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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 312157

IN

Received: 1st Sept.43

Time: 1314

Addressed: Admiralty  
Repeated: C. in C. Levant  
For V.A. M.  
F.O.C. Gib:  
F.O.C. Tunisia  
COM Algeria  
COMNOB Oran  
COMINCH  
COMMORSEAFRON  
COMNAVNAW  
From: C. in C. Mediterranean

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JCS LETTER. 7-3-72  
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IMPORTANT

Situation Report 167.

1. At Messina 271 depth charges on land have been rendered safe to date. My 302142 para 2 refers.
2. My 302142 para 5 circling torpedoes were also dropped during the raid at 2110/29: Several exploded at the end of their run and one has been recovered from the beach.
3. Catania also attacked by 5 aircraft 29th August. Superficial blast damage to H.M.S. JULIET. No casualties.
4. During the night 30/31 Aug: Coastal Forces operated off Vibo Valentia and Calabrian Coast H.M.S. QUILLIAM, QUAIL, and QUEENBOROUGH carried out sweep to Gulf of Asquillace, nothing was sighted.

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Received P/L from Navy Dept:

F.M.	N.I.
Admiral	S.O.(0) Personal
Air Marshal	S.O.
Gen Macready	N.M.C.S.
Code Room (2)	C.C.O.R.
C.O.S.	Lt. Col. Cook
Plans	Lt. Col. O'Connor
Brigadier Redman (10)	G/C DuBoulay

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1 Sept 1943  
0238Z

From: Algiers  
To: WAR

No. COSITINTREP No. 51, 31 August 1943

(COSITINTREP No. 51. Part 2. COSITINTREP from C in C  
Med signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT).

1. Circling torpedoes also dropped in air raid at  
Augusta about 2110 29th Aug. COSITINTREP No. 50 Para 5  
refers several exploded at end of run and 1 landed on  
beach and has been recovered, no damage.

2. Catania also attacked by aircraft in daylight  
29th Aug, superficial naval damage, no casualties.

3. Coastal forces operated night 30 Aug/31 Aug off  
Vibo Valentis and toe of Italy. Destroyers carried out  
sweep of Calabrian coast as far as Gulf of Squillace  
without incident.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

CM-IN-191 (1 Sep 43) 0901Z ems

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DATE <b>1 SEPT 1943</b>			ROUTINE
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DECODED BY <b>THOMSON/LYNN</b>			CINC LEVANT FOR VAM FOC GIB FOC TUNISIA COM ALGERIA COMNOB ORAN COM INCH COMMOSEAFRON COMNAVNAV
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COM ALGERIA COMNOB ORAN COMMOSEAFRON COMINCH  
COMNAVNAV FROM CINC MED.

SITUATION REPORT 167. PART 1 OF MY 312157B PART 2  
FOLLOWS.

1. AT MESSINA 271 DEPTH CHARGES ON LAND HAVE BEEN  
RENDERED SAFE TO DATE. MY 302142 PARA 2 REFERS.
2. MY 302142 PARA 5 CIRCLING TORPEDOES WERE ALSO DROPPED  
DURING THE RAID AT 2110/29. SEVERAL EXPLODED AT THE  
END OF THEIR RUN AND ONE HAS BEEN RECOVERED FROM  
THE BEACH.
3. CATANIA ALSO ATTACKED BY 5 AIRCRAFT 29TH AUGUST.  
SUPERFICIAL BLAST DAMAGE TO HMS JULIET. NO  
CASUALTIES.

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FROM	CINCPED	COMINCH	PPRRR
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DATE	1 SEPTEMBER 1943		
TOR CODEROOM	0412/0333		
DECODED BY	KARABINUS/SCHMITZ		PRIORITY
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(FROM CINCPED PART 2 FINAL MY 32157B BASEGRAM)

4. DURING THE NIGHT 30/31 AUG COASTAL FORCES OPERATED OFF VIBO VALENTIA AND CALABRIAN COAST HMS QUILLIAM QUAIL AND QUEENBOROUGH CARRIED OUT SWEEP TO GULF OF ASQUILLACE NOTHING WAS SIGHTED.

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

CCWD  
31 Aug 1943  
2106 Z

From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

No. W. 8727/8203, 30 August 1943

(TROOPERS rptd AGWAR USFOR from AFHQ W8727/8203  
30 Aug nil signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT amend our)

58926 dated 25 Aug, 24 weekly summary. Para  
4 Estimated casualties 8 army 11843.

No Sig

5926 is CM-OUT-10167 (25 Aug 43) ASF INT

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
GEN DEANE (CCS)

CM-IN-59 (1 Sep 43) 0135Z mcs

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 302142

IN

Rec'd: 31st Aug. '43

Time: 0908

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: C. in C. Levant  
F.O.H.  
V.A.M.  
COMINCH  
F.O.C. Tunisia  
COM Algeria  
F.C.C. Gibraltar  
COM N.O.B. Oren  
COMNAVNAV  
COMNORSEAFRON

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JCS LETTER, 7-8-78  
BY DBS, DATE

From: C. in C. Med.

MAY 21 1973

IMPORTANT

Situation Report No. 166

1. Augusta attacked by about 12 aircraft 0800 28th. Slight damage to one L.C.T. outside harbour.
2. Messina shelled between 0400 28th and 0500 28th. A number of delay action depth charges both in harbour and on quays being dealt with. Torpedo electrical and hydrophone workshops available undamaged.
3. M.T.B.'s and M.G.B.'s operated off Vibo Valentia and Calabrian coast without incident night 28 Aug/29 Aug. Similar patrols were carried out night 29 Aug/30 Aug. when M.T.B.'s off Calabrian coast were fired on by batteries in vicinity of Melito and (it Boac a Macinn?). No damage or casualties.
4. ULSTER QUEEN attacked by aircraft at 2120/29 in position 36-14N 02-34W. Ship was near missed and one engine damaged. Has proceeded to Gibraltar under own power.
5. Air raids at Augusta 1845/29 and between 2100/29 and 2200/29. Bombs fell in harbour and over scattered area. No damage, a few casualties. 3 E/A's reported shot down by gunfire.

302142B

F.M.	Plans	Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept.
Admiral	Brig. Redman (10)	
Air Marshal	N.I.	
Gen. Macready	S.O.(O) Personal	C.C.O.R.
Code Room (2)	S.O.	Lt.Col. Cook
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WHEN MTB'S OFF CALABRIAN COAST WERE FIRED ON BY BATTERIES IN VICINITY OF MELITO AND IT BOAG A MAONIN NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES

PARA 4 ULSTER QUEEN ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT AT 2120/29 IN POSITION 36-14 N 02-34 W SHIP WAS NEAR MISSED AND ONE ENGINE DAMAGED HAS PROCEEDED TO GIB UNDER OWN POWER

PARA 5 AIR RAIDS AT AUGUSTA 1845/29 AND BETWEEN 2100/29 AND 2200/29 BOMBS FELL IN HARBOUR AND OVER SCATTERED AREA NO DAMAGE A FEW CASUALTIES 3 E/A'S REPORTED SHOT DOWN BY GUNFIRE

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**INCOMING MESSAGE** 1943  
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OPERATIONAL  
PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean  
To: War

No. 49 28 August 1943

COSITINTREP No 49. Part 2.

1. Escorts of convoy KMS 24 sank homeward bound U boat 400 miles west of Cape Finisterre at 0233 25th August. (COSITINTREP from C in C Med) 37 prisoners were taken including the Captain.

2. A commando party was landed at Cova Marina night 26th Aug/27th Aug. Party took prisoners and then returned reporting locality not defended and all quiet.

3. During night 27th Aug/28th Aug, 5 other commando parties landed and remained for reconnaissance. More prisoners removed for interrogation. All was quiet and 2 parties have since signalled nothing to report. One LCT damaged by gunfire whilst passing Melito at daylight. No casualties. (Part 1 of my 291300B Part 2 follows. My 211300B Part 2 final. COSITINTREP 49 from C in C Med.)

4. US Coastal Forces operated in Gulf of Gaeta night 27/28 August no incident reported. Signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT.

5. British cruiser and destroyer carried out bombardment Pellaro battery on 28th August. Ineffective opposition from medium gun.

6. Three LCT gutted and one extensively damaged by fire and explosion at Tripoli AM 28th August.

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*300 Sicily*

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From: C in C Mediterranean Page 2  
To: War  
No. 48 29 August 1943

7. Both ships in COSITINTREP No 42 para 2  
have sunk.

no sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
Gen Doane  
Adm King

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NAVAL MESSAGE T.O.O. 291302

IN

Received: 30 Aug 43

Time: 1008

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: CinC Levant  
VAM FOH  
FOC Tunisia  
COMNOB Oran  
FOC Gib  
COM A.  
COMINCH  
COMMORSEAFRON

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From: CINC Med,

MAY 21 1973

IMPORTANT

Situation Report No. 165.

1. WANDERER and WALLFLOWER escorting KMS 24/OG 92 sank outward bound U-boat by hedgehog and depth charge at 0233 25th in position 41-58 N 177-59 W. 37 survivors including the Captain.
2. Commandoes landed Bova Harina night 26 Aug. 27 Aug. Party returned with prisoners of War and reported all quiet and locality not defended.
3. 5 further Commando parties landed with W/T sets night 27 Aug/28 Aug. More Prisoners removed for interrogation. All was quiet. 1 LCI was damaged by gunfire when passing Mel to at daylight no casualties. So far two parties have signalled nothing to report.
4. U.S. PT Boats carried out sweep in Gulf of Gaeta during night 27/28 Aug. no incidents reported.
5. UGANDA and QUILLAM bombarded Pellaro Battery at 1630/28. Only position was from medium gun whose fire was ineffective.
6. 3 LCT gutted and 1 extensively damaged by fire and explosion at Tripoli (Libya) AM 28 Aug. 2 casualties.
7. Both ships in my 272133 Para 2 have sunk.

291302B

F.M.	C.O.S.	Lt Col O'Connor	Received P/L from Navy
Admiral	Plans	S.O.O.	Personal Dept.
Air Marshall	Brig. Redman	(10) S.O.	C.C.O.R.
Gen. Macresdy	N.I.	G/C Du Boulay	Lt Col Cook NMCS

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IN

Received: 28 Aug. '43

Time 1 0954

Addressed: COSITINTREP No. 48  
Repeated: White House<sup>1</sup>,  
Admiral King  
From: C. in C. Med.

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IMMEDIATE

During night August 26/27 coastal forces operated off Vibo Valentia and Calabrian coast without incident.

S.S. JOHN BELL and S.S. RICHARD HENDERSON in Convoy UGS 14 torpedoed by U-Boat off Bone 2130 August 26. TUGS proceeded to assist but reports indicate 1 ship has sunk.

Destroyers attacked U-boat off Dellys 0800 27 August but without results.

No T.O.O./27

F.M.  
Admiral  
Air Marshal  
Gen. Macready  
Code Room (2)  
C.O.S.  
Plans  
Brigadier Redman (10)  
N.I.  
S.O. (O) Personal  
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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

WDC  
28 Aug.  
2143Z

P R I O R I T Y

*[Handwritten signature]*

From: Algiers  
To : WAR

No : W-8548/7374

28 August 43

Following is precis of reports 25 August from AMG. (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff repeated USFOR Information British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHMGS May 19 ). Food supply situation has improved considerably with stabilization of administration. Stocks are in hand nearly everywhere for next few weeks except in Catania and Messina City of Palermo and Trapani Province where situation still precarious and depends on adequate transport and road repairs. Bread and pasta ration increased generally except in large towns to 340 grams. Numerous black market prosecutions instituted. New wheat and bread prices have been generally acceptable. In place of elaborate Fascist machinery simplification of machinery for collecting wheat is being instituted with civilian provincial food officers. AMG not worried by food situation except in Messina. Stock piles for D plus 15 and D plus 30 called forward as reserve but not used. It is hoped to retain this reserve for mainland emergency use.

Health conditions continue excellent except in one chronic typhoid centre, even there cases are lower than last year. Favignana convict prison has been closed owing to disgraceful hygienic and starvation conditions disclosed. Prison staff in latter place have been held for investigation with prisoners transferred Palermo.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To : WAR

No : W-8548/7374

28 August 43

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Political: prefect Enns being last of prefects  
of Sicily has been returned compulsorily for incom-  
petence with vice prefect replacing.

No Sig

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD  
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NAVAL MESSAGE

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IN

Received: 28 Aug. '43

Time : 0954

Addressed: COSITINTREP No. 48  
Repeated: White House<sup>4</sup>.  
Admiral King  
From : C. in C. Med.

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IMMEDIATE

During night August 26/27 coastal forces operated off Vibo Valentia and Calabrian coast without incident.

S.S. JOHN BELL and S.S. RICHARD HENDERSON in Convoy UGS 14 torpedoed by U-Boat off Bone 2130 August 26. TUGS proceeded to assist but reports indicate 1 ship has sunk.

Destroyers attacked U-boat off Dellys 0800 27 August but without results.

No T.O.O./27

F.M.  
Admiral  
Air Marshal  
Gen. Macready  
Code Room (2)  
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Plans  
Brigadier Redman (10)  
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NAVAL MESSAGE T.O.O. 272133

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Received: 28th August 1943

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Addressed: Admiralty

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V.A.M.  
COM Algeria  
F.O.H.  
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F.O.C. Gib.  
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COMMORSEAFRON  
COMNAVNAV

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From: CINCPED

MAY 21 1973

Situation Report No. 164.

1. Coastal forces patrolled off Angsabriean coast and Vibo Valentia night 26th August/27th August without incident.
2. Convoy UGS 14 was attacked by U-boat at 2130/26 in position 37-15 N 08-24 E. S.S. JOHN BELL and S.S. RICHARD HENDERSON torpedoed. Tugs proceed to their assistance, reports indicate that one ship has sunk.
3. FARNDALE and LOTUS carried out 3 attacks on firm contact in position 37-05N 04-02E between 0745/27 and 1000/27 but without result.
4. Air raid on Algiers at 0430/27 by about 40 aircraft, no naval damage or casualties, 2 aircraft definitely shot down, 1 more claimed shot down.

272133

F.M.  
Admiral  
Air Marshal  
Gen. Macready  
C.O.S.  
Plans  
Brigadier Redman (10)  
N.I.  
S.O.(O) Personal  
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N.M.C.S.  
C.C.O.R.

Lt. Col. Cook  
Lt. Col. O'Connor  
Group Capt. Du Boulay

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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28 Aug  
0052Z

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Friday*

OPERATIONAL  
PRIORITY

From: CINC MED  
To : WAR

Unnumbered 27 August 43

(Cositintrep from C in C Med Cositintrep  
number 48 part 2)

1. During night 26 August/27 August Coastal  
Forces operated off Vibo Valentia and Calabrian  
Coast without incident.

2. SS John Bell and SS Richard Henderson in  
convoy UGS 14 torpedoed by U boat off Bone 2130  
August 26. Tugs proceeded to assist but reports  
indicate 1 ship has sunk.

3. Destroyers attacked U boat off Dellys  
0800 27 August but without result.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
General Deane (CCS)  
White House  
Admiral King  
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From : C. in C. Med.

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IMPORTANT

Situation report Number 163.

1. My 242349 para. 3 S.S. PIERR SOULE arrived Bizerte in tow. Tow P.M. 25 August.
2. H.M.S. ORION carried out bombardment on Calabria Coast at 1500 Aug. 25 small opposition from eight inch and four inch guns.
3. Air raid at Augusta at 1555/25 by 8 5190 no damage to harbour installations. H.M.S. PRINCESS ASTRID and S.S. SPONDULIUS near missed.
4. Coastal forces operated off Vibo Valentia and Calokrian Coast night of 26 Aug. no incidents.
5. My 252128 para. 3 destroyers bombarded Luceri results unobserved opposition belated and inaccurate.

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Admiral  
Air Marshal  
Gen. Macready  
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CINC LEVANT F O TUNISIA COM ALGERIA COMNOB  
CRAN COMMORSEAFRON FROM CINC MED

(ADMIRALTY INFO COMINCH COMNAVNAV V A MALTA  
FOH FOC GIB CINC LEVANT F O TUNISIA COM ALGERIA  
COMNOB CRAN COMMORSEAFRON FROM CINC MED)

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 162.

PARA 1. DURING THE NIGHT 23 AUGUST 24 AUGUST  
PT BOATS OPERATED OFF VIBO VALENTIA AND MTB'S OFF  
CALABRIAN COAST WITHOUT INCIDENT.

PARA 2. AURORA PENELOPE JERVIS AND PALADIN  
CARRIED OUT SWEEP IN TYRRENIAN SEA NIGHT 24 AUGUST/25  
AUGUST BUT HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

PARA 3. TARTAR NUBIAN AND TUMULT MTB'S AND  
MGB'S OPERATED OFF THE CALABRIAN COAST NIGHT 24/25

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TOR CODEROOM <b>0736</b>	INFORMATION	COMNAVNAV FOH FOC GIB VAM C IN D LEVANT	<b>PRIORITY</b>
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FROM CINC MED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 161.

- (1) MY 252041 PARA 2 CAPE MICHIGAN ARRIVED MALTA PARA  
3 U-BOAT WAS PROBABLY U-458. EASTON HAS ARRIVED MALTA  
PARA 4 BRITISH COASTER DAMAGED IN AIR RAID AT PALERMO  
WAS SS KPEILFAST. DURING THE NIGHT 22 AUGUST/ 23 AUGUST  
COASTAL FORCES OPERATED OFF ITALIAN COAST NORTH AND  
SOUTH OF STRAITS OF MESSINA WITHOUT INCIDENT.
- (3) S M PEITRE SOULD TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT AT 1930/23  
IN POSITION 38-19 N 12-55 E.
- (4) S S ESSO PROVIDENCE DAMAGED DURING AIR RAID  
AUGUST AM 24 AUGUST.
- (5) DZIK REPORTS AT 2032 15 IN POSITION 41-09 N  
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NAVAL MESSAGE T.O.O. 232041

IN

Received: 24 Aug. 43

Time : 1010

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated : COMINCH  
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COMMORSEAFRON

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From : C. in C. Med.

MAY 21 1973

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 160.

1. During the night 21/22 August --

(a) F.S. TERRIBLE and FANTASTIQUE carried out sweep in the Tyrrhenian Sea, and D.19 in LaFOREY with 4 destroyers operated off the coast of Calabria. Neither force made an encounter.

(b) U.S. PT Boats patrolled off Vibo Valentia and M.T.B.'s swept round the toe of Italy. The former found only an abandoned schooner and the latter force had no incidents.

2. S.S. CAPE MOHICAN reported torpedoed by accident repeat accident at 2205/21 in position 33-42 N 16-34 E. Details of incident not yet received. Ship later reported on even keel with tugs proceeding to her assistance.

3. H.M.S. EASTON rammed and sank German U-Boat which was attempting to escape on the surface at 2315/22 in position 36-25 N 12-39 E. Some survivors picked up. H.M.S. EASTON was damaged by the ramming and is being towed to Malta by Greek ship PINDOS who also assisted in the kill.

4. Air raid by about 20 E/A at Palermo 0405/23. 2 U.S. S.C. destroyed and British coaster damaged. 2 aircraft claimed shot down by fighters and 2 by A/A fire.

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Air Marshal  
Gen. Macready

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Brigadier Redran (10)  
N.I.  
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21 Aug 1943

# INCOMING MESSAGE

## OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: Sigiers  
To: WAR

No. A 252, 21 August 1943

(2nd and final part of My A 252 21 August 1943).

Railway at Locri attacked and fires started air sea rescue continued, 3 members of B24 crew were rescued 28 miles Northwest Stranboli.

Para 1. Malta. Beaufighters flew intruder patrols over Southern Italy making successful attacks on railroads and bridges.

Para 3. Air Intelligence. Reaction to the B26 attack on Caserta Marshalling Yards with 40 to 50 aircraft mostly ME 109's and with B25 attack on Benevento with 15 to 20 including some FW190's.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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**INCOMING MESSAGE** 21 August 1943  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 7541 21 August 1943

Night of 19/20 flares dropped north of Tripoli. 2 Beaufighters and 1 Spitfire tried to intercept enemy but could not get in range. Single enemy aircraft operated over Syrian coast. 1 Wellington and 1 Beaufighter on antishipping recce had to return due to engine trouble. To Hq AAF Washington from Hq RAF Me daily OPSUM 115. August 20: 3 Wellingtons 4 Hudsons 3 Beauforts 7 Baltimores and 2 Misleys anti submarine; 1 Baltimore on photographic recce; 2 Beaufighters and 28 Hurricanes shipping protection; 1 Beaufighter 2 Spitfires and 25 Hurricanes on defensive patrols. Delayed details follow August 19 2 Wellingtons 11 Baltimores and 1 Beaufort anti submarine and 7 Beaufighters 17 Hurricanes shipping protection. 4 Beaufighters on anti shipping in Missolonghi attacked 2000 ton merchant vessel with little damage. 1 Beaufighter crash landed near Missolonghi after being hit by ack ack. 2 Beaufighters on anti shipping recce along west coast Greece attacked 2 trucks near Makhalas setting 1 afire. 1500 ton merchant vessel attacked near Preveza with negligible results. Trimotored seaplane at anchor attacked with cannon and left smoking.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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21st Aug 43

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From: WAR (relayed from Algiers #W 7843/3829)  
To: Troopers, London Unnumbered  
Headquarters Mid East Unnumbered  
BOSCO 148

20th August 43

1. Enemy losses in material during Sicilian Campaign.  
Tally naturally incomplete. Estimated figures as follows:

A. Italian	B. German	
Tanks-150	140	
Vehicles-1500	3500	DECLASSIFIED
Anti-tank and field guns-1080	190	E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(B) and 5(D) or (E) OSD letter, May 1, 1972
Anti-aircraft guns -670	70	By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

Signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

2. Personnel losses Italian. Our estimate total Italian personnel under military administration before campaign 345,000. In view of the fact that 5th Field Division not identified and on basis battle evidence received regarding strengths consider 1st line troops overestimated by 25,000, coast defense troops by 26,000, 2nd line troops by 15,000. In addition militias, carabinieri and non-combatant base personnel estimated together at 63,000 were not in the event made prisoner. Total is thus reduced to 216,000. Account for this figure as follows:  
prisoners to date-123,000  
killed-2,000  
evacuated, wounded-5,000  
evacuated, fit-30,000,  
unaccounted for-56,000.

Consider it not improbable that all of latter escaped capture by assuming civilian clothing and returning private occupations. Local Sicilians especially from coastal units mainly concerned.

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BOSCO 148

20th August 43

3. Personnel losses, German. Estimate maximum Germans in Sicily including flak troops and GAF personnel employed in active ground defense role 92,000. Of these, estimate 20,000 wounded, 5,000 killed, 7,000 prisoners. Balance 60,000 probably evacuated. Preliminary estimated breakdown of evacuated personnel flak 12,000, 29th PG Division 12,000, Hermann Goering 9,000, 15,000 PG Division 8,000, 1 Flieger Division 3,000, miscellaneous fighting units 3,000, base and service personnel 13,000.

4. Results evacuation. 29th PG Division Freshest of (\*). After short period reorganization estimate probably ready further operations. Some shortages, heavy equipment likely and MT almost certainly inadequate.

ACTION: JIS

INFORMATION: White House Gen Marshall Gen Kuter  
Adm Leahy Gen Handy Gen Fairchild  
Adm King CC/S Gen Wedemeyer  
Adm Cooke Gen Arnold Col Connor  
Adm Willson

\* Being serviced.

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(21st Aug 43)

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From: WAR (Relay of Algiers W 7666/2935) (18 Aug 43)  
To: BOSCO

No: 107 19 August 1943

AGWAR for Strong, Troopers for IP 3, 15 Army group for Hoover. (Censorship) FINBAT Malta for Duncan Clarke. (Press Censor) 8th Army for Synge. (Press Censor) 7th Army for Gates. (Press Censor) From AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHINC W 7666/2935 18th Aug NIL.

Following figures released result GING's press conference:

Total Axis losses 135,000 prisoners by 10 August.

Estimated 32,000 killed and wounded.

260 tanks and 502 guns to August 10.

Total German force originally 75,000.

Casualties 6,000 to 7,000 prisoners.

Some 24,000 killed and wounded from incomplete returns.

Incomplete returns estimate Allied losses 25,000 also 105 tanks and 251 guns.

Aircraft losses in combat and on the ground:

Enemy 1,691

Allied 274

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ACTION: G-2 (Col Betts)

INFORMATION: White House  
Adm Leahy  
Adm King  
Adm Cooke  
Adm Willson  
Gen Marshall  
Gen Handy  
Gen Deane  
Gen Arnold  
Gen Kuter  
Gen Fairchild  
Gen Somervell  
Gen Wedemeyer  
Col Connor  
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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 192012

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Rec'd: 21 Aug. '43

Time : 0906

Addressed: Admiralty

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          VA Malta            F.O. Tunisia  
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          COM Nob Oran

From : C. in C. Med.

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IMPORTANT

Situation Report No. 158.

1. (AURORA?) DIDO PEN and PANTHER operating Tyrrhenian Sea night 18th/19th sank 7 Northbound landing craft off Scalea.
2. ULSTER MONARCH bombed and set on fire 190024 off Cape Bon. Fire extinguished and continued passage to Tripoli at fifteen knots steering gear damaged and large hole aft.
3. 37 members of bombers crews rescued by air sea rescue service Bone on 18th.
4. Air attack on Bizerta reported in SITREP 157 SS WALTON B EVANS and 1 LCI sunk. 4 officers and 3 rating wounded in addition to about 100 U.S. Navy personnel now reports 11 enemy aircraft destroyed.
5. Landing at Scaletta night 15/16th reported in SITREP 156 was made by LCA's of PRINCE CHARLES and PRINCESS BEATRIX with five LCT's supported by ROBERTS destroyers gunboats and LCF. Under Naval Command Captain D4. Light opposition. No damage to ships or craft.
6. TRIPPE and 3 PT's received surrender of Aeolian Islands 171230 from Italian Naval Commander at Lipari. Radio and cable station inoperative but not sabotaged. Radio station on Stromboli (but?) out of action. Germans had left 10 days earlier.

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Admiral  
Air Marshal  
Gen Macready  
C.O.S.

Brigadier Redman (10)  
N.I.  
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Lt. Col. Cook  
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G/C Du Beulay

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Time : 1152

Addressed: COMINCH  
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COMMOSEA.FRON  
COMNAVNAV  
VA Malta  
Com. Algeria  
C. in C. Levant  
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From : C. in C. Med.

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Addressed:

- (1) U.S. Cruiser BOISE and destroyers bombarded Milazzo 14th to cover landing operations U.S. Naval Craft ferried Artillery round Cape Calava 14th where road tunnel demolished.
- (2) SIRI DIDO and PANTHER bombarded SCALETTA night 14th-15th firing over 1000 rounds onto the Port in 20 minutes at 8000 yards range.
- (3) NUBIAN and TARTAR on sweep Italian Coast to Cape Rizzuto night 14th/15th encountered 3 E-boats which fired torpedoes and left at high speed.
- (4) MTB's operated off Messina night 14th/15th MTB 665 set on fire and sunk 7 may (have?) reached shore or been pulled up by other MTB's.
- (5) APHIS FLORES and COCKCHAPER operated inshore on Sicilian Coast on 14th FLORES bombarded coast road at Taormina. No opposition.

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- (6) U.S. Destroyers and MTB's swept coastwise Miluaddio to Italian mainland night 14th/15th nothing met.
- (7) Coastal forces in Straits of Messina night 14th/15th chased 3 enemy craft which made good their escape.
- (8) Port duty established at Mersale on 9th.

Ends.

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Gen. McCreedy  
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FOLLOWING IS A REPETITION OF MY 152016 BEGINS ADDRESSED  
 (1) U S CRUISER BOISE AND DESTROYERS BOMBARDED MILAZZO  
 14TH TO COVER LANDING OPERATIONS U S NAVAL CRAFT FERRIED  
 ARTILLERY ROUND CAPE CALAVA 14TH WHERE ROAD TUNNEL  
 DEMOLISHED.

(2) SIRE DIDO AND PANTHER BOMBARDED SCALETTA NIGHT 14TH-  
 15TH FIRING OVER 1000 ROUNDS ONTO THE PORT IN 20 MINUTES  
 AT 8000 YARDS RANGE.

(3) KUBIAN AND TARTAR ON SWEEP ITALIAN COAST TO CAPE  
 RIZZUTO NIGHT 14TH/15TH ENCOUNTERED 3 E-BOATS WHICH  
 FIRED TORPEDOES AND LEFT AT HIGH SPEED.

(4) MTB'S OPERATED OFF MESSINA NIGHT 14TH/15TH MTB 665

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SET ON FIRE AND SUNK 7 MAY MAYE REACHED SHORE OR BEEN  
PULLED UP BY OTHER MTB'S.

(5) APHS FLORES AND COCKCHAFER OPERATED INSHORE ON  
SICILIAN COAST ON 14TH FLORES BOMBARDED COAST ROAD  
ATITAEORMINA. NO OPPOSITION.

(6) U S DESTROYERS AND MTB'S SWEEPED COASTWISE MILUADDLO  
TO ITALIAN MAINLAND NIGHT 14TH/15TH NOTHING MET.

(7) COASTAL FORCES IN STRAITS OF MESSINA NIGHT 14TH/15TH  
CHASED 3 ENEMY CRAFT WHICH MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE.

(8) PORT DUTY ESTABLISHED AT MARSALA ON 9TH.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 7512 19 Aug 1943

Tao Mina reported by 15th Army Group as Headquarters 8th Army 17th August with 30th Corps Headquarters Z0607 (question). Messina entered at 1000 hours morning 17th by troops 4th Armored Brigade using inland road to avoid shellfire from mainland concentrated on coastal route. Headquarters 50th Div reported D1216. Landing Scalletta (D2940) reinforced during night 16/17th. Signed Brereton. Operations 9th USAAF August 18th: no operations reported. Supplemental report August 17th: 57th Fighter Group 9 missions antishipping patrol Straits of Messina to Gulf of Gioia area 105 P40's all reaching target bombload 48,000 lbs scored direct hits on 12 boats in addition 1 larger merchant vessel damaged and 1 merchant vessel of 250 feet destroyed, also 3 barges destroyed, 1 probable and 2 damaged, near misses on 2E boats, large building destroyed in pinpoint and direct hits on railroad tracks at Palmi, various railroad cars fired. 79th Fighter Group 5 missions antishipping Messina to Palmi area 57 of 60 P40's reaching target bombload 24,000 lbs scored direct hits railroad Bagnara, 1 large barge sunk and 1 destroyed on beach, 1 near miss on F boat, hits on stores on beach, 6 direct hits on Siebel Ferries of which 1 sank, 1 capsized, other unobserved, 3 near misses at least one of which damaged Siebel Ferry.

ACTION: OPD

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

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19 August  
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To: WAR

Nr.: W 7738/3386 / 19 August 1943

(To Troopers AGWAR rptd Mideast from G-2  
Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI W 7738/3366 19  
August 1830B.)

All axis resistance on Sicily has come to an end  
and occupation of island by Allies has been completed.  
Although during last phases of campaign the enemy lost  
prisoners on the east coast from Goering and Para Div Engr  
Bns, main rearguard made up of elements 29P G Division.  
Prisoners taken by 7th Army from commencement campaign  
now reported totalling 100,000. No report from 8th  
Army. No other (received) information.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD  
CG AAF  
GEN DEANE (CC/S)  
WHITE HOUSE

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
CORRECTED COPY

From: Algiers  
To: War

19 August 1943.

(COSITINTREP addresses plus 7th and 8th Armies.  
Part 2 COSITINTREP number 40 signed Eisenhower cite  
FAGOT from C in C Med)

1. British U. S. Cruiser Forces operated north  
of Sicily and to the Italian mainland night 16th/17th  
No enemy forces encountered.

2. The following night American Cruisers made  
simultaneous bombardments of Gioia Tauro and Palmi.  
Heavy explosions resulted at Gioia. Target at Palmi was  
power station - results unknown.

3. British cruisers made sweep of Italian Coast  
southwards from Cape Palinuro night 17/18 and bombarded Scalea  
with 387 rounds. Result obscured by enemy smoke.

4. British destroyers patrolling off Calabrian  
coast night 15/16 engaged 3 E-boats which fired  
torpedoes. E-boats chased but made good their escape.

5. Heavy air attack on Bizerta night 17th/18th  
by 80 enemy bombers. Many bombs dropped over wide  
area - 1 ship known hit details not yet received. Army  
barracks hit and small fire on quay. 8 enemy aircraft  
shot down. Some casualties.

6. MTB's off Messina night 15/16 had inclusive  
engagement with E-Boats and were engaged by shore  
batteries resulting in damage reported in night. Report  
number 39.

7. SSU Kproar reports one hit on 2500 ton merchant-  
man at 062158 in 11 mins north 56 mins east. SGS Mduunshaken  
sank 7000 ton merchantman off Brindisi on 10th and un-  
successfully attacked 750 ton U-boat in straits Otranto

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From: Algiers  
To: War

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No: None 19 August, 1943  
on 13th.

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NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-14178 (19 Aug 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

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

From: Algiers.  
To: WAR

No. A 250 19th August 1943.

(AFHQ AGWAR Troopers USFOR Mideast Commandeth  
Malta Commandeth Gibraltar 5th Army Fairfield C  
in C Med Algiers Force 141 7th Army 8th Army from Air  
C in C Med enciphered by Mac Post A 250 19 August  
1943).

Northwest African Air Forces night 17/18 August  
48 Wellingtons dropped 89 tons of bombs and 432000  
leaflets on the beaches between Bristico and Cape  
Suvero.

(Part 3 Air COSINTREP no 40 18th August, signed  
Eisenhower, cite FHGCT FHGBI) large explosions were  
seen at Pizzo and Lamizia where fires were started.  
29 light bombers attacked communications on the Toe  
of Italy, M/T and road bridges were targets Beau-  
fighters destroyed a JU88 off Augusta other Beau-  
fighters intercepting raiders on Bizerte shot down  
2 and damaged 1 enemy aircraft. Coastal Air Force  
Wellingtons attacked a small convoy off the west  
Italian coast but with unknown results day 18th  
August 29 P40 fighter bombers escorted by 16 P40  
fighters dropped fragmentation bombs in the Gornesia  
area in S Sardinia and strafed a 2 masted Naval  
vessel which was left in flames. 24 P38 fighter  
bombers escorted by 14 other P38's attacked rail  
communications at Saverato. The road and rail bridges  
at Augetila and Ponto Di Staletti were attacked, the  
former by 36 B25.

(End of part 1 part 2 follows).

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, Gen. Deane (CCS) White House

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O P E R A T I O N A L  
P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To: War

No. R422/19, 19 August 1943

British and U.S. Cruiser Forces operated north of Sicily and to the Italian mainland night 16th 17th. No enemy forces encountered (COSITINTREP addresses plus 7th and 8th armies. Part 2 COSITINTREP number 40 signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT from C in C Med).

The following night American Cruiser made simultaneous bombardments of Gioia Tauro and Palmi. Heavy explosions resulted at Gioia. Target at Palmi was power station--results unknown.

British cruisers made sweep of Italian Coast southwards from Cape Palinuro night 17 18 and bombarded Scalea with 387 rounds. Result obscured by enemy smoke.

British destroyers patrolling off Calabrian coast night. \*

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\*being serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, SGS, Gen. Deane (CCS) Adm King  
White House

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Addressed: ADMIRALTY  
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FOC GIBRALTAR  
COMORSEAFRON  
COMNAVNAV  
VA MALTA  
COM ALGERIA  
From: Cin C MED

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IMPORTANT:

Situation Report No. 157.

1. PENELOPE EURYALUS PALADIN and JERVIS operated North of Sicily and to Italian mainland night 16th/17th. Nothing met.
2. United States Cruiser(force?) operated North of Messina night 16th/17th without incident.
3. Following night PHILADELPHIA PLUNKETT and BENSON bombarded bridges at Gioia Tauro causing heavy explosions and BOISE NIBLACK and GLEAVES bombarded Palmi Power Substation. Results not known.
4. PENELOPE EURYALUS PALADIN and JERVIS made sweep of Italian Coast outwards from Cape Palinuro night 17th/18th and bombarded Sjelea with 387 rounds. Results obscured by enemy smoke.
5. TROUBRIDGE TYRIAN and TUMULT patrolling off Calabrian Coast night 15th/16th engaged three "E" Boats which fired torpedoes. "E" Boats chased but made good escape.
6. Heavy air attack on Bizerte night 17th/18th by 80 enemy bombers many bombs dropped over wide area. One ship known hit details not yet known. A Army Barracks hit and small fire on quay. 8 enemy aircraft shot down. Some casualties.
7. Motor torpedo boats off Messina night 15th/16th had inconclusive engagement with "E" Boats and were engaged by shore batteries resulting in damage reported in situation Report No. 156.
8. Uproar reports one hit on 2700 tons Merchant Vessel at 062158 in 41-11 North, 16-56 East. Unshaken sank 7000 ton Merchant Vessel off Brindisi on 10th

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and unsuccessfully attacked 750 ton U-Boat on 13th in Straits OTRANTO.

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Admiral  
Air Marshal  
Gen. Macready  
C.O.S.  
Plans  
Brigadier Redman (10)  
N.I.  
S.O. (O) Personal  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers North African Air Service Command  
To: AGWAR

18 August 1943

(Part 3 and final my AV 418 E TOO 171637B from  
NAAF ADV)

Destroyed in Messina Straits. 36 US Warhawks  
72 US Spitfires escort and cover missions. 1 US War-  
hawk destroyed 6 Mustangs tactical recce. NACAF. 14  
August ADD. 2 Bisleys 4 US Spitfires, 4 US Airacobras  
anti submarine patrol and convoy escort 1 Hudson air  
sea rescue 24 US Spitfires 2 Airacobras defensive pat-  
rols. 14/15 August ADD. 2 Wellingtons 1 Hudson 1 Bis-  
ley 5 Beaufighters anti submarine patrol and convoy es-  
cort, 2 Beaufighters defensive patrol. 15 August ADD.  
3 torpedo Beaufighters, 3 anti flak Beaufighters attack-  
ed large destroyer 2 miles east Chiappa Point. 2 tor-  
pedos dropped and no results observed 7 Bisleys 4 Hud-  
sons 1 Wellington 14 US Spitfires 50 US Airacobras anti  
submarine patrol and convoy escort. 2 Hudsons air sea  
rescue. 2 Spitfires, 4 US Lightnings 4 US Airacobras  
defensive patrol. 15/16 August. 3 Wellingtons, 1 Hud-  
son 4 Beaufighters anti submarine patrol and convoy  
escort. 5 Beaufighters defensive patrol. 16 August. 3  
Bisleys, 2 Hudsons 14 Spitfires 26 French Spitfires  
32 US Airacobras anti submarine patrol and convoy escorts.  
3 Walrus, 14 US Spitfires 2 US Airacobras air sea rescue.  
2 Spitfires, 27 US Spitfires 1 US Lightning defensive  
patrols. NAPRW 16 August 6 Spitfires 12 US Lightnings 1  
French Lightning.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, General Deane (CCS) White House,  
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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

URGENT

From: Rear NAAF  
To: War

No. # 18 August, 1943

(AGWAR from Air Command Post ACNT/89 18 August).

Personal for Arnold from Tedder. Following is repeat of summary I have sent to PORTAL. It was drawn up in collaboration with Spaatz. "With virtual completion of Sicilian campaign with capture of Messina following summary of air aspects may be of value.

Air operations in support of the Sicilian operation opened about June 15 when the battle for air superiority over Sicily began with a crescendo of attacks on enemy airfields in Sicily. The movement of his aircraft from 1 field to another and the attempts to evade attack by dispersal and preparation of satellite fields were watched from day to day and he was harried from field to field. As a result the enemy was forced more and more back on to fields in Italy and his opposition grew progressively weaker and weaker. The last serious attempt at interference with our air operations was on July 5th. By D day there was not a single enemy airfield fully operational. From that time till now his air opposition by day has been negligible. During the approach of the 2000 craft which comprised the assault only 1 enemy air attack was experienced and that was abortive. Even during the assembly period when ports in North Africa were congested with ships and landing craft the enemy was unable to attack effectively. He suffered heavy losses in the few abortive night attacks he made.

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To: War  
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During this period also his reconnaissance grew progressively ineffective as the interception and losses increased.  
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

C O R R E C T E D    C O P Y

From: Algiers  
To: WAR

No. W7632/2732    18 August 1843

(To Troopers RPTD AGWAR USFOR from Freedom W7632/2732  
17th secret signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT).

Twenty third weekly summary. Summary of operations. 9 August to 16 August. This summary slightly overlaps summary no 22, para 1, 7 August. The towns of Castello J 08, Acitresso, Giovanni La Punta H 98, Tremestiere, Mascalucia H 98, Nicolosi and Pedara H 99 on 13 Corps front were the important towns captured in the general advance. Stubborn resistance and heavy demolitions encountered by 78th Div in its advance on Bronte C 7310 on 7 Army front, 3 Div repulsed counterattack in San Fratello area. 1 Div forward positions were being taken over by 9 Div. 8 Aug. advance to the north made by 13 Corps against retreating enemy, Acireale captured by 151 BDE. ACI Antonio H 9991 captured by 168 BGE. Trecastragne H 99 captured by 13 BDE on 5 Div front. Bronte C 7310 captured by 78 Div after severe fighting. A landing behind enemy lines was accomplished by 2 Bn 30th RCT at C 6045, enemy reinforcement column advancing west was routed and 300 German PWS taken. S Aguta C 5437 captured by 7 RCT and contact was made with 2 BN during the day. Cesaro C 6326 taken by 47 RCT, 4 Tabor of Goums protecting 47 RCTS left flank. 9 Div completed relief of 4 Div. 9 Aug. on 8th Army front contact was continued with enemy on line 92 Northing. Tremonti feature H99 captured by 13BDE. Stubborn resistance, heavy demolitions and many mines hampered 78th Div progress north of Bronte C 7310. Patrol contact was made on the left with 9 US Div. 7th Army front general advance for several miles accomplished over heavily mined and difficult terrain 60 RCT occupied Comolato C 5822 and 7 RCT captured San Marco D Alunzio C 6241. Line of D 01 Northing reached by 13th Corps river Leonardille crossed by 168 BDE.

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers page 2  
To: WAR  
No. W7632/2732 18 August 1943

(First cipher part 2nd follows)

Slow advance North made by 78 Div against enemy strong points and mortar fire. The forward line of the 7th Army troops advanced further east, difficult terrain slowing advance 11 August. Enemy resistance stiffened on 8th Army front.

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NOTE: Corrected copy of CM IN-14041 (19 Aug 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CGAAF  
General Deane (CCS)

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## INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers.  
To: WAR

No. W7632/2732 18th August 1943.

(3rd and last cipher part W7632/2732 to  
Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from Freedom).

Consisting of 5 Div H 7861, 1 CDN Div H 9157  
30th Corps consisting of 50th Div J 0398, 51 Div  
H 7785, 78 Div H 7297 7 Army consisting of 2 Corps  
C 5820 and Prov Corps Palermo. 2 Corps consisting  
of 1 Div C 4413, 9 Div C 5441, 3 Div C 7351. Prov  
Corps consisting of 45 Div C 3837, 1st Arm'd Div B  
3343 and 82 Airborne Div Trapani. For change of  
location of troops in north Africa see para 3.

Para 3 movements. 9 Aug 1 Gds Bde departed  
Sousse for Constantine area. 13 Aug 46 Br Inf Div  
arrive Bougie, Djidjelli and Bizerte.

Para 4. Estimated casualties. 8th Army. D  
day to 10 Aug. Read Off and others. Br killed 152  
and 1234 wounded 375 and 4656 missing 97 and 2174.  
Total 624 and 8064. Canadian. killed 34 and 399.  
Wounded 114 and 1246. Missing 26 and 377 total. 174  
and 2022 7th Army. D day to 9 Aug. 5926 no break-  
down by Off and others available.

Para 5. Estimated prisoners. 7 Army to Aug 12  
96000. 8th Army to Aug 12 30000. Breakdown by nati-  
onalities unknown.

Para 6. Administrative. Palermo 12 berths  
available for liberty ships. Preliminary report  
Catania 2 berths blocked. Estimate could clear  
800 TPD by 16/17 Aug. Not intended to use port for  
discharge at present. 30 locos and approx 250

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

From: Algiers.  
To: WAR

No. W 7632/2732 18th August 1943.

wagons captured in working order. Anticipated D plus 28 convoy will be cleared by D plus 43. Evacuation 7 Army to 9 Aug casualties 4283 PW 64470. 8th Army to 12 Aug 12431 (sick and wounded) PW 22974. Out of total 6550 casualties evacuated from 24 Jul to 7 Aug 40% were evacuated by air. Pipe line to Gomiso airfield in operation since 7th Aug. 7th Army report mine detectors of no value against German improvised plastic mine. Shipping casualties none notified. Craft position north African forts 12 Aug number in port 167. Number serviceable 84. General adm situation satisfactory.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

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

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RELEASED BY		<b>SEE PART 1 FOR ADEES.</b>	
DATE <b>19 AUGUST 1943</b>			FOR ACTION
TOR CODEROM <b>1926/1716</b>		INFORMATION	
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6. HEAVY AIR ATTACK ON BIZERTA NIGHT 17TH-18TH BY 80 ENEMY BOMBERS MANY BOMBS DROPPED OVER WIDE AREA. ONE SHIP KNOWN HIT DETAILS NOT YET KNOWN. A ARMY BARRACKS HIT AND SMALL FIRE ON QUAY. 8 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN. SOME CASUALTIES.

7. MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS OFF MESSINA NIGHT 15TH-16TH HAD INCONCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH "E" BOATS AND WERE ENGAGED BY SHORE BATTERIES RESULTING IN DAMAGE REPORTED IN SITUATION REPORT NO. 156.

8. UPROAR REPORTS ON E HIT ON 2700 TONS MERCHANT VESSEL AT 062158 IN 41-11 NORTH, 16-56 EAST. UNSHAKEN SANK 7200 TON MERCHANT VESSEL OFF BRINDISI ON 10TH AND UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED 750 TON U-BOAT ON 13TH IN STRAITS OTRANTO.

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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August 1943  
2139Z

From: Algiers  
To: War

No. W 7632/2732, 18 August 1943

(To Troopers rptd AQWAR USFOR from Freedom W 7632/  
2732 17th signed Eisenhower cite FROCT).

23rd weekly summary. Summary of operations 9 Aug to  
16 Aug. This summary slightly overlaps summary no 22.

1. Ground. 7 Aug. The towns of Castello J 08, Acitresso, Giovanni La Punta H 98, Tremestiere, Mascalucia H 98, Nicolosi and Pedara H 99 on 13 Corps front were the important towns captured in the general advance. Stubborn resistance and heavy demolitions encountered by 78th Div in its advance on Bronte C 7310 on 7 Army front, 3 Div repulsed counterattack \* Fratello area. 1 Div forward positions were being taken over by 9 Div, 8 Aug. advance to the north made by 13 Corps against retreating enemy, Acireale captured by 151 Bde. \* H 9991 captured by 168 Bde. Trecastagne H 99 captured by 13 Bde on 5 Div front. Bronte C 7310 captured by 78 Div after severe fighting. A landing behind enemy lines was accomplished by 2 Bn 30th RCT at C 6045, enemy reinforcement column advancing west was routed and 300 German PWs taken \* C 5437 captured by 7 RCT and contact was made with 2 Bn during the day. Cesaro C 6326 taken by 47 RCT, 4 Tabor of Goums protecting 47 RCTs left flank, 9 Div completed relief of 4 Div 9 Aug. On 8th Army front contact was continued with enemy on line 9 \* northing. T Remonti feature H 99 captured by 13 Bde.

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From: Algiers **INCOMING MESSAGE** page 2

To: War

No. W 7632/2732, 18 August 1943

Stubborn resistance, heavy demolitions and many mines hampered 78th Div progress north of Bronte C 7310. Patrol contact was made on the left with 9 US Div 7th Army front. General advance for several miles accomplished over heavily mined and difficult terrain. 60 RCT occupied Comolato C 5822 and 7 RCT captured San Marco D Alunzio C 6241. Line of D 01 Northing reached by 13th Corps. River Leonardille crossed by 168 Bde. (1st part 2nd follows). Slow advance north made by 78 Div against enemy strong points and mortar fire. The forward line of the 7th Army troops advanced further east, difficult terrain slowing advance. 11 Aug enemy resistance stiffened on 8 Army front.

No Sig

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CGAAF  
General Deane (CCS)  
White House

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ROUTED BY		<b>FO TUNISIA</b>	
		INFORMATION	
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		<b>COMORSEAFRON</b>	ROUTINE
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COM ALGERIA CINC LEVANT FO TUNISIA COM NOB ORAN FROM CINCMED.  
SIT REPORT NUMBER 156.

1. SS BENJAMIN CONTEE CARRYING 1800 ITALIAN POW TORPEDOED 162328 BY ENEMY A/C WHILST JOINING CONVOY OFF BONE HAS SINCE REACHED BONE ABOUT 320 KILLED AND 80 WOUNDED. CONVOY GUS 12 ATTACKED 170002 BY 1 TORPEDO BOMBER OFF BONE NO DAMAGE.
2. BOUGIE SECTION OF UGS 13 ATTACKED BY HE 111 160300 BEFORE JOINING MAIN CONVOY TORPEDO FIRED AT ESCORTING TRAWLER HORNPIPE WHICH AVOIDED AND SHOT DOWN AIRCRAFT. SECOND AIRCRAFT DRIVEN OFF. SS EMPIRE KESTREL STRAGGLER FROM MAIN CONVOY TORPEDOED AND SUNK 160300 BY UNDETECTED ENEMY AIRCRAFT 40 SURVIVORS LANDED PHILLIPVILLE.
3. MTB'S OPERATED IN STRAITS MESSINA NIGHT 15/16 1 MTB

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DAMAGED 1 KILLED SEVERAL INJURED BADLY 1 BATTALION  
INFANTRY FERRIED UP EAST COAST ON 18TH TO REIN-FORCE COMMANCOS PREVIOUSLY LANDED SCALETTA NIGHT  
15/10 AS REPORTED IN SIT REP 155.6. FORMATION OF LCY'S ATTACKED BY 3 FIGHTER BOMBERS  
1910H OFF CAPE ORLANDO NO DAMAGE.7. 1 DAYLIGHT RAID AUGUSTA ON 15TH BY ABOUT 6 PLANES  
4 BOMBS IN HARBOR WITH NEAR MISSES ON PRINCESS  
BEATRIX LEDBURY AND OCEAN VIRTUE NO DAMAGE OR CA-  
SUALTIES. SPITEFIRES SHOT DOWN FIGHTERS AND DAMA-  
GED ANOTHER.

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18 Aug 43

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## INCOMING MESSAGE

From: WAR (Relay of FREEDOM W-7553)  
To: BOSCO

No: 99 17 August 1943

(To Somervell from Clay)

Report on amount of materiel and supplies captured in Sicily due this Headquarters at early date reference your 4953 dated 13th August. (Signed Eisenhower cite PHSUP to AGWAR for action) Will advise you as soon as available. Information at hand to date includes:

Large Italian Quartermaster class 2 and 4 Depot with appreciable amount of clothings and equipage which is now being inventoried;

Carbines Italian, 154  
Rifles, 449  
Small arms (Miscellaneous) 15017  
Machine guns (Miscellaneous) 679  
Field pieces assorted, 109  
Trucks assorted, 338  
Motorcycles, 63  
47 MM gun, 80  
Caisson, 150  
Grenades, 3250  
Mines, 5050  
Tankettes Italian with trailer, 14  
Helmets, 2200  
Bombs, 500  
Light tanks, 45  
Mark 3 and 4, 33  
Mark 8 (Tiger), 22  
R 35 Tank, 16

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From: WAR (Relay of FREEDOM W-7553)  
To: BOSCO

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No: 99 17 August 1943

Trailers, 12  
Aircraft (40) (Operating), 180  
AA searchlight, 3  
Gun coastal 75 MM, 4  
Range finder, 1  
Listening device, 1  
Flame thrower, 1  
Sight 88 MM gun, 1  
Gun coastal 150, MM, 4  
Small arms ammunition, 10, 021, 900  
20 MM ammunition rounds, 5300  
47 MM ammunition rounds, 1624  
49 MM ammunition rounds, 3000  
77 MM ammunition rounds 100  
88 MM ammunition rounds, 2000  
147 MM ammunition rounds, 3000

Note: 4953, not in BOSCO files; will be obtained upon request.

ACTION: Gen Somervell

INFORMATION: White House  
Gen Marshall  
Gen Handy  
Gen Deane  
Gen Wedemeyer  
Col Starbird

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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17 Aug 43

P A R A P H R A S E

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FROM: WAR (Relayed from Algiers)

TO : BOSCO

No. 79 17 August 1943

From: Kalloch

To : Franz Schneider  
Chateau Frontenac Room 3334 (From Ralph Keating)

No. NAWNS 318

Reference: WSNA 180

It is considered essential at Allied Force Headquarters that we establish ourselves in Sicily at once. Will go there along with Sasseville and O'Sullivan to set up NASBO representation and after ascertaining needs will return Algiers. Sasseville will remain to complete arrangements inasmuch as Gibson Graham in UK and my presence in need here.

Will leave port representative organization here to carry on and proceed with administrative branch Algiers organization is my plan inasmuch as I feel it necessary to prepare transfer NASBO to continent.

During military government regime only non-civilians will be allowed in conquered areas. Allied Force Headquarters does not consider NASBO Staff civilian status. As long as necessary Sasseville, who will return Algiers, will act as deputy in charge North Africa.

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**INCOMING MESSAGE** QCC  
17 Aug 43

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Following is list of additional staff necessary according to anticipated moving of NASBO Headquarters. Request they proceed earliest:

Addition to WSA portion NASBO Staff: 1 capable port representative, 1 stenographer.

For Sicily: 1 port representative and assistant, 1 each stenographer, typist and surveyor.

For Casablanca: 1 assistant port representative.

For Algiers: 1 stenographer for port representative and 1 stenographer for deputy.

Oran: 1 typist.

On account of experience and languages urgently request Fred Citriolo and/or Louis Hart of American Export Lines be considered. Personnel listed above is in addition to those already in the field and includes the 4 stenographers and/or typists, 2 port representatives and 1 engineer surveyor formerly asked for.

Am sure you will appreciate that in order to use additional executive help it is absolutely necessary to have the stenographic help. There is chance that services of Reginald Perkins, who is known to Slator and Graham, can be obtained for assistant port representative. His knowledge of languages as well as his contacts would make him valuable. Making effort to get in touch with Perkins, subject your agreement, who is now in Lisbon.

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ACTION: WSA

Information: White House  
Gen Marshall  
Gen Handy

Gen Somervell  
Gen Wedemeyer

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

From: Algiers.  
To: AGWAR

No. 17th August 1943.

(Part 2 and final part my WR\* from Spaatz signed Eisenhower).

15, B-25's A20's Baltimores attacked troop concentrations and barges dropping 500, \*, 250B explosive and 20 fragmentation bombs. No enemy A/C encountered. Fighter bombers A36's P40's and Kittyhawks attacked shipping 1 Kittyhawk missing, Spitfires destroyed 1 FW190. No major incidents reported from coastal air force. Today B-25's attacking roads in Ponte Di Stalletti area and B-26's attacking temporary bridge Angitpla. Tonight Wellingtons attacking Viterbo air and beaches Sapri-Scala-Paola-Castello. At this time we intend to increase effort on counter air force and at the same time interrupt movements in foot of Italy and exploit concentrations resulting from withdrawal of enemy.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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17 Aug  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To : AGWAR

No. AMSME 7463 - 17 August 1943

Direct reports from 8th Army discontinued.  
15th Army Group report 8th Army Operations August  
15th as follows:

Tsorminia and Letojanni captured during  
morning. Kaggi D0718 reported clear by 231 Brigade  
Patrol. Randazzo-Piedimonte road cleared and re-  
paired by 78th and 51st Divs and Zastiglione occu-  
pied by elements of letter. Signed Brereton.  
Operations 16th August 9th USAAF:

Bomber Command 44th Bomb Group single mission  
Foggia North Satellite 23 of 25 B-24's reaching  
target bombload 88,800 lbs results north half of  
field well covered by bursts, destroying 2 FW190's,  
1 ME 110, 22 ME 109's and 3 ME 109's probable for  
loss 6 planes shot down over target and 1 unaccount-  
ed for. Single mission Foggia Satellite number  
218 out of 19 B-24's of 93rd Bomb Group reaching  
target bombload 61,300 lbs registered bursts on  
both sides railroad tracks, 2 oil fires (hits pin-  
pointed on map), claimed destroyed 7 Macchi 202's,  
2 FW 190's, 2 ME 210's, 3 ME 109's. Target Foggia  
Satellite Nicola landing ground 1 mission 376th  
Bomb Group 20 of 23 B24's reaching target dropped  
77,080 lbs fragmentation bombs results landing  
ground completely covered by hits, hits on shops

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From: Cairo  
To : AGWAR

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quarters and administration buildings, large fire observed on target and smoke and dust covered target area, victories destroyed 4 ME 109's probable 3 ME 109's and 1 Macchi 202 for loss of 1 plane. 389th Bomb Group single mission Foggia Satellite number 220 4 B24's out of 25 reaching target bomb load 87,600 lbs results hits pin pointed on map. 12th Bomb Group 2 missions Messina Harbor, landing craft concentration 34 out of 35 B25's reaching target bombload 79,700 lbs results 1 box in water 1 on shore line with large explosion and fire. One aircraft crashed 340th Bomb Group 2 missions target land craft and beach supplies 22 B25's out of 24 attaining target dropped 64,700 lbs bombs results bombs in town of Galzirri. building destroyed, 1 aircraft down in flames. 79th Fighter Group 48 P40's comprising 4 missions antishipping Messina Straits bomb load 22,500 lbs scored direct hits on 3 Siebel Ferries, 8 near misses on large barge. 57th Fighter Group no operations reported. Supplemental report August 15th operations: 57th Fighter Group in antishipping Messina Straits 8 missions in which 91 of 92 P40's reached target bombload 40,000 lbs results 2 hits crossroads, 1 near miss railroad bridge, 11 hits on and near 150 railroad wagons causing fires, 11 hits among 30 railroad wagons. 2 hits on railroad buildings, 5 direct hits on beach storehouses. 79th Fighter Group 12 P40's single mission antishipping Messina Straits bombload 6000 lbs results made run on Messina Ferry Terminal, 2 bombs on Marshalling Yards, 1 near miss on Siebel Ferry, 1 hit stores on shore.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, SGS,  
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17 Aug  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Foster Switch  
To : War

No. A 248 - 17 August 1943

(Part 2 and final part my A 248 from Air C  
in C Med)

12 Baltimores on a ship on fire North of  
Messina. Fighter bombers continued to direct their  
attacks on barges in the straits whilst others at-  
tacked communications in the Toe of Italy. Beau-  
fighters attacked 2 escorted M/V of 3000/4000 tons  
NE of Zannone Island. A torpedo hit was scored on  
each M/V. 2. Malta. Night 15/16 August 5 Mos-  
quitoes bombed targets in Italy. A large fire being  
started in the RR yards at Minturo. 3. 9th Bomber  
Command. 64 B24's attacked the landing grounds at  
Foggia with excellent coverage. 1 formation of 40  
A/C were attacked by 50/70 fighters 29 of which are  
claimed destroyed and 7 others probably destroyed.  
7 B24's were lost and 1 is missing. 4 Air Intelli-  
gence. Little enemy air resistance was encountered  
other than the attack by 50/70 fighters on the B24's  
reported above.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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**INCOMING MESSAGE** ECWD  
17 Aug  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Foster Switch  
To : War

No. A 248 - 17 August 1943

(Part 2 and final part my A 248 from Air C  
in C Med)

12 Baltimores on a ship on fire North of  
Messina. Fighter bombers continued to direct their  
attacks on barges in the straits whilst others at-  
tacked communications in the Toe of Italy. Beau-  
fighters attacked 2 escorted M/V of 3000/4000 tons  
NE of Zannone Island. A torpedo hit was scored on  
each M/V. 2. Malta. Night 15/16 August 5 Mos-  
quitoes bombed targets in Italy. A large fire being  
started in the RR yards at Minturo. 3. 9th Bomber  
Command. 64 B24's attacked the landing grounds at  
Foggia with excellent coverage. 1 formation of 40  
A/C were attacked by 50/70 fighters 29 of which are  
claimed destroyed and 7 others probably destroyed.  
7 B24's were lost and 1 is missing. 4 Air Intelli-  
gence. Little enemy air resistance was encountered  
other than the attack by 50/70 fighters on the B24's  
reported above..

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

FROM: ALGIERS

TO : BOSCO

No. W-7532 August 17, 1943

Seventh Army entered Messina 16 August at 2000 hours.  
(To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for  
British Chiefs of Staff, repeated to KKAD, Quebec signed  
Eisenhower. NAF 327).

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ACTION: CC/S

Information: White House Gen Marshall Gen Somervell  
Adm Leahy Gen Handy Gen Wedemeyer  
Adm King Gen Arnold CAD (Col Hammond)  
Adm Cooke Gen Kuter Col Connor  
Adm Willson Gen Fairchild Col Betts

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August 1943  
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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

URGENT

From: Algiers  
To: War  
Quebec  
No. W 7532, 17 August 1943

Seventh Army entered Messina 16th August at 2000 hours. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff, repeated to KKAD, Quebec signed Eisenhower. NAF 327 is this.

No Sig

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD  
GEN. STRONG  
GEN. ARNOLD  
WHITE HOUSE  
ADM. KING  
GEN. HILLDRING  
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To: War  
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No Sig

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD  
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GEN. ARNOLD  
WHITE HOUSE  
ADM. KING  
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17 August 1943  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers  
To: War

No. 37, 17 August 1943

COSITINTREP addresses plus 7th and 8th Armies  
COSITINTREP number 37 signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT from  
C in C Med

U. S. cruiser, Boise and destroyers bombarded  
Milazzo 14th to cover landing operations. U. S. naval  
craft ferried artillery round Cape Calava 14th where road  
tunnel demolished.

2. 2 cruisers bombarded Scalea night 14th-15th  
firing over 1000 rounds into the port in 20 minutes at  
8000 yards range.

3. Destroyers on sweep Italian coast to Cape Riz-  
zuto night 14th-15th encountered 3 E Boats which fired  
torpedo and left at high speed.

4. MTB's operated off Messina night 14th-15th. 1  
MTB set on fire and sunk.

5. Gunboats operated close inshore on Sicilian  
Coast on 14th and bombarded coast road at Taorminas. No  
opposition.

6. U. S. destroyers and MTB's swept coastwise  
Milazzo to Italian mainland night 14th-15th. Nothing met.

7. Light craft in Straits of Messina night 13th-14th  
chased 3 enemy craft which made good escape.

8. Kort party established at Marsala on 9th.

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From: Algiers  
To: War

No. 37, 17 August 1943

9. Landing craft dive bombed by 5 Focke Wolfe off  
Harbour Entna Co Catania on 14th. 2 near misses. No  
air raids Augusta or Syracuse on 14th.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
WHITE HOUSE  
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)  
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FROM CINCMED

SECRET SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 155.

(1) U.S. CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS COVERED  
FERRYING OPERATIONS ON ARMY'S LEFT FLANK AT BARCEL-  
LONA NIGHT 15/16. FORCES WERE DIVE BOMBED BY THREE  
AIRCRAFT DURING APPROACH. NO DAMAGE.

(2) AMERICAN PT'S ENCOUNTERED TWO E BOATS THE  
SAME NIGHT NORTH OF MESSINA BUT ENEMY MADE GOOD  
THEIR ESCAPE.

(3) BRITISH DESTROYERS AND MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS

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COVERED SUCCESSFUL COMMANDO LANDING AT SCALLETTA NIGHT 15/16. SMALL NUMBER TANKS ALSO LANDED AT 161420. COMMANDOS REPORTED HOLDING POSITIONS AND ADVANCING SOUTH TO MEET OWN TROOPS.

(4) SIRIUS, DIDO, PENN, PANTHER SANK SOUTH-BOUND LIGHTER AND 2 ESCORTING MIKE LOVE OFF CAPE BONIFATI NIGHT 15/16 AND LATER CARRIED OUT 15 MINUTE BOMBARDMENT OF VIBO VALENTIA MARINA.

(5) TROUBRIDGE, TYRIAN, TUMULT OPERATING NIGHT 14/15 OBSERVED DEMOLITION ALONG SOUTH CALABRIAN COAST AND NEAR SCALLETTA. ENEMY VESSELS ENGAGED NORTH OF POINT PELLARO AND FIRE RETURNED. 3 BOATS ENCOUNTERED BUT DISPERSED AT HIGH SPEED.

(6) APHIS AND SOEMBA BOMBARDED COAST ROAD TO MESSINA ON 15TH.

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(7) UNRULY REPORTS ONE TANKER BEACHED AND ONE TANKER OR LINER PROBABLY HIT DURING PATROL OFF BRINDISI ENDED 15TH.

(8) LST 414 HIT AMIDSHIPS BY TORPEDO FROM TORPEDO BOMBER AT 150200 183 DEGS CANI ROCKS 3.5 MILES. 1 KILLED 6 MISSING. LST BEACHED OUTSIDE SIZERTA.

(9) UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK BY TORPEDO BOMBERS ON LSI CONVOY 160237 OFF CAPE BOUGAROOD.

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16 Aug 43  
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OPERATIONAL  
PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: ACWAR

No. ANSME 7446, 16 August 1943

Siding, railway at San Giovanni attacked by 4 B24 Liberators and 12 Halifaxes; 3 Halifaxes returned early 1 landing Malta. Objective attacked by remainder, bombs bursting along railway north and south of harbour and area of ferry berths. Started in town were fires. Dropped were 135 HE bombs of 500 pounds, incendiary 630 of 4 pounds at 2015Z hours. Anti shipping recon over Aegean Sea carried out by 2 Wellingtons. 1 attacked a merchant vessel anchored north of Leros of about 900 tons, bursting 50 feet astern were 2 bombs. 2nd sighted merchant vessel of 800 tons south of Melos with 2 escorts, bombs failed to release. 3 ships between 2 and 3000 tons attacked by another Wellington anchored off Preveza. Shipped straddled by 6 500 pound bombs with 1 possible hit, but all failed to explode. Above mentioned were all operations carried out 14/15 (from RAF Hq ME is this daily OPSUM report 110 to AAFHQ Washington) 15th:

Offensive recon west coast of Greece by 4 Beau- fighters. 2 attacked merchant vessel of 3000 tons, 2 of 2500 tons off Preveza, near misses scored with 4 250 lb bombs which failed to explode. Hits scored on schooner of 200 tons with cannon fire. Landing ground and harbour at Kalamata bombed by remaining 2 aircraft.

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From: CAIRO  
To: AGWAR

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No. AMSME 7446, 16 August 1943

Runway hit by 1 250 lb bomb, another hit building near Quay. Silenced by cannon fire were 2 AA guns. Anti submarine recce by 1 Bisley, 2 Hudsons, 4 Wellingtons and 6 Baltimore A30's. Photo recce by 1 Baltimore A30, 4 Beaufighter, 22 Hurricanes and 3 Spitfires on defensive patrols. Delayed details follow of the 14th:

Merchant vessel of 1000 tons machine gunned off Zante, no visible damage, but some members of crew jumped overboard. 4 Hurricanes defensive patrols. 81 shipping protection. 2 Bisleys, 3 Baltimores A30's and 1 Walrus anti submarine. Photo recce by 1 Baltimore A30. Damaged by Spitfire off Alexandria Aug 13th 1 JU88. On August 11th 1 Spitfire on photo recce and on the 12th 2 on same mission. OPSUM 109:

Now confirmed to bomb Wiener Neustadt the 13th August were 101 US Liberators B24's. 37 returned early, report not received from 3. Target bombed by 61 including 1 which failed to return therefrom.

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ACTION: OPD  
INFORMATION: G-2  
CGAAF  
SGS  
Gen. Deane (CC/S)  
White House

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

CCWD  
17 August  
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P R I O R I T Y

From: AFHQ NA Algiers  
To: WAR Air Ministry No. AV 412 E  
No #

16 August 1943

(Part 2 my AV 412 E 12 August from NAAF ADV  
Hq part 3 follows)

Direct hits and damaging near misses station. Severe damage buildings and warehouses. 4 US Mitchells B-25 escort 19 US Lightnings P-38 attacked small merchant vessel 1 mile west of Cape Palinuro 12 75 MM shells fired from 200 to 500 feet. Vessel also strafed. 1 fighter returned early. 24 US Lightnings P-38 bombers sweep Staletel. 24 1000 from 3,000 feet on road bridge and tunnel. No hits observed. Railway track torn up for 50 yards. 24 US Lightning P-38 bombers sweep Italy. 23 500 from 4,000 to 7,000 feet on railway tunnel 5 miles south Bianco and marshalling yards Marina Di Brancalcione. 2 hits on north and south end of tunnel tearing up track. Radar station Cape Spartivento strafed. 47 US Warhawks P-40 bombers sweep Monserrato area 1 returned early. 282 20 frag from 5,000 to 6,000 feet. Many hits bivouac area 1 mile east airdrome. 8 US Lightnings P-38 sea search. NWA Tactical AF. 14/15 August 11 Bostons A-20 armed recce roads Messina area. 19 250, 148 40 from 2,300 to 6,000 feet. Motor transport attacked south Valetta. Beaches Messina and stationary trucks also attacked. 8 Bostons A-20 4 Baltimores A-30 armed recce roads Vibo Valentia to Cape Spartivento. 1 Baltimore A-30 returned early. 14 250, 216 40 HE 90 4 incendiary from 2,000 to 9,000 feet. No movement seen in villages roads railways and cross roads attacked RR fires and explosions.

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

CCWD  
17 August  
0527Z

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: AFBQ NA Air Service Command  
To: WAR

No. AV 412 E 16 August 1943

(Part 3 my AV 412 E 16 August from NAAF ADV  
Hq part 4 follows).

Nicotgra. 15 August. 35 Baltimore A-30 36  
US Mitchells B-25 24 US Bostons A-20 troop and barge  
concentrations 2 miles north Messina. 139 500, 136 300.  
230 250, 55 100 HE 10 6X20 frag from 7,500 to 11,000 feet.  
Targets well covered. Buildings hit. Direct boats on  
lake. 90 US Spitfires fighter sweep and escort missions.  
14 US Mustangs P-51 tactical recce. NWA Coastal AF. 14  
August (ADD) 1 Marauder B-26 recce west coasts Sardinia.  
Corsica, Elba approaches Spezia and Leghorn. 1 Hudson  
anti submarine patrol. 14/15 August 3 Wellingtons recce  
east coast Sardinia Corsica Toulon and west Italian coast.  
1 Wellington Naval operation. 2 Hudsons anti submarine  
patrol. 8 Beaufighters 4 US Beaufighters defensive  
patrols. 15 August 3 Marauders B-26 2 Baltimores A-30  
recce east and west coast Sardinia-Corsica-north Tyrrhennian  
Sea, approaches Spezia Leghorn San Remo Elba and west  
Italian coast. 4 Hudsons 1 Albacore anti submarine patrol.  
5 Spitfires 2 Hurricanes 2 Baltimores A-30 air sea rescue.  
2 Hurricanes 2 Spitfires 5 US Spitfires 1 US Lightning P-38  
defensive patrols. NWA Photographic Recon Wing. 14/15 Aug-  
ust. 7 Spitfires 13 US Lightnings P-38 1 French Lightn-  
ing P-38.

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ACTION: OPD  
INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF GEN. DEANE (CC/S)  
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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

Re A 247, 16 August 1943

AFGQ, AGWAR, Troopers, USFOR, Mideast, Commandeth  
Malta, Commandeth Gibraltar, 5th Army, C in C Med Algiers,  
Force 141, 7 Army, 8 Army from Airukin C Med A 247 16  
Aug 1943.

Northwest African Air Forces night 14-15 Aug 72  
Wellingtons bombed the San Giovanni Pajmi and Pizzo  
Beaches and the Marshalling Yards at Lamezia.

(Part three COSITINTREP No 37 15 Aug signed Eisen-  
hower cite FHGC) FHGBI in addition 1,000,000 leaflets were  
dropped on Rome and 70,000 on Lamezia. 23 light bombers  
operated on armed recess in the north part of the Straits  
and the toe of Italy day 15 Aug 24 P-38 fighter bombers  
attacked the RR and highway bridges at Punta Di Stalletti  
where hits were believed made on the rail tract another  
23 P-38's bombed other railroad targets on the toe of  
Italy. 48 B-25's bombed the railway junction at Sibari  
and 4 B-25's G's scored near misses on M/v off Caplanuka.  
24 B-26's bombed the marshalling yards at Sapri. 47 P-40's  
carried out a sweep over Sardinia dropping fragmentation  
bombs mostly in the Cagliari area. Light bombers of tacti-  
cal Air Force again operated support our ground forces with  
B-40's while fighter bombers continued attacks on evacua-  
tion shipping 2. Malta night 14/15 Aug mosquitoes 3 of  
which carried bombs attacked road rail transport in Southern  
Italy. Day 15 Aug a spitfire on a communication flight  
Sicily to Malta destroyed JU88 near Cape Sanvito.

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

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U R G E N T

From: WAR  
To : BOSCO

NR : 73 16 Aug 43

The Axis withdrawal across the Straits of Messina for Col Betts continued throughout the 14th and 15th period German rear guards withdrawing north of Taormina which was occupied by the British 8th Army. Since the 15th of August the evacuation has still further intensified its tempo. Around 80 small craft participated in the movement. (From Smith signed Strong WDGBI.) On the 15th German tanks and motor transport were observed on the beaches north of Messina. It is probable that a considerable portion of these were moved in the last two nights. Both the Headquarters of the 6th Italian Army and the Hermann Goering Division are now known to be on the mainland, the latter in a small town to the west of Catanzaro. It is believed that the total number of German-Italian troops now on Sicily amounts to no more than 40,000 on the morning of the 16th. It can well be already somewhat less. A large amount of material has also been brought across the straits. We cannot avoid the impression that the evacuation is progressing successfully although undoubtedly considerable losses have occurred during the shipments of men and materiel. We shall have to reckon from now on after 24th August with the presence of at least 3 German Divisions in Italy at full strength and 3 1/2 Divisions at reduced strengths. These latter divisions will undoubtedly be immediately brought again to full strength but we will not be able to classify

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them as fit for combat until sometime between 5 and 10 September. It is of course possible that there are further German Divisions in North Italy but as Berne reports them daily in ever increasing numbers, we should rather classify them as not present for the moment. There is no new battle order information from either western Europe or the Balkans. German fighter strength as of 1st of January, 1943, 1st of April, 1943, 7th of August 2100. Source of above figures, air ministry reports. These figures indicate a steady rise in German fighter strength since 1st of January 1943. On the eastern front Russian attacks continued in the Spas Demensk and Bryansk areas. Some gains were registered by the Russians, notably in the Bryansk area where the town of Karachev was captured. There are no great strategic changes in either of these areas. The situation around Kharkov is more obscure than ever but it is apparent that southwest of Kharkov a German counter-attack is in progress. The tone of the German communique of the 16th suggests that this counterattack is of considerable intensity and that terrain gains have been registered. It is recommended that you be now extremely cautious in predicting an immediate fall of Kharkov. We may be in the presence of our long predicted German counteroffensive.

No Sig.

ACTION: Co. det.

INFORMATION:	White House	Adm Willson	Gen Arnold
	Adm Leahy	Gen Marshall	Gen Kuter
	Adm King	Gen Handy	Gen Fairchild
	Adm Cooke	CC/S	Gen Wedemeyer

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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17th August  
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OPERATIONAL  
PRIORITY

From: Algiers  
To : WAR

No : AV 412 D - 16th August 1943

NAAF OPSUM 136 NA strategic AF. 14 August (ADD)  
24 US hyp AAA AFHQ Gibraltar 9th US Bomber Command  
AGWAR AMSMEAF from NAAF Advn Hq AV 412 D 16 August)

Lightnings P38 sweep toe of Italy 1 returned early. Probably hits radar station North Vico Valentia Airdrome railway cars and trucks strafed Vico Valentia power station and transformer Rosarno strafed. 14/15 August 24 Wellingtons beaches San Giovanni to Palmi. 42 and 3/4 tons dropped from 5000 to 8000 feet. Fires observed. 1 aircraft machine gunned beaches between Scilla and Palmi. 19 Wellingtons beaches Pizzo. 2 returned early. 32 tons bombs dropped. 1 barge set on fire. 4 fires started along coast. 2 Wellingtons missing. 26 Wellingtons Lamezia marshalling yards. 54 tons from 1400 to 5000 feet several fires started. Bursts seen throughout yards. Fire in oil refinery. 2 Wellingtons dropped leaflets Rome. 15 August. 48 US Mitchels B25 escort 36 US Lightnings P38 Sibdi railway junction. 274 X 500 from 7000 to 8000 feet. Many fires started among 200 cars in yards. Hits stations sidings and repair shops. Railway hit and severed at junction North of yards. 24 US Marauders B26 escort 24 US Lightnings P38 Sapdi marshalling yards. (End Part 1)

(Part 2 follows) 4 bombers 5 fighters returned early. 132 X 500 from 9500 feet. 20 direct hits on tracks and among 289 cars present.

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ACTION: OPD

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

WHITE HOUSE

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16 August, 1943  
0303Z

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: HQ North African AF Rear Echelon  
To: WAR  
Nr: AV 0990G, 16 August, 1943

(Part 2 my AV0990E dated 15 August from HQ  
NNAAF advanced)

Bombed and strafed shipping Gioia 14 August  
48 U. S. Mitchells 12 Baltimores Palmi . 322 500,  
74 300, 48 250 from 9000 to 11000 ft. Direct hits  
roads and railway. 12 Baltimores Palmi failed  
rendevous with escort and returned with bombs. 24  
Bostons Nicola. 42 100, 1062 20 from 9000 ft. No  
results observed. Northwest African Coastal Air  
Force 13 August ADD 2 Bisleys 3 French Latacoeres 8  
U. S. Spitfires anti submarine patrol and convoy  
escort. 2 U. S. Spitfires air sea recce. 3 U. S.  
Spitfires defensive patrols 13/14 August. 4 Wellingtons  
recce East Sardinia Corsica Elba and West Italian  
coast. 4 Albacores 2 Hudsons anti submarine patrol.  
1 Wellington naval co operation 8 Beaufighters 4 U.S.  
Beaufighters defensive patrols. 14 August 3 Baltimores  
1 Marauder recce East and West Coasts Sardinia Corsica  
North Tyrrhenian Sea approaches Toulon and West  
Italian coast 6 Bisleys 2 Hudsons 1 Wellington 1  
Swordfish 2 French Latacoeres 1 French Walrus 12  
Hurricanes 32 U. S. Airocobras 30 French Airocobras  
2 French Warhawks 20 French Spitfires anti submarine  
patrol and convoy escort. 2 Hudsons 2 Wellingtons  
1 Bisley 1 Baltimore 1 Marauder air sea rescue. 2

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: HQ North African AF Bear Echelon  
To: WAR

Nr: AV 0990, 16 August, 1943

Hurricanes 4 U.S. Spitfires 4 U. S. Airocobras 1 U.S.  
Lightning 8 French Warhawks defensive patrols. North-  
west African Photographic Reconnaissance Wing. 13  
August 4 Spitfires 9 U.S. Lightnings 14 August 5  
Spitfires 9 U. S. Lightnings.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

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

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 7439 16 August 1943

Shipping reconnaissance Messina area 7 missions 79th fighter group 82 to 83 P40's reaching target bombload 39,000 lbs resulted 6 near misses merchant shipping, very little information given. Operations 9th USAAF August 15th. 57th and 324th Fighter Group report no operations. Signed Brereton. 340th Bomb Group target shipping beaches San Agata to Ganzirri 35 out of 36 B25's reaching target bombload 111,500 lbs 3 missions results good patterns with hits on town, road, beaches and buildings, 20 aircraft being hit by ack ack. Bomber Command and 12th Bomb Group report no operations.

Supplemental report operations August 15th: 240th Bomb Group targets pin point area San Giovanni 1 mission 13 out of 16 aircraft reaching target bombload 67500 lbs bombs 2520 lbs incendiaries resulting bursts in pin pointed areas, fires seen burning in town. 57th Fighter Group 92 out of 96 P40's in 9 missions target antishipping patrol along southwest coast of Italy bombload 32,500 lbs scored near misses on couple 60 foot motor vessels, hits and near misses on barges, direct hits warehouses, further warehouses afire, oil or gasoline dump apparently hit smoke rising in large columns, 1 plane crushed taking off pilot killed. 79th Fighter Group 3 missions P40's shipping patrol Palai, Milazzo, Messina area 34 out of 35 reaching target bomb load 15,000 lbs resulting direct hits setting warehouse afire, 2 very near misses merchant vessel in straits, direct hit Milazzo harbor, additional 2 warehouses hit, hits Messina dock installations, hit between 2 F boats 340th Bomb Group single mission crossroads north of Palmi, Italy 12 B25's of which 11 reached target bombload 39800 lbs resulting bombing and destruction of intersection.

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To: WAR  
No. ANSME 7439 16 August 1943

Supplemental report operations August 13th:  
57th Fighter Group 6 missions antishipping Messina straits  
bombload 24,500 lbs 56 out of 58 P40's reaching target  
resulting 2 near misses on 2 barges, 2 aircraft buildings  
bombed, 3 direct hits warehouse starting fires, results  
not observed 1 mission, bombs in sea and misses another  
mission.

Supplemental report 98th Bomb Group August 13th:  
Raid on Wiener Neustadt single mission 5 B24's none  
reaching target due to mechanical failure and weather  
all planes safe.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
Gen Doane (CC/S)  
White House

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

CCWD  
15 August 1943  
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OPERATIONAL  
PRIORITY

From: Northwest Africa Air Service Command  
To : War

No. No # 15 August 1943

\* 13th August from NAAF ADV HQ) Shipping strike 12 miles southeast Santa Caterina. Beaufighters attacked by 7 ME 109, 1 FW190 1 Beaufighter destroyed. 2 Wellingtons, 3 Hudsons, 1 French Walrus, 2 French Latecoeres, 7 Bisleys, 1 Swordfish, 88 US Airacobras, P39 6 French Spitfires anti-submarine patrols and convoy escorts, 1 Marauder (B26), 2 Baltimores (A30), 2 Walrus 1 Catalina, 8 US Lightnings (P38) air sea rescue 2 US Lightnings (P38) 2 US Airacobras (P39), 2 Spitfires, 4 US Spitfires defensive patrols. 1 FW 190 destroyed by US Spitfire. NWA Photo Recce Wing. 11 August. 12 US Lightnings (P38), 1 French Lightning (P38), 6 Spitfires 12 August. 1 US Lightning (P38), 5 Spitfires.

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\* Note: Being Serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CGAAF  
SGS  
General Deane (CCS)  
White House

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

No. ANSME 7421 15th August 1943.

Linguaglossa captured by 153 Brigade 1100 hours  
Piedimonte Area occupied 231 Brigade during night.  
 Light opposition encountered by 69th Brigade in  
 reaching Wenero River line. 51st and 78th Divs  
 clearing Linguaglossa-Randazzo Road with patrols  
78th Div reported at 09219 by 10,000 hours. 168  
and 151 Brigades still located area Giarre (D 0404).  
 To 1600 hours August 14th operations of 8 Army.  
 Signed Brereton. No enemy aircraft encountered in  
 Beaufighter operations night 12th/13th August.  
 During day of 13 RAF Kittyhawks and Warhawks re-  
 ported a small merchant vessel and an E boat blown  
 up and a Siebel Ferry seen to break in two.  
 Antishipping attacks also scored near misses on  
 over 12 landing craft and barges. Little motor  
 transport encountered, Railway trucks near coast  
 west of Milano strafed setting 2 on fire. Facone  
 and Piedimonte were bombed by Mitchells and Bostons  
 hampered by clouds from operating against shipping  
 in the straits. 1 FW 190, 3 ME 109's destroyed,  
 1 ME probably destroyed by Warhawks. Operations  
 9th USAAF August 14th: 12th Bomb Group 1 mission  
 against road junction at D 62275g23B 25 out of 24  
 reaching target dropped 65,300 lbs bombs results  
 bombs falling just over road and hit railroad,  
 bits 1 motor transport leaving it afire. 340th  
 Bomb Group 2 missions road intersection 3/4's mile  
 east of Palmi Italy and vehicle concentration on  
 road east of Gesso 24 B25's all reaching target

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To: AGWAR

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No. ANSME 7421 15th August 1943.

dropped 82 400lbs bombs resulting buildings between road intersection and coast hit by 1st box starting fires, 2nd box hit buildings on either side of short road running into town from road intersection, 10 motor transports destroyed others probable. Bomber Command, 57th 79th and 324th Fighter Groups all report no operations. Supplemental report operations 79th Fighter Group August 13th: 63 P40's in 6 missions armed Reconnaissance and Fighter Bomber report 2 Sjebel Ferries sunk, 2 near misses on Asotheu and 1 hit on barracks building 2 miles north of Baknara.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CGAAF  
SGS  
General Deane (CCS)  
Admiral King  
White House

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15 August 1943  
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OPERATIONAL  
PRIORITY

From: Northwest Africa Air Service Command  
To : War

No. No # 15 August 1943

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SGS  
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OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: AQWAR

Nr: ANSME 7420 15th August 1943

With target Wrener Neustadt airplane factory  
bomber command 9th NWAAP reports operations August  
13th as follows:

26 B24's forming 1 mission 44th Bomb Group  
bombload 90,000 lbs 20 aircraft definitely reaching  
target, 3 unknown and 3 missing results target area  
well covered, rear planes observed smoke and flames  
in target area, fires and explosions seen building  
pt S/12 and large building pt Q/12 on fire, 1 air-  
craft unaccounted for, 1 landed Palermo Sicily, 1  
still Tunis. Signed Brereton.

93rd Bomb Group same target 20 B24's 14 out  
of 20 reaching target dropped 50,900 lbs on target  
and 1500 on Pedasco Italy results hits assembly plants,  
repair shop and aprons, 1 aircraft left formation after  
bombing with number 3 engine feathered headed toward  
Switzerland seeming well under control but losing alti-  
tude.

27 B24's for 376th Bomb Group same target 9  
planes reaching target dropped 3800 lbs bombs result-  
ing direct hits seen on buildings followed by fires  
and explosions, 1 explosion rising 10,000 feet, 1  
aircraft crashed and burned on landing no personnel  
being reported injured.

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From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

Nr: AMSME 7420 15th August 1943

18 out of 23 sorties 1 mission 389th Bomb Group reaching same target dropped 74,000 lbs bombs resulting hits as follows on target map CPI, S 8, 10 and 11, T9 and 10, U9 and 10 pin point designations.

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INFORMATION: G-2  
CGAAF  
SGS  
General Deane (CCS)  
Admiral King  
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

Number AMSME 7420

15 August 1943

Photo recon of Taranto made by 1 Spitfire August 13. Eve 13/14 August successful attack made on road. Rail transportation by 9 Mosquitoes in southern Italy. One direct hit by bomb on the Admitterno railway junction starting several fires, fire on siding started by cannon attack on junction. Cannon attacks on Foggia are destroyed 1 vehicle and damaging 2 other. Attacks by cannon started a large fuel fire at Pisticci railway junction visible 30 miles. Two, 250 pound bombs scored hits on railway station north of Maria Di Liuca. At Nardo Ann No near Lecce, railway yards were hit with cannon fire. Explosion among trucks at Sibara started by cannon attack in goods yard. (96 date August 14th to USAAF Washington from CG RAFME) Attacked by cannon and set on fire near Poina Auoka a coastal vessel. Armed shipping recon between heel of Italy and Albania carried out by 3 torpedo carrying Wellingtons. North of Malta interception patrols made by 6 Beau- fighters. A Wellington in Gulf of Taranto area made enemy search. Four Baltimore and 8 Boston sorties made on communications in toe of Italy from Malta. 14th August activities: antisubmarine patrol for shipping provided by 1 Baltimore. Airborne were 12 Beau- fighters as escorts to shipping. 206 torpedoes held. Photo recon of Foggia area made by 5 Spitfires also aerodromes and harbours in northeastern Sicily and southern Italy. East of Sicily anti submarine search made by 2 Balt- imores. Reinforcements.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, General Deane (CCS), White House  
Admiral King, LOG

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U R G E N T

From: 15th Army Group  
To: WAR

No. 533 SF 15th August 1943.

(From main 15th Army Group to PWD Algiers  
rptd AGWAR for OWI Washington PWE London PWB  
Tufis number 533 SF 15th 1115).

For guidance only estimated here Sicilian  
campaign over in 4 days. Germans trying fortify  
perimeter Messina but this not thought serious  
obstacle.

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ACTION: JSC - OWI

INFORMATION: OPD  
CG AAF  
Gen Deane (OCS)  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
CORRECTED COPY

From: Algiers  
To: War

No. AV399E, 15 August 1943.

(Part 2 my AV399E 13 August from NAAF Adv Hq)

8 aircraft damaged by flak 24 Bostons (A20, 12 Baltimores (A30). Troop concentrations Fiume Freedom. 72 250 240 100, from 9,000 feet. Target well covered. Direct hits, road and buildings 1 Aircraft damaged by flak. 11/12 August 10 Bostons (A20), 2 Baltimores (A30) Reggio Di Calabria and Vibo Valentia. 32 250, 120 40, 60 4 incendiary. All bombs target 80 motor transports bombed. Railroad yards Gioia strafed. 9 Beaufighters defensive patrols Catania area. 35 enemy aircraft encounters. 5 JU destroyed, 1 damaged. 6 Bostons (A20) recce roads Gessp, Castiglione, Fiume Freddo, St Teresa areas. 1 returned early. 20 250 12 August 84 US Mitchells (B 25), 36 Bostons (A20), 24 Baltimores (A30) Patti Falcones Barcellona, Novara. 126 bombs. Target well covered. Ammunition dumps, troops, gun positions. NWA Coastal AF. 11 August. (ADD) 31 US Spitfires defensive patrols. 11/12 August. 5 Wellingtons armed recce coasts Italy, Leghorn, Elba, Corsica. 2 Wellingtons, 4 Hudsons, 8 Beaufighters anti submarine patrols and convoy escort. 15 Beaufighters, 1 Spitfire defensive patrols. 12 August. 4 Marauders (B26), Baltimores (A30) recce coasts Sardinia Corsica, Italy (end of part 2 3 follows).

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

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

CCWD  
15 August  
1640 Z

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers  
To: War

No. OPSUM 174 15 August 1943

(Part 2 NAAF OPSUM 174 14/8 from NAAF Adv. Most secret. Part 3 follows)

Nine 75 rounds fired from 300 ft flames amidships 1 US Mitchell destroyed by FLAK. 5 US Lightnings escorted as sea rescue aircraft NA Tactical AF. 7 Aug(add). 248 Spits 134 Warhawks 69 Kittyhawks bombing, strafing, escort and cover missions. 7/8 Aug (add). 9 Beaufighters defensive patrols Sicily. 8 Aug (add). 145 Kittyhawks, 143 Warhawks bombers. Destroyed 12 vehicles damaged 60 ammunition train of 30 trucks blown up. 4 locomotive destroyed. 3 Kittyhawks, 1 Warhawk destroyed. 335 Spits escorted bombers and fighter bombers. 112 US Mustangs, 138 US Warhawks bombing and strafing missions. 3 FW100 and 1 ME109 destroyed. 3 FW190 damaged. 4 US Mustangs tactical recce. 8/9 Aug (add). 8 Beaufighters defensive patrols Sicily. 9 August (add) 76 Warhawks 57 Kittyhawks bombers attacked shipping and road targets, 6 landing craft destroyed, others damaged. 12 vehicles destroyed. 143 Spits escorted bombers and fighter bombers. 9/10 Aug (add). 4 Boston 1 Baltimore road targets battle area. 20 250 from 8000 to 1000 ft. Direct hits motor transport. 10 Aug. V24 US Bostons Randazzo. 84 3000 from 10000 ft. Target well covered. Some bombs overshoot. 79 Warhawks bombers attacked landing barges straits of Messina. 137 Spits, 100 US Spits escort and cover missions. 1 FW190 destroyed, 1 FW190 probable by Spitfires .

ACTION: OPD

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

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15 August 1943  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From:	Bizerte	
To:	War	No. YO 462
	Algiers	Unnumbered
	GHQ Mideast	Unnumbered
	5th Army	Unnumbered
	Adv AFBQ Liaison Grp	Unnumbered
	Force 141	Unnumbered
	Gov and Cinc, Gibraltar	Unnumbered
	Med. Air Comd. (Ops)	Unnumbered
	7th Army (US)	Unnumbered
	8th Army (Brit)	Unnumbered

15 August 1943

(Herewith part 2 my A 249 from Air C in C Med).

Determined attacks. 5 were destroyed. 1 new type of fighters resembling the P 40 apparently heavily armored was reported seen by NE group, 2 increased fighter activity with occasional sweeps by 10 plus A/C was noted in the Straits of Messina. Our Bombers attacking Gledmonte encountered no E/A. 2 probable night fighters seen in straits area 12/13 August (End of Part 2 and Final).

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
Gen Deane (CC/S)  
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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

August 15, 1943

FROM: 15 Army Group

TO: COSITINTREP ADDRESSEES

No. 0933 252

COSITINTREP NO: 37 to 1800 hrs. 15th August

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence. Considerable small craft movement in straits last night but rather less today. III BN 71 PGR still forming rear guard on North Coast. On East Coast 115 probably still rear-guard but NO identifications today. Enemy withdrawing rapidly on North coast more slowly on East coast. Captured Map shows positions ROCCALUMERA 220310 to MANDANICI 155349 held by Italians. Confirmed by Italian PW that this line to be held by 135 and 246 coastal Regts "To enable Germans escape" Italian resistance likely to be slight.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1. 8th Army. 30 Corps. 50 Div. leading tps captured Taormini and Letojanni this morning no contact this afternoon. 231 Bde carrier patrol report Kaggi D 0718 unoccupied. 51 Div and 78 Div. completed repairs to road Piedimonte-Randazzo. 5/7 Gordons occupied Cantiglione C 9820 no contact. 13 Corps, no change.

2. 7th Army. Adv. gp 7th Army moved to C 6948. 2nd Corps. 1 Div. advanced NE to D0012. 9 Div. advance to 1 mile south of \*Furnali C 9844 and gained contact with 3 Div. Advanced rapidly along highway 113 to Spadafora D 2059. (\*Indecipherable) located at C 7836. 7 Army advanced rapidly Eastwards with leading elements 15 miles west of (\*Meoqi-A) along coast road at 1230B.

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Section 3. Air.

1. Night reconnaissance reported general impression little road movement but considerable movement small craft Messina Straits and Milazzo Area.

2. Fighters reported normal MT movement on roads Milazzo-Messina-Taormina\* all in early morning.

3. Reports of movement small craft and shipping Messina Straits continued throughout day.

4. Bomblines 7 and 8th Armies 1535 hrs. D 0655-1657-1650-0634-0630-2230.

Eisenhower GITE FHGCT and FHGBI

\* Check reads D11

Action: OPD

Information: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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15 Aug  
1608 Z

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR AMSMEAF 2072  
Algiers " FA 503  
New Delhi " Q 126  
USAWW " D 137

15 August, 1943

Bombs were dropped on the coastal roads and beaches on enemy concentrations between Messina and Cape Peloro by 39 Wellingtons on the night of 10th/11th August also amongst a small number of landing craft seen along the shore. Seven fires were started including 1 between Agata and Ganzirri which caused frequent explosions and other short lived fires were also seen. One searchlight was believed to be working in cooperation with night fighters. At least 3 night fighters were seen but they made no attacks. A further Wellington whose rear turret was unservicable bombed a light East of Cape Armi. Two Wellingtons carried out an offensive sweep for enemy shipping in the Aegean Sea. No targets were seen. During daylight 11th August 9 (book message for Arnold Eaker Bissell Spantz and Doolittle) Beaufighters on an offensive reconnaissance for enemy shipping off the west coast of Greece in the vicinity of Cephalobia Island made no sightings. On the night of 10th/11th August 7 Malta Mosquitoes of which 4 carried bombs attacked objectives in Southern Italy. A train south of Trebisacce was set on fire whilst bombs were dropped on roads and railway junctions at Doxia Battipaglia and Cape Vaticano. A total of 15 Lorries and other types of vehicles in the vicinity of Letaponto and a number of motor transport vehicles at Cerignola were attacked and damaged. Seven Beaufighters from Malta made interception patrols north of Malta without incident. No American Sorties.

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16 Aug

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Operational Priority

From: 13th AF Algiers  
To: War

No: AV0990E 15th August 1943

(Northwest African Air Forces OPSUM 175 Northwest African Strategical Air Force 13/14 August HYP AAA ACEHQ Gibraltar NM 9th US Bomber Command AGWAR AMSMEAF from Bq NWAAP Advanced AV0990 E August 15 part 2 follows).

Seventy Wellingtons Sicilian and Italian beaches Messins area 139 tons bombs dropped large fire Palmi marshalling yards La Mexia covered by smoke and flames. Large explosions 2 Wellingtons dropped leaflets Rome. One Wellington missing. Northwest African Tactical Air Force 7 August (add) 106 US Spitfires escort and cover missions. Tenth August (add) 216 US Mustangs bombing and strafing missions destroyed 1 bridge damaged 2. Ten fishing boats damaged. 98 US Warhawks escort and cover missions 14 US Mustangs tactical recce. 11 August (add) 84 US Spitfires Naval escort. Destroyed 1 MC205 and 2 FW190. 12 August (add) 100 US Mustangs bombing and strafing. Destroyed 3 bridges and 1 gun emplacement. 66 US Spitfires 68 US Warhawks escort and cover missions. 16 US Mustangs tactical recce. 13 August (add) 39 US Mitchells road and railway bridges 52 300, 263 20 from 7500 to 14000 feet. Several direct hits claimed. Gun battery south of target silenced. 48 US Spitfires escorted Naval vessels north coast Sicily 2 US Mustangs tactical recce. 13/14 August. 20 Bostons 4 Baltimores armed recce roads north Sicily and Toe Italy. One Boston returned early. 79 250, 256 40, 120 4 incendiary from 1000 to 7000 ft. bombed motor transport Vito Valentis and Bagnara. Large fire started Pizzo.

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To: WAR

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

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CCWD  
16 August  
0526Z

From: Hq NAAF SC  
To : War  
No : WR-203, 15 August 1943

Report of operations for period ending 1800 hours 14 August. (AGWAR from Spaatz signed Eisenhower WR-203, 15 August (enc by MAC Cmand Post) personal for Arnold from Spaatz.) Night 13/14, 70 Wellingtons dropped 139 tons on beaches and other military targets north east Sicily and south west toe Italy. All aircraft bombed identified targets and report bombing good. Other Wellingtons dropped leaflets Messina and Rome. Bostons and Baltimores of Tactical Air Force attacked roads from Palmi to Pizzo and motor transport south of Vibo Valentia. Day August 14 no missions flown by aircraft of Strategic Air Force. A 20's attacked concentrations Nicola. B25's and Baltimores attacked disembarcation area Palmi target well covered. Fighter bombers A 36's P40's and Kitty-hawks attacked shipping in straits and railroads and bridges north coast Sicily. Fighters encountered 30+ enemy aircraft north of Messina during the day 1 destroyed. Coastal reports no major incidents day 14. Today B25's attacking Marshalling Yards Sabari and B25 G's attacking shipping Scales and B26's attack Marshalling Yards Sapri. Contemplated attack Rome cancelled.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
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White House  
Gen Deane (CC/S)  
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD  
15 August  
1708Z

From:	Cairo	No. AMSME AF 2073
To:	AGWAR	No. AMSME AF FA 504
	Algiers	No. AMSME AF Q 127
	New Delhi Aquila	No. AMSME AF D 138
	London USAW	

15 August 1943

Concentrations on the beaches between Messina and Cape Peloro were attacked by 37 Wellingtons during night 11/12 August and bombs were observed to burst along the beaches and coastal roads. A number of landing craft between Agata and Ganzirri were bombed and a fire which was probably a landing craft burning was seen in the sea close to the shore at Agata. Six other fires were also started while a solid block of fire was seen south of Messina Harbor. When the aircraft first arrived over the objectives a large fire was seen among some buildings close to the beach at Ganzirri and this fire which was bombed further increased in size. Two Wellingtons are missing. Book message for Arnold Eaker Bissell Spaatz and Doolittle. Four Liberators and 9 Halifaxes bombed the railway sidings at San Giovanni and bursts were seen on the sidings and railway tracks north and south of the harbor in the town north of the harbor and in the vicinity of the station and train ferry terminus. Many fires were started and the objective was covered by incendiaries which were well alight when the aircraft left. Seven Malta Mosquitoes of which 3 carried bombs made attacks on road and rail transport in Southern Italy. Motor transport near Foggia and San Giovanni and buildings at Trinitapoli were attacked and damaged by cannon fire while brilliant blue flashes were seen as a result of a cannon attack on a railway bridge at Nocera Terinese. Trucks and buildings at the railway junction at Marcherita Di Savoia were also attacked with cannon fire and 3 large explosions occurred. Two bombs which fell near a railway bridge south of Sclea caused clouds of smoke to rise. Other bombs were dropped on a railway junction at Metaponto and on a railway station

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No. AMSME AF Q 127  
No. AMSME AF D 138

15 August 1943

near Doria. Seven Malta Beaufighters made interception patrols north of Malta. One enemy aircraft near Catania which saw the Beaufighters jettisoned its bombs and took evasive action. No attack was made. Three torpedo Wellingtons carried out an offensive reconnaissance for enemy shipping off the west coast of Italy without incident. During daylight 12th August 2 Beaufighters made an offensive sweep for enemy shipping in the Aegean Sea. On the west coast of Paros Island a 2 masted Caique of 80 tons at anchor in the centre of Paros Bay was attacked. One aircraft scored hits with cannon fire on the vessel before it was completely destroyed by a bomb which burst 5 yards away. After the attack pieces of wood and 40 gallon drums were seen on the water. A single masted caique of 25 tons on the east side of the bay was also attacked with bombs and cannon fire. Many cannon hits were scored amidships and the vessel was left listing to port. The following additional details have been received regarding the offensive search for enemy shipping carried out by 2 Beaufighters off the west coast of Greece reported in the daily summary dated 12 August. Two small vessels moored to the quay at the northern end of Cephalonia Island were attacked. Four bombs were dropped 2 of which failed to explode while the other 2 hit the quay and bounced off into a warehouse where a large explosion occurred causing smoke to rise to a height of 400 feet. Hits with cannon fire and machine gun fire were obtained on both vessels. One machine gun post was silenced. During night 11/12 August 3 Wellingtons carried out an offensive reconnaissance for enemy shipping off the west coast of Greece. One aircraft bombed 2 merchant vessels north east of Kyllene and 1 bomb failed to ex-

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To: AGWAR  
Algiars  
New Delhi Aquila  
London USAWW  
15 August 1943

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No. AMSME AF Q 127  
No. AMSME AF D 138

plode while a second burst close to the port bow of the leading vessel. The second Wellington attacked Zante Island but 2 bombs hung up and another was not seen to explode while the 3rd aircraft attacked Prevena where 2 bursts were seen on the quays. No American activity.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
Gen Deane (CC/S)  
Adm King  
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August 15, 1943

FROM 15 Army Group

TO COSITINTREP ADDRESSEES

Cable No. 0924 of 15th Aug (cont'd from Part 1) 9012 #250

PART TWO

1. Motor gunboats patrolled close inshore on EAST SICILIAN Coast night 11th/12th and U.L. destroyed and light craft patrolled NORTH OF MESSINA night 12th/13th. Nothing met.

2. Swept channel established inside AEGADEAN ISLANDS and into MARSALA. 91 mines swept.

3. British S/M Unshaken reports sinking inwards bound 7,000 ton M/V of BRINDISI on 11th.

4. WESTbound convoy Mks 21 attacked night 13th/14th in 3615 NORTH 0223 WEST by 36 planes of which A/A fire destroyed 4 for certain and several probables, 2 ships torpedoed in engine room.

5. Bark SOUTH beach closed today Saturday 6. Discharge tonnage SYRACUSE 4700 tons on 11th and PALERMO 5000 tons on 13th. Entire former civilian staff now re employed at oil fuel installation AUGUSTA and ships satisfactorily fuelled from this Depot.

7. During night 12/13 light craft operated within 3 miles MESSINA. Destroyers patrolled off CALABRIAN Coast and a gunboat bombarded roads rear CAPE SCHISO at 500 all without opposition.

8. Cruisers made sweep off ITALIAN Coast night 13th/14th and bombarded VIBO VALENTIA. 1 coaster blown up and whole harbour Area set on fire.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CGAAF  
SGS  
Gen Deane (CC/S)

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IN

Received: 24 August '43

Time: 1459

Addressed: Admiralty  
Repeated: COMINCH  
F.O.C. Gibraltar  
COMMORSEAFRON  
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COM Algeria  
C. in C. Levant  
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VA Malta

From: C. in C. Med.

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IMPORTANT

SITUATION REPORT (2153)

1. Large MGB's operated closed inshore on East Sicilian Coast Night of 11th /12th and U.S. Destroyers and PT's operated North of Messina night 12th/13th, nothing met.
2. Swept Channel established inside Agadean Islands and into Mersala. Ninetyone mines swept.
3. Unshaken reports sinking inward bound 7000 tons M/V off Brindisi on 11th.
4. Convoy MKS 21 attacked night 13th/14th in 36-15 North 02-23 West by 36 Planes of which A/A fire destroyed 4 for certain and several probables. Two ships torpedoed in Engine Room. Tug sent.
5. Bark South Beach closed today Saturday.
6. Discharge tonnages Suracuse 4700 tons on 11th and Palermo 5000 tons on 13th. Entire former civilian staff now reemployed at Oil Fuel Installation Augusta and ships satisfactorily fuelled from this depot.
7. During night 12th/13th Coastal Forces operated within 3 miles of Messina Destroyers patrolled off Calabrian Coast and Scarab bombed roads near Cape Schiso at 500 yards all without opposition.
8. AURORA PENELOPE JERVIS PALADEN made Sweep off Italian Coast night 13th/14th and bombarded Vibo Valentia one Coaster blown up and whole Harbour Area set on fire.

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Gen. Macready  
C.O.S.  
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Brigadier Redman (10)

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Lt. Col. Cook  
Lt. Col. O'Connor  
G/C Du Boulay

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 132026

IN

Received: 14th Aug. '43

Time : 1841

Addressed: Admiralty  
Repeated : COMINCH  
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IMPORTANT

Situation report Number 152.

- (1) Destroyers operated off Calabrain and East Sicilian Coast night 10th/11th and Coastal Gias Calabria Coast and Messian Straits. No surface forces met but some opposition from shore Batteries no damage or casualties.
- (2) UGANDA, ROBERTS, SOEMBA and destroyers engaged targets on Right Flank Army on 11th.
- (3) AURORA, PENELOPE, JERVIS, PALADIN operated night 12/13 (12/13) between Licosa Point and Gulf of Epemmi nothing met.
- (4) MAURITIUS, UGANDA, NUBIAN, TARTAR operated night 12/16 (12/13) between Cape Rizzuto and Alice Point nothing met.
- (5) Air raid Augusta night 11/12 (11/12) by 20 planes of which 4 shot down no bombs in port area.
- (6) U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT, ROWAN, TRIPP operated night 11/12 (11/12) off Italian Coast Punta Fiscolelli to Punta Licos nothing met.
- (7) MTB'S fired torpedoes at 3 Merchant vessels entering Messian night 11/12 explosion 5 minutes later but no definite hits claimed.

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15 August 1943  
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To: War

No. WR-199 14 August 1943

AIC frame and engine shop (part 2 and final part of my WR-199 14 August from Spaatz signed Eisenhower encyphered by MAC Post) hangars damaged at Littorio. Four B-25G's attacked merchant vessel 8 miles north Pizzo smoke and flames from amidships after 9 shells night 12/13. During morning 13 Tactical Bomber Force attacked targets at Falcone Piedmonte and Spadbsfore at request Army good results. In afternoon aircraft switched to shipping in straits no suitable targets. Approaches beaches attacked fighter bombers A-36's P-40's and Kittyhawks. Attacked small shipping in straits. Coastal Beaufighters attacked with torpedoes merchant vessel 25 miles west Civitavecchia no hits observed but merchant vessel obscured by smoke after attacks. Escorting E boat blew up from cannon fire. Photo interpretation of Rome attack indicate excellent results.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)  
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14 August 43  
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Fosterswitch  
To: War

No. WR 199, 14 August 1943

AGWAR from Spatz signed Eisenhower WR 199 14 August 1943.

Arnold from Spatz. Report of operations, personal for HYP for period ending 1800 hours August 13th. Night 12/13, 90 Wellingtons attacked beaches Messina to Cape Pelloro and from Regio to Palmi. While 2 aircraft dropped leaflets over Rome. Day August 13th, 106B 17s escorted by 45 P 38s, 66 B26's escorted by 44 P38's, and 102 B26's escorted by 55 P38s attacked Rome for 2nd time. The Lorenzo marshalling yards were the target for the heavies Littorio marshalling yards and airdrome were attacked by the mediums. At Lorenzo a smoke screen was in operation all aircraft bombing report hit in target area some later aircraft did not bomb due to target area being obscured by smoke and dust 1056 by 500 dropped. 20 plus enemy aircraft encountered 2 destroyed 4 B17's damaged by flak all aircraft returned. At Littorio 576 by 500 were dropped hits being scored in yards and on airdrome buildings 10 enemy aircraft encountered 2 destroyed 1 B26 destroyed 1 missing. 1st phase interpretation shows no hits on historical building. At least 3 lines into Lorenzo blocked and (end of part one part two follows.).

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ACTION: OPD  
INFORMATION:

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

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers  
To : War

No. AV 399 E - 14 August 1943

(NWAAF OPSUM 173 Northwest HQ ASNM 9 US Bomber Command AGWAR AMSMEAF from NAAF Adv HQ AV 399E 13 August).

Strategic Air Force. 11/12 August. 89 Wellingtons beaches Messina to Cape Pelero. 361 500, 395 250, 1548 40. Beaches, roads landing craft attacked many fires started. 2 Wellingtons destroyed, 1 missing. 4 Wellingtons dropped 1,000,000 leaflets on Leghorn, Pisa, Florence, Modena, Bologna. 12 August. 48 US Marauders (B26) escort 45 US Lightnings (P38) Grazzanize air field. 5574 20 fragmentation. Hangar area, dispersals and entire landing area covered. Explosions believed ammunition huts. Approximately 70 enemy aircraft encountered. 7 ME 109 destroyed, 3 probably destroyed by bombers. 2 ME 109 destroyed, 3 ME 149 and 1 FW 190 probably destroyed and 1 ME 109 1 FW 190 and 2 RE 2001 damaged by escort. 2 US Lightnings (P38) destroyed. 24 US Mitchells (B25) escort 24 US Lightnings (P38) Clytone Bosco Lago Air Field. 134 500 21 Mitchells (B25) escort 24 US Lightnings Keil Croone Rositello Air Field. 1500 20 fragmentation. Field thoroughly covered. NWA Tactical AF 11 August 48 US Mitchells (B25) Randazzo. 144 500, 248 250 from 11,000 feet. Bombs target area large fire. (End of part 1 part 2 follows) Its roads, railway.

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INFORMATION:

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Hq NAAF Rear Echelon  
To: War

No. 874 14 August, 1943

(Part 3 NAAF OPSUM 17 874 14/8 from NAAF Adv. Part 4 follows).

Eleven August (add). 36536 US Mitchells 12 Baltimores Randazzo. 48 500, 8 300, 319 250 from 7500 to 11500 ft. Direct hits roads buildings. 12/13 Aug 12 Bostons armed recce Reggio-Vibo Valentia Spartivegto. 2 returned early. 48 250 from 1000 to 7500 ft. Motor transport bombed vicinity Rosarno. Palmi and Reggio also bombed. 4 Baltimores, 6 Bostons dropped 14 250, 240 40, 120 4 from 10000 on armed recce Gesso-Novara-Castiglione-Fiumen Reddo area 6 fires started 12/13 Aug. 24 US Mitchells, 23 US Bostons Piedmonte. 48 300, 166 250, 94 100, 816 20 from 9000 to 10500 ft. Direct hits roads buildings and crossroads. 24 US Mitchells Falcone. 7 returned with bombs. Remainder dropped 102 500, 4 300, 20 250 from 11000 to 12000 ft on E. T. A. Due clouds target believed hit. NA Coastal AF. 12 Aug (add). 2 US Spits convoy escort. 2 Walrus Air Sea Rescue. 24 US Spits defensive patrol 12/13 Aug. 9 Hudson, 1 Wellingtons, 3 Beaufighters A/Sub Patrol and Convoy Escort. 1 Walrus Air Sea Rescue. 15 Beaufighters Defensive Patrols. 1 CANT Z1007 destroyed northwest Palermo. 6 Wellingtons armed recce east coasts, Sardinia, Corsica.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS

Gen. Deane (CC/S)  
White House  
ADM. KING

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15 August  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: 12th Air Force  
TO : War  
No : 174 , 14 August 1943

Approaches Spezia, Leghorn, Elia, Pontine Islands, Italian Coast ( part 4 and final of NAAF OPSUM 174 14/8 from NAAF Adv.) 13 Aug. 3 Baltimores 2 Marauders recce. East and West coasts Sardinia. Corsica, approaches Toulon. Genoa, Spezia, Leghorn, Elba and east Italian Coast 4 torpedo Beaus and 4 anti flak Beaus attacked convoy of 1 M/V escorted by 1 corvette and 2 E boats south west Civitavecchia. 4 torpedos dropped. No hits seen but pall of dark smoke seen after attack. Cannon strikes observed on corvette and E boat resulting in violent explosion on latter. 4 Bisleys, 4 Albacores, 1 Wellington 2 French Latecoeres, 1 French Walrus, 2 Spits, 36 French Warhawks A/sub patrol and convoy escort. 2 Catalinas, 2 Marauders, 6 US Aircobras air sea rescue. 7 Spits, 9 US Spits, 2 US Lightnings, 6 US Aircobras defensive patrols. NAPRW 13 Aug. No report received.

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ACTION: OPD  
INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF SGS  
GEN. DFANE (CC/S) WHITE HOUSE  
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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

Nr: ANSME 7405 14th August 1943

With target Piedmonte, 3 missions on bridge and railroad, 4 missions of 12th Bomb Group comprising 39 B25's carrying 92,750 lbs bombs, 38 aircraft reaching target, secured hits in southwest and south central part of town, 4 direct hits on bridge, hits on road and railroad, 1 near miss on bridge, 2 hits in town, antiaircraft position hit and bridge strafed. 340th Bomb Group target shipping Messina Straits, Falcone, Sicily, 2 missions 23 B25's all reaching target dropped 91,700 lbs bombs resulting bombs dropped on barge concentration on beach with unobserved results, at Falcone and bombs in target area, weather bad. Reports not yet received from Bomber Command. Signed Brereton. 57th Fighter Group with 31,500 lbs bombload 7 missions objective antishipping patrol southwest coast Italy, dive bombing and strafing roads north of Francavilla 63 P40's out of 38 reaching target secured 3 direct hits on a barge 9 near misses on others, 1 direct hit on barge, 2 direct hits on 2 bridges was near miss, 3 ME 109's claimed probables 1 damaged, 1 FW 190 claimed destroyed. 79th Fighter Group target ground strafing, antishipping Messina Straits 12 missions 72 P40's with 6,000 lbs bombs obtained 4 hits on 2 F boats 2 hits on barges 10 near misses on Siebel ferry and barge 1 direct hit on a bridge, also destroyed 1 FW 190, 3 ME 109's probables, 1 ME 109 damaged.

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

Nr: ANSKE 7405 14th August 1943

324th Fighter Group no operations. Supplemental report same date 12th Bomb Group 1 mission comprising 12 B25's with 27,600 lbs bombs 9 aircraft reaching target Piedmonte, results pattern covered south edge of town, hits on main road and intersection.

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No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

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

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

URGENT

From: Algiers  
To: War

Number 1333/W7355 14 August 1943

(From G-3 OPS Section AFHQ to COSITINTREP  
addressees 1333/W7355 14 nil)

Part 4 COSITINTREP 35. 14 August. Part 4  
COSITINTREP 33 and 34 not issued. Signed Eisenhower.  
Cite FHGCT.

1. Intelligence. Nil.
2. North Africa. 1. Movement. Nil. 2. L of  
C. 1. 10 August railway collision near Chasseloup  
Laubat P 9748. Both engines and 8 coaches damaged. 1<sup>st</sup>  
injured. 2. 13 August 3 enemy aircraft over Bizerta  
driven off by AA fire. Two bombs dropped. No damage.  
Later 2 more aircraft driven off by fighters.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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## INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL--PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

Nr: AMSME 7412 14th August 1943

Target anti shipping patrol Messina Straits, 79th Fighter Group, 9th USAAF operations August 13th, in 3 missions 32 P40's bomb load 16000 lbs destroyed 3 ME 109s and 1 FW 190, probably destroyed 1 ME 109, for loss 1 P40 and 1 badly damaged, other results not commented on. This is supplemental report of operations. Signed Brereton. 340th Bomb Group Target Falcone 12 B25s in 1 mission bombload 34200 lbs all aircraft reaching target resulting target hit but results obscured by 7/10ths clouds.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
White House  
Gen Deane (CCS)  
Adm King

CM-IN-10471 (14 Aug 43) 1717Z ems

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SGS  
White House  
Gen Deane (CCS)  
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15 Aug  
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To : War

No. W 7376/1457 - 14 August 1943

(Second cipher part my W7376/1457 dated 142000).

*Allied HQ reports*

Siebel 9 Ferries. 55 small craft, of which 44 stationary, 22 landing craft and 12 Siebels seen on 12 August. 55 small craft seen on 13th August South of Cape Peloro and at least 20 North of Cape Peloro. Latter landing stores on beaches as far North as Marina D69. Principal embarkation strip between Messina and Punta Del Faro where 300 MT and some tanks seen 12th August. Estimate speed of evacuation likely reach peak from 15th August.

Paragraph 5. Miscellaneous. Prisoners 8 Army front showing marked signs fatigue.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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14 Aug. 1943  
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OPERATIONAL  
PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To : AGWAR

Nr : AMSME 7406 14th August 1943

Night of August 12/13:

One of 2 Wellingtons on anti ship recce Aegean Sea attacked 1500 ton merchant vessel with undetermined results. Later torpedoed 2,000 ton Merchantman WBW Melos Island scoring on port side causing steam and smoke to issue forth. Ack Ack from escorting vessel damaged rear turret. Daily OPSUM report 108 dated August 14th from HQ RAFME to AAF Wash.

August 13th:

U. S. Liberators numbering 114 attacked aircraft factory and assembly plant at Vienna Neustadt. On way out 2 landed at Malta. One forced down in sea southwest of Soutari with remainder reported to have landed at airdromes in Tunisia after attack. Details will follow. Two Beaufighters endeavored to locate previously mentioned torpedoed Merchantman without success.

Four Hudsons, 6 Wellingtons, 2 Baltimores, 1 Bislely, 1 Walrus and 1 Beaufort on Anti-sub detail. Photo Recce, 3 Baltimores. Shipping protection, 34 Hurricanes and 2 Beaufighters. Twelve Hurricanes, 1 Beaufighter, 17 Spitfires defensive patrols.

Delayed details for August 12th follow:

Five Baltimores, 1 Hudson, 1 Wellington, 4 Bisleys, 3 Walrus, and 3 Beauforts on Anti-sub patrol. Shipping

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From: Cairo  
To : AGWAR

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Nr : AMSME 7406 14th August 1943

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patrols, 4 Spitfires and 2 Hurricanes.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)  
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16 August 1943  
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P R I O R I T Y

From: AFHQ North Africa  
To : War

No. WR 210 14 August 1943

(AGWAR from Spaatz signed Eisenhower WR 210 16th August).

Personal for Arnold from Spaatz. Report of operations for period ending 1800 hours August 15th. Night 14/15, 72 Wellingtons attacked beaches San Giovanni-Palmi, the Lamezia marshalling yards and the Pizzo beaches. Leaflets also were dropped on Rome and Lamezia, 2 Wellingtons missing. Day 15th 24 P38's carrying 1000 pound bombs attacked railroad and highway Punta Di Stalletti. Railroad and highway hit at mouth of tunnel. 23 P38's carrying 500 pound bombs attacked railroad 5 miles south of Bianco cracks torn up, bombs also on railroad at Marina Di Fracaleone. 24 B26's escorted by 24 P38's dropped 122 by 500 on Sapri marshalling yards, cars were destroyed and oil fire started. 48 B25's escorted by 36 P38's dropped 274 by 500 pound bombs Onsbhari railroad junction large explosion believed ammunition train. 4 B25G's scored near misses small merchant vessel of Palinura Point. 47 P40's flew sweep southern Sardinia no enemy aircraft encountered. Bostons and Baltimores of tactical Air Force attacked motor Transport (End part 1 part 2 follows) on roads and at night 15/16. Day.

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2. SWEEP CHANNEL ESTABLISHED INSIDE AGADEAN ISLANDS AND INT/MARSALA. NINETYONE MINES SWEEP.
3. UNSHAKEN REPORTS SINKING INWARD BOUND 7000 TON M/V OFF BRINDISI ON 11TH.
4. CONVOY MKS 21 ATTACKED NIGHT 13TH/14TH IN 36-15 NORTH 02-23 WEST BY 36 PLANES OF WHICH A/A FIRE DESTROYED 4 FOR CERTAIN AND SEVERAL PROBABLES. TWO SHIPS TORPEDOED IN ENGINE ROOM. TUG SENT.
5. BARK SOUTH BEACH CLOSED TODAY SATURDAY.

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FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 152.

(1) DESTROYERS OPERATED OFF CALABRIAN AND EAST  
SICILIAN COAST NIGHT 10TH/11TH AND COASTAL GIAES  
CALABRTAN COAST AND MESSINA STRAITS. NO SURFACE  
FORCES MET BUT SOME OPPOSITION FROM SHORE BATTER-  
IES NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

(2) HUGANDA, ROBERTS, SOEMBA AND DESTROYERS EN-  
GAGED TARGETS ON RIGHT FLANK ARMY ON 11TH.

(3) AURORA PENELOPE JERVIS PALADIN OPERATED NIGHT  
12/13 (12/13) BETWEEN LICOSA POINT AND GULF OF  
EPEEMI NOTHING MET.

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(4) MAURITIUS UGANDA NUBIAN TARTAR OPERATED NIGHT 12/16 (12/13) BETWEEN CAPE RIZZUTO AND ALICE POINT NOTHING MET.

(5) AIR RAID AUGUSTA NIGHT 11/12 (11/12) BY 20 PLANES OF WHICH 4 SHOT DOWN NO BOMBS IN PORT AREA.

(6) USS WAINWRIGHT ROWAN TRIPP OPERATED NIGHT 11/12 (11/12) OFF ITALIAN COAST PUNTA FISCOLELLI TO PUNTA LICOS NOTHING MET (7) MTB'S (MTB'S) FIRED TORPEDOES AT 3 MERCHANT VESSELS ENTERING MESSINA NIGHT 11/12 (11/12) EXPLOSION 5 MINUTES LATER BUT NO DEFINITE HITS CLAIMED.

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From: 12th Air Force  
To: WAR

No. AV 399E 13th August 1943.

(Part 2 my AV 399E 13 August from NAAF Adv Hq).

8 aircraft damaged by FLAK 24 Bostons (A2)  
12 Baltimores (A30) troop concentrations Fiume  
Freddo. 72X250, 240X100 from 9,000 feet. Target  
well covered. Direct hits, roads, buildings 1  
aircraft damaged by FLAK. 11/12 August. 10  
Bostons (A20) 2 Baltimores (A30) Reggio Di Calabria  
and Vibo Valentia. 32X250, 120X40, 60X4 incendiaries.  
All bombs target areas. 80 motor transports bombed.  
Railroad yards Gioia strafed. 9 Beaufighters  
defensive patrols Catania area. 35 enemy aircraft  
encountered. 5 JU88 destroyed 1 damaged. 6 Bostons  
(A20) recce roads Gesso, Castiglione. Fiume Freddo  
St Teresa areas. 1 returned early. 20X250, 12  
August 84 US Mitchells (B25), 36 Bostons (A20), 24  
Baltimores (A20) Patti Falcone. Barcellona, Novara.  
126 tons bombs. Target well covered. Ammunition  
dumps, troops, gun positions, NWA Coastal AF. 11  
August add 31 US Spitfires defensive patrols.  
11/12 August. 5 Wellingtons armed recce coasts  
Italy, Leghorn Elba, Corsica. 2 Wellingtons 4  
Hudsons, 8 Beaufighters anti submarine patrols and  
convoy escort. 15 Beaufighters, 1 Spitfire de-  
fensive patrols. 12 August. 4 Marauders (M4) 2  
Baltimores (A30) recce coasts Sardinia Corsica, Italy.

(End of part 2 part 3 follows).

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INFORMATION: G-2 CGAAF, SGS, General Deane (CCS)

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OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

Nr: AMBME 7387 13th August 1943

San Giovanni railway sidings attacked by 9 Halifaxes and 4 Liberators August 11/12. Bursts observed on tracks and sidings north and south of harbor, in the town and in station and train ferry terminus area. Area well covered by incendiaries with many fires started. 138 X 500 pounds HE, 630 X 4 pound incendiaries on San Giovanni at 2013Z. 3 Wellingtons on anti ship recce west coast of Greece. 2 merchant ships attacked N E of Kyllade by one craft with 1 burst close to port bow of 1 vessel reported another craft bombed Zante Island. 3rd plane bombed Preveza reporting 2 bomb bursts on quays. Large fires also reported seen on Levkas and Cephalonia Islands. (Daily OPSUM report 107 dated August 13th to AAF Wash from Hq RAFME).

August 12: 2 Beaufighters on Aegean Sea sweep report destroying 80 ton Caique in Paros Bay on west coast of Paros Island and cannon hits on 25 ton Caique 1 east side of bay with ship left listing. Anti sub 7 Hudson 2 Wellingtons 1 Bisley 1 Walrus. 1 Baltimore photo recce. Shipping protection 3 Hurricanes. Defensive patrols 6 Hurricanes and 2 Beaufighters.

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To: AGWAR

Nr: AMSME 7387 13th August 1943

small vessels at quay northern end of Cephalonia Island.  
Explosion in warehouse at quayside with smoke rising to  
400 feet. Vessels hit by machine gun and cannon fire.  
Also silenced was 1 machine gun post."

No Sig.

Action: OPD

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

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Information: G-2  
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13 Aug. 1943  
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To : AGWAR

Nr : AV 396 E 13th August 1943

(AAA, A. F. H. Q. SSSNNNNNN 9th U. S. Bomber Command, AGWAR AMSMBAF from HQ NAAF Adv AV 396 E Aug. 13 Northwest African Air Forces OPSUM 172).

Northwest African Strategic Air Force. 10/11 Aug. 88 Wellingtons beaches Messina to Ceosotelbro. 175 tons from 3,000 to 11,000 feet results appeared good. Many fires and explosions observed.

Eleventh August. 35 U. S. Marauders escorted by 21 U. S. Lightnings, and 36 U. S. Lightnings, including 12 with bombs, Marina Di Catanzaro bridge. 12 1,000, 210 500 from 1500 to 9,000 feet. Nine direct hits bridge. Bombs Marshalling Yards. Eight goods cars destroyed, tracks damaged.

Fifty-six U. S. Warhawks Fighter sweep south Sardinia. Forty U. S. Fortresses Terni Rail Road Yards. 468 500 from 22,800 feet. Explosion gas works, rail road yards, Royal arms factory. Five to 6 enemy aircraft encountered. One FW 190 damaged, 1 U. S. Fortress destroyed, 3 damaged by hostile Lightning with Swastika markings. Forty-five U. S. Mitchells escorted by 45 U. S. Lightnings Angitala bridges. 54 500 from 7400 to 9,000 feet. Hits on highway bridges.

Northwest African Tactical Air Forces. 10 August. Forty-five Kittyhawks shipping strike Messina Area.

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To : AGWAR

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Nr : AV 396 E 13th August 1943

Direct hits 4 landing craft.

10/11 August. 18 Bostons, 4 Baltimores armed  
recece Italian Peninsular raids. 56 250, 200 (\*) in-  
cendiary from 1,000 to 3,000 feet. Hits buildings,  
ammunition dump (\*). Big fire started Fiume Freddo.  
Fifty motor transports hit Floresto Area. Two Bostons  
armed recece Reggio Di Calabria and Vibo Valentia.  
Eight 250 from 1,000 to 3,000 feet.

End of Part 1, Part 2 follows.

(\*) Being serviced.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
Adm King  
Gen Deane (CC/S)  
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From: NW AAF SC  
To: War

Number AV 399 E 13 August 1943

(Part 3 and final my AV 399 E 13th August  
from NAAF Adv HQ)

Eight Beaufighters, including 4 torpedo shipping strike 12 miles southeast Santa Caterina. Beaufighters attacked by 7 ME109's, 1 FW190, 1 Beaufighter destroyed. 2 Wellingtons, 3 Hudsons 1 French Walrus, 2 French Latecoeres, 7 Bisleys, 1 Swordfish, 88 US Airacobras P39, 6 French Spitfires anti submarine patrols and convoy escorts, 1 Marsuder B26, 2 Baltimores A30, 2 Walrus, 1 Catalina, 8 US Lightnings P38 air sea rescue, 2 US Lightnings P38, 2 US Airacobras P39, 2 Spitfires, 4 US Spitfires defensive patrols. 1 FW190 destroyed by US Spitfire. NWA Photo Recce Wing. 11 August. 12 US Lightnings P38, 1 French Lightning P38, 6 Spitfires, 12 August. 1 US Lightning P38, 5 Spitfires.

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INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
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Gen Deane (CCS)  
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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

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(AAA A.F.H.Q SSSNNNNMM 9th U. S. Bomber Command. AGWAR ANSNEAF from HQ NAAF NAAF Adv AV 396 E Aug 13. Northwest African Air Forces OPSUM 172. Northwest African Strategic Air Force. 10/11 Aug.)

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

Nr: AV 396 E, 13 August, 1943

ammunition dump Milano. Big fire started Fiume  
Freddo. 50 motor transports hit Florento Area.  
2 Bostons armed recce Reggio Di Calabria and Vibo  
Valentia. 8 250 from 1000 to 5000 feet.

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INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
GEN DEANE (CCS)  
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FROM: AFBQ North Africa  
TO : War

NR : WR 191

13 August 1943

Fighter bombers maintained attacks on shipping in straits.

Part 2 and final of WR 191. 13/8 TOO 1315488 from Med Cmd Post (from Spaatz signed Eisenhower) 14 enemy aircraft encountered during the day 2 FW 190's destroyed, 4 ME 109's probable. Coastal Beaufighters on shipping strike were intercepted by enemy aircraft destroying 1 Beaufighter. Air sea rescue Catalina recovered sole survivor of Wellington lost night 4/5. Search for B 17 crew sighted morning 12 August continuing. Today 4 groups heavies and 5 groups mediums attacking Lorenzo and Littorio Marshalling Yards Rome. B 25 G's making shipping sweep Pizzo area and 1 group P 40's fighter sweep Sardinia. 1st bombs dropped on Lorenzo at 1105B. No further details available.

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CG AAF  
SGS  
GEN DEANE (CCS)  
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CCWD  
14 August  
0204Z

O P E R A T I O N A L --- P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To: WAR

Nr.: Y 1748 13 August

(part 2 my AV 396E \* August from NAAF Adv HQ)

8 aircraft damaged by flak 24 Bestens (A 20) 12 Baltimore (A 30). Troop concentrations Fiume Fredda. 72X250 240X100 pjrtbbpta yye F 62 feet. Target well covered. Direct hits, roads and buildings 1 aircraft damaged by flak. 11/12 August 10 Bestens (A 20), 2 Baltimore (A 30) Reggie Di Calabria and Vibe Valentia. 32X250, 120X40, 60X4 incendiary. All bombs target 80 meter transports bombed. Railroad yards Gioia strafed. 9 Beaufighters defensive patrols Catania area. 35 enemy aircraft encountered. 5 JU 88 destroyed, 1 damaged. 6 Bestens (A 20) recce reads Gessp, Castiglione, Fiume Fredda, St Teresa areas. 1 returned early. 20X250. \* August 84 US Mitchells (B 25), 36 Bestens (A 20), 24 Baltimore (A 30) \* Falcones Barcellona, Novara. 126 tons bombs. Target well covered. Ammunition dumps, troops, gun positions. NWA Coastal AF. 11 August. Add (31) US Spitfires defensive patrols. 11/12 August. 5 Wellingtons armed recce coasts Italy, Leghorn, Elba, Corsica. 2 Wellingtons, 4 Hudsons, 8 Beaufighters anti submarine patrols and

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR

Nr.: Y 1748 13 August

convey escort. 15 Beaufighters, 1 Spitfire defensive  
patrols. 12 August. 4 Marauders (B 26), 2 Baltimores  
(A 30) recce coast Sardinia (end of part 2, '3 fellows)  
Corsica, Italy.

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INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
GEN DEANE (CCS)  
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14 Aug 1943  
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From: Algiers  
To: War

No. R 118/14, 13 August 1943

8 Beaufighters, including torpedo (part 3 and final my AV399E 13 August from NAAF ADV HQ) shipping strike 12 miles Southeast Santa Caterina. Beaufighters attacked by 7 ME109, 1 FW190, 1 Beaufighter destroyed. 2 Wellingtons, 3 Hudsons 1 French Walrus, 2 French Latecoeres, 7 Bisleys, 1 Swordfish, 88 US Airacobras (P39), 6 French Spitfires anti submarine patrols and convey escort. 1 Marauder (B26), 2 Baltimores (A30), 2 Walrus 1 Catalina, 8 US Lightnings (P38) air sea rescue 2 US Lightnings (P38) 2 US Airacobras (P39), 2 Spitfires, 4 US Spitfires defensive patrols. 1 FW190 destroyed by US Spitfire. NWA Photo Recce Wing. 11 August. 12 US Lightnings (P38), 1 French Lightning (P38), 6 Spitfires, 12 August. 10 US Lightnings (P38), 5 Spitfires.

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

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers  
To: WAR  
No: A 244 13 August 1943

(Part 2 and final part my A 244 from Air C in  
C Med 13th August)

Aerial bombing tactics were experienced. 144 sorties were carried out by light bombers of Tactical Air Force against towns in NE Sicily whilst fighter bombers maintained attacks on landing \* escorting Spitfires destroyed 2 E/A and probably 4 others without loss to themselves. 2 \* night 11/12 August Mosquitoes intruded over \* and W Italy whilst Beaufighters carried out interception patrols without combats. 3 9th Bomber Command night 11/12 August 11 Halifaxes and 4 Liberators attacked San Giovanni area. 4 Air Intelligence enemy fighter opposition was on a slightly increased scale 70 being encountered by one mission. A tan colored P 38 is reported to have followed the B26's for 40 miles after leaving the target before returning towards Italy. By night \* E/A attacked out Sicilian fighter landing ground destroying 10 aircraft on the ground.

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

From: NW AAF SC  
To: War

Number AV 399 E 13 August 1943

(Part 3 and final my AV 399 E 13th August  
from NAAF Adv HQ)

Eight Beaufighters, including 4 torpedo shipping strike 12 miles southeast Santa Caterina. Beaufighters attacked by 7 ME109's, 1 FW190, 1 Beaufighter destroyed. 2 Wellingtons, 3 Hudsons, 1 French Walrus, 2 French Letecoeres, 7 Bisleys, 1 Swordfish, 88 US Airacobras P39, 6 French Spitfires anti submarine patrols and convoy escorts, 1 Marsuder B26, 2 Baltimores A30, 2 Walrus, 1 Catalina, 8 US Lightnings P38 air sea rescue, 2 US Lightnings P38, 2 US Airacobras P39, 2 Spitfires, 4 US Spitfires defensive patrols. 1 FW190 destroyed by US Spitfire. NWA Photo Recce Wing. 11 August. 12 US Lightnings P38, 1 French Lightning P38, 6 Spitfires, 12 August. 1 US Lightning P38, 5 Spitfires.

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NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-11306 (15 Aug 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
Gen Deane (CCS)  
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13 Aug. 1943  
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To : AGWAR

Nr : AV 396 E 13th August 1943

(AAA, A. F. H. Q. SSSNNNNMM 9th U. S. Bomber Command, AGWAR AMSMEAF from HQ NAAF Adv AV 396 E Aug. 13 Northwest African Air Forces OPSUM 172).

Northwest African Strategic Air Force. 10/11 Aug. 88 Wellingtons beaches Messina to Ceceotelbro. 175 tons from 3,000 to 11,000 feet results appeared good. Many fires and explosions observed.

Eleventh August. 35 U. S. Marauders escorted by 21 U. S. Lightnings, and 36 U. S. Lightnings, including 12 with bombs, Marina Di Catanzaro bridge. 12 1,000, 210 500 from 1500 to 9,000 feet. Nine direct hits bridge. Bombs Marshalling Yards. Eight goods cars destroyed, tracks damaged.

Fifty-six U. S. Warhawks Fighter sweep south Sardinia. Forty U. S. Fortresses Terni Rail Road Yards. 468 500 from 22,600 feet. Explosion gas works, rail road yards, Royal arms factory. Five to 6 enemy aircraft encountered. One FW 190 damaged, 1 U. S. Fortress destroyed, 3 damaged by hostile Lightning with Swastika markings. Forty-five U. S. Mitchells escorted by 45 U. S. Lightnings Angitara bridges. 54 500 from 7400 to 9,000 feet. Hits on highway bridges.

Northwest African Tactical Air Forces. 10 August. Forty-five Kittyhawks shipping strike Messina Area.

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From: Algiers  
To : AGWAR

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Nr : AV 396 E 13th August 1943

Direct hits 4 landing craft.

10/11 August. 18 Bostons, 4 Baltimores armed  
recco Italian Peninsular raids. 56 250, 200 (\*) in-  
cendiary from 1,000 to 8,000 feet. Hits buildings,  
ammunition dump (\*). Big fire started Fiume Freddo.  
Fifty motor transports hit Floresta Area. Two Bostons  
armed recco Reggio Di Calabria and Vibo Valentia.  
Eight 250 from 1,000 to 5,000 feet.

End of Part 1, Part 2 follows.

(\*) Being serviced.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2  
CG AAF  
SGS  
Adm King  
Gen Deane (CC/S)  
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14 Aug 1943  
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To: War

No. WR-191 13 August 1943

Report of operations for period ending \* hours August 12 (AGWAR from Spaatz signed Eisenhower personal for Arnold from Spaatz. WR-191 \*) night August 11/12 \* Wellingtons attacked beaches, roads, and landing craft between Messina and Cap Peloro 2 Wellingtons missing. Leaflets dropped Leghorn, Pisa, Florence, Ondena, Bologna. Day August 12 48 B-25's\* escorted by 45 P-38's attacked Grazzanise landing ground \* 74 20 frag bombs. Hangars dispersal areas and landing ground well covered. 25 to 30 enemy aircraft attacked. Bombers destroyed 7 ME-109's fighters destroyed 2 ME-109's 2 P-38's missing. 24 B-25's escorted by 24 P-38's dropped 134 by 500 bombs on Crotona Bosco Lago landing ground while 21 B-25's escorted by 24 P-38's dropped 1500 20 pound frag bombs on Crotona Rositello landing ground. Field well covered. Beaufighters attacked tactical air force \* enemy aircraft attacking landing grounds Lentiji night 11/12. 10 of our aircraft destroyed on the ground. During day August 12 A-20's Bostons and Baltimores attacked motor transport on Palmi / Vibo Valentia road (end part 1 part 2 follows) Road and railways at Gioia strafed. Fighter bombers maintained attacks on shipping in \*.

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13 August 1943  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers  
To: War

No. 132029, 13 August 1943.

(Part 2 my 132029 from C in C Med)

4. Air raid Augusta night 11th 12th by 25 to 30 aircraft. No bombs in port area. 4 aircraft shot down.
5. United States destroyers carried out sweep off Italian coast Punta Iscololli to Punta Licosa night 11th/12th. Nothing encountered.
6. Motor torpedo boats fired torpedoes at 3 merchant vessels entering Messina Night 11th/12th. Explosion 5 minutes later but no definite hits claimed.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
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14 Aug. 1943  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers  
To: War

NR: 132029, 13 August 1943

(Cosintrep addresses plus 7th and 8th Armies from C in C Med) Part 2 Cosintrep no 35 signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT.

1. Destroyers and light craft operated off Calabrian Coast in Messina Straits and off East Sicilian Coast night 10th 11th. No surface Forces encountered but some opposition from Coastal batteries. No damage or casualties.
2. Cruiser and gunboats engaged targets on right flank Army on 11th 12th fighter bombers cooperated.
3. Cruisers and destroyers carried out sweeps off Italian Coast Licosa Point to Gulf of Eufemiland also Cape Risuto to Alice Point night 12th 13th. Nothing met. (Part 2 my 132029 follows.)

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ACTION: OPD  
INFORMATION:

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CG AAF  
SGS  
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