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CCWD
1 August
0049Z

C O R R E C T I O N

From: Algiers
To: British Signals
No. W-6211/6479 31 July 1943

The following is a correction to the garbled portion of the above message.

"Contrary yesterdays report San Stefhno still held as strong point."

WDCC.

Correction to CM-IN-228 (1 Aug 43) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
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CG AAF
AFM. KING
WHITE HOUSE

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1 Aug/43
0049Z

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: British Army Staff, Washn. DC

Nr: W6211/6479 31 July, 1943

(Action Troopers AGWAR information Mideast from
Freedom W6211/6479 31st 1930 signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI)

Enemy disturbed by loss Catenanuova and advance
Allied Troops to outskirts Regalbuto. In action were
Goering Eng Bn elements Goering Arty Regt and AR Sicily
Acad I Bn 3 Para Regt. Foregoing Para 1.

2. Identifications by PW area Catenanuova 30
July 923 Fortress Bn 1 troop Goering Flak Regt. PWS
state 923 Bn less than 200 strong. Other troops Flak
Regt also present. Area Sforro 29 July Bn Reggio.
Coastal area 373 Italian Coastal Bn. PW states some
50 recent reinforcements including personnel Folgore
and Nembo Divisions.

3. General enemy situation. Eastern sector no
change. Right flank Goering Division threatened by cap-
ture Catenanuova and difficult situation area Regalbuto.
Counter attacks likely but no indications yet. Unconfir-
med reports reinforcements brought to this sector. In
northern sector enemy now west of Cerami and contacted in
town of Capizzi. Contrary yesterdays in * stefano still
held as strong point. Heavy and increasing demolitions
coast road. Enemy likely continue shorten line. First
concern must be prevention breach in centre between
forces on northern and eastern fronts. Identifications
coastal sector suggest Germans still using Italians

(CM-IN-228 1 Aug 43)

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To: British Army Staff, Washn. DC
Nr: W6211/6479 31 July 1943

possibly organizing own troops for defence in greater depth. Railway Messina-Catania evidently still in use as reinforcement route. Confirmed by civilians. Increase in mines obstacle and demolitions all fronts. Favignana Marittimo Levanzo Islands surrendered unconditionally 29 July.

4. Miscellaneous. PWS continue report heavy losses. Germans beginning complain Allied strafing and lack own air support. No indications any reaction political events.

No Sig.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
G-2
CG AAF
White House
Admiral King

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
31 July/43
0944Z

OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

Nr: None 31 July 1943

(COSITINTREP addressees plus 7th Army 8th Army
repeated in C in C Med A from C in C Med M.)

Aurora, Penelope and 6 destroyers bombarded bridge
south of Locri night 28th/29th. (Part 2 of COSITINTREP
number 21 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.)

(2). P.T's patrolling off north coast Sicily night
27th/28th sank one F lighter.

(3). M.G.B's bombarded railway station trains and
warehouses at Giardini at close range night 27th/28th.
Damage caused and fires started. No effective opposition.

No Sig.

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
Adm. King
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CM-IN-22420 (31 Jul 43) 1129Z vc

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
30/Jul/43
0946Z

CORRECTION

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. 0805 30th July 1943.

Correction in 6th line:

Ban-Stefano Regt only recently arrived. 27 July
450 PWS taken.

No Sig.

Correction to CM-IN-21640 (30 July 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE 31 July 1943

URGENT
CORRECTION

From: Force 141
To: War

Number COSITINTREP 21 30 July 1943

Please insert following at beginning of message:

(From 15 Army Group O/B16 30 2356 to COSITINTREP addressees rptd Rear HQ 15 Army Group. COSITINTREP number 21 to 1600 hours 30 July.)

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. Capture of Catenuova opened right flank Gearing Div and caused some readjustment in that direction. Tanks reported approaching Catenuova 1630 hours but no counterattack developed. Captured map shows defence of Catenuova and Regalbuto entrusted BG Engineer Bn plus remains 923 Fortress Bn.

No Sig

Note: Correction to CM-IN-22317 (31 Jul 43) OPD

Action: OPD

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: Force 141
To: War

Number COSITINTREP 21 30 July 1943

(From 15 Army Group O/816 30 2359 ± COSITINTREP
addressees rptd Rear HQ 15 Army Group. COSITINTREP
Number 21 to 1600 hours 30 July.)

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Catenuova opened right flank Goering Div and caused
some readjustment in that direction. Tanks reported
approaching Catenuova 1630 hours but no further attack
developed. Captured map shows defence of Catenuova
and Regalbuto entrusted HQ Engineer Bn plus ± 923
Fortress Bn. 7th Army captured 941 prisoners of
War area Nicosia 29 July of whom 500 Germans.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1600 hours 30
July. 8th Army. First. 13 Corps. Successful artillery
shots carried out on enemy positions H8672 and H8573.
30 Corps. 3rd Canadian Brigade captured Catenuova last
night. Bridgehead now held by elements 11 Brigade on
right and 3rd Canadian Brigade on left. 231 Brigade
inflicted considerable casualties on German troops
covering Regalbuto. 1st Canadian Brigade HQ H490950.
2nd Canadian Brigade HQ H420956. 78 Div HQ H520790.
11 Brigade HQ H620850. 38 Bde HQ H570850. 38 Bde HQ
H5273. Rear Army HQ opened H848559. 7th Army. 1st Div
captured Mistrett. 1st Div position with 39 ECT C411
with patrols in Cerami to C421G (Goums) to C. 3126 45
Div C2732-C2438. CPS no change. 2nd Corps improved
position north east of Nicosia with vigorous patrols
towards Troina and organized for attack on San Stefano
strongpoint. Prov Corps accepted unconditional surrender

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of islands Favignana Maratona Levanzo. Main HQ 15 Army
Group established J0621.

Section 3. Air. Bombline. 7th Army. 1600
hours. C4538-4915-5313-9410 thence along interarmy
boundary to C4313. 8th Army (Ends. Signed Eisenhower
cite FROCT and FRGBI) no change. Section 3 ends. Part

No Sig

* Underlined and omissions being serviced.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
SGS
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
WHITE HOUSE
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 COM Algeria
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From : C. in C. Med. (M)

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IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 139

AURORA & PENELOPE and 6 destroyers bombarded bridges South of Locri at 0100 29th. No surface or air targets.

2. PB's patrolling off North Coast Sicily night 27th/28th sank 1 Fox lighter.
3. Malta had an alert at 2240 29th, no bombs dropped. Of 4 aircraft which approached 1 was shot down and 1 damaged.
4. MGB's bombarded railway station trains and warehouses Asfiardini (Giardini) at close range night 27th/28th. Damage caused and fires started. No effective opposition.

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30 July
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OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSME 7133 30 July 1943

*Positions
forwarding*

Heavy demolitions encountered area Agira cleared of enemy by 1900 hrs July 28th. Two Canadian BFlig line approximately H 4995-H 4795, elements H 4299 reported destruction 3 Mark 4 Tanks during morning. From southeast Agira 231st Brig advanced to Regalbuto Road with forward troops at H 5294 by 1200 hrs. Enemy artillery reported concentrated Argas H 5395, POW 5596. Hq 78th Div H 540790 with 11th Brig H 5479, 36th Brig H 5391, 38th Brig concentrating H 5273. Night 28th/29th patrols 17th Brig attacked enemy on farm H 8878 killing occupants. Foregoing 8th Army to 1600 hrs 29th July. (From Brereton) Royal Air Force 28th July: Road movement Nicosba-Randazzo attacked Kittybombers. Shipping Messina Straits attacked Warhawks claiming 2 near misses. Light bombers Spitfire escort attacked Regalbuto, Cenzuripe, Milazzo. Shipping patrols reported over Syracuse and Aubutta. One ME 109 destroyed, 1 ME 210 damaged and 2 Warhawks, 1 Spitfire reported lost. Supplemental report operations 9th USAAF July 26th: 57th Fighter Group 2 missions 48 sorties target fighter attack, strafing and bombing in Catania harbor and anti shipping patrol, Riposta Harbor. Bomb load 21,808 lbs. Forty six aircraft reached target. Operations 9th USAAF 29th July: Bomber Command, 12th Bomb Group, 340th

CM-IN-21822 (30 Jul 43)

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No. AMSME 7133 30 July 1943

Bomb Group, 57th Fighter, 79th Fighter, 324th Fighter
Groups no operations.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
WHITE HOUSE
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
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30 July/43
0946Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

Nr:

(COSITINTREP addresses from 15 Army Group (rptd rear 15 Army Group) 0805 July 29 2320. COSITINTREP number 20 to 1600 hrs 29 July. Part 1 begins. Section Intelligence)

POSTED
On 7th Army front identification 71(73) PGR now confirmed. PW captured on extrema north coast states 2nd Bn Hq San-Stefano * recently arrived 27 July 450 PWS taken from 6 Inf Regt Aosta area C 2713. 8th Army Front 175 PWS taken from PGR Ens on 27 July and 70 from 1 Bn PGR 15 (25).

2. Ground Operations to 1600 hrs 29 July. 8th Army. First 13 Corps. Patrols of 17 BDE attacked and killed enemy in farm at 8876 last night. Second 30 Corps. Inter corps boundary all incl to 30 Corps now track from road junction 750809 to rd junc 716780 - Massa Monaco. Agira cleared of enemy by 1900 hrs 28 July and heavy demolitions encountered there. 2nd Cdn Bde now disposed approx line 3995-4795 with elements reported at 4299 after destroying 3 mark 4 tanks this morning. 231 Bde advanced from positions SE of Agira to the Regalbuto road and forward troops had reached 5294 by 1200 hrs. 78 Div Hq 540790. 11 Bde 5479. 38 Bde 5381. 38 Bde concentrating 5273. Total casualties to 27 July killed 1123 wounded 3652 missing 1407. 7th Army no change.

3. Air. Combined bomblines 2014 B hrs. C 3838-3325-4218-4200-4400-H 5297-5796-5794-7874-9074. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FRGCT and FRGBI.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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30 July
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0805, 29 July 1943

(COSITINTREP addressees from 15 Army Group rptd Rear 15 Army Group 0805 July 29th 2330. COSITINTREP number 20 to 1600 hrs 29 July signed Eisenhower cite FHYST and FROBI Part 1 begins).

*Previously
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Section 1. Intelligence. On 7th Army front identification 71 PGR now confirmed. PW captured on extreme North coast states 2 Bn HQ San-Stefano. Regt only recently arrived. 27 July 450 PWS taken from 6 Inf Regt Aosta Area C2713. 8th Army front 178 PWS taken from PGR ENS on 27 July and 70 from One Bn PGR 15.

Section 2. Ground operations to 1600 hrs 29 July. 8th Army.

First. 13 Corps. Patrols of 17 Bde attacked and killed enemy in Farnost 8876 (8872) last night.

Second. 30 Corps. Inter Corps boundary all incl to 30 Corps now track from road junction 750809 toward junc 716780-Massa Monaco 8674. Agira cleared of enemy by 1900 hrs 28 July and heavy demolitions encountered there. Two CDN Bde now disposed approx line 4995-4795 with elements reported at 4299 after destroying 3 Mark 4 tanks this morning. 231 Bde advance in positions SE of Agira to the Regalbuto road and forward troops had reached 5284 (3214) by 1200 hrs. 78 Div HQ 540790. 11 Bde 5479. 36 Bde 5381. 38 Bde concentrating 5273. Total casualties EM 27 July killed 1123 wounded 3652. Missing 1407. 7th Army. No change.

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Section 3. Air. Combined bomblines 2014B hrs.
C3838-3325-4218-4200-4400-85297-5796-5794-7874-9074-
9674. (Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends).

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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29 July 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. Unnumbered 29th July 1943

(Cositintrep addressees plus 7th Army 8th Army
rpted C in C Med (A) from C in C Med (M) Part 2 of
Cositintrep No. 20 signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT).

Three convoys consisting of coaster LST, LCI
and LCT arrived Palermo 28th.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

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29 July 43
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR NAF 304
No: W-6028/5571, 29th July 43

I am forwarding herewith a message just received from General Patton, exactly as received. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff from the Commander in Chief. NAF number 304. Nothing in this message is to be used for publication and is submitted merely as interesting information for the Combined Chiefs of Staff. "Our forward elements along General line Nicosia-Mistretta-S Stefano continuing advance. Box score to date, enemy, prisoners 75000, killed and wounded 5850, captured or destroyed aircraft 233, guns 75 MM or larger 227, tanks 169. Millions of dollars worth of useable ordnance, engineer and other military equipment captured."

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ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
SGS
ADM KING
GEN HILLDRING
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No: AMSME 7114 29 July 1943

Afternoon 25th July an enemy column including tanks and armd cars (probably a rearguard battle group 15th Armd Div and most 215th Tank Bn) reported west Nicosia. (Signed Brereton) Indication that 7th Air Div has been renumbered 1st Air Div provided by prisoner who states 1st, 2nd, 3rd parachute regts belong to 1st Air Div.

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ACTION: OPD

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

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 7110 29 July, 1943

Patrolling active along 13th Corps (Hq H 825518) front. 5th Rcn Regt report no enemy on line River Simeto H 853712-H 827724-H 840722. Relief by 69th Brig of 151st Brig (delayed by illumination by large fires in enemy lines) completed 0340 hrs. (Signed Brereton) Active patrols along unchanged 51st Div forward line. Germans reported H 681811. Against strong enemy resistance 1 Canadian Div continued advance through difficult country. Forward troops 2nd Canadian Brig reached positions overlooking Agira after heavy fighting during night and during morning, taking prisoners. Line of Dottaino River H 594858 reached by patrols 3 Canadian Brig echeloned along river line between H 5784 and H 4883. 231st Brig advance positions at H 4694. Hq 78th Div H 615600. Concentration area 11th Brig H 6478. Foregoing 8th Army operations to 1800 hrs 27th July. Desert Air Force 26th July: Light bombers with Spitfire escort carried out 18 missions on Regalbuto. In area west and southwest of Etna Kittybombers performed 4 Armed Rcns. Vessel successfully attacked off Catania by Warhawks offensive patrols by Spitfires to intercept JU 52's performed. Daily operations 9th USAAF July 27th: bomber command, 12th Bomb Group, 340th Bomb Group no operations. 57th fighter, 79th fighter and 324 fighter groups no operations.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, White House, Sec, Gen. Staff
Gen. Deane (CC/B), Adm King

CM-IN-20955 (29 July 43) 1539Z msh

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29 July
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 7113 29 July, 1943

Increased enemy artillery and mortar fire reported by 13th Corps. 13th Brigade and 1 Canadian Army Tank Brigade less 1 Regt passed to command 13th Corps evening 28th. Agira reached Byrtno Canadian Brigade now located northwest and northwest of town. Agira not completely clear of enemy. Many dead. 231st Brigade across road at H 485955 with elements at H 485955 at 1315 hours. Line 3 Canadian Brigade H 5884-H 5984 concentration forward of 78th Div continues. Foregoing 8th Army to 1600 hours July 28th. Signed Brereton RAF report 1 Iaggio 108 destroyed night 26/27 by Beaufighters. Kittyhawks day 27th made 5 attacks on road targets west and south of Enna and 1 successful attack on strong point at Agira. Antishipping patrols between Catania and Messina flown by Warhawks resulting in 2 barges destroyed and near miss claimed on 400 foot merchant vessel. Shipping runs also performed with ME 109 during day reported destroyed.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, SGS, WHITE HOUSE, GEN DEANE (CCS)
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29 July
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-6038/5585 29 July, 1943

1. Intelligence. Nil.
2. North Africa.

1. Movements commenced on 28 July 9 Inf Div less 38 RCT departed Oran with destination Sicily. Movements completed. On 28 July 78 Inf Div completed movement to Sicily from Sousse.

2. L of C. Nil.

Part 4 COSITNREP 19. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.
Part 4 COSITINTREPS 15, 16, 17, and 18 not issued.

(To COSITINTREP from AFHQ W-6038/5585 29th).

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

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T.O.O. 292040

IN

Received: 31st July 43

Time : 1213

Addressed: ADMIRALTY
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 C. in C. LEVANT
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 COMMOR.SEAFFRON
From : C. in C. Med. (M)

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IMPORTANT

Agira fell to Canadians at 1600 28th.
Many Germans killed and prisoners taken, 231
Brigade pressing forward along road to Regalbuto.

Line runs from 5 miles West Stefano
through Nicosia Agira along Pittaino River to
4 miles South Cauanwa.

7th Army claim July 28. 60, 900 P.W.,
228 aircraft, 169 tanks, 220 75 Millimeter guns.

3 convoys consisting of coaster L.S.T.,
L.C.I., and L.C.T. arrived Palermo.

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Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (10)
N.I.
S.O. (O) Personal
S.O.

N.M.C.S.
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DATE 30 JULY 1943			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 1434/1303			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DECKMAN/WINBORN		COMNOB ORAN FOC GIB. PRIORITY	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY		COM ALGIERS VAM CINCMED (A)	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY		COMINCH (A)	ROUTINE
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		CINC LEVANT	
		COMNAVNAV	
		COMMORSEAFRON	

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CINC LEVANT COMNAVNAV FOC GIB. COMMORSEAFRON VAM CINCMED
(A) FROM CINCMED (M). SITUATION REPORT 9138.

AGIRA FELL TO CANADIANS AT 1600 28TH. MANY GERMANS KILLED
AND PRISONERS TAKEN. 231 BRIGADE PRESSING FORWARD ALONG
ROAD TO REGALBUTO.

LINE RUNS FROM 5 MILES WEST STEFANO THROUGH NICOSIA AGIRA
ALONG DITTAINO RIVER TO 4 MILES SOUTH CAUANWA.

7TH ARMY CLAIM JULY 28. 60, 900 PW, 228 AIRCRAFT, 169
TANKS, 220 75 MILLIMETER GUNS.

3 CONVOYS CONSISTING OF COASTERS LST, LCI, AND LCT
ARRIVED PALERMO.

3 COPIES TO 20G.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

Number A 221 28 July 1943

(Part 2 and final my A 221 28 July)

OLD
Tactical AF reported sighting 2 E/A over Sicily.
Fighters covering convoys and Naval forces encountered
no E/A. 161 SEF and 50 German bombers and 14 TEF
photographed in coverage 20 airdromes in S Italy.

No Sig

Note: Delayed to necessary service.

WDCC

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
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CM-IN-21633 (30 Jul 43) 1149Z mcs

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INCOMING MESSAGE 28 July 1943
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URGENT

From: Force 141
To: War

Number COSITINTREP 19 28 July 1943

(From 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees
rptd FILPOT number 0245 290100B.)

COSITINTREP number 19 to 1500 hrs 28th July.
Part 1 begins.

Section 1 Intelligence. To 1600B hrs 28th July.
Today enemy forced to withdraw 5 miles in north coast
sector and also lost Nicosis and Agira. Unconfirmed
identification 71 Gren Regt 29. 95 Div in 7 Army front.
All reports 0815B 28th July MT nose to tail moving east
Troina Randazzo. Intense light AA bivouac area C5323
(C5723) at 1700B. Enemy may endeavour hold line San
Pratello Troina Regalbufo.

Section 2. Ground operations to 1600 hrs 28
July. 8th Army. First. 13 Corps. Main HQ H825518.
27th July. Active patrolling continued. 5 Div Recce
Regt found JO enemy on line river Simeto H853712 - H827724-
H840722. 50 Div. Relief of 15 Bde by 17 Bde completed
0340 hrs after delay caused by illumination of area by
large fires in enemy lines. 28 July. Some increase in
enemy arty and mortar fire reported. Evening 28 July 13
Bde reverted to comd 13 Corps from 30 Corps and 1 Cdn
Army Tk Bde less 1 Regt passed to comd 13 Corps. Second.
30 Corps. 1 Cdn Div. After an advance through most
difficult country against strong resistance leading
troops 2 Cdn Bde reached positions overlooking Agira morn-
ing 27 July having taken a number of prisoners. 28
July Bde reached Agira and is now established northwest

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To: **INCOMING MESSAGE** Page 2
Number C0011111111111 19 20 July 1943

and east of town. Town itself still not completely clear of enemy. Many German dead. 231 Bde was across road at H485955 with elements at H4995 by 1315 hrs. 3 Cdn Bde on line H5884-H5984. 78 Div. Div HQ H614600. 11 Bde area H6478. Concentration forward continues. 7th Army. 2 Corps captured Nicosia C3503 by 1200 hrs 26 July and leading troops have reached C3707 to C3913 with 91 Recce Squadron (Part 2 follows) on right flank.

This is new British division in Sicily. Form only float- ing reserve.

No Sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
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29 July
0807 Z

SUPPLEMENTARY CORRECTION
URGENT

From: Force 141
To: War

No. COSITINTREP 19 28 July, 1943

The following is a correction on the first paragraph of the original message:

(From 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addresses rptd FILPOT number 0245 290100B.)

COSITINTREP number 19 to 1500 hrs 28th July. Part 1 begins.

Section 1 Intelligence. To 1600 B hrs 28th July. Today enemy forced to withdraw 5 miles in north coast sector and also lost Nicosia and Agira. Unconfirmed identification 71 Gren Regt 29. MOT Div in 7 Army front. All reports 0815B 28th July MT nose to tail moving east Troina Randazzo. Intense light AA bivouac area C5323 (C5723) at 1700B. Enemy may endeavour hold line San Pratello Troina Regalbuto.

No Sig.

Correction to CM-IN-20713 (29 Jul 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN DEANE (CCS), ADM KING,
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28 July
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. JMO753, AV 344p, 28 July, 1943

Enemy aircraft abandoned Sicily to date 186.

(To AGWAR for Arnold attn AFINF from Spaatz signed Eisenhower Nr AV 344 D) Comiso total 110. 79 ME 109. 1 FW 190. 7 JU 88. 1 JU 87. 5 FI 156. 1 CA 133. 1 FW 58. 1 JU 52. 7 Macchi 200. 1 RE 2001. 1 Fiat G 8. 1 Nardi 305. Biscari total 35. 20 FW 190. 9 ME 109. 1 HE 111. 1 JU 52. 2 Macchi 202. 1 Macchi 200. 1 SM 79. Ponte Olivo Gela total 10. 4 Cant 1007 Bis. 2 FW 190. 1 ME 109. 1 Fiat G 50. 2 unidentifiable. Augusta seaplane base total 31. 18 RS 14. 4 Cant Z 506. 6 Cant Z 501. 1 RO 43. 1 RO 44. 1 Breda 25. Reports following. Licata nil. Farello nil.

No Sig

ACTION: CGAAF

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

CM-IN-20565 (29 Jul 43) 0216Z bjm

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NAVAL MESSAGE No T.O.O./28

IN

Received: 30th July 43

Time 10910

Addressed: WAR
COSITINTREP Addressees
plus 7th Army 8th Army

Repeated : G. in C. Med. (A)

From : C. in C. Med. (M)

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IMMEDIATE

AUGUSTA night 23/24th EREBUS near missed
slight damage 5 killed 25 wounded.
2. Syracuse. FISHPOOL bombed and sunk 25th.
1 L.S.T. bombed and sunk 27th.
3. Loading of 78th Division from Scousse completed
27th.
4. 1 CAVOUR Class battleship left Taranto Harbour
26th and returned the other sailed 27th and returned.

No T.O.O./28

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
~~Code Room (2)~~
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
S.O.O. Personal
S.O.
N.M.C.S.
C.C.O.R.
Lt. Col. Cook
Lt. Col. O'Connor
G/C Du Boulay

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T.O.O. 282238

IN

Received: 29th July 43

Time : 0853

Addressed: ADMIRALTY

Repeated : C. in C. Med. (A)
C₂ in C. Levant
V.A. Malta
COMMORSEAFRON
COMINCH
COMNOB Oran
COMNAVNAV
F.O.C. Gibraltar
COM Algiers
F.O. Tunisia

From : C. in C. Med. (M)

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IMPORTANT

Situation report number 137.

Augusta night 23/24 EREBUS near missed slight damage 5 killed 25 wounded 2 aircraft destroyed.

2. Syracuse 0400/25 FISHPOOL bombed and sunk. 1100/27

L.C.T. 353 bombed and sunk. Commander A. H. Alexander

R.N. assumed duties of N.O. 1/c.

3. HURWORTH destroyed 1 Heinkel 111 Southeast of Nurat at 0445/27.

4. Loading of 78th division from Souse completed 27th.

5. TARANTO the 2nd Cavour class battleship left harbour 27th and returned.

282238

Received P/L from Navy Department.

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Admiral	S.O.
Air Marshal	N.M.C.S.
Gen. Macready	C.C.O.R.
Code Room (2)	Lt. Col. Cook
C.O.S.	Lt. Col. O'Connor
Plans	G/C Du Boulay
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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
1227Z
28 July

Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: War

No: AMSME 7092 28th July 1943

Operations 8th Army to 1600 hrs July 26th; active patrolling continued 13th Corps front. 50th Div night patrols reached H925716 and H930707 where an enemy patrol was met. 151st Brig Hq H901633. 5th Div patrols found enemy at H902724 and H885727. Kittyhawks bombed strong points area H8874 with outstanding success. 30th Corps; night patrols 51st Div reached H625825. 13th Brig relieved 154th Brig night 24/25 and passed to Command 51st Div. Bn231st Brig astride road Regalbuto-Agira counter attacked 2100 hours July 25th and withdrew to area H4894. 1st Canadian Brig patrol reached H445958 during morning but forced to withdraw in face of strong opposition to more favorable ground. Desert Air Force day 25th July; Kittyhawks and Warhawks carried out 7 armd rcns on rd targets mainly west and northwest of Etna. Warhawks also made 3 antishipping patrols between Midazo and Messina. Spitfires escorted light bombers and also carried out number of offensive patrols in Messina area. (Signed Brereton). A number of JU 52's escorted by ME 109's and Macchi 202 were engaged. Preliminary claims 21 JU 52's, 4 ME 109's, and 1 Macchi 202 destroyed, 1 ME 109 probably destroyed and 3 ME 109's damaged for loss 1 Spitfire pilot missing.

ACTION:
INFORMATION:

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Gen DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING

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28 July 1943
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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: Force 141
To: War

Number 0 241 28 July 1943

(From 15 Army Group 280115 B to COSITINTREP
addressee rptd TAC HQ FINHLT Malta number 0241. Signed
Eisenhower cite FBGCT and FBGBI. COSITINTREP number 18
to 1600 hrs 27 July. Part 1 begins. Section Intelligence.)

PW on north coast road west Stefano 26 July from
15 Gren Regt of 29 Mot Div show enemy now forced to EMB
this hitherto neglected sector. Digging on heights above
rd junc west Nicosia. PW from 6 Inf Regt Aosta Div Agira
show that in spite political developments lambs still being
driven to slaughter. Regalbuto ruined by air bombardment.
No change Catania plain.

Section 2. Ground operations to 1600 hrs 26 July.
First. 8th Army. 13 Corps. Patrols 50 Div met enemy
patrols at H925716 and H930707. BQ 151 Inf Bde now at
H901633. Patrols 5 Div met enemy at H902724 and H885727.
30 Corps. 51 Div night patrol reached H625825. Night 24/25
July 13 Inf Bde relieved 154 Inf Bde and came under command
51 Div. 2100 hrs 26 July Bn 231 Bde astride road Regalbuto-
Agira was counterattacked and withdrew to area H4894 according
to plan. Patrol 1 Cdn Bde reached H445958 morning 26 July
but was forced to withdraw in face of strong opposition.
Second. 7th Army continued regrouping in preparation for
further operations eastward. 2nd Corps. 1st Div no change
in forward positions. 18 RCT repulsed counter attack area
C 2510. 45 Div captured Castelbuono C0725 and have leading
elements area C0925. Bn north coast leading elements 45
Div reached area C1735 against increasing resistance.

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Section 3. Air. 1st night operations nil. Second. Tactical reconnaissance and fighter bombers reported only slight scattered movement of MT on roads in NE Sicily except 100 plus MT direction unobserved reported on the road Novara C9935 - C9949. No change in enemy shipping was reported. Third. Bomblines. 7th Army. C3336-3221-4312-H4298. 8th Army. 2 (Part 1 ends) H4298-4598-4594-4894-4895-5295-5390-6286-7082-7974-9673.

No Sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
~~White House~~
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27 July, 1943
3087Z

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Nr: W 5838/4844, 27 July, 1943

(To Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from Freedom
W 5838/4844 26 Jul. 20th weekly summary. Summary
of OPS 19 to 26 Jul. This summary)

Slightly overlaps summary 18.

1. Ground 17 Jul a firm bridgehead was established in the eastern sector at Primosole H 9467 over the river Simeto and patrols crossed river Gornalunga. Canadians were in the vicinity of Piazza Armerina. Advancing North and West American Troops occupied Pietrapersia H 1269 Agrigento and Porto Empedocle. 18 Jul. 2 bridgeheads were made over the river Gornalunga and the bridgehead at Primosole was maintained against counter attacks. Caterina was occupied without opposition in the general advance of 7 Army. 19 Jul. 69 and 168 Bdes of the 50 Div attacked Fossa Bottaceto Road H 9372 and though initially successful were driven back. To the north in 7 Army area the town of Villaroia H1688 was captured but progress was slow. To the west in 7 Army area speed of the advance increased and forward elements reached the line of the river Platani. 20 Jul. Attempts to advance in eastern sector were met by determined resistance. Valguarnera was captured by Canadians. 7 Army and 1st Cnd Div captured Enna. 21 Jul. Assoro H 3793 was taken by the Canadians whose advance was hampered by demolitions. Fierce fighting continued in 8 Army sector but no other advances were made. 7 Army captured Vallelunga G 8598 Castelvetrano A 9498 and many smaller towns. 22 Jul. No change on the 8 Army front

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Rr: W 5838/4844, 27 July, 1943

except the capture of Leonforte H 3494 by Canadians. Palermo was taken by the 7 Army as the advance to the north and west was continued. 23 Jul. No change occurred on the front of 8 Army. 7 Army captured the important ports of Marsala and Trapani and cut the North Coastal Road east on Termini Imersse B 7433.

2. Location statement as of noon 26 Jul. 15 Army Op La Marsa consisting of 7 Army Palermo 8 Army Lentini and 1st Bn Airborne Div Kairouan Area. (First cipher part second and last part follows) 8 Army consisting of 13 Corps H 8254 30 Corps H 6167 13 Corps consisting of 50 Inf Div H 9160.

No Sig.

Action: OPD

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

Situation Report Number 136:

Admiral Giuseppe Manfredi Commander Port
Trapani captured.

2. COVOUR Class Battleship was photographed in
Gulf of Trante at 1810 26th steering East at slow speed.
P R U A M 27th showed her in the usual berth with nets
round.

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Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready

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27 July
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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To : WAR

No : 18 27 July 43

(COSITINTREP addressees plus 7th Army 8 Army
from C in C)

Admiral Giuseppe Manfredi Commander PMRM
Trapani captured. (Part 2 of COSITINTREP number
18 signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT).

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 136 .

ADMIRAL GIUSEPEE MANFREDI COMMANDER PORT TRAPANI
CAPTURED .

(2) COVOUR CLASS BATTLESHIP WAS PHOTOGRAPHED IN
GULF OF TRANTO AT 1810 26TH STEERING EAST AT SLOW
SPEED . P R U / A M 27TH SHOWED HER IN THE USUAL
BERTH WITH NETS ROUND .

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From: Force 141
To: WAR

No. 0.238, 27 July, 1943.

(COSITINTREP BR. 17 to 1800 hrs 26 Jul. From
15 Army Group number 0.235 3701308 to COSITINTREP
addresses rptd TAC Hq Malta).

Part 1 begins. Section 1 Intelligence.
Identifications. Elements 26 Acosta reported on
north coast. 3rd Bn 1. (15) Gren Regt on 7th Army
Front. 924 Fortress Bn north Catenanuova with OP
at H8784. 2nd Bn 382 Gren Regt and Oris Bn holding
railway from Sferro to Stella. 3rd Bn 2nd Gren Regt
H8572. P W say 71 Gren Regt of 29 Mot Div has
arrived in Sicily.

Section 2. Operations. 8th Army. No
change. 7th Army to 1800 hrs 26 July. 2 Corps
advanced eastward along coast road. Prov Corps con-
tinued consolidation of western Sicily. Location
fwd tps 1 Div H1993 to C2511 48th Div C0428 to C0638
Cp 7th Army Palermo. Cp 2nd Corps C0899. Cp 1st Div
Petalia. Cp 45 Div B9736 Cp 82 Airborne Div 3953.
15 Army Group. Adv party sailed for Sicily.

Section 3. Air. 1st. Night recon 25/26
July reported 15/20 M T on the road Paterno H7985-
Adrano H7396. 2nd Tactical recon and fighters reported
scattered M T movement throughout the day on roads
in northeast Sicily except on the Regalbuto H3695-
Leonforte G3909 road where heavy traffic was seen
moving west at 1415 hrs. Bombers and fighter bombers
during day in attacks on Regalbuto reported negligible

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movement in area. Continued movement of small craft was reported at Milazzo D0858 and in the Straits of Messina. 3rd. Bomblines. 7th and 8th Armies no change since COSITINTREP No. 16. Section 3 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FROCT and FROBI.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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FROM: CINC MED
FOR ACTION: ADMIRALTY
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COMALGIERS FOTUNISIA COMNOSEAFRON V.A.M. CINC LEVANT
CINC MED (A) from CINC MED.

Situation report number 135.

Situation report time of origin 252325 was number
134 cancel part 3.

(2) Raid be 25 plus on Malta 0300/26. RAF
shot down 3 aircraft probably destroyed 1 and damaged
2. Guns shot down 3 aircraft which fell in sea.
Few houses damaged in Sliema and Zabbar Areas. No
Naval damage.

(3) Opening up of Palermo proceeding Harbour
congested with sunken wrecks but preliminary re-
connaissance by CTG 89.1 indicate can berth 3 Liberty
ships 3 Coasters and 4 LST'S when tugs are available.

(4) Capt A. W. Clarke RN has assumed duties
of NLO 8th Army.

(5) US destroyer Mayrant damaged by dive
bomber off Palermo.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: GENERAL STRONG
GENERAL ARNOLD
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GENERAL DEANE (CCS)

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From : ALGIERS

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IMMEDIATE

My 4V 339E 27 July from NAAFADV.HQ.

3 U.S. Beaufighters armed recce. E. Sardinia and Corsica attacked 7 barges. 1 left smoking. 1 U.S. Beaufighter destroyed by enemy fighters. 4 torpedo Beaufighters and 4 anti-flak Beaufighters shipping strike E. Sardinia and Corsica destroyed 2 ME 323. 1 Beaufighter destroyed by escorting enemy fighter. Torpedo Beaufighters attacked convoy of 1 2000 ton tanker. 1 1500 ton M/V and 1 E/V. M/V blown up.

Further strike by 4 torpedo Beaufighters and 4 anti-flak Beaufighters failed locate convoy. 5 Bisleys 2 Hudsons, 1 Swordfish, 1 Wellington, 4 U.S. Airacobras (P-39) 18 U.S. Spitfires, 6 French Spitfires, 4 French Warhawks (P-40) anti-submarine patrol and convoy escort. 1 Sunderland 3 Baltimores (A-30) 1 U.S. Catalina (PEY) air sea rescue. 8 Spitfires 12 U.S. Spitfires, 2 U.S. Airacobras (P-39), 1 U.S. Lightning (P-38) defensive patrols.

NWA Photo recce. Wing 26 July. No report received.

No.T.O.O./27th

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8th Army

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IMMEDIATE

(Part 3 AIR COSITINTREP NO. 16 25th July signed Eisenhower CITE FHGCT).

African based air forces additional 24 July, Beaufighters shot up and sank a schooner and barge West of Naples. A vessel of 1500 tons was torpedoed and blown up. Night 24/25 July, 20 B-25 Mitchells with 4 A-20 Bostons Pathfinders bombed Nilazzo part starting many fires. A-20S bombed bridges and M/T in Orlando area, SSA&E Conduct Leaflets were dropped. May 25 July no operations by strategic air force.

Malta night 24/25 July Mosquitoes on Intruder patrols Foggia and Taranto areas strafed a M/T Convoy of 50 vehicles causing damage Beaufighters on interception patrols destroyed 3 JU-88S in Augusta-Catacia area. Day 25 July 115 Borties by A-20S and Baltimores against targets at Adrano Cermai Tromina and Kovara in Sicily, all bombs reported in targets.

Air Intelligence. During the night an unreported number of enemy bombers were over the Augusta Syracuse area. Patrols over Foggia and Taranto area report no aerial activity. Day 25 July, enemy air activity negligible no encounters were reported by our light bombers on K S/R Missions throughout Sicily.

No T.O.O./26th

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7 Army
8 Army

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IMMEDIATE:

AUGUSTA. OCEAN VIRTUE (See Cositintrep No.13)
is discharging cargo. Part 2 of Cositintrep No. 16 signed
Eisenhower Cite FHGCT.

- (2) American Naval Units are moving to
Palermo.
- (3) Coastal Forces bombarded Riposto night
23/24.
- (4) In air attack Messina Italian cruiser
received 3 hits and set on fire. 2 destroyers each hit once,

260357Z

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From: Algiers
To: War

Number 4660/W5805

26 July 1943

(Second and last part of 4660/W5805 26th from
Freedom to Troopers, AGWAR, info Mideast)

*24th
MF3 div (?)*

Two more AR recently in action area Agira-Regalbuto.
PW states 29 DIV Commander Maj Gen Friess. (5). General
enemy situation. No change eastern sector. Slight
withdrawal central sector where Agira evacuated but
indications strong defence Regalbuto intended. From this
point enemy probably intends hold line through Troina to
SEA. NO contacts this sector. Enemy last of Cefalu.
(6). Miscellaneous. PW stated 11 Bn 1 Sardinian Grenadiers
Regt arrived Messina. No confirmation. General Antonio
Sodero reported prisoner in western Sicily. Stated to be
General Staff Officer sent by Rome in early days campaign.
(7). Prisoners. Eight Army total to 24 July, 18,065 of which
800 German. Seven Army total now exceeds 50,000 from un-
confirmed reports.

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URGENT

From: Force 141
To: WAR
No. 0320, 26 July 1943

(COSITINTREP addresses from 15 Army Group
0230 July 26, 0320. COSITINTREP No. 16 to 1600 Hrs
25 July. Part 1 begins).

Section 1 Intelligence. Enemy column incl tanks
and cars still West Nicosia 1300 hrs today. Probably
rearguard battle group 15 PZ Div including bulk of 215
Tank Bn. Between Leonforte and Agira another battle
group 15 PZ Div incl few tanks resisting fiercely.
Remainder of front no enemy activity reported. Con-
siderable numbers small supply craft continue to be
observed operating in Messina Straits and landing
supplies as far West as Milazzo.

See Map
Section 2. Operations. 8th Army to 1600 hrs 25
July. 13 Corps. Active patrolling continues. 5 Div
Rece Unit operated as far as bridge 810737 NTR. Patrols
151 Bde operated in area West of 921721 13 Bde is passing
to command 51 Div. 30 Corps. Heavy fighting continued
in CDM Div Sector. One CDM Bde attacked and captured
Nissoria afternoon 24 July. Fwd troops 1 CDM Bde met
heavy resistance in area 4195 on 25 July. Fwd tps
231 Bde astride road East of Agira at 4995. 2/4 Hants
reached their objective at Montescapello 8684. 7th Army.
No change.

Section 3. Air. First Night Reconnaissance re-
ported 7 small M/V stationary 3 miles West of Milazzo
DO 5 and 3 large M/V moving East at C7860.

Second. Tactical reconnaissance re-
ported 55 MT stationary at H5595 and fighters reported
50 plus armoured cars and tanks moving West into Nicosia
C30 in the morning. Photographic reconnaissance showed 1

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No. 0320, 26 July 1943

large M/V and 10 small boats in Milazzo harbour. Other-
wise only isolated and scattered MT movement was reported.

Third. Bomblin. 7th Army. Unchanged since
COSITINTREP No. 14. 8th Army 1214 hrs. H9673-9073-
7874-7082-6287-5390-5398-3398. (Section 3 ends. Part
1 ends).

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Information: G-2
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 7050, 26 July 1943

British 8th Army operations to 1800 hours July 25th follow: Active patrolling by 13th Corps continues. (Signed Brereton) Fifth Div rcn operated as far as bridge H810737. Patrols 151 operated area West of H921721. Eighth Durham Light Inf relieved 9th Durham Light Inf night 24/25th July. In 30 Corps Area fighting continued in Canadian Div Sector. Forward troops 1st Canadian Brigade encountered heavy resistance area H4195. Forward troops 231 Brigade astride road East of Agira H4995. Objective at Mont Scapello 56840 (question) reached by 2/4 Hants.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Unnumbered 26 July 1943.

(COSITINTREP addressees plus 7 Army 8 Army
from CINC Med) Augusta. Ocean Virtue (see COSITINSTREP
No. 13) is discharging cargo. Part 2 of COSITINTREP
No. 16 signed Eisenhower cite PHGCT(2) American Naval
units are moving to Palermo(3) coastal forces bombarded
Riposto night 23/24(4) in air attack Messina Italian
cruiser received 3 hits and set on fire. Two destroyers
each hit once

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July 25, 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR
Force 141

No. R 138 25 July 1943

2 Corps captured Gangi continued advance eastward along highway 120 (2nd and last part of 223 of 25th. From 14 Army Group) and began advance eastward along highway 113. Prov Corps captured Trapani and Castellammare and consolidated control Western Sicily. *N. coast*

Section 3 air. 1st. Night reconnaissance cancelled owing adverse weather.

2nd. Tactical reconnaissance over battle area and off shore Stefano C 33-Messina Straits located good targets resulting in successful fighter bomber attacks including cruiser 6 destroyers and 15 plus barges Milazzo D05-Messina Straits. Mt movement slight on northern coastal road. Moderate movement MT road Orlando C 65-Randazzo C 82 reported by attacking aircraft.

3rd. Bomblines 7 and 8 Armies. (Section 3 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT and FBGBI.) Unchanged since COSITINTREP number 14.

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July 25, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. COSITINTREP 15 25 July 1943

No naval news to report today Saturday.
(COSITINTREP number 15 for 7th Army. 8th Army
added to original addressees from C IN C Med)
this part 2 of COSITINTREP number 15 signed
Eisenhower cite FHGCT.

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25 July 1943
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Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSME 7048, 25 July 1943

Summary operations 8th Army to 200 hours July 24th:
patrols 153rd Brigade operated area H 7178. Patrols 5th
RCN Regiment area H 7773-H8072. Signed Brereton. Thirteenth
Brigade passing to command 51st Div. In Canadian Div Sector
1 Canadian Brigade attacked and captured Misscria during
afternoon in face determined opposition.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
General Deane (CCS)
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Cositintrep 15

No Naval news to report today Saturday.

(Cositintrep number 15 for 7th Army, 8th Army added to original addressees from C. in C. Med.) This part 2 of Cositintrep number 15 signed Eisenhower cite PHGCT.

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From: Forde 141
To : War
Nr : 0223 24th July 1943

(From 15 Army Group 250130 B to COSITINTREP
addresses number 0223. COSITINTREP number 15 to
1600 hrs 24th July. Part 1 begins).

Section 1. Intelligence:

In Western Sicily last Italian remnants being
mopped up. Up to last night 42000 PW taken by 7 Army.
1100 hrs small column possibly rear guard moved east
out of Nicosia. 22nd July Armd Car Cov Div Recce Unit
identified South Agira. Enemy still holds Agira. Also
identified on this Front 382 Grenadier Regt with Bn
in area NE Leonforte and Bn Area Sferro. According
captured documents both have suffered 40 percent casual-
ties.

Night 21/22 July 2 parties Italian parachutists
dropped Florida and Scordia and were captured.

Section 2. Operations:

Eighth Army to 2000 hrs 23rd July. 13 Corps.
23rd Armd BDE reverted command 30 Corps at 1740 hrs
22nd July. 17 BDE relieved 13 BDE without incident.
5 Div Recce Unit reached H 850698 and H 803690 patrols
5 Div reached H860720 to H885730 and reported NMS.
Anti Tank and Mg screen from H850660 along river Gor-
nalunga to 745660. 30 Corps. 5 Div patrols night 22/23
July to 655815 and 742750. During morning 23rd July 51
Div advanced troops surprised 2 German positions and
inflicted casualties. Fierce fighting continued in CDM

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Sector. Two CDN BDE reached E356941 231 BDE front now E510921 to E480920 to E440900. 1 CDN Army Tank BDE HQ E760580 with 2 Regts general area E7463, E8063, E 8060, E7658, 7 Army. Location front lines 1st Div Enna to H1894 to C3010. 45 Div B9418 to B9033 CP 45 Div B8715 CP 3 Div B5144. CP 82 Airborne Div Trapani.

(Part 2 follows). Other troop locations 2 Armd Div Palermo 3 Div Palermo - Misilmerini 82 Airborne Div Castelvetrano - Mazara - Marsala - Trapani. Operations for period.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 7020 24 July 1943

British 8th Army operations to 2000 hours July 23rd: 13th Brigade relieved by 17th Brigade without incident. Fifth Div RCN Unit reached H 850696 and H 803890. Patrols 5th Div reached H 860720 to H 885730. Antitank and machine gun screen in position from H 850660 along Gornalunga to H 745680. Twenty Third Armored Brigade reverted command 30th Corps. Signed Brereton. Fifty First Div patrols night 22nd/23rd to H 655818 and H 742750. During morning advance troops 51st Div surprised 2 German positions inflicting heavy casualties. Fierce fighting continued in Canadian Div sector. Second Canadian Brigade reached H 356941. Two three one Brigade front H 510921 to H 480920 to H 440900. Hq 1 Canadian Army Tank Brigade H 760580 with location in general area H 7463, H 8063, H 8060 and H 7658 of 2 regiments.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, SGS,
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)
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OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

Mr.: COSITINTREP 14 24 July 1943

(COSITINTREP addressees from C in C Med part 2
of COSITINTREP number 14 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT)

One British cruiser torpedoed by submarine 1340
23rd off Syracuse. Returned to Malta 1730 (2). Augusta.
in air raid 21st/22. 1 M. T. B sunk by near miss.
Night 22nd/23rd. 3 certain and possible enemy aircraft
destroyed out of 25 over Augusta. (3) Bark South. *Pachino*
Torpedoes fired by aircraft at 2 destroyers on patrol
early 21st. During this day 4400 tons discharged
over this beach exclusive of landing craft ferry
service. (4). Single aircraft divebombed Gela anchorage
0420 22nd no damage. (5). Coastal forces bombarded
Taormina harbour night 21st/22nd.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: General Strong
General Arnold
SGS
General Deane (CCS)
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W 5605/3889, 24 July, 1943.

(COSITINTREP from G-3 (OPS M) Section,
AFHQ. W 5605/3889. TOO 241458B. Signed Eisen -
hower. Cite FHGCT. Part 4. COSITINTREP 14.)

Para 1. Intelligence. Nil

Para 2. North Africa. 1. Movements commenced.
On 22nd July 78th Inf Div departed Souasse with des-
tination Sicily 2. L of C. Nil.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Force 141
To: WAR 14
Algiers No #
Gibraltar No #
5th Army No #

24 July 1943

(COSITINTREP No. 14 TOO 1600 hrs 23 July.
To COSITINTREP addressees from originator 15 Army
Group 0214, 24th July (240105). Part 1 begins.)

Section 1. Intelligence. No news enemy operations. In Western end of island 202 Coastal and 28 Aosta Divs are being mopped up following capture of Palermo and Castelvetro. In centre 15 Panzer and remnants 26 Assietta Divs withdrawing Northeast along road Petralia-Nicosia-Troinahand Leonforfw-Nicosia possibly to line Troina-San Fratello where remnants 4 Livorna Div now located. Goering Div holds line Regalbuto-Catencnuova-Sferro thence approx H8074. Reinforced Schmalz Bde holds due East to sea.

Section 2. Operations. No SITREP received 8th Army. 7th Army. Forward troops 1 Div Enna to H1893 to C0813 45 Div B8129 to B5812 3rd Div 2nd Arm'd Div Palermo 82nd Airborne Div Castellamare B0137 to Marsala A8212. Hqs 2nd Corps H0198 1st Div H1099 45th Div B8200 Prov Corps 2nd Arm'd Div 3rd Div Palermo. Large quantities enemy equipment captured details not available.

Section 3. Air. Night racce reported 60 MT moving East on road Nicosia-Troina and 60 Met direction unobserved on road Cap Orlando-C6552-Randazzo C8200 at 0415 hrs. TAC reconnaissance reported scattered road movement of groups of 20/30 MT in area Cesaro C6216 Randazzo. 60 MT were seen dispersed facing East at B8531. Fighter bombers were very active against

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shipping mostly landing craft and barges. Bombline.
8th Army 1600 hrs. C3300-4100-H5695-6090-7785-8773-
9673. 7th Army 1540 hrs. C3235-3300.

(Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed
Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI).

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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IN

Received: 25 July '43

Time: 0853

Addressed: Admiralty

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From: C. in C. Mediterranean

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IMPORTANT

Situation Number 133. No Naval News to report.

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PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 7005 23 July 1943

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Operations British 8th Army to 1600 hours
July 22nd: 13th Corps (H-8254) 13th Brigade with
one Koyli relieved 15th Brigade in line. 15th
Brigade less one Koyli area H-9065. 50th Division
H 915605. 68th Brigade relieved by 15th Brigade
night 21st/22nd July 5th Rcn Regt contacted 51st
Div 1100 hours. 30 Corps H 6167. 51st Div 6572
with 154 Brigade area H 7171, 152 Brigade on line
H 7373-H 7176, 153 Brigade area Sferro. 1st Can-
adian Div engaged stiff fighting all day in and
around Leonforte. 1st Canadian Brigade captured
Assoro encountering German resistance including
tanks PE enemy reinforcement column smashed by
air patrols. 3rd Canadian Brigade forward troops
area H 5382. 231 Brigade on line H 3791-H 4989
(question, H 4791- H 4989). Leonforte captured
by 2nd Canadian Brigade. Signed Brereton 9th
USAAF operations July 22nd follow: no operations
reported by Bomber Command 12th and 340th Bomb
Groups and 57th 79th and 324th Fighter Groups.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, Gen Deane (CCS) WHITE HOUSE
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23 July 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

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At 0400 hrs nothing to report. Second. Fighter reported 300 MT including possible tanks moving (SW) on road (part 2 COBITINTREP no. 13 from 15 Army Group) Randazzo - Cassaro Troina (CS1) at 1600 hrs. Further general movement of MT both ways was reported by tactical recce through out the day on roads through Randazzo. Intermittent movement of MT laden with troops was reported moving east along road Cefalu C03 - Falcone C94 by strategical recce at 1015 hrs. Third. Bomblines. 7th Army 0707 hrs. B5444-5436-8714-C2314-2305-H2395. 8th Army 1504 hrs. H2395-C3000-4000-6090-7783-8773-9673. Section 3 ends. Section 3 air ends. Section 2 operations continued. 8th Army SITREP just received. 13 Corps. Fighting continues along corps front no appreciable change in position of 5 and 50 Div. 13 Corps Hq H8254 13 Brigade with extra Inf Bn under command relieve 15 Bde in line. 15 Bde less 1 Bn area 9065. 50 Div opened HU 915605. 69 Bde relieved by 151 Bde during night 21/22 July. 5 Recce Regt made contact 51 Div. Main 30 Corps Hq 6167. 51 Div Hq 6572. Forward troops 154 Bde area 7171. 152 Bde on general line 7273 to 7176. 153 Bde 7178. 1 Cdn Div fighting continued all day in and around Leonforte. 1 Cdn Bde captured Assoro this morning. 2 Cdn Bde captured Leonforte after desperate resistance by German troops including

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To: [REDACTED]
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tanks. Enemy reinforcements column was smashed by air attack. 3 Cdn Brigade fwd troops ares 5382. Section 2 operations ends. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends (end of 2nd and final part) signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT and FBGBI.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Sec.Gen.Staff
Gen.Deane (CC/S)
Adm.King
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IN

Received: 24th July 1943

Time: 1708

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: COMINCH
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COMNOBORAN
COMNAVNAV
CINC LEVANT
F.O.C. GIB.
COM Algiers
V.A.M. F.O. S.Y.
COMCORSEAFRON

From: CINCMED

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Situation Report No. 132.

H.M.S. NEWFOUNDLAND torpedoed by submarine 1340/23rd in 37-00 North 15-24 East. Returned to Malta at 22 knots with ~~(corrupt portion)~~ steering gear out of action. U-Boat sunk by HMS *Jafney*.
(2) *Augusta*. In/air raid 21st/22nd few bombs dropped. M.T.B. 288 sunk by near miss - no casualties, Night 22nd/23rd about 5 enemy air craft over *Augusta*. 3 destroyed, 1 possible.

(3) *Syracuse*. 4 under water explosions noon 21st. Considered to be torpedoes damaged caused to boom.

(4) *Bark South*. Early 21st, 2 destroyers on patrol attacked by aerial torpedoes. During 21st, tonnage discharge this beach 4400 exclusive of landing craft ferry service.

(5) (?GWLA)0420/22nd dive bombing by 6 aircraft. No damage.

(6) Collier EMPIRE MOON reported torpedoed 1720/22nd. Towed to Syracuse and beached. Now thought damage caused by internal explosion. Cargo had been on fire for some days.

(7) Coastal forces 21st/22nd. 19th M.T.B. Flotilla bombarded Taormina harbour, hits observed on a lighter.

(8) Reports of submarine patrols. DOLFIN 1 hit on 7,000 ton merchant ship 4th July, 2 A/S schooners sunk by gunfire from Saracen. 6th July 2500 ton merchant vessel West of Elba. 11th July, sank 2,000 ton escort Southbound merchant vessel off Africa shoal.

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Air Marshal.	Brigadier Redman (8)	N.M.C.S.
Gen. Macready	N.I.	C.C.O.R.
Code Room (2)	S.O.(0) Personal	Lt. Col. Cook
		Lt. Col. O'Connor

Group Capt. Du Boulay
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Para. (1) for corrupt portion read -
Steering gear out of action U-boat sunk
by H.M.S. LAFOGEY.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 232145

IN

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Time: 0847

Addressed: COMINCH
From: Admiralty

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Addressed: Admiralty Repeated: Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces N.W. African Waters COMINCH F.O.1/c Sicily C. in C. Levant F.O.1/c Gibraltar COMNOB Oran COM Algiers F.O. Tunisia COMMORSEAFRON VA Malta From: C. in C. Med.

Situation Report Number 131

OCEAN VIRTUE, see Situation Report Number 130, is aground on even keel. Expected ship and stores can be salvaged.

2. No naval activity in Western Area.
3. Admiral Priam Leonardi Commandant Augusta captured and being sent to U.K. via Algiers.
4. Night 20/21st (?G.S. ADRIAS) and H.M.S. QUANTOCK engaged 3 E-boats North of Augusta. All ships suffered damage.
5. M.T.B. and M.G.B. on patrol report no incident.
6. H.M.S. NEWFOUNDLAND and H.M.S. EREBUS bombarded heavy batteries and troop concentration fired on by large guns, probably 8-inch.
7. 20 enemy aircraft over Augusta and Syracuse 0330-0430/22. No further (?report). 221951. Ends.

232145

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From: Algiers
To : War
No: COSININTREP, Nr. 13, 23 July, 1943
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(From 15 Army Group TOO 231100 to COSITIRTREP addressees No. 204 23 July) COSININTREP No. 13 to 1600 hours 22 July.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. 7 Army front. Enemy offered only light and ineffective resistance to our advance to Castelvetro and Alcamo. Slight resistance encountered south of Alimena H 1299. Prisoner states Germans moved Alimena to Petralia 20 July blowing bridges and left Italians to hold high ground south of Alimena. Identifications 29 and 30 Inf Regts 17 Blackshirt Legion 41 Arty Regt 126 Mortar Bn all Assietta Div and 2 Bn 6th Inf Regt Aosta Div now stated to be attached Assietta. Latter Div apparently contacted as it was attempting to move eastwards. Report that Italian Navy maintaining three speed boats in vicinity Palermo for last minute evacuation of important officials suggests no serious intention to hold town. 8th Army Front. Enemy holding line Catenuova-Gerbini railway strongly and fighting desperately south of Catania but escaped British PW reports enemy beginning to be affected by lack of air support and our repeated strafing. Identifications 20 July area Raddusa 4 Coy 15 PGR 29 Panzer Gren Div shows enemy continuing to reinforce eastern sector.

Section 2 - Operations. No SITREP received 8th Army. 7 Army Palermo in hands of American troops 1900 B hours 22 July. 1600 hour DB 22 July 1st Div at Enna. 45th Div B9008 to B7011. 3rd Div

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reported at B4929 to B4324 to B3514. 82nd Airborne
Div B1606. Task Force reported at A8412 to A7800.
2nd Armd Div reported at B2831 and B0821. Cp Prov
Corps Gibellina. Cp 2 Corps Smargherita 82nd Air-
borne Cp same place. 2nd Corps.

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

No. COSITINTREP 13, 23 July, 1943

At 0400 hrs nothing to report. Second. Fighter reported 300 MT including possible tanks moving (SW) on road (part 2 COSITINTREP no. 13 from 15 Army Group) Randazzo CFB- Troina (C51) at 1600 hrs. Further general movement of MT both ways was reported by tactical recce through out the day on roads through Randazzo. Intermittent movement of MT laden with troops was reported moving east along road Cefalu C03 - Falcone C94 by strategical recce at 1015 hrs. Third. Bomblines. 7th Army 0707 hrs. B5444-5438-8714-C2314-2305-H2395. 8th Army 1504 hrs. H2395-C3000-4000-6090-7783-8773-9673. Section 3 ends. Section 3 sir ends. Section 2 operations continued. 8th Army SITREP just received. 13 Corps. Fighting continues along corps front no appreciable change in position of 5 and 50 Div. 13 Corps Hq H8254 13 Brigade with extra Inf Bn under command relieve 15 Bde in line. 15 Bde less 1 Bn area 9065. 50 Div opened HU 915605. 69 Bde relieved by 151 Bde during night 21/22 July. 5 Recce Regt made contact 51 Div. Main 30 Corps Hq 6187. 51 Div Hq 6372. Forward troops 154 Bde area 7171. 152 Bde on general line 7273 to 7176. 153 Bde 7178. 1 Cdn Div fighting continued all day in and around Leonforte. 1 Cdn Bde captured Assoro this morning. 2 Cdn Bde captured Leonforte after desperate resistance by German troops including

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tanks. Enemy reinforcements column was smashed by air attack. 3 Cdn Brigade fwd troops area 5382. Section 2 operations ends. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends (end of 2nd and final part) signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT and FBGHI.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Sec.Gen.Staff
Gen.Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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From: Algiers
To: War

. Unnumbered, 22 July 1943

(Cositintrep No. 13 from Cinc Med) No Naval activity in Western Area. Part 2 of Cositintrep No 13 Signed Eisenhower cites FHGCT 32).

AK Expected that Ocean Virtue and stores can be salvaged see Cositintrep No. 12 (3) Admiral Priato Leonardi Commandant Augusta captured and being sent U.K. Via Algiers (4) light forces engaged E-boats off Augusta 20121 some damage to both sides 15) HM ships bombarded heavy batteries and troop concentrations. 21st. Fire returned by heavy guns.

No Sig

Action: OPD

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

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From : Algiers

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IMMEDIATE

COSITINTREP NO. 13

No naval activity in Western area. Part 2 of COSITINTREP NO. 13 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 32.

Expected that OCEAN VIRUTE and stores can be salvaged see COSITINREP NO. 12.

3. Admiral Pristo Leonardi Commandant Augusta captured and being sent U.K. via Algiers.
4. Light forces engaged E-Boats off Augusta 20121 some damage to both sides.
5. H.M. Ships bombarded heavy batteries and troop concentrations. 21st. Fire returned by heavy guns.

No T.O.O./22

F.M.	S.O. (0) Personal
Admiral	S.O.
Air Marshal	N.M.C.S.
Gen. Macready	C.C.O.R.
C.O.S.	Lt. Col. Cook
Plans	Lt. Col. O'Connor
Brigadier Redman (0)	G/C Du Boulay
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No T.O.O./22

IN

Received: 23rd July '43

Time : 1017

Addressed: WAR

Repeated : Admiral King

From : A.F.H.Q. in North Africa

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IMMEDIATE

COSITINTREP NO. 12

No actions reported by Western Task Force and no enemy air activity that area. Part 2 COSITINTREP. No. 12 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT FHGBI.

2. Air raids August FORT PELLY sunk night 19-20 OCEAN VIRTUE and EMPIRE LORIZEL night 20-21.
3. MTBS attacked U Boat off Reggio night 19-20.
4. E-Boats attacked CT Convoy 0130-20 off Syracuse all torpedoes missed. This was the attack in which Italian broadcasts claimed 4 sinkings.
5. Bombardment of targets in Catania area continued by the Inshore Squadron.
6. 0200-21 cruisers and destroyers bombarded Crotone hitting chemical works and starting fires in harbor.

No T.O.O./22

F.M.	S.O. (0) Personal
Admiral	S.O.
Air Marshal	N.M.C.S.
Gen. Macready	C.C.O.R.
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From: Force 141
To: War

No. 0/197, 22nd July 1943

(0/197 COSITINTREP addressees from 15 Army Group 220910. Special COSITINTREP) Section 2 ground operations. First. 8 Army to 2000 hrs 21 July. 13 Corps fierce fighting continued on corps front during day. Local adjustments have been made to the forward line. Main Headquarters 13 Corps H 8255. 5 Recce Regt is patrolling line of Gornalunga and Dittaino linking with 51 Div on left. 30 Corps. Main Hq H6167. No appreciable change in position fwd tps of 51 Div and 231 Bde. 1 Cdn Div captured Assoro this morning and is closing on Leonforte from 3 sides. 1 Cdn Bde has by passed Leonforte and advanced several miles along Agira road. Operations this area hampered by demolitions and very difficult nature of country.

Second. 7 Army to 1600 hrs 21 July 2 Corps advanced N and NW and occupied Alimena and Vallelunga. Provisional corps advanced NW to Prizzi S Margherita and 3 miles SE of Castelvetro. Forward tps as follows 1st Div Enna Alimena 45 Div H 0198 to B8902. 3 Div B 6400 to B 4904 82 Airborne Div B 1402 39 Rct F 9695. Provisional Corps are since reported to have taken Castelvetro (signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI).

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ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, SGS, GEN DEANE (CCS),
ADM KING, WHITE HOUSE, LOG

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U R G E N T

From: Force 141, Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0-193, 22 July 1943

(COSITINTREP No. 12 to 1600 hrs 21 July. Part 1
15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addresses No. 0-193 22 July
TOO 0115 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI).

Section 1. Intelligence. Seventh Army Front.
No further identifications received. Military and
civilian stores Caltanissetta ordered by 8th Army to
be destroyed found intact when town taken. PWS to 20
July estimated 27,000. 8th Army Front. 4 Para Regt
identified from PWS Area Primosole bridge 18 July. PW
previously identified 1 Coy 1 Bn 1 PGR Hermann Goering Div
states his Bn engaged Gela Area 10-11 July and reduced
to 50-70 men by 17 July. Also states 2 Bn same Regt
sustained heavy casualties Caltagirone 14 July. PWS
statements require confirmation.

Section 2. Operations. No SITREPS received
7th or 8th Army. Ground operations will be reported in
special COSITINTREP.

Section 3. Air. Night reconnaissance aircraft
bombed and strafed 45 MT Nicosia C30 also 60 met South of
Naso C64 - Floresta C83 2359 to 0400 hrs. Remaining
areas NMS. Tactical recon area Casteovetrano F99 -
Caccamo B03 - Leonforte H39 reported scattered MT and
fires in railway sidings and throughout the area. In
East little movement area Adrano H79 - Bronte C71 -
Randazzo C82. Fighter bombers active against MT and
communications few good targets. Bomblines. 7th Army
1135 Hrs. A6512 - 6812 - 7733 - B0137 - 0336 - 2144 -
2250 - 3753 - 5040 - 5231 then road to 7309 9013 - C2314.

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To: WAR
No. 0-193, 22 July 1943

8th Army 1010 hrs. C2314 - H2395-3897-5695-6090-
7684-8673-9673.

Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

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No. AMSME 6984 22 July 1943

1400 EWT
7/21

Summary 8th Army operations to 2000 hours July

21st: Heavy fighting 13th Corps front (Hq, H 8255) during day with local adjustments in forward line. Five Rcn Regt patrolling line of Gorna Lunga and Dittaino linking with 51 Div on left. Thirty Corps Hq (H 6167) 51 Div and 231 Brigade report no appreciable change. One Canadian Div captured Assoro (H 3893) during morning and began closing on Leonforte (H.3454) from 3 sides. One Canadian Brigade bye passed Leonforte and advanced several miles along Agira road. Operations hampered by demolitions and difficult terrain. Delayed 8th Army operations report dated July 20th (AMSME number 6968) should be corrected to read operations to 1800 hours July 19th. Operations report July 20th badly garbled. Will follow when correctly repeated. Operations 9th USAAF July 21st follow: 340th Bomb Group 1 mission 23 sorties target Troina Sicily 11 aircraft dropped 32,000 lbs bombs on target results direct hits center of town and to northwest. hit road, sure hits on installations and cadre of troops; 39,400 lbs bombs returned, 12 aircraft did not meet escort. Bomber Command 12th Bomb Group both report no operations. Signed Brereton. Fifty Seventh 79th and 324th Fighter Groups report no operations. Supplemental report operations July 20th 324th Fighter Group 4 missions 22

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To: ~~██████████~~
No. AMSME 6984 22 July 1943

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sorties target escort C-47's to Ponte Olivo, only
incident 1 damaged propeller on landing.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN DEANE(CC/B)
ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE

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INCOMING MESSAGE

P R I O R I T Y

From: Cairo
To: War

No: AMSME 6989 22 July 1943

Delayed summary 8th Army operations July 20th:

*Area-
Catania-
Gerbini*

Night 19/20th, 15th Brigade advanced through 13th Brigade, establishing 1 Battalion area H 8974. Enemy counter attacks beaten off with assistance RAF. RM (question Royal Marines) heavily engaged with German Forces area H 6481. Position 153rd Brigade improved. 231st Brigade now attached 1st Canadian Div reached area H 4890. 1st Canadian Div patrols met US forces in Enna in morning. Forward troops 2nd Canadian Brigade H 3990. Heavy casualties inflicted on German forces.

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Note: Attention invited to CM-IN-15752 (22 Jul 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

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

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 0 182 21 July 1943

(From 15 Army Group TOO 210120 to COSITINTREP
addressees No 0 182. COSITINTREP No. 11 to 1600 hours
20 July.)

Part 1. Section 1 Intelligence. Seven Army front. PW states on 17 July 3 Bn 30 Inf Regt Ansietta left San Cataldo for Palermo. TAC R report 19 July of 10 mile column met and marching troops moving from Sciacca with head at Castelvetro probably represents Ansietta Div which may be moving to join Aosta Div in defence of Palermo. Eighth Army front. Our AD C QNCR north of UC Alguanera hampered by heavy demolitions but Enna and Leonforte now in our hands. Remnants of 1 German Inf Bn and Arty reported yesterday in pocket south of Enna may include elements 1 and 2 Bns 1 PGR and 3 Bn 3 PGR 15 Armd Div contacted in this general area 18 July. Intense flak in area Leonforte early today however possibly indicates that important part of 15 Armd Div has now passed eastwards.

Section 2 Operations. First. Eighth Army. SITREP up to 1800 hours 19 July. 13 Corps 168 69 Bdes no change. 13 Bde on general line 900700-880695 made some progress on 19 July. Counter attacks which include hostile tanks beaten off and bridge 871696 remains in our hands. Constructions of crossings over Simeto for passage of 15 and 17 Bdes going well. Patrols 5 Div linked with patrols 51 Div on Gornalunga. 30 Corps 154 Bde crossed bridge

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at H7273 and leading troops reported at H7474 1300 hrs 19 July. Enemy showing strong resistance. 152 Bde area bridge H7273. 157 Bde holding crossing at H6878 met stiff opposition east of river. 231 Bde reached H4888 (H4887) at 1500 hrs 19 July. 2 Cdn Bde captured IC Alguarnera and advanced several miles north in spite of heavy demolitions and mortar fire. Enemy resistance mainly German. Heavy casualties inflicted on enemy 19 July. (Part 2 follows)

Section 3. Air. First. Night reconnaissance reported considerable

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)
ADM. KING
WHITE HOUSE

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Time : 1250

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V.A. Malta
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COM N.O.B. Oran
COMNAVNAV
F.O.C. Gib.
COM Algiers
F.O. (Tun Sea?)
COMMORSEAFRON

From : C. in C. Med.

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Situation Report No. 13.

4ugusta. 2 raids by single aircraft night
0130/20 all torpedoes. Night 20/21 OCEAN VIRTUE AIDGE-
MOCRE FLORWZEL sunk in air raid.

2. Off Regeao M.T.B.'s attacked U-boat with
depth charges night 19/20.

3. E-boats attacked LCT convoy off Syracuse
0130/20 all torpedoes. Missed. E-boats EX-X3Z but no
results seen. This was the attack in which Italian
broadcast claimed 4 sinkings.

4. No actions reported by Western Task Force
and no enemy air activity.

5. Inshore squadron continuing with bombardment
in Catania area.

6. 0200/21 H.M. ships AURORA PENELOPE and destroyers
bombarded Crotone. Chemical Works hit and fires in harbor.
No effective (corrupt group) no surface craft encountered
and no aircraft approached within 4 miles.

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F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Wen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.

S.O.O.
(Personal)
S.O.
N.M.C.S.
C.C.O.R.
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G/C Du Boulay

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From: Force 141
To: War

No. 0/182, 21 July 1943

From 15 Army Group TOO 210120 to COSITINTREP
addressee no. 0 182. COSITINTREP no 11 to 1600 hours
20 July.

Part 1. Section 1 intelligence. 7 Army front.
RAF states on 17 July 3 Bn 30 Inf Regt Assietta left
San Cataldo for Palermo. TAC R report 19 July of 10
mile column met and marching troops moving from Sciacca
with hold at Castel Vetrano probably represents Assietta
Div which may be moving to join Aosta Div in defence of
Palermo, 8th Army front. Our advance north of Valguanera
hampered by heavy demolitions but Enna and Leonforte now
in our hands. Remnants of 1 German Inf Bn and arty re-
ported yesterday in pocket south of Enna may include
elements 1 and 2 Bns 1 PGR and 3 Bn 3 PGR. 15 Armd Div
contacted in this general area 18 July. Intense flak in
area Leonforte early today however possibly indicates
that important part of 15 Armd Div has now passed east-
wards.

Section 2. Operations. 1st. 8 Army. Sitrep up to
1800 hours 19 July. 13 Corps 188 69 Bdes no change. 13
Bde on general line 900700-88069 made some progress on
19 July counter attacks which include hostile tanks beaten

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To: War

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off and bridge 871896 remains in our hands. Constructions of crossings over Simeto for passage of 15 and 17 Bdes going well. Patrols 5 Div linked with patrols 81 Div 30 on Gornalunga. Corps 154 Bde crossed bridge at H 7273 and leading troops reported at H 7474 1300 hours 19 July. Enemy showing strong resistance. 152 Bde area bridge H 7273. 153. Bde holding crossing at H 6878 met stiff opposition east of river. 231 Bde reached H 4887 by 1500 hrs 19 July. 2 Cdn Bde captured Valguarnera and advanced several miles north in spite of heavy demolitions and mortar fire. Enemy resistance mainly German. Heavy casualties inflicted on enemy 19 July.

Section 3. Air. 1st. Night reconnaissance reported considerable

(Part 2 follows).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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SGS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 6968, 21 July 1943

British 8th Army operations to 1800 hours July 20th: 168th and 169th Brigades no change. Thirteenth Brigade (general line H 900760 or question 900700 to H 880695) made some progress. Enemy counter attacks (including tanks) beaten off and H 871696 still held. Good progress in construction of crossings over Simeto for crossing of 15th and 17th Brigades. Patrols 5th Division linked with patrols 51st Division on Gornalunga. Signed Brereton. One five four Brigade crossed bridge to H 7273 with leading troops about H 7474 at 1300 hours. Strong resistance encountered including tanks. One five two Brigade Area bridge H 6878 encountered strong opposition. Two three one Brigade reached H 4887 B 1500 hours in face heavy opposition. Second Canadian Brigade captured Valzuarnera at 0755 hours and advanced several miles north town. Advance slowed by heavy demolitions, much hostile mortar and machine gun fire. Resistance on 8th Army front costly German whose losses during day in dead extremely heavy.

*12:00 AM EST
7/21*

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, GEN DEANE (CC/S), ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE, LOG

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U R G E N T

From: AF HQ North Africa
To: War

No: 2939/W 5383 21 July 1943

(To COSITINREP from Freedom 2939/W 5383 211015,
signed Eisenhower, cite FHGCT)

Part 4. COSITINREP 11. 21st July. Part 4
COSITINREP 10 not issued.

Intelligence:
Nil

North Africa:

1. Movements commenced 1st (Br) Inf Div
began movement into Tunisia from Tripoli 14th July.
34th Inf Div less 1 Bn began movement from Bizerte
with destination Arzew on 17th July. Movements com-
pleted. 39th RCT (9th Div) arrived Sicily from
Bizerte exact date unknown. 128th and 138th Bde
Gps (48th Inf Div) arrived Djidjelli from Algiers.

2. L of C. Nil.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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21 July
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From: Force 141
To: WAR
No. 11, 21 July, 1943.

But irregular movement of MT road Stefano C 33-
Cap Orlando C 65.

Posted
(Part 2 COSITINTREP No. 11 from 15 Army Group)
MT stationary north Randazzo C 82 and moving Ucria C 73-
Naso C 64 was also reported. 2nd. Tactical reconn-
aissance and fighters reported much activity on roads
area Assoro H 39 1130 hrs 150 MT was shortly afterwards
observed moving east on road Gangi C 11 at Nicosia C 30.
Slight movement other areas. 3rd. Bomblines. 7th Army
1430 hrs F 7697-A9515- B0933- 1937- 5035 (road to B-7209
9014 C 2314- H2395). 8th Army 1027 hrs H 2395- 3595-
4096- 5695- 6090- 7682- 86/3- 9673. Section 3 ends.

Section 2. Operations. Continued 7th
Army. No full SITREP received. 4th Tabor Goums reported
1900 hrs 19 July occupying Mussomeli Gmuyik Guilymo
advanced elements 1st US Div entered Enna with Canadians
at 0938 hrs 20 July. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower
cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

No Sig

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-14800 (21 Jul 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, SGS, GEN DEANE (CCS),
ADM KING, WHITE HOUSE

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July 20
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From: Algiers
To: War

Nr.: W 5281 20 July 1943

19th weekly summary. Summary of operations 10 to 19 July. This summary slightly overlaps summary 18. (to Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT .2540 19 July nil.

Para 1. Ground 10 July slight opposition encountered during day from coastal regions only. Ports of Syracuse and Licata were captured and all planned beachheads were established. At Pachino and Licata landing grounds were taken. 11 July only serious counter attack was launched at Gela and was repulsed. Some enemy field divisions (elements Herman Goering div with tanks) involved in this action. Line of main road Syracuse-Ispica N 2199 (N8199) was taken in the east and troops in the west exploited from their beachheads. 12 July. In the evening port of Augusta was taken. Forces in the west were advancing on Canicatti and Riesi. The beachhead at Fela was enlarged to point just south of Visceva. The infantry captured Regusa and airfields at Comiso and Ponteolivio and armored elements reached Vizzini. 13 July little determined resistance was encountered except north of Gela. Melitello H 7154. Vizzini Riesi HO 854 and Canicatti were captured. Advance continued generally on all sectors. 14 July in west Biscari airfield H 4333 was taken. 17 Bde of the 5th Division was isolated in the Augusta sector by a counter attack but position was restored by 1200 hours. Bridge over river Simeto was captured by a Paratroop BDE which had been dropped but which was forced to withdraw that night. 15th July advance continued and bridge over river Simeto was taken intact. 16 July advance on the road Syracuse-Enna continued and Caltagirone was captured. Stiff opposition

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To: War

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was met on the thrust against Catania and little progress was made. 45 Div commenced move to Mazzarino area. In the west progress was made towards Barrafranca.

Para 2. Location statement as of noon 19 July. 15th Army Group La Marsa TK 2167 consisting of 7 Army H 2330 and 8 Army J 1435. 7 Army consisting of 2 Corps H 2147.

(second cipher part follows) Prov Corps G 7845 with 2 Arm Div.

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Note: message came through .2540.

NOTE: Corrected Copy of CM-IN-14803 (21 Jul 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING
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20 July
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From: Algiers
To : War

OPD

No. 2540/W 5281 - 20 July 1943

G3951 in reserve. (2nd and last cipher part message from Freedom number 2540/W5281). 2nd Corps consisting of 1 Division H1956 and 45 Inf Div H1153. Prov Corps consisting of 3 Inf Div G8056 and 82 Airborne Div G7805. 8th Army consisting of 13th Corps J0617 and 30th Corps H7729 13th Corps consisting of 1 Airborne Div (location unknown at present) 5 Inf Div J0230, and 5th Inf Div J0333. 30 Corps consisting of 51 Div H9410 and 1 Cdn Div H7319. For change of location of troops in North Africa see paragraph 3.

Paragraph 3. Movements. 13 July 4 Inf Div arrived Bougie. 16 July 2 Inf Brigade GC 1 Br Inf Div (less 1 Bn) departed Tunisia district for Philippeville, Bone and Souk Ahras. 39 Rct 9 Div departed for Sicily. 17 July 46 Div departed Algiers for Djidjelli. 18th July 756 Tank Bn (L) departed Sebdom for Bizerte, 344 Engr Regt (GS) less Co B departed Oran for Arzeu.

Paragraph 4. Casualties. Estimated 1291 American casualties. No breakdown of this figure available. British figures for 2 divisions only up to 0800 hours 11th July, 51 killed 159 wounded, 3 missing.

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Paragraph 5. Prisoners. 10th July-16th July inclusive. Estimated figures by Armies. 7th Army 17,000, 8th Army 12,000. At this time it is not possible to give breakdown of these figures by nationalities.

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To : ~~Adm~~ **INCOMING MESSAGE** Page 2
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Paragraph 6. Administrative Situation. Adm position has been assisted by excellent work of dukws and early capture intact of facilities at Siracuse and Augusta. Good progress has been made with beach maintenance after an initial delay due to weather. Railways are being operated to a limited extent and Italian railway personnel are assisting. Bulk petrol capacity 20000 tons available at Siracuse. Future maintenance program may be affected by continued defence of Catania with possible destruction of facilities.

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FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-14780 (21 Jul 43)OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
 CG AAF
 Gen Deane (CC/S)
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 5319/2712, 20 July 1943

(Second part message number W 5319/2712 from Freedom). Tenaciously. Gornalunga line evidently abandoned for Dittaino line. Enemy intention make common front with Goring and 15 Panzer Division. *Rivers S. of Catania.*
Junction not yet secured. Tanks reported by TAC R 1730 hrs 19 July moving Leonforte to Enna. Possible counter attack force to relieve situation and assist junction. Evidently little confidence in Clemente Livorno and Napoli and unidentified Blackshirts presumed still between German Divisions. Counter attack from Enna area probably only intended gain time as M/T on road Leonforte-Agira suggest continued withdrawal 15 Panzer. Thus general enemy dispositions and intentions unchanged. Increased demolitions on roads and bridges. German losses in dead Simeto front reported heavy. Very little opposition 7 Army front. No evidence serious preparations resistance on West bank Platani River. (8). Miscellaneous. 7 Army now estimates 28000 prisoners since operations commenced plus 6500 casualties. Figures not confirmed. No further estimates from 8 Army since 12000 total 16 July. P W reports 16 Panzer Division at Messina. 8 Army considers deliberate rumour to encourage German troops. P W evidence shows 65 and 67 March Bns respectively 2 and 3 Bns Fullreide. 69 Bn also connected but number unspecified. Personnel AR Sicily partly made up by withdrawal gunners from March Bns, TAC R reports large column M/T moving from Corleone to Palermo evening 19 July.

Action: OPD
Information: G-2, CG AAF, SGS, Gen. Deane (CC/S),
White House, Adm. King, LOG
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. None, 20 July 1943

(COSINTREP authorities Admiralty from CINC Med.)
Part 2 of COSITINTREP number 11 signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT. US base depot party went to Syracuse to assist
unloading of stores for 7th Army. (2) Night of 18th/19th
British coastal forces engaged E boats East of Sicily
damaging 2. 1 MTB damaged 6 casualties. MTB's passed
through Straits of Messina. (3) In air raid Malta 19th/
20th 1 H M ship suffered some casualties from near miss.

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Action: OPD

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

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: Agwar

No. AMSME 6952, 20 July 1943.

Identified on 7th Army Front 923 Fortress
Battalion and elements 71st smoke regiment. Signed
Brereton. Fortress Battalion believed composed of
3 rifle companies and 1 heavy company. 27R 35
tanks destroyed since beginning Sicily operations.
All these from 101st Battalion 131st Tank Regiment,
not likely having more than 20 tanks remaining.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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GEN DEANE (CCS)

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20 July

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No: COSITINTREP 59, 20 July, 1943

(COSITINTREP addressees from 15 Army Group 0175 July 20 0141. COSITINTREP No 59). 1600 hrs 19 July.

Part 1 begins. Section 1 Intelligence. Seventh Army front. Little enemy opposition to occupation Citanissetta and no opposition Caterina. Many reports of PWS voluntarily surrendering and indications of mutiny by Italian troops commanded by German officers. PW 29 Inf Regt states Assietta Div much under strength and personnel not exceeding 8500. Both Inf Regts have only 2 Bns. Eighth Army front. South of Catania enemy still contesting ground fiercely strong counter-attack reported night 17/18 area H9371 which gained some ground. One Bn 2 HG Gren Regt and elements 3 Para Regt identified area Primosole Bridge. OC 2 Bn 3 Para Regt Capt Gunther captured in civilian clothes considers his Bn eliminated.

German units →

Section 2 operations. Eighth Army. No report of today's fighting yet received. 69 Bde and 168 Bde attacked night 17/18 July with objective Fossa Bottaceto H9371. Objective was reached in places but strong enemy counter attack forced our troops to give ground. Line held 18 July morning approx as follows. H9568 H9469-H9070-H8268-H7171-H8573-H6275-H4675-H2076. Seventh Army report 1st Cdn Div at H3586(3582) 1600 hrs 19 July. Seventh Army. Second Corps advanced to

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line Villarosa H0196. Prov Corps advanced to Platani River G5477. Forward troops as follows. First Div H1587-H1390. 45th Div H0196. Third Div G7887-S7287-G5577. 82nd Airborne Div G3870. Hq 45th Div Caltanissetta. Prov Corps and 82nd Airborne Div Hqs G5357.

Section 3. Air. Night reconnaissance reported some east movement of heavy MT area Regalbuto H59. (End of first part. Part 2 follows). Reconnaissance during the afternoon reported heavy road movements north on road.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN DEANE (CCS)
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20 July
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From: AFHQ North Africa
To : War

Unnumbered 20th July 1943

(Second part of COSITINTREP number 10 from 15
Army Group).

Paterno H 88 Adrano H 79 which was engaged by
Kittyhawks. Small general movement other areas.
~~Paterno~~ 8th Army 0753 hrs. H 2395, 2385, 4085,
5080, 7684, 7874, 8371, 8571, 8673, 9673. 7th
1345 hrs. G 1979, B 5616, B 5606, 9508, 7409, 7433, C2435, H2395
Section 3 ends. Part one ends. Signed Eisenhower
cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

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i.e. line
north of which
our air may
attack without
fear attacking
friendly troops -*

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 201929

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Addressed: Admiralty

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From: CINC Med.

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IMPORTANT

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 129

Night of 18th/19th, MTB 75 damaged by shore batteries in Reggio Area. Two killed, four wounded, MTB's had passed through Straits of Messina to North Sicilian Coast. MTB's had short action with three E-Boats, damaging two.

2. In air raid on Malta night 19th/20th. H.M.S. NUBIAN near missed causing superficial damage and a few casualties.
3. U.S. Base Depot Party sent to Syracuse to facilitate discharge of stores for Seventh Army.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No #, 19 July 1943

(Part 2 of COSITINTREP No. 10 signed Eisenhower cite FROCT from C in C Med).

AA defenses set up at Augusta by Royal Marines and discharge of ships started with good results.

(2) Single air raid Augusta night 17/18th no damage. One enemy airplane shot down HM Ship.

// (5) Support of right flank 8th Army by Inshore Squadron continued. Catania bombarded morning 18th.

(4) Petrol fire on quay at Syracuse interfering with landing at 2 berths.

(5) One German bomber shot down by HM ships night 18/19th.

(6) Discharge at main beaches should be completed noon 21st.

// (7) Use of Emedocle and Licata in addition to Gela speeding up discharge in Western Area.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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~~TOP SECRET~~ NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 191903

IN

Received: 20 July 43

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Addressed: ADMIRALTY
Repeated: COMINCH
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COMMONSA
COM Algiers
COMNAVFOR
FO Tunisia
VAM FOZY
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From: C. in C. Med.

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IMPORTANT:

AUGUSTA, 6 merchant ships arrived 18th discharged 1,000 Tons Royal Marine A.A. Defense set up. Valuable haul of torpedoes and boom gear. Fuel tanks appear sound. Single air raid night 17/18 no damage to ships of port. 1 enemy aircraft shot down by H.M.S. COCKCHAFER.

2. Inshore squadron supporting right flank of 8th Army. H.M.S. MAURITIUS bombed Catania AM 18th.

3. SYRACUSE. Serious petrol fire on quay rendering 2 alongside berths untenable.

4. Light forces carried out sweeps off Calabria Coast Spartivento to Rizzuto. On subsequent A/S patrols shot down 1 German bomber. A/S sweeps continue.

5. Practically no Italian air activity.

6. Acid beaches should complete discharge of ships noon 21st. Beaches to close 24 hours later.

7. Unloading in western area being speeded up by Licata and Empedocle taking part of cargo consigned Gela.

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Addressed: WAR
From : Algiers

IMPORTANT

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COSITINTREP NO. 9

BATTLESHIP BOMBARDMENT OF CATANIA (COSITINTREP

NO. 9 From C in C Med) carried out Saturday evening.

Part two of COSITINTREP NO. 9 signed Eisenhower Cite FHQCT,

2. Entedolo Port Party established expected ...
Port ready for unloading 19th.

3. Aulusta still without light or water two
moderate air raids night 16th 17th. Damage and casualties
to one HM ship two enemy aircraft brought down by AA fire.

4. NTBS report that Chyesser referred to in Part
5 COSITINTREP NO. 8 also fired on by Italian Coastal
Batteries.

5. Strenuous anti-submarine measures continue
Three sightings and one attack by aircraft night 17th 18th.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 2540/W5287, 19 July 1943

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19th weekly summary. Summary of operations 10 to 19 July. This summary slightly overlaps summary 18.

1. Ground. 10 July slight opposition encountered during day from coastal regions only. Ports of Syracuse and Licata were captured and all planned beachheads were established. At Pachino and Licata landing grounds were taken. 11 July only serious counter attack was launched at Gela and was repulsed. Some enemy field divisions (elements Herman Goering Div with tanks) involved in this action. Line of main road Syracuse-Ispica N2199 (N8199) was taken in the East and troops in the West exploited from their beachheads. 12 July. In the evening port of Augusta was taken. Forces in the West were advancing on Canicatti and Riesi. The beachhead at Gela was enlarged to point just South of Visceci. The Infantry captured Regusa and airfields at Comiso and Ponteolivio and armored elements reached Vizzini. 13 July. Little determined resistance was encountered except North of Gela. Melitello H7154. Vizzini. Riesi H0854 and Canicatti were captured. Advance continued generally on all sectors. 14 July in West Biscari airfield H4333 was taken. 17 Bde of the 5th Division was isolated in the Augusta Sector by a counter attack but position was restored by 1200 hours. Bridge over river Simeto was (*) 15 July. Advance continued and bridge over river Simeto was taken intact. 16 July. Advance on the road Syracuse-Enna continued and Caltagirone was captured. Stiff opposition was met on the thrust against Catania and little progress was made. 45 Div commenced move to Mazzarino Area.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. 2540/W5287, 19 July 1943

In the West progress was made towards Barrafranca.

2. Location statement as of noon 19 July. 15 Army Group La Marsa TK 2167 consisting of 7 Army H2330 and 8 Army J1435. Seven Army consisting of 2 Corps H2147. Prov Corps G7845 with 2 Armd Div.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
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GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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19 July

Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

No: 9 19th July 1943

(F99) Corleone B31 area 0240 hrs approx 200 MT. (Second and last part of COSITINTREP No 9 from 15 Army Group). These areas also covered during day but only easterly road movement of MT in small numbers Leonforte B39 area reported. Second. Bomblino. Consolidated 1130 hrs. G3173-3677-5284-7186-8587-3697-R2395-2395-4085-4075-5023-5975-5980-8178-9671. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen Deane (CC/S)
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19 July 1943
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OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 6934 19 July 1943

Summary 8th Army operations to 1600 hours
July 18th (signed Brereton) 13th Corps: 69th and 188th
Brigades, 5 Division (H 908805) attacked night 17th/
18th objective Fosso Bottaceto (H 9371). Strong
counter attacks forced slight withdrawal, but line
H 952688-H 942698-H 905705 now firmly held. Royals
continue patrols north from area H 8168. Hq 5th
Div H 910618. 30th Corps: Corps Hq H 588540. Hq
51st Division H 780580 with forward troops 23rd Armd
Brigade south of road H 7171 at 1430 hours. Forward
troops 153rd Brigade (H 6573) and 154th Brigade track
junction (H 6275) at 0700 hours. Two three one Bri-
gade reported in Radousa (H 4675) First Canadian
Division Hq H 3365. Forward troops 3 Canadian Brigade
H 2976 encountering resistance.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Nr: COSITINTREP # 9, 19 July, 1943

Battleship bombardment of Catania (COSITINTREP number 9 from C in C Med) carried out Saturday evening. Part two of COSITINTREP number 9 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. 2. Entedolo port party established expected port ready for unloading 19th. 3 Aulusta still without light or water 2 moderate air raids night 16th 17th. Damage and casualties to 1 HM ship 2 enemy aircraft brought down by AA fire. 4 NTB'S report that Cryeser referred to in part 5 COSITINTREP number 8 also fired on by Italian Coastal Batteries. 5 strenuous anti submarine measures continue 3 sightings and 1 attack by aircraft night 17th 18th.

ACTION: OPD No Sig.

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Adm King
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CORRECTION
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR
Nr: 0168, 19 July, 1943

Insert at end of message.

Section 3 sir. First. Night reconnaissance indicated considerable movement Enna H 28 Nicosia-C30-Regalbuto H 59 Troina C 51 area mainly east and south special reconnaissance Castelvetro.

No Sig.

NOTE: Correction to CM-IN-13314 (19 Jul 43) OPD.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, SGS,
General Deane (CCS),
Admiral King, White House.

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IN

Received: 19th July 43

Time : 1645

Addressed: ADMIRALTY

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COMMORSEAFRON
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VAM
C. in C. Levant

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From : C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

Situation report No. 127.

Catania town bombarded by H.M.S. WARSPITE
Saturday evening 57 rounds. 1 5 inch destroyers engaged
Coastal batteries.

2. Port party established Empedocle, entrance being swept. Port expected ready for unloading 19th.
3. Night 16/17th 2 moderate air raids Augusta considerable superficial damage from near miss to H.M.S. QUEEN EMMA about 90 casualties of which 78 were R.M. Commandos. 2 enemy aircraft brought down by AA. Augusta still without light or water.
4. Report of 2 E-boats off Augusta Harbour entrance firing torpedoes.
5. Reference para. 2 of report number 126 TB (Report Cruiser was fired on by Italian Coastal Batteries)
6. A/S sweep East of Augusta carried out night 17th/18th in conjunction A.F.V. Aircraft which made three sightings and one attack.

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F.M.	Brigadier Hedman (8)	Lt. Col. Cook
Admiral	N.I.	Lt. Col. O'Connor
Air Marshal	S.O.(0) Personal	Group Capt. Du Boulay
Gen. Macready	S.O.	
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July 20*

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19 July
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: O 168 18 July 1943

(From 15th Army Group 192000B to COSITINTREP addressed number O 168. COSITINTREP number 9 to 1800 hours 18th July. Part one begins. Section One intelligence. 7th Army Front.)

Prisoners taken at Barrafranca 16th July identified first second third and 14th (Regimental Company) 1 PGR of 15th Arm'd Div. GOC 207 Coastal Div captured yesterday states he assumed command 12th July replacing Schreiber who went to 12th Corps. Had previously been appointed on 10th July to command 26th Assietta Div and carried order of battle of latter when captured. States many changes and much confusion in high command.

8th Army Front. July 16th PWS from 2nd Bn 3 part Regt H 752595 and from 69th March Bn also called Reggio Bn area Scordia. Patter stated to be under command 15th Arm'd Div. 200 plus PWS taken from 78th Inf Regt Napoli and whole 2nd Bty 84th Arty at Scordia. 1st Br 34th Inf Regt and 2nd Bty 28th Arty Regt Livorno contacted area H 6163.

Section 2 Operations. 8th Army. No sitrep received today position appears as follows. Primosole bridge now secure own FINE on approx line 70 northing. 51st Div have 2 bridge heads across river Gornalunga 23rd Arm'd Bde at H 7171. Elements 1 CDN Div held up at 1530 hrs at H 3222 (H3272).

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To: WAR

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7th Army. During day 2nd Corps advanced to high ground. Four miles south of Caterina H 0388 Prov Corps advanced 7 miles north and west from Canicatti. Forward positions 1st Div H 0983 45th Div H 0584 3rd Div G 8975 G 7775 G 6668 82nd Airborne Div G 5959. Army boundary Leonforte H 3493 Nicosia Mistretta H 3125 S Stefano C 3035. 45th Div are since reported to have taken Caterina at 1535 hrs.

Section 3 Air. First. Night reconnaissance indicated considerable movement Enna H 28 ** Troina C 51 area mainly east and * special reconnaissance Castelvetro.

No Sig.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Adm King
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR 1785
Mideast No #

17 July, 1943

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(Part 2 addressed Troopers AGWAR info Mideast
from Freedom number 1785 cite FHGBI)

Morale doubtful. State Kampf-Bataillon Reggio
and another Fortress Bn at San Giovanni. Latter
arrived by train 11 July. Troop 1 Parachute Arty Regt.
Prisoner states 2 remaining troops his Abteilung still
in France.

4. Miscellaneous. PW 2 Sqn 504 Hy Tank Bn states
originally in Division Sicily at Salemi end May transferred
command Goring Tank Regt Piazza Armerious 18 June. Status
Divisional sign Division Sicily 5 pointed white star.
Unconfirmed estimate total prisoners counted 20,000.
Further 11 R 35 tanks and 2 MARK 88 GERMEN overrun between
Piazzolo and Lentini. Five light Italian tanks area
Kaltagirone captured intact. General Conrad Goc Goring
Division according PW. 13 Corps consider only SP guns
so far identified their front supports statement III Goring
Tank Regt believed this sector actually former V assault
gun Abteilung of Arty Regt.

5. Conclusions. Still Assietta and no further
indications move ACSTA. No further information Livorno.
2 Groups Goring now forcing single front on river

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR 1785
17 July, 1943

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Gornalunga line with 15 Panzer probably on right.
Probable intention form defensive line from north
coast through Troina south of Enna to east coast
Offensive tactics likely especially in Catania plain
before occupying this position. Evident Germans
continue to reinforce Sicily with troops in hope
stabilizing line.

*Estimate
of enemy
intentions*

*as is
encl 5*

no sig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
SGS
Gen Deane (CC/S)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR 208
British Army Staff No #

17 July 1943

(Section 1 of Part 3 COSSTINTREP No. 7 16th July signed Eisenhower cite FHCT FHGBI. AFHQ ACWAR Troopers USFOR Mideast Commandeth Malta Commandeth Gibraltar 5th Army Fairfield C in C Med Force 441 from Air C in C Med A, 20B, 17th July).

African based Air Forces night 15/16 July, 73 Wellingtons attacked Vibo Valentia Crotona Reggio and San Giovanni A/D's results believed good, many fires started, A/C seen burning on the ground. 52 B-25 Mitchells and A-20 Bostons attacked Randazzo, fires were started, light attacks by enemy fighters were all. 58 Baltimores and A-20's conducted offensive sweep in Central Sicily, 420 M/T strafed and bombed large explosion on jetty at Termini, direct hits on RR Crossing at Adrano, other explosions at Ribera.

Day 16 July 102 B-17 Fortresses bombed city and ferry terminus of San Giovanni hits in RR yards and barracks area. Large fire NE of Terminus, flak destroyed 2 and damaged 19 B-17's, 71 B-25's and 51 B-26 Marauders escorted by 94 P-38 Lightnings attacked Vibo Valentia A/D barracks, hangars and buildings were hit, several fires started in dispersal area. 6 E/A met the attack 2 destroyed. 44 P-40 Kittyhawks carried out diversionary sweep W Sicily. 5 small boats left sinking in Mozala harbour. 12 B-25's bombed Valguernera RR installations.

(Section 2 of Part 3 will follow.)

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2 CGAAF EGS No Sig
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17 July
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From: AFHQ North Africa
To: War

No: W 5088/1643, 17 July 1943

To COSITINTREP from Freedom W 5088/1649 17th
signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT part 4. COSITINTREP 7
17 July. Part 4 COSITINTREP 6 not issued.

Intelligence. Nil.

North Africa. 1. Movements. Nil TFO L of
C. at about 1520 hours 16 July a large explosion of
undetermined cause occurred on a Norwegian coaster in
Algiers harbor while being loaded with tellermines
and other captured German War Material. At the time
5 tons of mines had been loaded and 20 tons were on
the key. The coaster was blown in half and sank at
the dock. The explosion set fire to a docked cargo
vessel loaded with drummed petrol. She was towed out of
harbor and beached and is still burning. Both ships
are total loss. Considerable casualties and damage re-
sulted. Resulting fire on dock was under control by
1730 hours. Total casualties and losses not yet deter-
mined. Ammunition fire occurred 16 July 4 miles East
of Medjex El Bab on Main Tunis Road. Eastbound traffic
diverted via Tebourba.

Action: OPD
Information:

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CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: COSITINTREP 7 17 July 1943

(COSITINTREP no 7 from C IN C NSD)

(1) Bombardment by cruisers and monitors in Catania Bay and off Empedocle continues. Part 2 of COSITINTREP no 7 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.

(2) Enemy U-boat sunk by HM submarine off *"HMS Unruly"* Tarasto four prisoners.

(3) One enemy U-boat sunk 2 damaged off Reggio in fight between 6 enemy and 4 British.

(5) One British heavy ship damaged by aircraft torpedo one British cruiser damaged by U-boat torpedo. Both ships returned Malta under own power.

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: War

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Convoy movements according to plan. Naval support of Armies continued. Part 2 of COSINTREP number 8 signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT. (2 Ranger Battalion entered Espedocle PM 16th. Not clear if port in our possession 3) at Bork south beach 2000 tons discharged yesterday. 4 Port of Augusta Hasserune was temporarily closed owing to minelaying now reopened. (COSINTREP authorities Admiralty from C in C Med) 5. MTB's reported 1 torpedo hit on Italian cruiser south of Messina. One MTB sunk by coastal gunfire. 6. Two enemy aircraft shot down Nark east night 14th.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Adm King
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17 July
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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1 Cdr Parks 3059
23 Amel 6662
51 6649
154 7258
153 near Cal
231 Cdn Div gram

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR
No: AMSME 8903, 17 July 1943

British 8th Army operations to 1600 hours
July 16th: 13th Corps: Bridge H 942674 held 151st
Brigade. Counterattack on Bridgehead at 1400 hours
broken up by Arty fire. Det 3 City London Yeomanry
crossed river at H 889660. 5th Division concentrating
area square H 95. 30th Corps: 51st Div: HQ
152 Brig H 750552 with patrols reported H 860570,
2782665, H 635628. 153rd Brig H 720580. 23rd Arm
Brig H 657622. 154th Brig in reserve Div area HQ H
6649. 231st Brig under 51st Div moving on Caltagirone.
1st Canadian Div: Forward troops entered Caltagirone
0730 hours and reached H 3259 by 1230 hours. 2nd
Canadian Brig and Div HQ area Grammichele. Area H 5746
HQ (signed Brereton) 3rd Canadian Brigade.

ACTION: OPD No Sig
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Deane CC/S

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C. in C. Levant
From: C. in C. Med.

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IMPORTANT

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 126.

- (1) Support of 8th Army by Inshore Squadron continued.
- (2) MTB 260 sighted 1 Cruiser south of Messina proceeding South East at high speed. One torpedo hit reported. MTB 316 sunk by enemy gunfire.
- (3) Port of Augusta temporarily closed owing to suspected minelaying, now open.
- (4) 2,000 tons discharged over Bark South Beach yesterday.
- (5) 2 enemy aircraft shot down during air attack at Cark East night of 14th. Circling torpedoes used, no hits.
- (6) Ranger Battalion Empedocle from West PM 16th.
Not clear if port is in our possession.

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Admiral	N.M.C.S.
Air Marshal	C.C.O.R.
Gen. Macready	Lt. Col. Cook
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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ADMIRALTY		COM 10TH FLT C & R	PRIORITY
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DATE 17 JULY 1943			DEFERRED
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(COM 10TH FLT C & R FROM ADMIRALTY)

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ADMIRALTY INFO COMMORSEAFRON, COM 10TH FLT C & R, COM-NAVNAV, CINC LEVANT, NOIC ALGIERS, NOIC MALTA, FOC GIB, NOB ORAN, FO TUNISIA, FO SY FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 125.

- (1) HMS SIRIUS BOMBARDING IN CATANIA BAY IN SUPPORT OF 8TH ARMY ADVANCE. U.S. CRU, PHILADELPHIA; HMS BIRMINGHAM AND HMS ABERCROMBIE BOMBARDING EMPEDOCLE AND AGRIGENTO IN SUPPORT OF 3RD DIVISION.
- (2) 6 E-BOATS ENGAGED OFF REGGIO (CALABRIA) AT 152300 BY 4 SMALL MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS 1 ENEMY SUNK 2 DAMAGED.
- (3) HMS INDOMITABLE TORPEDOED BY AIRCRAFT IN POSITION 036-22 N 016-08 E AT 160030. RETURNED TO MALTA

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TEXT

UNDER OWN STEAM. (**) TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT (GERMAN)
IN POSITION 037-13 N 016-00 E AT 160615. RETURNED
TO MALTA UNDER OWN STEAM.

(4) ^{of the submarine} UNITED BANK U-BOAT (GERMAN) IN POSITION 039-19 N
017-30 E AT 151831. 4 SURVIVORS.

(5) ADVANCED COASTAL FORCE BASE AND LANDING CRAFT BASE
ESTABLISHED AUGUSTA. F.O. SICILY AT AUGUSTA IN F.8.
LARGS. NO POWER OR LIGHT AND WATER SHORT. SOME AIR
RAIDS DURING NIGHT 15TH/16TH BUT NO DAMAGE. NO
AIR RAIDS DURING DAYLIGHT UNLOADING GOING WELL ALL
SECTORS.

(**) GARBLED GROUP. SVC'D.

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From: Algiers
To: War
No # 16, 1943

Still no indications PGR 1 Goring possibly not yet reformed. PGR Koerner under command Goring formerly PGR Palermo according PW. Composed 3 Bns each 400-600 strong. 1 Bn considered now very seriously reduced. 6. Miscellaneous: 1 Mark III long, 1 mark III short abandoned during enemy withdrawal south Lentine. Also 48 MM guns & 11 Italian & 35 tanks captured same area. 7. Operations: Unsuccessful counter attack 20 to 30 Goring tanks south Grammichele 14 July. Arty activity only this area 15 July and stiffer enemy resistance 15 July north Simeto. Bridge H 9467 mined but not blown by enemy. Traffic movements show possible move Aosta Div south eastwards from Palermo area but also indicate some north easterly trend in eastern part of Inland 8. Conclusions: dispositions in line of contact mainly unchanged. Indications reinforcement on 7 Army front and possibly withdrawal other forces to north east. Little serious resistance by Italians. Germans taking brunt and rapid reinforcement eastern battle group indicates intention delay our advance all possible means whilst possible preparing major stand in rear present positions. Total prisoners up to 14 July 16,000 estimated. Correction, in preamble insert second and last part.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Nr: AMSME 6887, 16 July, 1943

just W of Augusta
Operations 15th July 8 Army: 13th and 15th Brigades area Cillasmundo mopped up area H 9755 capturing prisoners. From Brereton. 17th Brigade Augusta. 69th Brigade area Lentini. 151 Brigade captured Primosole Bridge 0800 hours without establishing bridge head. Bridge mined but not blown. 1 Parachute brigade had held bridge until 1930 hours on previous day when it removed charges before running out of ammunition and withdrawing. 152 Brigade took Scordia and 155 Brigade captured Militello by midafternoon. Grammicheli captured by 1 Canadian Division by 1600 hours.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR
Rr: 593, 16 July, 1943

(AFHQ AGWAR Troopers USFOR Mideast Commandeth
Malta Commandeth Gibraltar 5th Army Fairfield C in
C Med Air C in C Med main 15 Army Group from TAC
15 Army Group 593 16 Jul 0050. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ number
6 to 1600 B hrs 15. Part 1 begins. Signed Eisenhower
cite FBGCT and FBGB1. Section 1 intelligence. No
new picture CA or enemy dispositions. Part Goering
Division believed still operating Caltagirone
Area. Concentration 6000 troops reported by
friendly civilians in area Caltagirone-Pizzna
Armerina - Caltanissetta may represent part 15
Panzer Div TAC/R reports night 14/15 considerable
movement southeast from Palermo towards Santa
Caterina 941130 (151130) over 300 Mt moving
towards Catania on each of roads from Regalbuto
and Radusa. Section 2 ground operations. First
8th Army. 13 Corps. 5 Div. No material change
mopping up continues in the area Augusta Agnoni
H 9737 Villasmundo H 9751. 50 Div. leading troops
51 Bde have crossed river Gornalunga area bridge
at H 941674. Approx 25 personnel of 3 Commando
W O Landed J 0750 night 13/14 July have rejoined
others are coming in 30 Corps. No report received.
Elements 1 Canadian Div believed to have occupied
Grosnichelle H 5648 Div Hq located H 6335. Main
Hq 8th Army (first of 2 parts) now located J
1435.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Maison Carree
To : War

No. A 207 - 16 July 1943

*15 MILES South
of NORTH COAST
CENTRAL SICILY*

Road block caused at Petralia and 20 M/T destroyed. (Part 2 and final part my A 207 Too 161000 Baker from Air C in C Med) Some A/C bombed docks and shipping at Termini. During above operations 465 tons of bombs were dropped, 5 E/A destroyed against 4 of our own.

Malta night 14/15 July, Mosquitoes intruded Naples, Taranto, Crotone and West Sicily, shipping, trains and sidings attacked with cannon. 19 Beau- fighters on interception patrol of Sicily destroyed 13 enemy bombers. Day 15 July, 240 fighter Sorties flown as escort to bombers and on fighter sweeps in Gerbini-Catania area.

Middle East. Additional 14 July, 12 B24 Liber- ators and Halifaxes attacked RR station at Messina dropping 29 tons, fires seen in target area, Flak moderate and accurate 1 A/C missing. Day 15 July, 24 B24's attacked Foggia L/G dropping 65 tons which cover- ed the target well, slight heavy FLAK.

Air Intelligence - Enemy night fighters active over Palermo night 14/15. Enemy air activity over Sicily 15 July reported as nil. Both defensive and offensive. Reaction to very successful attack on Naples marshalling yards by B 17's slight, 23 Fighters,

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mainly Italian, attempted interception cautiously.
Photographs of known enemy airdromes Sicily and toe
of Italy show 7 unserviceable 13-180* fighters present.

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* Being serviced

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INFORMATION: G-2
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16 July
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CORRECTION
OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Malsen Carree
To : War
No. A 207 16th July 1943

Please insert following correction at end of
message previously sent:

Photographs of known enemy airdromes Sicily and
toe of Italy show 7 unserviceable 190 Fighters present.

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Note: Correction to CM-IN-11311 (16 Jul 43) OPD

Action: OFD

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

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16 July

Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

No: 0593 16th July 1943

Second. 7th Army. (2nd and last part of message COSITINTREP no 6 0593.) No report yet received. Only known change is occupation of high ground 2 miles south of Caltagirone H4549 by 180 Rct of 45 Div. Estimated casualties to 1800 hours 14 July 1891. Estimated total prisoners taken 15,982.

Section 3 air. Considerable increase in enemy road movement throughout the island was reported by the air during the day. In the western half night bombers reported large MT movement south and southeast on the roads Bolognette G5330 (Corleone) B8813 (B3813) and Bolognette-Vallelunga G8598. MT on the latter road was also seen and attacked by fighter bombers at 0930 and 1200 hours. 200 MT directinn unobserved were reported by straffer on the road Sciacca G1879 Ribera G3578 at 1000 hours. In the eastern half of the island movement both east and west was seen in the area west of the Gerbini H7675 airfields as follows. 50 MT moving west H5365 at 0840 hours 50 MT moving northeast H6558 at 1120 hours 150 MT moving west H3763 at 1120 hours 200 MT moving southeast H7680 at 1130 hours and 200 MT moving east H6770 at 1145 hours. The Gerbini group of airfields was reported deserted at 0530 hours. No movement was seen on the roads Messina D3656 Capo d Orlandoc 6553 Fiumefreddo D0612 Messina at 1225 hours.

West of Catania

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN DEANE (CCS), ADM KING
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16 July, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: Maison Carree, No #
WAR, A 207

16 July, 1943

African based air forces - night 14/15 July. (AFHQ, AGWAR, Troopers, USFCR, Mideast, Commandeth Gibraltar, 5th Army, Commandeth Malta, Fairfield, C in C Med, Force 141, from Air C in C Med. A 207, 16th July) Wellingtons attacked Naples marshalling yards, docks and A/D, targets well covered, results believed good (part 3 air COSITINTREP No. 6 15th July, signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT FHGBI 98 B-25 Mitchells A-20 Bostons dispatched against Palermo Termini and communications central Sicily, results unobserved. Coastal Wellingtons torpedoed and sank a 5000 ton M/V north east of Olbia, an escort vessel was left burning. Day 15 July, 72 B-17 Fortresses attacked Naples marshalling yards scoring direct hits on RR tracks roundhouse, torpedo factory, stores depot, warehouse, overpass, stadium and arsenal, intense heavy flak damaged 14 A/C, 23 E/A encountered. 24 B 25's attacked Paterno, good bomb pattern across town. 81 P-40 Kittyhawks carrying bombs attacked radar stations at Marsala and Pula scoring 4 direct hits. 96 P-40 sorties flown over landing beaches. 168 A-38 and P-38 lighting sorties flown against communication targets. bridges at Alia and Nicosia destroyed (end of part 1 part 2 follows).

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Action: OPD
Information:

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

Nr.: 0.597 , 16 July 1943

6 Corps. Corps consolidated area of high ground COSITINTREP to 0100 hrs 16th July from TAC 15 Army Group 0.597 161315B. Second. 7th Army TH 1600 hrs 15th July) South of Vizzini H 6640 and Clatsirone extending west to Mazzarino H 1956 with 45th Inf Div areas H C446 H 4646 H 4143 and 1st US Inf Div areas H 3942 H 3154 H 1859 3rd Inf Div no change patrols entered Favara G 7057 and Racalinuto G 7667 provisional additional Corps formed comprising 3rd Inf Div and 82nd Airborne Div reinforced. General Keyes commanding. Inter corps boundary runs from original boundary between 2nd Corps and 3rd Inf Div to Ecporos (H-0352-H-0357 H-0165-G 9473-G9079). 2nd Armd Div Army Reserve. Weather excellent.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
SGS
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U R G E N T

From: London USFOR
To: AGWAR No. W-1985
Algiers No. 3922

15 July 1943

Arrangements in hand for Eisenhower signed
Devers.

Your NAF 291 (W/4961/1028).

Sent to Algiers for action as 3922 and as W-
1985 for information to AGWAR.

No Sig.

FOOTNOTE: NAF 291 is CM-IN-10545 (15 July 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: War

No: W-4885/743 15th July 1943

(Troopers AGWAR, information Mideast from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FBGBI. Numbered W4885/743).

(1) Tentative reconstruction and disposition Goring Div from captured codalist as follows:

(A) Eastern group 1/PGR 2, 111/Tank Regt, AR, with GR 2 of Div Sicily attached.

(B) Western group 11 and 111/PGR 2, 1 and 11 Tank Regt, Eng Bn, Recce Bn, possibly part AR. Comment: PGR 1 of Goring not mentioned. Possibly reserves.

(2) PGR 3 of 15 Panzer area Agrigento-Canicatti. Present whereabouts PGR 115 Panzer and 215 Tank Bn uncertain. Possibly still in west part latter possibly subordinated Goring Tank Regt.

(3) Four Livorno captured map shows 11 Bn Grammichele, 1 and 111 Bns Infantry reserve Caltagirone. 28 Arty apparently decentralized to Bns 33 Inf Regt now believed virtually inoperative. No contact remainder div.

(4) 54 Napoli. PW's from 75 Inf Regt and 169 blackshirt Bn Comiso area. Captured map shows 76 Inf Regt with bns at Ramacca, Scordia, Carlentini. Division evidently spread between Comiso and Ramacca.

(5) Two mobile groups located Caltagirone and Misterbianco each tank coy, anti tank coy, Inf Coy, arty group.

(6) Tac/R shows no significant movements. No indications regrouping enemy forces. Enemy has not regained initiative any sector. Counter-attack Canicatti or Gela Gela areas possible. Resistance likely north

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west Augusta.
(7) 10 mark IV claimed destroyed east Gela on 11
July. Unconfirmed reports prisoners now exceed 12,000
and mark VI tanks destroyed both Gela and Augusta
areas.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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GEN DEANE (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W-4962/1051 15 July 1943

(To Cositintrep from Freedom W 4962/1051 15
nil signed Eisenhower cites FHGCT and FHGBI. Part 4.
Cositintrep 5. 15 July).

No Cositintreps parts 4 numbers 1 to 4 issued.

1. Intelligence. Nil.
2. North Africa.

1. Movements commenced. 39 BCT of 9 US
Infantry Division departed Bizerta for Sicily.

2. L of C. Two enemy parachutists
dropped night 12/13 July near Aumale 034 now captured.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

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CG AAF

SGS

~~Adm King~~

~~White House~~

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Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. COINBITREP 6, 15 July, 1943.

1. Augusta port open. Discharge and sailing of convoys proceeding (COINBITREP number 6 from C IN C MED) according to programme.

2. COINBITREP number 6 Signals Eisenhower cite FHQCT. (2) MGB's on patrol in Straits of Messina engaged enemy submarine at 142239 shore battery sank 1 MGB with direct hit. Submarine dived. Destroyers drove off U boat attack in anchorage sinking 1 (3) gun support continued.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
SGS
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No. # 15 July, 1943

(2nd. 7th Army. 45 Div.) (Cipher part 3 and last of COSITINTREP number 5 from TAC 15 Army Group 0.850 150015B).

High ground 3 miles west of Vizzini to H 5042 to H 4640. Biscari airfield H 4333 also captured. 1 Div. high ground 5 miles southwest of Caltagirone H 4549 to H 3448 to H 1859 having captured Mazzarino H 1956. Butera H 1643 also captured. 2 Armd Div H 1746 3 Div. Riesi to Canicatti to Naro to Palma Di Montechiaro. Hqs 7th Army Gela. 2 Corps H 4114. 45 Div Vittoria. 1 Div H 2639. 3 Div G 9140. 82 Airborne Div H 2727. 2 Armd Div H 3428. Railway Licata to Campobelo now operating. Comiso Ponte Olivo and Licata airfields also operational. weather 13 July warm clear and visibility good.

Section 3. Air. Air reconnaissance showed considerable enemy activity mostly in the area of the roads Caltagirone H 4549 Lentini H 8955. Movement during the day was reported as scattered mostly in groups of 20/30 vehicles the only large convoy being 1 of 150 MT moving east towards Lentini at H 8356 at 1415 hrs. Fighter bombers reported reported considerable MT movement northwards at H 4770 and intense light ack ack. No reports were received of any enemy activity in the

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To: War
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western half of the island (part 1 ends).

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INFORMATION: G-2
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18 July
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From: AF HQ North Africa
To : War

No. 0.580 15th July 1943

(From TAC 15 Army Group 0.580 14th July Comintrep number 5 to 1600H hrs 14th July. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI. Section 1 Intelligence.)

Part 1. Enemy continued to resist our attacks along whole front. This resistance not effective though German counter-attacks in 5 Div Sector early this morning reached Augusta Harbour and cut off our Brigade in the town. Situation restored by noon. Command and Staff 54 Napoli Div captured area Vizzini evening 13th July. Enemy dispositions from East to West. Coast of Lentini special Regimental Hq with 1 tank Bn 1 Inf Bn some Arty ex Goering Div and 2 Grenadier Regt ex PZ Div Francofonte remnants Napoli and possibly some Germans. South of Caltigarone and Grassmichele bulk of Goering Div with 2 tank Bns 2 Inf Bns some Arty. Caltigirone Mazzarino Riesi Divorno Div depleted by fighting. Riesi to Agrigento 3 Grenadier Regt 15 PZ Div and remnants 207 Coastal Div TAC/R report 1415 hrs 150 MT moving East into Lentini suggests enemy reinforcing this sector.

Part 2 and 3 follow.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, SGS,
General Deane (CCS),
White House, Adm King,
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URGENT

From: AFHQ NA
To: War

No. # 15 July, 1943

(Section 2 Ground Operations. 1st, 8th Army. 13 Corps). (Cipher part 2 of COSITINTREP number 5 from TAC 15 Army Group 0.850 150015B).

Night 13/14 July enemy occupied seaplane base J 0750 and isolated 17 Inf Bde from 15 Inf Bde. Unconfirmed reports indicate opposition now overcome and contact regained. 2330 hrs 13 July Commando landed area J 0057 with object of securing cross roads and bridge area H 8958. No details. Night 13/14 July 1 Para Bde landed and secured bridge at H 942875. By this afternoon 1 Para Bde had been reinforced at bridge by 4 Armd Bde. 1000 hrs today TAC 8th Army and TAC 13 Corps moving to area 4 miles south of Syracuse in main road Syracuse-Avola. 30 Corps. TAC Hq 30 Corps area H 8030. 51 Div. Hq H 955095. 13 July 23 Armd Bde and 231 Inf Bde advanced in 2 columns directed on Vizzini H 6640 and Scordia H 7555 and by 1800 hrs 23 Armd Bde had occupied Vizzini 1 Cdn Div. Hq H 739202. 1 Cdn Bde now general area Giarratana H 7028 Bifarano H 6921 with patrols towards Chiaromonte H 6226 and Monterosso H 6722 where enemy rearguard encountered. No details of action. 2 Cdn Bde now area Rosolini H 8503 to exclusive Ragusa. Night 13/14 July 3 Cdn Bde moving area H 7327. Night 13/14 July 1 Cdn Army Tank Bde less 1 Regt disembarked Syracuse and moved into Army reserve area Cassibile J 0820. Army boundary road Vizzini to Caltagirone to

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To: War
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Piazzo Amerina to Enna Atin. (end of part 2. Part 3 follows inclusive 8th Army.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)
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NAVAL MESSAGE T.O.O. 152208

IN

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Time : 0900

Addressed: Admiralty

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COMMORSEAFRON
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From : C. in C. Med.

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Situation Report Number 124.

1. Augusta port open with AA and (cod?) guns in operations Syracuse working well.
2. Inshore squadron of monitors gunboats and small craft formed under flag officer Sicily for support of 8th Army. Taskforce 86 continues support of 7th Army. Force off Catania available to bombard if required.
3. J.C. CANNON previously reported damaged now berthed at Malta.
4. Motor gunboats on patrol in Straits of Messina engaged an enemy submarine at 142239, which submerged possibly damaged shore battery joined in and sank motor gunboat 641, no casualties.
5. TETCOTT drove off E-boats attacking shipping off East Sicily, sinking one.

152208B

F.M.	S.O. (0) personal
Admiral	S.O.
Air Marshal	N.M.C.S.
Gen. Macready	C.C.O.R.
Code Room (2) C.O.S.	Lt. Col. Cook
Plans	Lt. Col. O'Connor
Brigadier Redman (8)	G/C Du Boulay

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

July 15, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 2587

USFOR LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF Number R 728

The Canadian Chiefs of Staff realize that for security reasons the designation of Canadian Units and Commanders participating in HUSKY can not be made public nor do they desire that this be done. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, Pan 163, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. They request however that if such information is to be made available to the press at any time in the future they be informed sufficiently in advance to enable the Canadian Government to make the initial announcement to the Canadian public.

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ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
 Gen. Strong
 Gen. Arnold
 Adm. King
 Gen. Hilldring
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By RHP, NLR, Date

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

July 14, 1943

CG, FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 2476

USFOR, LONDON, ENGLAND (For B C of S)

Number R-680

The President has approved your recommendation in MAF 263 regarding timing of joint announcement. (For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 162, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff) Prime Minister has been informed and asked to send his approval to you direct from London. President desires you insert "Nazi" before the word "Germany" in paragraph 11 if practicable. Please inform us immediately as soon as Prime Minister's concurrence received.

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ORIGINATOR: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
General Hildring
Admiral King
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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 20 1974

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14 July
*0945Z

WAR DEPARTMENT
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Ro. 0872, 14 July, 1943.

Situation fo
10:00 AM 7/13

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posted
slip # 5

~~Classified documents and PIR show Napoli Div.
Coastal Regt number 4 20 1600 2 hrs. 13 July.
TAC 15 Army Group 0872 13 July 132348 H. From~~

Part 1 begins. Signed Eisenloewer cite PBOCT and PBOCI. Section 1 Intelligence. Split between Lentini and Comiso areas with Hq Viazini at Comiso parts 76 Inf Regt and 169 Blackshirt Bn. Parts 75 Inf Regt also Carientini Canicattini Bagua and identified in action against 13 Corps on East coast road. 15 PZDIV formerly Div Sicily also split with 3 Regt identified from PIR area Agrigento-Canicattini and 2 Regt identified area Melilli. Latter apparently under Command Hermann Uebering Div which also therefore split between Gela and Catania areas. TAC/R gives no evidence of movement of reserves and only significant movement seen represents withdrawals in front of our advance. No evidence of move of troops from West to East except 15 Panzer Div Hq which may have moved to a central position. Civilian population friendly and co-operative. Much anti German feeling noticed. Troops show same feeling total prisoners to date probably exceed 10,000.

Section 2. Ground Operations. First. The advance has been continued on all sectors little organized or determined resistance has yet been met except in the sector north of Gela. Second. 8th Army A. 13 Corps. 5 Div. Div Hq J0738. 17 BDE occupied Augusta at 0300 hrs. Harbour facilities appear to be undamaged 15 BDE captured Melilli 0043 and advancing towards Villas Ruando H 9761. 15 BDE believed unchanged.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0572, 14 July, 1943.

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50 Div. 59 BDE holding line H 9241 to H9140 with Hq at H9540. 151 BDE believed unchanged. 30 Corps. 30 Corps and TAC Army Hq at H9501. 23 Army BDE area Vixini H 6641 advancing towards Caltagirone H 4579. 51 Div. 153 BDE area Canicattini-Bagni H9426. 152 BDE area north (end of first part. Part 2 follows.) Of Note. 154 BDX.

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* Delay due to servicing of entire message.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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SUPPLEMENTARY CORRECTION

From: Algiers
To: British Army Staff Washington DC No #
WAR 274

14 July 1943

Correction at end of message.

Inf Div 1 Canadian Div and 2 battalions commandos was to land in vicinity of Pachino peninsular with mission of capturing southeastern tip of the island including the airfield at Pachino. Landings (second cipher part follows) to be made respectively on beaches Porto Palo.

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Correction to CM IN 9764 (14 Jul 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
Sec. Gen. Staff
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House

CM-IN-10260 (15 July 43) 1009Z msh

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14 July 1943
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From: Force 141 Algiers, Casablanca
To: VAB

Unnumbered, 14 July 1943.

H7747 and a firchet 105 Mt facing east at B2353.
Reports otherwise were mostly of scattered columns of
less than 20 vehicles. Strat/M reports slight movement
both ways on the coastal road Palermo B4347 to Terminal B7432
and on the road. (Part 1 ends) Villafrati B5524 to
Enna B2546 at 1345 hrs correction in section 3 air. 60 Mt
mostly south. Insert Mt moving between mostly and south.

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Note: Delay due to service.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)

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INCOMING MESSAGE July 1943
2109Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

No. SVC 1145, 14 July 1943.

Section 1 Intelligence. Tank attack east of Gela on 11 July was made by Hermann Goering Tank Regt. No evidence of activity today. 33 Inf Regt Tivorno Riv made isolated Bn attack yesterday and today and apparently suffered severe losses. In central area 206 Coastal Div apparently disintegrated and GOC Gen Davot reported captured. 173 Blackshirt Legion and 54 Arty Regt Napoli also identified Canadian area. On 13 Corps front south of Augusta some German troops apparently from Hermann Goering. Italians apparently still only offering slight resistance and morale low.

Section 2 round operations. 1st. Further good progress has been made today on all fronts and the enemy defense still appears to lack cohesion. 2nd. 8th Army. A 13 Corps. 5 Div. 17 BGR held UP area Priolo J0540. 15 BDE located area J0237 13 BDE area Florida J0232. Div Hq J1233 Augusta J0828 and Mellilli J0043 shelled from sea during morning and at 1552 hrs 2 destroyers entered Augusta Harbour. 50 Div. 151 BDE Located area J1030 89 BDE area J0227. 1. Div HM 1 mile east of Florida J 0232. B 30 Corps RM 23 Army BDE area Palazzola H8930 and advancing Northwest. Town reported clear of enemy. 400 PWE taken. 51 Div. 153 BDE located area Canicattini-Bagni H 9426. 154 BDE high ground area H9115 AM 152 BDE Area N 9298 Div Hq H9509 231 BDE GP occupies high ground from Noto H9511 to J0219 CDN D150. 1 and

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To: War

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No. SVC 1145, 14 July 1943.

3 Bdes hold road from Rosolini US503 to Pozzallo N7592.
2 BDE captured (To AFHQ AGWAR Troopers USFOR Mideast
Commandant Gibraltar 5th Army Fairfield RIR C in C
MED MAIN 15 Army Group from TAC 15 Army Group 0557 July 12
too 0005B Cositintrep No 3 to 1600 hours Part 1 begins.
Signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT and FBGEI. End of part 1
part 2 follows.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-8832 and 8846 (13 Jul 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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SGS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
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IN Received: 16th July 43

Time: 0948

Addressed: Admiralty

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COM Algeria
COMINCH
F.O. Gibraltar
COMMORSEAFRON
COMNAVNAV
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CINC LEVANT
F.O. Tunisia

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From: C. in C. Mediterranean

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Situation Report No. 123.

1. Command landed South end of Catania Bay by H.M.S. PRINCE ALBERT during night 13th/14th July. H.M.S. EREBUS bombed Catania airfield at same time.
2. U.S.S. BROOKLYN mined in position 225 degrees 10 miles from Gela in own protective minefield. Damage slight.
3. Convoy MEF 37 discharged and sailed from Syracuse. Cargo ships of MWS 37 berthed in Port and discharged rate good. Acid South and Bark West Beaches now closed.
4. Damage to Augusta Port not great except Carlo del Molo Harbour and jetties obstructed. 1 large oil and 3 small petrol carriers captured undamaged. Floating Dock reported undamaged. Boom defences in position.
5. U-Boat 409 sunk by H.M.S. INCONSTANT in position 37-17 N 03-55 E at 121000. 35 survivors. H.M. Submarine UNRULY reports sinking a U-Boat.
6. SS GULF PRINCE and MATTHEW MAURY previously reported torpedoed in ET 22 have now been towed to Algiers and Bougie respectively. SS TIMOTHY PICKERING sunk off Acid South at 131144.

Received P/L from Navy Dept. 142007B

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Admiral	S.O.(0) Personal
Air Marshal	S.O.
Gen. Macready	N.M.C.S.
Code Room (2)	C.C.O.R.
C.O.S.	Lt. Col. Cook
Plans	Lt. Col. O'Connor
Brigadier Redman (5)	G/C Du Boulay

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(2000 yards long), 2 beaches northeast of Panchino (1100 yards and 900 yards long) (2nd cipher part of AFHQ 18th weekly summary), and at coordinates 941870-932886 (1800 yards long). Boundary between 8 and 7 Army line inclusive to 8 Army, Vi Zini, Ragusa, Mordica, and Puzzaolo. 7 Army with 2 corps on right. 2nd Corps consists of 1 Inf Div, 45 Inf Div, and 82 Airborne Div. 45 Div on right with mission to land southwest of Vitorio on beaches at coordinate 44092 (90 yards long), Scoglitti (350 yards long), and occupy a line generally 12 miles inland and capture Comiso airfield initially and assisted by 1 Div capture Biscari airfield. 1 Div minus 1 RCT, with attachments of 2 Ranger Bns CEA on the left of 45 Div land on beaches 3 miles east of Gela (8800 yards long), at Gela (2500 yards long), and at a beach 3 miles west of Gela (1600 yards long). With mission of capturing line generally 12 miles deep and assisting the paratroop task force from the 82 Airborne Div capture the important Ponte Olivo airdrome 7 miles north of Gela. Paratroop task force 82 Airborne Div consisting of 4 Battalions to be dropped vicinity Ponte Olivo airdrome night D milestone with mission capturing airdrome 3 Inf Div, on left 7 Army, with attached CCA of 2 Armoured Div and 1 BN 3 Rangers to land on beaches at Falconara (8800 yards long), Licata (150 yards long), and a beach 6 miles west of Licata (4000 yards long), with mission of capturing line approximately 10 miles deep and protecting the left flank

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of 7 Army. Floating reserve 7 Army consists of 2
Armoured Div less CCA with attached 18 RCT from 1 Inf
Div. (part 3 follows) enroute for operation left
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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
SEC GEN STAFF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
WHITE HOUSE

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
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18 July/43
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U-R-G-E-N-T

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

Nr: 50557 13 July 1943

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Section 2 Ground Operations. First. Further good progress has been made today on all fronts and the enemy defence still appears to lack cohesion. Second. Eighth Army. A (I). Bqe Kqel Corps. 5 Div. 17 BDE held up area Priolo J 8540. 15 BDE located UFRQ J0237. 13 BDE Area Florida J02320. Div Hq J 1233. Augusta J 0848 and Callili J 0043 shelled from sea during morning and at 1552 hrs two destroy^{ers} 151 BDE located area J 1030. 69 BDE area J0227. Hm one mile east of Florida J0232 1, B (BDLM 30 (308 Corps. 21 (23) Army BDE area Palazzola H 8030 (H 8830 and advancing Northwest. Town reported 400 PWS taken. 51 Div BDE located area Canicattini-Bagni forth K H 9 26. 254 (154) BDE high ground area H 2115 and 152 BDE area ngoro N 9298 V Hq H 9509. 231 BDE Op occupies high ground from Neto J 0219 (J 0289). CDN Div * hold road from Mosol, B rosolinibl U 8503 (H 850) to Pozzallo Uytuda K D 751. 2 BDE captured (to AFHQ AGWAR Troopers USFOR Hidesast Command etm Gibraltar Fifth Army Fairfield Rirc in c

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

Nr: 0857 13 July 1943

med main 15 Army Group From TAG 15 Army Group 0857
July 12 too 0006 B pwdijtintrep WJ . Cpsitintrep nr
3 too qypp (kqypp1) B hrs. Part one begins Signed
Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FBGBI) End of part one
part two follows.

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Note: Entire msg badly garbled--Corrections will follow.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 132031

IN

Rec'd: 14th July '43.

Time: 1716

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: COMINCH
COMNOB Oran
COM Algeria
F.O. Tunisia
V.A. Malta

From: C. in C. Mediterranean

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IMMEDIATE

SITUATION REPORT No. 122.

1. Troops entered Augusta at 121245 in H.M.S. ULSTER MONARCH and town in our hands by morning.
2. U.S. Cruisers assisted in deflating counter attack by tanks on Gela at 111530. They have today been bombarding Westward of Port Empedocle. H.M.S. EREBUS bombarded Catania airfield at 131000. Remaining units continue gun support.
3. Combat (Loader?) Convoys sailed from CENT and DIME on completion of discharge. Nearly all M.T. Ships of DOG DAY Convoy completed at ACID and BARK and sailed. Convoy M.W.F. 37 berthing in Syracuse.
4. Italian U-Boat NEREIDE sunk by H.M.S. ECHO and ILEX at 130700 in position 37-27 North 16-13 East - 23 prisoners. The U-Boat captured on 12th was Italian BRONO.

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SITREP 122. Part 2 of 132031.

Capture effected by H.M.S. SEAHAM who has now berthed her prize at Syracuse. Attacks on U-boats with unknown result also made in position 35-05 North 13-57 East 35-45 North 01-45 West.

5. 7th M.T.B. Flotilla sunk auxiliary (8) 8-46. M/S 15 miles Northeast of Catania at 112015. 24th M.T.B. Flotilla sighted 2 submarines in Straits of Messina. 1 U-boat sunk 1 damaged at 130035. 33rd M.T.B. Flotilla engaged enemy U-boats in Messina Straits. 2 set on fire and driven ashore.

6. Minefield for protection of anchorage laid off Gela by U.S. minelayers.

7. Ship reported sunk off DIME in SITREP No. 121 was ROBERT ROWAN.

8. Weather now calm allowing passage of lighters and harbour craft to captured ports.

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Part 1 already received and circulated under T.O.O. 132031.

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14 July
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From: Algiers
To: WAR British Army Service

No. 274, 13 July, 1943.

(Troopers information AGWAR USFOR from LWR
G 3 (OPS T) section AFHQ 274 13 July).

18th weekly summary, summary of operations
5th July to 12th July. 1. Ground. Detailed planning
for the invasion of Sicily began in Feb 1943 after the
Casablanca conference between the President and the
Prime Minister and prior to conclusion of the Tunisian
campaign. The planning headquarters known as Force
141 was established at Bou area outside Algiers.
Shortly before D day main Force 141 Headquarters was
established at Tunis with a tactical headquarters at
Malta. After D day Force 141 became 15th Army Group
with General Alexander commanding. Ground troops for
the operation were divided into 2 Task Forces, 1 British
and 1 US, the British Task Force was known as 545 for
planning purposes. Later it was called 12th Army and
upon D day took its present name of 8th Army with General
Montgomery commanding. Although called 8th Army its
composition is not the same as that employed in the
Tunisian campaign. Hq 8th Army is now at Malta. US
Task Force originally was called Force 343 is now
known as 7th Army with General Patton commanding.
Headquarters during the assault was aboard ship, for
the assault 8th Army landed with 13th Corps on the
right and 30th Corps on the left. 13th Corps consisting
of 1 Airborne Div, 2 battalions of commandos, 5th Inf
Div, and 50th Inf Div had the mission of capturing
Siracusa and the high ground west of Siracusa. The 1
airborne div was to land night D minus 1 on the above
mentioned ground, balance respectively on beaches at
Cassibilli (1000 yards long), 1 mile north of Avola
(700 yards long), 2 miles north of Avola (2000 yards

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long). 30th Corps consisting of 51st Inf Div
1 Canadian Div and 2 Battalions Commandos (*)
vicinity of Pachino Peninsular with mission of
capturing southeastern tip (*).

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(*) (*) Being Serviced.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0557, 13 July 1943

Modica H 6808 at 1015 hrs and have made contact with US Troops area (Part 2 of cipher message 0557 and last) Ragusa H 6514. Div Hg H 7706. Comd of 206 Italian coastal Div captured. 3rd. 7th Army. 45 Div in contact with CDN Div Ragusa and has captured Comfontown and LG. ^{SPW} holds line western edge Ragusa-H 6315 at Comiso LG D 5422-H 4531-H 4230. 1 Div captured Ponte Olivo airfield H 2837 at 0845 hrs and after heavy fighting on high ground Northwest of Gela and just east of the town holds a line from 2 miles south of Niscemi H 3434-Ponte Olivo airfield to the high ground 4 miles Northwest of Gela. 3 Div reports Licata airfield suitable for operation 1 Squadron Fighters to 3ay. Div extends from Compobello G 9251 to Naro G 8155 to Palma Di Montechiaro G 7844 with 1 Bn moving toward Riesi Hote. 2 Armd Div less CCA and 18 RCT assembled 2 miles east of Gela in Army reserve. Command posts are 7th Army USS Monruvia 2 Corps H 3625. 45 Div Vittoria. 1 Div H 3030. 3 Div G 9140. 2 Armd Div H 3428. Adv Cp 82 AB Div H 2727. Army reports between 5000 and 6000 prisoners taken and 14 tanks destroyed. Section 3 air. No indication of large enemy troop movements was shown from air reports today. Traffic described as heavy moving northeast at G 8672 and 50 MF moving north at G 8768 were reported by Fighter bombers at 1015

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To: War

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hrs and TAC/R reported 100 met moving north at H 7336 at 0740 hrs. A few small convoys of up to 20 vehicles were observed at scattered points during the day throughout the island but otherwise reports show little or no movements seen. (Part one ends.)

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NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-8846 (13 Jul 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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PART 2 FINAL .

(FROM CINCPED BY 1320308.)

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY HMS SEAHAM WHO HAS NOW BERTHED HER PRIZE AT SYRACUSE. ATTACKS ON U-BOATS WITH UNKNOWN RESULT ALSO MADE IN POSITION 35-05 NORTH 13-57 EAST AND 35-45 NORTH 01-45 WEST .

(5) 7TH MTB FLOTILLA SUNK AUXILIARY (B) 8-46 . U/S 15 MILES NORTHEAST OF CATANIA AT 112015. 24TH MTB FLOTILLA SIGHTED 2 SUBMARINES IN STRAITS OF MESSINA . 1 UBOAT SUNK 1 DAMAGED AT 130035. 33RD MTB FLOTILLA ENGAGED ENEMY U-BOATS IN MESSINA STRAITS. 2 SET ON FIRE AND DRIVEN ASHORE.

(6) MINEFIELD FOR PROTECTION OF ANCHORAGE LAID OFF GELA BY U.S. MINELAYERS .

(7) SHIP REPORTED SUNK OFF DIME IN SITREP NO. 121 WAS

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ROBERT ROWAN .

(B) WEATHER NOW CALM ALLOWING PASSAGE OF LIGHTERS AND HARBOUR CRAFT TO CAPTURED PORTS .

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((ADMIRALTY (R) COMINCH COMNOBORAN COM ALGERIA
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FINAL FOLLOWS, MY 132036.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 122.

(1) TROOPS ENTERED AUGUSTA AT 121245 IN HMS UL-
STER MONARCH AND TOWN IN OUR HANDS BY MORNING.

(2) U.S. CRUISERS ASSISTED IN DEFLATING COUNTER
ATTACK BY TANKS ON GELA AT 111530. THEY HAVE TO-
DAY BEEN BOMBARDING WESTWARD OF PORT EMPEDOCLE.
HMS EREBUS BOMBARDED CATANIA AIRFIELD AT 131000.
REMAINING UNITS CONTINUE GUN SUPPORT.

(3) COMBAT ^{note}LOADER CONVOYS SAILED FROM CENT AND
DIME ON COMPLETION OF DISCHARGE. NEARLY ALL M.T.
SHIPS OF DOG DAY CONVOY COMPLETED AT ACID AND
BARK AND SAILED. CONVOY MWF 37 BERTHING IN SYRA-
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(4) ITALIAN U-BOAT NEREIDE SUNK BY HMS ECHO AND
 ILEX, AT 130700 IN POSITION 37-27 NORTH 16-13
 EAST 23 PRISONERS. THE U-BOAT CAPTURED ON 12TH
 WAS ITALIAN BRONO.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: 0557 13 July 1943

(To AFHQ AGWAR Troopers USFOR Mideast Commander Gibraltar 5th Army Fairfield air C in C Med Main 15 Army Group from TAC 15th Army Group 0557 July 12th TOO 0005B. COSITINTREP no 3 * to 1600 B hours. Part one begins. Signed Eisenhower cite PRGCT and PRGBT).

7/12
1000 EWT.

Section one Intelligence. Tank attack east of Gela on 11th July was made by Hermann Goering Tank Regt. No evidence of activity today. 33rd Inf Regt Tivorno Riv made isolated Bn attack yesterday and today and apparently suffered severe losses. In Central Area 206 * Coastal Div apparently disintegrated and GOC Gen Davet reported captured. 173rd Blackshirt Legion and 54th Arty Regt Napoli also identified Canadian Area. On 13th Corps front south of Augusta some German troops apparently from Hermann Goering. Italians apparently still only offering slight resistance and moral low.

Section two Ground Operations. First further good progress has been made today on all fronts and the * defence still appears to lack cohesion. Second. 8th Army. A. 13th Corps. 5 Div. 17 Bde held gp area Priolo J 0540. 15 BDE located area J 0237. 13 Bde area Florida J 0232. Div Hq J 1233. Augusta * shelled from sea during morning and at 1552 hrs 2 des-troyers entered Augusta Harbour. 50 Div ***** Div Hq H 9509. 231 Bde Gp occupies high ground from Noto H 9511 to J 0219. CDN D 150. 1 and 3 Bdes hold

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road from Rosolini H 8503 to Pozzallo N 7592. 2 Bde
captured. End of part one part two follows.

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* Being serviced. Delay caused by Crypto difficulties.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN DEANE (CCS)
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From: CINC MED
To: Admiralty

Number 121745 B NCR 26510-S, July 13, 1943

Admiralty repeated CINC Levant COMINCH F O GIB
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CINC MED.

Situation Report Number 121.

- (1) Operation Fracture. A Diversion off West Coast Sicily carried out PM 11th/AM 12th July. Eowe and King George 5th bombarded Yavignana. Sirius and Dido bombarded Marsala..... Follow up convoy for Western Task Force made Feint to north ward. Convoy of small craft as Feint. No opposition encountered to bombardment.
- (2) 15th Cruiser Squadron and EREBUS bombarded MODICA PM 11th Mellili and Augusta AM 12th. Other gun support given by destroyers and cruisers as required.
- (3) Channel swept to Augusta AM 12th but fire from beaches prevented entry....(N.C.) Force A entered Augusta 1245 but was forced out by field guns. Greek Destroyer Kanaris and HMS EXMOOR entered Augusta 1600 supported by Cruisers and EREBUS from outside. These ships by their gunfire are assisting enemy troops to evacuate the YOWI quickly.
- (4) Unloading at all beaches proceeding satisfactorily though Western beaches and bark west delayed by swell,...
- (5) HMS Eskimo hit by bomb in gear room and has been towed to Malta to dock. USS Sentinel sunk by enemy aircraft off J OSD on 10 July, 8 killed 1 missing. HMS Blankeney and Brissenden in collision off bark AM 12th. Brissenden damage serious and is returning Malta.
- (6) S.S. Barrn sunk by aircraft off ACID PM 11th. Ocean peace sunk AM 12th and J.C. Cannon severely damaged AM 12th. US Liberty ship off DIME sunk AM 12th the name unknown.
- (7) Minesweepers off Augusta captured Italian U-boat. HMS Oakley off SOUSSE sighted periscope and carried out series of attacks producing increased quantities of oil and air bubbles. MTBS on patrol off CATANIA during night 11th/12th attacked U-Boat with torpedoes, depth charges and guns, considered damaged.
- (8) Hospital Ship Dorsetshire near missed off Bark some casualties.

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INFORMATION: Gen Strong, Gen Arnold, SGS, Gen Deane (CCS), MAY 21 1973
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 13, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

General Smith, Eisenhower's Chief of Staff, in a lengthy message to me regarding logistical details adds the following comments regarding the current operation:

"I have just returned from the Advanced Command Post. You are getting General Eisenhower's reports but the additional following points will be of interest:

"I saw the Airborne Troops (82nd Division with General Ridgway) take off and it was magnificent. It is almost a miracle that of the considerably more than 300 planes dispatched on this mission there are only eight which have failed to return and some of these will undoubtedly turn up.

"Co-ordination of the American and British Air Forces is excellent but air-ground co-ordination can still be improved. There is a gap between the RAF and the British Army, in spite of enthusiastic reports to the contrary, which does not exist on our side of the house.

"Spaatz is very loyal and a good team player and leader. He is strongly supported by some superior young Brigadiers such as Norstad and Vandenberg. I was delighted to see that Doolittle has grown up. He is more quiet and decisive, has stopped pounding the table, and is doing a fine job. All the British rate Bradley (he is commanding a Corps of two divisions on the right half of Patton's force) very high and he has made a great impression by his quiet, resolute attitude.

"Latest reports this afternoon indicate that everything is going well so far."

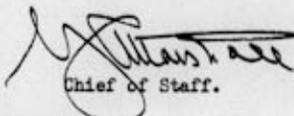
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Date MAY 21 1973


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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: COSINSITREP 3 12 July 1943

(This is part 2 of COSINSITREP number 3 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCI COSINSITREP authorities from C in C Med)

1. Diversion off west coast Sicily carried out PM 11th AM 12th. Battleships bombarded island of Favignana and cruisers bombarded Marsala. Feints were made by follow up convoy for Western Task Force and by special convoy.

2. Cruisers bombarded Modica, Mellilli, Augusta and gun support ships fired at targets of opportunity.

3. Channel to Augusta hit AM 12th one Greek and one British destroyer entered that port at 121600 supported by cruisers. Coast defences unmanned but enemy troops still in town.

4. Unloading proceeding well at all beaches but swell prevents this being as fast as desired.

5. Bombing attacks resulted in loss of 2 M.T. ships at Acid one Liberty ship at Dime and damage to one destroyer one M.T. ship at Acid and one hospital ship at Bark.

6. Minesweepers off Augusta captured Italian U boat. Destroyer off Sousse claims to have probably destroyed a U boat. MTB's off Catania damaged a U boat.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANT (CCS)
Adm King
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12 July 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 0/542 (Number garbled originally) 12 July 1943

(2nd and last part number 2 from TAC 15 Army
Group number 0/542 11th July 120105B--2nd. 8th Army.
I (A). Airborne Div. --)

17 Bde made contact with airborne troops this morning. In spite of having landed over wide area owing to high wind troops succeeded in capturing first objective but were counter attacked off it later. B. 13 Corps. Siracusa was captured at 2100 hrs last night. Preliminary reports on condition of the port are encouraging and no damage is reported to installations required by US. Advance continued today and leading troops of 17 Bde 5 Div reached area Priolo J 0540 1300 hrs. 15 Bde 5 Div on high ground west of Cassibile J 0620 being relieved by 151 Bde 50 Div. 151 Bde being relieved by 231 Bde of 30 Corps. C. 30 Corps. NOTO H 9511 captured 1125 hrs. 51 Div moving north and patrols made contact with Cdn Div Rosolini H 8503. Cdn Div captured Rosolini H 8503 Ispica N 8199 and Pozzallo N 7592. One Bde Cdn Div now directed on Modica H 8707 - Ragusa H 6514. D. Total PW now estimated 2000 total some Germans. 3rd. 7th Army. 45 Div holds general line Marinajd Ragusa N 4999 - Donnafagatta H 5211 - Vittoria-Point at H 4323 Point at H 3626. 1 Div unchanged.

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To: **WAR**
Number 0/542 12 July 1943

Div unchanged in section 3-air. Reports from TAC/R and fighter aircraft showed little or no enemy road movement southeast of the general line Catania H 9780 - Gerbiri H 7876 - Caltagirone H 4549 - Comiso H 5416. Large fires were reported this morning at Catania other fires at Catania airdrome 9475 and J 0739. The area south west of Augusta J 0848 was reported to be covered by thick smoke. Considerable enemy road movement was reported southwards at 1515 hrs on the road Prizzi B 5003 - Agrigento G 6357 and Op Thr road B 6510 - Caltanissetta H 0577. Very heavy traffic was reported coming north towards Palermo B 4347 at 1900 hrs by fighter bombers. A train carrying tanks and men was also reported (part 1 ends) moving northeast towards Palermo.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. A 202, 12 July, 1943

Invasion of Sicily began shortly before midnight 9 July when (AFHQ AGWAR Troopers USFOR Mideast Commandeth NNN commandeth SSS 5th Army Fairfield C in C Med Force 141 Kr M Air C in C Med A 202 11 July) 363 troop carrier A/C towing 737 gliders preceding Ground Force landings dropped northwest of Cap Murro Di Porco Northwest Syracuse and between Licata and Gela. Majority of landings reported within 1 mile of selected spots searchlights and flares made pin pointing difficult, some gliders landed short in sea owing high wind light inaccurate flak was encountered. Part 3. Air cosin-trep No 1 10 July signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT FHGBI during the night Wellingtons were dispatched following after daylight by B-25 Mitchells B 17 fortresses and A 20 Boston of Northeast African Air Forces which attacked focal points in invasion area dropping 465 tons of bombs. Also during daylight fighters and fighter bombers patrolled beaches and attacked inland communications slight enemy movement reported. Much movement reported west of Licata and 30 of 200 M/T destroyed. From Malta 454 fighter sorties were flown patrolling beaches with moderate enemy resistance Middle East Halifaxes and Liberators made night attacks on Goia Noto and San Paolo dropping 34 tons of bombs. Many bursts seen in targets and fires started. 50 B-24 Liberators attacked Vibo Valentia A/D and Catania during daylight dropping 134 tons results good several A/C damaged by flak. Part two follows.

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Action: OPD

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

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Unnumbered 12th July 1943

This is COSINTREP number 1, signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT and FBGSI. (COSINTREP Admiralty from CINC Med part 2). Admiralty pass to Troopers and USFOR.

Naval task forces carried out Husky assaults as planned. Joss assault was approximately an hour late due to weather similarly LCT for Acid and Bark assaults were late. Weather wind north west Force 34 with LOP which slowed rate of discharge nevertheless by evening situation was reported satisfactory from all beaches. Gue support ships and craft answered calls for fire throughout the day. No mines were swept. Gela Pier wrecked. US Destroyer Maddox sunk by enemy aircraft. All British LSI (L) cleared from beaches on completion unloading.

Avola,
Pachino.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
G-2
SGS
CG AAF
ADM. KING
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. COSINTREP 2, 12 July 1943

1 Landings proceeding well in improved weather. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGB1. Sporadic air attacks on anchorages resulting in loss of LST 313 and damage to Barnett Anchorages at time. (COSINTREP authorities Admiralty from C in C Med. Part 2. COSINTREP number 2). Some damage to landing craft at ACID. Casualties not known.

2 Poinalco village surrendered to 2 destroyers at 111440. Gunfire support of all beaches continuing as required.

3 Port of Syracuse opened and in good working order apparently. No damage by demolition.

4 Hospital ship Halamba deliberately attacked at 102200 by enemy aircraft when embarking casualties 3 miles clear of main Anchorage Adola. Ship fully illuminated. Ship sank casualties unknown.

5 Three ships of convoy ET 22 torpedoed by submarine at 101400 off Bougie 2 badly damaged but afloat 1 continued with convoy.

CM-IN-8314 (12 Jul 43)

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. COSINTREP 2, 12 July 1943

6 Aircraft off Morocco attacked 10 U boats 6th-9th July claiming 1 definitely sunk 3 probably sunk 4 possibly damaged. Air escort vessels attacked submarine off BARK no definite result.

7 MTB's on patrol south of Messina and west of Island report no contact. Thick wall of smoke over Messina. No traffic seen. Oil tanks Catania still burning as result of bombardment by cruisers on night 9th July.

8 Convoys and craft shuttle service running according to plan.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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July 12, 1943

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NUMBER 12015* NCR 25968*

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Situation report number 120.

1. Landings proceeding well with improved weather. Air opposition on a large scale resulting in damage to Barnett Orizaba and LST at Pine and to some landing craft at Acid. *Gela*

2. After bombardment village of Pozzalo surrendered to HMS Blankney and Brissenden. 20 Token prisoners taken.

3. Port of Syracuse occupied. No damage by Demolitions and port apparently in good working order. Port open.

4. Possible U boat hunted in position 36-32 north 15-20 east. Between 8th and 9th July U.S. aircraft from Moroccan sea Frontier attacked 10 U-boats off that coast. 1 definitely sunk. 3 probably sunk, 4 possibly damaged.

5. Convoy ET 22 attacked by U-boat in position 37-13 north 05-12 east at 101400. Gulf Prince abandoned but may be towed in. Empire Brigade torpedoed but continued with convoy. Matthew Maury disabled but still afloat.

6. Hospital ship Tazamba, lying 3 miles clear of main anchorage at Acid fully illuminated was deliberately attacked by single enemy aircraft at 102200 and sunk. Casualties unknown. *Avolo*

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Number 112015* NCR 25968* Page 2 July 11, 1943

7. Fast return convoys sailed A.M. 11th from
Malta. Craft shuttle service commenced.

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- * Part 1 received as 111956B NCR 26003
- * Part 2 received as 112015 NCR 25968

Action: OPD

Information: Gen. Strong
Gen. Arnold
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House

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July 12/43

Communique 252 from Allied Force Command Post.

Few details are available of the work of the Navy during the past 24 hours. The task of disembarking troops and supplies on all beaches continue according to plan. On the whole weather conditions have improved through enemy's interference from the air has been on a slightly increased scale. Defended areas near the coast town Pozzallo 23 miles westward of Cape Correnti and the railway line between Syracuse and Lagusa were bombarded last night by our destroyers. The surrender of Pozzallo was accepted by the Commanding Officer of a destroyer during early afternoon Sunday.

Our ground forces have continued to make good progress. During the course of the day seven enemy counter attacks which were being made with tanks have been repulsed and at least 2000 prisoners have been taken. It can now be stated that the following major ports and towns have been captured by our forces, Syracuse, Avola, Pachino, Pozzallo, Scoglitti, Gela, Licata, Ispaca, Rosolini, and Noto. The advance continues.

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12 July
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From: Algiers
To : War

No. O/542 - 12 July 1943

Italian Field Divisions contacted for first time today (from TAC 15 Army Group O/542 TOC 0005 B 11th July. Comintrep No 2 TOC 1600 B hours. Part One begins. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI. Section 1 Intelligence) When PWS captured from I Bn 55 Inf Regt and 54 Arty Regt of 54 Napoli Div exact location unknown but general area Syracuse. Otherwise identifications still mainly 206 Coastal Div whose Hq moved from Ispica to Modica. Some Germans reported Vittoria-Biscari area. Enemy tanks in varying strength reported Northeast of Gela highest figure reported 45. Possibly some 143 Italian (SP) guns. TAC/R at 1000 B hours shows roads leading Ronocallnang Southeast from Bolognetta South of Palermo jammed with transport. Suggest traffic may include civilian refugees. Movement Southwards on roads from Rkeny * and Barrafracc seen by TAC/R 0730. Still no sign co-ordinated counter attack. Italian morale apparently extremely low and coastal drive show poor fighting qualities. Civil population mainly friendly and cooperative. Section two ground operations. First. All beach heads have now been firmly secured by both 7th and 8th Armies and good progress has been made.

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

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CORRECTION

URGENT

From: Algiers, Force 141
To: War

Number 0/542 11 July 1943

Insert following at omission:

Possibly some 143 Italian (SP) guns. TAC/R at 1000 B hrs shows roads leading northeast and south-east from Bolognetta south of Palermo jammed with transport. Suggest traffic may include civilian refugees. Movement southwards on roads from Reini and Barrafranca seen by TAC/R 0730.

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

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**SECURITY
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Combined Chiefs of Staff

July 11, 1943

SECURITY CONTROL

CG FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 2289

USFOR LONDON ENGLAND
FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

Number R-570

Authority given in War Department Number 2105 dated 9 July for you to make necessary arrangements for issue of President and Prime Minister's announcement to Italian people. (Reference your number W 4596 dated 10 July). For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 159, From The Combined Chiefs of Staff. To assist President and Prime Minister in decision on timing report is desired from you when you consider sufficiently favorable military situation exists. Arrangements will be made for simultaneous broadcast from Washington and London as you recommend.

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INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
ADM KING
GEN HILLDRING
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11 July 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR
No. W 4618/9571, 11 July 1943

It was our intention to give to the representatives of the press not the text but the substance of certain portions of the directive in order that they might know the policy of the two governments with respect to the Italian people. (To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHMGS reference our UAF 252 of 2 July and Troopers 97528 CA 2 of July 8th NAF 281). However this point will now be covered by the statement to the Italian people to be made by the President and the Prime Minister. No portion of the directive will therefore be given to the press.

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NOTE: 252 is CM-IN-1256 (2 July 43) CCS
WDCMC invites attention to FAN 158-CM-OUT-4369
(10 July 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Adm King
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URGENT

From: Advance CP Malta
To: War 145
USFOR No #

11th July 1943

Reports on today's operations indicate satisfactory progress with slight opposition (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower Advance CP AFHQ Malta repeat to Freedom) NAP number 262. Seventh and 8th Armies by 2359 hours 11th July expect each to have landed approximately 80,000 men, 7,000 vehicles, 300 tanks, and 900 guns. Port of Syracuse reported to be in good working order.

7pm
Malta

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
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GEN. HILLDRING
GEN. ARNOLD
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11 July 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Advance C P AFHQ Malta
To: War No. 140 NAF 261
Algiers unnumbered
USFOR

11th July 1943

NAF 261

So far the operation has proceeded almost exactly according to plan (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower repeat to Freedom from Advance C P AFHQ Malta) NAF Number 261. No reports as to losses in initial assault have yet been received but these are unquestionably light. Hostile air attacks have been more intensive in the west, where we have greater difficulty in meeting them, than in the east. We have suffered some Naval losses, including the U S S destroyer Maddox, which was sunk. 70 survivors were picked up. In addition, to U S combat loaders, 2 other destroyers and an LST have been damaged. Extent unknown. These losses occurred in the vicinity of the Dime landing as a result of air bombing. Fighter cover over that region has been intensified to the maximum possible. *Gela*

From the meager information available, it appears that the parachute operation in the American sector was carried out satisfactorily. Results were apparently good also with the glider troops in the British area but, due to high wind, a few gliders fell into the sea. Some of the soldiers were rescued.

In addition to providing cover, our air force continues to bomb airfields and critical points in

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From: Advance C P AFHQ Malta Page 2
To: War No. 140 MAY 261
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USFOR "

11th July 1943

the hostile lines of communication and to seek out ground reserves. No reports on today's land operations have yet been received. Some indications that enemy will counter attack toward Dime and possibly toward extreme east. Air Force is prepared to assist against these as they develop.

Gela

No reports on condition of ports of Syracuse and Licata, both of which are in our hands.

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INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
SEC GEN STAFF
GEN HILLDRING
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OTTAWAS⁷ CANADA

ALLIED FORCE COMMAND POST COMMUNIQUE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PART ONE

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X WITH ALL THE BEACHES FIRMLY HELD AND ALL THE TROOPS ADVANCING THE A

ALLIED NAVIES MOST IMPORTANT TASK DURING THE DAY WAS LANDING FURTHER

TROOPS WITH THEIR VEHICLES CMA GUNS CMA FUEL CMA EQUIPMENT AND STORES

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SWELL ON SOME OF THE BEACHES AND SOME OF THE EXITS BEING HEAVILY
MINED X WASHIPS WERE ALSO ENGAGED IN SILENCING ENEMY BATTERIES AND GUN
AGAINST OCCASIONAL ATTACKS BY ENEMY FIGHTER BOMBERS X MINESWEEPERS
WERE EMPLOYED SWEEPING THE VARIOUS ANCHORAGES X NAVAL UNITS REPORTED
THAT THE LANDING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF GELA SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED
TANK REINFORCEMENTS COMING FROM INLAND X THE NAVIES PRIMARY DUTY OF
GETTING THE ARMY SAFELY ON SHORE CONTINUES WITHOUT INTERMISSION PARA
PART TWO NAVY SMICLN ALTHOUGH FEW DETAILS HAVE YET COME IN IT IS CLEAR
THAT OUR OPERATIONS AGAINST SICILY CONTINUE TO GO ACCORDING TO PLAN
X DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAYS FIGHTING GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE
AND THE ADVANCE CONTINUES X INFORMATION IN REGARD TO CASUALTIES IS NOT
YET AVAILABLE BUT IT IS BELIEVED THEY HAVE BEEN SLIGHT X CITE FHPR

ENT NR 241 111621 B JC

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WAR V JDJD NR"O" 1113 R-106

TO ACWAR 2FOR WDBPR FOR OWI PASS AP UP INS AND REUTERS³ RELAY DEFENSOR

OTTAWA CANADA

CW 261

ALLIED FORCE COMMAND POST COMMUNIQUE NUMBER TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE
X THROUGHOUT YESTERDAY FIGHTERS OF THE NORTHWEST AFRICAN AIR FORCE
KEPT VIGILANT PATROLS OVER ALLIED SHIPPING AND TROOPS LANDING ON THE
BEACHES OF SICILY PARA THE ENEMY AERODROMES STILL OPERATIONAL CMA CO-
MMUNICATION POINTS AND TRANSPORT CONCENTRATIONS WERE ATTACKED BY OUR BOMBER
WHILE INLAND

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WERE ATTACKED BY OUR FIGHTER BOMBERS PARA DURING
THE PREVIOUS NIGHT LARGE SCALE BOMBING ATTACKS WERE MADE AGAINST AIRFIELDS
AND OBJECTIVES IN THE INVASION AREA PARA TWENTYTWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE
DESTROYED DURING THE ABOVE OPERATIONS AND TWENTYEIGHT OF OUR AIRCRAFT
HAVE NOT RETURNED TO BASEX CITE FHPRO

SENT B60 111422B AK

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JDJD B 30
Filed 0718B/11th
efg

CCWD
11 July 1943
0844Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR No. O 530
Force 141 No #
11 July 1943

(Cositintrep No 1 to 1600B hrs. From TAC 15
Army Group O 530 10 July. Signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT and FHGB1).

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence. Enemy situation.
Up to present only identifications from coastal
divisions. Majority of PWS from 208 Coastal Division
with a few from 207 Coastal Division and 134 Independent
Regt. A few PWS from 11 Assault Eng Bn Livorno Div
captured 13 Corps area probably detached from main
body. No Italian field divisions therefore yet in
action. No German forces definitely identified except
Gela area where Y shows German detachment area Lake
H 3025. Apparent that surprise gained as shown by
admission of PWS and state of disorganization of
Command Noto and Licata areas. Enemy tanks reported by
TAC/R 0930 hrs road Vizzini-Comiso and 6 destroyed
north of Pachino. Some tanks numbers unknown area
Gela. No identifications but all probably Italian

Section 2. Ground operations.

First. After preliminary landings
by airborne and parachute troops successful assault
landings covered by Naval and Air Forces were made by
7th and 8th Armies early today between south of Syracuse

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: [redacted]
To: WAR 30. 0 330
Force 141 No. 2
11 July 1943

J 1431 and area Licata G 9433.

Second. 8th Army. Landings were effected at first light as follows.

Avola (A) 13th Corps. 5th Div. 17th BDE area J 0718 15 Bde J 0516. 50th Div. 151st Bde area Avola. All beaches captured but progress was slow at first owing to late arrival of LCAs due to adverse weather conditions. By 0930 hrs progress was satisfactory and bridgeheads were enlarged. Hq 5 and 50 Divs now BOTH ashore and own troops are in vicinity of Moto. (NOTO)

Pactino (B) 30 Corps. 231 Bde area N 9995. 51st Div area O 0188 to N 9485. 1 Cdn Div. 1 Cdn Bde area N 9486 to N 9388 2 Cdn Bde area N 9388 to N 8889. All beaches were captured by 0540 hrs. Opposition was generally slight.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

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

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SECURITY CONTROL

July 10, 1943

SECURITY CONTROL

From: CINCMED
Action: ADMIRALTY
Info: COMINCH FO GIB COMNOB ORAN FO TUNISIA
COMMOROCCANSEAFRON CINC LEVANT VAM COM ALGIERS

Number: SCR 10 102345 - 110145 B

SITUATION REPORT NR 119

- 2 (1 All landings successfully carried out and situation reported satisfactory from all beaches by evening in spite of heavy LOP at western beaches.
- 3 (2 Diversion off Catania including bombardment carried out by force Q and MTB's early A.M. 10th July.
- 1 (3 Gun support ships and craft active throughout the day silencing several batteries which commanded beaches and anchorages.
- 5 (4 U.S. Destroyer Maddox sunk by aircraft about 70 of crew picked up. U.S. Destroyers Roe and Swanson damaged by collision. Former docked Malta latter proceeding Oran.
- 4 (5 LSI-L- cleared from Acid and Bark beaches and will sail from Malta A.M. 11th. BT 102345

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
GEN DEANE (CCS)
WHITE HOUSE
LOG

CM-IN-7371 (11 Jul 43) 0400Z mcs

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WAR V JDJD A JDJD 102308 B WAR GR 136

URGENT

CW258

AGWAR 1/2 FOR WDRPR FOR OWI PASS AP UP INS AND REUTERS RELAY DEFENSOR

OTTAWA CANADA 2

COMMUNIQUE TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT X IN SPIITE OF UNFAVORABLE
WEATHER CONDITONS AND SWELL IN THE SICILIAN CHANNEL THE INTIAL ALLIED
LANDINGS IN SICILY WHICH STARTED BEFORE DAWN PROCFEED ACCORDING TO

PLAN X THE MANY BEACHED AND LANDING PLACES USED BY THESE FIRST ASSAULTS

EXTENDED OVER A DISTANCE OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED MILEX BY ABOUT 0600 HRS

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94

UNDER HEAVY FIRE THE COVERING FORCES OF IFERS CMA MONITORS

CMA DESTROYERS CMA GUNBOATS CMA AND OTHER NAVAL UNITS CMA ENEMY OPPOSITION

GUNBOATS CMA AND OTHER NAVAL UNITS CMA ENEMY OPPOSITION HAD BEEN COUNTERED

AND THE
ANALYSIS

SUCCESS OF ALL THE LANDINGS WAS ALREADY ASSURED X BY 0730 HRS OUR TROOPS

WERE ADVANCING AND ARTILLERY WERE BEING PUT ASHORE X FIGHTING CONTINUES

AS MORE AND MORE TROOPS WITH THEIR GUNS CMA VEHICLES CMA STORES AND

EQUIPMENT ARE LANDED BY THE ROYAL AND UNITED STATES NAVIES X UNITS OF

THE ROYAL INDIAN AND OF THE DUTCH CMA POLISH AND GREEK NAVIES ARE

PARTICIPATING IN THE WIDESPREAD ^{AT 11} ~~NAVAL~~ OPERATIONS X CITE FMPRO

SENT NR 83 102348 B JC

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WAR V JDJD "O" 102309B WAR GR 46

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AGWAR 2FOR WDBPR FOR OWI PASS AP UP INS AND REUTERS RELAY DEFENSOR

OTTAWA CANADA

CW259

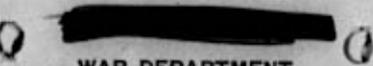


COMMUNIQUE TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVEN X

IN ADDITION/ ATTACKS ON THE FEW AIRDROMES STILL BEING USED BY THE
ENEMY CMA OUR HEAVY CMA MEDIUM AND FIGHTER BOMBERS ATTACKED ROADS
AND COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT SICILY X AIR OPERATIONS ARE PROCEEDING
ACCORDING TO PLAN X CITE FHPRO



CORRECTIONS 2ND LINE TEXT REDS IN ADDITION TO ATTACKS ETC



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JDJD A 9
Filed 0500B/10th
efg

CCWD
10 July 1943
0418Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W-255 10 July 1943

Communique but not Eisenhower announcement
NAF 277 now being broadcast.

President Cas

No Sig.

NOTE: NAF 277 is CM-IN-3913 (5 Jul 43) CCS.

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPL
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Adm King

CM-IN-6610 (10 Jul 43) 0428Z ems

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Spatz (NAAF)

To: AGWAR

SPZ-614 10/7

(Personal to Arnold from Spatz)

Air operations in preparation for assault on Sicily began to increase progressively on 3rd of July until 6th of July from which date full scale effort was applied. Our principal objective was enemy airforce other objectives being operations in direct support of landing, disruption of communications and destruction of reserves and supplies. Although details of today's operations are not complete, it is noteworthy that a report as of 1030 hours this morning indicated that only 16 enemy aircraft had taken to the air of which 6 had been destroyed and that during the entire period of heavily concentrated ship movements not a single vessel had been lost by enemy air action. (From information now available it appears that troop carrier operations last night were successful. 226 C-47's dropped parachutists of 82 Airborne Division. 137 C-47's released gliders of the British Airborne Division, 8 aircraft are missing from these operations but it is expected that some may be located. Today's air operations are largely against communications and targets in direct support of ground operations as well as necessary counter air missions. Most recent reports indicate that everything is proceeding on schedule.

Note that this message was rather easy on the 10th →

ACTION: CG AAF

INFORMATION: OPD
G-2
SGS
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
WHITE HOUSE
LOG

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137
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CM-IN-7943 (12 Jul 43) 0007Z cen

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Filed 10/2235B
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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
10 July 1943
0103 Z

4:35 EWT
6:35 pm Saturday
Friday -

Given to President
by Col H. at 2245, July 10
(by phone)

URGENT

From: AFEQ North Africa
To : War - 9535/W4612
British War Office - No #

10 July 1943

To AGWAR Troopers Mideast rptd First Army
Fifth Army Malta Adv NAAF Tundist L of C FANTOX Adv
CP Malta BRITMAN Washington Fairfield from Freedom
9535/W4612. 10 July. nil Special LINREP. 10 July.
Troopers pass to USFOR, Canmil London, Defensor
Ottawa, Land forces Melbourne, Dechief Pretoria,
Dechief Cape Town, Defender Wellington for Puttick,
HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Re-
sident Minister Achimota, BRITMILAT Ankara. Mideast
pass to Force Nairobi, Paic, Armindia Delhi. Signed
Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

In early hours this morning large scale
Allied landings were made on Eastern, Southeastern
and Southern coasts of Sicily.

Operation was carried out by 15th Army Group
with under command 8th Army and American 7th Army,
and powerful cooperation of British and US Navies and
Allied Air Force. Composition 8th Army largely re-
vised and includes Canadian formations. These de-
tails not for release to public at present. Initially
weather was somewhat unfavourable with wind and swell
making unloading difficult, but this later showed de-
finite improvement. Information still scanty although
known that under Naval bombardment successful landings
were made from south of Syracuse to east of Agrigento.

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To : War- 9535/74612

10 July 1943

INCOMING MESSAGE

In particular Canadian troops quickly secured first objective and are advancing in conjunction with other Troops of 8th Army. Further west US Troops are reported making very satisfactory progress. Both US and British Airborne Forces have been employed but no details yet available. Surprising feature absence of enemy Air Force, which is believed result of intensive bombing of airfields previously carried out. No details of enemy ground opposition.

*Juni
Island
S.E. Top
of Island*

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

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

CM-IN-7297 (11 Jul 43) 0214Z cen

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mjk

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
10 July 43
1317Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

No: 131 10 July 1943 NAF 260

U.S. — Reports as of 11 AM state that leading waves of both Seventh and Eighth armies are successfully ashore. Seventh army are in communication with their paratroops (To AGWAR for combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower from Advance C P AFHQ repeat Freedom) NAF number 260. Small vessels carrying supporting weapons somewhat delayed due to rough weather yesterday and last night but no intensive enemy reaction yet reported. Weather has improved. Today is the critical period but our forces will provide assistance against mobile reserves until supporting weapons are landed.

Nowig

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Adm King
Sec. Gen. Staff
White House ✓
Gen Arnold
Gen Strong
LOG

CM-IN-6791 (10 Jul 43) 1346Z jb

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INCOMING MESSAGE

WTS.

July 10, 1943

SCR NR 11

FROM: C IN C MED

ACTION: ADMIRALTY

Number 100930 10/1130 B

Situation report no. 112.

1. All movements for HUSKY carried out as ordered in Hons. Weather in Malta Channel Northwest Force 8 with choppy sea P.M. 9th July vering to North Northwest Force 4-5 in morning.

Avola
2. Acid landings including commando landings successful by 0600 10th. Rate of landing slowed by late arrival of landing ships and craft due weather.

Tachina
3. Bark landings including commando landings successful and opposition at bark south reported slight. 1st tanks ashore by 0500. Landings at Dime successful. Gela
Comparatively light opposition encountered from enemy air or land forces.

4. Aircraft reports landing craft plying close inshore at Joss.

5. No report yet received from Cent. - Pozallo

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
Sec Gen Staff
Gen Deane (CC/s)
White House
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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 100930

IN

Received : 10th July 43

Time : 0721

Addressed: ADMIRALTY

Repeated : COMMORSEAFRON
COMINCH
COMNOBORAN
F.O. Gib.
C. in C. Levant
Com. Algiers,
V.A.M.

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From : C. in C. Med.

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IMMEDIATE

SITUATION REPORT NO. 112

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Avolo

2. ACID landings including Commando landings successful by 0600 10th. Rate of landing slowed by late arrival of landing Ships and Craft due weather.

Pachino

3. BARK landings including Commando landings successful and opposition at BARK South reported slight. First Tanks ashore by 0500.

Ida

*3. Landings at DIME successful. Comparatively light opposition encountered from enemy air or land forces.

4. Aircraft reports landing craft plying close inshore at JOSS.

5. No report yet received from CENT.

Pozzallo
U.S. 45th Div

U.S. 1st Division

100930

MGM

* Para No's as received.

F.M.	Plans	N.M.C.S.
Admiral	Brigadier Redman (8)	C.C.O.R.
Air Marshal	N.I.	
Gen. Macready	Lt. Col. Cook	
Code Room (2)	S.O. (O) Personal	
C.O.S.	S.O.	

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Filed 100946B
eva

INCOMING MESSAGE

CCPD
1200Z

NA
SECURITY CONTROL
MR

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 130/NAP 258, 10 July 1943

Fragmentary information obtained mostly from intercept of operational messages indicates that leading waves of British 5th, 51st and Canadian Divisions are ashore and advancing (To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower. NAF number 258 from Advance C P AFHQ). The 50th is ashore but apparently encountering stiff resistance on the high ground on its front.

*South of
Arnold*

No definite reports on British Glider Force.

Information very meager on U S Forces. There are indications that U S Paratroopers landed fairly satisfactorily and that landings are proceeding, although somewhat delayed due to weather conditions on that coast. Will keep you informed.

No Sig

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Adm King
SGS
~~White House~~
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SECURITY CONTROL

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July 10, 1943
0625 Z

URGENT

SECURITY CONTROL

Dupe of sent to this Pres 10/0230

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 128 10 July 1943

Arnold Brit British

Pachino

Intercepts show that assaults on ACID and BARK Beaches initially successful. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower Advance CP AFHQ. NAF number 257. No reports as yet.

No Sig

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
GENERAL STRONG
GENERAL ARNOLD
ADMIRAL KING
LOG

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WB
SECURITY CONTROL

JDJD C 15
2252Z/9
EW

CCWD
10 July 1943
0815Z

SECURITY CONTROL
Priority

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 124, NAF 256, 9 July 1943

As planned everything has proceeded with losses known at sea to be confined to 3 MT vessels. In spite of an unfortunate westerly wind that may interfere some what with landing of US Troops, the operation will proceed as scheduled. (To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower Advance CP AFHQ. NAF 256. To morrow for you (this is a paraphrase) all of us hope to have good news.

Nosig

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Adm King

CM-IN-6729 (10 Jul 43) 2329Z jb

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EYES ONLY

JDDJ R32
Filed 09/2251B
ecb

WDSC
9 July 1943
23382

GENERAL MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY
OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War
No. 123 9 July 1943

Pres. has seen.

Everything has proceeded as planned and (from ADV Cp AFHQ to AGWAR) The known losses at sea confined to three MT vessels. Urgent and personal from Eisenhower to General Marshall For Eyes Only. The operation will proceed as scheduled in spite of an unfortunate westerly wind that may interfere somewhat with the landings of US Troops. All of us hope to have good news for you tomorrow.

no sig

Action: OPD

Information: Gen. Strong
SGS
CCS
LOG

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WAR V JDD ^{GREENWICH (WV) (Z)} URGENT

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FAGWAR 2 FOR WDBPR FOR OMI PASS TO AP UP INS AND REUTERS 3 ALSO RELAY

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TORPENSORS 1 OTTAWA 8 CANADA

W4519

SPECIAL COMMUNIQU FROM ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS X ATLIED

FORCES UNDER COMMAND OF GENERAL EISENHOWER BEGAN LANDING

OPERATION ON SICILY EARLY THIS MORNING X THE LANDINGS WERE

PRECEDED BY ALLIED AIR ATTACK X ALLIED NAVAL FORCES ESCORTED

THE ASSAULT FORCES AND BOMV
XED THE COAST DEFENSES DURING THE

ASSAULT X CITE FHXPRO

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CCWD
1033Z
16 July

From: Algiers
To: War

No: W-4986 16th July 1943

Paragraph three English text Roosevelt Churchill announcement omitted from authorized Italian translation sent you our 4905 July 15th-Hazeltine Crossman to Sherwood OWI signed Eisenhower cite FHPABGX we are broadcasting full text all languages.

No Sig

ACTION: JSC (OWI)

INFORMATION: OPD
SGS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
LOG

CM-IN-11080 (16 Jul 43) 1055Z mcs

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July 16, 1943

Following is the text of a message from the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain which is being sent today to the people of Italy:

At this moment the combined armed forces of the United States and Great Britain under the command of General Eisenhower and his Deputy General Alexander are carrying the war deep into the territory of your country. This is the direct consequence of the shameful leadership to which you have been subjected by Mussolini and his Fascist regime.

Mussolini carried you into this war as the satellite of a brutal destroyer of peoples and liberties.

Mussolini plunged you into a war which he thought Hitler had already won. In spite of Italy's great vulnerability to attack by air and sea, your Fascist leaders sent your sons, your ships, your air forces, to distant battlefields to aid Germany in her attempt to conquer England, Russia and the world.

This association with the designs of Nazi-controlled Germany was unworthy of Italy's ancient traditions of freedom and culture - traditions to which the peoples of America and Great Britain owe so much.

Your soldiers have fought not in the interests of Italy but for Nazi Germany. They have fought courageously, but they have been betrayed and abandoned by the Germans on the Russian front and on every battlefield in Africa from El Alamein to Cape Bon.

Today Germany's hopes for world conquest have been blasted on all fronts. The skies over Italy are dominated by the vast air armadas of the United States and Great Britain. Italy's sea coasts are threatened by the greatest accumulation of British and Allied sea power ever concentrated in the Mediterranean.

The forces now opposed to you are pledged to destroy the power of Nazi Germany - power which has ruthlessly been used to inflict slavery, destruction and death on all those who refuse to recognize the Germans as the master race.

The sole hope for Italy's survival lies in honorable capitulation to the overwhelming power of the military forces of the United Nations.

If you continue to tolerate the Fascist regime which serves the evil power of the Nazis, you must suffer the consequences of your own choice. We take no satisfaction in invading Italian soil and bringing the tragic devastation of war home to the Italian people. But we are determined to destroy the false leaders and their doctrines which have brought Italy to her present position.

Every moment that you resist the combined forces of the United Nations - every drop of blood that you sacrifice - can serve only one purpose: to give the Fascist and Nazi leaders a little more time to escape from the inevitable consequences of their own crimes.

All your interests and all your traditions have been betrayed by Nazi Germany and your own false and corrupt leaders; it is only by disavowing both that a reconstituted Italy can hope to occupy a respected place in the family of European Nations.

The time has now come for you, the Italian people, to consult your own self-respect and your own interests and your own desire for a restoration of national dignity, security and peace. The time has come for you to decide whether Italians shall die for Mussolini and Hitler - or live for Italy, and for civilization.

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15 July
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U R G E N T

From: AFHQ North Africa
To: War

No: W-4961/1028, 15 July 1943 NAF 291

Prime Ministers concurrence received. Cite
FHINC. Signed Eisenhower. This is NAF 291. We
broadcast Roosevelt Churchill joint announcement
from 11 AM GMT to 12 AM GMT 16th July in Italian
French English German. Request you arrange simul-
taneous broadcasts and press releases your end.

7 AM to 8 AM Washington time

No Sig.

Action: CC/S Gen Deane

Information: OPD
Gen. Strong
Gen. Arnold
SGS
BPR
Adm. King
White House
LOG
Gen. Hilldring

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15 July
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From: USFOR London
To: Algiers 3907
WAR W 1943

15 July 1943

Devers signed this message from British Chiefs of Staff to General Eisenhower repeated Joint Staff Mission, Washington.

Reference FAN 162.

Recommended in your NAF 263 Prime Minister approves timing.

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FAN 162 is CM-OUT-5605 (14 Jul 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
ADM KING
SGS
GEN ARNOLD
GEN HILLDRING
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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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SECURITY CONTROL MESSAGE

From: Adv AFHQ Liaison Group
To: War

No. NAF 263 84 14 July 1943

Request that President and Prime Minister be immediately informed that I suggest 1100 hours GMT July 16th as moment for release of joint announcement (To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Commander in Chief. NAF number 263.) This will be at approximately 7 AM local Washington time, and 1 PM in London and here. Request urgently that concurrence or modifying instructions be sent me at earliest possible hour.

FOOTNOTE: WDCMC invites attention to CM-OUT-4706
(11 Jul 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS

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INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
SGS
Gen Hildring
Adm King
White House
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1000 July
1943

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General Marshall's Eyes Only

From: Algiers
To: War

No: W 4596 10th July 1943

This is in reply to your query concerning time of issue of joint Roosevelt Churchill message. It is my opinion, shared by Alexander, that it should go out if possible before the Italian people have recovered from the shock of invasion in force but not before we can be sure of our position in Sicily (from Eisenhower to General Marshall for his eyes only reur 2105 cite FBCIC). I consider that this position will be assured directly we have secured a solid line including a workable major port and Catania and its surrounding air fields. We will then, in the words of the message, actually be firmly situated "deep into the territory of your country."

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I therefore recommend that we immediately make all necessary preparations to issue the message locally both by radio and leaflet, with its exact timing to be determined by the President and the Prime Minister as soon as I can report the existence of a sufficiently favorable military situation. We feel that from the present outlook the situation described above should be attained at a reasonably early date and such attainment will add weight to the words of the message and so insure its best effect. To issue while there is still a chance that this operation will develop into a bitterly contested struggle for a solid bridgehead, would be inopportune and might even open us to ridicule.

It is my further recommendation that the message be broadcast from Washington and London simultaneously with our issue here.

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JCS LETTER, 7-5-72
BY DBS, DATE

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INFORMATION: OPD

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OPD 311.23 (10 Jul 43) JEH
Operations Division, WDGS.
Chief, Theater Group, WDOPT

July 10, 1943

War Room

COMMANDING GENERAL
NATO FREEDOM

Number 6194

Message to Iope Plus from President your
01-4519, 9 July being released by White House here
immediately. (From Marshall to Eisenhower cite
PHINC) You are authorized use for propaganda
broadcasts.

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ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: CCS Gen Deane
Gen Strong
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Date- 6-)-71

Signature- *RHP*

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10 July
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. OW-4519, 9 July, 1943.

Desire use Presidents message to Pope Pius
your 2111 for propaganda broadcasts (for Marshall
from McClure signed Eisenhower cite PHINC) immediate
advice appreciated.

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FOOTNOTE: 2111 was CM-OUT-3789 (9 July 43) SGS

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Date- 6-1-71

Signature- *RHA*

ACTION: SGS

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Deane (CC/S)

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Sec., General Staff

July 9, 1943

GENERAL EISENHOWER
FREEDOM

BIGOT HUSKY

Number 2111

The President has this date sent the following message to Pope Pious 12th. (For Eisenhower from Marshall signed Roosevelt) "Draft of message to Pope Pius 12th from the President.

By the time this message reaches Your Holiness a landing in force by American and British troops will have taken place on Italian soil. Our soldiers have come to rid Italy of Facism and all its unhappy symbols, and to drive out the Nazi oppressors who are infesting her soil.

There is no need for me to reaffirm that respect for religious beliefs and for the free exercise of religious worship is fundamental to our ideas. Churches and religious institutions will, to the extent that it is within our power, be spared the devastations of war during the struggle ahead. Throughout the period of operations the neutral status of Vatican City as well as of the Papal domains throughout Italy will be respected.

I look forward, as does Your Holiness, to that bright day when the peace of God returns to the world. We are convinced that this will occur only when the forces of evil which now hold vast areas of Europe and Asia enslaved have been utterly destroyed. On that day we will joyfully turn our energies from the grim duties of war to the fruitful tasks of reconstruction. In common with all other nations and forces imbued with the spirit of good will toward men, and with the help of almighty God, we will turn our hearts and our minds to the exacting task of building a just and enduring peace on earth."

ORIGINATOR: SGS

INFORMATION: OPD
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Signature- *RHO*

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Message to Pope

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