshalling Yards. Good results. Many hits buildings, railway tracks, and surrounding area. Several explosions and large fires. 1 Thunderbolt crashed on landing. 102 US Marauders dropped 115 tons on Ferialec Railway bridge, Foligno Marshalling Yards Orvieto North west railway bridge, Poggibonsi. Good results generally. Targets covered.

Med Allied Tactical Air Force.

28/29 Dec. 1 Beau, 1 US Beau patrolled battle area.

29 Dec. 12 Balts escort 6 Spits attacked 4/- 5000 tons merchant vessel west of Lake Skradin. 23 500, 34 250. 1 near miss. Remainder bombs overshoot 40 US Warhawks Anagni Railway Yards. 12 1000, 12 500. Hits buildings and south side of tracks. 24 US Invaders Ferentino Marshalling Yards, 44 500. 4 direct hits in yards, 2 on station buildings. 12 US Invaders attacked parking area west

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Aquino. 24 500. Area well covered but no vehicles present. 24 US Invaders Civitavecchia Harbour. 44 500. Hits Quay and Sailay Yards. 3 transport vehicles destroyed by strafing 4 US Warhawks shipping search Dalmatian Coast. Sighted 2 merchant vessels 1 of which was attacked by Balts reported above and the other (End part 1 part 2 followa).

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S Capt Royal USN
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From: Algiers.
To: British Signals.

No. W 8791/20708 30 December 1943.

Part 2 of our 42nd weekly summary Ref W 8791/20708 dated 28 Dec.

5th Army. 2nd Moroccan Div. Situation in S Michele pass H 0339 remains unstable. Another hill feature G 9924 NW Venafro was captured by 45th Div. 2nd Corps. S Pietro G 9716 was captured after stubborn fighting and practical encirclement on 19th Dec. High ground north of S Vittore G 9417 has been captured. There was no change on remainder of front.

2. Locations.

15 AG P 3088 MM 7th Armd Div N 3528. 8th Army H 4297. 1st Br Div O 5897. 4th Ind Div Taranto. 5th Cdn Armd Div N 2455. 78th Div H 3324. 5th Corps H 4195 1st Cdn Div C 3512. 8th Ind Div C 3006. 13th Corps H 4675 2nd New Zealand Div H 2991. 5th Div C 3203 5th Army 2777 French Corps G 3271. 1st Armd Div N 1289. Six Corps H 1714. 2nd Marcc Div H 1029. 45th Div H 0821. 34th Div H 3105. 2nd Corps N 0898. 3rd Div N 1599. 36th Div H 0406. 10th Corps M 9499. 46th Div G 9903. 56th Div M 9499.

3. Movements.

4th Ind Div arrived Taranto ex Mideast.

4. Administration.

(A)

Casualties.

Read. Killed, wounded, missing, cumulative totals to 24th Dec for British and 23rd Dec for American and Allied. 8th Army X 2222 Y 8081 Z 2040.

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5th Army US.

(Third Part follows).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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30 December 1943

By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

COSITINTREP No 174 to 1200 hrs 30 Dec. 01832
302015 A from Hq 15th Army Group action COSITINTREP
addressees (Freedom pass C in C Med and MAC Algiers info
FLAMBO 12th Air Force FLAGSTAFF (FLAMBO pass).

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army Front. 20-30 PW from raid at M.D'Argento
M.7893 all from 2 Coy 274 I R except one from 13 Coy who
said remainder of Coy at Scauri JM.7595

8th Army Front. PW 1 Bn 754 I R 7 Orsogna
area last night states relieved parachutists there. Possible
therefore that RHQ and 3 Bn 4 (2) Para Regt have joined
remainder 1 Para Div in Coastal Sector. Preliminary identi-
fication 1 Bn 755 I R area Orsogna today. PW states battle
group Lieback consists RHQ, III Bn, 13 and 14 Coys 6 Para
Regt and Para Lehr Bn. 14 Coy states have 18 x 75 MM PAK.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army. 5th Corps. 1 Cdn Div. 3 Cdn
Bde elements on Pescara Rd in face of Heavy MG fire reached
stream at C.3718 (3018.) One Bn yesterday attacked and reached
highground half-mile north of S. Tomasso C.2916 but was
forced by heavy arty and mortar fire to withdraw to C.3017.
Bde now established on high ground C.3219 - 3119 - 3018. 2
Cdn Bde Conc Area Ortona. S. Todasso still held by enemy.
S. Nicola C.3015 appears to have been vacated Ortona has
been shelled. 8 Ind Div. Contact made on Tollo Rd at C.2814.
Front subjected to intermittent shelling.

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13 Corps. Patrol activity whole front.

2nd. Fifth Army. 6 Corps. 2 Maroc Div. 5 Maroc
Inf captured Peak of M. Casale G.9930 and hill 1175 G.9929
(1929). 45 Div. Early this morning 2 Bns 180 Inf supported
by tanks attacked M Raima G.9727 and M Molino G. 9726. No
report of progress.

2nd Corps. Relief of.

(Part 2 follows.)

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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Part 2 COSITINTREP No 0.1832. From Hq 15th Army Group. Signed Eisenhower cite FH9CT and FHGBI.

36 Div 34 Div progressing. 10 Corps. Patrols 169 Bde to area M.8798 - 8697 found both places strongly held. 9 Commando was landed last night in the Argente M.7992 area north of the mouth of the Garigliano. No reports of this operation have been received.

5th Army casualties to 28 Dec. American killed 2614, wounded 10821 missing 3364. British killed 1669, wounded 7023 missing 2869. French killed 141 wounded 1158 missing 57. PW by American 2982 British 1660 French 95.

Section 3. Air.

1st. N T R.

2nd. Bomblines. 8th Army 301248 A.C. 3020- 2715 2511- 2304 - 2203 - 2401 - H. 2299. - 279C - 1695 - 1380 - 2078 - 2069 - G. 9951 - 9944.

5th Army no change.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CCS (CAPT ROYAL USN), LOG

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From: AAF NATOUSA La Marse
To: War

No. AF 288 30 December, 1943

This is part 2 my AF 288 30/12 from Hq (Adv) MAAF.

By 10 US Warhawks. 6 500, 4 250. Claim direct hit
bow causing explosion. Vessel strafed and left smoking.
8 Spits on offensive recce roads and railways south Ancona
observed a very slight movement. 14 Spits, tactical recce.
4 US Mustangs photo recce. 2 US Spits, 4 US Warhawks flew
weather recces. 22 Spits, 55 US Spits patrolled western
battle area. 36 Spits patrolled eastern battle area. No
encounters Med Allied Coastal Air Force.

26/27 Dec (add) 16 US Beaus defensive patrols.

27 Dec 2 French Walrus 1 Latecoere, 12 French Spits,
22 US Airacobras anti submarine patrol and convoy escort.
4 French Spits defensive patrols.

28 Dec (add) 3 Balts, 3 Bisleys, 1 Hudson, 4 French
Airacobras anti submarine patrol and convoy escort. 2
Mosquitos defensive patrols.

28/29 Dec. 8 Wellingtons, 5 Hudsons, 4 Beaus, 2
French Airacobras anti submarine patrol and convoy escort.
1 Beau defensive patrol.

29 Dec. 2 Marauders recce south coast France. 1
Marauder recce Dalmatian Coast. 8 US Spits recce north
west Italian coast Imperia to Piombino. 2 US Spits recce
Levante along coast (*). Both aircraft failed to return.
2 Wellingtons, 5 Hudson, 2 Balts, 2 Beaus, 1 Mosquito, 5
Italian Cant506, 26 Spits, 12 US Spits, 20 French Spits,

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8 French Hurrys, 20 French Walrus anti submarine patrol
and convoy escort. 4 Belts, 1 Hudson, 5 Beaus air sea
rescue. 2 Beaus, 16 Spits defensive patrols Med Allied
Photo Recon Wing.

29 Dec. No report received.

End of Part 2 and final part.

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(*)Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S Capt Royal USN
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**SECURITY
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SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-8840/20935, 29th December 1943

Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. AGWAR for
Combined Chiefs of Staff, USFOR for British Chiefs
of Staff. This is NAF 570.

Dispatched today as courier article AL 5045 in
ACS pouch 43-159 to Washington for CCS and cour-
ier article AL 5044 ACS pouch 41-158 to London for
BCS is report requested PAN 279.

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PAN 279 is CM-OUT-8637 (22 Nov 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)

INFORMATION: GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
ADM KING
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By RHP, NLR, Date

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From: AAF NATOUSA La Marsa
To: WAR

No: AF286, 29th December 1943

Part 4 of MAAF OPSUM 311 AF 286 December 29 T00
291415A.

Eastern Battle Area without incident. Med Allied Coastal Air Force. 17 Dec (add) 19 U. S. Airacobras defensive patrols, claim 1 JU II damaged 10 miles northeast Cape Ferrato.

20th December. Add 5 U. S. Beaufighters 20 U. S. Airacobras defensive patrols.

21st December. Add 2 U. S. Spitfires recce Elba to Piombino 1 Spitfire destroyed not enemy action, 27 U.S. Spitfires recce northwest Italian Coast. 2 U. S. Spitfires recce Levuant to Elba. 2 U. S. Spitfires recce Monte Cristo to Talamone. Strafed motor launch near Elba. Left in sinking condition 10 miles northeast Pianosa. 6 French Spitfires convoy escort. 1 French Walrus, 8 French Spitfires, 10 U. S. Spitfires 10 French Airacobras defensive patrols.

21/22 December. Add 1 U. S. Beaufighter defensive patrols.

22/23 December. Add 8 U. S. Beaufighter defensive patrol.

26 December. Add. 6 Beaufighters 10 French Spitfires 1 of which crashed on landing pilot unhurt. Convoy escort. 4 French Spitfires, 2 French walrus defensive patrols.

27 December. Add. 2 Marauders recce South Coast France. 2 Hudsons 3 Bisleys 3 Baltimores 2 Beaufighters 2 Mosquitoes 2 Spitfires anti-submarine patrols and convoy

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escorts.

27/28 December. 9 Wellingtons 2 Beaufighters 2
U. S. Beaufighters 1 of which missing not enemy activity
anti-submarine patrol and convoy escort 4 Beaufighters
defensive patrols.

End of Part 4, Part 5 and final follows.

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Footnote: Corrected copy of CM-IN-18061 (29 Dec 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGA/F
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

Nr: #R890 29 December 1943

Signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA

Inclement weather has made coastal force operation in the Adriatic impossible. Foregoing is paragraph 2 of cositintrep number 170 part 2. Paraphrase by Freedom number 3. Cositintreps numbers 168 and 169 were not issued.

1. During the night 26/27 December area south of Koroula and between San Benedetto and Ancona was patrolled by destroyers but nothing was sighted.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CCS (Capt. Royal, USN)
Adm King

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USFOR London - No #

29th December 1943

From Hq 15th Army Group. Number O 1827 TOO 292030A. To COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass C in C Med and MAC Algiers. Fifth Army pass Fairbanks. Number 173 to 1200 hours 29th Dec. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence:

Fifth Army Front. PWS 3rd Bn 71 PGR captured north of S. Vittore 25th Dec say 1 and 2 Bns withdrawn and 1 Bn relieved by unit of 44 Div. Two deserters, 2 Coy 274 Inf Regt area M 8293 today say two Coy only part of Regt now up on river line.

Eighth Army Front. One Bn, 1 Para Regt identified by PW Coastal road.

Section 2. Ground Operations:

1. Eighth Army. 5th Corps. Our troops made a general advance on the entire Corps front. Done Cdn Div. Two Cdn Bde reached C 3218 and C 3117 last night. Three Cdn Bde passed through 1 Cdn Bde and secured area ford C 299177.

Eighth Ind Div. 17 Ind Bde relieved 19 Ind Bde area V. Grande C 2913.

21 Ind Bde captured Spur at C 2915 and are

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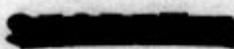
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reorganising on ridge to south with patrols forward.

13 Corps. 78th Div. under Command 290600A hrs.
Patrol activity continues.

Casualties Eighth Army to 27th Dec:

Killed	2330
Wounded	8522
Missing	2099
POW	2822

2. Fifth Army. 6 Corps. 2 Div. Advance of Eighth RTU west of hill 1190(1170) G9934 hampered by snow and supply difficulties. Advance towards hill 1029 G9932 meeting heavy opposition.

2nd Corps active patrolling entire front. 504 Para completely relieved.

36th Div. 143 Inf (less 1 Bn) and 2 Bn 141 Inf closed area Alife H2702.

10th Corps some patrol activity.

Casualties Fifth Army to 26th Dec:

American,

Killed	2520
Wounded	10729
Missing	3322

British,

Killed	1667
Wounded	<u>1014(7014)</u>
Missing	2869.

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POW by:

American	2961
British	1660
French	37

Section 3. Air.

1. Weather again restricted operations.

Eighth Army front NTR.

Fifth Army front only moderate scattered road movement was seen during the day.

2. Bomblines.

Eighth Army 281730A:

C3020-2715-2511-2304-2203-2401

H1996-165945-135801-2078-2069

G9951-9944.

Fifth Army no change.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CCS (Capt. Royal, USN)
LOG
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No: W8791/20708 29 December, 1943

From Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT to
Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR W8791/20708 28 Dec 43 1900A.

42nd weekly summary. Summary of operations
19th to 25th December.

Ground. The weather throughout the week was bad, preventing heavy movement off the roads and seriously restricting supporting air operations. Eighth Army. Fierce fighting for the Ortona-Orsogna road and the heights beyond continued. One Canadian Div continued to push forward on the coastal sector. An attack on crossroads C 3214, commenced on morning 18th Dec against heavy resistance, succeeded on evening 19th Dec. By dusk next day our troops were on the outskirts of Ortona. Savage Street fighting has continued since then and the town is not yet completely in our hands. On 8th Indian Div front an attack directed against Tollo C 2715 continued night 18th/19th Dec. Slow progress was made against bitter resistance. The villages of Villa Grande C 2914, Vezzani C 2812, Villa Bacilli C 2710 were captured also much enemy equipment, including 8 Mark 4 tanks. Thirteen Corps during 17th to 20th Dec 17th Brigade of 5th Div secured Poggio Fiorito C 2605 and patrolled forward to Crecchio C 2607 and Arielli C 2506. Twenty three Dec the Div front was extended on the right. 15th Brigade relieved 21st Indian Brigade and 17th Brigade and took over the whole divisional sector. Next day the high ground NE and SE of Arielli were secured with artillery support.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No: W8791/20708 29 December, 1943

After refitting 2 New Zealand Div commenced fresh drive on Orsogna 24th Dec, and the Fontegrande Ridge C 2404 was partly occupied.

Part two cipher follows. The attack was opened by heavy and successful bombing. Two counterattacks on 78th Div front were repelled .

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)

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From: AFHQ Algiers
To: WAR

No: X0831 29 December 1943

Cipher part 3 and last of our 42nd Weekly
Summary ref W8791/20708 dated 28 Dec.

X	Y	Z
2396	10489	3257
5th Army Allied		
221	1033	31
10th Corps		
1667	6967	2910

B. POW captured. Cumulative totals to 24th Dec for British and 23rd Dec for American and Allied.

8th Army 2749.
5th Army US 2914
5th Army Allied 24.
10th Corps 1668

C. General. Port discharges Bari have now regained level prior to incident on night 1/2 Dec. Manfredonia-Foggia pipeline delivered 990,000 imperial gallons during 6 days ending 22nd Dec.

D. Port Discharges week ending 16th Dec. West Coast-discharges during week, 103,341 tons stores, vehicles 3,805, personnel 17,429. Average daily discharge stores in tons by ports:

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From: AFHQ Algiers
To: WAR
No: X0831 29 Dec 1943
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Naples 11422
Salerno 1013
Castellammare 898
Torre Annunziata 1430
East Coast-discharges during week, 63,060
tons stores, vehicles 4758, personnel 8664. Average
daily discharge stores in tons by ports:

Taranto 1404
Brindisi 3592
Bari 2904
Barletta 1007
Monopoli 51

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
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SUPPLEMENTARY COPY

From: AAF Natoussa LaMarsa Italy
To : War

No. AF 286 29th December 1943

Part 3 our MAAF OPSUM 311 AF 286 December 29
TOO 291415 A.

Correction page 1 line 20:

Target well covered. Explosion caused. 27
U S Mitchells.

No Sig

FOOTNOTE: Supplementary copy of CM-IN-18038 (29 Dec 43)
OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)

CM-IN-18488 (30 Dec 43) 1312Z Jb

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From: 15th Army Gp
To: War 0 1819
USFOR London No #

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From 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees
FREEDOM pass CINC MED and MAC Algiers. 5th Army Fairbanks
rptd Flambo 12th Air Force 0 1819 282240.

COSITINTREP number 172 to 1200 hours 28 December.

Section 1.

Intelligence. 5th Army front PWS 14 company 85
Mountain Regt at H003274 say 3 Bn on hill 1395 G9628 8th Army
Front. NTR.

Section 2.

Ground Operations. First Eighth Army. Cold weather
with sleet snow and wind reaching gale force is reported
from the battle front. Fifth Corps. 1st Canadian Division.
2 Cdn Bde after more than a week of very severe fighting
has cleared the enemy from Ortona C3306. 8th Indian Divis-
ion. North of V Grande 21 Indian Bde supported by some Cdn
tanks attacked through 19 Indian BDE and were on the SPRR
at C2914 early this morning. 19 Indian BDE is still clear-
ing V Grande C2913. 13 Corps. 5th Division. 15 BDE have
reached the road Canoka C2410 at Arielli C2506 at several
points and have come under fire from Magliano ridge to west
of Arielli which is reported strongly held. 2 NZ Division
in close contact with enemy. 2 Para Bde patrols report road
junction at H2498 (2098) under enemy fire and no movement
seen in Pennapiedmonte H1694 13 Bde under direct command

See map 1C

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To: War 0 1819
USFOR No #
28 December 1943

13 Corps now in area Casoli 6 H2490, 78 Division. Snowfall throughout divisional area. Bn 38 BDE moved to Capracotta H2259 area under command 66 Recce Regt. 8th Army casualties to 25 December. Killed 2241 wounded 8236 missing 2047. PW 2779. Second, Fifth Army. Weather clear and cold with a strong wind and with snow in mountains. Second and last cipher part follows. Sixth corps. 2 Moroc Division continued advance to west. Five Tabor Goums captured hill 1770 H0036. 8th Moroc Infantry occupied hill.

no Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)
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URGENT

From: 15th Army
To : War 0-1819
USFOR London No #

28 December 1943

Second and last cipher part of 0 1819 from 15th Army Group to usual COSITINTREP addressees. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT And FHGBI.

At H 0134 and 2 blockhouses G 9934 after extremely difficult fighting over mountain terrain. 157 Inf occupied hill 990 G 9824.. 2 Corps MC BN 504 Para Inf in area G 9618 relieved by 141 7 Inf. Patrols 15 Inf last night contacted enemy digging in southeast of Cle Morello G 9416. 10th Corps. 46 Division patrol 538 Bde engaged enemy at G 9213. 56 Division. Puntefiume N80912 attacked by enemy from north and east preventing relief of troops there. Fierce fighting followed and Puntefiume still in our hands. 5th Army casualties to 25th December. American killed 2504 wounded 10711 missing 3320. British killed 1667 wounded 7013 missing 2869. French killed 12 wounded 433 missing 57. Italian (no) change. PW American 2961 . French 34. British and Italian no change.

Section 3 . Air First.

8th Army front (NTR). 5th Army front only light scattered road movement was seen throughout the day .

Second.

Bombs line no change.

Section 3 ends.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W8627/19709 27 December 1943

AFHQ action Troopers and AGWAR for OPD 261715
number W8627/19709 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.

ORBAT 22 shows position as known at 2359 hrs 24
Dec. Cancel ORBAT 21 of 21 Dec.

Part 1. AFHQ-Hq 1st Br Armd Div, 2 Arme Bde and
18 Inf Bde. Hq 6 (Br) Armd Div, 26 Armd Bde and 1 (GDS)
Inf Bde. 21 Indep Tk Bde. 25 Indep Tk Bde. Hq 7th (US)
Army.

Part 2. Hq North Africa Dist Hq 57 (Br) Div 170,
171 and 172 Bdes.

Part 3. Hq No. 1 Dist - Hq 40 (Br) Div, 119, 120
and 121 Bdes. Hq Sabauda Italian Div, 45 and 46 Infantry
Regts.

Part 4.

(A) Hq Fifteenth Army Group- Hq 1 (CDN) Corps.

(B) Hq Fifth (US) Army - Hq 1 (US) Armd Div.
1 and 13 Armd Regts, 6 Armd Inf Regt. 509 Procht Inf
E, 1, 3 and 4 Ranger Bns. 1 Special Service Force.
113 Inf Regt (Mantova Div). Hq II (US) Corps - Hq
3 US Inf Div, 7, 15 and 30 Regt. Hq 36 (US) Inf Div,
141, 142 and 143 Regts. 504 Airborne Rgt. Hq 1 (US)
Tank Group. 1 Italian Mtz Gp, 67 Inf Regt and 51
Bersaglieri Regt. Hq VI (US) Corps - Hq 34 (US) Inf
Div, 133, 135 and 168 Regts. Hq 45 (US) Inf Div, 157,
179 and 180 Regts. Hq 2 Moroccan Inf Div, 4, 5 and 8
Tirailleurs Regts. Hq 2 (US) Tank Group. Hq 10
British Corps - Hq 46 (BR) Inf Div, 128.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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From: 15th Army Group
To: War No. 01806
USFOR No #
27th December 1943

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

From 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees
Freedom pass C in C MED and MAC Algiers 5th Army pass
Fairbanks. Information Flamba most immediated 12th Air
Force important. Number 0-1806 TOO 272215. COSITINTREP
number 171 to 1200 hours 27 Dec.

Part 1 begins. Section 1.
Intelligence. 5th Army Front. PWS 71 PGR state generally
rumored that 44 Div will relieve 29 PG Div. 8th Army Front.
PW2nd Bn 754 IR taken just south Orsogna state Bn came into
line 22 Dec and relieved Elts 65 Div. PW uncertain whether
regt consists of 2 or 3 bns. According 1 PW 3rd Bn had been
sent to Russia. Regt has 13 and 14 Coys. 2 PWS today area
C2111 from 1 Bn 200 gr say bn now consists of 2 weak coys
bulk of which in Crecchio.

Post

Section 2. Ground Operations. First. 8th Army.
5th Corps 2nd Cdn Bde made further progress in clearing
Ortona. 1st Cdn Bde SP by tanks continued mopping up MG
posts taking 30 POW killing many enemy. 19 Ind Bde report
taking further POW during day. 21 Ind Bde engaged with en-
emy C2813. 17 Ind Bde patrols report NMS Crecchio but en-
emy NE area C271114. 13 Corps close contact maintained en-
emy arty active. 5th Div 15 Bde patrolled successfully
reached C247079. Casualties Eighth Army to 24 Dec killed
2222 wounded 8087 missing 2040 POW 2779.

Second. 5th Army. 6th Corps 8 stm started attack
on hill 1478 H0035 Crest heavily held by enemy attack contin-
ues. 45 Div 3rd Bn 180 Inf relieved by prov inf coy 75J TK
Bn. 2nd Corps 1st Regt 1st SSF relieved by 1 Bn 141 Inf on

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? Special Service Force
3 Regts (417)

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To: War No. 01806
USFOR No #
27th December 1943

hill 730. 2nd Bn 141 Inf relieved by 1 Bn 143 Inf west of hill 1205 (1235) G9717 1st Bn 504 Para occupied hill 610 G9720. 1st Bn 147 (142) Inf on hill 687 G9618. S Vittore reported heavily outposted 10th Corps active patrolling Casualties 5th Army to 24 Dec American killed 2485 wounded 10659 missing 330 British killed 1664 wounded 7009 missing 2865 French killed 127 wounded 917 missing 47. Italian killed 109 wounded 191 missing 282. Pow by American 2956 British 1660 French 24 Italian 9.

Section three. Air. First. Ntr. Second. Bomblines.
No change. Section 3 end.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CCS (CAPT ROYAL USN)
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From: NAAF Algiers.
To: WAR

No. AF 278 27 December 1943.

AAA ACWAR ACHQ Gibraltar MMM NNN from NAAF Advanced
AF 278 December 27 Med Allied Air Forces OPSUM 309.

Med Allied Strategic Air Force.

December 25 (ADD) 84 US Marauders attacked Marshalling
Yards and railway bridge at Pisa. Porto Nuova. Pontedera
Aerodrome. 121 tons. Targets well covered bridge not hit.
Leaflets dropped target area.

25/26 December. No operations.

26 December. 108 US Marauders attacked Marshalling
Yards at Prato Empoli and Pistoia. Weight of bombs unreported.
Results generally good. Full report will be made when received

Med Allied Tactical Air Force.
24/25 December. No operations.

25/26 December. No operations.

26 December. No bomber operations due weather. 12
Spitfires merchant vessel, San Benedetto. 12 250 claim near
misses. Four missions total 19 Spitfires offensive Recce
lines of communication eastern battle area. Little movement
seen. Straffed and damaged two locomotives near Pedaso.
One Spitfire photo Recce. 6 Spitfires 1 US Spitfire flew
weather Recces. 4 Spitfires patrolled eastern battle area.

Med Allied Coastal Air Force.

24 December (ADD). 1 US Beaufighter air sea rescue.

24/25 December. (ADD). 3 Hudsons convoy escort. 7
US Beaufighters defensive patrols.

25 December. (ADD). 2 Marauders recce Dalmatian
coast Zara to Durazzo. 2 Bisleys 4 Beaufighters 1 Mosquito

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From: WAAF Algiers.

To: WAR

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(End of Part one Part two follows).

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ACTIONS: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To : War

No. W 8627/19709, 26 December 1943

Second cipher part of AFHQ message number W8627/19709 dated 261715 action Troopers.

138 and 139 Inf Bdes. Hq 56 (Br) Inf Div, 167, 168 and 169 Inf Bdes and 201 (GCC) Inf Bde.

23 Armd Bde. (C) Hq Eighth (Br) Army-Hq 1 (Br) Inf Div, 2 and 3 Inf Bdes and 24 (GDS) Bde.

Hq 4 Indian Inf Div, 5 and 7 Indian Inf Bdes, Hq 5 Cdn Armd Div, 5 Cdn Armd Bde and 11 Cdn Inf Bde.

Hq 78 (Br) Inf Div, 11, 36 and 38 Inf Bdes.

Hq 5 (Br) Corps-Hq 1 Cdn Inf Div, 1, 2 and 3 Cdn Inf Bdes. 1 Cdn Army Tank Bde.

Hq 8 Indian Inf Div, 17, 19 and 21 Indian Inf Bdes. 9 Armd Bde.

Hq 13 (Br) Corps- Hq 5 (Br) Inf Div, 13, 15 and 17 Inf Bdes.

Hq 2 NZ Div, 4 NZ Armd Bde, 5 and 6 NZ Inf Bdes. 2 Pgra Bde Grout. (D) Hq no. 2 District-2 SS BDE.

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S (Capt. Royal USN) Statistics

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To : War

No : None 26 December 1943

COSITINTREP no 167 part 2 signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA, COSITINTREP no 166 not issued. Relay paraphrase by Crypto Freedom of msg no serial No fr CINC Dtg 261838A.

Drvenik shelled also Caique sunk by destroyer during patrol night December 23/24.

Between Ancona and Benedetto destroyer carried out sweep but sighted nothing December 24/25 during night.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (CAPT. ROYAL, USN)
ADM. KING

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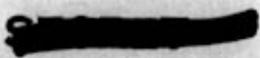
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U R G E N T

From: 15th Army Group
To: WAR 0 1802
USFOR No #

26 December 1943

From 15th Army Group number 0 1802 262030A to action COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass CINC Med and MAC Algiers, 5th Army pass FAIRBANKS) info FLAMBO 12th Air Force signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI. COSITINTREP No. 170 to 1200 hours 26 Dec.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army Front. NTR.

8th Army Front. PW 25 Dec area Ortona from 2 TP 451 Arty Bn. TP came from Orsogna about 20th. PWS state Bn composed of 2 troops each 4 15 CM H's and 1 troop 4 10 guns.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army. Bad weather again hampered operations.

V Corps. 2 Cdn Bde supported by tanks now occupy more than 2/3 Ortona.

1 Cdn Bde mopping up small parties enemy infiltrated through Bn areas. Patrols last night found enemy extremely active. This activity applied to whole V Corps front.

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From: 15th Army Group
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8th Ind Div 19 Ind Bde completed capture V. Grande taking 28 POW. 2 enemy columns forming up for counterattack on 21 Ind Bde and 3 strong fighting patrols dispersed by DF own patrols report Rd clear C 285142. Large columns smoke Tollo enemy still hold cross roads C 281142.

XIII Corps Arty exchanges throughout yesterday.

5th Div enemy encountered C243065.

2 NZ Div report considerable enemy movement north of Orsogna last night no change however in enemy positions reported by patrols. Heavy enemy mortar and arty on our positions C 230023.

2d. 5th Army.

VI Corps 2 DIM sector quiet.

45 Div active patrolling.

II Corps 1 Regt 1 SSF captured hill 730 G9617.

1 Bn 504 Para captured hill 504 G9719 and hill 687 G9618.

36 Div active patrolling.

3 Div no change.

X Corps minor patrol activity.

34 Div rest area Alife.

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Section 3. Air.

1st. NTR.

2d. Bombline. No change.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (CAPT. ROYAL, USN)

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FROM: 15th Army Gp Adv Philpot
To: WAR 0 1799
USFOR No #

25 December 1943

COSITINTREP number 169 to 1200 hours 25 Dec. From Hq 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees. Freedom pass C in C Med and MAC Algiers. 5 Army pass Fairbanks. Number 0 1799 252100A.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence. NTR.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army. Bad weather hampered operations. Heavy fighting Ortona area. In central sector our troops reorganising on ground captured last 24 hours.

2d. 5th Army.

VI Corps. 2 DIM started fresh attack toward hill 1478 0003349. Hill 1040 (H987237) and Casale reported clear.

II Corps.

2 and 3 Regts 1 SSF in forward assembly areas vicinity Ceppagna H0017.

142 Inf in assembly area south of Venafro.

1 Regt 1 SSF started attack 250310A on hill 730 H958180.

X Corps. Quiet.

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Casualties.

5th Army to 23 Dec:

	Killed	Wounded	Missing
American	2432	10601	3295
British	1664	7009	2865
French	120	890	44
Italian	109	191	282

PW by:

American	2938
British	1660
French	15
Italian	9

Section 3. Air.

1st. NFR.

2d. Bomblines. No change.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. R-1250/24 24 December 1943.

COSITINTREP No 165 part II signed Eisenhower
cite FHRNA. COSITINTREP no 164 part II not issued.
Paraphrase by FREEDOM.

Destroyers (2) swept off Yugoslav Coast from
Drevnik and Zirje Island; and South of Korcula Island
to Gljet Island during night 22/23. Nothing sighted.
(1) German cruiser Dalmatia aground off Silba Island
successfully attacked by MTB during the night 21/22
December. (4) Italian LCT mined in Bastia Harbour on
23 December. Sweeping operations proceeding. (3) small
coaster escorted by 2R boats encountered by 2 PTS
operating off Porto Fino during night 23/24 December.
Torpedo attack carried out but no hits claimed.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
Admiral King

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From: 15th. Army Group
To : War

No. 0 1794, 24 December 1943

To action COSITINTREP addresses Freedom pass C in C Med and MAC Algiers 5 Army pass Fairbanks for info FLAMBO 12 Air Force 0-1794 Dec 242030 from HQ 15 Army Gp signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHHBI.

COSITINTREP no. 168 to 1200 hrs 24 Dec.

Section 1. Intelligence.

Fifth Army front. One BA 85 Mtn Inf Regt identified by 4 Deserters area Cardito G9732.

Eighth Army front. Approx 30 PWS from Fliegerlehr Bn area 02404 today. Bn stated to have left Rome on 16th. In Ortona area PW 2 Coy Para A. Tk Bn.

Section 2. Ground Operations. First part.

8th. Army. In coastal and central sectors intensive fighting continues. Very substantial progress made particularly by 8 Inf Div.

Fifth Army. Operations for most part confined to patrol activity on whole Army front. Hill 885 and high grounds G985256 and hill 830 G994278 were captured. M Milino reported held by enemy R Carigliano flooder area F G9009 9068 8905. Casualties Fifth Army to 22 Dec American killed 2396, wounded 10489, missing 3257, British killed 1662, wounded 7006, missing 2851, French killed 112, wounded 842, missing 31, Italian killed 109, wounded 191, missing 282. POW by American 2914, British 1660, French 15, Italian 9.

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To : War

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Casualties Eighth Army to 22 Dec killed 2159,
wounded 7895, missing 1896. POW 2723.

Section 3. Air.

First. NTR Second. Bomblines. Eighth Army
240845 A. C3119-2715-2511-2304-2203-2401-H1996-1694-1380-
2078-2069-09951-9944.

Fifth Army no change.

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INFORMATION:

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From: NAAF SC Algiers
To: 5th Army No #
 7th Army No #
 WAR No #

22nd Dec 1943

Please insert the following garbled of the previous message:

Page 2, Line 12.

"Heavy flak, 16 aircraft being holed. Bombs were beleived."

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" Fell across the south side of the town. 30 A-20 took off".

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INFORMATION: G-2
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From: 15th Army Group Adv Philpot
To: WAR
USFOR London

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22nd Dec 1943

From Hq 15 Army Group number 1783 221900K to action COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass C IN C Med and MAC Algiers info Flambo Fairfield Amilcar pass 1 Br Inf Div 12 Air Force 5 Army pass Fairbanks signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

COSITINTREP no 166 to 1200 hrs 22 Dec.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence.
5 Army Front. 2 deserters 8 coy 71 PGR at G995204 and 1 deserter 10 coy 15 PGR Area Monte Lungo. 134 Inf Regt holding sector G9725-9828. 44 recce Bn identified by PW area G9826. 8 Army Front. 7 PW yesterday 2 by 4 Para Regt Area (Ortona) Bn said to have left orsogna night 18/19 and arrived Ortona 19/20. PW today area Illagrande C2914 1 by 3 Para Regt. According PW Bn came straight from Germany where it had been reformed. Estimate now 6 Para Bns between Coast and Tollo and 90 Div possibly being relieved. Unconfirmed civilian report this morning Crecchio and Canosa being evacuated. Polish deserter 2 coy 145 Inf Regt says he left his coy area H1698. Coy had mountain troops on right. 145 Inf Regt left Sangro 300 strong. All 3 Bns had since received large reinforcements and 2 coy now 120 strong. General Ziehlberg wounded and no longer commanding 65 Div.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st. 8th Army.
1 CDN Inf Div continue force enemy steadily back in fierce fighting. 8 Ind Div report considerable progress in their attack. In 78 Div sector an enemy counter attack was repulsed. Further details are awaited.

2nd. 5 Army. 6 Corps. 2 Dim occupied hill 1175 G995296 * Inf patrol led to outskirts Viticuso G9724 heard nothing but enemy patrols on return. Enemy

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still hold hill 990 G986246 and hill 830. G 994276.
2 Corps and 10 Corps normal patrolling.

End of 1st cipher part, 2nd cipher part of
COSITINTREP no 166 from 15 Army Group 221900A.

Small enemy counterattack G913102 resulted some
casualties both sides. Casualties 5 Army as of 20 Dec
American killed 2352 wounded 10244 missing 3227 British
killed 1655 wounded 6991 missing 2851 French killed
84 wounded 652 missing 24 Italian killed 105 wounded
186 missing 285. PW by Americans 2876 British 1657 French
12 Italian 9.

Section 3. Air. lat. NTR.

2nd. Bomb line no change.

Section 3 ends.

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To : AGWAR

No : R-376/22, 22 December 1943

Foregoing is paragraph two of COSITINTREP number 162 part two signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA. Paraphrase by Freedom.

North of Hvar 2 German Schooners were captured by MTB on 19th December. 12 prisoners were taken. Schooners were taken to Bari.

1. During the night 19/20 December destroyers patrolled off the Yugo Slav Coast North of Split but reported no activity.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S Capt. Royal, USN
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To: War

No. W8222/17421, 21st December 1943.

From AFHQ G3 Sect to Troopers AGWAR W8222/17421
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ORBAT 21 shows posn as known 1200 hrs 17 Dec '43
cancel ORBAT 20 (151/org-3) of 13 Dec '43.

Part 1. AFHQ-Hq 1 (Br) Armd Div 2 Armd Bde and 18
Inf Bde. Hq Six (BB) Armd Div 26 Armd Bde and 1 (GDS)
Inf Bde. Hq Four (BB) Div 10 and 12 Inf Bdes. 21 Indep
Tk Bde. 25 Indep Tk Bde. Hq. Seventh (US) Army.

Part 2. Hq. North Africa District - Ht 57 (Br) Div
170, 172 and 172 Bdes.

Part 3. Hq No 1 District - Hq 40 (Br.) Div 119,
120 and 121 Bdes.

Part 4.

(A) Hq 15th Army Gp - Hq 1 (Cdn) Corps.
(B) Hq 5th (US) Army - Hq 1 (US) Armd Div 1 and
13 Armd Regts 6th Armd Inf Regt. One three and four Raider
Bns. One Special Service Force. 113 Inf Regt (Manitoba
Div. Hq. 11 (US) Corps - Hq 3 (US) Inf Div 7 15 and 30
Rets. Hq 36 (US) Inf Div 141, 142 and 143 Rets. 504
Airborne Ret. Hq 1 (US) Tk Gp 1 Italian Mtz Gp. Hq VI
(US) Corps - Hq 34 (US) Inf Div 133, 135 and 168 Rets.
Hq 45 (US) Inf Div 157, 179 and 180 Rets 509 Para Inf
Bn. Hq 2 (Fr) Moroccan Inf Div 45 and 8 Tirailleurs
Rets. Hq 2 (US) Tk Gp. Hq 10 (Br) Corps - Hq 46 (Br)
Inf Div 128, 138 and 139 Inf Bdes. Hq 56 (Br) Inf Div
167, 168 and 169 Inf Bdes and 201 (GGDS) Inf Bde 23
Armd Bde.

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(C) Hq 8th (Br) Army - Hq 77 (78) (Br) Inf Div 11, 36 and 38 Inf Bdes. Hq 1 (Br) Inf Div 2 and 3 Inf Bdes 24 (GDS) Inf Bde. Hq 4th (Ind) Inf Div 5 and 7 (Ind) Inf Bdes. Hq 5 (CDN) Armd Div 5 (CDN) Armd Bde 11 (CDN) Inf Bde. Hq 5 (Br) Corps - Hq 1 (CDN) Inf Div 12 and 13 (CDN) Inf Bdes. One (CDN) Armd Tk Bde. Hq 8 (Ind) Inf Div 17, 19 and 21 (Ind) Inf Bdes. Four Armd Bde. Hq 13 (Br) Corps - Hq 5 (Br) Inf Div 13, 15 and 17 Inf Bdes. Hq 2 (NZ) Div 4 (NZ) Armd Bde 5 and 6 (NZ) Inf Bdes. Two Para Bde Gp

(D) Hq No 2 District - Hq 7 (Br) Armd Div 22 Armd Bde and 13 Inf Bde. Two AS/SS Bde.

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To: WAR O 1775
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21 December 1943

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Following changes boundaries notified for information.

1st. 8th Army. Boundary 5 Corps with 13 Corps operational and administrative incl 13 Corps Cupello - Scerni - incl 5 Corps road Paglieta - Mozzagrogna - Lanciano - Frisa - incl 13 Corps Arielli area Lanciano town common to both. Boundary 13 Corps with 78 Div now under direct comd 8th Army operational and adm all incl 13 Corps Castiglione - Villa S. Maria - road junc H 1683.

2nd. Inter army boundary all incl 8th Army road Pontelandolf Isernia from H5800 - H2132 - H 1831 - H1236 - H0637 - H0339 - G9747 - G930526 - road junc SW Celano - R Salto to Rieti B0623 - road Reiti Terni - S Germini - Todi.

3rd. 5th Army - boundary between 6 Corps and 2 Corps unchanged from point of origin to H0020 thence changed as follows SE to stream at 039174 thence incl 6 Corps Streamaz Canal to Highway 6-052145 - thence south incl 6 Corps Highway 6 to 027021. Boundary between 2 Corps and 10 Corps. From where existing boundary crosses road at G993065 to - incl to 10 Corps - road junc G988106 excl to 10 Corps Mt Piacano G9512 - hill 72 G9314 - incl to 10 corps road junc G915142 Cedro G9014 - rd junc G885143 - road junc-G859126 rd junc G848131 - stream junc G815133.

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USFOR London No #

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From Hq 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees Free-
dom pass C 1A C Med and MAC Algiers 5 Army pass Fairbanks
number 01779 212200A COSITINTREP number 165 to 1200 hours
21 Dec. signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

15 PWS 2 Bn 3 Para Regt Area C3215-3316.

Part 1 begins. Section 1.

Intelligence. 5 Army front. NTR. 8 Army front.
In same area PWS 190 Anti-Tank Bn and 2 Tp 450 Arty
Bn. Latter said to be equipped with 15 CM H's. PW 2
Tp 733 Light Arty Bn states Bn formed in Freytal (Saxony)
June 43. Moved to Verona late August and supplied guards
for rear 2 SS PZ Corps Area Lake Garda. Bn moved south
to 76 Corps Area about 19 Nov. 2 Tp in support 26 PZ
HKV since about 6 Dec. Bn stated to consist of 3 Tps
each 4 105 MM LFH towed by Steyr tractors, (Raupen-
Schlepper-ost). Bn FPN 56356 and sign a tortoise out-
lined in black. Sign 2 SS PZ Corps a circle with 2 lds
set obliquely referred to generally as Glefantena-Rsch.

Section 2.

Ground Operations. First. 8 Army. Further advances
made by 1 Canadian and 8 Indian Divs after hard fighting.
Second. 5 Army. 6 Corps 2 DIM close fighting area hill
1175 H99529. Northern end Mt Castelnuovo cleared of
enemy. Cardito G9832 strongly held by enemy. Hills G996304
occupied. 45 Div engaged enemy east of Aquafondata. 2
Corps 143 Inf encountered pillboxes heavy mortar and arty
fire G963175 Italian Gp in Corps reserve. 10 Corps active

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patrolling whole front. 5 Army casualties to 20 Dec American killed 2313 wounded 9986 missing 3216 British killed 1655 wounded 6989 missing 2850 French killed 83(63) wounded 583 missing 24. Italian killed 102 wounded 182 missing 285. POW by American 2852 British 1657 French 12 Italian 9. Casualties 8 Army to 19 Dec killed 2036 wounded 7532 missing 1848. POW 2599.

Section 3.

Air. First. NTR.

Second. Bomblines. No change.

Section 3 ends.

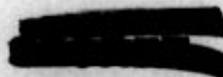
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To: AGWAR

No. W-8197/17328

21 December 1943

Most secret W-8197/17328 Dec 20 from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT action Troopers rptd AGWAR and USFOR for information. 41st weekly summary. Summary of operations 8th Army.

12 to 18 Dec. Para 1.

Ground 8th Army. On Ortona-Osogna Sector there was heavy fighting throughout the week and positions extended and strengthened 5th Corps. 1 CDN Div repelled numerous enemy counterattacks and cut the Ortona-Osogna road area 3012. On 8 Ind Div front 21 Ind Bde firmly established their bridgehead across Moro river. 17 Ind Bde then passed through and took Caldari 3009 and .198C-2910. 21 Ind Bde then advanced, linking up with CDNS on right flank. 13th Corps 2nd Div was confined to patrol activity first part of week. On 15 Dec 5 NZ BDE Ortona-Osogna Road at C2403 which they captured and repulsed 2 strong counterattacks during night. Same day 78th Div assumed responsibility for 13th Corps sector and 13th Corps took over command 2 NZ Div in Osogna area. 5th Div moved to Lanciano Area and are operating on right of 2 NZ Div. 5th Army. 6th Corps continued attack on high ground Atina G 83-Acellia G 82. High ground east of Cardito G 5732 was intermediate objective for 2nd Moroccan Div and high ground south and southeast of Casale G9827 for 45th Div. Elements of 2 Moroccan Div occupied M Castelnuovo H 0237 but position there still fluid. 45th Div progressing slowly according to plan. 2nd Corps put in strong attack on S Pietro and Mt Lungo G9714 on 15 Dec. Mt Lungo was captured but our troops were held on outskirts of S Pietro. Attack still continued against strong resistance

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21 December 1943

of town nearly surrounded on 10th Corps front 46th Div completed taking over Maggiore-Camino feature and 56th Div relieved 23rd Armd Bde on Gaigliand M.

Para 2. Locations.

15th AG P3088. 7 Armd Div N3528. 8th Army H
4297. 5th CDN Armd Div N2455 (second cipher part follows).
78th Div H3324.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G 2
CG AAF
CC/S Capt. Royal, USN

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1 Br Div O 5897.

V Corps H 4195.

1 Cdn Div C 3606.

8 Ind Div C 3400.

XIII Corps H 4695.

2 NZ Div C 2601.

5 Div C 3203.

Fifth Army N 2777.

Fr Corps N 3271.

VI Corps H 1714.

2 Moroccan Div H 1029.

45 Div H 0821.

34 Div H 3105.

II Corps N 0898.

3 Div N 1599.

36 Div H 0406.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

Nr: W8197/17328 21st December, 1943

1 Armd Div N 1289.

10 Corps N 0887.

46 Div G 9903.

56 Div M 9492.

Para 3. Movements. Nil.

Para 4. Administration.

A. Casualties read X killed, Y wounded, Z missing. Cumulative totals to 17 Dec for British and 16th Dec for US and Allied.

	X	Y	Z
8th Army	1950	7160	1818
5th Army US	2201	9525	3002
5th Army Allied	224	73	1
X Corps	1655	6942	2910.

B. POW captured. Cumulative total to 17 Dec for British and 16 Dec for US and Allied.

8th Army	2386
5th Army US	2654
5th Army Allied	8
X Corps	1668.

C. General.

Satisfactory progress is being made with build up on Allied administrative units to Italy. Manfredonia-Foggia pipeline delivered 807000 imperial gallons 100 octane.

D. Port discharges week ending 9 Dec.

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West coast- discharges during week,
82022 tons stores, vehicles 3808, personnel 19492.
Average daily discharge stores in tons by ports
(Part 3 follows): Naples 934.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No: W8197/17328

21 December 1943

Third part of our W8197/17328 dated 20 Dec.

3. Salerno 751. Castellammare 699. Torre
Annunziata 924. East Coast discharges during week,
44741 tons stores, vehicles 3126, personnel 37281.
Average daily discharge stores in tons by ports:

Taranto 1374

Brindisi 3233

Bari 1318

Barletta 3247

Monopoli 20

no sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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Date MAY 21 1973

From: 15th Army Group
To: War 1775
USFOR No #

21 December, 1943

(*) 1775 211745A from Hq 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees plus 5th Army. Freedom pass C in C Med and MAC Alggers. 5th Army pass FAIRBANKS info FLAMBO.

Following changes boundaries notified for information.

First. 8th Army. Boundary 5th Corps with 13th Corps operational and administrative incl 13 Corps Cupello-Scerni-incl 5 Corps road Paglieta-Mozzagrogna-Lanciano-Frisa-incl 13th Corps Arielli area Lanciano town common to both. Boundary 13th Corps with 78 Div now under direct comd 8th Army operational and adm all incl 13th Corps Castiglione-Villa S Maria- Road Junc H 1683.

Second. Inter Army boundary all incl 8th Army road Pontelandolfo Isernia from H5800-H2132-H1831-H1236-H0637-H0339-G9747-G930526-Road Junc SW Celano-R Salto to Rieti B0623-Road Rieti Terni-S Germini-Todi.

Third. 5th Army- boundary between 6th Corps and 2nd Corps unchanged from point of origin to H0020 thence changed as follows SE to stream at 039174 thence incl 6 Corps stream (*) to highway (6-052145)-thence south incl 6th Corps highway (6 to 027021). Boundary between 2 Corps and 10 Corps. From where existing boundary crosses road at G993065 to- incl to 10 Corps-Road Junc G988106 excl to 10th Corps Mt Piacano G9512-hill 72 G9314-incl to 10th Corps Road Junc G915142 Cedro G9014 Rd Junc G885143-Road Junc G859126-Rd Junc G848131-stream Junc G 815133.

(*)Being serviced.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN) LOG 54

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By DBS

Date MAY 21 1973

From: 15th Army Group Adv. Philpot
To: War 01766
USFOR No #

20 December, 1943

COSITINTREP No 164 to 1200 hours 20 Dec. 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass C in C Med and MAC Algiers, 5th Army pass Fairbanks) rptd Flambo 01766 Dec 20 2030. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Part 1 begins.

Section.1. Intelligence. 5th Army Front. 3 and 13 (53) Coys 100.500 Mountain Regt identified area G9828. PW 1 Bn 132 Inf Regt Area G9619. 8th Army Front. PW Ortona from 5th and 8th Cos 3 Para Regt straggler TEM Coy states 1 Bn 3 Para not in area and battle group consisting of 2 Bn 1 Para Regt and 2 and 3 Bns 3 Para Regt commanded by Heilman..PWS unspecified Bn 361 GR area C2913

Section 2. Ground operations.

First. 8th Army. In Ortona area 1 Cdn Div advanced and greatly improved their positions. 8 Ind Div advanced in center sector in face of stiff opposition and over close and difficult country.

Second. 5th Army. S Michele Pass recaptured by enemy in strong counter attack. Two DYIC captured hill 1225 G995305 and also advanced to base hill 1029 G99239. 45 Div captured Mt Cavallo G1924(9914). 2nd Corps active patrolling established strong point road junction 69 G9515 to counter attempted infiltration. 10th Corps active patrolling Gvandra G8911 reported clear. Enemy Arty active. 23 Armd Bde in reserve Francoise. Casualties to 18 Dec American killed 2268 wounded 9761 missing 3019 British killed 1652 wounded 6978 missing 2841 French killed

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80 wounded 546 missing 24 Italian killed 98 wounded 177
missing 282. PG by Americans 2829 British 1673.

Section 3. Air.

First. Night bombers reported 100 MT moving
NE from 00107 at 191900A otherwise only slight Mvt was observed
in the whole front. Recce was however again hampered by
bad visibility.

Second. Bomb line. 8th Army 201335 A.
0310195-2715-247107-2304-2402-2401-H1996-165945-135801-2078-
8069-09951-9944. 5th Army 200858A, 09944-9444-9423-9223-
9217-9015-9011-8905-900. M875995-8798-R Garigliano. (7-8195-
7992). Section 3 ends.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)
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From: Algiers
To: British Signals, Wash DC No #
WAR 16769

20 December 1943

Cite FHTNB. Your 3813 Dec 16 not to information addressees. From Freedom for action DTN Flambo. USFOR please pass to Troopers, Milstaff Washington for information.

1. Presume Troopers 97205 TN2 dated Dec 10 in 2 parts to Milstaf and Troopers 99135TN2 dated Dec 16 to Freedom both information Flambo not received by you. Sending copies air mail today. 2. Troopers have not yet confirmed joint requirements Railway Bridges and Track will be ordered on them but they await report from Milstaf re lay off part UK/143 and 147 ex USA. 3. Detailed report is required from you on effect of not supplying balance of phase II before date originally specified by you that is "After April 1944". Suggest you await copies of cables in 1.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-13002 (21 Dec 43)CC/S

ACTION: CC/S (Captain Royal USN)

CM-IN-13051 (21 Dec 43) 0807Z med

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

NR: W-8095, 20th December 1943

Added AGWAR for OPD, signed Eisenhower cite
PHGCT. Your 5287 dated 19th December is answered.

Confirmed is desire for additional Army Corps
Headquarters addition to Seventh Army Headquarters.

No Sig.

Footnote: 5287 is CM-OUT-7503 (19 Dec 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: GEN ARNOLD
CC/S Capt. Royal, USN
Adm. King
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CM-IN-12705 (20 Dec 43) 1806Z CW

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From: 15th Army Gp Adv Philpot
To: WAR 0 1763
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OSD letter, May 1972
By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

19 December 1943

Number 0 1763 192020A from Hq 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees. Freedom pass C in C Med and MSC Algiers. MAT Gp pass Fairfield Amilcar. Info Flambo. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

COSITINTREP number 163 to 1200 hrs 19 Dec.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army front. 1st Bn 15 PGR identified area San Vittore.

8th Army front PWS from 1st Bn 361 PGR area C 2912.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army. Canadian tps made further advance against strong opposition in coastal sector. Our tps over ran enemy position at one point inflicting heavy casualties. In general sector further advance made over very difficult country. Enemy continues fight desperately especially Para Tps of whom 50 POW yesterday.

2d. 5th Army. VI Corps Goums hold neck of St Michele pass. Active patrolling along whole front by 2 Div and 45 Div. II Corps 36 Div 141 Inf relieved by 3 ~~REG~~ 15 RCT. San Pietro captured

Div

Berber troops of 2d Moroccan Division

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To: WAR 0 1763
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Engineers clearing passage for troops through town. X Corps active patrolling whole front BM patrols to 923150 no contact both bridges badly blown.

Section 3. Air.

1st. NTR.

2d. Bomblines.

8th Army 190737 hrs. C3119-2715-2587(2507)-2304 - 2402-2401-H1996-1694-91380-2078-2069-99951-9944.

5th Army 181801 hrs. G9944-9644-9632-9623-9223-9217-9015-9011-8905-9001A M8799-8798-R Garigliano-8695-8195-7992.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)
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From: 15th Army Group
To: War Nr. O 1758
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OSD letter, May 6, 1972

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From HDQ 15th Army Group. Number O 1758 TOO 182330A. To COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass C in C Med & MAC Algiers). MAC Com Post pass to Fairfield AMILCAR. Fairfield AMILCAR pass 1st Br Inf Div. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI. COSITINTREP number 162 to 1200 hrs 18th Dec.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

Fifth Army Front. NTR.

Eighth Army Front. PWS state remnants 1 Bn 361 GR now absorbed 2nd Bn. 2nd Bn 1st Para Regt identified today by 30 PWS 5, 6 and 7 Coys area C3113.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First. Eighth Army. Heavy fighting continues in coastal and central sectors.

Second. Fifth Army. Very active patrolling 6 Corps front. Following places occupied by our Tps Cerasuola H0131. Whole of Mt. Pantona H0229 and hill 970 H015274. Contact with enemy reported at H003349 hill 620 H005241 Corsacale H005215. Hill 760 H0126 and hill 580 G9719 reported clear. Two Corps enemy broke contact east of S. Pietro. Hill 687 G965184 occupied. Two Bns 143 Inf now 2000 yds NW S. Pietro. Third Bn M. Morello G9516. Patrols sent along highway 6 and NW towards S. Vittore. Hill 729 occupied. Ten Corps change over 46 and 56 Divs complete.

End part 1, part 2 follows:

Casualties 5th Army to 16th Dec American killed 2225 wounded 9683 missing 3012.

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British killed 1650 wounded 6964 missing 2841

French killed 38 wounded 122 missing 7.

POW by American 2702
British 1675
French 6
Italian 4.

Eight Army casualties to 16th Dec killed 1825
wounded 6840 missing 1773. POW 2292.

Section 3. Air.

First. NTR.

Second. Bomblines. Eight Army 181138 hours. C3119
2715-2507-2405-2001-H1996-1694-1380-2078-2069-09951-9944.

Five Army 181111 hours. 09944-9644-9632-9831-9424
(9824)-9317-9217-9013-9010-8905-9001-M8799-8798-River
Gerigliano-8695-8195-.4992(7992).

Section 3 ends.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

Unnumbered, 19th December 1943

COSITINTREP No 160 part 2 signed Eisenhower cite
FHRNA COSITINTREP No 159 part 2 not issued. Paraphrased
by Freedom.

During night 17th/18th Dec destroyers operated
between Durazzo and Dubrovnik but met no shipping a fleet
minesweeper was mined and subsequently sank it approaches
to Maddalena on 18th Dec in the same area 4 mines have
since been swept, H M submarine reports sinking 2 500 ton
ammunition ships whilst on patrol off south coast of France
on 18th December in the Gulf of Genoa. Another submarine
reports a 5000 ton tanker in convoy was sunk.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-12446 (20 Dec 43)OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
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CM-IN-12490 (20 Dec 43) 0649Z med

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. R24 19th December 1943

COSITINTREP no 160 part 2 signed Eisenhower cite
FHRNA COSITINTREP no 159 part 2 not issued.

During night 17th Dec / 18th Dec destroyers operated between * and Dubrovnik but met no shipping a fleet minesweeper was mined and subsequently sank in approaches to Maddalena on 18th Dec in the same area four mines have since been swept. Paraphrased by freedom H M submarine reports sinking 2 500 ton ammunition ships whilst on patrol off south coast of France on 18th December in the Gulf of Genoa. *** a 5,000 ton tanker in convoy was sunk.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)
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From: 15th Army Group Adv.
To: War Nr. No #
USFOR London Nr. No #

17th December 1943.

Part 2 and last COSITINTREP number 161 from 15th Army Group. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Missing nil. POW by American 2653 British 1672 French 6 Italians 3. Casualties 8th Army to 15th Dec killed 1744 wounded 6551 missing 1731. POW 2257 (POW 2967).

Section 3. Air.

1st. NTR.

2nd. Bomblines. 8th Army 171026 hrs. C3119-2715-2507-2405-2001-H1996-1795-1470-2078-2069-G9951-9944. 5th Army 161955 hrs. G9944-9843-9824-9317-9217-9013-9010-8905-9001-8800-M8798-River Garigliano-8695-8195-7992.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal, USN)
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From: 15th Army Group Adv
To: WAR O 1752
USFOR London No #

17 December 1943

From Hq 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees
(Freedom pass CINC Med and MAC Algiers) rptd FLAMBO
number O 1752 17th Dec (172315).

COSITINTREP number 161 to 1200 hrs 17 Dec.

Part 1 begins.

Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army front. One Bn 132 Inf Regt identified by
PW area H0011 and 2nd Bn area G9710.

8th Army front. 90 Div believed reforming coastal
sector behind screen 3rd Para Regt. Following believed
present enemy dispositions. Area coast to Berardi 2 or
3 Bns 3rd Para Regt. From Berardi to Greccio 02711
elements 90 Div including 2nd and 3rd Bns. 200 PGR.

Area Consalvi 26 RU. SW Consalvi 1 Bn 9 PGR. 02606
2 Bn 67 PGR.

Area Arielli 1 Bn 67 PGR with 2 Bn 9 PGR on right.

Area Orsogna 4th Para Regt with 2 Bns. Captured
map shows 2 COY 590 A/TK Coy in area 2nd Bn 9th PGR.

Counter attack from Ariellia night 15/16 carried
out by 3rd Bn 6th Para Regt. PW says Bn left Rome on
14th. According PW 3rd Para Regt 800 reinforcements

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From: 15th Army Group Adv
To: WAR O 1752
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recently arrived from Bordeaux from 3rd Bn 1st Para Ersatz Regt.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First. 8th Army. During series of counter attacks 13 enemy tanks knocked out 2 runners captured. All counter attacks repulsed. More POW taken.

Second. 5th Army. 6th Corps. Two Moroccan Div received sharp counter attack vicinity pass through San Michele. Five RTM after repulsing local counter attack continued advance on Mt Pantano H0229. 45 Div encountering considerable opposition on hill 970 H015275 and Lagone village. Three counter attacks on hill 759 H012225 repulsed. Strong counter attack from S Pietro repulsed with heavy loss to enemy. Posns on Mt Lungo being consolidated. 10 Corps only light enemy arty fire. Casualties to 15th Dec American killed 2201 wounded 9525 missing 3002. British killed 1643 wounded 6961 missing 2841. French killed 30 wounded 73 missing 1. Italians killed 3 wounded 27

Part 1. Part 2 and last follows.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)
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CM-IN-11281 (18 Dec 43) 0832Z jb

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From: Algiers
To: War

Nr: W-7875/15390 17th December, 1943

Note: Correction paragraph #2.

2. Preliminary study indicates that some shipping in addition to that allocated at Cairo will be required. This is being examined in detail and a later message will be sent on this subject.

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Supplementary copy of CM-IN-11026 (17 Dec 43) CCS

ACTION: CC/S (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Adm King
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CM-IN-11041 (17 Dec 43) 23222 flw

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Gen. and CINC Malta	Nr. No #
Chief Gibraltar	Nr. No #
War	Nr. AI 321
All other interested addressees	Nr. No #

17th December 1943.

ACAS I Washington Med Air Cmd MMM 12th Air Force
15th Air Force, 12th ASC NNN SSS NA Coastal AF NA Tact
AF Hq Desert Air Force Hq Tactical Bomber Force from
Air Cmd Post Med Air Cmd AI 321.

Daily telegraphic intelligence summary.

Part 1. GAF activity 24 hours ending dush 16 Dec.
Reconnaissance. Long range recce. Normal scale during
day. At night 1 JU88 reported active from Perugia landing
at Viterbo. Close support. Main effort switched from
5th to 8th Army. Estimated 70 sorties flown. Our fighters
encountered 10/15 ME109 south of Zara and claim 6 destroyed.
Interception, our bombers attacking Dogna sighted 3 A/C
and formation attacking Padua encountered 7 fighters in
target area and 20 southwest of Lake Q Eneto, latter prob-
ably from Reggio-based Groupe.

Part 2. Order of battle. NTR.

Part 3. General. (A) Ground. To 1200 hours 16th
Dec. P/W identified 100th Mtn Bn of 5 Mtn Division on 5th
Army front. PW 6th Coy 3rd Para Regt area C 3214 stated
His Bn just arrived from Central Sector. 8th Army, further
enemy counter attacks in coastal sector repulsed and our
positions improved. New Zealand division made successful
attack 13 Corps Zone and repelled 2 major enemy counter
attacks from Ariete C2507 night 15/16 Dec. 5th Army in

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6th Corps Zone French troops reached H0238. 45th Division occupied hill at H0225. Mopping up continues La-come H0227.

End part 1, part 2 follows.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: 12th AF Algiers
To: War

No. None, 17 December 1943

To Allied Force Headquarters to AGWAR to Troopers to USFOR to Mideast to AHQ Malta to Commandoth Gibraltar to Fairfield to CINC Med Algiers to Fifteenth Army Group to Fifth Army to Seventh Army to FLAMBO from Air Commander in Chief Mediterranean cite A261. Part 3 Air COSITINTREP number 160, December 16 1943 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Northwest African Air Forces-night 15/16 December. No operations by Wellington bombers but 10 Bostons carried out offensive reconnaissances Sibenik-Dainovonia area attacking M/T. 5 Wellingtons operated as convoy escort and 1 on U-Boat hunt. Day 16 December. 38 B24's escorted by 52 P38's attacked the Doga railroad bridge and tunnels with fair results whilst 70 17's with an escort of 45 P47's and 34 P38's claim to have covered well the junction and marshalling yards of Padua. 30 B25's bombed shipping and harbour facilities at Sibenik and Zara and explosions were seen on two ships at the latter port. 72 A20's bombed gun positions on the Fifth Army front and fighter bombers attacked defended positions and M/T in the Eighth Army area. Fighter bombers also attacked defended position on the Fifth Army area and 36 A36's bombed Civitavecchia. Warhawks flying over the Yugoslavian coast sank a 100 foot M/V and set a 200 foot motor vessel on fire and others accompanied by P47's strafed M/T near Zara and hits on the Paljesac. They encountered 15 ME109's and claim 6 destroyed, 1 probable and 4 damaged. Spitfires on bomblines patrols intercepted 24 enemy aircraft claiming several damage and 1 probable destroyed. Other Spitfires flew reconnaissances

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To: War
No. None, 17 December 1943

and a fighter sweep to Rome. Hudsons, Wellingtons, Liberators, Baltimores and Cants carried out A/S sweeps and convoy escorts.

Part 2 Air Intelligence-December 16. Altogether 70 ME109's and FW190's sighted and encountered Eighth Army Front. Lanciano and Sangro area 4 attacks at 0800 hours 1100 hours 1500 hours and 1550 hours claims 2 probable 6 damaged. Warhawks and Thunderbolts south of Zara involved in combat with 15 ME 109's and claim 6 destroyed 1 probable and 4 damaged. Bombers report 1 enemy aircraft at Dogna in target area 3 enemy aircraft near Chioggia 1 seaplane near Caorle all these aircraft kept out of range. Bombers to Padua report 7 ME109's ME110's and FW190's in target area claims 1 ME109 and FW190 destroyed. 20 ME109's encountered southwest Lake Veneto 3 destroyed. One enemy aircraft seen to fire rocket with black puff of smoke which exploded after travelling only 100 yards.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: Med. Air Command Post, North Africa.
To: War

No: A311 17 December 1943

ACAS (1) Washington Med Air Command MMM 12 Air
Force 15 Air Force 12 ASC NNN SSS NA Coastal AF NA
Tactical AF HQ DAF HQ BF from Air Command Post A311
15 Dec.

Daily telegraphic intelligence summary.

Part 1

GAF activity 24 hours ending dusk 14 Dec.
Reconnaissance. Long range recce Central and Western
Med normal scale. In eastern Med 2 JU88 sorties, a met flight
over Yugoslavia and 2 probable ME 109 over Castelrosso.
Close support effort considerably increased. Estimated
over 100 sorties including 30 to 60 FW190 flown chiefly
in 5th Army sector. About 20 fighters encountered by our
bombers in Athens Area. Long range bombers. 11 JU88
of LG 1 which attacked Bari on 13 Dec returned from Alg's
in Albania to Crete via Athens Airfields.

Part 2

Order of battle NTR.

Part 3

General (1) Ground 190 Recce BN identified by
P/W's in support 200 PGR PW of March BN 26 captured
area C 2603 reports BN left Germany 3 weeks ago. PW
of 165 recce unit reports BN of parachutists area C 3214
only recently arrived. 8 Army very strong enemy resistance
continues in coastal sector but further progress made.

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To: War

No: A311 17 December 1943

ACAS (1) Washington Med Air Command MMN 12 Air
Force 15 Air Force 12 ASC NNN SSS NA Coastal AF NA
Tactical AF HQ DAF HQ BF from Air Command Post A311
15 Dec.

Approx 200 PW's taken 13 Dec. Calderi C 3009
captured 5th Army. End of part 1 part 2 follows.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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SUPPLEMENTARY COPY

From: Med Air Command Post
To: War

Nr. AI 314, 16th December 1943

ACAS 1 Washington Med Air Command Sum. 12th Air
Force 15th Air Force 12th ASC NNN pass NACAF NATAF HQ Desert
Air Force HQ TBF from Air Command Post Med Air Command AI
314 16th December.

Insert following at omission

"And 03010 3610(3710) small gains in Orsogna area".

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FOOTNOTE: Supplementary copy of CM-IN-10615 (17 Dec 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)

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U R G E N T

From: 15th Army Group
To: War Nr. O-1743
USFOR London Unnumbered

16th December 1943

HQ 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees to Freedom pass CINC Med and MAC Algiers Mec Command Post pass Fairfield ANILCAR. Info for FLAMBO No. O-1743 162150. COSITINTREP number 160 for 1200 hrs D16th Dec. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

Fifth Army front. 100 MTN Regt 5th Mountain Div identified by PW 13 Inf Gun Coy Cakale G9828.

Eighth Army front. Unconfirmed PW identification today 3 Bn 6 Para Regt area Arialli C2606. PW 15th 6 Coy 3 Para Regt area cross Rd C3214 stated Bn arrived previous day from central sector. TAC R today reports new diggings and much activity area Ranino C1601.

Section 2. Ground operations.

First. Eighth Army. MN Coastal sector further enemy counterattacks repulsed and our positions improved. On 13 Corps front 2 NZ Divs made successful attack. Enemy attempted restore situation with 2 major counterattacks both failed. Enemy suffering heavy losses in killed and wounded.

Second. Fifth Army. Six Corps French troops reached pass H022387 night 14th/15th Dec. 45 Div occupied hill 640 and hill 470 H0225 continuing attack towards hill 831 H0024. Attack on hill 760 H0126 reached northern slopes. Mopping up still continuing Lagone H0227. Two Corps hill 950 G989189 and hill 1205 G9719 still occupied by our troops. Strong resistance by enemy hill 687 G9618. Attack on 3 Pietro by 3 Coys Inf SP by tanks started 151200A. Ten Corps NTR.

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Casualties to 14th December
American Killed 2178 wounded 9404 missing 2937
British killed 1639 wounded 6956 missing 2841.

POW by American 2644 British 1656.

Section 3. Air.

First. Much general movement was observed in the area NE Maglianico C 21 at 0800 hrs otherwise movement was of a light nature on the 8th Army front throughout the day.

Fifth Army front NTR.

Second. Bomblines.

Eighth Army 161420 hrs. C 3119-2813-2711 River Arielli
to 2507-2405-2001 H 1996-1795-1480-2078-2069 G 5951-9944.

Fifth Army 160600 hrs. G 9944-9344-9335-0035-9931-9831-
9825-9317-9217-9013-9010-8905-9001-8800 M 8798 river Gar-
igliano to 8695-8195-7992.

Section 3 ends.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CCS (Capt Royal USN)
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From: NAAF Algiers
To: War Unnumbered
5th Army Unnumbered
7th Army Unnumbered

16 December 1943.

To AGWAR to 5th Army to 7th Army TE AFHQ to Troopers to USFOR to Mideast to AHQ MALTA to Commanding *BICCRPV GIBQDO Fairfield to CINC MED to Algiers to 15th Army Group to 8th Army from Air Commander in Chief Mediterranean cite A250. Part 3 from Cositintrep no 159 dated 15 Dec 1943 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT, FANBI.

North West African Air Forces night 14/15 Dec. No Bomber Missions carried out but 6 Beaufighters sorties were flown without incident. Day 15 Dec 45 B24's escorted by 40 P38's bombed the Avisio Viaduct where direct hits and near misses are claimed. Pozzano M/Y were bombed by 53 B17's escorted by P38's and P47's. Explosions and fires were seen. 51 B25's attacked the A/D at Mostar Yugoslavia where fires were left burning amongst A/C. Another 24 B25 bombed Pontecorvo but with only one possible hit on bridge whilst 3 others completed a nickelling mission. Frozinone was well covered by bombs from 36 A/20's. Warhawks Kittyhawks and Thunderbolts attacked targets along the Dalmation Coast including a small vessel and 7 twin engined A/C 109L/G which are claimed destroyed. Gun positions troop and communication targets were attacked by fighter bombers. 6 enemy fighters are claimed destroyed and 5 damaged. 8 Spit bombers escorted by other Spitfires bombed and strafed oil storage tanks in Gulf of Kotor and gutted camp and W/T Station on Saseno Island. UBoat hunts and convoy escorts were carried out and Beaufighters and Spitfires patrolled in the Bari Brindisi area Air Intelligence 45 Liberators scored direct hits and near misses on Avisio Viaduct. 35F ortresses caused explosions and fires Bolza M/Y. B25's bombed Mostar L/G. Spitfires attacked oil storage tanks Gulf of Kotor and gutted camp and W/T Station Saseno Island night 15/16

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7th Army **Unnumbered**
16 December 1943.

Dec Bostons attacked 100M/T's off Peljesac.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S (Capt Royal, USN)
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From: Med Air Command Post
To: War

Nr. AI 314, 16th December 1943

AGAS 1 Washington Med Air Command Sum. 12th Air Force 15th Air Force 12th ASC NNN pass NACAF NATAF HQ Desert Air Force HQ TEF from Air Command Post Med Air Command AI 314 16th December.

Daily telegraphic intelligence summary.

Part 1 GAF activity 24 hours ending dusk 15th December.

Reconnaissance. Long range recce normal during day and no night effort reported western and eastern Mediterranean.

Close support. Effort still considerable in 5th Army Sector. Estimated 35 FW190 and 45 ME109 sorties flown.

On 8th Army Sector negligible activity. Near Mostar 5 ME109's sighted. Our aircraft attacking Bolzano Innsbruck and Aviso encountered 4 ME109's.

Part 2. Order of Battle.

Battle 46 fighters photographed 14th December on the Giampino and Centocelle represent large part GAF forces in battle area at present estimated at 70 fighters and 30 fighter bombers.

Part 3. General.

A Ground. 8th Army weather continues hamper operations but attack continues coastal zone against stiff opposition. Our troops firmly established 03113 Caldari *

Orsogna area. 5th Army in 6th Corps zone troops re-

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ached H0328 0235 and occupied whole MT Caselnuovo.

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CG AAF
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To: War Unnumbered
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2nd and last part of COSITINTREP number 159 from
HQ 15th Army Group. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

2032. Dec American killed 2166, wounded 9350, missing
British killed 1639, wounded 6954, missing 2841.

POW by American 2641. British 1656.

Section 3. Air.

First. NTR.

Second. Bomblines.

Eighth Army 150720 hrs C3119-2711-2706-2405-2303-
2402-H1996-1795-1480(1460)-2078-2069-09951-9944.

Fifth Army 150500 hrs. G9944-9040-9032-9329-9829-
9822-9417-9217-9013-9010-8905-9001-8800-M8798- River
Garigliano-8695-8195-7992.

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To: War Nr. 0.1737
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15th December 1943

0.1737 152330A from HQ 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass C in C MED and MAC Algiers MAC Command Post pass Fairfield AMILCAR) info FLAMBO) COSITINTREP number 159 to 1200 hrs 15th Dec.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

Fifth Army front. Identifications from PW 1 Bn 577 Inf Regt area H0032, 2 Bn 577 Inf Regt H0231 1 Bn 131 Inf Regt H0326 1 Bn 132 Inf Regt H0021 2 Bn 71 PGR G9708 2 Bn 15 PGR G9817 3 Bn 104 PGR G9314. PW 2 Coy 131 Inf Regt 13 Dec says platoon of Cossacks dismounted was maintaining contact between 1 and 2 Coys 131. Oberst Schmalz now commanding Goering Div and Oberst Corvin commanding battle group on left sector 15 PG Div according PWS.

Eighth Army Front. NTR.

Section 2. Ground operations.

First. Eighth Army. Weather continues hamper operations and stiff fighting still in progress. In central sector area Orsogna a number of POW were taken and ground gained. 2 NZ Div incl all troops under their command now under comd 13 Corps with effect from 150600A.

Second. Fifth Army. 2 Moroccan Div advanced and occupied Saddle on MT Micheljubie * and whole of Mt Caselnuovo H0237 during night. 45 Div started attack at 150630A. 2 Corps 143 Inf advanced slightly and dug in 963189. Italian Motorized Group took 5 POW yesterday. Relief of 142 Inf by 138 Bde continued. Ten Corps enemy active digging and wiring west bank Garigliano at M9099 and G8906. Increased enemy shelling Mt Remetanea G9410, 46 Div patrol 6 Lincs surprised enemy in houses G907116 killed 8 wounded 8

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plus. 56 Div 9 RF relieved 11 KRRC. 46 R tanks less 1 Squadron reverted 23 Armd Bde. Casualties up to 13,

End of part 1. Part 2 follows.

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CGAAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal, USN)
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To: War O 1737
 USFOR London No #

15 December 1943

O. 1737 152330A from HQ 15th Army Group to
COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass C in C Med and
Mac Algiers Mac Command Post pass Fairfield AMILCAR
Info FIAMBO.

Please insert the following omission:

Fifth Army. 2 Moroccan Div advanced and occupied
Saddle on MT Michelo H020385 and whole of MT Caselnuovo
H0237 during night.

No Sig

Footnote: Supplement to CM-IN-9986 (16 Dec 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
 CG AAF
 CC/S Capt. Royal, USN
CM-IN-10135 (16 Dec 43) 1459Z cw

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To COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass C in C MED and MAC
Algiers MAC Command Post pass Fairfield AMILCAR. COSITINTREP
number 158 to 1200 hrs 14th Dec. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT
and FHGBI.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

Fifth Army Front. Polish deserter 2 Bn 104 PGR re-
ports unit instructed to hold present position for another
week then withdraw to Cassino winter line.

Eighth Army Front. Night 12th/13th PWS taken from
2nd and 3rd Bns 200 PGR in Consalvi-Caldari sector. Raid
on Berardi C3213 yielded 100 plus PWS 3rd Bn 361 PGR in-
cluding Bn Commander Adjutant and 4 Pl Commanders. From
PWS statements 1 Bn 361 probably on coast 2nd Bn 361 area
C3315 and 1 Bn 200 PGR area V3214. PW 3 Coy 190 A/TK Bn
H2910 states only 1st and 3rd Coys present. Three Coy had
two 7.5 and 35 CM guns not SP. 190 Recce Bn identified by
PWS 1st Sqn. Sqn arrived 2 days ago and in support 200
PGR. Sqn strength 90 and equipped with motorcycles and
sidecars. Five PWS 2 Coy 165 Recce Unit Berardi. Had seen
a Bn of Parachutists area crossroads C3214 only recently
arrived. PW March Bn 26 captured C63037 had been assigned
5th Coy 9 PGR. Bn 450 strong left Germany 3 weeks ago. On
arrival Italy all Volksedutshe weeded out. Polish deserter
in civilian clothes from 4th Tp 137 Hochgebings Abteilung. Only
1 troop present which left Kufstein 27th Nov and arrived
29th Nov S. Valentino B9803. Equipped in Italy with 4 Skoda
75 MM Italian guns. General entry in captured notebook
confirms Feurstein commanding 51 MTN Corps ~~was~~ PG Div
in North Italy.

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Section 2. Ground operations.

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First. Eighth Army. Enemy resisting with exceptional

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ferocity but further progress made. Enemy suffered considerable losses in dead POW taken 13th Dec nearly 200 including a Bn Commander and Adjutant. Eighth Ind Div captured Caldari 3009 in successful night action.

Second. Fifth Army. Patrols from 2nd Moroccan Div report enemy on hill 920 H0331 Castel Nuovo H0335 and Mt Pantano H0229. 45 Div light enemy shelling sharp engagement by patrol hill 470 H0224. Two Corps front heavy arty and mortar fire enemy patrols active. Ten Corps increased enemy arty fire. Patrol to river M8493 and 8594 drew no fires.

(Part 2 and last my O 1731)

Section 3. Air.

First. At 131930A convoy 6 miles long was seen moving east on road Arce G63-Cassino G82.

Second. Much movement both ways through OPI G85 was observed at 140853 hrs and 75 MT was reported held up either side of bridge G7126 at 1450 hrs. Otherwise NTR.

Third. Bomblines no change.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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To : War

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Part 3 No: W7627/14048. From AFHQ action
Troopers info AGWAR USFOR 141000.

	X	Y	Z
Fifth Army	2000	8495	2806
Tenth Corps	1633	6903	2870

(B) POW captured. Delete POW shown in 39th weekly summary and substitute 8th Army German 1226 unclassified 207. 5th Army US German 2,216. 10th Corps German 1399 cumulative POW to 10th Dec for British and 9th Dec for US. 8th Army German 1880 unclassified 228. 5th Army US German 2534. 10th Corps German 1661.

(C) Port discharges week ending 2nd Dec. West Coast dash discharged during week, 75,214 tons stores, vehicles 3727, personnel 37,276. Average daily discharge stores in tons by ports, Naples 8543 Salerno 799 Castella More 459, Torre Annunziata 944. East Coast dash discharge during week 82,835 tons stores, vehicles 2,946, personnel 8,658. A average daily discharge stores in tons by ports, Taranto 1,864, Urindisi 3,058, Bari 5229, (end of part 3 and last)8 Barletta 749, Conopoli 933.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN), LOG

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Note: Please insert the following omission.

Port Company TC, 55-117, 6.

Quartermaster Truck Regiment, 10-51, 4.

Quartermaster Service Battalion (labor unit), 10-64, 1.

No Sig.

Correction to CM-IN-8996 (14 Dec 43)CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
Admiral King
Admiral Horne

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cite PHYCD No. W-7627/14048 action Trooper information
for AGWAR for OPD USFOR.

40th weekly summary. Summary of operations 5th
to 11th December.

Ground. 8th. 5 Corps continued to extend
Bridgehead established last week. Enemy resisting
strongly and hold line Ortona G3216-Orsogna G2201-
Guardiagrele H1898 with forward Troops along Moro
River. Bad weather prevented heavy assault against
this line and curtailed air support. 5th December 78
Div less 38 Bde came under command 13th Corps. 8 Dec
2 Bns 1 Cdn Bde and some tanks had crossed Moro Riber
in Coastal area. 9 Dec 2 CdnBde captured S Leonardo
G3312 and later occupied high ground from North of town
to east of La Torre G3211. Heavy enemy counter attacks
with tanks repulsed. 2 NZ Div bridging Moro east of
Orsogna. No change 13th Corps front. 5th Army. 6
Corps progress slow. 2 Moroccan Div relieved 34th Div.
45 Div captured Hill H0226 by end of week. 2 and 10th
Corps Front M Camino and M Maggiore features G9408
captured 8th Dec after 9 days hard fighting. 2 Corps
then assaulted M Sammuco G9707 which was taken by a
Bn 143rd RCT. Remainder attacked S Pietro B G9715 but
were held up east of town. Italian Motorized RCT
attacked M Lungo G9614 but after initial gains were
forced to withdraw by heavy enemy counter attacks now
reforming east of objective. Enemy reported withdrawn
west of Garigliano River.

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23 Armd BDE patrolled actively along Garigliano to Coast throughout week.'

Locations. 15th Army Group P3088. 5 Cdn Armd Div N2455. (End of cipher part 1. cipher part 2 follows) 7 Armd Div N3528.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
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AGWAR USFDR (W7627/14048)

Eight Army H4297. One BR Inf Div Taranto.

Five Corps H4195. Eight Ind Div H3401.
Two Nz Div H2797.
One CDN Div C3606

Thirteen Corps H2737 Seventy eight Div H5529
Five Div H1544

Five Army N2777

Six Corps H1718 Erase read 132nd Moroccan Div H0733
Forty five five H0718
Thirty four Divs H2703.

Two Corps N0898 Thirty six Div H0406.
Three Div N1296
One US Armd Div N1288.

Ten Corps G9401. Fifty six Div M9997.
Forty six Div M9892.

3 Movements. One BR 1 Inf Div arrived Taranto 7th
Dec ex Bizerte.

4 Administration. A Casualties-read X killed, Y
wounded, Z missing. Delete casualties shown in 39th weekly
summary and substitute, 8th Army. One thousand two hundred

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Fifth Army US X 1874 Y 7377 Z 2728

Ten Corps X 1477 Y 6189 Z 2740

Cumulative casualties to 10th Dec for British and 9th
Dec for-US

8th Army X 1536 Y 5745 (end of part 2 part
3 follows) Z 1631

5th Army US

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INFORMATION: G-2
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COSITINTREP Number 157 to 1200 hrs 13th Dec.

Part 1 begins.

Section 1. Intelligence. 5th Army Front. PW 3rd Bn 1 X 4 (1056 PGR captured area C) Sangiacomo G (9811) states Battalion strength down to 80.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st. 8th Army. Bad weather continued. In coastal sector enemy suffered further losses and had several tanks knocked out in abortive counter attacks on Moro Bridgehead in the central sector 8 Ind Div A Corps made further progress capturing 50 POWDM 2nd. 5 Army. Part from some enemy Arty fire NTR on 6th Corps front. 2 Corps active patrolling. Enemy patrol to Mt Piacomo G 9512. 10 Corps quiet reliefs proceeding. Patrols report mortars and SPG guns G 8910.

Section 3. Air. 1st. AT 0800 hrs 50 Mt were observed on the beach at Montesilvano C13 also 200 Mt moving from Pineto CO4 to Montesilvano. Otherwise NTR on 8th Army Front, Lt scattered Mt movement was reported throughout the days opposite the 5th Army front. 2nd. Bomblines. 8th Army 131425 hrs C3019 2711-2706 H 1996-1795-1480-2078-2969-G 9951 9942. 5 Army 130530 hrs. G9942-9822-9417-9217-9013-9010-8905-9001-M8899-3898.

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8898-river Garigliano-8695-8105-7992. Section 3 ends.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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COSITINTREP No. 156 to 1200 hrs 12th December
HQ 15th Army Group action COSITINTREP addressees.
Freedom pass CINC Med and MAC Algiers MAC Com Post
Fairfield AMILCAR info FLAMBO No. 0-1712 122315. Signed
Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Section 1. Intelligence. NTR.'

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army. As a result of further progress the R Moro bridgehead was improved now covers wide front. Enemy still resisting strongly sustained further losses in counter-attacks. Weather very bad.

2nd. 5th Army. Two Moroccan Div repulsed two strong enemy patrols. Small party enemy shelled hill 470 H024249. 36 Div patrols on toward slopes M. Summuero and to Piacomo G9513 no contact. Ten Corps report increased enemy shelling. 139 Bde relieved 201 GDS Bde. Patrols to G900108 contacted enemy. Casualties:

American,

Killed 2010
Wounded 8583
Missing 2826

British,

Killed 1604

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Wounded 6872
Missing 2783.

POW by American, 2547
British 1547.

Section 3. Air.

1st. At 1555 hrs fighter bombers reported
100 MT on roads in area Pescara C12 Guardlagiele
H19. Increased general movement was observed
throughout the day in the area Pontecorvo G71
Arce G63, Cassino G82.

2nd. BOMBLINE no change.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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CC/S Capt Royal USN
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 7377/12599, 11 December 1943

From Freedom action Mideast info AGWAR Troopers
signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT W 7377/12599 101530 hour.

W 7157/11449 dated 9 Dec answers para 1 your
Al/45366 dated 8 Dec. Ref para 2 agree acceptance of
Prosen but not Putnik. Rely on your descretion to
select personnel who can deal amicably with divergent
elements.

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To: USFOR No #
War 1757(1707)

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From Hq 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass C in C Med and MAC Algiers MAC Command Post pass Fairfield Amilcar. Number 1757(1707)112300A. COSITINTREP No 155 to 1200 hrs 11 Dec. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGOT and FHGBI.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. 5th Army Front. Document shows north boundary 29 Div running East West along line 225 northing and south boundary highway 6. Enemy reported continuing strong resistance on whole front. Elements Goering Division now apparently operating as battle group and holding sector of 15 PG Div front west of Monte Lungo. No particularly by our arty and bombing. In 1 area large numbers enemy dead found. (POW) being taken.

Second. 5th Army. Two Moroccan Div took over Sector 34 Div 110001A. Heavy enemy arty and mortar fire area hill 769 H029261 also counter attack by estimated 2 companies enemy. 143 evidence 15 PG Div being relieved. 8th Army Front. NTR.

Section 2. Ground operations. First. 8th Army. Canadian tps continued advance in spite adverse weather. Enemy resisting fiercely launching heavy and repeated counter attacks supported by tanks. All these counter attacks repulsed with heavy losses to enemy Inf repulsed counter attack early hours 11 Dec with arty fire. Contact with enemy (S. Pietro) area maintained by patrols heavy arty concentrations fired on defenses East of town. 56 Div taking over whole of Camino-Maggiore feature.

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Section 3. Air. NTR. Bomblines. 8th Army 101945
hrs C3020-River-3114-2710-2706-H1996-2490-2986-R. Sangro-
2470-1969-G9951-9942. 5th Army no change.

Section 3 ends.

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Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. From AFHQ to Troopers info AGWAR for OPD USFOR W7291/12171 101400 Dec 43 .

Refer our W7139/11312. Ground. 8th Army.

8th Army commenced assault on enemy strong points opposite Five Corps Sector night 27th/28th Nov Front bridgehead already established over River Sangro, 8th Div, 2 NZ Div and 78 Div launched attacks with object of capturing ridge dominating Sangro Valley and exploiting towards R Pescara. Good progress was made against strong resistance and numerous heavy counter attacks. By 29th Nov Mozzagrogna C 3701 and S Maria C 3702 had been captured and armored forces were operating in strength on ridge Fossacesia C 4005-Romagnoli C 3501 clearing it of enemy. The original Bridgehead HZ'33, extended to 12 miles in length and in places 4 miles in depth. By 30th Nov, the whole of the ridge was in our hands and the coastal bridgehead was linked with that established by 19 Ind Bde further west. Heavy casualties have been inflicted on enemy and prisoners taken. Enemy resisted stubbornly and made maximum use of mines and demolitions to delay advance. 3rd Dec, towns of S Vito, Treglio and Lanciano were in our hands. 4th Dec 1 CDN Div, under command 5 Corps relieving

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To: War
No. W4291/12171 10 December 1943.

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78 less 38 BDE area Svito and advanced to Moro River. 8 Ind Div captured Frisa C 3006. 2 NZ DIV captured Orsogna C 2201 but was forced to withdraw and their advance towards Guarguaglie C 1898 halted by stubborn resistance. Maximum close air support was given throughout operations. Nothing to report on 13 Corps front except usual patrol activity and shelling by both sides. 5th Army. On 5 Army front constant patrolling and Arty fire was carried out by both sides during early part of week of 29th Nov, 34 and 45 Divs resumed their advance on Atina G 3235. S Elia G 8926 respectively but progresses very slow. On night 1st/2nd Dec, 46 Div attacked Calabritto but was held up short of town which still remains in enemy hands. At dark on 2nd Dec, 56 Div in conjunction with .

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To: War

No. W-7291/12171 10 December, 1943

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*RESUME
not current
Sitrep*

Herewith paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 .

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

Nr. W-7291/12171, 10th December 1943

From AFHQ 2nd and last part of W7291/12171 101400 Dec 43.

Thirty Six Div and 1st SS Force launched an attack on M Camino-M Maggione feature. Fifty six Div was directed on M Canino and 36th Div and 1st SS Force on M Maggiore. Very good progress was made and operations going according to plan.

Para 2. Locations. 15th Army Group P3088. Five CDN Armd Div N2455. Seven Armd Div N3528.

Eighth Army H4297. Five Corps H5890. Seventy eight Div C4300. Eight Ind Div H3999. Two PZ Div H2797. One CDN Div C4205. Thirteen Corps H2737. Five Div H1544.

Fifth Army N2777. Two Moroccan Div H2802. Six Corps H1714. Thirty four Div H1031. Forty five Div H0718. Two Corps N0898. Thirty six Div H0406. Three Div N1599. One USS Armd Div N1288. Ten Corps N0897. Fifty six Div M9997. Forty six N0089.

Para 3. Movements. Two Moroccan Div arrived Naples ex Bizerta 26th Nov. One AB Div less 2 Para Bde Gp left Taranto 26th Nov.

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December 9, 1943

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Number 4506

BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R-6740

For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, **FAN 304**, from the Combined
Chiefs of Staff

Your **NAF 536** acknowledged with interest

attached

ORIGINATOR: CCS (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
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General Arnold
Admiral King
Admiral Horne

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December 9, 1943

CG FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 4528

USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R 6758

For Eisenhower FREEDOM Algiers, FAN 306, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, cite FHGDS

Equivalent 17 tons of typhus fever concentrate is being shipped to you by the War Department in accordance with the following schedule: (Re your NAF 538 dated December 4, 1943) Approximately equivalent 7 tons and dusters being shipped about December 10 and equivalent 10 tons early January as outlined in AGWAR 4187 dated December 4, 1943. Shipment of concentrate retarded by availability only, and all steps possible to accelerate program are being taken by the War Department. Request you air mail full report on outbreak and measures taken, repeating to London.

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INFORMATION: OPD
GENERAL STRONG
GENERAL ARNOLD
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ADMIRAL HORNE

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From: 15th Army Group Adv Philpot
To: USFOR London
War

No. 01696, 9 December, 1943

Second and last part of COSITINTREP number 153 from 15th Army Group number 01696 0922 5A. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Good condition in area La Valle (G925042) POW since 1 Dec by 56 Div 111 46 Div 68.

Casualties American:

Killed	1964
Wounded	8130
Missing	2790

British:

Killed	1531
Wounded	6485
Missing	2699

POW by American 2467
British 1504

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Section 3. Air.

1. Air reports showed some slight MT movement south eastwards from Tagliacozzo G38 during the morning when 3 trains were also seen moving in the same direction. A slight increase in MT activity was noted throughout the day in the general area Cassino G82. 8 Army Front NTR.

2. Bomblines. 8th Army 091000 hours G3317-

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2470-1969-G9951-9942. 5 Army no change.

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

Nr. R 162/10, 09 December 1943

This is a paraphrase by Crypto Freedom. COSITINTREP No. 151 part 2 signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA COSITINTREPS Nos 148-150 not issued.

Para 1. During the night 6th/7th, destroyers swept off the Alboran Coast but sighted no shipping between Durazzo and Durrovnik. Machine gun fire from shore was returned by destroyers.

Para 2. From Maddalena to Bastia during clearance operations of the channel MS trawler fired and sank.

Para 3. Details not yet received. North of Elba PM 8th December coastal forces intercepted enemy ships.

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OSD letter, May 4, 1972

By DBS

Date Mar 1973

09 December 1943

From HQ 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass CINC MED and MAC Algiers MAC Command Post pass Fairfield AMILCAR number O 1696 092215A. COSITINTREP number 153 to 1200 hours 9th Dec.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army Front 1 Bn PGR Hermann Goering identified by PWS area G9213. PWS 2 Bn 1 PGR area G9109 confirm earlier evidence from deserter that this unit also in line. Whole of Goering Div therefore appears to be operating in support 15 PG Div.

8th Army Front. PWS taken on to Hq from 2 company 200 PGR and CAP DOC shows 1 Bn 200 PGR was to move to coast this morning. 1 Bn 361 PGR now on its right and 3 Bn 361 astride main road. Identifications to date of mountain troops are 1 and 3 Coys 4 Bn and 2 Coy 3 Bn. Previous identification of 2 Bn not confirmed. PW 4 Bn says he left Greece about 4 weeks ago with his Bn. Each Bn stated to consist of 3 rifle Coys and 1 heavy Coy. Latter has MMG'S and 2 light Inf guns

General. CAP DOC ^{issued} issued by 90 PG Div 2 Dec reproduces order dated 27th Nov from 14th Army. Appears therefore 14th Army commands German troops north Italy.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First. 8th Army. After heavy fighting a bridgehead has been secured over the river Moro. Tank units strongly supported the Inf formation in these attacks. Very fierce fighting in vicinity of S Leonardo, the advance continues.

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Second. 5th Army. Relief of 34th Div by 2 Moroccan Div started night 8th/9th Dec. Fighting still continues hill 769 and Lagone. 2 Corps positions being consolidated on northeast slopes hill 950(960) and hill 1205. Advance on S Pietro 0972158 meeting stiff resistance. 1 Italian Motorized Brigade reforming after heavy counter attacks. 10 Corps 201 Guards Brigade attacking Rocca encountering stubborn resistance. 46 Div Troops captured 2/88 MMS 5/75 MMS 30 Spandaus and some MT all

End of first part. Second and last part follows.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: Algiers
TO: War

No. W-7157 8 December, 1943

From Freedom No W7157/* action Mideast info AGWAR, Troopers
081625. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT.

1. Agree acceptance of reorganized and reduced mission
along lines of your A 1/44490 of 7th Dec not to Troopers
for employment with our displaced Ferlons sub commission.
No Yugoslav representation acceptable for employment with
PW sub commission.

2. Ref your O/44729 of 7th Dec will reply after
return of Allied resident ministers.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Number W7139/11312, 8 December 1943

To Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from AFHQ W 7139/11312
081100 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.

39th weekly summary. Summary of operations. 28th
Nov to 4 Dec.

Paras 1, 2, and 3 follow.

Para 4. Administration.

A. Casualties. (Read X killed, Y wounded,
Z missing.)

Total casualties to date stated below:

	X	Y	Z
8th Army to 3 Dec:	1078	4124	1254
5th Army US to 2 Dec	1929	7377	2739
X Corps to 3 Dec	1461	6240	2671

B. POW captured.

	German	Unclassified
8th Army to 3 Dec	1325	207
5th Army US to 2 Dec	2219	
X Corps to 3 Dec	1400	

C. Administrative review week ending 3 Dec.
General.

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West coast. First shipment mules ex Sardinia arrived. Forage situation satisfactory. Bad weather caused decline in tonnages handled by Satellite ports.

East Coast. As result of enemy action on night 2 Dec, which involved loss of 30,000 tons cargo and several ships, a substantial decline in port discharge at Bari may be expected in next week. Thereafter it is anticipated discharge capacity at Bari may be reduced by approx 500 tons per day for considerable period. Petrol pipeline from Manfredonia delivered 478000 gallons 100 Oct to Foggia airfields.

D. Port discharges. Amend 38th weekly summary-port discharges week ending 18 Nov.

West Coast. Discharges during week to read 66,957 tons stores, vehicles 3,646, personnel 27,609

Port discharges week ending 25th Nov:

West Coast discharged during week 76,711 tons stores vehicles 3,955, personnel 24,695.

Part 2 follows.

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From: Hq. 15th Army Group
To: USFOR London Nr. No #
War Nr. 01688

08 December 1943.

COSITINTREP No. 152 to 1200 hrs 8th Dec. No. 01688 to
COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass C in C Med and
MAC Algiers MAC Command Post pass Fairfield AMILCAR
(R) info FLAMBO 1st BR Inf Div Fairfield AMILCAR to
pass fm Hq 15th Army Group 8th 2250.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence.

Fifth Army Front. Two Bn 1 PGR Hermann Goering identified by deserter Camino G9409 night 5/6.
Eighth Army Front. Counterattack yesterday north of Orsogna carried out by 2 Bn 9th PGR supported by total 15 tanks including 1 flamethrower. Four SOG 26 Recce Unit identified east of Orsogna now being used as Infantry. PW's yesterday from 2 Bn 146 I.R. Orsogna village which appears inclusive to 65 Div. State 3 Bn 146 I.R. at Guardigrele in sector 90 PG Div 361 PGR has One Bn covering coast road 3 Bn on main road and 2 Bn in reserve. 200 PGR on right of 361 has 1 and 2 Bns forward and 3 Bn in reserve. Corrigendum. Ref this section COSITINTREP 7th Dec 44 Bn 361 PGR read 3 Bn 361 PGR.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. Eighth Army. In the Orsogna Sector heavy but inconclusive fighting up to outskirts of town but bad weather prevented move up of supporting arms. Initial gains not therefore fully exploited but own troops position were improved.

2nd. Fifth Army. Six Corps 179 Inf 2 Bn attacking pill boxes vicinity Hill 769 H020269. Two Corps started phase II of the attack with 3 Rangers advancing on Hill 950 G989189. 143 K F advancing on

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08 December 1943,

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Hill 1205 G982178 (elements Italian Bde attacking Mt Lungo at 072115A own troops within 200 yards hill 950 and 800 yards hill 1205. Italians reached G968135 encountered considerable mortar fire.)

End part 1. Part 2 follows.

Ten Corps MT Croci G9107 captured by 6 Lines and Cocurazze village G9206 by 16 DLI. Calabritto in our hands. Camino feature clear less elements enemy Rocca G9209 6 Grendadiers guards exploiting towards this area.

Section 3. Air. 1st. Medium bombers report 100 met direction unobserved on road Pescara C12 Francavilla C22 at 1517 hrs otherwise road movement on both Army fronts was of a light general nature.

2nd. Bomblines 8th Army 080830 hrs. C3416-2908-2706-2401-H 2198-1997-2096-2495-2490-2986-R Sangro-2470-1969-G 9951-9942. 5th Army 072240 hrs. G9942-9822-9416 9217-9013-9010-8905-9001-M 8799-8798-R. Garigliano-8695-8195-7992.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: NAAF Algiers
To : Fifth Army No #
Seventh Army No #
War No #

8 December 1943

To AGWAR 5th Army 7th Army from Air Commander in Chief Med cite A 274. Part 3 air COSITINTREP no. 151 8 December signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT, WHGBI.

Northwest African Air Forces night 6/7 December. No bomber operations reported. Day 7th December. No operations by strategic Air Force due to weather. Sixty B-25's bombed Civitavecchia scoring hits on a M/V and starting fires and explosions in stores and marshalling yards. Forty four A-36's also attacked this target starting fires in warehouses and outhouse A-36's bombed Civitella Rovito and a road in the Viticuso area. Twenty four Kittyhawks attacked gun positions near Filetto and 4 P40's bombed San Vittora. At Pescara direct hits were scored on the railway and road by 27 B25's. Eighty six Spitfires carried out bombing patrols, claiming 6 fighters destroyed any 2 probably out of 12 encountered. Other Spitfires gave safe escort to convoys.

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From: 15th Army Group Adv Philpot.
To: WAR 151
USFOR London No#

7 December 1943.

Second and last part of COSITINTREP number 151 from Hq 15 Army Group. Signed Eisenhower Cite FHGCT and FHGBI. Fairfield AMILCAR to pass.

American 2381 British 1413 8th Army casualties up to 0600 Hrs 6th Dec.

Killed	1327
Wounded	4991
Missing	1519.

POW. 1814

Section three.
Air.

First. Only very light scattered MT movement was observed on 5th Army front during the day. 8th Army front NTR.

Second. Bomblines. 8th Army 071510 hrs River Arelli Arielli-C2609-2704-2404-2100-H2198-1998-2096-2495-2490-2986-River Sangro-2470-1969-09951-9942. 5th Army no change. (Correction. Delete from preamble info 1 Br Inf Div,

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COSITINTREP number 151 to 1300 (1200) hrs 7th Dec.
Number 00 1679 T00 072200A from Hq 15th Army Group to
COSITINTREP addresses Freedom pass C in C Med and MAC
Algiers MAC Command Post pass Fairfield AMILCAR. In-
formation FLAMBO One BR Inf Div Fairfield AMILCAR to
pass.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence.

Fifth Army Front. Remains 115 Recce Unit surrendered
on Monastery Hill 6 Dec in strength 1 Coy. Eighth Army
Front. 361 Regt has IV Bn forward from coast to 321105 I
and II Bns back. II Bn suffered heavy losses and 5th Coy
appears destroyed. 200 Regt front from 321105 to 25 easting
with Two Bns forward One back. PW taken between Casoli and
Civitella from 4 Hochgebirgs Jaeger Bn. PW at Civitella
from 4 Coy 3 Para Regt.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. Eighth Army. Throughout 6th Dec contact was
maintained with the enemy in coastal sector on line of
R.Moro. In spite enemy counterattacks all of which were
beaten off with loss of enemy POW and equipment progress
was made. Rain hampered movement.

2nd. Fifth Army. Sixth Corps. 45 Div. 179 Inf
mopping up area H0226. Two Corps. Further supplies
dropped by air. 2 Regt SSF at G955090 mopping up. Ten
Corps. Hill 963 and villages Camino Acquapendola captured.
2/5 Queens have reoccupied Monastery and Summit Camino.
Many German dead found some POW taken. Six Grenadier Guards
captured hill 530 G.927081 Two Scots Guards captured

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twin contours 0920076 and 0927077. 46 Div approx 50 POW taken 6th Dec. 16 DLI captured Hill 430 0937064 One Coy attacking Hill 420. 6 York and Lancs captured Wood 0947056 and 2/5 Leicesters captured Wood 0942054. 23 Armd Bde. 11 KRRC contacted enemy house M873979 enemy withdrew leaving 2 dead. Casualties American killed 1929 wounded 7809 missing 2780. British killed 1478 wounded 6230 missing 2685. POW by.

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COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass CINC MED and MAC
Algiers MAC Command Post pass to Fairfield. Fairfield
AMILCAR pass 1st British Inf Div COSITINTREP. Number
150 to 1200 hrs 6th Dec. Signed Eisenhower cite PRGCT and
FRGBI.

Part 1. Section 1.

Intelligence.

Fifth Army front. PW's from 115 Recce unit state it
was formed from Reggio Bn. II Bn 134 Inf Regt identified
area 44 Div. PW from 15 P.G. Div stated had been told H.G.
Div arriving to support them night 6th Dec.

Eighth Army front. Indications 65 Inf Div now with-
drawn from line and replaced by 90 P.G. Div with 161 (361)
Regt north 200 Regt south. Boundary 90 P.G. and 26 PZ Divs
runs through approx Poggiofiorito 02605. 26 PZ Div has 67
PGR east and 9th PGR west. Captured documents dated 26th
Nov identify Armd Arty Bty Pescara 764 Ind Arty Bty and
414 Arko. Civilian sources believed reliable report German
Alpine Tps area SW Casoli and also Caramnico H0195.

Section 2.

Ground Operations

1st. Eighth Army. Operations continue but slowed down
by heavy rain in hills. Enemy holding line Ortona Orsogna-
Guardiagrele.

2nd. Fifth Army. Six Corps 34 Div 168 Inf relieved
135 Inf night 4/5 Dec slight mortar and arty fire otherwise
sector quiet. 179 Inf advanced 1 mile 6th Dec captured

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Lagove H. 027270 taking approx 40 POW. Two Corps 36 Div 142 Inf secured hill 510 G930118 providing excellent arty op to west and southwest. One SSK(SSF) repulsed counter attack 5th Dec inflicting losses on enemy. Ten Corps 2/5 Queens forced off Monastery hill by counter attack. 2/5 Hamps captured Massa Torrelapri G931028. Garigliano for distance 10 miles inland flooded approx 1 mile each side. Casualties and POW no change reported.

Section 3.

Air. NTR.

Bomblines. Eighth Army 060600 hrs 02920-R.-4838-2506-1901 H1998-2096-2495-2405-2490-2986-R. Bangro-2470-1969-09951-9942.

Fifth Army 064745 hrs G9942-9941-9730-9822-9618-9416-9217-9013-9110-9009-8905-9001-N8799-8798-R. Carigliano-8695-8195-7992.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. R-1071/05 5 December 1943

Part 11 of COSITINTREP 147 dated 5 Dec from CINC Med cite
FERRA signed Eisenhower. Paraphrase by Freedom.

Early on 3 Dec destroyers sunk a small merchant vessel in central Adriatic. Targets between Giulianova and Pescara were bombarded by destroyers on afternoon of 2 Dec. Report from accompanying fighters say at least one direct hit was made on bridge at Pescara. No traffic was seen on coast road. Ancona and San Benedetto were bombarded by the same destroyers during night 2-3 Dec. Shore batteries opened fire during both bombardments but caused no damage 2 schooners were damaged and 3 more sunk off coast in same area during latter bombardment.

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Br Inf Div Fairfield ANILCAR to pass number O 1671 5th
052130 A COSITINTREP number 149 to 1200 hrs 5th Dec.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. 2 bn 200
PGR identified by FWS area C 3009.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st. 8th Army. In
spite bad weather further progress made. Enemy received
reinforcements. Heavy fighting continues. Own troops
operating line River Moro in coastal sector. 2nd. 5
Army. 6 Corps 34 Div 133 Inf 3 Bn on hill 1180 H 013347
relieved by 3 Bn 135 Inf. 45 Inf 2 Dn 179 Inf captured
hill 750 H 020269. 3 Bn 179 Inf repulsed counter attack
inflicting heavy casualties on enemy 2. Moroccan Div G
935113. One SS force still area hill 907. 10 Corps small
pockets enemy holding out in rocks above monastery G 955082.
1 Coy LIR occupied Formelli. 1 Coy 2/5 Hampshires digging
in at G 928028.6 Grenadier Guards G 952067. 2 Scots Guards
G 965043. 23 Bde Ntr. 1 US Armd Div Ntr. Casualties
American killed 1918 wounded 7704 missing 2779 British
killed 1474 wounded 6217 missing 2683. POW by American
2352 British 1412 8th Army up to 0600 hrs 3 Dec casualties
killed 1288 wounded 4797 missing 1455 POW 1226.

Section 3. Air. 1st. Considerable Mt movement
in all directions was observed during the day by tactical
recon on 5 Army Front particularly in the area due South
of Cassino G 82. 8 Army Front Ntr. 2nd. Bomblines. 8
Army no change. 5th Army 050550 hrs G 9942-9730-9822-
9618-9416-9217-9013-9210-8005-9001-M8799-8798-River

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Correction after 2 Moroccan Div add concentrating
Alife -S Angelo H 2106. 2 Corps 142 Inf captured hill 630 G
935113.

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War No. O-1664

04 December 1943

From 15th Army Group to * MAC Algiers MAC Command Post
pass to Fairfield AMILCAR inf FLAMBO 1 Br Inf Div (Fair-
field AMILCAR to pass) O-1664 032315A COSITINTREP No 147
1200 hrs 3 Dec.

Part 1. Section 1.

Intelligence. 5th Army Front. NTR.

8th Army Front. 65 Inf, 90 PG and 26 PZ Divs inter-
mingled between sea and Pennapiedimonte H1694. Detailed
dispositions believed as follows. Sea to Treglio 145 Inf
Regt. West of Treglio 361 Inf Reg. North Lanciano I Bn
67 PGR. West Lanciano 146 Inf Regt. Further west II Bn
67 PGR. Orsogna I Bn 9 PGR. Guardiagrele II Bn 1 Para
Regt. SW Guardiagrele II Bn 9 PGR. All available forces
of above Divisions therefore committed in line.

Section 2.

Ground Operations.

First. 8th Army. Continued progress made in coastal
sector against stubborn opposition mines and demolitions.
Own troops have captured S.Vito Treglio Lanciano and Orsonga.
In area Guardiagrele particularly fierce fighting continues.
13 Corps no change.

Second. 5th Army. Afternoon 2 Dec a heavy arty
bombardment by concentration of 820 guns on narrow front
was followed by night attacks on certain enemy mountain
positions. Operations reported going according to plan. 12
ACS provided close support bombing on enemy gun positions
and lines of communications during the day. 6 Corps 34 Div
133 Inf advancing on ridge north west of M.Marrone progress

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satisfactory but slow due steep going. 2 Corps 3 Rangers patrol 1500 metres east San Pietro NTR. 1 SS Force captured hill 960 G.955099 met light resistance only then captured M.Remetana G.945100. 142 Inf captured hill 370 G.965110.

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Action AGWAR for Combined Chief of Staff, repeat to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff, USAFIME, SOS NATOUSA and PEMBARK cite FHGDS signed Eisenhower. This is NAF 538.

Typhus Fever is actual threat to Military Personnel in occupied Italy at this time. NYO 2027 W49 A1, 761, SPTAA 7234 OS, 30th November refers. Twenty known cases typhus now in Naples alone. Personnel returning to Italy from Balkans are carriers and will cause spread in civil population. DDT louse powder and dusters requested in L9740 of 11th November (Cite SSQMS 3464) are an urgent necessity. Seventeen tons of concentrate are total requirements for this Theater for Civil and Military Request reconsideration of decision to deny shipment of equivalent 10 tons concentrate and that shipment be made on highest priority. Season of prevalence commences early January. Can accept all 100% concentrate if more favorable.

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Cipher part 2 of my AV 1664 from 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees (addressees please pass as in part 1).

Tenth Corps. Fifty sixth Div captured hill 727 G.950068 and hill 819 G.950075 with troops on ridge G.955075 0955071 fighting continues south of G.955081. Forty sixth Division held up north and west off Calabritto. Patrol occupied wood G.945058. Mass La Valle G.9204 held by enemy. Approx 130 POW taken by Corps. Casualties American killed 1872 wounded 7356 missing 2671. British killed 1467 wounded 6197 missing 2682. POW by American 2216 British 1408.

Section 3. Air

First. Bombers night 2/3 reported much MT movement south and south east on 5th Army Front incl convoy 4 miles long on road Terracina M39-Formia M69. NTR during the day.

Second. Bomblines. 8th Army 031229 hrs river Moro - C.2805 - 2304 - 1901 - H.1993 - 7296 (2096) - 2495 - 2986 - R. Sangro - 2470 - 1969 - G.9951 - 9942. Fifth Army 031100 hrs G.9942 - 9730 - 9822 - 9618 - 9215 - 9210 - 8905 - 9001 - M.8799 - 8798 - River Garigliano - 8695 - 8195 - 7992.

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15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass C in C Med and MAC Algiers, MAC Command Post pass to Fairfield AMILCAR) rptd PLAMBO One Br Inf Div (Fairfield AMILCAR to pass) 01667 Dec 4th 2200. COSITINTREP No. 148 to 1200 hrs 4th Dec. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. Fifth Army front. PWS from 276 Inf Regt captured Maiano Di Sotto M8696 2nd Dec. Eighth Army front. PWS area Lanciano-Treglio from II and II Bns 67 PGR II and II Bns 361 PGR III Bn 146 IR and 1 Bn 145 IR.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. Eighth Army. In all sectors the advance continues. Capture S Vito completed yesterday. Own Tps pressing fwd to R Moro. Orsogna area fierce fighting continues. 13th Corps. No change.

2nd. Fifth Army. Sixth Corps. 36 Inf Div 2 Bn 168 Inf repulsed counterattacks. 45 Inf Div. Active patrolling no contact enemy arty fire lessened. Two Corps. Advance continues. 142 Inf 1 Bn 952109 Two Bn 946110 One SSF consolidating hill 907. Ten Corps. HY casualties inflicted on enemy 3rd Dec. 56 Div. 169 Bde. 2/5 Queens captured ridge G955507-955071. Third Coldstream Guards captured hill 683 G940076 and hill 615 G939071. 46 Div. 128 Bde. One Coy Fifth Hamps moved to G928038. 23 Armd Bde. Patrols active their whole front. Sharp engagement M815927 casualties. Eighth Army up to 0500 (0600). Hrs 1st Dec killed 1179 wounded 4442 (4412) missing 1369. Fifth Army up to 1200 hours 4th American killed 1874 wounded 7377 (7378) missing 2728 British killed 1468 wounded 6204 missing 2683.

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1st. Tactical reconnaissance showed only very light scattered road movements on 8th Army front during the day. Fifth Army front NTR owing weather.

2nd. Bomblines. Eighth Army 041233 hrs 03514-2912-2304-1901-H1998-2096-2495-2490-2986-R Sangro-2470-196-69951-9942. Fifth Army no change.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: Algiers
To: War

No. # 4 December, 1943

COSINTINTREP number 146 part 2 signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA.
Paraphrased by Crypto Freedom.

Off Cannes on 22nd November reported sunk by HMS/M
Universal landing craft loaded with M/T. Retaliatory
fire from shore batteries caused no damage. In support
of 5th Army destroyers bombarded in Minturne Area during
night of first and second. Estimated cargo lost 38,000
tons. After initial clearance reduction in capacity
should not be more than 500 tons per day. Later reports
from Bari state little damage port facilities sustained.

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From: 15th Army Group
To: War
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03 December 1943

From HQ 15 Army Group. Number 0 126 (1661). Too 022315A.
To COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass C in C MED and MAC
Algiers MAC Command Post pass to Fairfield ANILGAR) Fair-
field ANILGAR pass to 1st British Inf Div COSITINTREP.
Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI. Number 146 to 1200
hours 2nd Dec.

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Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

Fifth Army front PW report German Alpine troops arrived Rome 6th Nov with final destination Roccaraso HARRY 0760.

Eighth Army front. Documents confirm II Bn 155 Inf Regt now III Bn 361. Elements of 190 Arty Regt left Venice area before 361 believed also intended for Sangro front. 165 Atk Bn equipped 75 MM guns SP was formerly known as 165 Recce Bn.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First. Eighth Army demolitions and mines caused delay all sectors. Progress made in coastal sector towards S.Vito. Pierce fighting continues Lanciano sector. Capture Castel Frantano now complete in spite heavy enemy counter attacks. 13 Corps position unchanged.

Second. Fifth Army. 6 Corps. No change dispositions. 2 Corps. Quiet no change. 10 Corps. FWD posns G9708-9405-9300-M9398-9097-8996-8892-8787. Advance on Calabritto by 139 BDE 46 Div met by MG fire mines and virifer elements 2 Leica G9405 Foresters G9505.

Casualties. American killed 1828 wounded 7221 missing 2670.
British killed 1465 wounded 6188 missing 2682.

POW. By American 2208. British 1408.

Section 3. Air.

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First. Tactical reconnaissance revealed moderately heavy MT movement throughout the day mostly in a north westerly direction from Cassino G82. Only very light movement was reported on the 8th Army front.

Second. Bomblines. Eighth Army G31445A G3613-3413-3406-3006-2604-2198-2495-2480-2986-R.Sangro-2470-1969-09951-9942. Fifth Army no change.

Section 3 ends.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 6700, 2 December 1943 NAF 536.

NAF 536 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff rptd USAFIME signed Eisenhower cite PHAAO. Reference Air Ministry Signal AX 604 dated 1st October.

Control of AA fire recommendations in amphibious operations based on experiences of Sicilian and Italian invasions follow:

1. Outline. There are 3 distinct phases of an amphibious operation which must be considered in the determination of the rules for anti-aircraft fire. They are;

Phase A; before local landing strips are in use, that is, fighter cover must come from a distance or from aircraft carriers.

Phase B; local landing strips are in use, that is, friendly fighters are established on shore and air cover is firmly established.

Phase C; after beach landings are complete and ports are established.

2. Recommended rules for AA fire. Subtitle A.

Phase A.

(1) by day and night.

(A) AA guns are free to fire on all aircraft not recognized as friendly below 3000 feet within 12,000 yards of the beach. Above 3000 feet within

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12,000 yards of the beach, fire will be limited to aircraft recognized or identified by their appearance or actions as hostile.

(B) Major war vessels are free to fire on all aircraft not recognized as friendly below 3000 feet within 12,000 yards of the ship. Above 3000 feet within 12,000 yards of the ship fire will be limited to aircraft recognized or identified by their appearance or actions as hostile.

(C) Minor war ships, merchant ships and craft are free to fire on all aircraft not recognized as friendly below 3000 feet within 1500 yards of the ship. Above 3000 feet within 1500 yards of the ship, fire will be limited to aircraft recognized or identified by their actions as hostile.

Subtitle B.

Phase B.

(1) by day:

(A) AA guns will limit their fire to aircraft recognized or identified by their appearance or actions as hostile at any height.

(B) Major war vessels, minor war vessels and craft are free to open fire as in Phase A, except that aircraft within 6000 yards of the beaches at any height are to be identified by their action or appearances as hostile before being engaged.

(2) by night:

The same rules apply as in Phase A. However, when night fighters are based on landing strips within 12,000 yards of the beach, special arrangements must be made to permit them to take off and land without interference.

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Subtitle C.

Phase C.

The provisions of air defense instruction number 1, copies of which are being mailed, will come into effect.

3. Rules for aircraft. Friendly aircraft in, Phase A and at night in Phase B, will not operate below 6000 feet.

4. Pistols, carbines and sub-machine guns will not fire at aircraft under any circumstances.

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INFORMATION: CPD
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From: Algiers.
To: WAR

No. 144 2 December 1943.

To COSITINTREP addressees from CINC MED 13 FREEDOM
COSITINTREP No 144 Part 2 signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA 022212A.

1. During night 30/1 but sighted nothing. Large
fire started at Durazzo following bombardment. No suitable
targets seen at Dubrovnik.

2. Destroyers also operated between Sibenik and
Split and MTB's south of Split to Dubrovnik but neither
patrols sighted anything. Destroyers patrolled between
Durazzo and Dubrovnik.

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From: 15th Army Group
To: War

No. 0.1655, 01 December 1943

Part 2 and last of COSITINTREP No. 145 orig No. 0.1655
too 012245A. Signed Eisenhower cite FGJOT and FRGBI.

Scattered MT movement was observed during the day.
16 9, 5th Army Front particularly.

One. The road Casino G82-Arce G63. 8th Army Front
NTR.

Second. Bombline. 8th Army 011426. C3910-3410-
3404-3104-H2599-2497-2693-2688-R.Sangro-2470-1969-09951-
9942. 5th Army no change. Section 3 ends.

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From: 15th Army Group
To: War No. 0.1655
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01 December 1943

From HQ 15 Army Gp to COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass C in C MED and MAC Algiers. MAC Command Post pass to Fairfield AMILCAR info FLAMBO 1 Br Inf Div (Fairfield AMILCAR to pass) 0.1655 012245A COSITINTREP No. 145 to 1200 hrs Dec.

Our R/O shows this unit Venice

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

25 PW's taken yesterday from all 3 Bns 361 Inf Regt. 5th Army NTR. 8th Army 90 PG Div area north of Santa Maria. Stated had left Venice Area about week ago.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First. 8th Army after fierce and heavy fighting the capture of the Fossacesia B3904-Romagnoli C3400 Ridge has been completed. Our Air Forces continued to give DYSO intense and intimate support. In spite of determined counter attacks the enemy has been unable to arrest our progress. Enemy casualties have been heavy and he has abandoned many guns and much TPT and equipment. Approx 1000 prisoners have been taken. Rocca S. Giovanni 0.3805 has been captured. Casualties to Nov 26th killed 940 wounded 3663 missing 1164. POW 467(767).

no change

Second. 5th Army. 6th Corps fwd positions. H0337-017367-0235-0232-0130-0228-0325-1123(0123)-015200-0018-0017-0016-0015-34 Div. First Bn 168 Inf received counter-attack at 302206 hours attack repulsed and situation clear at 302400 hrs. 45 Div no change. 2 Corps fwd positions. G9914-9813-9710-965090. 1 Coy Ranger Bn after passing through 180 Inf on reconnaissance almost reached East edge of S. Pietro G9715 suffered some casualties and withdrew under cover of darkness. Found no mines or wire but received arty and mortar fire. Received only distant small arms fire. 10 Corps no change. Casualties American killed 1811 wounded 7091 missing 2670. British. Killed

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1460 wounded 6165 missing 2682. POW. American 2198.
British 1407.

Section 3. Air
First. Moderate

End of part 1 part 2 and last follows.

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AIG 387; FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT #240.

(1) DURING THE NIGHT 29TH-30TH NOVEMBER PT BOATS RETURNING FROM PATROL ENCOUNTERED 5 E-BOATS LAYING MINES OFF BASTIA HARBOUR. GUNFIRE WAS EXCHANGED AT CLOSE RANGE AND 1 PT BOAT COLLIDED WITH AN E-BOAT. BAD WEATHER FRUSTRATED ATTEMPTS TO CONTINUE ACTION. E-BOATS RETIRED PROBABLY DAMAGED BY GUNFIRE AND WEATHER. 1 PT BOAT DAMAGED BUT NO CASUALTIES.

(2) HMS LOYAL^{DD} AND HMS QUILLIAM^{DD} PATROLLED BETWEEN SIBENIK AND SPALATO DURING SAME NIGHT BUT SIGHTED NOTHING.

(3) BRINDISI REOPENED 30TH NOVEMBER.

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

No. R 57/02, 01 December 1943

Paraphrase of part 2 of COSITINTREP No 143 by Crypto
Freedom from CINC MED 13 signed Eisenhower AMTE PERNA.

Reopened port of Brindisi on November 30th.

During night 29th-30th November PT's returning
from Patrovsto Bastia intercepted 5 E boats on mine-
laying operation. During short action 1 PT collided
with E boat and others probably damaged. Casualties
none, 1 PT boat damaged.

Uneventful patrol was carried out by destroyers
between Sibenik and SPLIT during the same night.

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From: Algiers
To: War

Unnumbered, 30th November 1943.

To COSITINTREP from C in C Med (13). 302316A COSITINTREP
No. 142 Part 1 signed Eisenhower cite FERNA.

1. Destroyers and M G B's carried out a diversionary bombardment as part of a feint landing operation on the east coast of Italy on night of 28/29th. Landings has synchronized with Eighth Army Attack across Sangro River. ~~...~~

Feint

2. On 29th Port of Brindisi closed after 3 mines had been detonated by sweepers in the approach channel. One MMS damaged and beached.

3. COSITINTREP No. 141 part 2 not issued.

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From: 15th Army Group Advanced
To: USFOR London Unnumbered
War No. 0 1644

30th November 1943.

Second and last cipher part of 0 1644 from 15th Army Group to usual COSITINTREP addressees passing instructions as in part one. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGBT and FHGBI.

Italian motorized group Maddaloni. Casualties. American killed 1794 wounded 7046 missing 2662. British killed 1456 wounded 6156 missing 2662. PW by American 2191. By British 1407.

Section 3. Air. First. NTR.

Second. Bomblines. Eighth Army 301615 hours C 4107-4006-3606-3604-2800-2693-2688-2986-River Sangro-2470-1969-G 9951-1942. Fifth Army 300958 hours G 9942-9730-9852-8905-River Garigliano M 8695-8195-7992.

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From: 15th Army Group
To: War No. 1900
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30th November 1943

O 1644 302230 from 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass Fairfield AMILCAR and MA Command Post rptd FLAMBO 1st British Infantry Division (Fairfield AMILCAR pass). COSITINTREP number 144 to 1200 hours 30 November.

Part 1. Section 1.

Intelligence. Army identified 2nd Bn 131 Infantry Regt point 640 H0226. Confirms PW statement 44 Division coming into line south of 305 Division.

8th Army Front. PWS area Santa Maria identify 165 Recce Bn and 165 AN I Tank Bn also unconfirmed identification 93 Artillery Regt and 56 Werfem Regt. Werfers in action today in counter attack area Santa Maria.

Section 2.

Ground operations. 1st. 8th Army. Our troops now hold Focaccesia C3904 Villa Santa Maria C3701 Mozzagrogna C3600 Romagnoli C3400. The whole of the high ridge which overlooks and dominates the Sangro Valley is now in our hands after fierce resistance by the enemy. This very important ridge constitutes the main portion of the enemy's winter line into which our troops have broken deeply.

2nd. 5th Army. 6th Corps. Stiff resistance met in form of mines and wire. 34 Division. Front line H0335-0331-0029. 133 Inf occupied point 712 H0235 and point 700 H0233. 168 Inf occupied point 840 H0129. 45 Division. Front line H0226-0224-0121-0019-G9917. 179 Inf are on line Mistro Giovanni H0227 and point 769 H0226. 157 Inf. Forward troops H0223. 180 MNR. Forward troops at G9917. Two CBFAS. Forward troops G9814-9712-9609. Intermittent enemy artillery fire 10th Corps. Forward Troops no change, heavy enemy shelling in Murata area G9604 and on road S Carlo G9301 Sipicciiano C9503. CPS 23 Armd BD M975934. French Ex-

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FROM CINCMED

(AIG 387 FROM CINCMED.)

SITUATION REPORT NR. 259

(1) DURING NIGHT 26/27 DEC. HMS TYRIAN AND HMS PENN CARRIED UNEVENTFUL SWEEP FROM SANBENEDETTO TO ANCONA AND HMS WHADDON AND HMS LAUDERDALE PATROLLING SOUTH OF KORCULA SIGHTED NOTHING.

(2) COASTAL FORCE OPERATIONS IN THE ADRIATIC HAMPERED BY WEATHER.

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From: C. in C. Med.

To : A.I.G. 387*
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Situation Report NR. 259

MAY 21 1973

1. During night 26/27 Dec. H.M.S. TYRIAN and H.M.S. PENN carried uneventful sweep from San Benedetto to Ancona and H.M.S. WHADDON and H.M.S. LAUDERDALE patrolling South of Korcula sighted nothing.

2. Coastal force operations in the Adriatic hampered by weather.

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A.I.G. 387*

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.(2)
D. of P.
Brigadier Redman (8)
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Lt. Col. Cook
Lt. Col. O'Connor
G/C Du Boulay

Admiralty

Info: ~~COMINCH~~ SEAFRON
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To : All C's in C. at Home
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C.S. 10 (Admiral Burnett) in BELFAST with NORFOLK and SHEFFIELD, while covering a North Russian convoy, made contact with SCHARNHORST about 80 miles S.E. of Bear Island.

2. Enemy made to the Southward at high speed shadowed by C.S.10 and was intercepted by C. in C. H.F. in DUKE OF YORK with JAMAICA and Destroyers about 60 miles North of North Cape.

3. After a chase to Eastward SCHARNHORST was sunk at 2035 on 26th December.

4. No information of damage or casualties to our own forces is yet available except that NORFOLK was hit aft.

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G/C Du Boulay

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AIG 387 FROM CINCMED

SITUATION REPORT #258

(1) HMS TYRIAN AND HMS TEAZER ON PATROL NIGHT 23RD/24TH DEC BETWEEN DRVENIK AND ZIRJE SANK 1 CAIQUE AND SHELLED DRVENIK

(2) HMS PENN AND HMS TEAZER SWEEP FROM ANCONA TO BENEDETTO DURING THE NIGHT OF 24TH/25TH DEC BUT SIGHTED NOTHING.

**ACTION: ADMIRALTY; INFO: COMMORSEAFRON, NOIC ALGIERS, NLO 8TH ARMY, NLO 15TH ARMY GROUP, FOTA, FOG GIBRALTAR, NOIC BIZERTE, CINCLANT*, COMCRURON 15, NOIC MALTA, FOWIT, COMNAVNAV.

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IN

T.O.R. 271012 Dec. '43

From : C. in C. Med.

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To : A.I.G. 387
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IMPORTANT

SITUATION REPORT #258

- (1) H.M.S. TYRIAN and H.M.S. TEAZER on patrol night 23rd/24th December between Drvenik and Zirje sank 1 Caique and shelled Drvenik.
- (2) H.M.S. PENN and H.M.S. TEAZER swept from Ancona to Benedetto during the night of 24th/25th December but sighted nothing.

261840

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Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.(2)
D. of P.
Brigadier Rodman (8)
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		NOIC ALGIERS	RRRRR
		NLC 8TH ARMY	DEFERRED
		NLC 15TH ARMY GROUP	
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(AIC 307 FROM CINCMED.)

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 257.

- (1) DURING NIGHT 21ST 22ND DEC MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS CARRIED SUCCESSFUL TORPEDO ATTACK CRUISER UNDER COVER DARKNESS NAVAL OFF SIDA ISLAND.
- (2) HMS TYRIAN AND HMS TEAZER PATROLLED BETWEEN TRUENIK AND ZIRUE ISLAND DURING NIGHT 22ND 23RD DEC AND HMS FARITALE AND HMS BRECON PATROLLED FROM SOUTHWARD KORCULA TO NJUET BOTH PATROLS BLANK.
- (3) ITALIAN LCT MINED IN BASTIA HARBOR ON 23RD DECEMBER AND SUBSEQUENTLY SANK. SWEEP OPERATION IN PROGRESS.
- (4) THE PT BOATS OPERATE OFF PORTOFINO ENCOUNTER 1 SMALL CRASER ESCORTED BY 2 R BOATS 2100 24TH DEC. TORPEDO ATTACK UNSUCCESSFUL.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O, 242120

IN

T.O.R. 251105 Dec. '43

From : C. in C. Med.
To : ADMIRALTY
Info : COMINCH
COMCRURON 15
COMNAVNAW
CINCLANT
N.O. 1/c Bizerte
N.O. 1/c Malta
COMOROCCANSEAFRON
N.O. 1/c Algiers
N.L.O. 8th Army
N.L.O. 15th Army group
F.O.T.A.
F.O.C. Gibraltar
F.O.W.I.T.

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Situation report number 257.

1. During night 21st/22nd Dec. motor torpedo boats carried successful torpedo attack Cruiser under cover darkness (1 group corrupt) off Silba Island.
2. H.M.S. TYRIAN and H.M.S. TEAZER patrolled between Druenik and Zirje Island during night 22nd/23rd Dec, and H.M.S. FARNDAL and H.M.S. BRECON (?patrolled) from Southward Korcula to Mijet both patrols blank.
3. Italian L.C.T. mined in Bastia Harbor on 23rd December and subsequently sank. Sweep operation in progress.
4. The P.T. boats operate off Portofino encounter 1 small coaster escorted by 2 R. Boats 0100 24th Dec. Torpedo attack unsuccessful.

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F.M. Lt. Col. Cook
Admiral Lt. Col. O'Connor
Air Marshal G/C Du Boulay
Gen. Macready
C.O.S. (2)
D. of P.
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
S.O. (0)
S.O. (4)
N.M.C.S.
C.C.O.R.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 221945

IN

T.O.R. 231002 Dec. '43

From: C. in C. Med.
To: Admiralty
COMINCH
Info: N.O. 1/c Bizerte
CINCLANT
N.L.O. 15th Army Group
N.L.O. 8th Army
COMNAVN&W
F.O.W.I.T.
COMCRURON 15
N.O. 1/c Malta
F.O.T.A.
COMMORS&AFRON
N.O. 1/c Algiers
F.O.C. Gibraltar

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Situation Report No. 256.

1. Convoy GUS 25 was attacked by aircraft in Position 35-16 N 16-58 E at 1648 21st Dec. S.S. ALPHERAT was seriously damaged by near miss and later sank. There was no casualty. 2 Mosquitos covering Convoy attacked and claim damage to 2 JU 88.
2. Area in which F&LIXTOWA was mined on 18th Dec. has been clear. Wing mine cut.

221945a

P.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S. (2)
D. of P.
Brigadier Radmen (8)
W.I.
S.O.(0)
S.C. (4)
W.M.C.S.
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G/C Du Boulay

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T.O.O. 212145

IN T.O.R. 230910 Dec. 1943

From: C. in C. Med.
To: Admiralty
COMINCH
Info: COMMORSEAFRON
N.O. i/c Algiers
COMCHRURON 15
N.L.O. 8th Army
N.L.O. 15th Army Group
F.O.T.A.
F.O.C. Gib.
N.O. i/c Bizerte
N.O. i/c Malta
F.O.W.I.T.
COMNAVNAW
CINCLANT

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Situation Report, Number 255.

1. 2 German schooners were captured by TC Motor Torpedo boat operating North of Hvar on 19th December and brought into Bari. 12 prisoners.
2. H.M.S. TEAZER and H.M.S. PENN patrolled off Yugoslavian Coast off Rogoznica during night 19th/20th December. No incident reported.

212145Z

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S. (2)
D. of P.
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
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N.M.C.S.
C.C.O.R.
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. # 21 December, 1943

COSITINTREP No. 161 Part 2 signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA.
Paraphrase by Freedom from CINC Med dated.

Coastal forces operating from Uis Island report sinking 1 Siebel ferry and escort vessel and 2 E or I boats, slight damage was sustained by 1 craft. Destroyers sighted nothing during patrol between San Benedetto and Ancona during night 18th/19th December. US PT boats on patrol northeast of Bastia report attacking 2 enemy destroyers with torpedoes. During night 18th/19th December the enemy returned and were intercepted north of Elba by other coastal forces. The result of gun action was unobserved. During these engagements a possible torpedo hit was obtained on 1 destroyer.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
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FROM CINCMED		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		ADMIRALTY	ROUTINE
DATE 21 DECEMBER 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 210624		COMCRURON 15	PRIORITY
DECODED BY C STRONG		NOIC ALGIERS	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY C STRONG		COMMORSEAFRON	DEFERRED
ROUTED BY		NLO 8TH ARMY FOTA	
		NLO 15TH ARMY GROUP	
		FOC GIB NOIC BIZERTE	
		NOIC MALTA FOWIT	
		CINCLANT CONNAVNAW	
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(AIG 387 FROM CINCMED)

SITUATION REPORT #254.

(1) 4 US PT BOATS ON PATROL BETWEEN CAPRAIA AND BASTIA REPORT ATTACKING WITH TORPEDO 2 ENEMY DESTROYERS AT 0030 19TH DEC.

ENEMY TURNED AWAY BUT WERE INTERCEPTED BY RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT COASTAL FORCE NORTH OF ELBA AND ENGAGED WITH GUN AND TORPEDO. 1 POSSIBLE TORPEDO HIT ON DESTROYER.

(2) DURING NIGHT 18TH/19TH DEC HMS TYRIAN AND HMS TEAZER PATROL BETWEEN SAN BENEDETTO AND ANCONA BUT SIGHTED NOTHING.

(3) SAME NIGHT M.G.B. 637 AND M.T.B. 297 OPERATE OFF VIS REPORT SINK 1 SIEBEL FERRY 1 ESCORT VESSEL

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AND 2 (CARBLED GROUP) E OR 1 BOAT. SLIGHT DAMAGE TO NGB.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 202109

IN

T.O.R. 210913 Dec. '43.

From: C. in C. Med.
To: Admiralty
Info: COMCRURON 15
N.O. 1/c Algiers
COMMORSEAFRON
N.L.O. 8th Army
F.O.T.A.
N.L.O. 15th Army Group
F.O.C. Gib.
N.O. 1/c Bizerte
N.O. 1/c Malta
F.O.W.I.T.
CINCLANT
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IMPORTANT

(A.I.G. 387 from C. in C. Med)

Situation Report #254.

1. 4 U.S. PT boats on patrol between Capraia and Bastia report attacking with torpedo 2 enemy destroyers at 0030 19th Dec. Enemy turned away but were intercepted by reconnaissance aircraft coastal force North of Elba and engaged with gun and torpedo, 1 possible torpedo hit on destroyer.
2. During night 18/19th Dec. H.M.S. TYRIAN and H.M.S. TEAZER patrol between San Benedetto and Ancona but sighted nothing.
3. (?Same) night M.G.B. 637 and M.T.B. 297 operate off Vis report sink 1 Siebel ferry, 1 escort vessel and 2 (corrupt group) E or I boat. Slight damage to M.G.B.

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Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
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Prigadeier Redman (P)

N.I.
S.O. (0) Personal
S.O. (4)
N.M.C.S.
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Lt. Col. Cook
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PARAPHRASED BY	E.ROBERTS	NLO 15TH ARMY GROUP, FOTA, FOC GIBRALTAR, NOIC BIZERTE, NOIC MALTA, FOWIT, COMNAVNAV, CINCLANT, COMCRURON 15.	DEFERRED
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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 253:

- (1) DURING THE NIGHT 17TH DEC/ 18TH DEC ^{DD} HMS TYRIAN AND ^{DD} HMS TEAZER CARRIED SWEEP BETWEEN DURAZZO AND DUBROVNIK BUT SAW NOTHING.
- (2) HMS FELIXSTOWE ^{AM} WAS MINED AND SUNK A.M. 18TH DEC IN POSITION 093 DEGS. CAPE FERRO SARDINA 3 MILES. NO CASUALTIES. 4 OTHER MINES HAVE BEEN SWEEPED IN THIS AREA.
- (3) HMS P.59 REPORTS HAVING SUNK 2 500 TON AMMUNITION SHIPS DURING PATROL OFF SOUTH COAST OF FRANCE.
- (4) HMS P57 REPORTS SINKING 5,000 TONS TANKERS IN CON-

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TOR CODEROOM			5
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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O, 192320

IN

T.O.R, 200903 Dec.43

From : C. in C. Med.
To : Admiralty
Info : COMMORSEAFRON
N.O. 1/c Algiers,
N.L.O. 8th Army
N.L.O. 5th Army Group
F.O.T.A.
F.O.C. Gibraltar
N.O. 1/c Bizerte,
N.O. 1/c Malta
F.O.W.I.T.
COMNAVNAV
CINCLANT
COMCRURON 15

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SITUATION REPORT No. 253:

- (1) During the night 17th Dec./18th Dec. H.M.S. TYRIAN and H.M.S. TEAZER carried sweep between (7Durazzo) and Dubrovnik but saw nothing.
- (2) H.M.S. FELIXSTONE was mined and sunk a.m. 18th December in position 093 Degs. Cape Ferro Sardinia 3 miles. No casualties. 4 other mines have been swept in this area.
- (3) H.M.S. P 59 reports having sunk 2 500 ton ammunition ships during patrol off South Coast of France.
- (4) H.M.S. P 57 reports sinking 5,000 tons tankers in convoy on 18th December while on patrol in Gulf Genoa.

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F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.(2)
D. of P.
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
S.O.(0) Personal
S.O.(4)
N.M.C.S.
C.C.O.R.
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NAVAL MESSAGE

T. O. O. 172109

IN

T.O.R. 181351 Dec. '41

From : C. in C. Med.
To : Admiralty
Info : COMMORSEAFRON
N.O. i/c Algiers,
N.L.O. 8th Army
N.L.O. 15th Army Group,
F.O.T.A.
F.O.C. Gibraltar,
N.O. i/c Bizerte,
N.O. i/c Malta
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SITUATION REPORT Number 252.

(1) My 162215 Para 5.

old
S.S. JOHN S. COPLEY reached Oran in tow of MINDFUL. U-Boat (German) surfaced following depth charge attack U.S. DES WOOLSEY and after gun action with U.S. DES WOOLSEY and U.S. DES TRIPPE sank at 1935 16th Dec. in position 36-09 North 00-(50?) West. 34 prisoners including CO picked (up?). My (171346?) to Admty only refer.

(2) About 12 shells were fired at Antigua from the Sea at 0140-17th no damage.

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Air Marshal
Gen Macready
C.O.S.(2)
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To : War

No : 157, 17 December 1943

COSITINTREP no 157 from Cinc Med (11) Eisenhower cite PHRNA.

One. 13 D G/14 Dec destroyers carried our sweep from Bendetto to Apcona but sighted nothing.

2. During patrol by same destroyer between Dudrovnik and Durazzo night 14 Dec/15 Dec a tug and a lighter were attacked with gunfire off Kotor the former believed sunk and latter damaged.

3. Other destroyers sank a schooner off Civita Nuova during patrol night 15/16 Dec.

4. SS John S Copley in convoy GUS 24 was torpedoed by U-boat off Oran 16 Dec. Salvage appears possible and tugs are proceeding to take in tow. Four destroyers hunting U boats with our cooperation.

5. HM Submarine Untiring reports sinking ship believed to be minelayer in Monaco Harbour on 14 Dec.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)
LOG

CM-IN-10762 (17 Dec 43) 1232Z mcs

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From: Algiers
To: War

Nr. No #, 17th December 19 43.

Dated 17th December CINC Med COSITINTREP 158
part 2 cite FHRNA signed Eisenhower paraphrased by
Freedom.

Fired by enemy ships into Bastia Harbor without
causing any damage during the first few hours of 17th
December, 12 shells. Additional information on para
4 COSITINTREP 157 follows: Merchant vessel was towed
into harbor. US destroyer picked up 34 survivors,
Commanding Officer among them, of U boat which they
attacked with depth charges at 161935 and forced to
surface. After short gun action U boat sunk.

WHICH
CHECKED
OLEY

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)
Adm King
LOG

CM-IN-11355 (18 Dec 43) 1012Z jb

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(AIG 387 FROM CINCMED)

SITUATION REPORT NO. 251

- (1) HMS TYRIAN AND HMS TEAZER SWEEP FROM BENEDETTO TO ANCONA DURING NIGHT OF 13TH/14TH DEC. WITH NO RESULTS.
- (2) SAME DESTROYERS PATROLLED DUBROVNIK TO DURAZZO NIGHT OF 14TH/15TH TUG AND LIGHTER SHELLED OFF KOTOR AND FORMER BELIEVED SUNK.
- (3) MGB'S OPERATED OFF PELJESAC PENINSULA ON SAME NIGHT. NO ACTIVITY REPORTED.
- (4) HMS TROUBRIDGE AND HMS TUMULT SANK SCHOONER IN POSITION 043-18 NORTH 013-46 EAST WHILE PATROLLING DURING THE NIGHT 15TH/16TH DEC. BOTH DESTROYERS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY GROUND ON UNCHARTED SHOAL.

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(5) SS JOHN S COPLEY IN CUS 24 TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT IN POSITION 035-54 NORTH 000-53 WEST AT 1515/16TH SHIP CONSIDERED SALVAGABLE AND TUG PROCEEDING FROM ORAN. 4 DESTROYERS HUNTING WITH AIRCRAFT COOPERATING.

(6) P59HMS REPORTS SINKING IN MANAGO HARBOUR ON 14TH DEC. SHIP BELIEVED TO BE MINELAYER.

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To: AIG 387
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Situation report No. 251.

- (1) H.M.S. TYRIAN and H.M.S. TEAZER swept from Benedetto to Ancona during night of 13th/14th Dec. with no results.
- (2) Same destroyers patrolled Dubrovnik to Durazzo night of 14th/15th Tug and Lighter shelled off Kotor and former believed sunk.
- (3) MGB's operated off Peljesac Peninsula on same night. No activity reported.
- (4) H.M.S. TROUBRIDGE and H.M.S. TUMULT sank schooner in position 043-18 North 013-46 East while patrolling during the night 15th/16th Dec. Both destroyers slightly damaged by ground on uncharted shoal.
- (5) S.S. JOHN S. COPLEY in GUS 24 torpedoed by (?U-Boat) in position 035-54 North 000-53 West at 1515/16th ship considered salvagable and (?tug) proceeding from Oran. 4 destroyers hunting with aircraft co-operating.
- (6) P59H.M.S. (?reports) sinking in Manaco Harbour on 14th Dec. Ship believed to be minelayer.

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SITUATION REPORT #250.

(1) MRS TROUBRIDGE AND MRS TUMULT CARRIED OUT SWEEP OF ALBANIA COAST FROM DUBROVNIK TO DURAZZO DURING 12TH/13TH BUT SIGHTED NOTHING. (2) AIR RAID TOOK PLACE ON BARI ATTACKING BY 13TH. BOMBS DROPPED CAUSING NO DAMAGE TO PORT OR CASUALTIES. AA FIRE CLAIMED 2 SHOT DOWN. (3) ORPHEE (F 5) CLAIMS HIT ON FLEET TUG IN GULF OF GENOA ON 7TH DECEMBER. TUG POSSIBLY SUNK.

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IN

T.O.R. 161142 Dec.43

From: C. in C. Med.

To: A.I.G. 387

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SITUATION REPORT 250.

- (1) H.M.S. TROUBRIDGE and H.M.S. TUMULT carried out sweep of Albania coast from Dubrovnik to Durazzo during 12th/13th but sighted nothing.
- (2) Air raid took place on Bari attacking by 13th. Bombs dropped causing no damage to port or casualties. AA fire claimed 2 shot down.
- (3) ORPHEE (FS) claims hit on Fleet Tug in Gulf of Genoa on 7th December. Tug possibly sunk.

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

Unnumbered, 14th December 1943

This is paraphrase by Freedom of COSITINTREP 156
part 2 from CINC MED for 14th Dec cite FHRNA signed
Eisenhower.

Possible sunk by French submarine during its
Gulf of Genoa patrol during evening of 7th Dec, Flee
tug.

2 aircraft shot down during air raid on Bari on
13th Dec PM during night 12th/13th Dec destroyers made
sweep between Durazzo and Dubrovnik without incident.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (CAPT ROUAL USN)
ADM KING

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 248

(1) PT BOATS ON PATROL FROM BASTIA DURING THE NIGHT 11TH 12TH DECEMBER ENCOUNTERED 2 ENEMY SHIPS DESCRIBED AS DESTROYERS SOUTHBOUND OFF PIOMBINO. DESTROYERS OPENED ACCURATE FIRE BUT CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

(2) HMS TYNEDEALE WAS TORPEDGED AND SUNKEN BY U-BOATS WHILE ESCORTING KMS 34 IN POSITION 37-10 N 06-05 E AT 0710 12TH DECEMBER (NY 121434 TO ADMIRALTY ONLY REFERS) HMS HOLCOMBE US DES HBLACK HMS ANEMONIE AND ROUSAY HUNTED GERMAN U-BOAT WITH AIR COOPERATION. AT 1530 HMS HOLCOMBE WAS TORPEDGED AND SUNK. THERE ARE ABOUT 80 SURVIVORS INCLUDING C.O.: NY 121230 TO ADMTY ONLY REFERS HMS CALPE AND 2 U S DESTROYERS ARE PROCEED-

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(3) 2 U S DESTROYERS AND AIRCRAFT STILL HUNT GERMAN U-BOAT WHICH ATTACKED CUCKNERE ON 11TH DECEMBER.

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IN

T.O.R. 131011 Dec.
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From: C. in C. Med.

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BY DBS, DATE

To: A.I.G. 387

MAY 21 1973

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Situation Report Number 248.

- (1) P.T. Boats on patrol from Bastia during the night 11th 12th December encountered 2 enemy ships described as destroyers southbound off Piombino. Destroyers opened accurate fire but caused no damage.
- (2) H.M.S. TYNEDALE was torpedoed and sunken by U-Boats while escorting K.M.S. 34 in position 37-10 N 06-05 E at 0710 12th December (My 121434 to Admiralty only refers). H.M.S. HOLCOMBE, U.S. Des. NIBLACK, H.M.S. ANEMONE and ROUSAY hunted German U-Boat with Air co-operation. At 1530 H.M.S. HOLCOMBE was torpedoed and sunk. There are about 80 survivors including C.O.: My (?121230) to Admiralty (?only) refers. H.M.S. CALPE (?and) 2 U.S. destroyers are proceeding join hunt.
- (3) 2 U.S. destroyers and aircraft still hunt German U-Boat which attacked **CUCKNEB** on 11th December.

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Admiral Lt. Col. O'Connor
Air Marshal G/C DuBoulay
Gen. Macready
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Brig. Redman (8)
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N. Adriatic

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 247

(1) HMS TYRIAN AND HMS TEAZER SIGHTED NO SHIP
WHILST PATROLLING BETWEEN ANCONA AND 42-50 NORTH
DURING NIGHT 9TH 10TH DEC. SAN BENEDETTE WAS
SHELLED BUT MIST PREVENTED RESULT BEING SEEN.

(2) MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT OPERATED FROM VIS AND HVAR
DURING THE SAME NIGHT BUT SIGHTED NOTHING.

(3) PT BOAT OPERATED FROM BASTIA NIGHT 10TH 11TH
DECEMBER ON SWEEP BETWEEN PIOMBINO AND SPEZIA.

E-BOATS WERE ENCOUNTERED BUT NO ACTION ENSUED. NO
ENEMY SHIP SEEN.

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(4) CUCKMERE ESCORTING KMS 34 WAS HIT IN THE BOW BY TORPEDO FROM (GERMAN) U-BOAT IN POSITION 36-55 N 03-01 E AT 1313 ON 11TH DEC. SHE REACHED ALGIERS IN TOW OF MINDFUL. HMS CALPE AND 4 U.S. DESTROYERS HUNTING FOR (GERMAN) U-BOAT WITH AIR COOPERATION.
 (5) UPROAR REPORT OBTAINING 1 HIT ON 6000 TON MERCHANT SHIP IN GULF OF GENOA ON 6TH DEC.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. None, 12 December 1943

CONSTITINTREP number 154 part 2 from CINC Med signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA dated 122230A.

1. PT boats on patrol during night 11th/12th December encountered 2 ships described as destroyers proceeding south off Piombiao. Accurate fire opened by destroyers but caused no damage.

2. While escorting KMS 34 off Djidjelli during AM December 12th, 1 destroyer torpedoed and sunk by U boat. Another destroyer torpedoed and sunk during subsequent hunt. With air cooperation 3 American and 1 British destroyers continuing hunt.

3. US destroyers and aircraft still hunting U boat which attacked Corvette on 11th December.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CCS (Capt Royal, USN)
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T.O.O. 112231

IN

T.O.R. 131011 Dec.
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From: C. in C. Med.

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To: A.I.G. 387

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Situation Report Number 247.

1. H.M.S. TYRIAN and H.M.S. TEAZER sighted no ship whilst patrolling between ancona and 42-50 North during night 9th 10th Dec. Sen (?Benedette) was shelled but mist prevented result being seen.
2. Motor Torpedo Boat operated from Vis and Hvar during the same night but sighted nothing.
3. P.T. Boat operated from Bastia night 10th 11th December on sweep between Piombino and Spezia. E-Boats were encountered but no action ensued. No enemy ship seen.
4. CUCKMERE escorting K.M.S. 34 was hit in the bow by torpedo from (German) U- Boat in position 36-55 N 03-01 E at 1313 on 11th Dec. She reached Algiers in tow of MINDFUL. H.M.S. CALPE and 4 U.S. destroyers hunting for (German) U- Boat with Air co-operation.
5. Uproar report obtaining 1 hit on 6000 ton merchant ship in Gulf of Genoa on 6th Dec.

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DATE 11 DECEMBER 1943	FOR ACTION		ROUTINE
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AIG 387 FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 246.

(1) HMS TYRIAN AND HMS TEAZER CARRIED PATROL OF ROUTE POLA TO ASINELLO ISLAND DURING NIGHT 8TH/9TH DECEMBER BUT SIGHTED NOTHING.

(2) SS CAP PADARAN IN CONVOY HA 11 WAS TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT (GER) 1310/10TH IN POSITION 39-15 N 17-30 E. SHIP WAS TAKEN IN TOW BY HMS SHARPEY BUT SUBSEQUENTLY SANK. HMS FARNDALE AND HMS LIDDESDALE TWICE ATTACKED FROM CONTACT BUT NO RESULTS SEEN. ITALIAN CORVETTES SUBSEQUENTLY JOINED HUNT.

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

Unnumbered, 11th December 1943

To COSITINTREP 112218 from CINC MED COSITINTREP No 153
part 2 signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA.

1. Destroyers bombarded San Benedetto during the night 9th/10th December but mist prevented results being seen. Sweep from Ancona southward proved fruitless.
2. MTB sighted nothing during operations from Vis and Hvar during the same night.
3. PT boats from Bastia carried out sweep between Piombino and Spoezia during night 10th/11th December. E-boats were encountered but disengaged and no action took place of targets sighted.
4. Corvette escorting KMS 34 damaged by torpedo from U-boats off Algiers on 11th. She reached harbour in tow destroyers hunting U-boat.
5. HM submarine uproar P31 reports obtaining 1 hit on 6000 ton M/C in Gulf of Genoa on 6th December.

No Sig

FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-7498 (12 Dec 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CC/S (Capt. Royal USN), Adm King

CM-IN-7621 (12 Dec 43) 1121Z Jb

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place of targets sighted.

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hunting U-boat.

5. HM submarine uproar P31 reports obtaining 1 hit
on 6000 ton M/C in Gulf of Genoa on 6th December.

No Sig

* Being serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CC/S (Capt Royal USN),
ADMIRAL KING

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Situation Report Number 246.

1. H.M.S. TYRIAN and H.M.S. TEAZER carried patrol of route Pola to Asinello Island during night 8th/9th December, but sighted nothing.
 2. S.S. CAP PADARAN in Convoy HA 11 was torpedoed by U-boat (Ger) 1310/10th in position 39-15 N 17-30 E. Ship was taken in tow by H.M.S. (?SHAHPEY) but subsequently sank.
- H.M.S. FARNDALE and H.M.S. LIDDESDALE twice attacked from contact but no results seen. Italian corvettes subsequently joined hunt.

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FROM CINCMED		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
DATE 10 DECEMBER 1943			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0734/10			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DOCKWEILER/MELTON		FOR INFORMATION	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY THOMASSON			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY HUTCHINSON			DEFERRED
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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 245.

- 1) DURING NIGHT 6TH/7TH HMS QUEENSBOROUGH AND HMS RAIDER CARRIED OUT SWEEP BETWEEN DURAZO AND DUBROVNIK. NO SHIPPING WAS SIGHTED BUT DESTROYERS EXCHANGED MACHINE GUN FIRE WITH THE SHORE.
- 2) RYSA WAS MINED AND SUNK IN APPROACHES TO MADDELENA ON DECEMBER DURING SWEEPING OPERATION.
- 3) COASTAL FORCES OPERATED IN ADRIATIC DURING NIGHT 5TH/6TH NO INCIDENT REPORTED.
- 4) COASTAL FORCES INTERCEPTED ENEMY CRAFT NORTH OF ELBA P.M. 8TH. DETAILS NOT YET RECEIVED.

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T.O.O. 092201

IN

F.O.R. 100907 Dec. 43

From: C. in C. Med.
To: ADMIRALTY
Info: COMORSEAFRON
N.O. i/c Algiers
N.L.O. 8th Army
N.L.O. 15th Army Group
F.O.T.A.
F.O.C. Gibraltar
N.O. i/c Bizerte
N.O. i/c Malta
F.O.W.I.T.
COMNAVNAW
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IMPORTANT

- Situation Report Number 245.
1. During night 6th/7th H.M.S. QUEENSBOROUGH and H.M.S. RAIDER carried out sweep between Durazo and Dubrovnik. No shipping was sighted but destroyers exchanged machine gun fire with the (?shore).
 2. RYSA was mined and sunk in approaches to Maddelena on December during sweeping operation.
 3. Coastal forces operated in Adriatic during night 5th/6th no incident reported.
 4. Coastal Forces intercepted enemy craft North (?of) Elba P.M. 8th. Details not yet received.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM CINCMED		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		AIG 387 COMINCH	PRIORITY
DATE 8 DEC 1943			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 061642			ROUTINE
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AIG 387 FROM CINCMED FLT**CINCMED SITUATION REPORT NO. 244.**

(1) ^{DD} **HMS QUILLIAN** AND ^{DD} **HMS LOYAL** BOMBARDED BRIDGES ALONG COAST ROAD BETWEEN PESCARA AND GIULANOVA DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 2ND DEC. AIR PATROL REPORT AT LEAST 1 DIRECT HIT ON BRIDGE AT PESCARA. NO TRAFFIC ON ROAD. DURING THE NIGHT 2ND/3RD SAME DESTROYERS SHELLLED ANCONA AND SAN BENEDETTO AND SANK 3 SCHONNERS OFF THE COAST IN THE SAME AREA. 2 FURTHER SCHONNERS DAMAGED AND ABANDONED BY THEIR CREWS. 110 FEET IN SINKING CONDITION. THEIR BATTERIES OPENED FIRE DURING BOTH BOMBARDMENTS BUT CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

(2) ^{DD} **HMS QUEENBOROUGH** AND ^{DD} **HMS RAIDER** SANK A SMALL ENEMY MOTOR VESSEL IN POSITION 042-30 NORTH 15-55 EAST AT 0220 3RD DEC.

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T.O.O. 052043

IN

T.O.B. 070905 Dec. '43

From : C. in C. Med.

To : A.I.G. 387
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Situation Report No. 244.

(1) H.M.S. QUILLIAM and H.M.S. LOYAL bombarded bridges along Coast road between Pescara and Giulaneva during the afternoon of 2nd Dec. Air patrol report at least 1 direct hit on bridge at Pescara. No traffic on road. During the night 2nd/3rd same destroyers shelled Ancona and San Benedicto and sank 3 schooners off the coast in the same area. 2 further schooners damaged and abandoned by their crews. (7110) feet in sinking condition. Their batteries opened fire during both bombardments but caused no damage.

(2) H.M.S. QUEENSBOROUGH and H.M.S. HAIDER sank a small enemy motor vessel in position 042-(730): North 15-55 East at 0220 3rd Dec.

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Brigadier Nedman (8)
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DATE 5 DECEMBER 1943			COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0847		INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY MCCLELLAN/SMITH				ROUTINE
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AIG 387 FROM CINCOMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 243.

- (1) DURING NIGHT 1ST/2ND DEC. HMS TROUBRIDGE HMS TEAZER AND HMS PALADIN CARRIED OUT BOMBARDMENT IN MINTURNO AREA IN SUPPORT OF 5TH ARMY. SHORE BATTERIES OPENED FIRE BUT CAUSED NEITHER DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.
- (2) UNIVERSAL REPORTS SINKING A LANDING CRAFT LOADED WITH MECHANICAL TRANSPORT OFF CANNES ON 22ND NOV.
- (3) FURTHER REPORT FROM BARI STATES LITTLE DAMAGE TO PORT FACILITIES AND CAPACITY SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED BY MORE THAN 500 TONS PER DAY AFTER INITIAL CLEARANCE. CARGO LOST ESTIMATED AT 38,000 TONS.

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IN

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Dec. '43

From: C. in C. Med.

To : A.I.G. 387
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SITUATION REPORT NO. 243

1. During night 1st/2nd Dec. H.M.S. TROUBRIDGE, H.M.S. TEAZER and H.M.S. PALADIN carried out bombardment in Imturno area in support of 5th Army. Shore batteries opened fire (?but caused) ~~neither~~ damage or casualties.
2. UNIVERSAL reports sinking a landing craft loaded with mechanical transport off Cannes on 22nd November.
3. Further report from Bari states little damage to Port facilities and capacity should not be reduced by more than 500 tons per day after initial clearance. Cargo lost estimated at 38,000 tons.

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IN

T.O.R. 041001 Dec. '43

From: C. in C. Mod.

To: A.I.G. 387
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IMPORTANT

SITUATION REPORT NO. 242

- (1) H.M.S. BICESTER and H.M.S. ZETLAND patrolled between Sibornik and Split during night 1st/2nd December but (sighted?) nothing.
- (2) Bari raided by about 30 aircraft between 1930 and 2030 2nd December. (Mines?) and (bombs?) dropped. 2 ammunition (carriers?) blew up starting fire on adjacent ships and 17 merchant vessels now total loss. VIENNA, H.M.S. ZETLAND and H.M.S. BICESTER suffered some damage but are seaworthy. Total casualty probably about 1000. Fires still burn.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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T.O.R. 030921 Dec. '43

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To : COMINCH
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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 241.

- (1) H.M.S. QUILLIAM and H.M.S. RAIDER sighted nothing during sweep from Durazzo to Dubrovnik night 30th/1st. Bombardment of Durazzo started large fire. Shore batteries made ineffective reply. Dubrovnik illuminated by star shell but no suitable target seen.
- (2) H.M.S. BICESTER and H.M.S. ZETLAND patrolled off Dalmatian Coast between Sibenik and Split during same night.
- (3) MTB's also operated South of Split but without incident.

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IN

T.O.R. 020908

From: C. in C. Med.
To: AIG 387
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IMPORTANT

Situation Report #240.

1. During the night 29th-30th November PT Boats returning from patrol encountered 5 E-Boats laying mines off Bastia Harbour. Gunfire was exchanged at close range and 1 PT Boat collided with an E-Boat. Bad weather frustrated attempts to continue action. E-Boats retired probably damaged by gunfire and weather. 1 PT Boat damaged but no casualties.
2. H.M.S. LOYAL and H.M.S. QUILLIAM patrolled between Sibenik and Spalato during same night but sighted nothing.
3. Brindisi reopened 30th November.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 302318

IN Received: 1st Dec. '43

Time: 1030

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

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Situation Report No, 239,

MAY 21 1973

- Dec*
1. A feint landing was staged on the night 28th/29th on the East coast of Italy in support the 8th Army across the Sangrosso River. H.M.S. LOYAL, H.M.S. QUILLIAM and M.G.B.'s carried out a diversionary bombardment as part of 30th operation.
 2. Brindisi closed on 29th, 30 detonations 3 mines by sweeper in the approach channel. MMS 3 was damaged and beached.

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