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REPORT 278.

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE. AMPHIBIOUS LANDING OPERATIONS COMMENCED AT 2246 22ND JAN ON BEACHES NORTH AND EAST OF ANZIO (41-27 NORTH 12-37 EAST). LANDING WAS SYNCHRONIZED WITH OFFENSIVE ON 5TH ARMY FRONT. 1ST LANDINGS REPORTED SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BY 2500 AND BEACHES SECURED AFTER VERY SLIGHT OPPOSITION. RANGERS REPORTED EASTERN LANDING ACCORDING TO PLAN AT ANZIO. 1ST RETURN CONVOYS AND FOLLOW UP CONVOYS HAVE SAILED. FIRE SUPPORT FOR ARMY PROVIDED BY HMS ORION (CL) HMS SPARTAN (CL) HMS PENELOPE (CL) AND USS BROOKLYN (CL), GUNBOATS AND BRITISH AND US DDS.

(2) HMS PIDO (CL) FRENCH CR. LE FANTASQUE AND HMS INGLEFIELD WERE TO CARRY DIVERSIONARY BOMBARDMENT AND COASTAL FORCE MADE 2ND LANDING IN CIVITA VECCHIA AREA SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH LANDING

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(3) VERY LITTLE INFORMATION YET AVAILABLE ON ALL ABOVE OPERATIONS.

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From: AFHQ Command Post in Italy
To: Air Ministry London No #
War 362
Algiers No #

19 January 1944

From Fairbanks from Wilson to Air Ministry for British Chiefs of Staff rptd Britman Washington for US Joint Chiefs of Staff 362 19th nil.

I have arrived Caserta radiographic address Fairbanks where I will remain with Alexander, Cunningham, and Esker through crisis of operation SHINGLE. Telegrams should continue to be addressed Freedom from where those requiring my personal attention will be forwarded here. I find preparations SHINGLE well advanced with every prospect of achieving target date as planned. Enemy reserves are being drawn into the battle and the situation is developing favourably in this respect.

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ACTION: CO/S (Capt. Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
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January 5, 1944

FROM: A.F.H.Q. Algiers

TO: AGWAR for OPD (B.A.S.W. please pass)
War Office M.O.4.
Rptd Middle East
15 Army Group

NO: W 9354/24089

Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.

WEEKLY PLANNING TELEGRAM No 17.

1. Operation SHINGLE. Combined Chiefs of Staff have authorized retention of 504 RCT of 82 Airborne Division for operation SHINGLE. Estimated that 504 RCT will be returned to U K in MKF 29 arriving U K about March 16. Formations earmarked to take part in SHINGLE are Third US Infantry Division and First British Infantry Division under 6th US Corps.

2. Operation ANVIL. Expected that Force planning will begin on or about January 10. Combined Chiefs of Staff have been requested to replace one US Infantry Division ex USA by an Airborne Division, for emergency build up by air of ANVIL bridgehead should this prove necessary.

See CM-IN 3950 a Fchd

3. Operation HERCULES. HERCULES now cancelled. Units and resources earmarked for this operation will be released for other purposes.

4. Build up into Italy. Consideration is being given to move of 85th US Infantry Division and either Fourth British Infantry Division or Tenth Ind Infantry Division into Italy during February and March in place of Ninth French Colonial Division and Sixth Armoured British Division.

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5. For 15 Army Group and Middle East. These weekly planning telegrams are purely planning policy and are not to be quoted.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: Gen Strong
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CC/S (Capt Royal USN)
Gen Arnold
White House

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From: Algiers
To : War

No # 28 December 1943

To AGWAR (OPD) rptd Troopers M04. Mideast from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT BIGOT.

BIGOT. Weekly planning telegram number 16.

1. Planning decisions. At a high level conference on 25 December, question of launching SHINGLE reopened. As a result General Alexander has been instructed to make preparations for operation on basis of 2 divisional assault with airborne troops and some ARMOR to be carried out during last week January on following assumptions:

(A) 56 LST due return UK during January and on 2 February would remain for operation.

(B) 56 LST should start returning UK in mks 39 not later than 5 February. At same conference it was decided that HERCULES would be postponed indefinitely as the mounting of this operation would detract from main battle in Italy and would be running grave risk of prejudicing success of ANVIL.

2. Corsica. Construction work in Corsica to accomodate necessary air forces for ANVIL being given highest priority consistent with requirements for SHINGLE. All LST in Theater will be requested for SHINGLE. The withdrawal of LST for the Corsica build up will be compensated by an increased allotment once SHINGLE is over.

3. AFHQ will not now move to Caserta.

Corrected copy of CM-IN-17731 (29 Dec 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: Gen. Arnold, CC/S(Capt Royal, USN)

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* * * * * * * * SHINGLE. Fifteenth Army Group advises there is no possibility of mounting SHINGLE by 15 January. Possible modified amphibious operation after that date is being examined. * * * * * * *

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From: G-3 (Plans) section A.F.H.Q. Algiers

To: U.S.War Dept (OPD)
War Office M.O.
rptd Middle East

No: W7519/13372 12 Dec.

BIGOT

Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. Weekly planning telegram number 14.

Para 1. Planning for seizure of ELBA being suspended. Reference item 1 last weeks telegram.

Para 2. 5th Army planning for SHINGLE (amphibious operation South of Rome) continues. Timing intimately connected with advance of main forces which is still unpredictable but General CLARKE hopes to be able to estimate date of operation in about a week.

Para 3. Draft of ANVIL (Allied operations in Mediterranean against South France in 1944) outline plan nearing completion. JPS will consider it next few days.

Para 4. Feasibility of HERCULES (Capture of RHODES) under urgent examination. Question hinges largely on timing date ie earliest Middle East can launch assault vis a vis latest date by which craft can be employed and still return in time for ANVIL. Appears at present that only conditions under which HERCULES is likely to be launched are those in which some change outside this theatre made it necessary to decide on a postponement of OVERLORD several months ahead of projected lauching date of that operation.

Para 5. Middle East planners expected to arrive shortly to join A.F.H.Q. planners in discussion of various Mediterranean problems.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CC/S (Capt. Royal, USN); LOG

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War - Cairo

Nr. W-7073/10964, 07 December 1943

Action AGWAR for OPD, Troopers for MO 4 rptd Mideast for information signed Eisenhower cite FHOCT.

Planning should be undertaken immediately JPS are recommending. Weekly planning telegram number 13.

(1) Reference para 5 of last weeks telegram Employ French forces as assaulting and follow up units operation to be under joint command.

(2) Latest date on which decision whether to mount SHINGLE must be taken is 20th December.

(3) Operation ANVIL is under discussion with planners at Cairo operation cannot be mounted simultaneously with SHINGLE.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S (Capt Royal USN)
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January 21, 1944

To: Air Ministry for British
Chiefs of Staff

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for U.S. Joint Chiefs of
Staff

FREEDOM for Whiteley from Fairbanks from Wilson 409 cite FHGCT.

This is MKDCOS Number 5

Left convoy 1600 hours slightly behind schedule but time in hand and sea calm. Assault takes place as arranged. Weather remains favorable. On fronts of two and ten corps enemy is counter attacking strongly and appears to be committing a large part of his reserves. No other enemy reaction so far.

ACTION: CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
White House
Gen Arnold
Adm King
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January 21, 1944

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FREEDOM ALGIERS

NUMBER: 7779

BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

NUMBER: R-8409

For Wilson FREEDOM Algiers, FAN 323, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

We are watching your hard battles in Italy with understanding interest and wish you every success in the daring operation ("SHINGLE") which you are undertaking.

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ORIGINATOR: CC/S Capt Royal USN

INFORMATION: OPD
Adm King
Gen Arnold
Gen Strong
White House
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REPEATED BRITMAN WASHINGTON FOR US JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

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FREEDOM FOR WHITELY FROM FAIRBANKS FROM WILSON 409 CITE FHQCT.

THIS IS MEDCOS NUMBER 5.

LEFT CONVOY 1600 HOURS SLIGHTLY BEHIND SCHEDULE BUT TIME IN HAND AND SEA CALM. ASSAULT TAKES PLACE AS ARRANGED. WEATHER REMAINS FAVORABLE. ON FRONTS OF TWO AND TEN CORPS ENEMY IS COUNTER ATTACKING STRONGLY AND APPEARS TO BE COMMITTING A LARGE PART OF HIS RESERVES. NO OTHER ENEMY REACTION SO FAR.

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January 20, 1944

TO: BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

FROM: AFHQ (signed Wilson)

MEDCOS: 21

Date is January 22nd, weather permitting.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen. Strong
White House
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Adm. King
Gen. Arnold

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January 20, 1944

TO: BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

FROM: FAIRBANKS - (code for AFHQ (Rear Echelon))

MEDCOS 20

Target date SHINGLE follows in my next MEDCOS. COSMED 8 refers.

ACTION: CC/S (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
White House
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From: AFHQ Command Post in Italy
To: Air Ministry London No #
Algiers No #
War 386

20 January 1944

To Air Ministry for British Chief's of Staff repeated Britman Washington for US Joint Chief's of Staff Freedom for Whiteley from FAIRBANKS from Wilson 386 20th NIL Cite FHOCT. This is MEDCOS number 4.

Decision to sail SHINGLE assault force taken at 1600 hours today. Weather conditions still favorable and operations proceeding satisfactorily. I am embarking tomorrow with C in C Med, Devers and Alexander to make final decisions as regards launching on the spot.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
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Adm King
Gen Arnold
White House
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From: AFHQ Command Post in Italy
To: Air Ministry London — No # 378
WAR — No #
Algiers

Date- DEC 22 1971
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20 January 1944

From Fairbanks from Wilson cite FHGOT. To Air Ministry for British Chiefs of Staff rptd Britman Washington for US Joint Chiefs of Staff and Freedom for Whiteley 378 201245.

This is MEDCOS number 3.

1. Situation as reviewed at Commanders Conference at 1000 hours 20 Jan improved. Indications are that attacks by 5th Army which are proceeding satisfactorily are having effect of drawing local reserves as well as some of the general reserves in Rome area. Weather from Naval viewpoint perfect now and very promising forecast for next 36 hours. Weather forecast for air operations likewise good.

2. All arrangements for SHINGLE proceeding satisfactorily with every likelihood of maintaining target date provided only that weather holds. Final decision will be taken tonight 20-21 Jan as LCTS sail 1600 hours today 20 Jan.

3. I will elaborate plan in broad outline. French Corps continues its attack to the west on 21 Jan pressing hard on its right. Br 10 Corps making its main effort on its left with Br 5 Div and 56 Div and after completing bridgehead on right west bank of lower Garigliano turns north to capture high ground southwest of Cassino in San Giorgio area. US 2 Corps with 34th and 36th Div and elements 1st Armd Div attacks tonight to capture bridgehead across Rapido south of Cassino from where it will exploit northwestward along HY 6 to Piedmonte-Aquino area. US 6th Corps

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From: AFHQ Command Post in Italy
To: Air Ministry London no #
WAR 378
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with 3d US Div and Br 1st Div reinforced with Ranger Bns and elements of US 1st Armd and 45th Div assault amphibiously at 0200 hours 22 Jan, 3d Div south of Nettuno, Rangers vicinity Anzio, 1st Div about 5 miles northwest of Andzio. After establishing beachhead this force has final objective of cutting 2 main roads about 12 miles southeast of Rome.

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ACTION: CC/S (CAPT. ROYAL, USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
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January 14, 1944

TO: A.F.H.Q.

Repeated: Joint Staff Mission as C.O.W. (W) 1070

FROM: Chiefs of Staff

Following from Chiefs of Staff COSMED 6.

Reference MEDCOS 1.

In view of possible effects on civilian population high level decision will be required before attacks can be authorized. In order that we may give matter further consideration with view to making necessary representations to higher authority request full details of military advantages of proposed operation to SHINGLE and/or to main advance of Fifth Army.

ORIGINATOR: CC/S (CAPT. ROYAL, USN)

INFORMATION: WHITE HOUSE
OPD
GEN STRONG
ADM KING
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Rptd: Joint Staff Mission
For U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff

From: Freedom, signed Wilson
Cite FHGCT

Dated: 13th January, 1944

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IMPORTANT

MEDCOS NO. 1

1. Understand project for air attack on Tiber Dams already referred to you by Air Ministry. 15 Army Group consider that this operation may well prove most valuable to assist the later stages of SHINGLE for the main advance of 5th Army. While appreciating undesirable effects on civilian population CMA agree that in certain circumstances the operation should be launched.

2. Therefore request you approve the operation CMA to be launched only in the case of operational necessity at the discretion of the Allied CinC.

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No. W9218/23209 NAF 577, 3 January 1943

To AGWAR For Combined Chief's of Staff and to USFOR for British Chief's of Staff repeated CASINO and 15th Army Group signed Eisenhower cite FHGCS NAF 577.

BIGOT Commander in Chief's met at Tunis today to consider certain new factors connected with SHINGLE revealed by further planning since Christmas.

In view of the German reorganization of his battle front, it would now appear that by the end of D plus 3 he could concentrate, under best conditions for him, a maximum force of the equivalent of 3 Divisions plus 2 more battle groups in the area of the landing, if 5th or 8th Army's prior attack failed to draw his reserves into the frontal battle.

The withdrawal of landing craft as at present planned will leave none available for the build-up of forces landed in the assault. However, with the remaining LCTS it should be possible to keep the forces ashore at least partially maintained, given a reasonable degree of fair weather which cannot be relied upon.

The Germans are developing their defenses in front of 5th Army and no sure forecast can be given of the latters position on SHINGLE D day. Therefore, it is not possible to give a time limit within which 5th Army and SHINGLE assault forces can join up. SHINGLE will go in with 8 days maintenance. If their junction cannot take place before D plus 8, then the alternatives of either maintaining or withdrawing the forces landed will have to

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be faced. The former will be dependent on weather and craft then available. The latter should be possible if personnel only are withdrawn and all equipment left behind. This must inevitably lead to considerable losses in personnel and probably some of the craft required for ANVIL.

The conclusion reached was that in spite of SHINGLE being obviously a hazardous operation the prize to be gained is so high that the risk may well be worth taking. Therefore, planning and arrangements for the assault in the vicinity of Nettuno will continue so that advantage may be taken of any favorable change in enemy dispositions.

33 Miles Southeast of Rome

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ACTION: CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
C of S
Adm King

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This is NAF 574. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff rptd USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. BIGOT.

4 Landing craft 569. 1. Further to para 2 of NAF 552 and reference NAF 569. Following gives advance information of requirements for personnel and cargo shipping for the assault and subsequent build up bases on present outline plan. This plan is not yet approved and firmer requirements cannot be given for reasons stated in para 5 of NAF 569. It is emphasized that estimates in respect of cargo shipping depend on the provision of sufficient Port Battalion personnel to effect their discharge which is now under examination.

2. Figures are given for plan A for a 2 Division assault and for plan B for a 3 Division assault with allocation of additional craft as in para 4 of NAF 569. Figures refer to number of loading required in each 30 day period.

3. First 30 days. Total requirements plan A 267 MT ship loadings plan B 273 MT ship loadings. Of these 147 ships plan A and 153 ships plan B will be preloaded for the assault and immediate follow up and 120 ships plan A and B will be loaded for the subsequent follow up convoys. This involves an addition of 139 ship loadings plan A and 145 ship loadings plan B over Sextant allocation of 128. Estimated that 40 ships from the assault and immediate follow up convoys will be available for second trip in first 30 days.

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4. Second 30 days. Plans A and B 120 MT ship loadings or 30 more than Sextant allocation of 90.

5. Third 30 days. 80 MT ship loadings plan A, 40 MT ship loadings plan B representing an increase of 5 ships over Sextant allocation of 75 in case of plan A and a saving of 35 for plan B.

6. Summary for 90 day period. Sextant allocation 293. Requirements plan A 467 or 174 in addition to allocation. Plan B 433 or 140 in addition to allocation.

7. Requirements for subsequent periods on maintenance basis.

8. Above assumes LST allocated to ANVIL are not withdrawn until build up is completed.

9. In order to contribute towards the provision of these additional demands shipping requirements for the maintenance of forces in Italy will be reduced as far as is practicable below the allocated number for internal Mediterranean movement.

10. By the maximum use of LST and MT/stores ships and by the staging of personnel before D day in Corsica it is hoped to limit our personnel shipping requirements for the assault and immediate follow up convoys to the Sextant allocation of 32,000 lift. This is in addition to the quadrant allocation of 3 LSI and the Sextant allocation of 6 more LSI and 3 XAP. NAF 569 refers. Requirements for subsequent follow up convoys cannot be accurately assessed until Task Force planning

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has developed. Our demands should not exceed the allotted 15,000 every 10 days and it may be possible to effect a reduction.

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ACTION: CCS (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strnng
General Arnold
Admiral King
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Combined Chiefs of Staff 71469

January 2, 1944

CG,
FREEDOM, ALGIERS

NUMBER: 6256

FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

NUMBER: R-7614

For Eisenhower FREEDOM Algiers, FAN 292, from The Combined Chiefs of Staff

Granted is authority to retain 504th Parachute RCT of 82nd Airborne Division until completion of SHINGLE as requested. NAF 572 is your reference.

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ORIGINATOR: CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
G-2 (Gen Strong)
CG AAF (Gen Arnold)
C OF S
Adm King

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-9013/21957 NAF 572 31 December 1943

Action AGWAR for combined Chiefs of Staff rptd USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff, 15th Army Group. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

Instant is my NAF 572. Ge neral Alexander has informed me that he considers it essential to retain 504th Parachute RCT of 82nd Airborne Division until completion of operation SHINGLE. I have pointed out to Alexander the ill effects of such action on OVERLORD and my reluctance again to approach you for another delay in the movement of resources allotted to that operation but he still insists that the use of this unit is of such importance to the success of SHINGLE that we should press for its retention. He points out that the British Airborne Brigade is now engaged in the line and will be difficult to replace. Further they have never yet taken part in any active operations as paratroops and are badly in need of training before they would be suitable.

Incontestibly the retention of 504th Parachute RCT will improve the chance of success of SHINGLE. Moreover a successful SHINGLE should yield us the Rome line and might result in the destruction of important enemy forces. On the other hand you may consider that Rome has lost some of its importance since it appears that we can provide reasonable security for our Italian bases without it.

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Nevertheless in consideration of the circumstances detailed above I feel compelled to request authority to retain the 504th RCT until the completion of SHINGLE. If this authority is granted it is estimated that we should be able to release it in time to load on MKF 29 arriving UK on about 16 March. If, as I expect, this will be too late to permit of its readiness for OVERLORD, I suggest that you examine the feasibility of shipping a substitute airborne RCT from US for OVERLORD.

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ACTION: CCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
C OF S
ADM KING

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