MR 300 SICILY (HUSKY) (1) Sec. 1 - Operations on Sicily.

July 10 thru 31, 1943.

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CORRECTION

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 yesterday's report San Stefano still held as strong point."

WDCC.

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

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD G-2 CG AAF ARM. KING WHITE HOUSE

CM-IN-433 (1 Aug 43) 1710Z sgp

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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

Mr: W6211/6479 31 July, 1943

( Action Troopers AGWAR information Middle East from Freedom W6211/6479 31st 1930 signed Eisenhower cite PHGBI)

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

2. Identifications by PW area Catenanuova 30 July 923 Mortens Bn 1 troop Goering Flak Regt. FWS state 923 Bn less than 200 strong. Other troops Flak Regt also present. Area Sforro 29 July Bn Reggio. Coastal area 37\% Italian Coastal Bn. PW states some 50 recent reinforcements including personnel Folgore and Nemo Divisions.

3. General situation. Eastern sector no change. Right flank Goering Division threatened by capture Catenanuova and difficult situation area Regalbuto. Counter attacks likely but no indications yet. Unconfirmed reports reinforcements brought to this sector. In northern sector enemy now west of Cerami and contacted in town of Capizzi. Contrary yesterday in Stefano still held as strong point. Heavy and increasing demolitions coast road. Enemy likely continue short 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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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/74
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From: AFRQ in North Africa
To: British Army Staff, Washn. DC
No: W6311/8479  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 mine 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.

*Being serviced.

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

CM-IN 228 (1 Aug 43) 10122  ems
CORRECTION

From: Algiers
To: British Signals
No. W-6211/5479 31 July 1943

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"Contrary yesterdays report San Stefano 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
ADM. KING
WHITE HOUSE

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OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

From: AVHQ in North Africa
To: War
No: None 31 July 1943

(COSINTREP 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 COSINTREP number 21 signed Eisenhower cite FHQCT.)

(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.

NoSig.

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
GOS
Gen. Deane (CC/B)
White House
Adm. King
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CM-IN-22420 (31 Jul 43) 1139Z vc

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CORRECTION

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

Correction in 5th line:
Ben-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/8)
CM-IN-22431 (31 Jul 43) 1138Z cen

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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT
CORRECTION

From: Force 141
To: War

Number COSINTREPI 21 30 July 1943

Please insert following at beginning of message:

(From 15 Army Group 0/116 30 2359 to COSINTREPI addressees rptd Rear HQ 15 Army Group. COSINTREPI number 21 to 1600 hours 30 July.)

Part I begins. Section 1. Intelligence. Capture of Catenuova opened right flank Goering 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 HG Engineer Bn plus remains 953 Fortress Bn.

No Big

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

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/8)

CM-IN-22375 (31 Jul 43) 1014Z vc
URGENT

From: Force 141
To: War

Number COSITINREP 21

30 July 1943

(FROM 15 Army Group 0/516 30 2259 ± COSITINREP
addresses rptd Rear HQ 15 Army Group. COSITINREP
Number 21 to 1800 hours 30 July.)

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. Capture of
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 HG Engineer Bn plus 2923
Fortress Bn. 7th Army captured 94 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 H490850.
2nd Canadian Brigade HQ H420956. 78 Div HQ H520790.
11 Brigade HQ H620850. 36 Bde HQ H570850. 36 Bde HQ
H5273. 4th Army Bn opened H948859. 7th Army. 1st Div
captured Mistrett. 1st Div position with 39 RCT C411
with patrols in Cerami to C4213 (Gouma) to C3125 45
Div C2732-C2432. CPs no change. 2nd Corps improved
position north east of Nicosia with vigorous patrols
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To: Number Classified

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INCOMING MESSAGE

of islands in Annapolis Haratono Lozanno. Major HQ 15 Army Group established J0621.

Section 3. Air. Bomb line. 7th Army. 1600 hours. C4038-4915-5313-8410 then along interarmy boundary to C4313. 8th Army (Ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FRGCT and FRGBI) no change. Section 3 ends. Part

No Big

* Underlined and omissions being serviced.

WDCC

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAFAF
SGS
GEN DEAN (CC/S)
WHITE HOUSE
ADM KING
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CM-IN-22317 (31 Jul 43) 0705Z

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           COMMNAVAF
           COMMOB Oran
           F.O.C. Gibraltar
           COM Algeria
           V.A. Malta
           C. in C. Med. (4)

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

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 139

AURORA PENELÖPE 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 (Giardii) at close range night
27th/28th. Damage caused and fires started. No effective
opposition.

302233

F.W.  Brigadier Redman (10)
Admiral  N.I.
Air Marshal  S.O.(0) Personal
Gen. Macready  S.O.
C.O.S.  N.M.C.S.
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Brigadier Redman (10)
Lt. Col. O'Conner
Lt. Col. Cook
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Bomb Group, 57th Fighter, 79th Fighter, 324th Fighter Groups no operations.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2

CG AAF

WHITE HOUSE

GEN DEANE (CCS)

ADM KING

SGS

CM-IN-21822 (30 Jul 43) 17392 mcs

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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Hq:

COSINTREP addresses from 15 Army Group (rptd rear 15 Army Group) 0805 July 29 2230. COSINTREP number 20 to 1600 hrs 29 July. Part I begins. Section Intelligence.

On 7th Army front identification 71(73) PGR now confirmed. Pow captured on extreme north coast states 2nd Bn Eq 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 Bns on 27 July and 70 from 1 Bn PGR 18 (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 750800 to rd junct 718780 - Massa Monaco. Agira cleared of enemy by 1900 hrs 28 July and heavy demolitions encountered there. 2nd Cdm Bde now disposed approx line 8995-4795 with elements reported at 4299 after destroying 3 mark 4 tanks this morning. 231 Bde advanced from positions NN of Agira to the Regsalbuto road and forward troops had reached 5294 by 1200 hrs. 78 Div Eq 540790. 11 Bde 5479. 36 Bde 5381. 38 Bde concentrating 5273. Total casualties to 27 July killed 1123 wounded 3852 missing 1407. 7th Army no changes.


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ACTION: OPD

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

CM-IN-31640 (30 July 29 2230 PGR)

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0805, 29 July 1943

(COSINTREP addressee from 15 Army Group rptd near 15 Army Group 0806 July 29th 2320.
COSINTREP number 20 to 1600 hrs 29 July signed Eisenhower cite PHST and FMIB Part 1 begins).

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July. 8th Army.

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1200 hrs. 78 Div HQ 540790. 11 Bde 5479. 36 Bde 5381.
35 Bde concentrating 5273. Total casualties EM 27 July
killed 1123 wounded 3852. Missing 1407. 7th Army. No
change.

(CM-IN-22121 31 Jul 43)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. 0805, 29 July 1943

Section 3. Air. Combined bombing 2014B hrs.
C3838-3325-4215-4200-4400-HE397-5796-5794-7874-9074-
9674. (Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends).

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:
G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CCS)
Admral King
White House
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CH-IN-22121 (31 Jul 43) 02252 cens

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To: WAR
No. Unnumbered 29th July 1943

(Cosintrep addresses plus 7th Army 8th Army
rpted C in C Med (A) from C in C Med (N) Part 2 of
Cosintrep No. 20 signed Eisenhower cite FAOT).

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

No Sig

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

CM-IN-21287 (30 Jul 43) 0050Z ems

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

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 usable ordnance, engineer and other military equipment captured."

No sig.

ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
Sgs
ADM KING
GEN HILLDRING
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CM-IN-21067 (29 Jul 43) 1905Z mcm

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No: AMSME 7114 29 July 1943

Afternoon 25th July an enemy column including tanks and armed cars (probably a rearguard battle group 15th Arm 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.

No sig

ACTION: OPD

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

CM-IN-20966 (29 Jul 43) 1616Z mcs
INCOMING MESSAGE

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 594558 reached by patrols 3 Canadian Brig echeloned along river line between H 5784 and H 4653. 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 Rcm. 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: N-S, CG AAF, (White House) Sec., Gen. Staff
Gen. Deane (CC/CC), 5th Rcn
CM-IN-30955 (29 July 43) 1559Z ssh

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
INCOMING MESSAGE

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 48995 at 1315 hours.

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War
No. W-6038/5585 29 July, 1943

1. Intelligence. Nil.


2. L of C. Nil.

Part 4 COSITIREP 19. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHCCT.
Part 4 COSITINTERPS 15, 16, 17, and 18 not issued.

(To COSITIREP from AFSHQ W-6038/5585 29th).

No Sig

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

CM-IN-21042 (29 Jul 43) 1823Z mcs

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IN

T.O.O. 292040

Received: 31st July 43

Time: 1213

Addressed: ADMIRALTY

Repeated: COM N.O.B. Oran

F.O.C. Gib.

COM Algiers

T.A.M.

C. in C. Med. (A)

COMINCH

F.O. Tunisia

C. in C. LEVANT

COMNAVNAW

COMM. SEAFRON

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

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BY DBS, DATE

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IMPORTANT

Agira fell to Canadians at 1600 26th.

Many Germans killed and prisoners taken, 211

Brigade pressing forward along road to Regalbuto.

Line runs from 5 miles West Stefano

through Nicosia Agira along Pittleno River to

4 miles South Caumanza.

7th Army claim July 28. 60, 900 P.W.,

226 aircraft, 169 tanks, 220 75 Millimeter guns.

3 convoys consisting of coester L.S.T.,


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F.M. N.M.C.S.

Admiral C.C.O.R.

Air Marshal Lt. Col. Cook

Gen. Macready Lt. Col. O'Connor

C.O.S. G/C Du Bouley

Plans

Brigadier Fedman (10)

N.I.

S.I.O. (O) Personal

S.O. Received P/L from Navy Dept.

MFC
ADMIRALTY INFO COMINCH COM NORD ORAN COM ALGIERIS FO TUNISIA CINC LEVANT COMNAVNAV FO CINCINNAD (A) FROM CINCINAD (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 CAUANNA.

7TH ARMY CLAIM JULY 28. 60%, 90% PW, 228 AIRCRAFT, 169 TANKS, 220 75 MILLIMETER GUNS.

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

3 COPIES TO 250.
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War
Number A 221 28 July 1943
(Part 2 and final my A 221 28 July)

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

No Sig

Note: Delayed to necessary service.

WDCC

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

CM-IN-21633 (30 Jul 43) 1149Z mca

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COPY No. 55
From: Force 141  
To: War  
Number COSITINTREP 19  
28 July 1943  
(From 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees rptd FIALOT 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 local Micomia and Agira. Unconfirmed identification 71 Gren Regt 29. 93 Div-In 7 Army front.  
AI reports 0815B 28th July MT nose to tail moving east Troina Randazep. Intense light AA bivouac area C5723 (C5723) at 1700B. Enemy may endeavour hold line San Fratello Troina Region Regalbuo.  

Section 2. Ground operations to 1600 hrs 28 July. 8th Army. First. 13 Corps. Main HQ H825518. 27th July. Active patrolling continued. 5 Div Becce Regt found foe enemy on line river Simeto H853712 - H827724- H840722. 80 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 morning 29 July morning taken a number of prisoners. 28 July Bde reached Agira and is now established northwest.
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 H5864-H5984. 78 Div-
Div EQ E614600. 11 Bde area H6475. Concentration
Forward continues. 7th Army. 3 Corps captured
Nicosa C3505 by 1200 hrs 28 July and leading troops
have reached C3707 to C4313 with 91 Recce Squadron
(Part 2 follows) on right flank.

No Sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
SOS
Gen. Deane (CC/B)
White House
Adm. King
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CH-IN-20713 (29 Jul 43) 0830Z

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SUPPLEMENTARY CORRECTION

URGENT

From: Force 141
To: War
No. COSINTREP 19 28 July, 1943

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

(From 15 Army Group to COSINTREP addresses rptd FILPOT number 0345 290100B.)

COSINTREP 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. MGT Div in 7 Army front. A1 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 Fratello Troina Regalbuto.

No Sig.

Correction to CM-IN-20713 (29 Jul 43) OPD
ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, C.G.AAF, GEN DEANE (CCS), ADM KING,

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By RT, NARA, Date
PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. JN0753, AV 344p, 28 July, 1943

Enemy aircraft abandoned Sicily to date 188.
(To AGWAR for Arnold attn AFINP from Spatz signed
Eisenhower Mr 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 88. 1 Ju 52. 7 Macchi 200. 1 Re 2001.
1 Fiat G 8. 1 Farri 306. Biscari total 35. 20 FW
190. 9 ME 109. 1 He 111. 1 Ju 52. 2 Macchi 202.
4 Cant 1007 Bis. 2 FW 190. 1 ME 109. 1 Fiat G 50.
18 RS 14. 4 Cant Z 506E. 6 Cant Z 501. 1 RO 43.
1 RO 44. 1 Breda 25. Reports following. Licata nil.
Farello nil.

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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 Addresses  
plus 7th Army 8th Army  

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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 Sousse completed  
27th.  
4. 1 CAUVOR 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  
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30 Sicily
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IN

Received: 29th July 43

Time: 0853

Addressed: ADMIRALTY

Repeated: C. in C. Med. (A)
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F.O.C. Gibraltar
COM Algiers
P.O. Tunisia

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

IMPORTANT

Situation report number 137.
Augusta night 23/24 EREBUS near missed slight damage 5 killed 25 wounded 2 aircraft destroyed.

2. Syracuse 0400/26 FISHPool bombed and sunk. 1100/27
L.O.T. 353 bombed and sunk. Commander A. H. Alexander
R.O. assumed duties of N.O. 1/c.

3. HURWORTH destroyed 1 Heinkel I11 Southeast of
Nurat at 0445/27.

4. Loading of 75th division from Syracuse completed 27th.

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

282238

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May 21 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: War
No: AMSME 7092 28th July 1943

Operations 8th Army to 1600 hrs 26th; active patrolling continued 13th Corps front. 50th Div night patrols reached H925716 and H930707 where an enemy patrol was met. 151st Brig Hq H901539. 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. BN 231st Brig astride road Regalbuto-Agira counter attacked 2100 hours 26th 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 armed runs 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 Breerton). 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: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CCAAF
BOS
Gen ERICKSON (CC/3)
ADM KNOX

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/74
Urgent

From: Force 141
To: War
Number 0 241 28 July 1943

(From 15 Army Group 280115 B to COSINTREP addressees rptd TAC HQ FINNLYT Malta number 0241. Signed Eisenhower cite FMGCT and DFGB1. COSINTREP number 18 to 1600 hrs 27 July. Part 1 begins. Section Intelligence.)

PW on north coast road west Stabano 26 July from 10 Green Bay of 29 Mot Div show enemy now forced to man this hitherto neglected sector. Digging on heights abovrd Juno west Michaels. PW from 6 Inf Bnt Acra 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 H928716 and H930707. 151 Inf Bde now at H806163. Patrols 5 Div met enemy at H902724 and H885727. 30 Corps. 51 Div night patrol reached H825825. Night 24/25 July 13 Inf Bde relieved 154 Inf Bde and came under command 51 Div. 2100 hrs 26 July En 13 Inf Bde astride road Regalbuto-Agira was counterattacked and withdrew to area H40014 according to plan. Patrol C Bnt Cda reached H445858 morning 26 July but was forced to withdraw in face of strong opposition. Second 7th Army continued regrouping in preparation for further operations southwest. 1st Corps. 1st Div no change in forward positions. 18 BCT repulsed counter attack area C2810. 45 Div captured Castelbuono C0725 and have leading elements area C0925. On 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 C9835 - C9949. No change in enemy shipping was reported. Third. Bombing. 7th Army. 8th Army. 2 (Part 1 ends) H4398-4598-4599-4694-4895-5295-5390-6285-7083-7974-9073.

No Sig

Action: OPD

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

CM-IN-20003 (28 Jul 43) 0922Z vc
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Mr: 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 Gominalunga. Canadians were in the vicinity of Piazza Armerina. Advancing North and West American Troops occupied Pietrapentia H 1289 Agrigento and Porto Empedocle. 18 Jul. 2 bridgeheads were made over the river Gominalunga 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 Villarosa R1688 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. Amoro 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 Valleduluma G 8598 Castelvetrano A 9498 and many smaller towns. 22 Jul. No change on the 8 Army front.
From: Algiers  
To: War  
Nr: W 5638/6544, 27 July, 1943

except the capture of Leonforte H 3404 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 Imerese B 7439.

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 8264 30 Corps H 6167 13 Corps consisting of 50 Inf Div H 9160.

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Action: OPD  
Information: G-2  
CG AAF  
Gen. Deane (CC/S)  
Adm. King  
The White House  
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C-in-C. Levant

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COMINCH

COM N.O.B. Oran

COMMNAVW

F.O. C. Gib.

C. in C. Med. (A)

COM Algiers

F.O. Tunisia

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

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 136:

Admiral Giusepe Manfredi Commander Port

Trapani captured.

2. COYOUR 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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No.: 18

27 July 43

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

Admiral Giuseppi Manfredi, Commander PMR
Trapani captured. (Part 2 of COSITINTREP number 18 signed Eisenhower cite PAGOT).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
White House
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Admiral Giuseppe Manfredi Commander Port Trapani captured.

(2) Coouur Class Battleship was photographed in Gulf of Tranto at 1816 26th Steering East at slow speed. FRU M 27th showed her in the usual berth with nets round.
From: Force 141
To: VAR

No. 0.235, 27 July, 1943.

(COSINTREP BR. 17 to 1800 hrs 26 Jul. From 15 Army Group number 9.235 270130 to COSINTREP addresses ep to TAC Eq Malta).

Part 1 Begins. Section 1 Intelligence. Identifications. Elements 26 Acota reported on north coast. 3rd Bn 1. (15) Gren Regt on 7th Army Front. 924 Fortress Bn north Catanzarino with OP at H3184. 2nd Bn 383 Gren Regt and QM Bn holding railway from Sperro to Stella. 3rd Bn 2nd Gren Regt H8572. P W say 71 Gren Regt of 39 Hot Div has arrived in Sicily.


Section 3. Air. 1st. Night rece 25/26 July reported 15/20 M T on the road Paterno H7985-Adrano H7396. 2nd Tactical rece and fighters reported scattered M T Movement throughout the day on roads in northeast Sicily except on the Regalbuto H5995-Leonforte G5905 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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No. 0.235, 27 July, 1943.

movement in area. Continued movement of small craft was reported at Milazzo DO666 and in the Straits of Messina. 3rd. Bombline, 7th and 8th Armies. No change since COSINTREP No. 16. Section 3 ands. Signed Eisenhower cite PROCT and PROBI.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:
G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CC/B)
Adm King _

WHITE HOUSE
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CM-IN-19402 (27 July 43) 1435Z flw
FROM: CINC MED
FOR ACTION: ADMIRALTY
NUMBER: 262101B NCR 3758-5

Admty rept COMINCH COMNOBOBAN COMNASNAVAFOCGB COMALGERS POTUNISIA COMMSREAFRON 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 0300/28. 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
RGS
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)

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IN  Received: 28th July 43

Time: 0848

Addressed: WAR

From: ALGIERS

MAY 21 1973

IMMEDIATE

My AV 335E 27 July from NA4FADV.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 Corsia 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. Aircobras (P-39) 18 U.S. Spitfires, 6 French Spitfires, 4 French Warhawks (P-40) anti-submarine patrol and convoy escort. 1 Sunderland 3 Baltimores (4-30) 1 U.S. Catalina (PBY) air sea rescue. 8 Spitfires 12 U.S. Spitfires, 2 U.S. Aircobras (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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Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
Code Room (2)
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NAVAL MESSAGE No T.O.O./26th

IN Received: 27th July 43

Time: 0905

Addressed: WAR
A.F.H.Q.
A.G. War Troopers
USFOR MIDEAST
COMMAND MEDIT
COMMAND GIBRAL
5th ARMY FAIRFIELD
C. in C. Mediterranean
Algiers Force 141
7th Army
8th Army

From: Air C. in C. Med.

IMMEDIATE

(Part 3 AIR COSINTREP NO. 16 25th July

signed Eisenhower CITE WHCS).)

African based air forces additional 24 July,
Beaufighters shot up and sank a schooner and barque 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
Boston Pathfinders bombed Niliazza part starting many fires.
A-20S bombed bridges and M/T in Orlando area, SSAME
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-Catania area. Day
25 July 115 Sorties by A-20S and Baltimores against
targets at Adriano Germai Tromina and Kovara in Sicily, all
bombs reported in targets.

Air Intelligence. During the night an un-
reported 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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Air Marshal S.O.
Gen Macready N.M.C.S.
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Addressed: WAR
          COSINTREP addressees plus
          7 Army
          8 Army

From: C. in C. Med.

NSC

AUGUSTA. OCEAN VIRTUE (See COSINTREP No. 13)
is discharging cargo. Part 2 of COSINTREP 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,

2603572

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 4660/WSS05

26 July 1943

(Second and last part of 4660/WSS05 26th from Freedom to Troopers, AGWAR, info Wideast

Two more AR recently in action area Agira-Regalbuto. PF 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 defense Regalbuto intended. From this point enemy probably intends hold line through Troina to Cefalu. No contacts this sector. Enemy last of Cefalu.

(6). Miscellaneous. PF stated 11 En 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 unconfirmed reports.

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Action: OPD

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

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URGENT

From: Force 141
To: WAR

No. 0320, 26 July 1943

(COSINTREP addressess from 15 Army Group 0230 July 26, 0320. COSINTREP No. 16 to 1800 Hrs 25 July. Part 1 begins).

Section 1 Intelligence. Enemy column incl tanks and cars still west Nicomia 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. Considerable numbers small supply craft continue to be observed operating in Messina Straits and landing supplies as far west as Milazzo.

Section 2. Operations. 8th Army to 1600 hrs 25 July. 13 Corps. Active patrolling continues. 5 Div Recce Unit operated as far as bridge 810727 NTR. Patrols 181 Bde operated in area west of 921721 13 Bde is passing to command 51 Div. 30 Corps. Heavy fighting continued in CDW Div Sector. One CDN Bde attacked and captured Nicosia afternoon 24 July. Fwd troops 1 CDN Bde met heavy resistance in area 4195 on 25 July. Fwd tsp 231 Bde astride road East of Agira at 4995. 2/4 Hants reached their objective at Montescapello 5684. 7th Army. No change.

Section 3. Air. First Night Reconnaissance reported 7 small N/V stationary 3 miles West of Milazzo DO 5 and 3 large N/V moving East at C7560.

Second. Tactical reconnaissance reported 55 MT stationary at S5595 and fighters reported 50 plus armoured cars and tanks moving West into Nicomia CO 30 in the morning. Photographic reconnaissance showed 1
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large N/V and 10 small boats in Milazzo harbour. Otherwise only isolated and scattered NT movement was reported.


No Sig

Action: OPD

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

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSM 7050, 26 July 1943


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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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ADM. KING
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Unnumbered 26 July 1943.

(COSINTREP addresses plus 7 Army 8 Army from CINC Med) Augusta, Ocean Virtue (see COSINTREP No. 13) is discharging cargo. Part 2 of COSINTREP No. 19 signed Eisenhower cite FOGCT America 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 sat on fire. Two destroyers each hit once

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2,
CGAFF
Gen. Deane (CCS)
White House
Adm. King
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From: Algiers
To: WAR
Force 141

No. R 138 25 July 1943

2 Corps captured Gagl and continued advance eastward along Highway 120 (2nd and last part of 223 of 25th. From 14 Army Group) and began advance eastward along highway 115. Prov Corps captured Trapani and Castellammare and consolidated control Western Sicily.

Section 3 air. lst. 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. Bombline 7 and 8 Armies. (Section 3 ends. Signed Kis-nhower cite FBGCT and FBGBI.) Unchanged since COGINTREP number 14.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
QS3 Gen Deane (CC/S)
White Horse: Adm King

CM-IN-17833 (25 Jul 43)

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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 PHOCT.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
SGS
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Adm King
White House
CM-IN-17863 (25 Jul 43) 0644Z jb
INCOMING MESSAGE

Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. A3MHE 7048, 25 July 1943


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ACTION: OPD

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

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T.O.O. 242234

IN

Received: 26 July 43

Time: 1418

Addressed: WAR

From: ALGIERS

IMMEDIATE

Cosintrep 15

No Naval news to report today Saturday.

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

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: Parde 141
To: War
Nr: 0223, 24th July 1943

(From 15 Army Group 250130 B to COSINTREP addresses number 0223. COSINTREP 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 POW taken by 7 Army. 1100 hrs small column possibly rear guard moved east out of Nicosia. 22nd July Arm Car Cav 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 casualties.

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 Arm BDE reverted command 30 Corps at 1740 hrs 22nd July. 17 BDE relieved 13 BDE without incident. 5 Div Recce Unit reached H 850696 and H 803690 patrols 5 Div reached H860720 to H885730 and reported NMS. Anti Tank and Mg screen from H850690 along river Gornalunga to 743680. 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 CUW

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

Sector. Two CDN BDE reached H356941 231 BDE front now H510921 to H.480930 to H400000. 1 CDN Army Tank BDE HQ H760880 with 2 Regts general area H7463, H8063, H 8060, H7859, 7 Army. Location front lines 1st Div Enna to H1894 to C3010. 45 Div H0418 to B033 CP 45 Div B8715 CP 3 Div B5144. CP 82 Airborne Div Trapani.


No Sig

ACTION: CPD

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

CM-IN-17864 (25 Jul 43) 0646Z jb

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, SGS,

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OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: General Strong
General Arnold
SGS
General Deane (CCS)
ADM, KING
LOG

CM-IN-17311 (24 July 43) 1414Z

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

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

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

Para 1. Intelligence. Nil

On 22nd July 78th Inf Div departed Sousse with des-
tination Sicily 2. L of C. Nil.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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From: Force 141
To: WAR 14
Algiers No #
Gibraltar No #
8th Army No #

24 July 1943

(COSINTREP No. 14 TOO 1800 hrs 23 July.
To COSINTREP addresses from originator 15 Army
Group 0714, 24th July (240105). Part I begins.)

Section 1. Intelligence. No news enemy
operations. In Eastern end of island 202 Coastal
and 28 Anzio Divs are being mopped up following
capture of Palermo and Castelteltramo. In centre
15 Panzer and remnants 28 Anzio Divs withdrawing
Northeast along road Petralia-Nicosia-Troina
Leonforte-Nicosia possibly to line Troina-San Fra-
tello where remnants 4 Livorno Div now located.
Goering Div holds line Regalbuto-Cataucciu-S pièro
thence approx H074. Reinforced Schmall Bde holds
due East to sea.

Section 2. Operations. No SITREP received
8th Army, 7th Army. Forward troops 1 Div Ema to
H1893 to C0813 45 Div B8129 to B5812 3rd Div 2nd Arm
Div Palermo 32nd Airborne Div Castellamare B0137 to
Marsala A8212. Hqs 2nd Corps H0198 1st Div H1099
45th Div B8300 Prov Corps 2nd Arm Div 3rd Div Palermo.
Large quantities enemy equipment captured details not
available.

Section 3. Air. Night recce reported 60 MT
moving East on road Nicosia-Troina and 60 Mt direction
unobserved on road Cap Orlando-C6552-Mandizzo C6300
at 0415 hrs. TAC reconnaissance reported scattered
road movement of groups of 20/30 MT in area Corso
C6216 Mandizzo. 60 MT were seen dispersed facing East
at B8531. Fighter bombers were very active against

CH-IN-17104 (24 Jul 43)
shelling mostly landing craft and barges. Bomblines.

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

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM, KING
WHITE HOUSE
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F.O.C. Gibraltar
COMNAVNAV

From: C. in C. Mediterranean

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IMPORTANT

Situation Number 133. No Naval News to
report.

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Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
Code Room (2)
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSKE 7005 23 July 1943

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 15a Brigade July 21st/22nd July 5th Rcm Regt contacted 51st Div 1100 hours. 30 Corps H 6187. 51st Div 6572 with 154 Brigade area H 7171, 152 Brigade on line H 7373-H 7176, 153 Brigade re Sferrro. 1st Canadian Div engaged stiff fighting all day in and around Leonforte. 1st Canadian Brigade captured Assoro encountering German resistance including tanks FE enemy reinforcement column smashed by air patrols. 3rd Canadian Brigade forward troops area H 5382. 331 Brigade on line H 3791-H 4999 (question, H 4791-H 4999). Leonforte captured by 2nd Canadian Brigade. Signed Brereton 9th USAAF operations July 22nd follow: no operations reported by Bomber Command 12th and 360th Bomb Groups and 37th 70th and 324th Fighter Groups.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, Gen Deane (CCS) WHITE HOUSE
Adm King, LOG

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INCOMING MESSAGE

WDCC
23 July 1943
18382

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No. COBITINTRIP 13, 23 July, 1943

MAY 21 '1973

At 0400 hrs nothing to report. Second, fighter reported 300 MT including possible tanks moving (SW) on road (part 2 COBITINTRIP no. 13 from 15 Army Group) Randazzo - CB3 - Troina (CS2) 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 strategic recce at 1015 hrs. Third, Bombline, 7th Army 0707 hrs. BS444-1843-6714-23314-3365- HB395, 8th Army 1504 hrs. HB395-C3000-4000-6000-7783-9773-9673. 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 HS254 13 Brigade with extra Inf Bn under command relieving 15 Bde in line. 15 Bde less 1 Br area 9065. 50 Div opened Hu 916505. 69 Bde relieved by 151 Bde during night 21/22 July. 5 Recce Brgt 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 7176, 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 5383, Section 2 operations ends. Section 3 ends, Part 1 ends (end of 2nd and final part) signed Eisenhower cite FM047 and FM045.

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

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IN

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COMNAVNAW

CINC LEVANT

F.O.C. GIB

COM Algiers

V.A.M. F.O. S.Y.

NCOMMEAFRON

From: CINCMEF

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MAY 21 1973

IMPORTANT

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 20 mm strafing gun out of action. Hit first sunk by H.M.S. Trepassey.

(2) Augusta. In air raid 21st/22nd few bombs dropped. M.T.B. 286 sunk by near miss - no casualties. Night 22nd/23rd about 5 enemy aircraft 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) (?WIL) 0420/22nd dive bombing by 8 aircraft. No damage.

(6) Callier 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 bombed 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 scooners sunk by gunfire from Saracen. 6th July 2500 ton merchant vessel West of Elba. 11th July, sunk 2,000 ton escort Southbound merchant vessel off Africa shoal. 232359

F.M. S.O.

Admiral Plans

Air Marshal Brigadier Redman (8)

Gen. Macready N.I.

Code Room (2) S.O.(O) Personal

Group Capt. Du Boulay

Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept.
Correction received from Navy Dept.


Subject: Situation Report.

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

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Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
Code Room (2)
C.O.S.
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/84.
From: Algiers
To: War
No: COSINTREP, No. 13, 23 July, 1943

(From 15 Army Group TO 231100 to COSINTREP addressee No. 0 204 23 July) COSINTREP 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 Castelvetrano and Alcamo. Slight resistance encountered south of Alimentara 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 Blackshirts Legion 41 Arty Regt 126 Mortar Ba all Assiutta Div and 2 Bn 6th Inf Regt Aosta Div now stated to be attached Assiutta. Letter 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-Gerbarini railway strongly and fighting desperately south of Catania but escaped British PFF reports enemy beginning to be affected by lack of air support and our repeated strafing. Identifications 20 July area Daddusa 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 B4039 to B4324 to B3514. 82nd Airborne Div B1606. Task Force reported at A8412 to A7800. 2nd Arm Div reported at B2861 and B0821. Cp Prov Corps Gibellina. Cp 2 Corps Smergherita 82nd Airborne Cp same place. 2nd Corps.

No Sig

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

No. COSITREP 18, 23 July, 1943

At 0400 hrs nothing to report. Second, fighter reported 300 MT including possible tanks moving (GW) on road (part 2 COSITREP no. 13 from 15 Army Group) Randazzo - Cefalu - Troina (CSS) at 1000 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 - Troina - Falcom C94 by strategical recce at 1015 hrs. Third, Bomoline, 7th Army 0707 hrs. B5444-5438-6714-C334-2305-73895. 8th Army 1504 hrs. B2395-C3000-4000-6090-7610-7673-3673. 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 83254 13 Brigade with extra Inf En under command relieve 15 Bde in line. 15 Bde less 1 Bn area 9065. 50 Div opened BU 915805. 60 Bde relieved by 151 Bde during night 21/22 July. 5 Recce Bde 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 Leomforte. 1 Cdn Bde captured Assoro this morning. 2 Cdn Bde captured Leomforte 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 FIESCT and FINHBI.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Sec. Gen. Staff
Gen. Deane (CC/8)
Adm. Mag.
White House
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

Unnumbered, 22 July 1943

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

Expected that Ocean Virtue and stores can be salvaged see Cosintrep No. 12 (3)Admiral Priato Leonardi Commandant Augusta captured and being sent U.K. Via Algiers (4) light forces engaged K-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 Big

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
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Addressed: WAR

From: Algiers

IMMEDIATE

COSINTREP NO. 13

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

Expected that OCEAN VIRUTÉ end stores can be salvaged see COSINTREP NO. 12.


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. (O) Personal
Admiral S.O.
Air Marshal F.M.C.S.
Gen. Macready C.O.R.
C.O.S. Lt. Col. Cook
Plans Lt. Col. O'Connor
Erigadier Redman (O) G/C Du Boulay
N.I.
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OPERATIONAL--PRIORITY

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War
No: No # 22 July 1943

((Cotintintrep number 12 from Cinc Med))

No actions reported by Western Task Force and no
enemy air activity that area. Part 2 of * signed Eisen-
hower cite *

(2) Air raids Augusta. Fort Pelly sunk
night 19-20 ocean Virtue and Empire Lorizel night 20-21.

(3) Mtb's 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 harbour.

No Sig.

* Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-3, CO AAE, SOS, GEN DEANE (CCS),
WHITE HOUSE, ADM KING, LOG

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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Received: 23rd July '43

Time: 1017

Addressed: WAR

Repeated: Admiral King

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

MAY 21 1973

IMMEDIATE

COSITINTREP No. 12

No actions reported by Western Task Force and no enemy air activity in that area. Part 2 COSITINTREP, No. 12 signed Eisenhower cite PHQCT FHGBL.

2. Air raids August FORT PELLY sunk night 19-20 OCEAN VIRTUE and EMPIRE LORIZEL night 20-21.


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. O200-21 cruisers and destroyers bombarded Crotone hitting chemical works and starting fires in harbor.

No T.O.O./22

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Brigadier Redman (8)
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S.O. (0) Personal
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URGENT

From: Force 141
To: War

No. 0/197, 22nd July 1943

(0/197 COSITINTREP addressee 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 Gormslunga and Dittonsino 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 Alimenza and Vallevlunga. Provisional corps advanced NW to Prizzi S Margherita and 3 miles SE of Caltalvetrano. 5 Div forward tps as follows 1st Div Enna Alimenza 45 Div H 0198 to B8902. 3 Div B 6400 to B 4904 82 Airborne Div B 1402 39 Rct F 0695. Provisional Corps are since reported to have taken Castelvetrano (signed Eisenhower cite FGCT and FRGB).  

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

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FROM: Force 141, Algiers
TO: WAR

No. 0-193, 22 July 1943

(COSINTRINTEP No. 12 to 1600 hrs 21 July. Part 1
15 Army Group to COSINTREIP addresses No. 0-193 22 July
TOO 0115 signed Eisenhower cite FHQ and FHQ1.)

Section 1. Intelligence. Seventh Army Front.
No further identifications received. Military and
civilian stores Caltanissetta ordered by 6th 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 COSINTREIP.

Section 3. Air. Night reconnaissance aircraft
bombed and strafed 45 MT Nicosa C30 also 60 met South of
Naso C84 - Floresta C83 2359 to 0400 hrs. Remaining
areas RMS. Tactical recco area Casteovetrano F39 -
Caccamo B03 - Leonforte H39 reported scattered MT and
fires in railway sidings and throughout the area. In
East little movement area Adrano R79 - Bronte C71 -
Randazzo C82. Fighter bombers active against MT and
communications few good targets. Bombing, 7th Army
1135 Hrs. A6512 - 6812 - 7733 - B0137 - 0336 - 2144 -
2250 - 3783 - 5040 - 5231 then road to 7509 9013 - C2314.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR  
No. AMSME 6984 22 July 1943

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: O-2
CG AAF
SOS
GEN DEANE (CC/B)
ADM KING
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To: War
No: AMSME 6989 22 July 1943

Delayed summary 8th Army operations July 20th:

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 8481. Position 153rd Brigade improved. 231st Brigade now attached 1st Canadian Div reached area H 4690. 1st Canadian Div patrols met US forces in Enna in morning. Forward troops 7th Canadian Brigade H 3990. Heavy casualties inflicted on German forces.

Note: Attention invited to CM-IN-15752 (22 Jul 43) OPD
From: Algiers
To: War

Number 0 182 21 July 1943

(From 15 Army Group TOG 210120 to COSINTREP addressee No 0 182. COSINTREP No. 11 to 1600 hours 20 July.)

Part 1. Section 1 Intelligence. Seven Army front. FW states on 17 July 3 Bn 30 Inf Regt Assietta left San Cataldo for Palermo. TAC R report 20 July of 16 mile column met and marching troops moving from Sciacca with head at Castelvetrano probably represents Assietta Div which may be moving to join Acosta Div in defence of Palermo. Eighth Army front. Our AD C QMC north of UC Alguannra hampered by heavy demolitions but Enns and Leonforte now in our hands. Remnants of 1 German Inf En and Arty reported yesterday in pockets south of Enns may include elements 1 and 2 Bns 1 PGR and 3 Bn 3 PGR 15 Arm Div contacted in this general area 18 July. Intense flak in area Leonforte early today however possibly indicates that important part of 15 Arm Div has now passed eastwards.

Section 2 Operations. First. Eight 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 19 July. Counter attacks which include hostile tanks beaten off and bridge 816986 remains in our hands. Constructions of crossing over Simeto for passage of 15 and 17 Bdes going well. Patrois 5 Div linked with patrols 51 Div on Gornalunga. 30 Corps 154 Bde crossed bridge.

3rd Army
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 YC Algularnea 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 DRAKE (CCS)
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Addressed: ADMIRALTY

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F.O.C. Gib.
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From: C. in C. Med.

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IMPORTANT


August 8. 2 raids by single aircraft night
19/20 FORT PELLY sunk. Night 20/21 OCEAN VIRTUE AIDGE-
MOORE FLORWZEL sunk in air raid.

2. Off Regaeo 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.

F.M. S.O.O.
Admiral (Personal) Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept.
Air Marshal S.O.
Gen. Macready N.M.C.S.
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URGENT

From: Force 141
To:  War
No.  0/182, 21 July 1943

From 15 Army Group too 210120 to COSINTREP
addressees no. O 182. COSINTREP 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 Sciaccia
with hold at Castel Vetrano probably represents Assietta
Div which may be moving to join Aosta Div in defence of
Palermo, 6th 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
reported yesterday in pocket south of Enna may include
elements 1 and 2 Bns 1 PGR and 3 Bn 3 PGR. 15 ArmDiv
detected in this general area 18 July. Intense flak in
area Leonforte early today however possibly indicates
that important part of 15 ArmDiv has now passed east-
wards.

Section 2. Operations. 1st. 8 Army. Sitrep up to
1800 hours 19 July. 13 Corps 168 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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From: Force 141
To: War
No. 0/182, 21 July 1943

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 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 6678 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. Ist. Night reconnaissance reported considerable

(Part 2 follows).

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
          CGAAF
          SGS
          GEN DEANE (CCS)
          ADM. KING

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To: AGWAR
No.: AMSNE 6968, 21 July 1943

British 8th Army operations to 1800 hours July 20th; 16th and 29th Brigades no change. Thirteenth Brigade (general line H 900-760 or question 900-700 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 81st 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 6876 encountered strong opposition. Two three one Brigade reached H 4887 B 1500 hours in face heavy opposition. Second Canadian Brigade captured Vaizuarnara 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.

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

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From: AF HQ North Africa
To: War

No: 2939/W 5383 21 July 1943

(To COSITINTREP from Freedom 2939/W 5383 211015, signed Eisenhower, cite FECHT)


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 completed. 39th RCT (9th Div) arrived Sicily from Bizerte exact date unknown. 128th and 138th Bde 6ps (45th Inf Div) arrived Hijidjelli from Algiers.

2. L of C. Nil.

ACTION: OPD

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

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To: WAR
No. 11, 21 July, 1943.

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

(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 reconnais-
sance 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 nicoria C 30.
Slight movement other areas. 3rd. Bomoline. 7th Army
1430 hrs F 7697-48516- B0933- 1937- 5033 (road to B-7209
0014 C 2314- B396). 8th Army 1027 hrs H 2395- 4096-
5695- 6990- 7682- 863- 9673. Section 3 ends.

Section 2. Operations. Continued 7th
Army. No full SITREP received. 4th Tabor Goums reported
1900 hrs 19 July occupying Muneamel Gouiliak Guliymo
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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From: Algiers
To: War

Mr.: W 9261 20 July 1943

10th weekly summary. Summary of operations 10 to 19 July.--This summary slightly overlaps summary 18. (to Troopers rptd AOWAR USFOR from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHQT 2540 19 July nll.

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 (e.g., Herman Goering div with tanks) involved in this action. Line of main road Syracuse-Ispica N 2199 (NB199) 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 Viscemi. The infantry captured Regusa and airfields at Comiso and Pontecolivo and armored elements reached Vizzini. 13 July little determined resistance was encountered except north of Gela. Molitello 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. 15 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
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 TX 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 Armd 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
CGAEP
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE
From: Algiers
To: War
No. 2540/W 5281 - 20 July 1943

G3951 in reserve. (2nd and last cipher part message from Freeman number 2540/W0281). 2nd Corps consisting of 1 Division H1956 and 48 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 H7739. 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 H0410 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 Philippville, Bone and Souk Ahra. 39 Rct 9 Div departed for Sicily. 17 July 46 Div departed Algiers for Djidjelli. 18th July 736 Tank Bn (L) departed Sebou for Bizerte, 344 Engr Regt (GS) less Co B departed Oran for Arzew.

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.

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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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 defense of Catania with possible destruction of facilities.

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

ACTION: DPD

INFORMATION:
- G-2
- CG AAF
- Gen Deane (CC/S)
- Adm King
- White House
From: Algiers  
To: War  
No. W 5319/2712, 20 July 1943  

(Second part message number W 5319/2712 from Freedom). Tenaciously, Cornalunga line evidently abandoned for Dittaino line. Enemy intention make common front with Corning and 15 Panzer Division. 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 26000 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. 89 Bn also connected but number unspecified. Personnel AE 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 COSINTREP number 11 signed Eisenhower cite PBGCT. 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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Information: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
Adm. King

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From: Cairo
To: Agwar

No. AMSHE 6952, 20 July 1943.

Identified on 7th Army front 923 Fortress Battalion and elements 71st smoke regiment. Signed Breton. Fortress Battalion believed composed of 3 rifle companies and 1 heavy company. 27th 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
SGS
GEN DEANE (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No: COSINTREP 09, 20 July, 1943

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

Part 1 begins. Section 1 Intelligence. Seventh Army front. Little enemy opposition to occupation Cataniasetta and no opposition Castelma. Many reports of PWS voluntarily surrendering and indications of mutiny by Italian troops commanded by German Officers. PW 29 Inf Regt states Asseletta 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 H5370 which gained some ground. One Bn 2 HG Gren Regt and elements 3 Para Regt identified area Primaola Bridge. OC 2 Bn 3 Para Regt Capt Gunther captured in civilian clothes considers his Bn eliminated.

Section 2 operations. Eighth Army. No report of today's fighting yet received. 69 Bde and 188 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-H8711-H6573-H6275-H4675-H3076. 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 R0106. Prov Corps advanced to Platsani River G5877. Forward troops as follows.
First Div H1587-H1390. 45th Div R0198. Third Div
G7897-G7987-G5577. 82nd Airborne Div G3870. Eq 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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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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                GEN DEANE (CCS)
                ADM KING
                WHITE HOUSE
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From: AFHQ North Africa
To: War

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

Paterno H 88 Adriano H 79 which was engaged by Kittyhawks. Small general movement other areas.

ROMULUSAN 8th Army 0733 hrs. H 2393, 2385, 4085, 5080, 7684, 7874, 8371, 8571, 8673, 9673. 7th
1345 hrs. G 1979, B 5616, B 5606, 6506, 7409, 7433, C2435, H2395

Section 3 ends. Part one ends. Signed Eisenhower

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ACTION: OPD

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

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IMPORTANT

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 129

Night of 18th/19th, MTB 75 damaged by shore batteries in Riggio 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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F.M.

C.C.O.R.

Admiral

Lt Col Cook

Air Marshal

Lt Col O'Connor

Gen. Macready

G/C Du Boulay

C.O.R.

MPPH

Brigadier Redman (8)

N.R.

S.O. Personal

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M.C.O.
INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No #, 19 July 1943

(Part 2 of CEBINTREP No. 10 signed Eisenhower cite FROCT from C in C MED).

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(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.

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

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

(7) Use of Empedocle and Licata in addition to Gela speed up discharge in Western Area.

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

IN

T.O.O. 191903

Received: 20 July 43
Time: 1823

Addressed: ADMIRALTY
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FOC Gibraltar
COMMORSEAFRON
COMMOMSA
COM Algiers
COMMNAVOR
FO Tunisie
VAM Pory
C. in C. Levant

From: C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT:

1. 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. CCKHEAFER.

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

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

4. Light forces carried out sweeps off Calabrian coast Spirtivento 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 Licate and Empedocle taking part of cargo consigned Gelia.

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

RKB.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
NAVAL MESSAGE

IN

Received: 21 July 43
Time: 1005

Addressed: WAR
From: Algiers

IMPORTANT

(Part 2 of COSITINTREP No. 10 signed Eisenhower
Cite F.H.G.C.T. from C. in C. Med.)

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F.M. N.M.C.S.
Admiral C.C.O.B.
Air Marshal Lt.Col. Cook
Gen. Macready Lt.Col. O'Connor
Code Room (2) Group Capt. Du Boulay
C.O.S.
Plans
M.E.
Brigadier Redman (B)
I.T.
S.O. (O) Personal
S.O. .

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No. T.O.19

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Received: 21 July 43

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From: Algiers

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BY DBR, DATE

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COSITINTEP No. 2

BATTLESHIP BOMBARDMENT OF CATANIA (COSITINTEP

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

Part two of COSITINTEP No. 9 signed Eisenhower Cite FHQCT,

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

3. Augusta 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 Chyeser referred to in Part

5 COSITINTEP 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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F.M.

Admiral

Air Marshal

Gen. Macready

C.O.S.

Plims

Brigadier Redman (6)

N.I.

S.O.O. (Personal)

S.O.

M.A.S.

C.C. 1/0 R.

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Lt. Col. O'Connor

G/C Du Bousay

MPPH

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 2540/75287, 19 July 1943

(To Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHCCT. 2540 19 July nil).

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-Ierpica

H2198 (H8199) 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 East were advancing on Canicatti and Riesi. The beachhead at Gela was enlarged to point just South of Viscemi. The Infantry captured Regusa and airfields at Comiso and Pontecolivo and armored elements reached Vizzini. 13 July. Little determined resistance was encountered except North of Gela. Melitello H7154. Vizzini. Riesi H8584 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 (x) 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 Mazarrino Area.
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To: WAR
No.: 2540/WB287, 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 J1438. Seven Army consisting of 2 Corps H2147. Prov Corps G7845 with 2 Arm Div.

No Sig

*Being serviced.

WDCC

ACTION: ODP

INFORMATION:
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CGAFAF
SGS
GEN DEANE (CC/8)
ADM KING
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From: Algiers
To: War

No: 9 19th July 1943

(F99) Corleone B31 area 0240 hrs approx 200 MT. (Second and last part of COSINTREP No 9 from 15 Army Group). These areas also covered during day but only easterly road movement of MT in small numbers Lomonte E39 area reported. Second. Bnbline. Consolidated 1130 hrs. G3173-3677-5284-7186-8587-8697-H2395-2395-4085-4075-5023-5975-5980-8178-9671. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FIBGCT and FRGI.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SOG
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Adm King
WHITE HOUSE
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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) 15th Corps: 69th and 168th
Brigades, 5 Division (H 908805) attacked night 17th/
18th objective Posso Bottacceto (H 9271). Strong
counter attacks forced slight withdrawal, but line
H 92688-H 94268-H 905705 now firmly held. Royals
continue patrols north from area H 9168. Nq 6th
Div H 910618. 30th Corps: Corps Hq H 588540. Nq
51st Division H 780580 with forward troops 23rd Arm
Brigade south of road H 7171 at 1430 hours. Forward
troops 153rd Brigade (H 6575) and 154th Brigade track
junction (H 6275) at 0700 hours. Two three one Bri-
idge reported in Radusa (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: OFD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

CM-IN-13420 (19 Jul 43) 12187 egs

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Mr: COSINTREP # 9, 19 July, 1943

Battleship bombardment of Catania (COSINTREP number 9 from C in C Med) carried out Saturday evening. Part two of COSINTREP number 9 signed Eisenhower cite FHCT. 2. Bemidolo port party established expected port ready for unloading 19th. 3 Augusta 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 NFB'S report that Cryester referred to in part 5 COSINTREP 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

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

CH-IN-13452 (19 Jul 43) 13252

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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 S1 area mainly east and south special reconnaissance Castelvetrano.

No Sig.

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

ACTION: OPD

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

CM-IN-13476 (19 Jul 43) 1418Z. ems

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NAVAL MESSAGE

IN

T.O.O. 182047

Received: 19th July 43
Time 1645

Addressed: ADMIRALTY

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FGSX
COM Algiers
COMINCH
COMMORSEAFRON
F.O.C. Gib.
COMMUB Oran
VAM
C. in C. Levant

From: C. in C. Levant

IMPORTANT

Situation report No. 127.

Catania town bombarded by H.M.S WARSPIKE

Saturday evening 57 rounds, 1 5 inch destroyers engaged
Coastal batteries.

2.

Port party established Empedoce, entrance being
swept. Port expected ready for unloading 15th.

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.S 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.

182047B

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
Code Room (2)
MIB
Flanks

Brigadier Aedman (8)
N.I.
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N.M.C.O.
C.C.O.R.

Lt. Col. Cook
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Group Capt. Du Boulay

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

(Urgent)

(from 15th Army Group 192000B to COSITINTREP
address number 1 168. COSITINTREP number 9 to
1600 hours 18th July. Part one begins. Section
One Intelligence. 7th Army Front.)

Prisoners taken at Barrafranca 16th July identi-
tified first second third and 14th (Regimental Company)
1 PGR of 15th Arm Div. GOC 207 Coastal Div captured
yesterday states he assumed command 12th July replacing
Schreiber who went to 13th 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 3p part
Regt 752595 and from 69th Marzach Bn also called Reggio
Bn area Scordia. Patter stated to be under command 15th
Arm Div. 200 plus PWS taken from 78th Inf Regt Napoli
and whole 2nd Bty 84th Arty at Scordia. 1st Bn 34th
Inf Regt and 2nd Bty 28th Arty Regt Livorno contacted
area R 6163.

Section 2 Operations. 8th Army. No sitrep
received today position appears as follows. Primosole
bridge now secure own PMS on approx line 75 north.
51st Div have 2 bridge heads across river Gomalaunga
23rd Arm Bde at H 7171. Elements 1 CDN Div held up
at 1530 hrs at H 3222 (N3272).

CM-IN-13314 (19 July 43)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: 0 168 18 July 1943

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 34th G 7775 66th Div G 6668 32nd Airborne Div G 5959. Army boundary Leonforte E 3493 Nicosia Mistretta H 3125 S Stefano C 3035. 145th Div are since reported to have taken Caterina at 1835 hrs.

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

* Being serviced.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen Deane (CC/8)
Adm King
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR 1785
17, July, 1943

Priority

1. Paragraph 1.

2. Paragraph 2.

3. Paragraph 3.

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. Stato Divisional sign Division Sicily 5 pointed white star. Unconfirmed estimate total prisoners counted 30,000.

5. Conclusions. Still Assietta and no further indications move Aosta. 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

Gornalunga line with 18 Panzer probably on right.
Probable intention to form defensive line from north
cost through Troina south of Enna to east coast.
Offensive action likely especially in Catania plain
before occupying this position. Evidence Germans
continue to reinforce Sicily with troops in front
establishing line.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
 SG2
Gen Deane (CC/S)

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WAR

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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 FROCT PHGBI. AFGAR Troopers US FOR Kideat Commandos Malta Commandos Gibraltar 5th Army Fairfield C in C Mord Force 441 from Air C in C Mord A, 208, 17th July).

African based Air Forces night 15/16 July, 73 Wellingtons attacked Vibo Valentina Crotone 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 18 July 102 B-17 Fortress bombed city and ferry terminus of San Giovanni hits in RR yards and barracks area. Large fire RR of Termini, 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 Valentina A/D barracks, hangars and buildings were hit, several fires started in dispersal area. 6 Z/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 OSAAF ROE No Sig

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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: AFHQ North Africa
To: War
No: W 5088/1642, 17 July 1943

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

Intelligence. Nil.

North Africa. 1. Movements. Nil TTO 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 dock: 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 resulted. Resulting fire on dock was under control by 1730 hours. Total casualties and losses not yet determined. Ammunition fire occurred 16 July 4 miles East of Medjez El Bab on Main Tunis Road. Eastbound traffic diverted via Tebourba.

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

CM-IN-12269 (17 Jul 43) 30122 Z

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: COSINTREP 7 17 July 1943

(COSINTREP no 7 from C IN C MED)

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

(2) Enemy U-boat sunk by HM submarine off Taranto 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

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

CM-IN-11724 (17 Jul 43) 0410Z mcs

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From: Algiers
To: War

No: None 17 July 1943

Convoy movements according to plan. Naval support of Armies continued. Part 2 of CORTREP number 6 signed Eisenhower cite FROC. 14 Ranger Battalion entered Empedolec PA 16th. Not clear if port is out of possession S at Bork south beach 2000 tons discharged yesterday. 4 Port of Augusta Haverne was temporarily closed owing to minelaying now reopened. (CORTREP authorities Admiralty from C in C Med) 5. WTB's reported 1 torpedo hit on Italian cruiser south of Messina.

One KTB sunk by coastal gunfire. G. Two enemy aircraft shot down Bork east night 14th.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SOS
Gen Deane (CC/B)
Adm King
WHITE HOUSE
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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 730552 with patrols reported H 860570, 2782665, H 835628. 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.
NAVAL MESSAGE T.O.O. 172006

IN

Received: 17th July '43

Time: 2036

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: COMMORSEAFRON

COMINCH

F.O.C. Gib.

COMNOBORM

F.O. Low, Algiers

COMN4,NW

F.O. Tunisia

VAM

F.O. S.

C in C. Levant

From: C. in C. Med.

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 Bark East night of 14th. Circling torpedoes used, no hits.

(6) Ranger Battalion Empeolec from West PM 16th.

Not clear if port is in our possession.
FOLLOWING IS A REPETITION CINCMD 161949:

ADMIRALTY INFO COMMORSEAFRON, COM 10TH FLT C & R, COM-NAVNAV, CINC LEVANT, NOIC ALGIERS, NOIC MALTA, FOC GIB, NOS ORAN, FO TUNISIA, FO BY 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 152900 BY 4 SMALL MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS 1 ENEMY SUNK 2 DAMAGED.

(3) HMS INDOMITABLE TORPEDOED BY AIRCRAFT IN POSITION $36-22 N $16-98 E AT 160000. RETURNED TO MALTA.
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UNDER OWN STEAM. (**) TORPDED BY U-BOAT (GERMAN) IN POSITION 37°13' N 016°06' E AT 160615. RETURNED TO MALTA UNDER OWN STEAM.

(4) UNITED SANK U-BOAT (GERMAN) IN POSITION 39°19' N 17°30' E AT 151831. 4 SURVIVORS.

(5) ADVANCED COASTAL FORCE BASE AND LANDING CRAFT BASE ESTABLISHED AUGUSTA. F.O. SICILY AT AUGUSTA IN F.B. 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.
Still no indications PGR 1 Goring possibly not yet reformed. PGR Koerner under command Goring formerly PGR Palermo according FW. 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 Lente. Also 68 Mm guns 1 11 Italian R 35 tanks captured same area.


Goring tanks south Sossongheta 16 July. Afty activity only this area 15 July and stiffer enemy resistance 15 July north Simeto. Bridge 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 Island 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 previous insert second and last part.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: ODP, CG AAE, SGR, GEN DEANE (CCS), ADM KING (WHITE HOUSE)
CM-IN-11904 (17 July 1943)
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR
Nr: AMSME 6887, 16 July, 1943

Operations 15th/July 8 Army: 13th and 15th Brigades area Cilussamundo mopped up area H 9755 capturing prisoners. From Brereton. 17th Brigade Augusta. 69th Brigade area Lentini. 151 Brigade captured Primopolo 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 Scordis and 155 Brigade captured Milletello by midafternoon. Gramichelli captured by 1 Canadian Division by 1600 hours.

No Sig.

Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-11290 (16 Jul 43) OPD

Action: OPD
Information: G-2
CG AAF
CM-IN-11358 (16 Jul 43) 1751Z vc
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U G R E N T

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

(AFBQ AGWAR Troopers UBFOR Mideast Command
Malta Commando 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. CONFRONTATION
number 6 to 1600 hrs 15. Part I begins. Signed Eisenhower
site PHCT and PHNHI. Section 1 intelligence. No
new picture CA or enemy dispositions. Part Goering
Division believed still operating Caltagirone
Area. Concentration 5000 troops reported by
friendly civilians in area Caltagirone-Piazza
Armerina - Caltanissetta may represent part 15
Panzer Div TAC/R reports night 14/15 considerable
movement southeast from Palermo towards Santa
Caterina B61150 (151130) over 300 Mt moving
towards Catania on each of roads from Ragalbuto
and Modusam. Section 3 ground operations. First
8th Army, 43 Corps, C Div. No material change
mopping up continues in the area Augusta Agnone
H 9757 Villalone H 9761. 50 Div. leading troops
51 Bde have crossed river Gomulunga area bridge
at H 941674. Approx 35 personnel of 3 Commando
V O Landed J 0750 night 13/14 July have rejoined
others are coming in 30 Corps. No report received.
Elements 1 Canadian Div believe to have occupied
Gomulunga H 8646 Div Hq located H 6335. Main
Hq 8th Army (first of 2 parts) now located J
1435.

No Sig

Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-10960 (16 Jul 43) QPD
Action: QPD
Information: Q-2, C/5
Deane (CC/5) COPY No.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Maison Carree
To: War
No. 1 107 - 16 July 1943

Road block caused at Patralia and 20 M/T destroyed. (Part 2 and final part of 1 A 107 Too 181000 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 airfields attacked with cannon. 19 Beau fighters on interception patrol of Sicily destroyed 12 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 Liberators and Halifaxes attacked RR station at Messina dropping 29 tons, fires seen in target area. Fiske moderate and accurate 1 A/C missing. Day 15 July, 24 B24's attacked Foggia L/G dropping 85 tons which covered 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.

CM-IN-11311 (16 Jul 43)

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

No Sig

*Being serviced

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
SGS
GEN-DEANE (CC/5)
WHITE HOUSE
ADM-KING
LOG

CM-IN-11311 (16 Jul 43) 1636Z ved
INCOMING MESSAGE

CORRECTION
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Maione Carree
To: War

No. A 207 16th July 1943

Please insert following correction at end of message previously sent:

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

No Sig

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

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

CM-IN-13010 (18 Jul 43) 2250Z vc

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

No: 0593 16th July 1943

Second, 7th Army. (2nd and last part of message CONITINTREP no. 6 0593.) No report yet received. Only known change is occupation of high ground 2 miles south of Caltagirone B4549 by 180 Bct of 45 Div. Estimated casualties to 1800 hours 14 July 1891. Estimated total prisoners taken 15,902.

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) B5813 (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 direction unobserved were reported by strafers on the road Sciacca G1879 Ribera 03578 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 H3586 at 0840 hours 50 MT moving northeast H6558 at 1120 hours 150 MT moving west H3763 at 1120 hours 200 MT moving southeast H7660 at 1120 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 D3886 Capo D Orlandoc 6553 Fiumefreddo D0612 Messina 1220 hours.

No Sig

ACTION: ODP
INFORMATION: G-9, CG AAF, GEN DEANE (CCS), ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE, LOG

CM-IN-11007 (16 Jul 43) 0836Z 5cm

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From: Algiers
To: Maison Carree, No 7
WAR, A 207
16 July, 1943

African based air forces - night 14/15 July. (AFHQ, AgWar, Troopers, USFC, Mideast, Commando Gibraltar, 6th Army, Commando 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 CONCENTRATED NO. 6 15th July, signed Eisenhofer site F~13CT F~1081 96 B-25 Mitchell 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 Palermo, 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. 166 A-36 and P-38 lighting sorties flown against communication targets, bridges at Alia and Nicosia destroyed (end of part 1 part 2 follows)

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

CM-IN-11289 (16 July 1943)

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16 July
1546Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

Mr.: O.597, 16 July 1943


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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CQAAF
SOS
Gen Deane (CC/S)
White House
Adm King
LOG

CM-IN-11340 (16 Jul 43) 1731Z jb

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URGENT

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/49611/1028).

Sent to Algiers for action as 3922 and as W-19885 for information to AGWAR.

No Sig.

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

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: ORD
          Gen Strong
          Gen Arnold
          SGS
          WHITE HOUSE
          Ada King
          Gen H.H. Hill

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CM-IN-10751 (16 July 43) 00472

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94
Priority

From: Algiers
To: War
No: W-4885/743 15th July 1943

(Troopers AGWAR, information Middle East from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FGQBI. Numbered W4885/743).

(1) Tentative reconstruction and disposition Goring Div from captured codeword as follows:
(A) Eastern group I/PGR 2, 111/Tank Regt, AR, with GR 2 of Div Sicily attached
(B) Western group II and III/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-Canicattì. 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 II Bn Grasmichele, I and III Bns Infantry reserve Caltagirone. 28 Arty apparently decentralized to Bns 35 Inf Regt now believed virtually inoperative. No contact remainder div.
(4) 54 Napoli. P/™s from 75 Inf Regt and 169 blackshirt Bn Comiso area. Captured map shows 76 Inf Regt with bns at Ramacca, Scordia, Carletini. 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...
ENEMY CLOWN

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From: Algiers to War V4885/743 Page 2

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.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
SOS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE

CM-IN-11093 (16 Jul 43) 11142 mcs

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W-4962/1051 15 July 1943

(To Consitintrep from Freedom W 4962/1051 15
bil signed Eisenhower cite PHECT and PHB1. Part 4,
Consitintrep 5. 15 July).

No Consitintreps parts 4 numbers l to 4 issued.

1. Intelligence. Mil.


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: C-2

No Sig.

CG AAF
SGS
Actg. King
White House

Gen. Deane (CC/8)
CM-IN-10702 (15 July 43) 2405Z flw

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

CORRECTED COPY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. COINTREXIP-6, 15 July, 1943.

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

2. COINTREXIP number 6 Signals Eisenhower cite PBQCT. (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 (S) gun support continued.

No Sig

Corrected copy of CM-IN-11054 (16 Jul 43) OPD

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

CM-IN-11500 (16 Jul 43) 2123Z cen

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: Algiers  
To: War  
No. # 15 July, 1943  

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 1886. Butera H 1643 also captured. 2 Armd Div H 1746 3 Div. Riesi to Canicatti to Naro to Palma Di Montechiaro. HQ 7th Army Gela, 2 Corps H 4114. 45 Div Vittoria 1 Div H 2639. 3 Div G 9140. 83 Airborne Div H 2727. 2 Armd Div H 3428. Railway Licata to Campobello now operational. Comiso Ponte Olivo and Civita airfields also operational. Weather 13 July warm clear and visibility good.

Section 3. Air. Air reconnaissance showed considerable enemy activity mostly in the areas 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 area.
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From: Algiers
To: War
No. 15 July, 1943

western half of the island (part 1 ends).

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ACTION: OPD

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

CM-IN-1010 (15 Jul 43) 0522Z mcs

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URGENT

From: AF HQ North Africa
To: War
No.: 0,580
15th July 1943

(From TAC 15 Army Group 0,580 14th July Cositaintrep number 5 to 18008 hrs 14th July. Signed Eisenhower cite FHOT and FHOMI. Section 1 Intelligence.)

Part 1. Enemy continued to resist our attacks along whole front. This resistance not effective through 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 15th July. Enemy dispositions from East to West. Coast of Lentini special Regimental Bq 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 Caltigiones and Crasanche bulk of Goering Div with 3 tank Bns 2 Inf Bns some Arty. Caligiore Massarino 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: 0-2, CQ AAF, SGO, General Desme (CCS), White House, Adm King, Log.

CM-IN-10104 (15 Jul 43) 0321Z enm

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From: AFRHQ MA
To: War

No. # 15 July, 1943

(Section 2 Ground Operations. 1st, 8th Army. 13 Corps). (Cipher part 2 of COSINTREP number 5 from TAC 15 Army Group 0.830 180015Z).

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 15 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 943672. 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 8039. 51 Div. Hq H 952095. 13 July 23 Armd Bde and 231 Inf Bde advanced in 2 columns directed on Vizzini H 6640 and Scordia H 7355 and by 1800 hrs 23 Armd Bde had occupied Vizzini 1 Cdn Div. Hq H 739202. 1 Cdn Bde now general area Giaratana H 7028 Bafarano H 6921 with petrols towards Chiaramonte H 6226 and Monterosso H 6722 where enemy rearguard encountered. No details of action. 2 Cdn Bde now area Rosolini H 8505 to exclusive Ragusa. Night 13/14 July 3 Cdn Bde moving area H 7327. Night 13/14 July 1 Cdn Arty Tank Bde less 1 Regt disembarked Syracuse and moved into Army reserve area Cassibile J 0620. Army boundary road Vizzini to Caltigirone to

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From: AFHQ HA
To: War
No # 15 July, 1943

Piazza Amerina to Enna Atin. (end of part 2. Part 3 follows inclusive 8th Army)

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:
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CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE
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CM-IN-10158 (15 Jul 43) 0514Z mc

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BY DDS, DATE
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NAVAL MESSAGE T.O.O. 152208

IN

Received: 16 July 43
Time: 0900

Addressed: Admiralty
Repeated: C. in C. Levant

VAM
POSY
COMMON
COM N.O.B. Oran
COMMORSEAFRON
F.O. Gibraltar
F.O. Tunisia

From: C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

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 bombad 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. TESCO srove off E-boats attacking shipping off East Sicily, sinking one.

152208B

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
Code Room (2) C.O.S.
Plansa
Brigadier Redman (8)

LEB

P.O. (0) personal
S.O.
N.M.C.B.
C.C.O.R.
Lt. Col. Cook
Lt. Col. O'Gorman
G/C Du Boulay

Rec'd. F/L from Navy Dept.

NLR 101
By RT, NARA Date 4/13/44
The Canadian Chiefs of Staff realize that for security reasons the designation of Canadian Units and Commanders participating in HUSKY cannot be made public nor do they desire that this be done. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, Fan 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
LOG

CH-OUT 6193
(15 Jul 43) 19542 fhh

CH-OUT 6194

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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date

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COPY No.
combined chiefs of staff
july 14, 1943

cc, freedom, algiers
usfors, london, england (for b c of 8)

the president has approved your recommendation in raf 263 regarding timing of joint announcement. (for eisenhower freedom algiers, faw 152, 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 work "germany" in paragraph 11 if practicable. please inform us immediately as soon as prime minister's concurrence received.

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originator: cc/8
information: opd
            general strong
            general arnold
            general hilldring
            admiral king
            log

dec 20 1974

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. 0572, 14 July, 1943.

50 Div. 90th BDE holding line H 9341 to H9140 with HQ at H9540. 151 BDE believed unchanged. 30 Corps. 30 Corps and 7AC Army HQ at H9501. 23 Army BDE area Vizzini H 6641 advancing towards Caltagirone H 4879. 51 Div. 163 BDE area Canicattini-Bagni H9426. 152 BDE area north (end of first part. Part 2 follows.) Of Hoto. 154 BDE.

No Big

* Delay due to servicing of entire message.

WDCC

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SOG
GEN. DEANE (CC/8)
ADM. KIN
WHITE HOUSE
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SUPPLEMENTARY CORRECTION

From: Algiers
To: British Army Staff Washington DC No 7
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 Porte Palo.

No Sig.

Correction to CM IN 9734 (14 Jul 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
Sec. Gen. Staff
Gen. Deane (CC/8)
White House

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

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From: Force 141 Algiers, Casablanca
To: VAP

Dated: 14 July 1943.

H747 and a flak battery 105 Mt facing east at E5353. Reports otherwise were mostly of scattered columns of less than 20 vehicles. Strut/N reports slight movement both ways on the coastal road Palermo H4347 to Termini H7432 and on the road. (Part 1 ends) Villafrati B5524 to Enna H3946 at 1346 hrs correction in section 8 air. 60 Mt mostly south. Insert Mt moving between mostly and south.

NOTE: Delay due to service.

WDCC

Corrected copy of CM-IN-10129 (15 Jul 43) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: War
No. 8VC 1145, 14 July 1943.

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**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. 8 Div. 17 BDE held UP area Priloi J0540. 15 BDE located area J0237 13 BDE area Florida J0232. Div Hq J1233 Augusta J0828 and Me1111 J0043 shelled from sea during morning and at 1852 hrs 2 destroyers entered Augusta Harbour. 50 Div. 151 BDE Located area J1030 69 BDE area J0237. 1 Div BM 1 mile east of Florida J 0232. B 30 Corps EN 23 Army BDE area Palazzola HB930 and advancing Northwest. Town reported clear of enemy. 400 PWS taken. 51 Div. 153 BDE located area Canicattini-Bagni H 9426. 154 BDE high ground area HB115 AM 152 BDE Area N 9298 Div Hq HB509 231 BDE OP occupies high ground from Mono HB511 to J0219 CDN D150. 1 and

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No. SVC 1145, 14 July 1943.

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Commandent Gibraltar 5th Army Fairfield RIR C in C
MED MAIN 15 Army Group from TAC 15 Army Group 0557 July 12
too 0008B Costintrep No 3 to 1600 hours Part 1 begins.
Signed Eisenhower cite FNOCT and FNOBI. End of part 1
part 2 follows.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN DEAN (CCS)
ADM KING
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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 Augustea 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-Boot 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-Boot.

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.

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To: War
No: None, 14 July 1943

(2000 yards long), 2 beaches northeast of Panchina (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, Via Zini, Ragusa, Nordica, and Puzzolo, 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 Vittorio on beaches at coordinate 44092 (90 yards long), Scoglietti (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 NCT, with attachments of 2 Ranger Bns CCA on the left of 45 Div land on beaches 3 miles east of Gela (8800 yards long), at Gela (2500 yards long), and 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 Olive airfield 7 miles north of Gela. Paratroop task force 82 Airborne Div consisting of 4 Battalions to be dropped vicinity Ponte Olive airfield night D-milestone with mission capturing airfield 3 Inf Div, on left 7 Army, with attached CCA of 2 Armoured Div and 1 BN 3 Rangers to land on beaches at Falconia (8800 yards long), Liceta (1800 yards long), and a beach 6 miles west of Liceta (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 BCT from 1 Inf
Div. (part 3 follows) convoy for operation left
UK.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
SEC GEN STAFF
GEN DEANE (CC/8)
(WHITE HOUSE)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. * 14 July, 1943

(*) COINSITREP (*) from C in C Med

1. HMS Ulster Monarch landed S. R. squadron at Augusta at 121446

This is part 2 COINSITREP (*) signed Eisenhower c/o FROCT.

2. US Cruisers bombarded west of Port Empedocle and HMS Erebus bombarded Catania airfield 13th. Remaining units continued gunfire support.

3. Combat loader convoys sailed from CENT and DIME, slow M/T ship convoy sailed from ACID and BARK on completion of discharge. Fast followup convoy beached at Syracuse, destroyers sank Italian U-boat 60 miles northwest of Augusta 23 prisoners. MTB's sank 1 U-boat and damaged another in Straits of Messina.

Destroyers sank German U-boat off Dellys 34 prisoners. U-boat captured by minesweeper on 12th now beached Syracuse.

5. MTB's sank Italian auxiliary M/S NW of Catania PM 11th and AN 13th set on fire and driven ashore 2 U-boats in Straits of Messina.

6. In calm weather shuttle service to Sicily and movements forward of harbour craft proceeding smoothly.

(*) Being Serviced. No Sig

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INCOMING MESSAGE

U-S-G-E-N-T

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War
Nr: 0657 13 July 1943

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

WR: WADD: 13 July 1943

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3 too qypp (kqypp) B hrs. Part one begins. Signed
Misenhower cite FHQCT and FHGBI. 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
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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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T.O.C. 132031

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Rec'd: 14th July '45.

Time: 1716

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: COMINCH
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            COM Algiers
            F.O. Tunis
            V.A. Malta

From: C. in C. Mediterranean

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IMMEDIATE

SITUATION REPORT No. 128.

1. Troops entered Augusta at 121245 in H.M.S. ULYSSES 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 Empedole. H.M.S. EREBUS bombed Catania airfield at 131000. Remaining units continue gun support.


4. Italian U-Boat NEREIDE sunk by H.M.S. ECHO and ILVX at 130700 in position 37-27 North 16-13 East - 23 prisoners. The U-Boat captured on 12th was Italian BRONO.

132031B

F.M. Lt. Col. Cook
Admiral Lt. Col. O'Connor
Air Marshal C/O Du Boulay
Gen. Macready
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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 132036

Received: 15th July 43
Time: 1100

Addressed: COMINCH

From: C. in C. Med.

IMMEDIATE

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.

132036B

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

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 18th 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 543 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. Eq 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 Cassibile (1000 yards long), 1 mile north of Avola (700 yards long), 2 miles north of Avola (2000 yards long).
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 274, 13 July, 1943.

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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INFORMATION: G-2
SEC GEN STAFF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
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Modica H 6608 at 1015 hrs and have made
contact with US Troops area (Part 2 of cipher
message 0557 and last) Ragusa H 6514. Div No.
H 2209. Coed of 206 Italian coastal Div captured.
3rd. 7th Army. 45 Div in contact with CDN Div
Ragusa and has captured Comfrogtown and LG. 682
holds line western edge Ragusa-H 6316 at Comiso
LG D 3422-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
Nicosia H 3434-Ponte Olivo airfield to the high
ground 4 miles Northwest of Gela. 3 Div reports
Licania airfield suitable for operation 1 Squadron
Fighters today. Div extends from Campobello G 9251
to Naro G 8155 to Palma Di Montechiaro G 7844 with
1 Bn moving toward Riesi Hote. 2 Arm Div less CCA
and 18 RCT assembled 2 miles east of Gela in Army
reserve. Command posts are 7th Army USS Mournvia
2 Corps H 3635. 45 Div Vittoria. 1 Div H 3030. 3
Div G 9140. 2 Arm 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 MT moving north.
at G 8768 were reported by Fighter bombers at 1015
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To: War
No. 0557, 13 July 1943

hrs and TAC/R reported 100 men 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.)

No Big

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGA AF
GEN DEANE (CCS)
WHITE HOUSE
ADM KING

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PART 2 FINAL

(From CINCMED BY 132/338.)

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(6) Minefield for protection of anchorage laid off Gela by U.S. Mine layers.

(7) Ship reported sunk off Dime in Sitrep No. 121 was

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 122.

(1) TROOPS ENTERED AUGUSTA AT 12145 IN HMS ULSTER MONARCH AND TOWN IN OUR HANDS BY MORNING.

(2) U.S. CRUISERS ASSISTED IN DEFLECTING COUNTER ATTACK BY TANKS ON CELA AT 111550. THEY HAVE TODAY BEEN BOMBARDING WESTWARD OF PORT EMPEDOCLE.

(3) REMAINING UNITS CONTINUE GUN SUPPORT.

(4) COMBAT LOADER CONVOYS SAIL FROM CENT AND TIME ON COMPLETION OF DISCHARGE. NEARLY ALL M.T.

SHIPS OF DOG DAY CONVOY COMPLETED AT ACID AND BARK AND SAIL THE CONVOY WNF 37 BERTHING IN SYRACUSE.

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ITALIAN U-BOAT NEREIDE SUNK BY HMS ECHO AND ILEX. AT 1307Z IN POSITION 37-27 NORTH 16-13 EAST 23 PRISONERS. THE U-BOAT CAPTURED ON 12TH WAS ITALIAN BRONO.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

WDCC 13 July 0532 Z

From: Algiers

To: WAR

No: 0557 13 July 1943

(To AFRICAN T-Cdoopers USFOR Mideast Commander
Gibraltar 5th Army Fairfield air C in C Med Main 15
Army Group from TAC 15th Army Group 0557 July 12th
200 0005B. C1801 TREP no 3 * to 1600 B hours, Part
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troyers entered Augusta Harbour. 50 Div *******
Div Hq H 9509. 231 Bde Op occupies high ground from
Noto H 9511 to J 0219. CDN D 150. 1 and 3 Bdes hold

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: 0557 13 July 1943

road from Romolini 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.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG A/F
GEN DEANE (CCS)
WHITE HOUSE
ADM KING
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From: CINC MED
To: Admiralty

Number 121745 B NCR 26510-6, July 13, 1943

Admiralty repeated CINC Levant COMINCH F O GIB
COMMORAFRON CONVOY ORAN VAM F O Tunisia COM Algiers from
CINC MED.

Situation Report Number 121.

(1) Operation Fracture. A Diversion off West Coast Sicily
carried out PM 11th/AM 12th July. Eosse and King George 5th
bombardaded Tavignans. Sirius and Dido bombardaded Marsala.etc.
Follow up convoy for Western Task Force made Feint to north ward.
Convoy of small craft
as Feint. No opposition encountered to bombardement.

(2) 15th Cruiser Squadron and EREBUS bombarded MODICA PM
11th Melilli 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 JINNOR
entered Augusta 1600 supported by Cruisers and EREBUS from
outside. These ships by their gunfire are assisting enemy
troops to evacuate the TOWI quickly.

(4) Unloading at all beaches proceeding satisfactorily though
Western beaches and bark west delayed by swell...

(5) HMS Enkimo hit by bomb in gear room and has been towed
to Malta to dock. USH Sentinel sunk by enemy aircraft off
JORD on 10 July. 8 killed 1 missing. HMS Blankeney and
Brimsenden in collision off bark AM 12th. Brimsenden damage serious
and is returning to 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 Rousse sighted periscope and carried out series of
attacks producing increased quantities of oil and air bubbles.
MTBS on null 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.

ACTION:

INFORMATION: OWH

Gen Strong, Gen Arnold, SGS, Gen Deane (CCS), White House

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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.

"Spears 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 Deolittle 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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INCOMING MESSAGE

WDCC
13 July
07282

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

(This is part 2 of COSINSITREP number 3 signed Eisenhower cite FHQI 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. S. of Reggiana. 29 Augosta.

2. Cruisers bombarded Modica Mellila Aukusta 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 MT. ships at Azid one Liberty ship at Dme and damage to one destroyer one MT. ship at Azid and one hospital ship at Bark.

6. Mine sweepers 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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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEP ANT: (CCF)
Ada King
White House
Log

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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 Prioilo 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 0511 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 6707 – Ragusa H 6514. D. Total PW now estimated 2000 total some Germans. 3rd. 7th Army. 45 Div holds general line Marinajd Ragusa N 4899 – Donnafragata H 5211 – Vittoria Point at H 4323 Point at H 3628. 1 Div unchanged.

CM-IN-8615 (13 Jul 43)

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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 0780 - Gerbiri H 7675 - Caltagirone H 4549 - Comiso H 5416. Large fires were reported this morning at Catania other fires at Catania airdrome 0475 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 1615 hrs on the road Prizzi B 5003 - Agrigento G 6387 and Op Thr road B 0510 - Caltanissetta H 0877. 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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Corrected copy of CM-IN-8570 (12 July 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

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

CH-111-810 (13 Jul 43) 0255Z cen

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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 USFOH Mideast Com-
mandeth NNN commandeth SSB 5th Army Fairfield C in C
Med Force 141 Er 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
Northeast Syracuse and between Licata and Gela. Major-
ity 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 comint-
trep No 1 10 July signed Eisenhower cite FOBCT FOBGI
during the night Wellingtons were dispatched following
after daylight by B-25 Mitchells B 17 fortresses and A 20
Bostons 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 N/T destroyed. From Malta 454 fighter sorties
were flown patrolling beaches with moderate enemy resis-
tance Middle East Halifaxxes and Liberators made night attacks on
GioLu 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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Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-7976 (12 Jul 43) OPD
Action: OPD
Information: G-2, OG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S), White House

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From: Algiers
To: War

Unnumbered 12th July 1943

This is COSINTREP number 1, signed Eisenhower cite PHOCT and FGGBI. (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. Gun 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.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
G-2
GGS
CG AAF
ADM. KING
WHITE HOUSE
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CM-IN-8070 (12 Jul 43) 0318Z cen

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From: Algeirs
To: War
No. COSINTREP 2, 12 July 1943

1 Landings proceeding well in improved weather. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI. 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 Pinalco 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 Malama deliberately attacked at 102200 by enemy aircraft when embarking casualties 3 miles clear of main Anchorage Adola. Ship fully illuminated. Ship sunk casualties unknown.

5 Three ships of convoy ST 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 Barb 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)
LOG

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FROM  CINCPAC

ACTION  ADMIRALTY

NUMBER  112015*  NCR 25968*

Admiralty rptd COMINCH COMMORSEAFRON F O GIB. C IN C LEVANT COMMOROBAN COM ALGIERS F O TUNISIA V W M FROM C IN C MED.

Situation report number 120.

1. Landings proceeding well with improved weather. Air opposition on a large scale resulting in damage to Bennett Grizaba and LST at Bizerta and to some landing craft at Acid.

2. After bombardment village of Pozzolo surrendered to HMS Blankney and Brissett. 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 6th 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 Haury disabled but still afloat.

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

CM-IN-8264 (12 Jul 43)

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Action: OPD

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

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/23/64
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 33 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, Liceto, Ispica, Rosolini, and Noto. The advance continues.
Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0/542 - 12 July 1943

Italian Field Divisions contacted for first time today (from TAC 15 Army Group 0/542 700 0005 B 11th July. Cosintintrep No 2 T0G1600 B hours. Part One begins. Signed Eisenhower cite FHCT and FHGB1. Section I Intelligence) When PWS captured from 1 Bn 55 Inf Regt and 54 Arty Regt of 34 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 Monocellinae Southeast from Bolognetta South of Palermo jammed with transport. Suggest traffic may include civilian refugees. Movement Southwards on roads from Akewy* and Barrafrasc seen by TAC/R 0730. Still no sign co-ordinated counter attack. Italian morale apparently extremely low and coastal dive 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.

*Being serviced
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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S), Adm. King

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94

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From: Algiers, Force 141
To: War

Number 0/542 11 July 1943

Insert following at omission:
Possibly some 143 Italian (BP) guns. TAC/R at 1000 B hrs shows roads leading northeast and southeast from Bologna south of Palermo jammed with transport. Suggest traffic may include civilian refugees. Movement southwards on roads from Reisi and Barrafranca seen by TAC/R 0730.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-8277 (12 July 43) OPD

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

CM-IN-8490 (12 Jul 43) 2110Z cen

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
July 11, 1943

SECURITY CONTROL

CG FREEDOM ALGIERS
USFOR LONDON ENGLAND
FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

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.

No Sig

ORIGINATOR: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
ADM KING
GEN HILDLRING

CM-OUT-4706 (11 Jul 43) 1745z
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From: Algiers
To: War USFOR
No. W 4618/8571, 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 FMG3 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.

Nosing

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
Ada King
Gen Hilldring
LOG

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1:35 p.m. EWT
July 11

URGENT

From: Advance CP Malta
To: War 145
USFOR No. 2

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) NAF 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 800 guns. Port of Syracuse reported to be in good working order.

No Sig

ACTION: CC/5

INFORMATION:

OFP
GEN. STRONG
WHITE HOUSE
GEN. HILLDRING
GEN. ARNOLD
ADM. KING
LOG
SGS

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
URGENT

From: Advance C P AFHQ Malta
To: NAF 261
Algiers unnumbered
USFOR

11th July 1943

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) [MAP 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 heavy losses, including the US S destroyer Maddox, which was sunk. 70 survivors were picked up. In addition, to US combat leaders, 2 other destroyers and an LST have been damaged. Extent unknown. Those 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.

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 AVBG Malta
To: War No. 140 NAF 261
Algiers unnumbered

UBFOR

11th July 1943

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

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

No Sig

ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD
          GEN STRONG
          GEN ARNOLD
          SEC GEN STAFF
          GEN HILLDRING
          WHIT HOUSE
          ADM KING

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AGWAR FOR WDBPR FOR OWI PASS AP UP INS AND RAUTERS RELAY DEFENDORS

OTTAWA, CANADA

ALLIED FORCE COMMAND POST COMMUNIQUÉ TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PART ONE

NAVY SHICLN

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
THIS IMPORTANT WORK PROCEEDED SATISFACTORILY IN SPITE OF THE HEAVING
SWELL ON SOME OF THE BEACHES AND SOME OF THE EXITS BEING HEAVILY
MINED X WAHIPS WERE ALSO ENGAGED IN SILENCING ENEMY BATTERIES AND GUN
AGAINT OCCASIONAL ATTACKS BY ENEMY FIGHTER BOMBERS X MINESweepERS
WERE EMPLOYED SWEEPING THE VARIOUS ANCHORAGE 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 FHPRO

INT NR 741 111621 B JC
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 SHIPING AND TROOPS LANDING ON THE
BEACHES OF SICILY PARA THE ENEMY AEROPLANES STILL OPERATIONAL. OUR 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 TWENTY-TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE
DESTROYED DURING THE ABOVE OPERATIONS AND TWENTY-EIGHT OF OUR AIRCRAFT

HAVE NOT RETURNED TO BASE. CITE FHPRO

SENT 850 111422B AK
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR No. 0 330
Force 141 No #
11 July 1943

(Copies sent No 1 to 1600E hrs. From TAC 15 Army Group 0 330 10 July. Signed Eisenhower cite FMGC and FHGB).

Part I.

Section 1. Intelligence. Enemy situation.
Up to present only identifications from coastal divisions. Majority of PWS from 208 Coastal Division with a few from XVII Coastal Division and 134 Independent Regt. A few PWS from 11 Assault Eng Br Livorno Div captured 13 Corps area probably detached from main body. No Italian field divisions therefore yet invasion. No German forces definitely identified except Gela area where Y shows German detachment area Lake H 3025. Apparent that surprise gained as shown by admixture of PWS and and state of disorganization of Command Noto and Licata areas. Enemy tanks reported by TAC/R 0930 hrs road Vizzini-Comiso and 4 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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Page 2

From: 1411 No.8
To: VAR No.9 220

Ph 14.31 and area Licata G 9433.

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

(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 LCUs due to
severe weather conditions. By 0900 hrs progress was
satisfactory and bridgeheads were enlarged. Hq 5 and 50
Div now both ashore and own troops are in vicinity
of Moto. (NFO)

(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
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July 10, 1943

SECURITY CONTROL

From: CINCHOFI Action: ADMIRALTY
Info: COMINCH FO GIB COMNOB ORAN FO TUNISIA
COMBOCCANSEAFRON CINC LEVANT VAM COM ALGERIES

Number: SCR 10 102345 110145 8

SITUATION REPORT NR 119

1. All landings successfully carried out and situation reported satisfactory from all beaches by evening in spite of heavy LOP at western beaches.

2. Diversion off Catania including bombardment carried out by force Q and MTB's early A.M. 10th July.

3. Gun support ships and craft active throughout the day silencing several batteries which commanded beaches and anchorages.


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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BY DNR, DATE

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/64
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URGENT

CW258

AGWAR FOR WDRPR FOR OWI PASS AP UP INS AND REUTERS RELAY DEFENSORS

OTTAWA CANADA?

COMMUNIQUE TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT X IN SPITE OF UNFAVORABLE

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND SWELL IN THE SICILIAN CHANNEL THE INITIAL ALLIED

LANDINGS IN SICILY WHICH STARTED BEFORE DAWN PROCEEDED ACCORDING TO

PLAN X THE MANY WRECKED VEHICLES PLACED BY TROOPS FIRST ASSAULTS

EXTENDED OVER A DISTANCE OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED MILES BY ABOUT 0500 HRS.
UNDER HEAVY FIRE THE COVERING FORCES OF CMA MONITORS CMA DESTROYERS CMA GUNBOATS AND OTHER NAVAL UNITS, CMA ENEMY OPPOSITION HAD BEEN COUNTERED.

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 CZECH NAVIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE WIDESPREAD NAVAL OPERATIONS X CITE FM/PRO

SENT NR 83 102348 B JC
COMMUNIQUE TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVEN X

IN ADDITION TO ATTACKS ON THE FEW AIRDROMES STILL BEING USED BY THE ENEMY, OUR HEAVY AND MEDIUM BOMBERS ATTACKED ROADS AND COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT SICILY. AIR OPERATIONS ARE PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN X CITE FH PRO.

CORRECTION: 2ND LINE TEXT READS IN ADDITION TO ATTACKS ETC.
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W-255   10 July 1943

Communicate but not Eisenhower announcement
NAF 277 now being broadcast.

No Sig.

NOTE: NAF 277 is CM-IN-3813 (5 Jul 43) CCS.

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Adm King

CM-IN-6610 (10 Jul 43) 0428Z ems
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 air force 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's report as of 1030 hours this morning indicated that only 16 enemy aircraft had taken to the air of which 8 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. 3 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.

ACTION: CG AAF

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

CM-IN-7943 (12 Jul 43) 0007Z cen
To AGWAR Troopers Mideast rptd First Army
Fifth Army Malta Adv NAF Tundist L of C FANTOZ Adv
CP Malta BRITMAN Washington Fairfield from Freedom
9535/W4612. 10 July. nil Special LINREP. 10 July.
Troopers pass to USFOR, Cammil London, Defensor
Ottawa, Land forces Melbourne, Dechief Pretoria,
Dechief Cape Town. Defender Wellington for Puttick,
HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid,
Resident Minister Achiota, BRITMINAT Ankara. Mideast
pass to Force Nairobi, Paic, Armindia Delhi. Signed
Eisenhower. Cite PHCT.

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.
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.

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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BY OBJS. DATE
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No: 131 10 July 1943 NAF 260

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 AFRQ 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.

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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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JCS LETTER 7-3-73
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July 10, 1943

SCR NR 11
FROM: C IN C MED
ACTION: ADMIRALTY
Number 100930 10/120 B

Situation report no. 112.

1. All movements for HUSKY carried out as ordered in Homs. Weather in Malta Channel Northwest Force 6 with choppy sea P.M. 9th July verring to North Northwest Force 4-5 in morning.

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

3. Bark landings including commando landings successful and opposition at bark mouth reported slight. 1st tanks ashore by 0500. 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.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
Sec Gen Staff
Gen Deane (CC/F)
White House

CM-IN-6906 (10 Jul 43) 53

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/74
NAVAL MESSAGE  T.O.O. 100930

IN

Received:  10th July 43

Time:  0721

Addressed:  ADMIRALTY

Repeated : COMMORSEAFRON
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           COMUSERAN
           F.o. Gib.
           C. in C. Levant
           Com. Algiers
           V.A.M.

From:  C. in C. Med.

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JCS LETTER. 7-8-73
BY DIR. DATE

MAY 21 1973

SITUATION REPORT NO. 112

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

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

U.S. 1st Division

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

5. No report yet received from CENT.

PARA NO'S AS RECEIVED

F.M.    Plans
Admiral  N.M.C.S.
Air Marshal  H.M.G.S.
Gen. Macready  C.G.O.R.
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URGENT

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 AFBQ). The 50th is ashore but apparently encountering stiff resistance on the high ground on its front.

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
LOG

CM-IN-6753 (10 Jul)

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To: WAR

No. 128  10 July 1943

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
ADмирAL KING
LOG

CM-IN-6689  (10 July 43) 10162  mod

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/21/94
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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 with 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 AFRQ. NAF 256. To morrow for you (this is a paraphrase) all of us hope to have good news.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Adm King

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

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

Everything has proceeded as planned and  
(from ADV Cp AFRQ 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

CH-IN-6408 (9 Jul 43) 23547 vc

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DEFENSOR
TO OPPENSORS 7 OTTAWA 7 CANADA

W4519

SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ 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 BOMBS XED THE COAST DEFENSES DURING THE

ASSAULT X CITE FMPRO
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: QPD SGS GEN DEANE (CCS) LOG

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

URGENT

From: AFBQ North Africa
To: War

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

Prime Ministers concurrence received. Cite PHINC. 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 simultaneous broadcasts and press releases your end.

JAN 28, 9:20 AM Washington Time

No Sig.

Action: CC/S Gen Deane

Information: ODP
Gen. Strong
Gen. Arnold
SGS
BPR
Adm. King
White House
LOG
Gen. Hildring

CM-IN-10545 (15 Jul 43) 1840Z vc
WAR DEPARTMENT
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15 July
1041 Z

URGENT

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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NAF 263 is CM-IN-9760 (14 Jul 43) CCS
FAN 162 is CM-OUT-5605 (14 Jul 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
ADM KING
SGS
GEN ARNOLD
GEN HILLDRING
LOG

CM-IN-10290 (15 Jul 43) 1115Z mcs By DBS

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94

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From: Adv AFRQ 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

INFORMATION: OPD
- Gen Strong
- Gen Arnold
- SBS
- Gen Hildring
- Ada King

White House
Log

CM-IN-9760 (14 Jul 43) 1656Z 1mj

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General Marshall’s Eyes Only

From: Algiers
To: War
No: V 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 Eisenhowser to General Marshall for his eyes only rear 1033 cite FECIC). 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.”

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.
WAR DEPARTMENT
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

OPD 311.23 (10 Jul 43) JKH
Operations Division, WDGS.
Chief, Theater Group, WDOPD

July 10, 1943

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.

NoSig

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: CCS Gen Deane
Gen Strong
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CM-OUT-4191 (10 Jul 43) 1700Z jb
From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. OW-4519, 9 July, 1943.

Desire use President's message to Pope Pius your 2111 for propaganda broadcasts (for Marshall from McClure signed Eisenhower cite FRINC) immediate advice appreciated.

No Sig

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

ACTION: SGS

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Deane (CC/S)

CM-IN-6843 (10 Jul 43) 1433Z Jb

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OUTGOING MESSAGE  

SECURITY CONTROL  
Sec., General Staff  
July 9, 1943  

GENERAL EISENHOWER  
FREEDOM  

BIGGER HUSKY  

Number 2111  

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

CM-OUT-3789 (9 Jul 43) 1846Z mcs  
Date- 6-7  
Signature- 

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