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From: Algiers
From: Brit. War Office London NW
To: War W-1096/6131
USFOR London No. #

30 June 1943

Summary of operations 21 to 27 June. Nothing to report on ground operations.

Location statement. Changes only since last report. Main Hq Force 141 La Marsa; 13.1 Br Inf Div K 5820-4. Inf Div enroute to Bougie. 46 Div Algiers. 78 Inf Div Hammanet. Hq lst Armoured Corps Binderts. 1 Br Airborne Div and 82 USA Airborne Div Kairouan.

 Movements. 20 June 46 Div arrived Algiers from Medjez El Bab. 22 June 78 Div arrived Hammanet from Guelma. 4 Inf Div departed Tunis for Bougie. 26 June Hq and leading elements of one Br Airborne Div and 82 US Airborne Div arrived Kairouan from Marsa and Oujda respectively 18th weekly summary. (Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from AFRIC cite PHGT signed Eisenhower W-3796/6131 29 June N11).
In the former, Wellingtons dropped 20 tons of bombs on railway junctions and on nearby industrial areas at Catania during night 23/24 June. (2nd and last part of Freedom message reference number 5984 date 29 June.) The following night a further 19 Wellingtons raided similar targets in Olbia. Heaviest attack of the period yet made on 25 June on Messina, when a total of 135 B 17's Fortresses raided the harbour and communication centres. Great damage was done. In Sardinia 40 B 26's Maurauders dropped 40 tons of bombs on 24 June on this raid 2 merchantmen were hit, 1 of which was set afire, and harbour installations were damaged among other operations. Beaufighters intercepted enemy aircraft attacking our convoy off Cap Bon on 27 June, and shot down 6 without loss.

4. Political. Since the compromise solution of the question of French High Command, the situation has settled considerably the permanent war committee has not yet met formally, but preliminary informal conversations have been held and a general disposition is noted to settle specific problems in a spirit of cooperation. The question of renovation of Army cadres remains difficult. The Committee For National Liberation has examined the problem of finding a successor for Governor Boisson of French West Africa, who appears to have maintained his decision to resign. It is said that he will nevertheless continue in office until such time as a successor has been designated.

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office
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Mideast
British Army Staff, Wash, DC
India
Persian Gulf
Gibraltar
South Africa
East Africa
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26 June 1943

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Pretoria Dechies CapeTown Force Naicebi from Free-
dom 4772 25th signed Eisenhower cite FHQCT). Troopers
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Resident Minister Achimota, Britialist Ankara for
Marshal Chikwa, Defense Wellington for Puttich.
(First part). LINREP 58. Summary of operations 21st
to 25th June.

Paragraph 1. Ground. Pantelleria. All prison-
ers have been evacuated from the island where our
AA units and fighter aircraft have successfully countered en
emey air raids. In raid on harbor 19 June AA de-
fenses destroyed 5 enemy aircraft and probably destroy-
ed further 3.

Paragraph 2. Naval. On night 19/20 June
coastal craft closed to within 500 yards of Marsala
(SW Sicily) and patrolled off Favignana and Marittino
without incident. Following night similar craft
operated off Sciacca (SW Sicily). Our submarines, in
addition to sinking a medium sized merchant vessel
and a 7000 ton armed merchant cruiser report follow-
ing successes. 14 June. 2 hits on 5000 ton merchant
vessel North of Messina. 15 June. Sinking 1200 ton
auxiliary and obtaining 1 hit on a destroyer NW of
Messina. One of these submarines on 15 June bombarded
the wireless station on Salina (Aeolian Islands) scoring hits on wireless mast and buildings.

Paragraph 3. Air. Targets in the Naples area
have been heavily attacked. During night 20/21 June
20 Wellingtons dropped 40 tons of bombs on marshalling
yards in the city and following day 57 B 17 Fortresses
successfully attacked the Royal Arsenal. Same day 2
other groups of B 17's raided nearby Cancello Air
Depot. Further to southeast, marshalling yards at
Salerno and Battipaglia were each attacked by.

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Information: CG AAF
           Gen. Deane (CC/S)
           Adm. King

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From: Algiers
To: War
No. 4772, 26th June 1943

On 21 June, Salerno was again raided (part 2 and last of 4772 25th nil. (To Troopers repeated USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Arminial Delhi, PAIC Adelaide Melbourne, Dechiefs Pretoria, De-chiefs Captown, force Nairobi from Freedom) The same night, when 25 Wellingtons dropped 53 tons of bombs on marshalling yards and 800,000 leaflets in the target area. On night 22-23 June 30 Wellingtons successfully bombed Olbia in North Sardinia.

Para 4. Political. The problem of the French High Command which for 10 days had constituted the major obstacle in the negotiations has been solved by a compromise solution. Gen Giraud retains the High Command of forces in North and West Africa. While Gen DeGaulle remains as Chief of his own forces in other theaters. The problem of reorganization in structure and personnel of French Forces is to be effected by a Staff comprising 3 Chiefs of Staff (Land air and sea) representing Gen Giraud and equivalent representation from Gen DeGaulle-Bq both Commanders sit on this "Permanent War Committee", no Chairman being designated. Once more an attempt at Equilibrium between 2 factions may be noted.

Corrected copy of CM IN 17004 (27 June 43) OPD
ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF GEN. DEANE(CC/8)
CM-IN-17222 (27 Jun 43) 1644Z nsh

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OSS letter, May 3, 1972
by RHP, NARH Date
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To: WAR
NR: 3892 24 June 43

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1. Ground. On 17th June command of a small permanent garrison to be maintained on Pantelleria passed to NAAF. Garrison includes Infantry and Anti Aircraft units and fighter aircraft.

2. Naval. A convoy of 6 ships was attacked by 2 enemy aircraft off Cape St. Vincent on 14th June. 1 ship was slightly damaged by a near miss. On night 15/16 June HM destroyers Isis and Paladin carried out an anti shipping sweep off east coast Sardinia without incident. 1 of our submarines reports sinking a 1000 ton coaster on 10th June off Orsoei E. Sardinia. The coaster was loaded with motor transported and canned petrol.

3. Air. Heaviest attack of the period was made on Messina on 18th June. 84 B 17 Fortresses attacked railway yards, fuel depots, warehouses and the ferry terminals which were well covered with bursts. Sardinian targets included Olbia and the airdromes of Villacidro and Oristano. Olbia was bombed on 18th June by 3 formations of B-
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To: War
No.: 5692 24 June 43

26 Marauders totaling 105 aircraft with 70 escorting fighters. Direct hits were scored in quays and on 2 motor vessels, while 10 enemy fighters were destroyed. We lost three B 26's and 1 of the escorts. Same day Villacidro and Oriostano airfields were successfully attacked by a formation of 44 P 39's airacobras in the course of a fighter sweep. Targets in Sicily were also attacked. 10 Wellingtons bombed the harbor of Syracuse on night 18/19 June and following night 55 Wellingtons raided Messina. 1 large fire started was visible for 100 miles. Bo Risso airfield was attacked on 20th June by 23 B 26's, which dropped bombs among dispersal areas. 1 raid was also made on the Italian mainland, where 19 Wellingtons dropped 37 tons of bombs on docks and marshalling yards at Naples on night 16/17 June.

4. Political. No agreement as yet on the important question of the French high command. 21st June session of the National Committee of Liberation ended without decision. Giraud reportedly insisted that a decision be reached during the June 22 session.

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

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: British War Office No #
War 3391/W 3216
USFOR No #

21, June, 1943

(Troopers rpt AGWAR USFOR from AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FRGCT 3391/W 3216 21 June Nil) Fifteenth weekly summary.

Para 1. Summary of operations 14th June to 20th June. On 14th June a Naval party from HM destroyer Troubridge landed on Lampion Island which was found uninhabited and party embarked. The same day 2 Coldstream Guards arrived Lampedusa where total number of service prisoners is now estimated as about 4000. By end of period of this report airstrome was usable with care. At Pantelleria enemy dive-bombing throughout the day 14 June resulted in the sinking of a Naval WOC and the water ship Empire Maiden and some Military casualties. By 15 June the full scales of offensive had reached this Island, continuous fighter cover was being flown and enemy air attacks were largely countered. Establishment of the permanent garrison and the turnover of command began 14 June when 1 Br Inf Div less 1 Bn evacuated Pantelleria. Main Hq Br Div closed Pantelleria 1200 B 16 June and opened Sousse same time. Command actually passed to General Strickland RAF 1300 B 17 June with under command 1 B 1 Br Div, 63 Light AA Regt, 58 Heavy AA Regt and 33 US Fighter Group. Over 10,000 service prisoners have been
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To: British War Office No #  
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21 June 1943  
evacuated from the Island.  
In Africa on 14 June 40 Italian paratroops landed in  
Benghazi area and prisoners stated parties of 10 each  
landed at Tripoli, Sfax, Algiers, Biskra, Ain Milia,  
Djenjelli and 20 at Oran. On 15 June French reported  
capture of 5 parties of 10 each, 1 near Affeville (95),  
1 near Constantine, 2 SW of Oran and another near  
Djexia (71). On 16 June 7 Italians captured in Sfax  
area were found in possession of marked maps showing  
airfields. They stated they landed 3 nights previously  
with explosives for demolition. Another 9 Italian  
paratroops were captured at Biskra on 18 June. The  
search continues.

Para 2. Location statement. Under command AFHQ  
51 Inf Div Djidjelli. Hq Tunisia District Carthage.  
5 Corps Duvivier M 99. Hq L of C Constantine. 5th Army  
Oujda. 1 Armd Corps Mostaganem. Under command Tunisia  
District 1 Br Inf Div less 1 Bn Sousse. 4 Inf Div Tunis.  
34 US Inf Div J 8986. Under command 5 Corps 46 Inf Div  
enroute to Algiers & Armd Div Stonville G 12. Under  
command L of C 78 Inf Div Guelma M 69. Under command  
5 Army 1 Br Airborne Div Mascara Q 14. 6 Corps Rabat.  
36 Inf Div Rabat. Under command 1 Armd Corps Hq 2 Corps  
Perregaux Q 70. 1 US Inf Div Algiers. 3 Inf Div J 8991.  
9 Inf Div Magenta Z 37. 2 Armd Div (less CC A with 3 Inf  
Div) Fort Aux Poules A 89. 82 Airborne Div Oujda.

Para 3. Movements, 15 June 1 Br Inf Div less 1  
Bn arrived Sousse from Pantelleria. 16 June 46 Inf Div  
departed Edjej El Bab for Algiers. 1 US Inf Div less  
18 RCT arrived Algiers from Oran. 6 Armd Div arrived  
Gastonville from Hammamet.

Para 4. British Military casualties. Read  
Officers and others. Period 11 to 17 June. Killed
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6. 49 wounded nil. 45. Missing nil. Nil. Total
6. 94.

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

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Signature- CAF

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To: War
British War Office
USFOR London
Mid East
HQ South Africa
HQ East Africa
and other addressees

19 June 1943

Total number of prisoners (to Troopers rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Aramind Delhi Paic Land Forces Melbourne Dechies Pretoria Dechies Capetown Force Nairobi from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FNGCT 2684 19 Jun nil. Action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimos, Britmil Ankara for Maxwell Chmak, Defender Wellington for Puttick [LINREP 36]) Summary of operations 14th to 16th June (ground).

Estimated Pantelleria 11,109 and Lampedusa nearly 4000. On 16th June HQ 1 Br Int Div returned Sousse. Several parties NF 10 saboteurs each landed in theater by parachute night 14-15 June. Seven parties already taken prisoner and search continues. No reports of any damage accomplished.

Paragraph 2. Naval. On 14th June Naval party from HM destroyer Troubridge landed on Lampion but found island uninhabited and reembarked. Same day water ship and MGB were sunk by dive bombers in Pantelleria harbor. On night 14/15 June coastal craft from Malta patrolled off Empedocle Sicily while others carried out sweep towards Marsala Sicily. Our forces ineffectively engaged by shore batteries during former operation. French submarine reports attacking 6000 ton cargo vessel at anchor off NE Sardinia 4th June. Two hits were heard and

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vessel was seen aground 4 days later. One of HM submarines claims a hit on 15,000 ton tanker off South Italy on 5th June.

Paragraph 3. Air. A* were heavily attacked on 15th June. Sciacasco and Bocca Di Falco, which had each been attacked by 12 Wellingtons during night 14/15 June were successfully raided by 72 medium bombers and by 56 B 17's (for Reesaa). Respectively, 55 B 17's also raided Castelvetrano and a further 36 B 26's Mauraeders attacked Milo. Two formations of B 26's totalling 68 aircraft attacked the airfield at BO Rizzo. In all these raids the target areas were well covered, and bombs were seen to fall among Adm Buildings and aircraft dispersal area. Fighter escorts were provided by P 38's (Lightnings) and F 40's. (Warhawks).

Paragraph 4. Political. French unity has not yet been achieved. In fact the matter of Military Com- mand has not been settled and local public opinion is becoming impatient with the lack of unified, positive action on the part of the New National committee.

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OSD letter, May 2, 1972

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

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/44

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From: AFEQ in North Africa  
To: War  
No. W-2770 15 June 1943  

For the time being do not stress present Comité Français Libération Nationale or its membership as sole symbols French unity in view serious internal conflicts. (Haseltine Jackson to OWI signed Eisenhower cite FHEV) Other symbols are common French battle experience, metropolitan French spirit resistance. (Algiers special guidance).  

In broadcasts to Italy stress evidence strength of defences in Germany such as AA, night fighters and Allied plane losses that pig out Germany defences selfishness. (Jackson) To avoid apparent contradiction we use Churchill illustrating tough Anglo American line before Italian surrender and Roosevelt Hussee American British line after surrender. Waiting your advice switch from hard to soft line now authorized by CCS refer cable CCS to Eisenhower number 361 15th June.

361 is CM-OUT-5849 (14 June 43) CCS  
Action: Gen. Strong  
Information: OPD, Gen. Arnold, Gen. Deane (CC/8), CAD, LOG  
CM-IN-9712 (16 June 43) 0528Z ce  
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From: Algiers
To: British War Office - no number
       War - 1183
       USBOR - No #
       15 June 1943

16th weekly summary. Paragraph one. Summary of operations 7 June to 13 June. (to Troopers rpts AGWAR USBOR from Freedom 1183 15 nil signed Eisenhower cite PHCT) During night 6/7 June a raid was carried out on Lampedusa with purpose of destroying RDF station on the island. Two MTB and assault craft with about 30 men approached the island apparently undetected but mortar and small arms fire were opened on assault craft as they were about to land. The attack had to be abandoned. During the withdrawal the MTB were illuminated by searchlight and engaged with fair accuracy by 2 (4 inch) batteries. Two soldiers [in a Folbot] are missing but no other damage or casualties. Preparatory to the assault on Pantelleria three attempts had been made to land small military parties on the island to determine its state of alert, system of guards and to bring back prisoners. Unsuitable weather conditions prevented 2 of the landings but on night 28 and 29 May 2 officers and 6 others landed and captured a guard. The party was discovered and the prisoner had to be abandoned. One man was badly wounded and had to be left behind. This raid disclosed island in state of alert with sentries posted at intervals of 150-200 yards. For 5 days before D day (11th June) air bombing of the island was carried out on an increasing scale. Nightly sweeps and bombardments were carried out by the Navy. At the end of the bombing on 8 June pamphlets were dropped calling on the Governor to surrender. Terms of surrender included immediate cessation of hostilities; unconditional surrender all armed forces who were to
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become PW; all war material supplies and equipment every
description to be turned over undamaged; all fuel, shipping
and craft to be turned over undamaged. Surrender was to
be indicated by white flag flown in fort and white cross
on landing ground. This first demand for surrender was
unanswered and bombing was resumed. Another demand for
surrender was dropped on 10 June but this was not answered.
(End of part one cipher, part two follows). In the mean-
time the

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Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-8965 (16 Jun 43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
Fourteenth weekly summary.

Paragraph 1. Summary of Operations 7 June to 13 June. (To Troopers rptd AGKN 015101 from Freedom
183 15 Nil signed Eisenhower cite FOGCT).

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CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King.

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     British Army Staff 33
     New Delhi No #
     Baghdad No #
     Other interested Stations
     Capetown No #
     C in C Gibraltar. No #

13, June, 1943

Other targets attacked on 5 June included Porto
Ponte Romano, Sardinia, where a 500 foot merchant
vessel (cipher part two of our Letter number 53 dated June 8) re-
ceived a direct hit during a raid by 18 B 26's Marauders
and the Airforce at Moncarrato, Sardinia, where 30 P 38's
Lightnings destroyed workshops and hangars. Pastalleris
continuously attacked throughout the period, the harbour
airfield and defenses localities being the main targets.
The heaviest scale of attack was developed on 6 June.
20 Wellingtons had previously raided the harbour, during
the night, and throughout the day series of attacks were
launched on defended positions on the island. Fighter
bombers carried out the earlier attacks, 23 P-40's (War-
hawks) being followed by 46 P-38's and later by a 2nd
formation of 37 P-38's. In all these attacks direct hits
and near misses were reported. 24 B-26's of the Strategic
Air Force followed by a further 18 B-26's continued the
attack. Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force assisted with
7 separate missions comprising a total of 24 Baltimores,
24 Bostons, 24 B-25's Mitchells and 12 P-40's.
Paragraph 4. Political. After early difficulties, the Union between followers of Generals Giraud and DeGaulle appears to have been achieved. The new Governing body takes the name of French Committee for National Liberation, with Generals Giraud and DeGaulle as Co-Presidents. Names of the 18 Commissioners were published on the morning of June 8 and show a predominance of Gaullist appointees. Within the Committee, a smaller body composed of the 7 original members, will function as the executive "War Committee", and are the only ones who possess the right to vote. The only vital questions remaining unsolved are the appointment of the Military Commander in Chief and the integration of the Gaullist Cadre with those of the regular French Army.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-7817 (13 Jun 43) OPD

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

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From: North Africa
To: British War Office
USFOR London
Middle East
British Army Staff
New Delhi
Baghdad
Nilemene
Pretoria
Cape Town
East Africa

No: 54, 13, June, 1943

In addition to a small number of medium and fighter bomber missions, (Second and last cipher part linrep (54) following night 24 Wellingtons dropped 50 tons of bombs on the town and harbour. Large fires were started and a ship already on fire received a direct hit on 8 June. 109 B 17’s dropped over 300 tons of bombs, with enemy gun positions as primary targets. 113 sorties of medium bombers dropped a further 153 tons of bombs while 99 sorties of P 38’s (Lightnings) also dropped 46 tons of bombs with good results. 164 fighter and fighter bomber sorties of the Tactical Air Force were also flown against targets throughout the Island. On 9th June the attack was continued by 112 B 17’s and 64 medium bombers and by many fighter sweeps.

4. Political. The question of military Command and reorganization of the Army is not yet settled. Until this matter can be adjusted it cannot be said that a workable union has been accomplished.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN. DRANE (CC/8), ADM KING

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New Delhi No #
Baghdad No #
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Pretoria No #
Capetown No #
East Africa No #

11 June 1943

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Nairobi from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FMCT
165 11 June NIL).

LINREP 54. Summary of operations 7 to 9
June.


2. Naval. During 6/7 June coastal craft
    carried out sweep of east coast of Sicily to Syra-
    cuse and of the south coast between Marittimo and
    Cape Granitida. Two mbs operated off Lampedusa
    on 7th June. Following morning 5 cruisers and 8
    destroyers carried out a bombardment of Pantelleria
    shore batteries and harbor area in conjunction with
    bombing by Strategic Air Force
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From: AFBQ in North Africa
To: British War Office

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There was slight opposition from 2 batteries but accompanying nobs encountered only small arms fire when they closed to within 1000 yards of harbor entrance. On night 8/9 June coastal craft patrolled between Marittimo and Mazara (SW Sicily). One of our submarines reports obtaining 3 hits on an 8,000 ton southbound tanker north of Gulf of S Euphemis (S Italy) on 3 June. Results were not observed due to moderate counter attacks.

3. Air. Heavy and sustained attacks have been made upon installations and defended localities on Pantelleria Island 7 June 3 flights each of 31 B17's (Fortresses) dropped a total of 720 500 lb bombs on the town and harbor; hits observed among Siebel Ferries and other small craft and a warehouse was seen to explode. Over 30 enemy aircraft encountered but these made no determined effort to interfere with our operations. Ninety nine medium bombers followed up these attacks, scoring many direct hits on gun positions while aircraft (Part 2 follows) of the Tactical Air Force flew 146 escort sorties.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN DEANE (CCS), ADM KING
CM-IN-8458 (14 June 43) 0747Z wos

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: WAR
British War Office

9 June 1942


1. Ground. There grouping of our forces continued.

2. Naval. MGB during night 2/3 June NJBS
carried out sweep off East coast of Sicily as far as Syracuse and off the South coast between Marittimo and Cape Granitola (Western Sicily). Same night NJBS from Bizerta operated as an anti E boat striking Force West of Bizerta. In early morning 3 June the cruiser Orion escorted by destroyers Paladin and Troubridge successfully bombarded number 1 Battery at Pantelleria. Opposition was intermittent and our forces suffered neither casualties nor damage. Pantelleria harbour was attacked later in the day by the destroyers Ixis and Ilex. Hits were obtained on the inner harbour; 1 salvo only was fired by opposing coast batteries.

On night 3/4 June coastal craft carried out sweeps off Pantelleria and between Marittimo and Cape Granitola while the destroyers Ilex and Ixis operated North of Pantelleria. In early morning 5 June a cruiser escorted by Paladin and Troubridge bombarded batteries at the

(CM-IN-6586 11 Jun 43)
South and of Pantelleria. Our forces encountered some return fire but neither casualties or damage were sustained. One of our submarines operating off the South coast of France reports having sunk a 3,000 ton ship on 19 May, having scored a torpedo hit on a large tanker in same area 20 May and having attached a tug and some lighters 2 days later off Hyeres Roads.

3. Air. Heaviest attack of the period was made on 5 June, when 4 missions of B-17's fortress totalling 134 aircraft made a concentrated raid in daylight on shipping targets at Spezia NW Italy including a battleship and a cruiser. These probably received several direct hits and many near misses. A large merchantman was seen to explode after a direct hit and other violent explosions and large fires were observed in the dock areas.

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INFORMATION:
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

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From: AFBQ in North Africa
To: British War Office No #

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Gibraltar No #
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8 June 1943

(Cipher Part 2 of our LINREP number 59 dated June 8th) Other targets attacked on 5 June included Porto Ponneromo, Sardinia, a Merchant vessel received a direct hit during a raid by 8, B 26 Maulauders and the airforce, Monserrate, Sardinia, where 30 P 38's Lightnings destroyed work shops and hangars. Pantelleria continuously attacked throughout the period, the harbour, airfield and defences localities being the main streets. The heaviest scale of attack was developed on 6*. In all these attacks direct hits and near misses were reported. 24 B-26's of the Strategic Air Force followed by a further 18 B-* continued the attack. Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force assisted with 7 separate missions comprising a total of 24 Baltimores, 24 Boston's, 24 B-25's Mitchell's and 12 P-40's.

Para 4. Political. After early difficulties the union between followers of Generals Giraud and DeGaulle appears to have been achieved. The new governing body takes the name of French Committee for National Liberation, with Generals Giraud and DeGaulle as co presidents. Names of the 12 Commissioners were published on the morning of June 8th and show a predominance of Gaullist appointees. Within the Committee, a smaller body composed of the 7 original members, will function as the executive "War Committee", and are the only ones who possess the right to vote.
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The only vital questions remaining unsolved are the appointment of the Military Commander in Chief and the integration of the Gaullist Cadre with those of the regular French Army.

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At their moorings and a two masted schooner was attacked (second and last part of L1NP52 7738/W2013 from Freedom) and set on fire. Other enemy shipping was attacked at Ponte Porto Romano Sardinia on 1 June when 18 B-26 Marauders obtained near misses on a large merchantman. On their return from this raid a naval vessel was attacked off Cape Spartivento and was seen to explode. At Olbia Sardinia two motor vessels received near misses when attacked on 1 June and were left burning.

4. Political. An atmosphere of great tension has marked the negotiations of the past few days. The disturbed political situation has not been reflected in public participation or demonstrations. The next few days should result in clear definition of the political position.

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LINREP 52. Summary of operations 31 May to 2 June. (To Troopers rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Arminia Delhi PAIC Land Forces Melbourne DeChiefs Pretoria DeChiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from Freedom 7758 W 2013 - 4th nil signed Eisenhower cite F/OGCT.)


2. Naval. During night 29/30 May our destroyers operated along East coast of Sicily. HMS Orion escorted by HM Destroyers, Troubridge and Petard bombarded Pantelleria in early morning 31 May. Same night HMS Ilex and Isis patrolled North of the island and HPS Jervis and Greek destroyer Queen Olga operated off East coast of Sicily. MTB5 and MTB6 from Bizerta and similar craft from Malta were also active off West and South coasts of Sicily respectively. On night 31 May 1 June MTBS from Malta were active off East coast of Sicily. In daylight following day the cruiser Penelope with HMS Petard and Paladin bombarded Pantelleria. Some opposition was met and Penelope received a direct hit which caused little damage. In early morning 2 June HMS Jervis and

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the Greek destroyer Queen Olga sank 2 merchant vessels of 3500 and 1500 tons respectively and an escort vessel off Cape Spartivento. A second escort vessel was driven ashore burning fiercely.

3. Air. Bombers of the strategic air force carried out a heavy attack on Foggia 75 miles NE of Naples on 31 May. In this raid 81 B-17 Fortresses dropped 210 tons of bombs on the airfield and on railway marshalling yards. Medium bombers and fighter bombers concentrated on targets in Sardinia and Sicily. In the course of many operations Pantelleria was heavily and continuously attacked. At Stagnone Sicily which was raided on 1 June by 36 P-40 Warhawks 6 seaplanes were destroyed.

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Linrep 51. Summary of operations 27 to 30 May (to Troopers rprd UNFOR-MidEast Britman Washington India Delhi PAIC Landforces Melbourne DeChiefs Pretoria De Chiefs Cape Town Force Nairobi from Yrse-
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Para 1. Ground:
Movement of our troops to assembly areas con-
tinued.

Para 2. Naval:
HMS Vetch carried out a promising attack on a
U boat off Tenes (M 17) on 25th May. During recent patrols
our submarines sank a tanker off Monte Carlo a 4,000 ton
motor vessel off Messina Sicily a trawler at the entrance
to Augusta harbor (Eastern Sicily) and damaged a 4,000
ton motor vessel off Catania. (Action Troopers pass to
HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid Resident
Minister Achmota Brikelat Ankara for Marshal Chakmak
defender Wellington for Puttick).

Para 3. Air:
Heavy attacks were made against military targets
in Italy Sardinia Sicily and Pantelleria. Of these
the heaviest was made on Leghorn during night 27-28
May where 4 separate formations of B-17 (Fortresses)
totalling 106 aircraft dropped 206 tons of bombs.
Large fires were started at the oil refinery and ship-
yards and direct hits were scored on 3 ships. On 30
May B-17's attacked an aircraft factory and several
airdromes in the vicinity of Naples with excellent re-
sults. Shipping oil storage and dry docks at Naples
were also damaged. Pantelleria harbor and air-drome
installations were successfully attacked each day dur-
ing the period the largest attack occurring 28 May when
our medium bombers dropped 77 tons of bombs starting
fires and doing great damage to piers gun emplacements
and docks. Throughout the period the airdromes in
Sicily and Sardinia were attacked almost continuously.
Severe damage was done to installations and many enemy
aircraft were destroyed on the ground. A Hudson on a
shipping patrol attacked and sank a surface U boat north
of Balearic Islands.

Para 4. Political:
General De Gaulle accompanied by Massigli and
Philip arrived yesterday in Algiers and was met by Gen-
eral Giraud at the airport. A small demonstration was
staged in the afternoon without knowledge of French Head-
quartes. It is too early to comment upon the tone or
prospects of the negotiations.

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