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NAVAL MESSAGE

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To: O.O. 312157
Received: 1st Sept. 43
Time: 1314

Addressed: Admiralty
Repeated: C. in C. Levant
For V/F. M.
N.O.C. Gibr.
N.O.C. Tunisia
COM Algeria
COM AGE Gren.
CONING
COMMARFRON
COMMAYNAW

From: C. in C. Mediterranean

IMPORTANT

Situation Report 167.

1. At Messina 271 depth charges on land have been rendered safe to date. N.Y. 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. QUILLIAN, QUAIL, and QUEENBOROUGH carried out sweep to Gulf of Asquillace, nothing was sighted.

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Received P/L from Navy Dept:

F. O.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. C.O.
C.O.B.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (10)

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Lt. Col. O’Connor
O/C DuBoulay

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/74
From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. COSINTREP No. 51, 31 August 1943

(COSINTREP No. 51. Part 2. COSINTREP from C in C med' signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT).

1. Circling torpedoes also dropped in air raid at Augusta about 2110 29th Aug. COSINTREP 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 Valentia 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/†)

CH-IN-191 (1 Sep 43) 0901Z
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CHICHESTER
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SITUATION REPORT 167. PART 1 OF MY 3121578 PART 2 FOLLOWS.

1. AT MESSINA 271 DEPTH CHARGES ON LAND HAVE BEEN RENDERED SAFE TO DATE. MY 312142 PARA 2 REFERS.

2. MY 312142 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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RELEASED BY:

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TOR CODEROOM: 8412/3533
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4. DURING THE NIGHT 30/31 AUG COASTAL FORCES OPERATED OFF VIBO VALENTIA AND CALABRIAN COAST HIS BUILLIAM QUAIL AND QUEENSBOROUGH CARRIED OUT SWEEP TO GULF OF ASQUILLACE. NOTHING WAS SIGHTED.
WAR DEPARTMENT
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1 Aug 1943
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. W.8727/8203, 30 August 1943

(TROOPERS rptd AGWAR USFOR from AFBQ W8727/8203
30 Aug nil signed Eisenhower cite PHGCT amend cur)

5926 dated 25 Aug, 24 weekly summary. Para
4 Estimated casualties 8 army 11843.

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5926 ISO 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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T.O.O. 302142
Rec'd: 31st Aug.'43
Time: 0908

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: C. in C. Levant
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COMINCH
F.O.C. Tunisia
COM Algiers
F.O.C. Gibraltar
COM N.O.B. Oran
COMHAVNAN
COMORSEAFRON

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. Massina 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 H.M.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 H.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.P.
Code Room (2) S.O. Lt.Coll. Cook
C.O.S. N.M.C.S. Lt.Coll. O'Connor
JD G/C Du Boulay
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CINC MED
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COMMORSEAFRON
FROM CINC MED

SITUATION REPORT NO.: 166

PARA 1: AUGUSTA ATTACKED BY ABOUT 12 AIRCRAFT DURING 28TH
SLIGHT DAMAGE TO ONE LCT OUTSIDE HARBOUR

PARA 2: MESSINA SHelled Btween 24TH 28TH AND 25TH 29TH
A NUMBER OF DELAY ACTION DEPTH CHARGES BOTH IN HARBOUR AND
ON QUAYS BEING DEALT WITH TORPEDO ELECTRICAL AND HYDROPHONE
WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE UNDAMAGED

PARA 3: MTB'S AND MGB'S OPERATED OFF VIDO VALENTIA
AND CALABRIAN COAST WITHOUT INCIDENT NIGHT 28 AUG / 29 AUG
SIMILAR PATROLS WERE CARRIED OUT NIGHT 29 AUG / 30 AUG

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean
To: War

No. 49 29 August 1943

COSINTREPP 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. (COSINTREPP from C in C Med) 37 prisoners were taken including the Captain.

2. A commando party was landed at Cova Marinas 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. COSINTREPP 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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From: C in C Mediterranean
To: War
No. 49

29 August 1943

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

no sig

ACTION: OPD

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

CM-IN-22239 (29 Aug 43) 1650Z fbb
NAVAL MESSAGE
T.O.O. 291302

IN

Received: 30 Aug 43

Time: 1008

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: CINC Levant
VAM FOH
FOC Tunisia
CMMNOG Oran
FOC Gib
COM A.
COMINT
COMMSEAFRON

From: CINC Med.

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JCS LETTER, 7-8-73

BY DATED

MAY 21 1973

IMPORTANT

Situation Report No. 165.

1. WANDERER and WALLFLOWER escorting KMS 24/09 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. Commandos 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.

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. Macready N.T. G/C Du Boulav Lt Col Cook NMSC

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NAVAL MESSAGE

No T.O.O./27

IN

Received: 28 Aug '43
Time 0954

Addressed: COSITINTREP No. 48
Repeated: White House
Admiral King

From: C. in C. Med.

DECLASSIFIED
JCS LETTER, 7-6-73
BY DSS DATE
MAY 21 1973

IMMEDIATE

During night August 26/27 coastal forces operated off Vibo Valenta 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.

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Admiral
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Brigadier Redman (10)
N.I.
S.O. (0) Personal
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N.M.I.S.
C.O.R.
Lt.Col. Cook
Lt.Col. O'Connor
G/C Du Boulay

RECEIVED P/L FROM NAVY DEPT.
From: Algiers
To: WAR
No.: W-8549/7374
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 cited PHNGS 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 pants 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.
INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: Algiers
TO: WAR

No: W-8548/7374 28 August 43 Page 2

Political: prefect Enna being last of prefects of Sicily has been returned compulsorily for incompetence with vice prefect replacing.

No Sig

ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD CAD LOG
NAVAL MESSAGE

No T.O.O./27

IN

Received: 28 Aug. '43
Time: 0954

Addressed: COSINTREPO No. 48
Repeated: White House

From: C. in C. Med.

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JCS LETTER 7-9-78
BY DAA, DATE
MAY 21 1973

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

P.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
Code Room (2)
C.O.S.
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Brigadier Redman (10)
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N.M.C.S.
C.C.O.R.
Lt.Col. Cook
Lt.Col. O’Connor
G/C Du Boulay

RECEIVED P/L FROM NAVY DEPT.
Situation Report No. 164.

1. Coastal forces patrolled off Algribrian 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 proceeded 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
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CINC MED
To: WAR

Unnumbered 27 August 43
(Cosintintrep from C in C Med Cosintintrep number 48 part 2)

1. During night 26 August/27 August Coastal Forces operated off Vibo Valentina 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 Delays 2000 27 August but without result.

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ACTION: OPO

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
General Deane (CCS)
White House
Admiral King
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Received: 27th August 43
Time: 1757

Addressed: ADMIRALTY

Repeated: COMNAVNAW
        COMMONSEAPRON
        COMINCH
        C. in C. Levant
        VAM
        F.O. 1/c Gibraltar
        (FOHEY)
        F.O.C. Tunisie
        COMALGERIA
        COMOB Oran

From: C. in C. Med.

MAY 2 1 1973

IMPORTANT

Situation report Number 163.


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 MISTRID and S.S. SPONDIUS near missed.

4. Coastal forces operated off Vibo Valentia and Calakrian Coast night of 26 Aug. no incidents.

5. My 252128 par. 3 destroyers bombed Lucre results unobserved opposition belated and inaccurate.

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F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
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Flins
Brigadier Redman (10)
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C.G.O.R.
Lt. Col. Cook
Lt. Col. O'Connor
G/C Du Boulay

Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept
INFO: COMINCh COMNAVNAV V A MALTA FORH 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 VISO VALENTIA AND MTB'S OFF
CALABRIAN COAST WITHOUT INCIDENT.

PARA 2. AURORA PENELlope JERVIS AND PALADIN
CARRIED OUT SWEEP IN TIRRENIAN 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.

MY 242349 PARA 4 ATTACK WAS BY 6 FOCKE WULFE 190
SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 161.

(1) MY 252/41 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) SS PEITRE SOULD TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT AT 1930/23

IN POSITION 38-19 N 12-55 E.

(4) SS ESSO PROVIDENCE DAMAGED DURING AIR RAID

AUGUST AM 24 AUGUST.

(5) DZIK REPORTS AT 2132 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

COMNAVNAV
F O H COMNOB Oran
C. in C. Levent
V. A. Malta
F. O. Gibraltar
COM A
F. O. Tunisia

COMORSEAFRON

From: C. in C. Med.

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JCS LETTER, 7-5-78

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 LAFOGREY 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 MICHIGAN 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.

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

Rec'd P/L from Navy

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By RT, NARA, Date 2/14/44
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From:  Agiers
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 as an air
sea rescue continued, 3 members of B24 crew were
rescued 26 miles Northwest Stramboli.

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 air-
craft mostly MX 109's and with B25 attack on Benevento
with 15 to 20 including some FW190's.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

              WHITE HOUSE

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSKE 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 OBSUM 115. August 20: 3 Wellonngtons 4 Hudsons 3 Beauforts 7 Baltimores and 2 Miltels 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 Makhoras setting 1 fire. 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

CM-IN-15822 (21 Aug 43) 1604Z mcs

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From: WAR (relayed from Algiers #7 7643/3829
To: Troopers, London Unnumbered
    Headquarters Mideast 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
   Anti-tank and       E.O. 11652, Sec. 7Wb and 4(D) or (R)
   field guns-1060     OSD letter, May 4 1972
   Anti-aircraft       190
   guns-670            70
   Signed Eisenhower cite FIGBI.

2. Personal 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 militia, carabinieri and non-combatant base personnel estimated together at 63,000 were not in the event made prisoners. Total is thus reduced to 216,000. Account for this figure as follows:
   prisoners to date-182,900
   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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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 PO Division 12,000, Hermann Goering 9,000, 15,000 PO Division 8,000, 1 Flieger Division 3,000, miscellaneous fighting units 3,000, base and service personnel 13,000.

4. Results evacuation. 29th PO Division Freshet 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 G0/S Gen Wedemeyer  
Adm Cooke Gen Arnold Col Connor  
Adm Wilson

* Being serviced.

BOSCO-IN-194 (21st Aug 43) 1816Z EMK

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

No: 107 19 August 1943


Following figures released result GINO’s press conference:

Total Axis losses 135,000 prisoners by 10 August.
Estimated 38,000 killed and wounded.
860 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 103 tanks and 251 guns.

Aircraft losses in combat and on the ground:

Enemy 1,691
Allied 274

BOSCO-IN-138

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To: BOSCO
No: 107  19 August 1943

ACTION: G-2 (Col Betts)

INFORMATION: White House

Gen Deane
Gen Arnold
Gen Kuter
Gen Fairchild
Gen Somervell
Gen Wedemeyer
Col Connor

Gen Surles

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS  Date: MAY 21 1973

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NAVAL MESSAGE
T.O.O. 192012

IN

Rec'd:  21 Aug. '43
Time :  0906

Addressed :  Admiralty

Repeated :  COMINCH
            COMNAVNAV
            CINC LEVANT
            FOC Gibraltar
            VA Malta
            F.O. Tunisia
            MORSE&FRON
            COM Algiers
            COM No. Oran

From :  C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

Situation Report No. 158.

1. (AURORA?) DIDO PEN and PANTHER operating
   Tyrrhenian Sea night 18th/19th sank 7 Northbound landing
   craft off Scales.

2. USTER 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
   crew wounded in addition to about 100 U.S. Navy personnel
   now reports 11 enemy aircraft destroyed.

5. Landing at Scalaeta night 15/16th reported in
   SITREP 156 was made by LCA's of PRINCE CHARLIE and PRINCESS
   BEATRIX with five LCT's supported by ROBERTS destroyers
   gunboats and ICF. Under Naval Command Captain D4. Light
   opposition. No damage to ships or craft.

6. TRIPPE and 3 PT's received surrender of
   Aeolian Islands 17/12/30 from Italian Naval Commander at
   Lipari. Radio and cable station inoperative but not
   sabotaged. Radio station on Stromboli (but?) cut out of action.
   Germans had left 10 days earlier.

192012.

Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept.

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

Lt. Col. Cook
Lt. Col O'Connor
G/C Bu Beuley
NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 191024

IN

Rec'd: 20 August '43
Time: 1152

Addressed: COMINCH
Admiralty
F.O.C. Gibraltar
COMMORSEAPRON
COMNAVNAV
VA Malta
Com. Algeria
C. in C. Levant
F.O. Tunisie
COMTOB Oran

From: C. in C. Med.

MAY 21 1973

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 Calavva 14th where road tunnel
demolished.

(2) SIRI DIDO and PANTHER bombarded SCOLETTA night 14th-
15th firing over 1000 rounds onto the Port in 20 minutes
at 8000 yards range.

(3) NUBIAN and PANTAR 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 COCKCHAFFER operated inshore on
Sicilian Coast on 14th FLORES bombarded coast road at
Taormina. No opposition.
Page 2

(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 Marsala on 9th.

Ends.

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Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
Code Room (2)
G.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (10)
N.I.
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Lt. Col. O'Connor
G/C Du Boulay

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(ADMIRAL (R) COMINCH FOC GIB COMMORSEAFRON COMNAVYW VA MALTA COM ALGERIA CINC LEVANT FO TUNISIA COMNOB ORAN FROM CINCMED))

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 FERRED
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 8500 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

PL/2
SET ON FIRE AND SUNK 7 MAY HAVE REACHED SHORE OR BEEN PULLED UP BY OTHER MTB'S.

(5) APHIS FLORES AND COCKCHAFER OPERATED INSHORE ON SICILIAN COAST ON 14TH FLORES BOMBARDED COAST ROAD AT TAORMINA, NO OPPOSITION.

(6) US DESTROYERS AND MTB'S SWEPT COASTWISE MILUADDO 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.

ENDS

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P2/2
From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSME 7512 19 Aug 1943

Tao Mina reported by 15th Army Group as Headquarters 8th Army 17th August with 30th Corps Headquarters 70807 (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 Scallette (D2940) reinforced during night 16/17th. Signed Breton. Operations 9th USAAF August 18th: no operations reported. Supplemental report August 17th: 57th Fighter Group 9 missions anti shipping patrol Straits of Messina to Gulf of Gela area 105 P40's all reaching target bombload 48,000 lbs scored direct hits on 12 boats in addition 1 target merchant vessel damaged and 1 merchant vessel of 1500 tons destroyed, also 3 barges destroyed, 1 probable and 2 damaged, near misses on 26 boats, large building destroyed in pinpoint and direct hits on railroad tracks at Malm, various railroad cars hit. 79th Fighter Group 5 missions anti shipping Messina to Palermo area 51 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

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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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Mr.: W 7738/3386/19 August 1943

(To Troopers AGWAR rptd Ridesant from G-2 . . .)
Freedom signed Eisenhoffer cite FRGRI W 7738/3386 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

CM-IN-14542 (20 Aug 43) 0113Z vc

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19 August 1943.

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 Palma. Heavy explosions resulted at Gioia. Target at Palma was power station - results unknown.

3. British cruisers made sweep of Italian Coast southwards from Cape Palinuro night 17/18 and bombarded Scalea with 287 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 successful engagement with E-Boats and were engaged by shore batteries resulting in damage reported in night. Report number 39.

7. SSU Xproar reports one hit on 2500 ton merchantman at 062158 in 11 mins north 56 mins east. SGS Dunshaken sank 7000 ton merchantman off Brindisi on 10th and unsuccessfuly attacked 750 Seau-boat in straits Otranto.

CM-IN-14477 (19 Aug 43)
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: War

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
WHITE HOUSE

CM-IN-14477 (19 Aug 43) 2331Z vc
INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers.
To: WAR

No. A 250 19th August 1943.

(AFR) AGWAR Troopers USFOR Wdeast Commandedh
Malta Commandedh Ghentor 5th Army FairfieId 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 Wellontons dropped 89 tons of bombs and 432000
leaflets on the beaches between Briatico and Cape
Suvero.

(Part 3 Air COSINTREP no 40 18th August, signed
Eisenhower, cite FHSCT FFGBI] large explosions were
seen at Pizzo and La Mizia where fires were started.
29 light bombers attacked communications on the Toe
of Italy, W/T and road bridges were targets Beau-
fighters destroyed a JU88 off Augusts 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 unknowns results 18th August
29 P40 fighter bombers escorted by 16 P40
fighters dropped fragmentation bombs in the Gornesia
area in Sardinia and strafed a 2 masted Naval
vessel which was left in flumes. 24 P38 fighter
bombers escorte by 14 other P38's attacked rail
communications at Severeto. The road and rail bridges
at Augea 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

CM-1N-14163 (19 Aug)

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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 Scaules 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

CM-IN-14178 (19 Aug 43) 1751Z ojv

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 162018
Rec'd. 20 Aug. '43
Time: 0714

Addressed: ADMIRALTY
Repeated: COMNORWEAN
FO TUNISIA
CINCLEVANT
COMINTH
FOC GIBRALTAR
COMORSEAFRON
COMNAVALW
VA MALTA
COM ALGERIA

From: Cin C MED

IMPORTANT:


1. PENEOPE EURYALUS PALMIN 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 bombed bridges at Gioia Tauro causing heavy explosions and BOISE NIBLACK and GLEAVES bombed Palmi Power Substation. Results not known.

4. PENEOPE EURYALUS PALMIN and JERVIS made sweep of Italian Coast outwards from Cape Palinuro night 17th/18th and bombed S1alea 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 Biscara 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 of OTRANTO.

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Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (10)
N.I.
S.O. (0) Personal
N.M.C.S.
C.C.O.R.
Lt. Col. Cook
Lt. Col. O'Connor
O/C Du Boulay

RKB.
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers North African Air Service Command
To: AGWAR

18 August 1943

(Part 3 and final AV 416 E TOO 171637B from NAAF ADV)


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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, General Deane (CCS) White House; LOG
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From: Rear NAFAF
To: War

No. # 18 August, 1943

(AGWAR from Air Command Post ACHT/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 one 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 only 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.
During this period also his reconnaissance grew progressively ineffective as the interception and losses increased.

End of Part 1 2nd part follows.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W7632/2732 18 August 1843

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

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, Acitresto, Giovanni La Punta H 98, Tremestiere, Mancalucia 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. I 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 BDE. Trecastagni 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. Cesarro 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 B99 captured by 13BDE. Stubbon 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 Alunno C 6241. Line of D 01 Northing reached by 13th Corps river Leonardiile crossed by 168 BDE.
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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. W752/2732 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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No. W7632/2732 18th August 1943.

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

Consisting of 5 Div H 7861, 1 CDN Div H 9157 30th Corps consisting of 50th Div J 0398, 51 Div R 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 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, Djdjelli and Bizerte.


Para 5. Estimated prisoners. 7 Army to Aug 12 96000, 8th Army to Aug 12 30000. Breakdown by nationalities unknown.


CM-IN-14073 (19 Aug 43)
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 8550 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.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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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. Up roar reports on E hit on 2700 tons merchant vessel at 062158 in 41-11 North, 16-56 East. Unshaken sank 7300 ton merchant vessel off Brindisi on 10th and un Successfully attacked 750 ton U-boat on 13th in Straits of Otranto. 

(Delivered to 20-C.)
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From: Algiers
To: War
No. 7632/2732, 18 August 1943

(To Troopers rptd AONAF UHFOR from Freedom W 7632/2732 17/8th 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, Acitrezza, Giovanni La Punta H 98, Tremestiere, Nascalucia 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 at 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. Troncastagne 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 PFS 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 Oume protecting 47 RCT's left flank, 9 Div completed relief of 4 Div 9 Aug. On 8th Army front contact was continued with enemy on line 9 * north of. T Reconti feature H 99 captured by 13 Bde.

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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 08 Div 7th Army front. General advance for several miles accomplished over heavily mined and difficult terrain. 60 RCT occupied Cosolato 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.

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

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ADMIRALTY REPTD COMINCH FOC GIB COMMORSEAFRON COMNAVNAV V.A.M., COM ALGERIA CINC LEVANT FO TUNISIA COM NOB ORAN FROM CINCMED, SIT REPORT NUMBER 156.

1. **SS BENJAMIN CONTEE** CARRYING **16/7** ITALIAN POW TORPEDOED 162328 BY ENEMY A/C Whilst JOINING CONVOY OFF BONE HAS SINCE REACHED BONE ABOUT 320 KILLED AND 60 WOUNDED, CONVOY GUS 12 ATTACKED 170002 BY 1 TORPpedo BOMBER OFF NO DAMAGE.

2. BOUGIE SECTION OF UGS 13 ATTACKED BY HE 111 163400 BEFORE JOINING MAIN CONVOY TORPEDO FIRED AT ESCORTING TRAILER HORNPIPE WHICH AVOIDED AND SHOT DOWN AIRCRAFT, SECOND AIRCRAFT DRIVEN OFF. **SS EMPIRE KESTREL** STRAGGLED FROM MAIN CONVOY TORPEDOED AND SUNK 160730 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 FERRED UP EAST COAST ON 15TH TO REINFORCE COMBATANTS PREVIOUSLY LANDED SCALIETTA NIGHT 15/16 AS REPORTED IN SIT REP 156.

1. FORMATION OF LCY'S ATTACKED BY 3 FIGHTER BOMBERS 1910Z OFF CAPE ORLANDO NO DAMAGE.

2. DAYLIGHT RAID AUGUSTA ON 15TH BY ABOUT 6 PLANES 4 COOKS IN HARBOR WITH NEAR MISSES ON PRINCESS MARY LACERY AND OCEAN VIRTUE NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. SPITFIRES SHOT DOWN FIGHTERS AND DAMAGED ANOTHER.
From: WAR (Relay of FREEDOM W-7553)  
To: BOSCO  
No. 99  17 August 1943  

(To Somervell from Clay)  

Report on amount of material and supplies captured in Sicily due this Headquarters at early date reference your 4953 dated 15th August. (Signed Eisenhower cite FISUP 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 clothing 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, 65  
- 47 MM gun, 80  
- Caisson, 180  
- Grenades, 3250  
- Mines, 5050  
- Tankettes Italian with trailer, 14  
- Helmets, 8800  
- Bombs, 500  
- Light tanks, 45  
- Mark 5 and 4, 33  
- Mark 6 (Tiger), 22  
- R 35 Tank, 16  

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From: WAR (Relay of FREEDOM W-7553)
To: BOSCO
No: 99 17 August 1943

Trailers, 12
Aircraft (40) (Operating), 160
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, 1M, 4
Small arms ammunition, 10, 021, 900
20 MM ammunition rounds, 5300
47 MM ammunition rounds, 1624
40 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

BOSCO-IN-129 (18 Aug 43) 2158Z mjk
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FROM: WAR (Relayed from Algiers)

TO: BOSCQ

No. 79 17 August 1943

From: Kalloch

To: Franz Schneider

Chateau Frontenac Room 3334 (From Ralph Keating)

No. RAW 318

Reference: WSHA 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.

BOSCQ-IN-89 (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 Slater 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 Somervell
Gen Marshall Gen Wedemeyer
Gen Handy

BOSCO-IN-69 (17 Aug 43) 0049Z

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From: Algiers.
To: AGWAR

No. 17th August 1943.

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

15, B-25's A-30's Baltimores attacked troop concentrations and barges dropping 500, 8, 250E explosive and 20 fragmentation bombs. No enemy A/C encountered. Fighter bombers A-30's P-40's and Kittyhawks attacked shipping I Kittyhawk missing, Spitfires destroyed I 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-Scaleg-Paola-CEFCITA. 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, CGAAF, ADM, KING

WHITE HOUSE

GENERAL DEANE (CCS)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AOWAR

No. AMSKE 7463 - 17 August 1943

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

Taormina and Letojanni captured during morning. Reggi D0718 reported clear by 231 Brigade Patrol. Randazzo-Piedimonte road cleared and repaired by 78th and 51st Divs and Zastiglione occupied by elements of latter. 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 unaccounted for. Single mission Foggia Satellite number 218 out of 25 B-24's of 93rd Bomb Group reaching target bombload 61,300 lbs registered bursts on both sides railroad tracks, 2 oil fires (hits pinpointed 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 25 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
No. AMSME 7463 - 17 August 1943

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 Gallipoli 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, 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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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, SGS, GENERAL DEANE (CCS)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Foster Switch
To: War

No. A 248 - 17 August 1943

(Part 2 and final part of 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 attacked communications in the Toe of Italy. Beaufighters 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 Mosquitos bombed targets in Italy. A large fire being started in the RR yards at Mintaro. 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 were claimed destroyed and 7 others probably destroyed. 7 B24's were lost and 1 is missing. 4 Air Intelligence. 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

CN-IN-12553

(17 Aug 43) 1338Z mjc

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17 Aug
1237 E

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Moser Switch
To: War

No. A 248 - 17 August 1943

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

12 Baltimore on a ship on fire. North of Messina. Fighter bombers continued to direct their attacks on barges in the straits whilst others attacked communications in the Toe of Italy. Beaufighters 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 Mosquitos bombed targets in Italy. A large fire being started in the RR yards at Minturno. 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 Intelligence. 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-9, CG AAF, LOG
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)
WHIT HOUSE, ADM. KING

CM-IN-12553
(17 Aug 43) 1338Z mjc

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FROM: ALOIERS

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 527).

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ACTION: CO/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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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.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD
WHITEN HOUSF
ADM. KING
GEN. HILLDRING
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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 KKAAD. [Signature]

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ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD
WHITE HOUSE
ADM. KING
GEN. HILLDRING
LOG

CM-1N-12442 (17 Aug 43) 1032Z cen

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 37, 17 August 1943

COSINTREP addresses plus 7th and 8th Armies
COSINTREP 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 Scales 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 Rizzuto 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.


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 Wolfs off Harbour Enna Cc Catania on 14th. 2 near misses. No air raids Augusta or Syracuse on 14th.

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

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(1) U.S. CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS COVERED FERRYING OPERATIONS ON ARMY'S LEFT FLANK AT BARCELONA 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
COVERED SUCCESSFUL COMMANDO LANDING AT SCALETTA NIGHT 15/16. SMALL NUMBER TANKS ALSO LANDED AT 161429. COMMANDOS REPORTED HOLDING POSITIONS AND ADVANCING SOUTH TO MEET OWN TROOPS.

(4) SIRIUS, DIDO, PENN, PANTHER SANK SOUTHBOUND 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 SCALETTA. ENEMY VESSELS ENGAGED NORTH OF POINT PELLARO AND FIRE RETURNED. 3 BOATS ENCOUNTERED BUT DISPERSED AT HIGH SPEED.

(6) APHAS 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 ENDDED 15TH.

(8) LST 414 HIT AMIDSHIPS BY TORPEDO FROM TORPEDO BOMBER AT 15°22'0" 183 DEG CANI ROCKS 3.5 MILES. 1 KILLED 6 MISSING. LST BEACHED OUTSIDE SIZERTA.

(9) UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK BY TORPEDO BOMBERS ON LSI CONVOY 16°23'7" OFF CAPE BOUGAROUD.

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From: Cairo
To: A Gavin

No. ALINE 7446, 16 August 1943

Siding, railway at San Giovanni attacked by 4 B-24 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 recce over Aegean Sea carried out by 2 Wellingtons. I 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. Ship straddled by 6 500 pound bombs with 1 possible hit, but all failed to explode. Afore mentioned were all operations carried out 14/15 (from RAF Bi NE in this daily OPSUN report 110 to AAFHQ Washington) 15th.

Offensive recce west coast of Greece by 4 Beaufighters. 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.
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 Lindons, 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 Baltimore A30’s and 1 Walrus anti submarine. Photo recce by 1 Baltimore A30. Damaged by Spitfire off Alexandria Aug 13th 1 JUB8. On August 11th 1 Spitfire on photo recce and on the 12th 2 on same mission. OPSUM 109:

Now confirmed to bomb Wiener Neustraft 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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17 August
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From: AFHQ NA Algiers
To: WAR Air Ministry No. AV 412 E
16 August 1943

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

Direct hits and damaging near missile 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 Palermo 12 75 MM shells fired from 200 to 500 feet. Vessel also strafed. 1 fighter returned early. 24 US Lightnings P-38 bombers sweep Staledeti. 24 1000 from 3,000 feet on road bridge and tunnel. No hits observed. Railway track torn up for 50 yards. 24 US Lighting P-38 bombers sweep Italy. 23 500 from 4,000 to 7,000 feet on railway tunnel 3 miles south Bianco and marshalling yards Marina Di Brancalone. 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 airstrome. 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 & 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 HR fires and explosions.

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

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To: WAR

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

No A 247, 16 August 1943


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

(Part three COSINTREP No 37 15 Aug signed Eisenhower cite FHGC FHGBI in addition 1,000,000 leaflets were dropped on Rome and 70,000 on Lamezia. 23 light bombers operated on armed reconcs 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 Staliletti where hits were believed made on the rail tractor another 23 P-38's bombed other railroad targets on the toe of Italy. 48 B-25's bombed the railway junction at Bibari and 4 B-25's 8's scored near misses on M/w 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 Cagliria area. Light bombers of tactical Air Force again operated support our ground forces with B-40's while fighter bombers continued attacks on evacuation 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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INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF GEN.DEANE (CC/S)
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16 Aug

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From: WAR

To: BOSCO

NR: 73

16 Aug 43

The Axis withdrawal across the Straights of Messina for Col Betta 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 60 small craft participated in the movement. (From Smith signed Strong WD081.) 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 strength. These latter divisions will undoubtedly be immediately brought again to full strength but we will not be able to classify

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NR: 73 16 Aug 43

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 Bern 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, 1653, 1st of April, 1630, 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 1945. 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 counterattack is in progress. The tone of the German communiqué 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.

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ACTION: Co-Deut

INFORMATION: White House
Adm Leahy
Adm King
Adm Cooke

Adm Willeon
Gen Marshall
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Gen Arnold
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INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: NAAF OPSUM 136 NA strategic AF. 14 August (ADD)
24 US hyp AAA AFHQ Gibraltar 9th US Bomber Command
AGWAR AHSNEAF from NAAF Adv 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 Valentina power station and transformer Rosarino strafed. 14/15 August 24 Wellingtons beaches San Giovanni to Palsi. 42 and 3/4 tons dropped from 5000 to 8000 feet. Fires observed. 1 aircraft machine gunned beaches between Scilla and Palsi. 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 Lamoxia 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 Mitchells B25 escort 36 US Lightnings P38 Sibdri 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 Sapri 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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INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF GEN DEANE (CC/S)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

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

Bombed and strafed shipping Gioia 14 August
48 U. S. Mitchells 12 Baltimores Palat 322 500,
74 300, 48 250 from 9000 to 11000 ft. Direct hits
roads and railway. 12 Baltimores Palat failed
rendezvous with escort and returned with bombs. 24
Bostons Nicola. 42 100, 1082 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
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North Tyrrhenian Sea approaches Toulon and West
Italian coast 6 Bisleys 2 Hudsons 1 Wellington 1
Swordfish 2 French Latacoeres 1 French Warhawks 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 Bisle 1 Baltimore 1 Marauder air sea rescue. 2
From: HQ North African AF Rear Echelon
To: WAR
Mr: AV 0990, 16 August, 1943


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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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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 59,000 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 bombload 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 3 F boats 340th Bomb Group single mission crossroads north of Palai, Italy 12 B25's of which 11 reached target bombload 39800 lbs resulting bombing and destruction of intersection.

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From: Cairo
To: WAR
No. ANSBM 7439 16 August 1943

Supplemental report operations August 13th:
57th Fighter Group 6 missions antishipping Messina straits
bombed 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 90th 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
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Gen Deane (CC/S)
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To: War
No. No # 15 August 1943


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INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR
No. AMSME 7421 15th August 1943.

Linguaglossa captured by 153 Brigade 1100 hours. Piedimonte Area occupied 281 Brigade during night. Light opposition encountered by 69th Brigade in reaching Venere River line. 51st and 78th Divs clearing Linguaglossa-Nandizzo Road with patrols 78th Div reported at 0919 by 16,000 hours. 168 and 151 Brigades still located area Glarre (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 reported a small merchant vessel and an E boat blown up and a Siebel Ferry seen to break in two. Antishipping attacks also scored near messes on over 12 landing craft and barges. Little motor transport encountered, Railway trucks near coast west of Milazzo straffed setting 2 on fire. Fagona 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 622754238 25 out of 24 reaching target dropped 65,300 lbs bombs results bombs falling just over road and hit railroad, hits 1 motor transport leaving it afire. 340th Bomb Group 2 missions road intersection 3/4's mile east of Palai Italy and vehicle concentration on road east of Gesse 24 B25's all reaching target.

CM-IN-11305 (15 Aug 43)
dropped 82 4001bs bombs resulting buildings between road intersection and coast hit by lat 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 524th 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 Siebel Ferries sunk, 2 near misses on Asmara and 1 hit on barracks building 2 miles north of Asmara.

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ACTION: OPD

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

CH-IN-11305 (15 Aug 43)1642Z ejv
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 attack-
ed by 7 ME 109, 1 FW190. 1 Beaufighter destroyed. 2 Welling-
tons, 3 Hudsons, 1 French Walrus, 2 French Latecceres, 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 (P38), 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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To: AGWAR
Nr: AMSHE 7420 15th August 1943

With target Werner Neustadt airplane: factory bomber command 9th NAAF 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 8/12 and large building pt Q/12 on fire, 1 aircraft 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 80,900 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 altitude.

27 B24's for 376th Bomb Group same target 9 planes reaching target dropped 3800 lbs bombs resulting 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.

CH-IN-11304 (15 Aug 43)
From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Mr: AMERS 7420 15th August 1943

18 out of 23 sorties 1 mission 389th Bomb Group reaching same target dropped 74,000 lb bombs resulting hits as follows on target map CPI, 89, 10 and 11, 79 and 10, UB and 10 pin point designations.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Photo recce of Taranto made by 1 Spitfire August 13. E/12 1314 August successful attack made on road. Rail transportation by 9 Mosquitoes in southern Italy. One direct hit by bomb on the Admiterno railway junction starting several fires, fire on siding started by cannon attack on junction. Cannon attacks on Foggia are destroying 1 vehicle and damaging 2 others. 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 Lecce, railway yards were hit with cannon fire. Explosion among trucks at Bibara started by cannon attack in goods yard. (96 date August 14th to USAAF Washington from CO RAFME) Attacked by cannon and set on fire near Ponta Aucke a coastal vessel. Armed shipping recce between heel of Italy and Albania carried out by 3 torpedo carrying Wellingtons. North of Malta interception patrols made by 6 Beaufighters. A Wellington in Gulf of Tarana area made enemy search. Four Baltimore and 6 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 Beaufighters as escorts to shipping. 206 torpedoes held. Photo recce 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 Baltimores. Reinforcements.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, General Deane (CCS), White House
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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
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Gen. Deane (CCS)
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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 Boston (A20, 12 Baltimore (A30). Troop concentrations Fiume Freedom. 76 250 240 100, from 9,000 feet. Target well covered. Direct hits, road and buildings 1 Aircraft damaged by flak. 11/12 August 10 Boston (A20), 2 Baltimore (A30) Reggio Di Calabria and Vico Valentina. 32 250, 120 40, 80 4 incendiary. All bombs target 80 motor transport bombed. Railroad yards Gioia straffed. 9 Beaufighters defensive patrols Catania area. 35 enemy aircraft encounters. 5 Ju destroyed, 1 damaged. 6 Boston (A20) recce roads Gesap, Castiglione, Fiume Freddo, St Teresa areas. 1 returned early. 20 250 12 August 84 US Mitchells (B 25), 36 Boston (A20), 24 Baltimore (A30) Patti Falcons 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 coast 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), Baltimore (A30) recce coast Sardinia Corsia, Italy (end of part 2 3 follows).

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

CM-IN-10796
(15 Aug 43) 02267

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From: Algiers
To: War
No. CPSUM 174, 15 August 1943

Nine 75 rounds fired from 300 ft flames amidships 1 US Mitchell destroyed by FLAK. 5 US Lightnings escorted as one 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 27 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 10000 ft. Direct hits motor transport. 10 Aug. 24 US Boston 1 Randazzo. 84 3000 from 10000 ft. Target well covered. Some bombs overshot. 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 Spifires.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, SGS, Gen Deane (CCS), Admiral King (White House) Log.
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15 August 1943

(Determines attacks. 5 were destroyed. 1 new type of fighters resembling the P 40 apparently heavily armed 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 Giedmonte encountered no S/A. 2 probable night fighters seen in straits area 12/13 August (End of Part 2 and Final).

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Information: G-2
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FROM: 15 Army Group
TO: COSINTREP ADDRESSEES
No. 0933 252
COSINTREP NO: 37 to 1600 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 P.W that this line to be held by 135 and 246
coastal Regts "To enable German escape" Italian re-
sistance 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 Kaggli
D 0718 unoccupied. 51 Div and 78 Div. completed
repairs to road Piedimonte-Randazzo. 5/7 Gordons
occupied Camiglione 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 *Furnari 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 (*Heooi-A) along coast road at 1230B.

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

2. Fighters reported normal WT movement on roads Milazzo-Messina-Turimina* all in early morning.

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


Eisenhower GITE FHGCT and FHGBI

* Check reads D11

Action: OPD

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

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Algiers " FA 803
New Delhi " Q 126
U.S.A.W. " 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 Agneta and Gannirri 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 unserviceable bombed a light east of Cape Arni. 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 Spaatz and Doolittle) Beaufighters on an offensive reconnaissance for enemy shipping off the west coast of Greece in the vicinity of Cephalonia Island made no sightings. On the night of 10th/11th August 7 Malta Mosquitos 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 Dozia 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.
Operational Priority

From: 12th AF Algiers
To: War
No: AV0990E 15th August 1943


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

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


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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:  G-2
               CG AAF
               SGS
               White House
               Gen Deane (CC/8)
               Adm King
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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 Spatz 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 Scalesi 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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CM-IN-11612 (16 Aug 43)

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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 Algiers New Delhi Aquila London USAFW

15 August 1943

Incomin. Message

Actio.: OPD

Information: G-2 CG AAF SGS Gen Deane (CC/8) Adm King (White House)

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 Prevessa where 2 bursts were seen on the quays. No American activity.

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FROM 15 Army Group

TO CQIIT INT REP ADDRESSEES

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

PART TWO


2. Swept channel established inside AEGAEAN 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.

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

7. 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 White House
CGAAF Adm King
SGS Gen Deane (CC/S)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 142347

IN

Received: 24 August '43

Time: 1459

Addressed: Admiralty

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          COMMONSEAFRON
          COMMADNAW
          COM Algiers
          C. in C. Levant
          FO Tunisia
          COMMAND Oran
          VA Malta

From: C. in C. Med.

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BY DSR, DATE

MAY 21 1973

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 Marsala. 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 Syracuse 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 bombered roads near Cape Schizo at 500
   yards all without opposition.

8. AURORA FENNELOFF JERVIS PALADEN made Sweep off
   Italian Coast night 13th/14th and bombard ed Vibo Valientia
   one Coaster blown up and whole Harbour Area set on fire.
NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 132026

IN

Received: 14th Aug., 43

Time: 1841

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: COMINCH

C in C Levant

FOC Gibraltar

COM N.O.B. Oran

COMMORSEAFRON

COMMNAVNAV

F.O. Tunisia AM

COM Algeria

From: C in C Med.

MAY 21, 1973

IMPORTANT

Situation report Number 152.

(1) Destroyers operated off Calabrain and East Sicilian Coast night 10th/11th and Coastal Gises Calabrian Coast and Mesian 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 Speemni 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 Fiscalelli to Punta Licos nothing met.

(7) M/T's fired torpedoes at 3 Merchant vessels entering Mesian night 11/12 explosion 5 minutes later but no definite hits claimed.

F.W. C.O.S. S.O. (0) Personal

Admiral Plans S.O.

Air Marshal N.I. N.W.C.s.

Gen. Macready Brigadier Redman (10) -

C.O.S.E. Lt. Col. Cook

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

Received P/L from Navy Dept.
INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

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 enciphered by MAC Post) hangars damaged at Littorio. Four B-25's attacked merchant vessel 5 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 Spadsbefore 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.

ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Fosterswitch
To: War

No. WR 199, 14 August 1943

AGWAR from Spaatz signed Eisenhower WR 199 14 August 1943.

Arnold from Spaatz. Report of operations, personal for HYP for period ending 1800 hours August 13th. Night 12/13, 90 Wellingtons attacked beaches Messina to Cape Pelle with from Regio to Palma. While 2 aircraft dropped leaflets over Rome. Day August 13th, 1068 17s escorted by 45 P 38s, 66 B26's escorted by 44 P38's, and 102 B26's escorted by 55 P38's attacked Rome for 2nd time. The Lorenzo marshalling yards were the target for the heavily Littorio marshalling yards and airstrome 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 airstrome 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.).

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


Strategic Air Force. 11/12 August. 89 Wellingtons beaches Messina to Cape Peloro. 381 500, 395 250, 1546 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 (P51) Granazano air field. 5374 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 KE 2001 damaged by escort. 2 US Lightnings (P51) destroyed. 24 US Mitchells (B25) escort 24 US Lightnings (P51) Clytone Bosco Lago Air Field. 134 500 21 Mitchells (B25) escort 24 US Lightnings Keil Crocione 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.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: C-2, GG-AAZ, SGS, GEN DEANE (CCS), WHITE HOUSE, LOG

CM-IN-10136 (14 Aug 43) 0644Z mcs

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Hq NAAP Rear Echelon
To: War
No. 874 14 August, 1943

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


No Sig

Action: OPD
Information: G-2
CG AAF
White House
SGS
Gen. Deane (CC/3)
ADM. King

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INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

Approaches Spezia, Leghorn, Elba, Pontine Islands, Italian Coast (part 4 and final of NAAF OPSUM 174 14/8 from NAAF Adv.) 13 Aug. 3 Baltimoreos 2 Marauders recce East and West coast Sardinia, Corsica, approaches Tomlon. Genoa, Spezia, Leghorn, Elba and east Italian Coast. 4 torpedo Beaus and 4 anti flak Beaus attacked convoy of 1 N/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 Airacobras air sea rescue. 7 Spits, 9 US Spits, 2 US Lightnings. 8 US Airacobras defensive patrols. NAPRW 13 Aug. No report received.

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ACTION: ODP
INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF SGS
GEN. DFANE (CC/S) WHITE HOUSE
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/11/94
With target Piedmonte, 3 missions on bridge and railroad, 4 missions of 12th Bomb Group comprising 39 B-25's carrying 2,500 lbs bombs, 36 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 B-25'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 Beret. 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 P-40'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 probable, 1 damaged, 1 FW 190 claimed destroyed. 79th Fighter Group target ground strafing, antishipping Messina Straits 12 missions 72 P-40'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.
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

NR: ANSME 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 Piedmonts, results pattern covered south edge of town, hits on main road and intersection.

Operations 8th Army to 1600 hours August 13th: Ranzazzo entered by 36th Brigade during morning. Not yet known if 7th or 8th Army occupied town first. 30th Corps (Tactical and Main Headquarters J 032903) relieved 13th Corps at 0900 hours, assuming command 50th Div (with 231st Brigade), 51st Div with 15th Brigade under command 4th armored Brigade. During afternoon 50th Div forward troops reported line 12 northing grid. 153rd Brigade reported C 9807. 6 bridges on road north to Linguangossa (D 0018) blown besides none in area C 9728. 13th Corps Headquarters H 873814 with headquarters 5th Div H 8680 and First Canadian Div H 9060.

Royal Air Force: 5 JUBA's destroyed, another damaged by Beaufighters night 11th/12th. During August 12th Fighter bombers claimed 3 landing craft and 11 motor transport damaged in strafing all 4 in flames. Warhawks claimed 1 FW190 destroyed, 4 109's probably destroyed and 1 damaged and Spitfires destroyed 1 FW190. Spitfires escorted light and medium bombers in attacks on several targets on north coast. No losses.

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

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1. Intelligence. Nil.


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ACTION: OPD

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

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To: AGWAR

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

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Target anti shipping patrol Messina Straits, 79th Fighter Group, 9th USAAF operations August 19th, 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 I 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

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 7376/1457 - 14 August 1943

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

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 D'69. 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.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Nr: ANSME 7406 14th August 1943

Night of August 12/13:

One of 2 Wellingsons on anti ship recce Aegean Sea attacked 1500 ton merchant vessel with undetermined results. Later torpedoed 2,000 ton Merchantman WSW Melos Island scoring on port side causing steam and smoke to issue forth. Ack Ack from escorting vessel damaged rear turret. Daily OPDIV report 108 dated August 14th from HQ RAPP 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 endeavor to locate previously mentioned torpedoed Merchantman without success.

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

Delayed details for August 12th follow:

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

(CM-IN-10378 14 Aug 43)
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Adm King
Gen. Dodge (CSS)
White House

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To: AGWAR  

Nr: AMSME 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 Bratton. 57th Fighter Group with 31,500 lbs bombload 7 missions objective antishipping patrol southwest coast Italy, dive bombing and straffing roads north of Francavilla 63 P40's out of 38 reaching target secured 3 direct hits on 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 straffing, 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.
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 Piedmont, results pattern covered south edge of town, hits on main road and intersection.

Operations 8th Army to 1600 hours-August 13th: Randazzo entered by 36th Brigade during morning. Not yet known if 7th or 8th Army occupied town first. 30th Corps (Tactical and Main Headquarters J 032903) relieved 13th Corps at 0600 hours, assuming command 50th Div (with 331st Brigade), 51st Div with 15th Brigade under command 4th armored Brigade. During afternoon 50th Div forward troop reported line 12 northing grid. 153rd Brigade reported C 9807. 6 bridges on road north to Linguasansa (D 0016) blown besides none in area C 9726. 13th Corps Headquarters H 873814 with headquarters 5th Div H 8680 and First Canadian Div H 9060.

Royal Air Force: 5 JU88's destroyed, another damaged by Beaufighters night 11th/12th. During August 12th Fighter bombers claimed 3 landing craft and 11 motor transport disabled all 4 in flames. Warhawks claimed 1 FW190 destroyed, 4 109's probably destroyed and 1 damaged and Spitfires destroyed 1 FW190. Spitfires escorted light and medium bombers in attacks on several targets on north coast. No losses.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: AFRQ 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 Wellings 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 Stallemitt, 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 Fracalleme. 24 B26's escort by 24 P38's dropped 122 by 500 on Sapri marshalling yards, cars were destroyed and oil fire started. 48 B25's escort by 36 P38's dropped 274 by 500 pound bombs Onahari 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 Sardina 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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Information: G-2, CG AAF, SGS, Gen. Deane (CC/S), White House, LOG

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1. LARGE M38'S OPERATED CLOSED INSHORE ON EAST SICILIAN COAST NIGHT 11TH/12TH AND U.S. DESTROYERS AND PT'S OPERATED NORTH OF MESSINA NIGHT 12TH/13TH, NOTHING MET.

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 Ø2-23 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 SYRACUSE 4700 TONS ON 11TH AND
   PALERMO 5300 TONS ON 13TH. ENTIRE FORMER CIVILIAN
   STAFF NOW REEMPLOYED AT OIL FUEL INSTALLATION AUGUSTA
   AND SHIPS SATISFACTORY FUELLED FROM THIS DEPOT.

7. DURING NIGHT 12TH/13TH COASTAL FORCES OPERATED WITH-
   IN 3 MILES OF MESSINA DESTROYERS PATROLLED OFF CALAB-
   RIAN COAST AND SCARAB BOMBARDED ROADS NEAR CAPE SCHAHO
   AT 500 YARDS ALL WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

8. AURORA PENEOPE JERVIS PALADEN MADE/WEEP OFF ITAL-
   IAN COAST NIGHT 13TH/14TH AND BOMBARDED VIBO VALENTIA.
   ONE COASTER, BLOWN UP AND WHOLE HARBOUR AREA SET ON
   FIRE.
ADHIRALTY

COMINCH; CINC LEVANT; P

FCC GIB; COM NOB ORAN; P

COMMORSEAFRON; ROUTINE

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COM ALGERIA; DEFERRED

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FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 152.

(1) DESTROYERS OPERATED OFF CALABRIAN AND EAST

SICILIAN COAST NIGHT 19TH/20TH AND COASTAL GIAES

CALABRTAN COAST AND MESSINA STRAITS. NO SURFACE

FORCES WET BUT SOME OPPOSITION FROM SHORE BATTER-

IES NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

(2) MUGANDA, ROBERTS, SOWEMA AND DESTROYERS EN-

GADED TARGETS ON RIGHT FLANK ARMY ON 21ST.

(3) AURORA PENELope JERVIS PALADIN OPERATED NIGHT

12/13 (12/13) BETWEEN LICOSA POINT AND GULF OF

EPESI NOTHING MET.

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(4) MAURITIUS UGANDA NUBIAN TARTAR OPERATED NIGHT 12/11 (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 WAINRIGHT 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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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: 12th Air Force
To: WAR
No. AV 399E 13th August 1943.

(Part 2 of 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 Giola strafed. 9 Beaufighters defensive patrols Catania area. 35 enemy aircraft encountered. 5 JU88 destroyed 1 damaged. 6 Bostons (A20) recce roads Gessa, 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 defensive patrols. 12 August. 4 Marauders (C44) 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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INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL-PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Nr: 7387

13th August 1943

San Giovanni railway sidings attacked by 9 Halifax 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 of Kyllines 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 Eq RAYNE).

August 12: 2 Beaufighters on Aegean Sea sweep report destroying 80 ton Caisque in Paros Bay on west coast of Paros Island and cannon hits on 25 ton Caisque 1 east side of bay with ship left listing. Anti sub 7 Hudson 2 Wellingtons 1 Bislely 1 Walrus. 1 Baltimore photo recce. Shipping protection 3 Hurricanes. Defensive patrols 8 Hurricanes and 2 Beaufighters.

Delayed details by date follow: August 11 1 Walrus 2 Bisleys and 15 Baltimores anti sub; 27 Hurricanes shipping protection; defensive patrols 8 Hurricanes. From OP SUM report 106 delete "No sightings" from reference to 2 Beaufighters on anti shipping sweep off west coast of Greece near Cephalonia Island and substitute "bombed 2...

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Nr: AMBME 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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To: AGWAR
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No Sig.

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
Nr: AV 396 E 13th August 1943


Northwest African Strategic Air Force. 10/11 Aug. 88 Wellingtons beaches Messina to Ceececelbro. 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 Catamaro 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 Angitala bridges. 54 500 from 7400 to 9,000 feet. Hits on highway bridges.

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
Nr: AV 396 E 13th August 1943

Direct hits 4 landing craft.

10/11 August. 18 Bostons, 4 Baltimores armed recce Italian Peninsula raids. 56 250, 200 (*) incendiary 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 recce 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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From: NW AAF SC
To: War

Number AV 399 E 13 August 1943

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:
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SGS
Gen Deane (CCS)
White House

CM-IN-11384 (15 Aug 43) 1812Z ems

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
AV 396 E, 13 August, 1943

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(AAA A.F.H.Q 335th 9th U.S. Bomber
Command. AGWAR ANEMEAFA from BQ MAF Adv AV
396 E Aug 13. Northwest African Air Forces OPSUN
172. Northwest African Strategic Air Force. 10/11
Aug.)

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and 36 U. S. Lightnings, including 12 with bombs,
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from 1500 to 9000 feet. 9 direct hits bridge.
Bombs Marshalling Yards. 8 goods cars destroyed,
tracks damaged. 56 U.S. Warhawks fighter sweep
South Sardinia. 40 U.S. Fortresses Terni rail
road yards. 468 500 from 22000 feet. Explosion
gas works, rail road yards, royal arms factory.
5 to 6 enemy aircraft encountered. 1 FW 190
damaged. 1 U.S. Fortress destroyed, 3 damaged by
hostile Lightning with Swastika markings. 45 U.S.
Mitchells escorted by 45 U.S. Lightnings Angitala
bridges. 54 500 from 7400 to 9000 feet. Hits on
highway bridges. Northwest African Tactical Air
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Messina area. Direct hits 4 landing craft. 10/11
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Italian peninsular roads. 46 250, 200 40, 1255 4
incendiary from 1000 to 8000 feet. Hits buildings,
From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
Nr: AV 396 E, 13 August, 1943

Ammunition dump Milano. Big fire started Fiume Freddo. 50 motor transports hit Floresto 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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ADM KING

CM-IN-10214 (14 Aug 43) 0940Z mcs
PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ 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 131845B 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 last night 4/5. Search for B 17 crew sighted morning 12 August continuing. Today 4 groups heavies and 5 groups mediums attacking Littorio 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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INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN DEANE -(CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: War

No.: Y 1748 13 August

(part 2 my AV 39bE * August from NAAF Adv BQ)

8 aircraft damaged by flak 24 Beasts (A 20) 12 Baltimore (A 30). Troop concentrations Flume Freddo. 72X20 240X100 piercing ype F 62 feet. Target well covered. Direct hits, roads and buildings 1 aircraft damaged by flak. 11/12 August 10 Beasts (A 20), 2 Baltimore (A 30) Reggie Di Calabria and Vibe Valentina. 32X250, 120X40, 60X4 incendiary. All bombs target 80 meter transports beamed. Railroad yards Gleia strafed. 9 Beaufighters defensive patrols Catania area. 35 enemy aircraft encountered. 5 JU 88 destroyed, 1 damaged. 6 Beasts (A 20) recce roads Gensp, Castiglione, Flume Freddo, St Teresa areas. 8 returned early. 20X250. * August 94 US Mitchell (B 25), 36 Beasts (A 20), 24 Baltimore (A 30) * Malcesines Barcellona, Novara. 128 tons bombs. Target well covered. Ammunition dumps, troops, gun positions. NWA Coastal AF. 11 August. Add (51) US Spitfires defensive patrols. 11/12 August. 5 Wellingtons armed recce coast Italy, Leghorn, Elba, Corsica, 2 Wellingtons, 4 Hudsons, 8 Beaufighters anti submarine patrols and

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Mr.: Y 1748 13 August

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

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INFORMATION: G-2
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SOS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
WHITE HOUSE

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To: War  
No. R 118/14, 13 August 1943

8 Beaufighters, including torpedoes (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 convoy 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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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
WHITE HOUSE

CM-IN-10083 (14 Aug 43) 0411Z mcs

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

(Part 2 and final part of A 244 from Air C in C Wed 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 Mosquitos 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: 6-2
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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
WHITE HOUSE
CM-IN-10035 (14 Aug 43) 0228Z cen

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

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Direct hits 4 landing craft.

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

End of Part 1, Part 2 follows.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: War
No. WA-191  13 August 1943

Report of operations for period ending *
hours August 12 (AGWAR from Spatz signal Eisenhower personal for Arnold from Spatz. WA-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, Udienza, Bologna. Day August
12 48 B-25's* escorted by 45 P-38's* attacked Grazzanise landing ground * 74  20 frag bombs. Hang-
ars dispersal areas and landing ground well covered.  23 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 Crotone Bosco Lago landing ground while 21 B-25's* escorted by 24 P-38's* drop-
ped 1500  20 pound frag bombs on Crotone Rositello landing ground. Field well covered. Beaufighters at-
tacked tactical air force * enemy aircraft attacking landing grounds Lentigi night 11/12. 10 of our aircraft des-
stroyed on the ground. During day August 12 A-20's* Bostons and Baltimores attacked motor transport on
Palm / Vibo Valentia road (end part 1 part 2 follows) Road and railways at Gloia straffed. Fighter bombers
maintained attacks on shipping in *.

*Being serviced.

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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
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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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(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 Lichena Point to Gulf of Rufemiland also Cape Risato to Alice Point night 12th 13th. Nothing met. (Part 3 to 132029 follows.)

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