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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
From: Hq AAI
To: A.F.H.Q. Algiers
No: 02814

Part 2 of WOSTEL No 13. Our 0 2814 of May 29th refers. Personal for Wilson for approval prior to despatch personal to Marshall and Brooke.

Regrouping.

We f 2359 hrs May 30th 5 Corps assumed responsibility down to incl Heresin force sector. New boundary between 5 Corps and 8 Army all excl 8 Army Rd junc H.200333-1141-0943-0244 OPI 0.8653 thence line of rd to Pescina G.7381. Polocorps passed to comd this Hq 30 May and is moving as soon as possible to reorganise in Campobasso area before passing to comd 5 Corps. CIL is being gradually withdrawn from under comd 10 Corps and units are passing to comd 5 Corps in addition units of Nembro Div recently arrived from Sardina for incorporation in CIL are passing to comd 5 Corps. Intention is to relieve 10 Ind Div 4 Ind Div and 7 Arm Inf Bde by Polocorps and Corps of Italian Liberation, formations so relieved will pass to comd 8 Army. When Polocorps passes to comd 5 Corps Hq 5 Corps will be known as "5 Corps Group". In 5 Army sector Hq 2 Corps was relieved by Hq 4 Corps and Hq 2 Corps has assumed responsibility for the sector north and east of Velletri from Hq 6 Corps. FEC has assumed responsibility for the sector temporarily held by 4 US Corps. Regrouping of 5 Army now as follows. Right to left.

FEC. 2 DIM. 4 DMM. 3 DIA. and 1 DMI in reserve.
6 Corps. 36 Div 34 Div 1 Arm Div 45 Div. 4 Corps and 88 US Div (less one RCT) in reserve. Army troops. 1 (query 3) Br Inf Div 5 Br Inf Div. Boundaries. 8 Army and 5 Army no change. FEC and 2 US Corps w e f 311200B all incl 2 Corps Littoria G.090193 - rd junc

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142294 - M Lupone (158384) - Rd at 125505. 2 US Corps and 6 US Corps w e f 300500B all incl 6 US Corps rd junc 806633 - Frascati - Rd junc 063375 - Cisternia 025325 - 011236. 6 US Corps and 5 Army Tps (Br Divs) all incl 6 US Corps 855242 - 861330 - 810380 - 786392 - 762450.

T.O.O. 312000B

Footnote: 2814 is CM-IN-23322 (30 May 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Col Park
Statistics
Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: CO US Army Forces in North African Theater of Operations, Algiers, Algeria
To: War Department
Nr: B-12825 31 May 1944

B-12825 TOPSEC to AGWAR for Marshall for his eyes only from FAIRBANKS from Devers.

Tomorrow is a critical day in this battle. Starting on the right of the 8th Army front there is very little change. In the center the 8th Indian has captured Monte San Giovanni, extending the line from there to Froasanone which was captured by the 7th Division. The French have pushed forward their line to a point at 3839 and point 2835. They are rapidly clearing up the area to Highway 6 as far north as Valmontone.

The 36th in a brilliant attack today advanced their line to 9954, occupying all of the high ground to the north of Velletri which is surrounded tonight. This advance was so rapid that the 85th Division which was on its right was ordered to attack at 2 o’clock instead of waiting until tomorrow morning and has now pushed forward a few miles. The Horse Force, consisting of 1 Battalion of the 6th Infantry and 1 Battalion of the 13th Armored Regiment, has advanced to 0852. The 3rd Division will jump off tomorrow at daylight, driving north toward Highway 6 to cut it. There has been little change on the 6th Corps front. The 34th and 45th and the 1st Armored Divisions have failed to advance. On the left of the line the 1st and 5th British Divisions have advanced their line a couple of miles to the northwest.

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A report, unverified, from Keyes states that he has the Germans on the run and is organizing a pursuit and requests that the rest of the 88th Division which has been moving up to that front be pushed rapidly forward.

No Sig.

ACTION: General Handy
INFO: General Arnold
General Bissell
Admiral King
Colonel Park
Field Marshal Dill
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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/2/94
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria
To: War Department

Date: 31 May 1944

Subject: G-2 summary.

G-2 summary. F52927 TROOPERS, AGWAR info MIDBASE, SHARP, BORES, Fairbanks, SONGO, Fargo for MacFarlane, PEBBASE for CWA from G-2 FREEDOM signed Wilson cite FEBBI.

1. Last special summary 28th May.

2. On Adriatic and mountain fronts no change. Enemy's withdrawal continues in direction of Sora and Premore. Cohesion of front being maintained and no evidence that any one division entirely pulled out but enemy must shortly begin to get divisions into columns of route for the disengagement into the mountains. From Valmontone to sea enemy appears to be virtually back on his prepared defense line. Degree of resistance varies. At point of Allied advance battle is still fluid with enemy making local counterattacks with tanks. Little opposition reported on line of the railway north east of Vellistri but resistance fierce south of Lamezia. Appreciate enemy intends to hold a line Palaterina to sea if possible until his forces in the center have disengaged and debouched again on the Rome-Pesaro lateral. To meet Allied breakthrough south of Allen Hills there appears to be a secondary line across Campagna. Enemy is therefore probably more concerned lest Allies turn Colli Lanziali position to north and combined straumen resistance probable here. In general enemy's prospects difficult. Heavy defensive fighting inevitable on line Valmontone to sea and even if successful divisions engaged likely need

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Rest even before very battered formations retiring in center can reach relative safety of Anzio Dada Avanzamo lateral. Maintenance general Trans-Italian line south of Rome thus seems doubtful possibility at best.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG/S, CGAAP, OPD, Col Park

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From: AFHQ Command Post, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

Nr: B-12814 31 May 1944

B-12814 TOPSEC to AGWAR for Marshall for his eyes only from FAIRBANKS from Devers.

The Germans are apparently withdrawing to the northwest pivoting on the high ground north of Velletri.

On the 8th Army front they are fighting strong rear guard action.

I visited Cori today and was in the vicinity of Artensa. The 85th and 88th Divisions have been moved up into this area, the 88th in reserve and the 85th to take up the line west of Artensa with a view of attacking to the north and west.

In the general advances, the Italians reached 905430; the New Zealanders have reached Brocco with patrols in Sora; the 6th Indian reached Arpino with patrols in Isola. Strazzaluggi is clear. The 6th Armored Division is advancing along Highway 6 and has reached a point about 3 miles from Frosinone. The French have cleared Coccano and advanced 2 miles west. They have also occupied Carpinto.

No change on the 3rd Division front. The 36th Division has advanced to the road at a point 2 miles northeast of Velletri. The 34th and 36th are on a line Velletri-Peerita. The 1st Armored Division has reached a point at 8814, and extends to the southwest to a point 8440. The 49th Division is pushing up on their right. The British 1st and 5th Divisions extend the line to include Ardea.

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From: AFRIC Command Post, Caserta, Italy

Nr: B-12814  31 May 1944

Situation is generally satisfactory. The 36th attacks tonight and the 3rd and 35th on the 1st. The drive is to secure the Albano Hills, which should loosen the whole position and permit a rapid drive to the north and east of Rome. It is believed that the Germans are moving 2 more Divisions, 1 from France and 1 from Denmark and that these 2 Divisions will be thrown in against the 2nd and 6th Corps.

No Sig.

ACTION: Gen Handy

INFO: Gen. Arnold
Gen Bissell
Gen. King
Col. Park
Field Marshal Dill
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FROM: Fairbanks from General Gammell signed Wilson cite

TO: War Office for Lord Burnham
AGWAR for General Surles (BAS Washington pass)
Rptd: AFHQ Algiers for General Rooks.

NR: B 12810 30 May 1944

This has been a day of steady but not spectacular advances on the fronts of the 8th and 5th Armies.

On the right in 10 Corps sector the Italians have advanced several miles westwards in the hills against minor opposition. Further to the south the New Zealand Division meeting with some opposition have gained several miles and are now approaching the town of Sora. In the 8 Indian Division sector north of Highway 6 Arpino has been captured and elements of Recce units are reported in Isola.

5 Canadian Armored Division continued its advance on Frosinone but still 2 or 3 miles short of that place.

On the 5th Army front Civitavecchia has now been captured by the French and Goums have advanced through the hills and have reached Carpineto 7 miles north of Sezze.

On the 4 Corps sector the 85 Division which was withdrawn from the line has been transferred to the 2 Corps sector and is now concentrated in reserve south of Artena, leaving 88 Division only in the line north of Sezze.

In the 2 Corps sector in the Artena armored patrols have been edging forward towards Highway 6, but this road has not yet been definitely cut. No attack in the Valmontone area has as yet developed. On the 6 Corps front the situation opposite Velletri is unchanged. The enemy attempted to stage a counter attack north east of Velletri but was repulsed. Further to the west the 45 Division and the British 1 and 5

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Divisions have made some considerable advance and the line
now generally runs South West from a point on the Carrocetta
Albano road 2 miles south of Albano through the town of
Ardea to the sea.

The general picture is therefore slow but steady
advance on the 8th Army front where the enemy is holding
as before with rear guards covering extensive demolitions.
On the 5th Army front reinforcements are being moved round
to the left flank from the 4 Corps sector. As yet no fur-
ther major attack has been made in the Ardea area. On
the 6 Corps front South of Lake Albano the enemy is being
driven back to his main position which has not yet been
broken.

AC'TI'O:N: Gen. Surles

INFO: CC/s
Gen. Arnold
OFD
Gen Bissell
Col. DPR
Log

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TO: A.F.H.Q.
Number: 0.2814  29 May 1944

WOSTEL. 13. PERSONAL FOR WILSON for approval prior to despatch PERSONAL to MARS FALL and BROOKE.

SUMMARY REPORT To 1200 hours 28 May.  OPERATION DIADEN.

PART ON Eighth Army's advance from HITLER LINE across River HELPA and LIPI continues but progress slow. 13 Corps on right have had difficulty from mines and bad tracks and SIX ARMED DIV came up against stiff rearguard opposition from enemy in hills south-east south and south-west of ARCE. EIGHT IND DIV was moved forward through ROCCASECCO round right flank to assist SIX ARMY DIV in their advance and both divs are now pushing forward with enemy rearguards withdrawn north of ARCE during last twenty-four hours. On left sector of EIGHTH ARMY Canadians have had difficulty with bridging operations over both HELPA and LIPI rivers. But these now completed and arm elements pushing forward between ROUTE SIX and R. SACCO have reached general line north and south through POFTI. In Centre of sector between SIX ARMED DIV and FIVE CANADIAN ARMED DIV 76 Div is pushing forward and has elements of two bdes supported by tanks across River LIPI. 38 BDE in right directed on STRANG-OLAGALLI and 36 BDE along HIGHWAY SIX. Further north in EIGHT ARMY 10 CORPS sector NEW ZEALAND Div are advancing with objective SORA and on their right ITALIAN troops have advanced into mountains with the object cutting VILLETTA-OPITI road. FIVE ARMY forces meanwhile continued advance against varying opposition between EIGHTH ARMY and bridgehead sectors. On right FRENCH CORPS are up to River SACCO as far west as CECCANO and hold high ground further west again approx 2000 yards north and north-west of GUILANODI ROMA and PROSERDI. On left TWO U S CORPS has handed over responsibility of sector to FOUR U S CORPS and 85 US DIV less one ROT has been pulled into reserve for future use in bridgehead sector as is case with HQ TWO US CORPS. Important advances also made on this front with the main Axis up-road PIVERNO to CARRIAPA. Leading elements now approx half-way between these towns holding high ground each side of road.

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Between there and bridgehead sector little enemy opposition and towns of NORMA and BASSIANO occupied. In bridgehead sector after capture of CORL arm elements pushed north rapidly and succeeded in reaching ARTENA against only slight opposition. Positions round ARTENA now consolidated with whole of THREE U.S. DIV plus tank force now in vicinity. Elements of HERMAN GÖRING DIV already identified this area and further advance to cut HIGHWAY SIX and capture VALMONINO likely meet stiff opposition. CC 'B' of ONE US ARMD DIV now withdrawn from this sector and whole div concentrated North-west of CISERNIA for another attack. 36 US DIV relieved CC'A' in drive on VELLETRI and at present holds firm line about two miles to East, South-east and South of town with elements attacking towards town itself. As operations to cut HIGHWAY SIX had proceeded well low offensive was launched on 26 May employing 34 U.S. DIV right 45 U.S. DIV centre and ONE BRITISH DIV left in North-west direction with object breaking through enemy's defensive line which is known to run from VELLETRI in South-west direction to sea. Good progress made in this attack and ONE US ARMD DIV having stated above concentrated for purpose passed through infantry. Latest reports show leading arm elements astride roads leading North in squares 8842 and 8639. Whole of original salient astride road ANZIO-ALBANO cleared of enemy and both village of APRILIA and factory area now in our hands. On extreme left FIVE BRITISH DIV directly under command FIVE ARMY (as is ONE BRIT DIV) advancing to conform with ONE BRIT DIV on their right.
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T.O.O. 292100B

ACTION: OPD

DMO: Gen. Arnold
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Personal for Wilson for approval prior to dispatch Personal to Marshall and Brooke.

Summary Report to 1200 hours 28 May. Operation DIADEM.

Part 1. Eighth Army's advance from Hitler Line across River Melfa and Liri continues but progress slow. 13 Corps on right have had difficulty from mines and bad tracks and 6 Arm Div came up against stiff rearguard opposition from enemy in hills south-east south and south-west of Arce. 8 Ind Div was moved forward through Roccasecca round right flank to assist 6th Arm Div in their advance and both divs are now pushing forward with enemy rearguards withdrawn north of Arce during last 24 hours. On left sector of 6th Army Canadians have had difficulty with bridging operations over both Melfa and Liri rivers but these now completed and arm broading elements pushing forward between Route 6 and R. Sacco have reached general line north and south through Pofi. In centre of sector between 6 Arm Div and 5 Canadian Arm Div 78 Div is pushing forward and has elements of 2 Bros supported by tanks across River Liri. 38 Bde on right directed on Strangolagalli and 36 Bde along Highway 6. Further north in 8 Army 10 Corps sector New Zealand Div. are advancing with objective Sora and on their right Italian troops have advanced into mountains with the object cutting Villetta-Opi road. 5 Army Forces meanwhile continued advance against varying opposition between 8th Army and bridgehead sectors. On right French Corps are up to River Sacco as far west as Cecano and hold high ground further west again approx 2000 yards north and north-west of Guisanodi Roma and Prossedi. On left 2 U. S. Corps has handed over responsibility of sector to 4 U. S. Corps

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and 85 US Div less one RCT has been pulled into reserve for future use in bridgehead sector as is case with Eq 2 US Corps. Substantial advances also made on this front with the main Axis up-road Priverno to Carpinetto. Leading elements now approx halfway between these towns holding high ground each side of road. Between there and bridgehead sector little enemy opposition and towns of Norma and Banniano occupied. In bridgehead sector after capture of Cori arm elements pushed north rapidly and succeeded in reaching Artena against only slight opposition. Positions round Artena now consolidated with whole of 3 US Div plus tank force now in vicinity. Elements of Herman Goering Div already identified this area and further advance to cut Highway 6 and capture Valsamontone likely meet stiff opposition. CC 'B' of 1 US Arm Div now withdrawn from this sector and whole div concentrated North west of Cismerna for another attack. 36 US Div relieved CC 'A' in drive on Velletri and at present holds firm line about 2 miles to East, South-east and South of town with elements attacking towards town itself. As operations to cut Highway 6 had proceeded well new offensive was launched on 26 May employing 34 US Div right 45 US Div centre and 1 British Div left in North-west direction with object breaking through enemy's defensive line which is known to run from Velletri in South-west direction to sea. Good progress made in this attack and 1 US Arm Div having as stated above concentrated for purpose passed through infantry. Latest reports show leading arm elements astride roads leading North in squarer 8842 and 0639. Whole of original salient astride road Anzio-Albano cleared of enemy and both village of Aprulla and factory area now in our hands. On extreme left 5 British Div directly under command 5 Army (as is 1 Brit Div) advancing to conform with 1 Brit Div on their right.
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INFO: Gen Arnold
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To: War Office for Lord Burnham and
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Rptd. A.F.E.Q. Algiers for General Hocks
No: B 12784

May 29, 1944

Signed Wilson cite FEOS.

No advance of decisive importance has taken place today on the Eighth Army front north of highway 68 Indian Division has made progress north of Arco which town has been occupied. 6 Armoured Division has also reached the river some 2 miles west of that place.

On the front of the Canadian Corps, further progress has been made west of Cepano and has reached a point on highway 65 miles west of the town.

On the front of 2 French Corps advance has reached a point just south of Cenano and further minor advances have been made in the hilly country to the west of that place.

On the front of the 4 American Corps which has taken over the general area north east and north west of Seize, the line of 88 Division is unchanged.

Two American Corps now controls the north eastern portion of the Bridgehead front as far west as Aransa. In this area there has been no action of importance.

On the 6 Corps front considerable opposition was met in an attack against the enemy's positions in the Velletri area.

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which was attacked by the 36 Division.

South west of Velletrii an attack by the 34 Division made good progress and reached the general line of the road from Carrocetta running northwards towards Albano Lasiale. The enemy counterattacked in this area and forced a withdrawal of some 1200 yards at one point, but last reports place I combat command of the I American Armoured Division still holding its position astride this road three miles north of Carrocetta.

The general picture is therefore that the enemy is opposing the advance of the 5th Army with rearguards covering heavy demolitions. On the front of the 5th Army after an initial advance contact has now been made with the enemy's main defences south west of Velletrii where very stiff opposition is being encountered.

T.O.O.292225

ACTION: Gen Surles

INFORMATION: Gen. Arnold
OPD
Gen. Bissell
Col. Park

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From: Adv C.P. A.F.H.Q.

To: War Office (For Lord Burnham)
AQWAR (For General Surles) (B.A.S. Washington Pass)
Rptd. Number Two District (For General Wilson)
A.F.H.Q. (For General Rocks)

Number: B 12761

From General Gamell cite FHCOS.

This has been a day of steady by NOT spectacular progress. On the right the NEW ZEALAND Division has made a small advance at HELMONTE and West of TERELE North of MONTE CAIRO. North of Highway six, Eight Indian Division have pushed North from ROCCOSECCA some two miles up the MELEPA VALLEY. Atride Highway six six armoured Division were still encountering rearguard resistance in the Area of ARCE and no news has been received that this place has yet been taken.

On the Canadian Corp from the Canadian armoured Division has taken CEPRANO, and the one Canadian Division also crossed the LIRI RIVER West of the Reservoir North West of SAN GIOVANNI. On the FIFTH ARMY Front the French have pushed further to the North and the West and are now on the line of CASTRO DEI VOLSCI to a point two miles West of CECCANO.

On the front of two AMERICAN CORPS PIPERNO and SEEZE are now firmly in our hands. Traffic is moving freely along the VIA APPIA from TERRACINA to CISTERNA AND THERE Are NO enemy in the Low Ground of the PONTINE Marshes.

On the front of Six Corps on the BRIDGEHEAD, our hold on the Area round ARTEMA has been strengthened and elements of three Division are now in this Area from which they can control movement along HIGHWAY SIX through VALMONTONE.

Further to the South West 34th and 45th Divisions are in close contact with the enemy in the VELLETRI Area from which a portion of the 1st AMERICAN Armoured Division has been withdrawn for rest and reorganization.

On the left 1st British Division has extended its front to the East and in conjunction with 45 AMERICAN Division was this afternoon threatening CARRACETO from the East and from the South.

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The general picture therefore is that the advance of EIGHTH ARMY continues but has NOT been rapid. In the mountainous area South of the line SAN GIOVANNI CECOCANO the French have made considerable advances which continue to threaten the enemy's right flank facing EIGHTH Army. The whole of the Low Ground between TERRACINA and the BRIDGEHEAD is now under our control thus enabling the AMERICAN 6 CORPS to be rapidly reinforced. This will probably take place commencing with part of 65 US Division within the next 24 hours. In the BRIDGEHEAD there have been advances on all fronts except on the Left opposite 5 BRITISH Division, but contact has NOT yet been made with the enemy's main position which runs from the Sea through VELLETRI and VALMONTONE and thence to the North East.

The enemy appears to be fighting rear guard actions in front of EIGHTH ARMY to enable him to occupy this line without interference from us or without having his Army broken in two. It remains to be seen whether he will achieve this.

T.O.O. Nil

ACTION: BFR
INFO: CC/S
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To: War Department

Mr: B 12779 29 May 1944

B 12779 to AGWAR for Marshall for his eyes only from FAIRBANKS from Devers.

Very slow but steady advance by the Eighth Army. The New Zealand Brigade has reached a point 1,000 yards north of Artesa. The Eighteenth Indian has advanced to Mount Nero and the line then approached Arce 1,000 yards west of Ceprano.

On the Fifth Army Front there has been a steady but slow advance along the entire front. The pocket in the vicinity of Artesa has been extended slightly and Velletri is invested.

While the advance today has been slow and steady the troops have been getting into position for a major attack tomorrow. The Polish Corps is resting. The Sixth Corps will attack tomorrow morning with a view of pushing the First Armored Division to the northwest between Highway 7 and the railway.
From: CG, AFEHQ Command Post, Caserta, Italy.

No: B 12779 29 May 1944

I am still very optimistic that the German Army is so weakened that it will not be able to stop south of Rome.

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ACTION: General Handy

INFORMATION: General Arnold
General Bissell
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RFTD:  AFHQ Algiers (For General ROCKS)

No:  B12777

CITE FHCOS. FROM GENERAL Gammel SIGNED WILSON.

During today progress has been made in some sectors. On the right ATINA has been seized and some troops are across MKLPA River immediately Northwest of ATINA.

In the vicinity of ARCE we have advanced some two miles immediately on the East of the town while close fighting has taken place near MONTE PICCOLO to the South of ARCE. In the CEPRANO sector we have gained the CEPRANO-ARCE road about two miles Northeast from CEPRANO and have slightly increased our gains to the West of the LIRI.

On the left (previously Bridgehead sector) progress has been made on the front to the Northwest of CISTRINA. CARROCETTA (on ANZIO-ALBANO Laziale road) is reported as being almost completely surrounded by our troops while gains from one to two miles have been made on the five miles of front to Northeast of CARROCETTA.

Elsewhere there have been NO changes of any major importance and the general result of the day is thus some gains resulting from continued pressure but NO sensational change anywhere on the front.

T.O.O. 282040

ACTION: Gen Surles

INFO: CC/S
Gen Arnold
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No: F 51808

Signed Wilson cite FH821.

G2 Summary.

ONE: Last special summary 26 May.

TWO: General picture shows little major change. On the Adriatic
and central mountain sectors situation still constant. From
Atina to Sezze the enemy is everywhere withdrawing on a fairly
well coordinated front employing the familiar rearguard tactics
of mines, booby traps and demolitions together with local counter
attacks when seeking to gain time or retain temporarily a tactical
feature. In general however enemy unable organise such elaborate
obstacles as in last Autumn withdrawal and debris of battle as
such a hindrance to movement as planned obstructions. From Sezze
North East of Highway 6 enemy opposition local and not serious.
Resistance at point of Allied advance towards Valmontone where
identifications show enemy has brought down mixed force from 92nd
Infantry and Hermann Goering Divisions. Latter believed to have
suffered severely from fighter bomber attacks during move South.
Task presumably to keep open Highway 6 as long as possible then
cover Palestrina - Colli Laziali gap whilst forces from main front
disengage Northwards through Alatri and Sora. South of Highway
6 enemy back on defense line skirting Colli Laziali thence to
Anzio road and Westwards to sea. Little change yet in latter
sector. Enemy will have to hold line Palestrina to sea with what-
ever reinforcements coming in from North, 362nd Infantry, 1st PG,
65th Infantry and 4th Parachute Divisions. Whether general trans-
Italian line Eastwards to river Fosco or Pesaro can be established

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and held depends on success of withdrawal in centre. Serious congestion likely on few available roads and enemy believed already suffering considerable disorganization and heavy casualties all kinds. No tabulated estimates latter yet possible but good reason believe 71st, 94th, 715th Infantry and 90th PG Divisions have had very heavy losses. Casualties also considerable in 362nd Infantry, 26th Panzer and 1st Parachute Divisions. Prisoners tired and disillusioned by failure of Luftwaffe to cover ground operations.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/S
CG AAF
OPD
Col Park
Log

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From: CG AFHQ Command Post, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department

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There has been a steady advance all along the front today, 27th May.

On the Eighth Army Front the Canadian Corps has captured Cepuano.

The French have pushed along high ground to a point two miles west of Coccano. The Second Corps has made itself secure on the high ground north of Roccagorga-Sezze-Roccamassima.

The Sixth Corps has broadened out its front in the Artena-Velletri area with elements across that road. There have been slight advances and improvement of position on the left of the Sixth Corps line.
From: CG APHQ Command Post, Caserta, Italy

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My opinion is that the German will not be able to stop south of Rome. At the moment he is using strong rear guards in an effort to slow up the Eighth Army so that he can establish himself on the line south of Rome. He has thrown in the entire Hermann Goering Division north of Velletri. There are many indications that he is very short of all kinds of supplies, including food. Some prisoners captured today have been taking beans out of the fields and cooking them for food. Others are extremely hungry.

No Sig

ACTION: General Handy

INFO: General Arnold
   General Bissell
   Admiral King
   Colonel Park
   Field Marshal Dill
   Log

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SIGNED WILSON FROM SLOANE.

First impression of a section of the Adolf Hitler Line follows: Section is that between 731777 and 730160. Following general impressions resulted from this examination.

A. The line was very thin consisting of nothing but a string of rather widely dispersed pillboxes garnished with wire and mines. Construction was well sited and it was obvious that great amount of labour had been devoted to its preparation.

B. Outstanding constructions were divided into two classes. Firstly. Large and elaborate pillboxes of very thick concrete and steel construction sunk well into the ground or with earth in a gentle grassy slope around them. Interiors were divided into two and sometimes three compartments designed to provide both fighting and somewhat cramped living quarters for six men. A remarkable feature of pillboxes of this type which were seen is that number of them had final and most essential fitting omitted, namely the turret. In its place was a fitting for cupola. This together with impressive shelters for six inmates would seem to indicate that they were designed mainly as formidable gun implacments. In place of gun enemy had to content himself with one or two MGS.

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Secondly, small steel ready made two man pillboxes were also found, these of the type previously reported.

C. One of the larger type of pillboxes was exceptional in that it did have a turret mounting a very long gun on it. Examination of ammunition indicated it to be a 7.5 CM KWK four two, thus raising suspicion that turret and gun were designed for panther tank.

Conclusion are that constructions appear to be fairly standardized and that therefore we are likely to find prototypes in the areas around the Festung EUROPA.

Further details will be sent.

T.O.O. Nil

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INFO: CC/S
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To: War Office

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Rptd: Middle East SHAEP Adv C. P. AFHQ. NORBS

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Number: P51116

G-2 Summary

Signed Wilson cite PHUBI

ONE. Last Special Summary 24 May.

On Adriatic flank enemy shows signs being prepared pull in most forward positions but no indications any intention leave main defence line. Strength this sector reduced apparently to 278 Infantry Divisions (probably not yet complete and prisoners believe one of three Regiments remaining Pesaro) and about half 334 Infantry Division. No changes noted in mountain sector of 114 Jaeger and 5 Mountain Divisions South of Maiella. Identifications show considerably more of 44 Infantry Division being used in fighting North of Highway 6. Divisional frontage presumed therefore extended Southwards. Fall of Castrocielo and Allied threat to Roccasecca village presumably forcing withdrawal of Division to Melfa River line. This likely to have repercussions further North. Little heavy fighting astride Liri plane but Allied progress slowed by mines, craters and demolitions. Consider 90 PG Division may have disengaged to Ceprano or even further to Frosinone. Traffic Northwards from latter also observed past two days. Enemy still holds fairly firm front West of Liri to road Vallecorsa - Frosinone. Identifications suggest 26 Panzer Division now possibly astride Liri and 305 Infantry Division pulled back being replaced by strong battle Group from two Regiments 334 Infantry Division. Consider enemy likely

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continue all measures keep Allied Advance slow this sector to protect Ceprano and Frosinone and road exits to North as long as possible. From West of Vallecorsa to West of Zezze position is fluid with local enemy resistance at Priverno and Zezze. Pontine area now abandoned by enemy and front is in theory continuous to bridgehead where enemy now faced with serious breach South Colli Laziani. Consider anxiety maintain route Frosinone - Rome as long as possible may lead enemy to switch back mobile units from main front (EG 90 PG Division) to meet Allied thrust South of Valmontone.

THREE Prisoners report toxic gas dump Palestrina. No details.

T.O.O. 261800B

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/3
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Col. Park
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From: AFRQ ADV CP from General Gammell cite PFOCS
To: War Office for Lord Burgham
    Agvar for General Surles (B & S W pass)
    Rptd No 2 District for General Wilson
    AFRQ for General Hooke.

No.: B 12752

26th May 1944

On 8th Army. Front progress was again good today. In the north the New Zealanders and Poles occupied the town of Terelle and Monte Cairo without opposition. To the West, the Indians continued their advance through the town of Roccasecca with motorised patrols as far as two miles to the north. 13 Corps and one Canadian Corps advancing North West up Liri valley have crossed River Nefa and are now 1 mile South West of the town of Arce and 2 miles Southwest of Casiano.

In Fifth Army Zone, French Corps made advances to the North and North West, averaging 1500 to 2000 yards, and capturing Amaseno. 8 US 2 Corps on left of French continued its advance towards the bridgehead, concentrating its effort in the mountains north of the Pontine marshes and making advances up to 4000 yards.

In the bridgehead area, 6 Corps made good progress. All resistance overcome in Cisterna and the advance continued to the northeast, capturing town of Cori. Armoured recce units are reported just south of Artena.

The day has been characterised by hard fighting all along the front and satisfactory progress has been made.

ACTION: Gen Surles
IMPO : CC/3, Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell, Col Park, Log.
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From: CO APOH Command Post in Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
NR: B12754

B12754 to AGWAR for Marshall for his eyes only
From FAIRBANKS from Devers

Terrelle and Mount Cairo were vacated by the enemy
today and occupied by the New Zealanders and the Poles.
To the left the Eighth Army advanced to the general line
from G 7231-Mount Grande-point at 6325, then the 53 grid
to the Liri River.

In the Fifth Army sector the French mopped up San
Giovanni and occupied Mount San Cotalda, Mount Solo, Castro
Dei Volsci, Mount Quallerdici and Amaseno. The Second Corps
continued its advance, occupying Mount Fortino, then along
the Amaseno River to where it enters the Pontine Marshes.
Elements have also seized Sesze.

Today I visited the bridgehead and toured the entire
front with Truscott. The Third Division and Special Service
Force are pushing rapidly to the north and have elements in
Artena where they cover Highway 6 at Valmontone. The
Sixth Corps changed front to its left and is driving south
of Vellistri directly along Highway 7 toward Rome, with
Combat A of the First Armored Division leading, then the

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From: CG APOH Command Post in Caserta, Italy

To: 34th and 45th Divisions in order with the 36th Division in

reserve. They have reached a line just south of Velletri and

north of the River Dei Prefetti.

All division commanders were pushing and driving

hard and will continue to do so during the night. There

are signs of considerable weakening on the part of the

enemy. He has now withdrawn the 4th Paratroop Division

to the north and there are indications that the Hermann

Goering Division is arriving at Valmontone. All divisions

are up to the strength in men as well as tanks and equipment.

I am extremely optimistic and believe there is a great

opportunity to bag most of this army. Many prisoners are

being secured. In one case a whole battalion surrendered

to the 3rd Division. The number captured by the Fifth Army

alone is now 12,000. Our casualties are considered light

in view of the rapid and continuous advance. It is Clark's

intention to move the 85th Division rapidly across the

Pontine Marshes to the vicinity of Cisterna where he will rest

it and follow immediately with the 91st Division, parts of

which are now landing in Italy.

By tomorrow night the pattern should be clear as to

what may be the enemy's intention. At this time he is

ordering all units to hold at all costs, which is playing

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The Tactical Air Force has continued its excellent work, giving close support to the armies, and there are now signs of the destruction to roads, communications, supplies and troops caused by their activity.

No Sig

ACTION: Gen Handy

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
               Gen Bissell
               Col Park
               Log

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To: War Department

No: B 12740 26 May 1944

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The 8th Army has made slow progress beyond the river Melfa. The Polish have made no advance. The 6th Armored Division has bypassed them and reached a point 7126. The 5th Armored Division is 1 mile beyond the river.

On its Right the 5th Army has made considerable progress. The French, fighting hard, have reached the line San Giovanni-Pastena and have captured Mount Calvillii, Mount Rotondo and Mount Civitella. Crittenbergs 4th Corps takes over command of the 85th and 88th Divisions; Keyes 2nd Corps goes to the bridgehead. The 88th Division has secured Mount Curio with advance elements across the stream at the foot of the mountain. The 85th Division has elements in the foot hills across the Piperno - Fontine Marshes road at 31516. The Fontine marshes are clear all the way to the high ground. The 91st Reconnaissance has pushed elements into the outskirts of Senze.

In the bridgehead the Special Service Force is South of Corn. Elements of the 1st Armored Division have reached 0741 and 99388. The 3rd Division has made considerable advance.

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From: Headquarters Mediterranean Allied Air Forces in Caserta, Italy

No: B 12740 26 May 1944

progress beyond highway 7 and has reached the line 9034-0635. No changes on the rest of the line. The chances are still very good to cut off the German Army although there are indications that he has brought elements of the 334th Division south against the advance force of the bridgehead and that the Hermann Goering Division is arriving in small dribbles.

No Sig.

ACTION: Gen Handy
INFO: Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Col Park
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From: AFRQ Command Post, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Nr: B-12724 25th May 1944

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Situation generally good. The Polish Corps has made no advance but has a firm hold on the Villa S Lucia-Piedemonte line. The 5th Canadian Armored Division has advanced along highway 6 and is now beyond the Meifa River.

The French Corps has made little advance. It is now facing a line generally N Giovanni-Pastena.

The 2nd Corps has continued its advance to the west and holds firmly the high ground overlooking Pipeno, extending to the south to include the coast 3 miles west of Terracina. The 91st Reconnaissance Squadron using 3 to 5 different roads is making an effort tonight to reach the beachhead across the Pontine marshes. The demolitions are thorough here and this may be difficult.

In the bridgehead the Special Service Force under pressure of severe tank attack withdrew slightly and then regained their objectives and are ready to attack. The 3rd Division is all around Cisterna but has not cleaned it up as yet. The 1st Armored Division has secured its objectives 2,000 meters north of the railroad. No change on the rest of the front.

CM-IN-18613 (25 May 44)
From: AFRQ Command Post, Caserta, Italy
Nr: B-12724 25th May 1944

Situation in bridgehead considered exceptionally satisfactory and I look for further advances tomorrow. It is believed the enemy has used up his reserves and is short of supplies, that he will fight his usual stubborn delaying action with mines, tanks, machine guns and demolitions.

I visited the front west of Terracina today; say Keys, Coulter, Sloan and many of their troops. They were all in excellent condition and are flushed with the power of success.

The Division and Corps Engineers are doing a remarkable piece of work in making roads passable. They have built two roads right straight across the mountains which will carry truck and tank transportation. Too much praise cannot be given to the Air Force which has made a maximum effort in supporting the advance of the ground forces. At no time except when clouds are very low are planes absent from the air overhead. The 6 new 8 inch guns just received in the theatre are all in action and filling an essential need. Tactical Reconnaissance reports heavy enemy movement northwest on highway 6 from Ceprano.

ACTION: Gen Handy

INFO: Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Col. Park, Log

CM-IN-18613 (25 May 44) 0313Z jb

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On Eighth Army front good progress has been made today and it appears that Thirteen and Canadian Corps are across the River Melfa South of Highway Six with the Sixth British Armoured, Fifth Canadian Armoured and First Canadian Infantry Division from right to left. On the right of Sixth Armoured the Eighth Indian are pushing North of Highway Six on Castorcielo with the object of pinching out the enemy still opposing the Polish Corps. In the Fifth Army area there has been little change on the fronts of the French Corps and the Second American Corps, except that patrols from the Main front and those from the Bridgehead moving South East from Littoria joined hands this morning. On the Bridgehead front the advance has moved past Cisterna to the South East and North West, though last reports state that resistance has not been finally overcome in the town.

North West of Cisterna the progress of the First American Armoured Division is uncertain, but latest reports place their leading elements four miles East and a mile South of Velletri.

The general picture is therefore good progress by the Eighth Army, but the advance from the Bridgehead has not been sufficiently rapid as yet to achieve decisive results.

T.O.O. 251950

ACTION: Gen Surles
INFO: CC/S, Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell, Col Park
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Signed Wilson cite FHGBI G2 Summary.

PARA ONE. Last special summary May 22nd.

PARA TWO. Main Front. No activity Adriatic to Monte Carlo. Enemy still resisting in vicinity Piedmonte. Liri sector of Hitler line pierced yesterday on Aquino flank despite determined opposition. Situation Fontecorvo not entirely clear but village believed evacuated by enemy and general indications point to at all event limited withdrawal on whole Liri sector. West of river enemy still firm but counter attacks yesterday limited to one action northeast Pico. From identifications appreciate 305th Infantry Division with 2 regiments from Adriatic now on 26 Panzer divisions right west of Pico. Apparently supported by elements if not whole 1027 GF showing demands made on bridgehead forces even greater than already apparent. Enemy resistance from Lenola to sea appears largely local. Not known if Terracina still held. Coordinated stand westwards from Pico now hardly within enemy capabilities and forces operating on this sector will be faced with increasingly delicate task if hitherto firm anchor of main Liri sector of Hitler line also become fluid. Enemy in this case likely attempt at all costs maintain some continuity of line whilst pivoting main front from coast to north of Frosinone in order to cover roads away through Alatri and Sora. Attempt to maintain contact between ten and fourteen armies also likely for as long as possible to prevent Allied

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wedge thrusting up from highway seven to Frosinone.  
Hitherto fairly firm defense Terracina presumably designed  
to delay this.

**PARA THREE.** Bridgehead. Information scanty. Initial  
enemy resistance to yesterdays attack towards railway on  
both sides Cisterna not intense suggesting some tactical  
surprise. Later stiffened. Enemy minefields major  
obstacles. Local counter attacks with tanks. Enemy re-  
sistance from both sides Anzio road. Five hundred prisoners  
taken during first day.

T.O.O. 241900

**ACTION:** G-2

**INFO:** CCS
                 CGAAF
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Air Operations.

ONE. Night 23/24. Successful Italy one, failed Italy three.

Sea Operations:

ONE. Night 21/22. Successful France one, Night 22/23 successful Albania one.

PART TWO.

Reports from the field. One Yugoslavia.

A. ONE. BLO reports that Germans have abandoned repairs on railway Koprivnica (SA23) Nasice (SG26) and are working on road Koprivnica-Vinkovci (RX08)

B. ONE. Fighting on road Benkovac (WU29) - Seradin (WU57) continues. 350 enemy dead two tanks and MT destroyed.

TWO. Albania.

A. ONE. Union firm report that mules entering Korca approx CM-IN-18957 (25 May 44)
17 May were commandeered by Germans and sent in 100 trucks to Jannina.

TWO. German troops Himara (M10) reported short of food and willing to surrender to British not Partisans.

THREE. Column of eight light tanks and 12 MT arrived Delvine (R48) from Greece night 16.

B. ONE. Small Partisan raid on German port near Barmash (N81) road mined and destroyed one MT.

TWO. Toad M13Z Graasv (Araash?) (R58) not on 500000 map and one T 45 destroyed.

THREE. Italy.

A. ONE. There is reported to be large concentration camp for recently rounded up Italian patriots at Sjorzacosta in province of Macerata.

FOUR. Other Countries.

Nothing to report.

T.O.O. 241740

ACTION: General Bissell

INFO: CCS

General Arnold

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Adv CP A.F.H.Q.
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23rd May
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PART I
AIR OPERATIONS. Night 22/23 May. Successful NIL failed YUGOSLAVIA 3 GREECE 2 ITALY 1.
SEA OPERATIONS. Nothing to Report. PART II
Reports from FD.
1. YUGOSLAVIA.
   (A) GERMANS reported setting up workshops and requisitioning buildings at BIAJ (SQJ). New airfield completed at BORUTO (ER29) said to be regarded as one of major air bases in YUGOSLAVIA.
   (B) Activity PZNS SLOVENIA and April beginning May includes destruction 5 locos 51 wagons 156000 (148000)? LIJES? petrol pumps and transformers at LITLJA (RD31)\n2. ALBANIA.
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3 o0 Italy

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(A) Nothing to report.

(B) FZN strength reported new 20000 under arms and rapidly increasing. bridged at borne (no) still held by FZN. Area key 0152 (no) 9 and 10 May 5 Bde killed 23 Germans and took 35 IV with all arms and equipment in series of typical miner ops.

3. ITALY

(A) Nothing to report.

(B) In NE Italy local org in plains mostly compromised owing lack security. NEF gts comparatively well equipped but badly located for attacking enemy.

(C) Nothing to report.

(D) Arrest of FADUA organizer and 8/7 operator reported in S/NEF (group missed) confirmed.

4. OTHER COUNTRIES.

Nothing to report.

* Check reads E0 61.

T.O.O. 23 MIL.

ACTION: Gen Bissell
INFO: CC/B
       Gen Arnold
       OPD
       Col Park

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For Lord Burnham, General Surles repeated for Devers from Gemmell signed Wilson cite FHCOS.

Again there is little change in the general situation. At last report the Poles were still heavily engaged just to the west of Piedmonte. The Canadians have made a slight penetration of the forward defenses east of Penticorvo.

The French have beaten off heavy counter attacks by infantry supported by tanks in San Leucio area and recovered ground which they were forced temporarily to yield. They continue to hold Pico despite enemy counter attacks yesterday while making small advances further to the west.

The Second United States Corps likewise have made further advances to the northwest and now hold Monte Calvo, Monte Marino, Monte Autoni and Monte Copiecio. Previous reports that they were in Terracina have not been substantiated and the enemy now appears to hold that place.

Early this morning simultaneous attacks on all fronts were launched: By the 8th Army, the main front of the 5th Army and from the beachhead. No results are yet available but the critical stage of the battle is now at hand and the results of the next few days should tell.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGS, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Col Park, Gen Surles, Log
CM-IN-17690 (24 May 44) O1472 jb
MARSHALL AND WILSON EYES ONLY

From:  AFHQ Command Post, Caserta, Italy
To:  War Department
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B 12715 to AGWAR for Marshall for his eyes only and to Freedom for Wilson for his eyes only from Fairbanks from Devers

No change on the right of the Eighth Army front. The Canadians have pierced the Hitler Line at Pontecorvo. The French have failed to advance. There has been hard fighting all along the line but the Second Corps has continued its advance and now holds, in addition to Mount Alto, Mount Curio and Sonnino. They have tanks in the outskirts of Terracina and hold the high ground overlooking the city. By morning the Second Corps should be able to advance rapidly along Highway 7 toward the bridgehead.

In the bridgehead the fighting has been fierce but satisfactory. The Special Service Force has crossed Highway 7 and reached the railroad track at 0630. The Third Division has reached the railroad track generally south of Cisterna. The First Armored Division using snaker to get through the minefield has reached the railroad track south of the Mole River. Elements of the Forty Fifth Division on its left have crossed the railroad track and reached a point in the vicinity of 965355. Their line then extends to the southwest to a

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point 92532. The First British Division no change. The Fifth British Division reached their second objective at 760312. They succeeded in getting a tank across the river at 766307. The casualties in the bridgehead today were 800 which we consider light for the magnitude of the attack. Prisoners captured were 500.

There are many indications that the enemy is withdrawing from in front of the French and the Eighth Army. Tactical reconnaissance noted over 240 trucks on the roads this FM but were unable to do much about it because of a low cloud cover.

I am still optimistic.

No Sig

ACTION: Gen Handy
INFO: Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Col Park
Log

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Obs. Last special summary 20 May.

Sve. Present enemy order of battle main front (See also F48743 of 16 May.

(A) Independent Adriatic Group. 993 OR of 278
Infantry Division in former 578 OR Sector 577 OR of 305
Infantry Division. 334 Infantry and 11th Jaeger Divisions with
Regimental dispositions unchanged.

(B) II Mountain Corps. 5 Mountain and 44 Infantry
Division no changes except probably 11th Bn still with 100
Mountain Regt and elements 132 OR transferred to area
Trovize. Not known whether 44 Division Eq again controlling
own units. Considered probable 1 Parachute Division (Monte
Cairo - Aquino) with following units forward: 11th Bn 721 JR,
4 Mtn Bn, 11th Bn 100 Mtn Regt, 1 and 3 Mtn Bn 1 para Regt, 1
and II Bns 4 para Regt, 190 Recce unit and 595 anti tank Bn.
3 para Regt, 11th Bn 741 JR and Parachute 30 Bn unlocated.
90
Inf Division (Aquino - Liri) with 361 OR, 576 OR (BONUS), 190
assault gun Bn and probably 115 tank Bn. 115 OR believed
pulled out.

(C) 1 XTV Panzer Corps with 26 Panzer Division
(Liri West of Pico) with 9 OR mixed force consisting of
11th Bn 578 OR (305 Division).
200 OR (90 OR Division) 11th Bn 104 OR (15 OR Division) 334
Panzer Bn, 194 OR (71 Division). 57 OR not contacted.
No tank identifications. Division controlling sector west of
Pico - exclusive Lencis unknown. Probably Eq 15 OR Division
with remnants 71 Division, 441 114 and 115 Recce Units and

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305 Fuselier Bn. 94 Infantry Division (Lenola - Terracina)
with remnants own regiments and I and III Bns 104 PGR (35 PG
Division) 26 and 400 Recon units and 104 Fuselier Bn.


Enemy evidently making new changes here and replacing 305 by
278 Infantry Division from Istria. Change-over apparently
about half-complete. No evidence any withdrawals in mountain
sector Maella - Monte Cairo. Sharp enemy reaction to own
patrols. Stubborn fighting Piedmont area but enemy getting
worst of battle there. Aquino-Fontecorvo sector of Hitler
line holding at present. Own advance elements report thick
wire belt but this not serious obstacle. Defence at present
mainly heavy anti-tank screen with enfilading fire from
Piedmont area flank. Situation threatening for enemy sector
Fontecorvo - Pico where 26 Panzer Division put in piecemeal to
and endeavour check French advance and clear connecting road.
Opposition still stiff but own troops reported working north
of Pico and approaching 8 Giovanni on Liri flank. Pico
position thus difficult but enemy still believed planning
further counter-attack. This may absorb more reinforcements.
On rest of front opposition generally slight except in area
Lenola and enemy believed back on defence positions west of
line Lenola-Fondi-Terracina. Division at any rate major
elements 26 Panzer division from Agriatic indication enemy
APOS 305 S concern and doubt of ability to prevent general
disorganisation south of Liri and turning of Hitler line
astride Liri valley. Reinforcements thrown in piecemeal to
stop threat to Liri flank. This not yet successful and main
portion of Hitler line now forms distinct salient. Enemy
possibly at least hoping be able use Hitler line as temporary
check while regrouping for counterattacks especially south of
Liri or for conduct of rearguard actions in event general
withdrawal being necessary. Available forces now barely ade-
quate for either but appreciate decision to withdraw not yet
taken and attempt may still be made to find further forces and
counterattack to restore Fontecorvo-Pico line. Bridgehead quiet.

Four. Stop press. Element I Bn 71 PGR of 29 PG Division
identified area Terracina.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CCG, C CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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