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SITUATION REPORT NR. 326.

1. MY 312246 PARA 2. SURVIVORS NOW REPORTED AS 4 NAVAL OFFICERS 1 ARMY OFFICER AND 58 RATINGS. HMS LARNEY SUNK 3/30 OFF ANZIO BY SUB WHICH WAS IN TURN SUNK.

2. OPERATION SHINGLE. SWELL INCREASED ON 30TH MARCH 6361 TONS DISCHARGED NO SHELLING OR AIR ACTIVITY DURING DAY MINES DROPPED NEAR ANCHORAGE NIGHT 30TH/31ST MARCH USS EBERLE BOMBARDED SHORE TARGETS IN ANZIO AREA ON 30TH.

3. WEATHER PREVENTED DESTROYER AND COASTAL FORCES OPERATE IN ADRIATIC NIGHT 27TH/28TH AND 28/29TH. NIGHT 29TH/30TH DESTROYER PATROL OFF VIS AND COASTAL FORCE OFF PLOCA POINT BUT SIGHTED NOTHING.

HMS P63 REPORTED SINKING 70 TON ARMED CAIQUE LOADED WITH PETROL IN 35-57 N 24-02 E BY GUNFIRE ON 29TH MARCH AND TO HAVE OBTAINED 1 TORPEDO HIT ON CONVOY OF 1 MERCHANT SHIP 2 DD'S AND 2 R-BOATS IN 35-40 N 24-20 E ON 26TH MARCH.

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SITUATION REPORT 325:

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE. UNLOADING FIGURE ON 29TH MARCH ROSE TO 7828 TONS. CONSIDERABLE AIR ACTIVITY DURING THE DAY, BUT NO NAVAL DAMAGE CAUSED.

(2) GERMAN U/BOAT HUNTED BY HMS LAFOREY, HMS TUMULT, HMS BLENCATHRA, HMS HAMBLEDON, USS KEARNY AND USS ERICSSON NORTH OF PALERMO RESULTED IN U/223 BEING FORCED TO SURFACE AND BEING SUNK BY GUNFIRE AT APPROXIMATELY 0100 30TH MARCH IN 38-54 N 14-18 E. HMS LAFOREY TORPEDOED AS S/M SURFACED AND SANK IN 1 1/2 MINUTES. 3 OFFICERS, 47 RATINGS SURVIVORS. CO MISSING. 26 PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN.

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(3) APPROXIMATELY 12 ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK EITHER MKS 44 OR KMS 45 OFF DELLYS INTERCEPTED BETWEEN 2100 AND 2300 29TH MARCH BY FIGHTERS WHO CLAIM 2 DESTROYED AND 1 PROBABLE. CONVOYS UNHARMED.

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From: Hq Allied Armies in Italy

To: War Department

No: COSITINTREP 266, 31st March 1944

From Hq AAI G 2418 312100A to COSITINTREP addressees for information to 2 District (pass to 15th Air Force) 3 District (pass 24 Gds Bde) and 201 Gds Bde) 1 District (pass 7 Army). COSITINTRIP number 266 to 1200 hours 31st March.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. PW3 night 30/31 from 4 Coy Para Mb Bn area Cassino station G 8519. PW 2 Squadron 338(334) Recce Unit at C 267075.

Section 2. Ground operations. First. 5 Corps. Good weather and active patrolling continue. Increased enemy arty on 8 Ind Div front. 1 Cdn Div. Shelling and mortaring along Div front. 1 Cdn Bde. Enemy seen area C 2717 but patrols made no contact. 3 Cdn Bde inter Bn reliefs. 2 Cdn Bde enemy patrol area C 2812 engaged. 8 Ind Div. 21 Ind Bde less 5 RWK relieved 19 Ind Bde. Enemy shelled Salciaroli U 2809 and mortared Consalvi C 2708. 2 PW captured from enemy raiding party to C 2707. 17 Ind Bde. Increased shelling in Bde area. 19 Ind Bde 5 RWK now under command. Enemy attack on listening post at H 216981 6 Lancers enemy mortared areas H 1792 (1894).

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From: CG Allied Armies in Italy

To: War Department

No. 0.2418 31 March 1944

Part 2 02418 from AAI 312100.

And shelled areas ** our arty engaged enemy at Pennapiedmonte H1694 and ** caused enemy patrol of 20 to withdraw in clash at H2197Z. Casualties 5 Corps to 29 Mar killed 32 wounded 255 missing 26. Second 8th Army. 2 Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div. ** patrols. 5 Krelowa Div Italian Gp. Bn occupied N Matrome H 0036 without opposition patrols pushing on to M Mara G 9937. 13th Corps. 4th Div. 10th Bde completed relief of 3 ALG Inf. The Alg ** relief continues. 4 Tunis Inf and 3 Alg Inf now concentrated G 8924. Enemy arty activity. 78 Div. 38 Bde relieved 4 Tunis Inf and took comd of sector. Div boundary altered accordingly. Enemy patrols active area G 8322. 2 NZ Div 6 NZ Bde supported by heavy arty and mortar fire ** attacked rly station G 8520. Casualties caused to both sides. Situation restored by first light, 1 GDS Bde enemy patrol driven off after close engagement with NZ **. Corps under comd army from *** changes. 36 Inf ** G9023. 38 Inf ** G9023. Third. 5th Army. FEC. Sector.

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From: CG Allied Armies in Italy.

To: War Department

No. O 2418 31 March 1944

3rd and last part O 2418 from AAI 312100.

Generally quiet 2 Moroc Div completely relieved and concentrated area Conca Del Compona G 9903 except 4 and 8 Moroc Inf which are east of Salerno. 2nd Corps. Active patrolling with several patrol clashes. Enemy shelled bridges over Carigliano. No damage reported 88th Div. 339 Inf completed relief of 350 Inf.

5th Army ABF. Enemy patrols active in central sector. Light enemy arty fire on fwd and rear areas and 300 round concentration Padiglione area F9024. 1st Div. 2 Bde inter Bn reliefs. 5th Div. 17 Bde sharp raid on RSF 301000 repulsed. CP changes. 3 Div F 9513. 2 Moroc Div G 9903. Casualties main front to 27th Mar.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing
American	5537	18796	1867
British	No change.		
Beachhead.			
American	2058	7072	4539

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	Killed	Wounded	Missing
British	1276	5701	5485

Section 3. Air. First. NTR.

2nd. Bombline. 5 Corps. R Arielli to C 2715 2614 2511 2304 2203 2302 2200 H2299 1695 1175.

8th Army. H 1175 1767 G 9951 9944 H 0040 G 9034 8833 8632 8532 8129 8123 8220 8520 8519 8619 R Rapido to 8812.

5th Army. G 8812 R Garigliano to 8905 8605 8200 M 8297 7597 7595.

5th Army AEF. F 7533 8432 8631 8730 8930 9033 9534 G 0330 0728 0313.

Section 3 ends.

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From: CG, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces
Caserta, Italy

To : War Department

No. WR360 31st March 1944

Part 5 and final of my WR360 TOO 310955A from A C in C Med.

2 Spitfires lost to flak 2 Wellingtons and 3 Hudsons carried out U/boat hunt between Ustica and Alicudi Islands in conjunction with destroyers. U/boat reported sunk by destroyers at 0139 hours in position 38 degs 54 mins north, 14 degs 18 mins east. 1 destroyer was sunk in approx the same position. A Walrus rescued a pilot of a P47.

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This probably one reported yesterday but coordinates were not given at that time.

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From: Hq. Allied Armies in Italy

To: War Department

Nr: 02410 30th March, 1944

Third and last part COSITINTREP number 265 from Hq AAI orig number 02410 302045A. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

To 26th March. Fifth Army Main Front.

American;

killed	5529
wounded	18788
missing	1867

British;

killed	3193
wounded	14846
missing	4673

French and Italian; Figures not available.

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By American	6009
By British	3421
By French	1201.

Fifth Army ABF.

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From: Hq Allied Armies in Italy

Nr: 02410 30th March, 1944

American;

killed	2049
wounded	7025
missing	4535
	13609

British;

killed	1274
wounded	5682
missing	5483.
	12439

PW:

By American	2095
By British	1350 .

Section 3. Air.

1st. Recces limited by adverse weather revealed very slight movement in Cassino and Anzio sectors.

2nd. Bomb line change. 8th Army. H115755-175668-669951-9944-6040-9034-8833-8632-8532-8230-8229-815225-820225-820205-850197-850190-863190-River Rapido-885120. Otherwise no change.

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According to plan. 6 Nz Bde repulsed 2 enemy Coy attacks in Cassino inflicting casualties on the enemy. 1 Gds Bde relieved 5 Nz Bde less Nz Div Cav and came under Div comd. 78 J Div. 38 Bde commenced relief of 4 Tunis Inf. Some intermittent shelling and mortaring. 4 Div. 10 Bde continues relief of 3 Alg Div and has assumed comd of sector. Cp changes. 78 Div Main 09616. 5 Ind Bde 80320. 7 Ind Bde 0320. 11 Ind Bde 0320. 3rd. 5 Army. FEC. Sector generally quiet. 2 Corps. 349 Inf. Patrol activity. Elements 339 Inf relieved elements 350 Inf. 5 Army AEF. 6 Corps. Active patrolling and usual harassing arty action. Air raid by 40 FWS and MES. No damage reported. Op changes. 8 Moroc Inf M6657. Casualties. (Part 3 follows).

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From: HQ Allied Armies in Italy

To: War Department

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Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

Night 28/29 had heard of move of 131 and 134 Regts.

Section 2. Ground operations. First 5th Corps. Good weather and active patrolling continues. 1st Cdn Div. shelling and mortaring along Div Front. 8th Ind Div. Some shelling and mortaring. 21 Ind Bde less 1 Bn Regan relief 19 Ind Bde less 1 Bn. 5 Recce. Intermittent shelling and patrol activity. Casualties to 28th March.

Killed 30
Wounded 248
Missing 26
PW 11

Second 8th Army. 2 Polish Corps. 3rd Carp Div. Normal patrolling only.
5th Kres Div. Enemy and our arty active during night.

13th Corps. 3rd Alg Div. Troops of 4th Div and 78th Div continue relief of 3rd Alg Div. 1 patrol clash reported.

NZ Div. Enemy now occupy PT 202 0850205 and PT 146 0 853207 which had been evacuated. (Part 2 follows).

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SITUATION REPORT # 324.

1. OPERATION SHINGLE. INCREASE IN SWELL REDUCED UNLOADING ON 27TH MARCH TO 5005 TONS BUT FIGURE POSE TO 6165 TONS ON 28TH. 20 FIGHTER BOMBERS ATTACKED ANCHORAGE AT 1730 27TH BUT ONLY CAUSED SLIGHT DAMAGE TO 1 LANDING CRAFT. FIGHTER CLAIMED 4 DESTROYED 1 PROBABLE AND 1 DAMAGED AND AA 2 DAMAGED. BOMBS AND MINES DROPPED NIGHT 26TH/27TH MARCH CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

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2. USS LIVERMORE BOMBARDED SHORE TARGETS IN ANZIO AREA ON 28TH MARCH.

3. CONVOY OF 6 LIGHTERS CARRYING PETROL AND AMMUNITION SUNK BY FORCE OF 3 LCG'S 4 MTB'S AND 4 PT'S NIGHT 27TH/28TH SOUTH OF VADA ROCKS. PT'S DROVE OFF 2 ESCORTS BELIEVED DESTROYERS INFLICTING POSSIBLE DAMAGE. 1 PT BOAT SUFFERED SLIGHT DAMAGE AND 2 CASUALTIES.

4. FIGHTING AREA PREVENTED DESTROYER AND COASTAL FORCES OPERATING IN ADRIATIC NIGHT 25TH/26TH AND 26TH/27TH MARCH.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

To: War Department

Number: None, 30th March 1944.

COSITINTREP number 258 part 2 signed Wilson cite FHRNA. COSITINTREP number 257 not issued. Immediate

5005 tons unloaded at Anzio on 27th March and 6165 on 28th March. Slight damage to landing craft during enemy air attack P M 27th March. AA fire claims 2 damaged and fighters 4 destroyed. 1 probable and 1 damaged. Mines dropped in Anchorage during night 26th March/27th March.

US destroyer provided pipe support in Anzio area on 28th March.

British Gen Boat

A force of BCG with MTBS and PT boats report sinking convoy of 6 lighters south of Vada Rocks during night 27th March/28th March. Escort was driven off and possibly damaged. 1 PT boat suffered slight damage.

Adriatic patrols for nights of 25th/26th, 26th/27th March were cancelled on account of weather.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S COL PARK) CG AAF LOG G-2

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URGENT

From: CG, Allied Armies in Italy.

To: War Department

No: 0 2399 30 March 1944

From HQ AAI March 29 2045 to COSITINTREP addressees rptd 2 District (pass 15 Air Force) 3 District (pass 24 GDS BDE pass 201 GDSBDE) One District (pass 7 Army number 0 2399.) COSITINTREP number 261 to 1200 hrs 29 March. Part 1 Section 1 Intelligence.

1 Company 8 PGR identified by corpse at F 8728 and 1 Company 956 IR by document at F 9532. PW 2 Battalion 85 Mountain Regt taken on Monte Carella G 9333. Section 2.

Ground operations. First. 5 Corps patrols active. 1 Cdn Div. 1 Cdn Bde. Battalion relief. Right forward area mortared intermittently. 3 CDN Bde. Platoon raid on enemy position at C 2816 engaged by 4 MGS and forced to withdraw. Our casualties 3 killed, 12 wounded, 1 missing. Fighting patrol to 2813 silence enemy MG and caused some casualties. Patrol reports enemy position VIC 2711 held in strength. 8 Ind Div bridge at H 177915 damaged by shelling. Enemy patrol of 10 men VIC H1894 driven off.

Second part follows.

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INFO : CC/S, CGAAF, G-2, Col. Park, Log

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

From: Allied Armies in Italy

To : War Department

No. O 2399 29th March 1944

4th and last part of O 2399 from Hq AAI to usual COSITINTREP addressees 292045. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Main front. American. Killed 5523, wounded 18770, missing 1867. PW 6009.

British. Killed 3172, wounded 14798, missing 4652. PW 3421 AEF.

American. Killed 2022, wounded 6964, missing 7533. PW 2089.

British. Killed 1273, wounded 5667, missing 5483. PW 1348.

Section 3.

Air. 1st. Night bombers reported much movement south on all roads north of Rome except coast road. No large movement was reported during the day.

2nd. Bomb line no change.

Section 3 ends.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CGAAF, G-2, Col. Park, Log

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From: Allied Armies in Italy.

To: War Department.

No. O 2399 29 March 1944

Third part of O 2399 from Hq AAI to usual GOSITINTREP addressees 292045.

Command from 78 Division. Third. Fifth Army. Main front FEC and 2 Corps assumed command Tenth Corps sector 290800A. FEC. 4 Moroc Mountain Division 3 Moroc Spahis relieved 44 recce who moved to Tucro H0103. Two Corps. 88 Division. 339 Inf commenced relief of 350 Inf. Boundary FEC on right 2 Corps on left. G944916-920927 Casale Incl FEC 915930-900940-887952-870964 bend in Garigliano at 861975 River to stream junction 858978 stream to 841002-837006-stream to 830009 820024. Fifth Army ABF. Sixth Corps. Enemy arty light on both forward and rear areas. 45 Division. 179 Inf Bn reliefs Fifth Division. 2 enemy raids area F8330 repulsed. 3 Division less RCN troop Concein Assy area VIC9614. OP changes. 2 corps M9287. FEC M9492. 13 Bde F8222. Fifth Army casualties to 25 March.

(Fourth part follows).

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CC/S CG AAF G-2 COL. PARK LOG

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URGENT

From: Allied Army in Italy

To: War Department

No: COSITINTREP No. 264, 29th March 1944

Second part of COSITINTREP No 264 from AAI March 292045.

One enemy killed patrol 5 recce reports Montenerodoino H 2074 and Colledimacine H 1678 unoccupied. Main street latter destroyed and impassable for transport. Casualties 5th Corps to 27th March.

Killed	29	Wounded	235
Missing	26	PW	11

Second. 8th Army. 2 Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div normal patrolling with no contact. 5 Kres Div. Patrol clash G 9433 1 enemy killed and 2 PW. Artillery and mortars both sides active during night. 13 Corps. 3 Alg Div. 10 Bde of 4 Div relieved Bn 3 Alg Inf. 78 Div. Heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire 11 Bde Sector morning 29 March silenced by our arty. Bn 36 Bde in railway station relieved by 6 NZ Bde. 2 NZ Div. Enemy patrol crossed river in 5 NZ Bde Sector repulsed. Enemy snipers active in Cassino. Artillery engaged enemy tanks area Continental Hotel G 854209. 4 Ind Div. Concentrated area Venafro H 0320. 6 Armd Div. 16/5 Lancers reverted to.

(Third Part follows).

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U R G E N T

From: Hq Allied Armies in Italy.

To: War Department.

No. No#. 29 March 1944.

2nd part of COSITINTREP no 264 from AAI March 292045.

1 enemy killed patrol 5 recce reports Tenerodoino H 2074 and Colledimacine H 1678 unoccupied. Main street latter destroyed and impassable for transport. Casualties 5 corps to 27 March. Killed 29 wounded 235 missing 26. PW 11. 2nd. 8 Army. 2 Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div normal patrolling with no contact. 5 Kres Div. Patrol clash G9433. One enmy killed and 2 PW. Artillery and mortars both sides active during night. 13 Corps. 3 Alg Div.10 Bde of 4 Div relieved Bn 3 Alg Inf. 78 Div. Heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire 11 Bde sector morning.

29 March. Silenced by our arty. Bn 36 Bde in railway station relieved by 6 NZ Bde. 2 NZ Div. Enemy patrol crossed river in 5 NZ Bde sector repulsed. Enemy snipers active in Cassino. Artillery engaged enemy tanks area Continental Hotel G854209. 4 Ind Div. Concentrated area Venafro H0320. 6 Armd Div.16/5 Lancers reverted to.

(Third part follows).

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U R G E N T

From: Hq Allied Armies in Italy

To: War Department

Nr: O 2399 29th March, 1944

Third part of O 2399 from Hq AAI to usual COSITINTREP addressees 292045.

Command from 78th Division.

3rd. Fifth Army. Main front. FEC and 2 Corps assumed command 10th Corps sector 290800A. FEC. 4 Moroc Mountain Division 3 Moroc Spahis relieved 44 recce who moved to Tuoro H 0103.

2nd Corps. 88th Division. 339 Inf commenced relief of 350 Inf. Boundary FEC on right 2 corps on left. G944916-920927 (Casale Incl FEC) -915930-900940-887952-870964 bend in Garigliano at 861975 River to stream junction 858978 stream to 841002-837006-stream to 830009-820024.

Fifth Army ABF. 6th Corps. Enemy Arty * in both forward and rear areas. 45 Division. 179 Inf Bn reliefs. Fifth Division. 2 enemy raids area F8330 repulsed. 3 Division less RCN troop Concein Assv area VIC9614. CP changes. 2 Corps M9287. FEC M9492. 13 BDE F8222. Fifth Army casualties to 25th March. (fourth part follows)

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* Being Serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CGAAF, G-2, Col. Park, Log

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Post

From: Hq Allied Armies in Italy.

To: War Department.

No. 0 2359 29 March 1944.

0.2359 282145A from Hq AAI to COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass CINC Med info 2 District pass 15 Air Force 3 District pass 24 Gds Bde and 201 Gds Bde 1 District pass 7 Army.

COSITINTREP number 263 to 1200 Hrs 28 March.

Part 1.

Section 1.

Intelligence. NTR.

Section 2. Ground operations.

First. 5th Corps. Weather cold with occasional showers. Relief of 1 Cdn Armd Bde by 23 Armd Bde continues. 40 R tanks HQ C3109 now in SP of 1 Cdn Div. 23 Armd Bde HQ H4689. 1 Cdn Div patrol activity along whole front. Contact maintained with enemy. Considerable shelling and mortaring 2 Cdn Bde sector. Seaforths of C were relieved by PPCLI. 8 Ind Div. Patrols contagted enemy along front. Enemy patrol to caves area C2302 dispersed by DF. 6 Lancers. Patrol to H1895 report enemy in village. Casualties to 26 March.

Killed 29 Wounded 228 Missing 24. PW 11.

Second. 8 Army. 2 Polish Corps. Main HQ opened Canalupo H3224 at 280800A. 3 Carp Div. heavy snowfall some

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From: Hq Allied Armies in Italy.
No. 0 2359 29 March 1944.

areas. 5 Kres Div, Relief of 2 DIM complete except for some arty. 6 Bde less 17 Bn concentrated.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S
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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

Nr: 263 29 March 1944

Second part of COSTINTREP number 263 from HQ AAI.

Fornelli H 1133. 13 Corps. Arty active both sides. 3 Dia. NTR. 78 Div. Assumed comd 4 Ind Div sector at 280325 A. 11 Bde took over from 7 Ind and 8 Ind Bdes. NZ Div. 6 NZ Bde drove off enemy patrol. 4 Ind Div concentrated area Venafro will be complete tonight. 6 Armd Div. 1 Gds Bde moved to H area Piedimonte D'Alife H 3105. Third. Fifth Army. 10 Corps. 4 Moroc Div. 3 Moroc Spahis relieved 4 Recce Regt and assumed comds of Preston force sector east of river Garigliano 88 Div. Patrol made contact. II Corps. NTR. 5 Army ABF. Sector generally quiet. Enemy Coy forming up for attack F 9733 broken up. 34 Div assumed comd 3 Div sector 280900 A. Casualties to 24 March. Main front. American killed 5521 wounded 18760 missing 1867. 3rd part follows British killed 3147 wounded 14699.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
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From: HQ Allied Armies in Italy

To: War Department

No: 263 29 March 1944

Third and last part of OOSITINTREP number 263 from HQ AAI. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Missing 4649. French killed 2092, wounded 7742, missing 644. Italian killed 176, wounded 366, missing 442.5 Army ABF. American killed 1944, wounded 6903, missing 4532. British killed 1265, wounded 5618, missing 5481.

Section 3.

Air. First Recces on Fifth and Eighth Army front observed no major movement.

Second Bombline. No Change.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S
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SITUATION REPORT # 323

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE UNLOAD FIGURE REACH 6309 TONS ON 26TH MARCH. 2 ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMED BY AA DURING RAID P M 26TH AIRCRAFT BELIEVED MINELAYER. SHELLING ON REDUCED SCALE.

(2) 4 SCHOONERS ESCORTED BY 4 ARMED CAIQUES INTERCEPTED BY MOTOR LAUNCH NIGHT 25/26TH MARCH SOUTH OF MITYLENE. 1 SCHOONER AND 1 CAIQUE CUT OFF AND CAPTURED.

(3) 4 F LIGHTERS INTERCEPTED BY 4 MTB'S AND A PT BOAT OFF LEVANTO NIGHT 26TH MARCH/27TH MARCH. TORPEDO FIRE UNSUCCESSFUL BUT DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY BY GUN FIRE.

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SOME DAMAGE TO 2 MTB'S AND THE PT BOAT. A FEW CASUALTIES.

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Post From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Force ,

To: War Department
CG US Forces in the European Theater of Operations, London, England

No: No # 27 March 1944

Second part COSITINTREP 262, 272045A.

Recce Regt Sqns at H1887 2290 2180. CIH HQ now H2990.

Second. 8th Army.

II Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div normal patrols. 5 Kres Div. Patrol clash reported G9835. 6 Kres Bde 17 Bn relieved Bn 8 Moroc Inf. 13 Corps. Regrouping continues. 3 Algerian Div. Enemy attack along Terrello Rd G8327 repulsed by Arty fire. 4 Ind Div quiet night. 7 Ind Bde 2 Bn relieved by Bn 11 Bde 78 Div. 2 NZ Div enemy Arty and mortars active during night. 6 NZ Bde took command of sector Cassino town from excl pt 193 to line of Wadi G8618 with 20 NZ Armd Regt under command. 5 NZ Bde took command of 38 Bde sector with NZ Cav under Command. 78 Div. 38 Bde CONC Mignano G9811. 6 Armd Div passed to Command 27 0800A. 2 Para Bde passed to command Army with HQ at Guardia N4995.

Third. 5th Army.

X Corps. Less shelling than previous period. Patrols both sides active. Contacts made at Castelforte M7998 7898 7695. 5 Army ABP. VI Corps. Patrols active. Patrols 157 Inf to nightly occupied positions in area F9231 and cemetery F9432. Found enemy in possession and withdrew

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after fire fight. 168 Inf repulsed enemy patrol. 3 enemy Platoon attacks repulsed in area F8330 afternoon 26th March. 4 Ranger Bn reverts to Corps control. Combat elements 34 Div less Recce troops complete in Beachhead. 40 RM.

Part 3 follows.

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From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

To: War Department

No. F 23912, 27 March, 1944.

To Troopers AGWAR rptd SHAEF Mideast Fairbanks FATIMA Pen Base for CAVE FARGO for MacFarlane from G2 Freedom signed Wilson cite FHGBI F 23912 27 Mar 1944A.

General Situation
G2 Summary.

1. No special summary since 20 March.

2. Adriatic flank. No major enemy action but signs increased liveliness possibly result of improved weather and drying ground. Some indications enemy not merely interested in Allied dispositions and plans but also preparing for some local activity especially in coastal sector. Enemy evacuation of Montenero and Alfadena suggests readjustment of forward positions in mountain sector now that spring conditions beginning open up greater possibilities Allied infiltration. Recent identifications normal. Appreciate 2 divisions still forward. Not clear whether any reserve division now lying back. Doubt whether any element 90 PG Division still behind this front.

3. Tyrrhenian flank. Active enemy patrolling both sides of Cassino sector but enemy quiet in town area itself. Estimate enemy at beginning of Allied offensive considered probable eventual withdrawal, after heavy delaying action, to Hitler line and brought up reserve division to Piedimonte-Pontecorvo sector. Believe tacs now to be 90 PG Division

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recent PW states divisional signposts seen in Arce region. Civilian also reports brigade Doella area Soru-Arce. General dispositions on front unchanged, totalling 6 divisions. 15th PG Division part spporting and part flanking 1 Parachute Division. Successful defense of latter apparently led enemy to reconsider his plan and without committing fresh troops to endeavor play Allies out and force them to desist first.

4. Anzio bridgehead. Enemy's general attitude continues defensive. Marked decrease in medium artillery fire. Fairly strong gun areas on both flanks, relatively little in centre. Decrease due to series of events starting with withdrawal of 29 PG Division then 26 Panzer Division into reserve, also departure Hermann Goering Division and withdrawal 114 Light Division. No indication latters destination yet. Prisoners state 4 Parachute Division rumoured due for withdrawal. Marked movement behind lines yesterday suggests regrouping going on and in event further withdrawals consider appearence 1 or 2 divisions hitherto in quiet areas of central and northern Italy likely. Perimeter now held by from 5 to 6 divisions with an estimated 2 in reserve.

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INFORMATION: CC/S
CG AAF
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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force.

To: War Department.

No. O-2385 27 March 1944.

3rd and last part number O-2385 272045 from HQ AAI. Signed Wilson cite FHOCT and FHOBI.
Commando and elements 504 Para Inf Regt enroute to Naples. Changes. Five Army opened 271200, NO 289. 133 Inf F8921, 135 Inf F9018. Casualties Five Army to 23 March. Main front.

American Killed	5517	Wounded	18749	Missing	1867
British Killed	3133	Wounded	14581	Missing	4645
Italian Killed	174	Wounded	366	Missing	442
French Killed	2082	Wounded	7717	Missing	644.

Five Army ABF.

American Killed	1977	Wounded	6852	Missing	4531
British Killed	1250	Wounded	5561	Missing	5474.

Ref COSITINTREP number 259 and 260 "6 Raj Rif now under Comd" should read "6 RFF Rif now under comd."

Section 3.

Air.

1st. Tac R reported 40 very large MT moving west and north from Cori 00938 to Velletri F9842 to Valmontone G1053 and 30 MT west from Valmontone to Rome at 1245 hours. Elsewhere only slight scattered movement was reported.

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2nd.
Bombline. No change.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
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March 27, 1944

From: FREEDOM

To : British Chiefs of Staff

Info: J.S.M. Washington for
United States Chiefs of Staff
UNITY London
Hq MAAF

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By [redacted] Date MAY 22 1972

MEDCOS 76

Signed Wilson cite FHCOS F 23598 27124VA.

Alexander has reviewed the situation arising from the check at Cassino. His firm forecast of the earliest date on which full scale offensive can be launched by the 5th and 8th Armies is now May 14th. This date has been arrived at after full study of the various factors involved such as state of troops, weather and ground conditions, the arrival of fresh formations required for the battle, and the time our air forces will need to secure the required effect on enemy's communications. Further details of these factors are expected shortly, but I am sending this telegram at once as the date before which the offensive could not be launched given in MEDCOS 73 was April 15.

2. The naval implications of this change of date are being examined and a further report will be submitted as soon as this has been investigated and further details are received from Alexander.

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No record of this Time of Origin 271222A

FOOTNOTE: MEDCOS 73 is CM-IN-15567 (22 Mar 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S
INFO : Gen. Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell, Adm King,
Col Mathewson, C of S

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From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

To: War Department

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No. O-2385 27 March 1944

Action COSITINTREP addressees info to 2 District (Pass 15 Air Force) 3 District (Pass 24 Gds Bde and 201 Gds Bde) 1 District (Pass 7 Army) from Hq AAI O-2385 272045A. COSITINTREP number 262 to 1200 hrs 27 Mar.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence. All of 26 March 11 Car. 131 Inf Regt G8504 reports whole of 131 moved south from Belmonte area night 22/23 March. 3 Bn in position G872048 with 2 Bn on right and 1 Bn at rear. Had heard that 134 Inf Regt also moved South. Deserter 267 Inf Regt reports 620 OST Bn in area Formiagaeta Section.

2. Ground Operations.

1st. 5 Corps. 1 Cdn Div. 1 and 3 Cdn Inf Bdes no shelling or mortaring during day 26 March. Some mortaring 3 Cdn Inf Bde Sector during night. Enemy engaged at C2916 2816 2815. 2 Enemy patrols attacking outpost C2814 repulsed. 2 Cdn Inf Bde. Enemy engaged at C2714 2713 2611. Some enemy mortaring during the day. Sqn 40 R tanks relieved Sqn 11 Car in support of 1 and 3 Cdn Inf Bdes. 8 Ind Div. 19 Ind Inf Bde standing patrol area C2507 repulsed small enemy raid during day a further enemy patrol in same area during night withdrew when engaged by arty and SA fire. 17 Ind Inf Bde patrols found houses area C2403 occupied by enemy. 21 Ind Inf Bde increased intermittent shelling on 5 RWK. 6 Lancers. Lettopalena H1277 reported clear of enemy. Sqns now at H2591 1892. 5.

(Part 2 follows).

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SITUATION REPORT 322.

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE. 24 TONS ON 25TH MARCH IN MODERATE WEATHER CONDITIONS INTERMITTENT SHELLING BUT NO AIR ACTIVITY.

(2) DESTROYERS AND COASTAL CRAFT SIGHTED NOTHING DURING NIGHT 24TH/25TH MARCH WHILE PATROLLING IN DALMATIAN ISLANDS.

(3) 2?? RM COMMANDOS LANDED AT CROMIKOLAC (HVAR) WITHOUT OPPOSITION NIGHT 22ND/23RD AND RETURNED SAFELY NIGHT 24TH/25TH MARCH WITH ALL CRAFT INTACT

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(4) 18 TON CAIQUE CARRYING CITRUS AND OLIVE OIL. CAPTURED BY COASTAL FORCE IN AEGEAN ON 20TH MARCH (5) ON 10TH MARCH HM TRAWLER DENLL CARRIED U-BOAT (GERMAN) ATTACK IN POSITION 38-07 N 09-41 E. SUBSEQUENT EVIDENCE SHOWS PROMISE OF DESTRUCTION OF GERMAN U-BOAT.

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

From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

To: War Department

Unnumbered, 26th March 1944

COSITINTREP number 255 part 2 signed Wilson cite FHRNA from CINC Med dated 262031 March

Moderate weather continued at Anzio on 25th March and 5690 tons were discharged. No enemy air activity over the port area. Shelling was intermittant.

During night 24/25 March no enemy was sighted by destroyers or coastal forces operating off the Dalmatian Islands.

RM commandos were landed without opposition on Hvar Island night 22/23 March and reembarked and returned safely night 24/25 March.

18 foot caique was captured by coastal forces operating in the Aegean on 20th March.

Evidence just received shows promise of destruction of U boat by HM trawler between Sardinia and Tunisia on 10th March.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CGAAF, G-2, Adm. King, Col. Mathewson, Log

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No. O. 2378 26 March 1944

Part 4 and SOS O.2378 from HQ AAI Mar 262115.

At 9631. 45th Div. Inter Bn reliefs. 1 Div. Inter Bn reliefs. 5th Div. Inter Bn reliefs and relief of 36 Eng to 8918. Casualties 5th Army to 22nd Mar. Main Front.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	PW
American	5521	18719	1844	6008
British	3062	14184	4507	3295
French	2079	7676	644	1199
Italian	174	Otherwise N/C.		

5th Army AEF.

American	1962	6827	4530	2084
British	1239	5533	5474	

Section 3. Air.

1st. Only normal movement observed.

2nd. Bombline no change.

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INFORMATION: CO/S CG AAF G-2 COL MATHEWSON LOG

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No. 0.2378 26 March 1944

Part 3 of 0.2378 from HQ AAI Mar 262115.

-H000098-000090-020050-025044-Piccilli Bn 8th Army. -036037-050015-026007-023000-N03298-062988 thence to R J N074973 thence Ftad (incl 8th Army) to 097977 thence HY 6 (incl 8th Army) to R J 144844- thence HY 6 (main road to be common use) to R J 170796- thence along north side Volturno River to 189789.

3rd. 5th Army. Fec. 2 Moroc Div has only 1 Bn 8 Moroc Inf in line 3 Alg Div. Quiet. NZ Corps. Quiet day with spasmodic shelling. 2 NZ Div. 5 and 6 Bdes continued reorganization. 78 Div regrouping. 10 Corps. Normal patrols. 4 Moroc Mtn Div. Hq 2 Moroc Inf reld 28 Bde. 2 Moroc Inf continued relief of 28 Bde. 88 Div. 349 Inf reld 339 Inf.

5th Army ABF. Little activity generally on front although considerable enemy movement behind lines and on roads observed. Heavy shelling reported on 13 BDE front. 133 Inf (less 1 Bn) arrived Anzio moving to area F8922. 4 Engrs relieved by 3 Regt SSF at 0223 3 Div. 1 Bn 135 Inf reld 2 Bn 7 Inf.

34th Div

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From: A.F.H.Q. Algiers

To: War Office - Personal for Brooke
B.A.S.W. - Personal for Marshall

No: WOSTEL No 2 March 26, 1944

Fourth and last part of WOSTEL No 2. Reference HQ AAI message number 02349.

Location statement.

Fifth Army.	Fifth Army Forward	F 8617
	Main	H 0608
	Rear	N 2874
	Two Corps	N 4276
	34 Div	F 9820
	36 Div	N 3271
	141 RCT	N 3473
	142 RCT	N 3474
	143 RCT	N 3476
	Sixth Corps	F 8819
	39 Engineer Regt	F 8918
	SSF	F 9817
	504 Para Regt	G 0123
	Third Div	F 9320
	7th RCT	F 9628
	15th RCT	F 9926
	30th RCT	9328
	45 Div	F 9120
	157 RCT	F 9024
	179 RCT	F 8924
	180 RCT	F 9226
	First Armd Div	F 8923
	Sixth Armd Inf	F 8826
	First Div	F 8320
	2nd Inf Bde	F 8622
	3rd Inf Bde	F 8726
	18th Inf Bde	F 8524
	Fifth Div	F 8125

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We usually only show divisions, a close check will perhaps show some RCT's or Brigades ported

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13th Bde	F 8123
15th Bde	F 8127
17th Bde	F 8526
36th Engr	F 7927
168th RCT	F 8920
Ten Corps Main	M 9493
Rear	N 0188
Fourth Div	M 9495 ✓
10th Bde	N 1658
12th Bde	M 8899
28th Bde	G 8602
One Gds Bde	N 1291
88 US Div	M 9288
349 RCT	M 8495
350 RCT	M 7995
351 RCT	M 8095
339 RCT	M 8996
NZ Corps Main	G 9616
Rear	H 0803
1st Armd Div CCB	G 9713
4th Ind Div	G 9120 ✓
5th Ind Bde	G 8423
7th Ind Inf Bde	G 8423
11th Ind Inf Bde	G 9023
2nd NZ Div	G 9616 ✓
4th NZ Armd Bde	G 9811
5th NZ Inf Bde	G 8819
6th NZ Inf Bde	G 8822
78 Div	G 9415 ✓
11th Inf Bde	G 9314
36th Inf Bde	G 9116
38th Bde	N 1885
Preston Force	G 9505
FEC	H 0320
1st Italian Motorized Group	H 0534
2nd DIM	H 0427
4th RTM	H 1524
5th RTM	H 0333

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	8th RTM	H 0131
	4th Group Tabors	H 0833
	3rd DIA	G 9324
	3rd RTA	G 8527
	7th RTA	G 9024
	4th RTT	G 8425
	4th DMM	N 2362
	6th RTM	M 9899
	2nd RTM	N 0594
	3rd Group Tabors	G 9126
	Fifth Corps	
	Paglieta	H 4195
	1st Cdn Div Main	C 3612
	Rear	C 3513
	1st Cdn Armd Bde	C 3102
	1st Cdn Inf Bde	C 3217
	2nd Cdn Inf Bde	C 3710
	3rd Cdn Inf Bde	C 3114
	8th Ind Div Main	C 3100
	Rear	C 3203
	17th Ind Inf Bde	C 2903
	19th Ind Inf Bde	C 3008
	21st Ind Inf Bde	C 2999
	2nd Para Bde	H 2490
Eighth Army.	TAC	H 0521
	Main	H 2005
	Rear	H 2403
	2nd Polish Corps	
	Main	H 4920
	Rear	H 5529
	3rd Carp Inf Div	
	Main	H 2732
	Rear	H 2828
	1st Carp Rifle Bde	H 1543
	2nd Carp Rifle Bde	H 2445
	5th Kresowa Inf Div Tac	H 0929

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Main	H 3224
5th Kresowa Inf Bde	H 0333
1st Cdn Corps	H 7657
5th Cdn Armd Div	H 9332
*5th Cdn Armd Bde	H 9836
11th Cdn Inf Bde	H 9236
6th Armd Div	H 3106
26th Armd Bde	H 2906
24th Guards Bde	N 5438
201st Guards Bde	N 5438*

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INFO : Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
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U R G E N T

From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

To: War Department

No. 02378, 26 March, 1944.

Part of COSITINTREP number 261 from HQ AAI number 02378 262115AM.

Army took command sectors previously held by NZ Corps and FEC. 13th Corps under command 8th Army took command of sectors held by NZ Corps and 3 ALG. Div and command 4th Div, 3 ALG Div and troops previously under command NZ Corps. 2 Polish Corps took command 2 Moroc Div sector. Ital Mot Gp, 5 Kres Bde and troops 2 Moroc Div not yet relieved passed to command 5 Kres Div. Relief continues.

Operations. 2 Polish Corps. 2 Carp Div. Tunnel H 1651 to 1251and line to Castel Di Sangro now completed and 5 Bn in vicinity Castel Di Sangro reverted to command 2 Carp Bde 5th Kres Div. Enemy patrol attempting to make penetration area G9935 driven off. Moves 6 Bde hampered by blocked roads. Boundary 8th Army - 5th Army. Liri River at G622242 to stream junc G885119 thence to road G888119 (incl 5th Army) to G923149 * station (incl 8th Army) thence along RR to G970124 Migano (incl 8th Army) G994107. (End of Second part. Part 3 follows).

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OPERATIONAL
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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No. 0.2378 26 March 1944

From HQ AAI to COSITINTREP addressees (Freedom pass CINC Med Algiers) information 2 District (pass 15 Air Force) 3 District (pass 24 Gds Bde and 201 Gds Bde) 1 District (pass 7 Army) number 0 2378 262115 A.

COSITINTREP number 261 to 1200 hours 26 March.

Part 1. Section 1.

Intelligence. NTR.

Section 2.

Ground Operations. First. 5th Corps. Enemy more inactive on corps front than ever before during last 24 hours. Patrols had very little to report. Weather very cold but no rain. 23 Armd Brigade under command Corps began relief of 1 Cdn Armd Bde. 1 Cdn Div. Very quiet. No enemy shelling or mortaring reported. 8 Indian Div. Spasmodic shelling. Cp changes. 5 Recce Regt H2490. 23 Armd Bde H4789. Boundary 5 Corps-8 Army effective 261200 A incl 8 Army road Castiglione H3763-Tornareccio H3481-all incl 5 Corps Tornaleccio-Bomba H3081-Pennadomo H2677-Montenerodoino H2074-Palena H1175.

2nd. 8th Army. Bad weather restricted all activity. Following changes took place 261200 A. 8

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AIG 387; FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 321.

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE UNLOADING INCREASED TO 55039 TONS ON 22ND MARCH IN IMPROVED WEATHER CONDITIONS. L.S.T. OBSERVED MINES BEING LAID BY AIRCRAFT NIGHT 23RD-24TH WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SWEPT.

(2) HMS GRENVILLE (DD) RAMMED AND SANK AN E-BOAT OFF ANZIO AT 0240 25TH MARCH ITALIAN C.O. 2 GERMAN AND 3 ITALIAN RATINGS TAKEN PRISONER.

(3) HMS URCHIN (DD) ENGAGED ENEMY STRONG POINT IN ANZIO AREA ON 24TH MARCH.

(4) DURING NIGHT 18TH-19TH MARCH MOTOR LAUNCH CAPTURED

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URGENT

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

Nr: 02371 25 March, 1944

From HQ AAI March 252130 to COSITINTREP addressees rptd 2 District pass 15 Air Force 3 District pass 24 GDS BDE pass 201 GDS BDE 1 District pass 7 Army number 02371 COSITINTREP No 260 to 1200 hrs 25 March.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence. NTR.

Section 2. Ground Operations. 1st. 5 Corps. Weather fine becoming cold and wet. Quiet day on Corps front except for usual mortar and artillery exchanges followed by normal patrols. 1 CDN Div. CDN Bde Enemy seen and engaged C 2720 3018 2917. 3 CDN BDE. Inter battalion reliefs. 2 CDN BDE. Patrols active. Mines and booby traps found C 2712. 8 Ind Div. Large explosion 2445 hrs believed church tower Canosa C 2510 partly demolished. 17 Ind BDE. Enemy movement at C 2310 2309 2303 engaged. 21 Ind BDE. Contact made at H 2399. 6 Lancers assumed command Casoli. Second part follows.

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From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Algiers

To: War Department

No. 92371, 25 March, 1944.

4th and last part of 92371.

And one probable by AA fire. E boat sunk 6 miles off Anzio. Seven survivors being sent to Naples. CP changes. 10th Corps Hq N 0188 13 Bde Hq 8127.

Section 3. Air. First. NTR Second bombline no change. (Section 3 ends).

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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Forces.

To: War Department.

No. 2371 25 March 1944.

Third part of 2371.

Of Cassino. 4 Ind Div. Quiet day. During night 24/25 March 1/9 Gurkha regt withdrew from point (435) G847206 under cover of diversionary operation by six RWK. Arty fired intense counter battery programme in support. Nz Div. during night 24/25 C Coy (24) Nz Bn withdrew from point 202. Own tanks in Cassino area. 1 Sqn less 2 troops (20) Nz Armd Regt in Cassino. 2 Troops 20 Nz Armd Regt in rly station G860201. 20 Nz Armd Regt less 2 Sqns and with 1 Sqn 19 Nz Armd Regt area north Cassino. 78 Div. slight shelling in forward areas.

X Corps. Generally quiet. Patrols active along whole front. 4 British Div handed over command of sector to 4 Moroc mountain Div 251000A. 28 Bde 3 Bn 2 Moroc Inf relieved 2/4 Hamps. 5th Army ABF.

VI Corps. Generally quiet. Regrouping continues. 168 Inf assumed control 504 Prcht Regt Secton. 504 Prcht Regt reverted to Corps control. 9 RM Commando embarked Anzio reverting to army control. 8 enemy aircraft raided harbour. No report of damage 2 destroyed.

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From: Hq Allied Mediterranean Force.

To: War Department.

No. No# 25 March 1944.

Second part of COSITINTREP No 260 from HQ AAI March 252130.

Sector WEF 242125A from 2 Indep Para Bde, 6 Raj Rif now under command 6 Lancers. 2 Indep Para Bde moved from under command 5 Corps AM 25 March. F Recce Squadron passed from under command 8 Ind Div 250600A. Central Indian horse road party arrived 241230A area H3289 and came under command 8 Ind Div. Casualties 5 Corps to 23 March. Killed 25 wounded 201 missing 23. Second. 8 Army. 2 Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div. 1 Carp Bde established a patrol base Montenero H0545. 5 Kresowa Div Marin Hq opened 250900A at Montaquila H0929. 5 Kresowa Bde now complete with 2 battalions in line. 4 British Div Hq opened 251000A at H057212 and came under command 8 Army. CP changes 5 Kresowa Bde H0131. Third. 5 Army. FEC. Quiet. 2 Moroc Div. Relief of 8 Moroc Inf by 6 Kresowa Bde completed. NZ Corps. No further progress has been made in town.

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INFO : CC/S, CGAAF, G-2, Col. Mathewson, Log

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

To: War Department

Nr: None 25th March, 1944

COSITINTREP No 254 part II signed Wilson cite FHRMA. 225210 2A.

Improved weather conditions resulted in 5339 tons being discharged on 24th March. Aircraft dropped mines in the anchorage night 23/24. Two were swept AM 24 March.

E boat rammed and sunk by destroyers off Anzio night 24/25 March 6 survivors picked up.

Fire support provided by destroyer in Anzio area on 24th March.

ML captured 19 tons caique carrying plate glass night 18/19 March in Aegean.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CGAAF, G-2, Adm. King, Col. Mathewson, Log

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 320.

WEATHER HAMPERED UNLOADING OVER BEACH IN ANZIO AREA. FIGURES ACHIEVED 21ST 4523 22ND 5612 AND 23RD 4200 TONS. SHELLING AND SLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY CONTINUES NO NAVAL DAMAGE CAUSED.

(2) HMS GRENVILLE CARRIED OUT THE SHOOTINGS AGAINST GERMAN STRONG POINT NEAR ANZIO ON 23RD MARCH.

(3) MOTOR LAUNCH SLIGHTLY DAMAGED WHEN 8 JU 88 ATTACKED KOMISA AT DUSK 22ND. SOME CIVILIAN BUT NO

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NAVAL CASUALTIES. FINAL DESTROYER PATROL OFF VIS NIGHT 22ND/23RD MARCH SIGHTED NOTHING. COASTAL FORCES NERETVA AND PELJESAC CHANNEL ALSO HAD BLANK NIGHT.

(5) MTB AT MADDALENA INTERCEPTED AND SANK SMALL BOAT DURING NIGHT 21ST AND 22ND MARCH CONTAINING 11 ESCAPEES FROM SARDINIA ATTEMPTING TO REACH GERMAN OCCUPIED ITALY.

(6) HMSP63 REPORTED SINKING F LIGHTER IN MONEMVASIA 36-41 NORTH 23-09 EAST ON 13TH MARCH.

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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force.

To: War Department.

No. 259 25 March 1944.

Third part of COSITINTREP number 259 from Hq AAI.

Progress made against continued stiff opposition. 4 Ind Div. 7 Ind Bde marked enemy activity observed area point 450 G840213. 231800A approx 50 enemy vehs reported moving east on highway 6 to road junction G8120 thence north. 2 NZ Div. Inter Bde Bn regrouping. Supply dropping areas point 202 G851205 (951205) and point 435 (335) G847205 was again very successful. Present forward troops Cassino area held by 25 NZ Bn X858213-856213. 21 N 23 and 28 NZ Bns a line G855210-856208 10 Corps. Normal patrols and arty exchanges. (34 Division continuous move to Anzio. CP changes 12 Bde Venafro HC320. 5 Army ARF. 6 Corps. Front generally quiet. 2 enemy tanks reported destroyed F8831 and F9335 5 tanks reported destroyed by arty F9934. Enemy arty active areas F8628 and F8525. Div reorganizing continues with inter Bn reliefs. Boundary line between 1 Div and 5 Div now F834346-847280-834263-843240. Boundary between 45.

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From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Force
Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

No: 259 24 March 1944

Second part of COSITINTREP No 259 from HQ AAI. Third part follows.

Our Arty in area C2714. 8th Ind Div. 19 Ind Bde. Houses at 2507 believed occupied blew up. Patrols report area C254073 heavily mined and booby trapped. 17 G D Bde tracked vehicles heard Orsogna area during night, 2 Indep Para Bde, 6 Raj Rif now under Command.

Casualties 5 Corps to 227220 March:

Killed	24
Wounded	187
Missing	23
PW	9

Second. 8th Army. 2 Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div. Normal patrolling. Bad weather. 5 Kres Div. 5 Kres Bde continues relief of 2 Moroc Div.

Casualties 8th Army to 21st March:

Killed	3198
Wounded	11596
Missing	2366 (2116)

Third: 5th Army. Fec. 2 Moroc Div. 13 Polish Bn relieved 1 Bn, 5 Moroc Inf G9734 who moved to join remainder 5 Moroc Inf at Teano N0594. NZ Corps. Little.

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U R G E N T

From: CO Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

To: War Department

Nr: None 24th March, 1944

4th and last part of COSITINTREP number 259 from Hq AAI. Signed Wilson, cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Division left and 3 Division right now F968340-957300-945285-942256-947236-930219.

Casualties Fifth Army to 20th March. Main front.

American	killed	5494
	wounded	18655
	missing	1824
	PW	6008.
British	killed	3031 (2031)
	wounded	13945
	missing	4485
	PW	3285.
French	killed	2069
	wounded	7615
	missing	644
	PW	1196.
Italian	no change.	
ABF, American	killed	1952
	wounded	6784
	missing	4524.
	PW	2080.

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From: CO Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

Nr: None 24th March, 1944

British	killed	1221
	wounded	5463
	missing	5458
	PW	1347.

Section 3. Air.

1st. Despite good coverage only very slight movement was observed on the Army fronts today.

2nd. Bombline no change.

Section 3 ends.

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From: CO Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

To: War Department

Nr: None 24th March, 1944

COSITINTREP No 259 to 1200 hrs 24 March. Part 1 (02363 24220A from Hq AAI to COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass CINC Med and 1 District info 2 district (pass 15th Air Force) 3 District (pass 24 GDS BDE) and 201 Gde Bde 1 District (pass 7 Arcm)

Section 1. Intelligence. 3 Bn 132 Inf Regt identified area G8328 and 2 Coy 20 SS Police Regt area G 8224. 1 Bn 309 Inf Regt reidentified area F 8929.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1st. 5th Corps. Weather cold some rain. Quiet day except for sharp burst arty activity CDN sector late PM. 5 Recce Regt came under comd 5 Corps 23 March.

1 CDN Div. 3 enemy mark 4 tanks seen area C3019 early this AM. Signs yesterday and today that enemy is preparing to launch attack in CDN sector in near future.

1 CDN Bde. Patrol clash area C3018.

3 CDN Bde. Enemy shelled Ortona lateral road during afternoon.

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From: CO Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

Nr: None 24th March, 1944

2 CDN Bde. 9 horse drawn vehicles
4 of which believed small guns successfully engaged by (End of first part, second follows)

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U R G E N T (C O R R E C T E D C O P Y)

From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

To: War Department

Nr: 258 24 March 1944

Part 2 and last of COSITINTREP number 258 too 232115 signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Three Carp Div. 1 Carp Bde Bn relief carried out Five Kres Div. Relief of two DIM continues. Third Fifth Army FEC Generally quiet with moves and reliefs. Two DIM Polish arty in assembly area Rocearvindola H 1025. Three DIA relief of 2 RTM being carried out. Two RTM joining 4 DMM in Teano No 594 area. NZ Corps. Four Ind Div no change in situation. Little enemy movt after losses sustained in abortive attack on point 193 G854213 at 220530A hrs. Two NZ Div. Very severe fighting in Cassino slow progress being maintained. One Coy each 21 NZ Bn and 23 NZ Bn renewed attacks against strong points south of point 193 on western side of town. During night 22/23 BRS at 862208 and 864208 repaired after being damaged by enemy 78 Div Regrouping 36 Bde on right 56 recce centre 38 Bde on line 11 Inf Bde in reserve Mignano G9811 area. Ten Corps. Front generally quiet with normal arty exchanges and patrolling. Bn reliefs carried out. 2/6 RTM of 4 Moroc Mtn Div relieved 2 RF in Valle Di Sujo M8798 area. Five Army ABF. Six Corps. Fairly quiet. Enemy raid in area F833308 repulsed. Some Bn reliefs in 504.

Regt and 3 Div sectors. Section 3. Air First. NTR. Second. Bombline no change. Section 3 ends.

Corrected copy of CM-In-16946 (24 Mar 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CGAAF, G-2, Col Mathewson, Log

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Forces.

To: War Department.

No. 258 24 March 1944.

02351 232115A from HQ AAI action COSITINTREP addressees(Freedom pass CINC Med) info Dist 2 pass 15 Air Force Dis 3 pass 24 Gds Bde and 201 Gds Bde Distone pass Seven Army COSITINTREP No 258 to 1200 hrs 23 Mar.

Part 1.
Section 1.
Intelligence.

Following identified from PWS yesterday on pt 193 G854213. 1 Coy 1 Para Regt four Coy 4 Para Regt 2 Coy Para Eng Bn Eng Pl 4 Para Regt 20 SAF (20 GAE) telephone Coy. FPN 11 Coy 115 PGR identical with FPN 11 Coy 129 PGR. Comment supports PW statements that 2 and 3 Bns 115 PGR being reformed from RLTS 129 PGR. Two Bn 577 PR identified area C2712 and 2 Bn 578 GR area C2816 both by PWS.

Section 2.
Ground operations.

First. Five Corps. Some activity especially on Cdn Div sector night 22/23 March. One Cdn Div. Patrols active and PW taken. 100 men seen area C2714 and engaged casualties believed inflicted. Eight Ind Div. Generally quiet with patrolling. Two Indep Para Bde quiet with some patrolling.

Second. Eighth Army. Two Pol Corps. Bad weather restricted all activity.

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Personal for Wilson for approval prior to despatch Personal for Marshall and Brooke

Part One. Summary report to 1200 Hrs March 23,

First. Period since March 13 has been devoted to Cassino battle and plans to affect full regrouping of Armies.

Second. All Corps sectors except NZ Corps have been defensive with active patrolling to dominate no-mans land. This intention continues. Front line except NZ Corps unchanged.

Third. Cassino battle under NZ Corps commenced on March 15th although intensive air and arty bombardment reduced town to ruins it did not entirely subdue enemy garrison and when assault was launched it met with stubborn enemy resistance from extremely strong positions within town and on lower slopes Monastery Hill. Progress has been slow owing to close nature of fighting and difficulty of directing Arty fire on to objectives. Front line NZ Corps G 8?22, 8??1, 84?1, *840?17*, 857?17, 854?14, 856?13, 855?10 846?05 851?04 855?08 858?00 866140. Further operations are contingent upon NZ Div clearing town and establishing firm corridor to our troops on PT ?02 and 435. If and when that has been done it is proposed that assault will be made by a Bde of 78 Div from PT 435 against Monastery.

4th Fr. Mtn. Div.

Fourth. Owing to delay in reaching decision in Cassino battle regrouping programme has had to be modified Four Br Div on relief by Four DMM was to have moved to come under comd Five Corps and to have relieved One Cdn Div which was to move to Cdn Corps for 8th Army. Four Br Div on relief is now being held in 8th Army reserve see below. ?3 Armd Bde is moving to come under comd Five Corps and will relieve One

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Cdn Army Tk Bde which will move to come under comd Cdn Corps for 8th Army. Five KRESOWA relieves Two DIM comd passes 26 March and the Polish Corps boundry will be adjusted to approx G 8937 9030 H 0624 Two DIM move to Conca area G 9903. March 26. Hq FEC will be withdrawn and comd 3 DIA will probably pass to Comd 13 Corps. Hq FEC moves to Sessa M 9492 and on March 29th will assume Comd of 4 DMM which will then have completed relief by Four Br Div on same day Two Corps will assume Comd of 88th Div Hq 10 Corps on relief will come into reserve for 8th Army. Two Para Bde is being relieved within the resources of Five Corps moving to Campobasso area to come under comd 8th Army on March 30th. Move of 34 Div into Anzio to come under comd 6 Corps will be completed March 28th on completion of Cassino battle 13 Corps will assume comd of Four Ind Div NZ Div and 78 Div and Hq NZ Corps will then be dissolved. Eight Army will then assume Comd of 13 Corps and the inter-Army boundry will be adjusted accordingly. One Gds Bde is being released by 5 Army and will pass to comd 8th Army and will rejoin Six Armd Div.

24 Gds Bde is now reorganized and will commence training March 25th. Selection of formation to relieve 3 DIA will be dependent on condition of Divisions in NZ Corps on completion Cassino battle. Probability is that 4 Br Div will go into line of 13 Corps front and Four Ind Div relieve One Cdn Div later.

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ACTION: General Handy

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To : War Department

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Three Carp Div. 1 Carp Bde Bn relief carried out. Five Kres Div. Relief of two DIM continues.

Third. Fifth Army. FEC. Generally quiet with moves and reliefs. Two DIM. Polish Arty in assembly area Rocearvindola H1025. Three DIA. Relief of 2 RTM being carried out. Two RTM joining 4 DMM in Teano N0594 area. NZ Corps. Four Ind Div no change in situation. Little enemy movt after losses sustained in abortive attack on point 193 G854213 at 220530 A hrs. Two NZ Div. Very severe fighting in Cassino slow progress being maintained. One Coy each 21 NZ Bn and 23 NZ Bn renewed attacks against strong points south of point 193 on western side of town.

During night 22/23 BRS at 862208 and 864208 repaired after being damaged by enemy. 78 Div. Regrouping 36 Bde on right 56 recce centre 38 Bde on line 11 Inf Bde in reserve Mignano G9811 area. Ten Corps. Front generally quiet with normal arty exchanges and patrolling. Bn reliefs carried out. 2/6 RTM of 4 Moroc Mtn Div relieved 2 RF in Valle * M8798 area. Five Army ABF. Six Corps. Fairly quiet. Enemy raid in area F833308 repulsed. Some Bn reliefs in 504 * Regt and 3 Div sectors.

Section 3. Air. No Sig

First. NTR. Second. Bombline no change.

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To : War Department

No : # 23rd March 1944

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From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

No: 0-2339 23rd March 1944

Third part of COSITINTREP number 257 from HQ AAI number 02339 222050A.

And hill 700 G8427 at 211500A. NZ Corps. Hard house to house fighting continues in Cassino where little progress was made. Enemy tank knocked out in building at G857208 making total of 5 destroyed in town to date. Attack by our Infantry supported by tanks on strongly defended house G854210 at 211600A unsuccessful. 4 Indian Div has strengthened positions Point 175 G852220-G854220-G850220 by laying wire and mines. By-pass around bridge at G865207 completed. Elts 23 Armd Bde moved to area G873192 to Conc ground south from G853199 to G863185 by direct fire. Counter attack on point 193 G854214 at 0530A repulsed. Supply drop to our troops on point 435 G847205 and point 202 G851205 on 21 March very successful. 10 Corps. Generally quiet. 2 Bn 6 Moroc Inf moved to area M8799 under command 12 Bde. 5 Army ABF. Light arty fire forward positions. Several heavy concentrations.
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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To : War Department

No. 0 2339 22nd March 1944

From Hq AAI signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI to action COSITINTREP addressees info 2 (2) district pass 15 Air Force 3 district pass 24 Gds BDE and 201 Gds BDE 1 district pass 7 Army 0 2339 Mar 222050. COSITINTREP No. 257 to 1200 hrs 22nd Mar.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence. PW 11 Coy 115 PGR area Monte Castellone G8324. Order of day issued by Schulz Commander 1 Para Regt on 15th March reads "Our front has become matter of utmost political importance. The eyes of the world are upon you".

Section 2. Ground Operations. First. 5 Corps. Quiet day with some activity on 8 IND Div front during night. 1 CDN Div. 1 CNN BDE. Bn reliefs. 3 CDN BDE fighting patrol engaged enemy area C2816. New enemy posns constructed area 2815. 8 IND Div. Patrol 19 IND BDE engaged two enemy patrols in area 2607 at 2230 hrs. 17 IND BDE engaged enemy working parties area 2304 at 2155 hrs. Strong enemy patrol attacked left fwd Coy at 0510 hrs driven out with cas both sides. Patrols contacted enemy in area 2302 during night. Enemy MGS and mortars from Orsogna joined in fire fight. 21 IND.

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

Number: 2339, 22nd March 1944.

Part 2 of my 2339 from HQ AAI Mar 222050. Correction in part 1 after COSITINTREP addressees insert FREEDOM pass CINC Med.

Strong enemy patrol approached outposts in area 2198 AT 0450 hrs engaged by mortar fire withdrew leaving some equip. 2 Para Bde. Relief 6 Bn completed 2100 hrs. Patrol 6 Lancers T area 1579 and Taranta 1479 fired on by enemy.

Casualties 5 Corps to 20 Mar:

Killed 22 Wounded 157 Missing 22.

PW 9. Second. 8 Army. 2 Polish Corps. Carp Div. Patrol 12 Polish Lancers clashed with enemy patrol at Bucci H1865 from which enemy withdrew. 2 Carp Bde. Bn relief carried out. 1 Carp Bde. Patrol reports Montenero H0545 and Alfedena H0247 clear and bridges at Alfedena destroyed. 5 Krgs Div. Relief of 2 Moroc Div commenced.

Third. 5 Army.FEC. 2 strong enemy attacks on Castellone G8224 repulsed. 1 and 3 Bns 3 Alg Inf relieved 2 Bn 2 Moroc Inf on Belvedere G8427. 3 Bn 2 Moroc Inf moved to 4 Moroc Mtn Div Area. Enemy arty fire on Portella G8924, Vallerotondo 9227, and S Michele 9022 area. Enemy

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ACTION: OPD No Sig

INFORMATION: CC/S CG AAF G-2 COL. MATHEWSON LOG

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To : War Department

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Area Padiglione F9025. 45 Div. 179 Inf inter-Bn reliefs 5 Div. 15 Bde relieved 17 Bde. 34 Div. Det Hq Co 34 Div 2 and 3 Bns 168 Inf closed area F 8920 (8940). Cp changes. 1 Guards Bde N1291. 10 Bde 1658 28 Bde G8602. 78 (28) Div G9415.

Casualties 5 Army to 19th March. Main front.

American. Killed 5489, wounded 18645, missing 1824. PW 6008.

British. Killed 3010, wounded 13822, missing 4450. PW 3285.

French. Killed 2033 (2133), wounded 7481, missing 641. PW 1196

Italian no change.

5 Army ABF.

American. Killed 1938, wounded 6736, missing 4515. PW 2080.

British. Killed 1169, wounded 5272, missing 5444. PW 1346.

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Section 3. Air.

First. Weather again hampered air observation and only normal mov was reported by limited missions flown in the Cassino and Anzio Sectors.

Second. Bomb line no change.

Correction. In 3rd part. Read counter attack on point 193.

(Section 3 ends).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
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Number 12864 March 21st, 1944

AGWAR personal for Marshall War Office personal for Brooke. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT.

This is WOSTEL Number 1.

Hereafter they will be despatched to you each Saturday. Reference our W 5467/66182 of March 18th summary to 2400 Hrs March 11th.

A. EIGHT ARMY.

Para One. Command of One Cdn Corps Sector assumed by Five Corps 7 March. Under its command are One Cdn Div (11 Cdn Bde under comd), 8 Ind Div (Two Para Bde under comd) and One Cdn Army Bde. Five Corps went under direct command AAI 1200 Hrs 11 March. One Cdn Corps with remainder of Corps troops moved to Larino. Boundry with Polish Corps - Castiglione H 4160 - Road H 3580 - 3481 - 2981 - 2378 - 1576 - 1175. Front line One Cdn Div C 3118 - 3017 - *8916 - 2914* - 2812- 2809. 8 Indian Div C 2809 - 2709 - 2506 - 2404- 2303 - 2400 - H 2298. Two Para Bde H 2298 - 2197 - 2394 - 2093 - 1991- 2291 - 2289 - 1888 - 2180.

Para Two. Polish Corps. Three Carpathian Div nothing to report. Five Qeesowa Div now in Tranto area prepared to move to join Polish Corps. It is intended that latter Div relieve Two Moroccan Div and inter-corps boundry to be adjusted. Boundry of Corps with FEC Isernia H 1831 thence 1236 - 0637 - 0339 - G 0747 - 0352. Frontline. H 2180 - 3178 - 3272 - 2763 - 2259 - 1554 - 2151 - 1443 - 1144 - 0942 - 0740 - 0438. Eight Army Hq opened S Angelo H 2206 on March 12th which is on new Axis Highway Six. Command of Polish Corps retained by Eight Army which is ready to take command of FEC and NZ Corps sectors. Thirteen Corps Headquarters is at Presenzano and is ready to assume command present NZ Corps troops.

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B. FIVE ARMY

Para One. FEC. No change in situation. Sector now held by 3 Algerian Div is to be taken over by 13 Corps after is assumes Comd of NZ Corps. FEC then withdraws for refitting. One of its Divs will relieve Four Div in Ten Corps sector. Four Moroccan Mountain Div Joins the Corps on arrival. Boundry with NZ Corps N 1383 - 0988 - H 1380 - 0907 - 0911 - 0320 - 0020 - G 9024 - 8423 - 8322 - 8223 - 8124. Frontline. Two DIM H 0438 -0236 -0035 - G 9634 - 9531 - 9230 - Daphina Bde under comd hold right sector of Two DIM front. Three DIA 9230 - 9028- 8430 - 8324 - 8323 - 8322.

Para Two. NZ Corps. No change in situation. Bad weather holding up attack to establish bridgehead in Cassino area. Boundry with Ten Corps. N 1087 -0888 - 0898 - 0004 - G 6910 - 9811 - 9015 - 8413 - 7515. Frontline. Four Indian Div G 8322-8521. NZ Div 9521 - 8721 - 8717. 78 Div. 8717- 8714.

Para Three Ten Corps. Four Div is relieveing (two groups missing) Div CAS relieved by 88 Div. Frontline. Four British Div G 8714- 8802 - 9011 - 9114 - 9207 - 9107 - 9105 - 8805- 8693 - 8600 - N 8699. Eight Eight Div 8699 - 8499 - 8399 - 8397 - 8097 - 7797 - 7694.

Para Four. Fifth Army Allied bridgehead force, 56 Div was relieved by 5 Div front line. 36 Engineers F 7631 - 7831 - 8133. Five Div 8133 - 8330 - 8531. One Div 8629 - 8729 - 45 Div 8829 - 8929 - 9129 - 9131 - 9231 - 9331 - Three Div 9431 - 9632 - 9931 - 9930 - G 0030 - 0129 - 0229 - 0327 - 0427-0526 - Mussolini Canal to 0323. SS Force 0323 - 0516 - 0215 - 0213.

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Para One. Boundry Five Corps and 8th Army. Incl 8th Army Rd Castiglione H 3763 -Tornareccio H3481 - all incl 5th Corps Tornareccio - Bomba 3081 - Pennadomo 2677 Montenerodomo 2074-Palena 1175.

Para Two. Future boundry between 8th Army and 5th Army. (Subject to amendment). Route 6 from bridge at Capua N 1778 to Rd junc N 143845 (main Rd to be common used) thence incl five Army. Junc N 084879 - cross Rd 075974 - incl 8th Army Topa Piccilli H 0103 incl Five Army. Junc G 995028 - Conca G 9903 thence Rd to Rd Junc G 988106 thence track G 974113 - stream G 762122 - G 955125 - track at G 954123 -

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track at G 945131 to track and stream junc G 924137 - Rd junc G 015142 - track at G 902140 - Eight Army R Ladrone to junction with R Gari at G 877151 thence R Gari to Antridona G 863139 to Rd junc G 859134 - stream junc G 815131 - River at G 806130 thence R Liri to G 622243.

Para Three. Rear Eight Army boundry and Five Corps boundry with L of C. Excl Five Corps - The VA ST0 H H5889 lateral road to Castiglione H 3763 - incl Eight Army Castiglione H 3763 - Pescolanciano H 2841 - Torrella Del Sannio H 4337 - Castropignano H 4736 thence Rd Campobosso H 4628 - Gildone H 6123 - Jelsi H 6624 - excl Eight Army Rd junc H 687234 - thence Rd Riccia H 6920 - Colle H 6907 - Campoattaqo N 6198- Fragneto N 6394 - Mass Olivola N 6388- thence incl Eight Army Ponte N 5890 - R Calore to Maria Cristina N 4789 -Solopaca N 4688 - Frasso N 4484 - excl Eight Army Montesarchio N 5353 Main Road to Maddalona N 3270 - Caserta N 2875. -Main Rd to Capua N 1778.

Para Four. Five Army and PBS boundry remains same for present.

D. It is later planned to put Two Corps in command of left part of Ten Corps sector and FEC in command on right of the sector Four Div and 23 Armd Bde will relieve One Cdn Div and One Cdn Armd Bde and will come under command of Five Corps with the relieved units reverting to comd One Cdn Corps. On its arrival Ten Ind Div will relieve Eight Ind Div which will then go under command Eight Army. 56 Div in Nocera area before embarking for Middle East. 34 Div is to move to Anzio under comd Six Corps. One RCT 85 Div is moving to Italy and will be under command 88 Div. Remainder 85 Div will close same area and will come under command Two Corps 24 Gds Bde and 201 Gds Bde are reorganizing and upon completion the former will come under command Eight Army On arrival 6 Armd Div will assemble at Alife under command Right Army. After regrouping completed one Cdn Corps and Ten Corps will be in Eight Army reserve for future offensive operations not yet decided

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ACTION: General Handy
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FROM CINCMED, TO AIG #387.

(1) CONVOY KMS 44 ATTACKED BY ABOUT 25 AIRCRAFT AT 2230 19TH MARCH WHEN NORTH BOUGIE. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY FIGHTERS.

(2) DISCHARGE FIGURES AT ANZIO FOR 19TH AND 20TH MARCH 2121 AND 5353 TONS RESPECTIVELY. WEATHER DETERIORATED P.M. 20TH. SHELLING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT PERIOD BUT CAUSED NO DAMAGE TO PORT OR SHIPPING.

(3) USS MADISON DROVE OFF E-BOAT WHICH APPROACHED ANZIO ANCHORAGE NIGHT 19TH-20TH MARCH.

(4) DESTROYERS PATROLLING OFF VIS SIGHTED NOTHING DURING NIGHT 17TH-18TH AND 18TH-19TH MARCH.

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From: HQ Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No: 02332 21 March 44

From HQ AAI March 6 (212115) to COSITINTREP addressees rptd 2nd District (pass 15 Air Force) 3 District (pass 24 Gds Bde 201 Gds Bde) 1 District (pass 7 Army)number 02332. COSITINTREP No 256 to 1200 hrs 21 Mar.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

2 Battalion 1 Para Regt identified by PWS southwest corner Cassino and 1 Bn 1 Para Regt identified area pt 193. 3 Bn stated to have been in Roccasecca few days ago and not yet engaged. Whole of 4 Para Regt engaged area pt 165, pt 193 and Monnastery Hill.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First 5th Corps. Fine weather deteriorating toward evening. Roads and tracks now suitable for tank movement cross country. Intermittent shelling Corps front during day otherwise quiet. 1 Cdn Div 3 Cdn Bde platoon attacked area C 2816 but withdrew under intense mortor fire. Our Arty engaged enemy movement area 2614 scoring direct hits. 2 Cdn Bde. Very quiet day. Bn relief and patrol activity. 8 Ind Div 19 Ind Bde received mortar and SP gun fire. Intermittent shelling and patrol activity both sides.

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From: CG, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Algiers, Algeria.

To: War Department, Washington D C

No Number 21 March 1944

Second part of COSITINTREP No 256 March 212115 from HQ AAI.

21 Ind Bde. Intermittent shelling by day and patrol activity by night.

2 Para Bde. Arty engaged enemy movement area 2098 with good results. Patrol activity.

Second: Eighth Army. 2 Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div. Patrolling continues. 5 Kres Div. 5 Kres Bde now complete H 0333. 1 Cdn Corps. NTR 6 Armd Div NTR. 24 Gds Bde at Nocera N5438 came under Comd Army at 210001A.

Casualties to 19 Mar. Killed 3182
Wounded 11466
Missing 2498

Third. Fifth Army. FEC. Slight Arty fire along whole front. NZ Corps. 4 Ind Div. Intense enemy activity. 5 Ind Bde front. 2 NZ Div. Intense enemy activity through out day.

20 March. House to house fighting continued in Cassino. Little progress made due to heavy enemy arty and mortar fire. Some enemy fire difficult to neutralize due to close proximity own troops. Tanks in support of 5 NZ Bde were forced to make slight withdrawal due to heavy fire.

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From: CG, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Algiers, Algeria.

No Number 21 March 1944.

We now hold Pt 146 G 853209 and Pt 202 G 851206.

6 RWK attack.

Third Part Follows.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
CG AAF
G-2
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From: CO Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

To: War Department

Nr. 256 21 March, 1944

3rd part of COSITINTREP no 256 from HQ AAI March 212115.

On pt 165 G 851213 and pt 236 G 850211 started successfully but enemy infiltration to pt 193 compelled Bn to withdraw in order to ensure this position held. 5 Buffs relieved 26 Nz Bn in railway station. 10 Corps. Generally quiet. Hq 6 RTM relieved Hq 1 Gds Bde M 9899. Bn 28 Bde relieved Bn 10 Bde. 88 Div. NTR. CP changes. 6 RTM M9899. 36 Bde G9116. 5 Army ABF. VI Corps. Generally quiet. 5 Div. Units engaged a raid 19th March withdrew to former positions. Raid generally successful. Many enemy casualties reported. 45th Div. 179th Inf inter Bn reliefs. Casualties to 18th Mar. Main front. American. Killed 5477 wounded 18624 missing 1824. British. Killed 2989 wounded 13665 missing 4427 French. Killed 2028 wounded 7453 missing 641. Italian. Killed 173 wounded 365 missing 441. Pw by American 6008. By British 3268. By French 1196. By 4th part follows

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S
CGAAF
G-2
~~Col Mathewson~~
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From: CG, Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To : War Department

No. # 21st March 1944

4th part of COSITINTREP No 256 March 212115 from Hq AAI. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Italian nine. 5 Army ABF.

American. Killed 1933, wounded 6674, missing 4506.

British. Killed 1160, wounded 5200, missing 5432.

PW. By American 2076.

By British 1346.

Section 3. Air.

First. NTR.

Second. Bombline.

No change.

(Section 3 ends).

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, G-2, Col Mathewson, Log

CM-IN-15359 (22 Mar 44) 0223Z bjm

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U R G E N T

From: Hq Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

To: War Department

Nr: 255 20th March, 1944

Part 2 and 3 COSINTREP number 255 from Hq AAI.

Report enemy still in Colledimacine H1678. Casualties to March 18th.

line not bit too far here.

Killed	22
Wounded	125
Missing	17.

2nd. Eighth Army.

Two Polish Corps. Normal patrol and Arty activity. CP changes. Six Armd Div main Piedimonte D'Alife H3106. 26 Armd Bde H2906. Casualties to 18 March.

Killed	3177
Wounded	11442
Missing	2095.

3rd. Fifth Army.

FEC. Elts 3 RTA relieved 2 RTM. NZ Corps. 28 Maori Bn took 100 PW from strong points in southwest corner Cassino and knocked out 2 tanks in area G855211. The enemy still holds out. Three strong counter attacks on PT 193 (G853213) were thrown back by 5 Indian Inf Bde but elts 1/6 RAJ rifles were forced off PT 165 (G851212). Attacks came down deep Wadi from monastery area. Our positions on Pt 435 (G848206) and Pt202 (G852206) due east of the monastery remain firm. During night 19/20 considerable regrouping took place. 78 Div took over 2 NZ Div Cav Regt area. Five Ind Bde 6 RWK relieved units on PT 193. 2 NZ Cavalry relieved 23 NZ Bn in sector from 78 Div

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From: Hq Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

Nr: 255 20th March, 1944

boundary to line 20 northing. 23 NZ Bn relieved 25 NZ Bn in Cassino. Armoured Force with 7 Ind Bde moved to Leaguer at G833233. 10 Corps. Normal Arty activity patrols made contact. Patrol in area G8907 unable cross river as current too strong. 28 Bde and 10 Bde Inter Bn reliefs. 3/6 RTM moved to 8801 under comd 4 Div. 42 Corps. NTR. Inter boundary line between 2 NZ Div and 78 Div now G767184 (867184)-drav running NE to 19 northing along 19 northing to highway 6. CP changes Hq 5 NZ Inf Bde G887197.

5th Army ABF. 5 Div launched raid in force morning 19th reported generally successful with heavy casualties to enemy in area F8330. Casualties to 17th March.

Main front. American killed		5465
	wounded	18,507
	missing	1868
British killed		2971
	wounded	1,3533
	missing	4425.
Corrected French killed		2027
	wounded	7434
	missing	641.
Italian killed		170
	wounded	365
	missing	441.

5th Army ABF. American killed 1913.
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ACTION: OPD
INFO : G-2 CG AAF CC/S Col Mathewson Log

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From: CG, Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

Number none, 20 March 1944

4th and last part of COSITINTREP Number 255 from Hq AAI, signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Wounded	6624
Missing	4504

British

Killed	1142
Wounded	5124
Missing	5424

Section 3. Air.

1st. Night bombers reported approx 200 MT moving south east Rome Ferentino G 34. Other heavy movement was observed south from Civita Castellana A 61 to Rome, also on the 2nd ary roads area Tivoli G 97, Palestrina G 0759 and Arsoli G 1882 - Subiaco G 2569 and secondary road due south of Terni and south to Avezzano. Daylight recces were hindered by low cloud but the bridge head and Cassino Sectors were fairly well covered until 1300 hrs with only the following report of major movement. 1000 hrs 100 MT well dispersed along road G 7112 - G 7309. This was not confirmed at 1100 and a further mission at 1415 was unable to make any observations due to cloud.

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From: CG, Allied Central Mediterranean Force

Number none, 20 March 1944 Page 2

2nd. Bombline, no change.

Section 3 ends.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : G-2
CG AAF
CC/S
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers.

To: War Department.

No. W-5721/67373 20 March 1944.

This is a paraphrase by CRYPTO Freedom. Troopers, AGWAR, info SHAEF, Mideast, Fairbanks, Fatima, PenBase for Cave, Fargo for MacFarlane from G2 Freedom signed Wilson cite FREEDOM.

G2 summary.

1. No special summary since 18 March.

2. 8th Army. No change in enemy situation or dispositions.

3. 5th Army main front. Enemy pockets still resisting toughly southwest and northwest of Cassino. Mopping up of strong point in principal hotel yesterday yielded 180 prisoners. Monastery Hill not yet in Allied hands. Local enemy counter attacks reported this morning meeting with some success. No reports however that enemy employing any formation except 1 parachute division supported by elements 15th PG Division. General impressions, Piedimonte-Aquino-Pontecorvo-Pico sector of Adolph Hitler line being manned but no indications withdrawal of formations still on Gustav line. 15th PG Division presumably conducting guard action up Liri Valley with mobile forces but 71st and 94th Infantry Divisions would need to make best use of terrain to conceal their withdrawal. Enemy may alternatively decide to use reserves for counter attack on a heavier scale in Cassino Area if he feels Allies in difficulties there. Active patrolling on lower Garigliano front where enemy presumably considers Allied offensive action possible.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers. Page-2-

To: War Department.

No. W-5711/67373 20 March 1944.

4. 6th Corps. General enemy attitude continues defensive. Resistance to Allied attempts to improve positions is stubborn. FW reports troops of Hermann Goering Division lately seen in Florence. FW also reports arrival of anti tank unit of 87th Infantry Division. Consider this identification very questionable.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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URGENT

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No. O 2314 20 March. 1944

From Hq AAI to COSINTREP addressees Algiers pass CINC Med. Info 2 District pass 15 Air Force 3 district pass 24 Guards Bde and 201 Guards Bde 1 District pass 7th Army. Number O 2314. COSINTREP number 255 to 1200 hours 20 March.

Part one. Section 1. Intelligence.

PWS 2 Bn Para Sturm Regt area F 8230. In Cassino area 1 Para Anti Tank Bn identified in town 2 Coy 1 Para Regt on point 193 and 3 Bn 4 Para Regt west of monastery Corpse from 2 Bn 578 GR found at C 281157. Deserter REQ 755 GR at C 284161. States 1 Bn 755 north of 2 Bn and believes 334 recce Bn still further north just south of Canosa.

Section 2.

Ground operations. First. Five Corps 1 Cdn Div Patrol activity continued by day and night by both sides. 1 Cdn Inf Bde raid on houses area 3018 met heavy opposition and withdrew. 3 Cdn Inf Bde Inter Bn relief without incident. 2 Cdn Inf Bde 2 patrols clashed with enemy patrols. Eight Indian Div. Enemy continue active in Orsogna sector. Otherwise NTR. Six Lancers PW 2 Bn 29 PGR at F 913 says unit has relieved Elts 114 Div.

Part 2 follows.

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INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF CC/S COL.MATHEWSON LOG

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 318.

(1) HMS ORION CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFUL BOMBARDMENTS IN ANZIO AREA ON 18TH MARCH. PC ON PATROL WEST OF ANZIO SANK E-BOAT AT 190100. 6500 TONS DISCHARGED 17TH MARCH AND 5747 TONS ON 18TH MARCH IN FAIR WEATHER, INTERMITTENT SHELLING CAUSED NO DAMAGE IN PORT AREA

(2) DURING THE NIGHT 18TH MARCH / 19TH MARCH PT BOATS OPERATING FROM BASTIA ENCOUNTERED NORTHBOUND CONVOY OF 2 "F" LIGHTERS AND 2 E-BOATS. 1 "F" LIGHTER WAS SUNK. ENEMY ESCORT WAS ENGAGED BY

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REMAINING LIGHTER NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES TO OUR CRAFT.

(3) FRENCH LIGHT CRUISERS" LE FANTASQUE" AND "LE TERRIBLE" ON PATROL OFF MOREAN COAST REPORT SINKING 3 SHIPS OF ENEMY CONVOY OF 5 AND PROBABLY SINKING 4TH IN POSITION 15 MILES SOUTH OF PATMOS AI 0030 19TH MARCH.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
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From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No. O 2314 19 March 1944

Action to COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass CINC Med info to 2 District pass 15 Air Force 3 District pass 24 GDS Bde pass 201 GDS Bde 1 District pass 7 Army from Hq AAF O-2314 192100. COSITINTREP 254 to 1200 hrs 19th Mar.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. 2 Bn 115 PGR identified by PW area Cassino, is said to have 4 coys and total strength 3001 Para MG Bn and Para Engr Bn also identified Cassino. According to PW 3 Para Regt has 1 Bn 1 Para Regt and 2 Bn 115 PGR under Command. Para Div had orders to hold positions at all costs. Deserter 2 Bn 577 Gr at C275125 states Bn sector extends south to Crecchio. 1 Bn north of 2 Bn.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. Five Corps. 1 Cdn Div. Normal patrolling few contacts with enemy. 8 Ind Div. Enemy activity in area 17 Ind Bde at 2302. 2 determined enemy PL attacks beaten off. Patrol clash at Colle Di Macdne C1677 enemy received casualties

Casualties to 17 Mar.

Killed	20
Wounded	108
Missing	17
PW	4

Second. 8th Army. 2 Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div normal patrolling. 5 Wilenska Bde Conc area Campobasso. One CDN Corps NTR 6 Armd.

(Part 2 follows) No Sig

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FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-14097 (20 Mar 44) OPD

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From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

Nr: C-2314 19 March 1944

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Para MG Bn and Para Engr Bn also identified Cassino.

According to PW 3 Para Regt has 1 bn 1 Para regt and 2 bn PGR under command. Para Div had orders to hold positions at all costs. Deserter 2 Bn 577 GR at C275125 states Bn sector extends south to Crecchio. 1 bn north of 2 Bn.

Section 2. Ground operations.

(1)*1 CDN Div. Normal patrolling few contacts with enemy. 8 Ind. Div. Enemy activity in area 17 Ind Bde at 2302.

(2) Determined enemy PL attacks beaten off. Patrol clash at Colle Di Macdne 1677 enemy received casualties.

Casualties to 17 Mar.
Killed 20, wounded G108, missing 17
PW 4 Second Eighth Army. 2 Polisg Corps. 2 Carp Div normal partrolling. 5 Wilenska Bde Conc Area Campobasso. One CDN Corps NTR 6 Armd

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INFO : G-2, CG AAF, CC/S, Col Mathewson, LOG

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From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No: 254 19 March 1944

Third and last part COSINITREP number 254. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

No change.

	FW
American	6007
British	3216
French	1196
Italian	9

5th Army ABF

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	PW
British	1133	5067	5422	1345
American				2072

Section 3. Air

1st. Night bombers reported much scattered MT on roads in area Viterbo A42, Terni A84 and south toward Rome much movement south on coast road from Orbetello E72 to P4075 and B50 MT south from Avezzano G58 to Arce G63. At 1345 hrs 60 MT were reported moving south from Arce to

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Isoletta G6224. Elsewhere only moderate scattered movement was observed.

Second Bomb Line. 5th Army G9944 - H0040 - G8830-8230 - 815205 - 845225 - 820225 - 820205 along highway 6 to 850197 - 850190 - 8631 PA south along river to 896050 - 8605 - 8200 - M8293 - 7597 - 7595. Otherwise no change.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Hq Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No. None, 19 March 1944

2nd part COSITINTREP number 254.

Division NTR.

CP changes.

5th Kresowa Div. Adv Montaquila H 0929.

Main Cantalupo H 3224.

5th Wildneka Bde H 0333.

Casualties to 17 Mar.

Killed 3177
Wounded 11442
Missing 2093.

3rd. 5th Army.

7 FEC. Usual harassing arty fire. 3rd Alg Div. Elements 4th Tunis Inf relieved elements 7th Alg Inf.

NZ Corps. 4th Ind Div. Strong enemy counter-attack on QT 193 G 853213 and 165 G 851212. Situation still obscure. Tank force making progress down rd from Mantook PW at 829225. Severe fighting still going on in Cassino. Advance proceeding slowly.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Hq Allied Central Mediterranean Force

Unnumbered, 19 March 1944

78 Div. Enemy very active. Numerous patrol clashes.

10 Corps.

4 Div 18 (28) Bde and 12 Bde Inter-Bn reliefs.

88 Div. 349 Inf relieved by 339 Inf of 85 UMFS Div.

2 Corps NTR.

5th Army ABF.

6th Corps. Navy in conjunction Corps arty conducted shoot Littoria area.

5th Div. 9 Commando supported by arty clearing enemy out of Waddy F 8231.

3rd Div CP F 9320.

Casualties to 16 Mar. Total

	killed	wounded	missing
American	7352	25097	6308
Main front. British	2936	13454	4416
French	1376	7404	807.
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End of part 2 part 3 follows.

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SITUATION REPORT #317.

MY 171924 PARAGRAPH 3 SS MAIDENS CREEK NOW BEACHED AT BOUGIE. U-BOAT HUNT CONTINUES.

(2) OPERATION SHINGLE. DURING AIR RAID AT 0355 17TH MARCH AN LCI(L) WAS SUNK AND 2 LCT'S DAMAGED. ONLY SLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY THERE AFTER. SHELLING OF PORT AND ANCHORAGE WAS MUCH REDUCED NO DAMAGE.

(3) PT BOATS ENCOUNTERED CONVOY OF 5 F LIGHTERS OFF GENOA 0211 17TH MARCH TORPEDOES WERE FIRED AND 2 EXPLOSIONS HEARD BUT RESULTS WERE UNOBSERVED. DURING NIGHTS 17TH 18TH MARCH 2 CONVOYS WERE DETECTED BY RADAR IN VICINITY VIAREGGIO BUT BOTH RETIRED BEFORE ATTACKS COULD BE MADE.

43-53N 10-16E (centre of Leghorn)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

To: War Department

Nr: W5539/66501 18th March, 1944

To TROOPERS AGWAR rptd SHARP PENBASE for Cave Mideast Fairbanks FARGO for General MacFarlane FAKIR from Freedom signed Wilson cite FHGBI W5539/66501 18 Mar 1900. G2 summary.

No special summary since 13th March.

Eighth Army. No change in enemy situation or dispositions.

Fifth Army. Operational activity confined to Cassino sector. Despite very heavy weight of Allied air and artillery bombardment enemy infiltrated back into ruins of Cassino Town on 16th March and offered stubborn resistance to Allied progress. Although evident that he suffered considerable casualties in men and material. Two local counterattacks made during 17th March but by end of day enemy hold reduced to southwest parts of town and part of Monastery Hill where Allied Troops now have firm footing. Resistance continues to be tenacious. One parachute division only formation identified. Recent traffic movements suggest arrival reserve formation probably from south of Rome in Piedimonte-Pontecorvo Sector. No indications at present that enemys intention is to use new arrival to reinforce Cassino. Enemy possibly awaiting outcome present phase. May decide it is worth while to counter-attack in Cassino Sector if resistance there can be maintained. Otherwise appreciate that enemy may elect to draw back to Adolf Hitler line.

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VI Corps. Enemys general attitude still essentially defensive. No continuous defensive line but series of strong points being constructed covered by fire all arms especially anti-tank. Consider Hermann Goering Division now withdrawn. Destination obscure. 29 PG Division and 26 Panzer Division possibly now both in reserve.

No Sig.

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INFO : OPD
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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No. O 2307, 18 March 1944

2nd part of COSITINTREP number 253 from Hq AAI number O 2307 182115A.

To 16 March. Killed 3,126, wounded 11,437, missing 2,093. PW 3,173.

3rd. 5 Army. Fec. Sector quiet Ntr. NZ Corps. 4 Ind Div. 5 Ind Bde holds point 435 (G847206) point 165 (G851212) point 193 (G853213). 2 NZ Div. 6 NZ Bde still mopping up in Cassino. 26 Bn plus tank troop hold RR station G 8620. 1 company moved south southeast from point 165 to clear lower slopes Monastery Hill. 2 enemy strong units, each approx 6 houses, still hold 1 on west edge of town. Alternate bridge over rapid north of highway 6 partially completed. Highway cleared to G862201, 10 Corps. Usual patrolling. Enemy showed unusual alertness on entire corps front. 28 Bde under command 4 Div, 88 Div. Bn reliefs. 5 Army ABF. 6 Corps. Quiet on front. Normal arty. (Elep) 1 Div relieved, 2 Bn 6 Armd Inf. Frequent air attack during night. No damage reported, casualties to 15 Mar. Main front.

3rd and last part follows.

Corrected copy of CM-IN-13257 (19 Mar 44) OPD No Sig.
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INFO : G-2, CG AAF, CC/S, Col Mathewson, Log

CM-IN-13308 (19 Mar 44) 0610Z vh

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From: CG, Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

NR: 02307, 18th March 1944

COSITINTREP number 253, to 1200 hours, 18th March, from HQ MAAF to COSITINTREP addresses FREEDOM pass CINC Med Algiers, 2 (O) District, pass 15 Air Force, 3 District, pass 24 Guards Bde and 201 Guards Bde 1 District, pass 7th Army number 02307 182115A.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence 2 Bn 4.

Regt identified by PW Area G8421.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st. 5 Corps. Sector quiet with slight arty and mortar activity. 1 CDN Div. Night patrols, 1 CDN Bde no contact. Fighting patrols, 3 Cdn Bde with arty support to C285161 did not succeed in seizing enemy held houses. Enemy opened mortar fire on entire Bde front. Enemy subsequently heard reinforcing positions. 8 Ind Div enemy patrol vicc C2303 repulsed. Enemy mined and booby trapped area 25072.

Bde Day patrol clashes area H1780. Night patrol clashes west of Fallascoso H2077. Casualties for 15th March.

Killed	15
Wounded	75

Colonel M Dawson

CM-IN-13198 (19 Mar 44)

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From: CG, Allied Central Mediterranean Force
NR: C2307, , 18th March 1944

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FW 2. 2nd. 8th Army. 2 Polish Corps. Normal patrolling. Slight arty. 6 Armd Div Hq. H3005 casualties, 8 Army. End of 1st part, part 2 follows.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: HQ Mediterranean Allied Air Force
Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

No: O 2307 18 March 1944

HQ AAI FHQBI. Third and last part COSITINTREP number 253 from orig No O2307 182115A. Signed Wilson cite FHQCT and

2916 Wounded 13343, Missing 4416, PW 3182.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	PW
French	1356	7328	805	1196
Italian ASF	166	365	441	9
British	1124 (1024)	5042	5398	1338
American Both Fronts Adjusted	7326	25032	6286	8023

Section 3. Air.

1st. A. 1st light Recce observed 100 MT at G5419 and a 2nd mission reported 500 well camouflaged vehicles within area G5512-5718-6015. 5 Fighter Bomber missions were unable to confirm this up to 1505 hrs but 100 MT were observed parked fairly N on road G6011-6116 at approximately 1635 hrs other wise only normal movement was observed on the front throughout the day.

2nd. Bombline no change.

Section 3 ends. No Sig.
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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF CC/S Col Mathewson LOG

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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

No: 02300 18th March 1944

Second part of number 02300 of 172145 from HQ Allied Armies Italy.

Patrolling and some Artillery activity on both sides. 1 Canadian Corps. 5 Canadian Armd Div. 11 Canadian Brigade. Conc area H9236.

Third. Fifth Army main front. Fec. Sector quite. Normal enemy harassing Artillery fire. 2 Moroc Div. Elements of 8 Moroc Infantry in line in S Croce sector G9532. Elements 2 Moroc Infantry relieved elements 6 Moroc Inf. Elements 6 Moroc Inf now in 4 Moroc MTN Div. A Battalion of 7 Algerian Inf relieving A Bn of 6 Moroc Infantry.

New Zealand Corps. 6 New Zealand Brigade in Cassino started attacking south toward rail road station at 171130 A. 5 Ind Brigade definitely holding PT 350. 84-7206 and Point 193 G853213 19 Armoured Regt has 4 troops of tanks in Cassino assisting Infantry. Air support very active on Cassino front. 78 Div. NTR. 10 Corps. Increased enemy Artillery and mortar fire 4 Div Sector. Patrols active. 88 Div. Day light and night patrols active.

Part 3 follows.

ACTION: OPD

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INFO : G-2, CG AAF, CCS, Col Mathewson, Log

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SITUATION REPORT #316.

1. OPERATION SHINGLE. UNLOADING MAINTAINED AT RATE OF 6000 TONS PER DAY IN MODERATE WEATHER ON 15TH AND 16TH MARCH. SHELLING OF PORT AREA CONTINUED, BUT CAUSED NO DAMAGE TO HARBOUR FACILITIES.

2. AFTER INITIAL CONTACT BY MAD CATALINA HMS AFFLECK CARRIED PROMISING HEDGEHOG ATTACK ON U-BOAT (GER.) IN STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR P.M. 16TH MARCH.

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3. S.S. DEMPO (Dutch - 17024 tons) AND MAIDENS CREEK WERE TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT (GER) AT 0947 17TH IN POSITION 37-08 N 05-27 E. (East North East of Algiers)

DEMPO SANK 1055 CASUALTIES REPORTED FEW TUGS PROCEEDING ASSISTANCE OF MAIDENS CREEK. U-BOAT (GER) IN PROGRESS. (US-C-6165T) (HUNT)

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PART 3 180841 NCR 9156

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8TH FLEET SUMMARY WEEK ENDING 162400:

PHILADELPHIA PALERMO TO NAPLES 10TH. BROOKLYN NAPLES AREA FOR GUNFIRE SUPPORT. SHOOTS ON 12TH AND 13TH. PHILADELPHIA AND HILARY P JONES HEAVILY SHELLED FROM SHORE WITHOUT DAMAGE ON 13TH. MAYO ARRIVED CASABLANCA 13TH, DEPARTED IN CUS 33 ON 16TH TOWED BY CHEROKEE. LANSDALE AND HILARY P JONES NAPLES AREA ESCORT FOR PHILADELPHIA. C F HUGHES AND MACKENZIE EXERCISED ARZEW AREA DAILY UNTIL 16TH WITH FRENCH CRUISERS. MACKENZIE TO NAPLES 16TH RELIEVE HILARY P JONES FOR TENDER AVAILABILITY. KENDRICK AND C F HUGHES ARRIVED GIBRALTAR 16TH ESCORT FOR CATOCTIN TO ALGIERS VIA ORAN. INSPECTION PILOT

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INDICATES WATERTIGHT STRUCTURE CAN BE COMPLETED 5 DAYS IN DOCK. WILL BE DOCKED WHEN FABRICATED STRUCTURE READY. DEXTROUS ENROUTE TARANTO TO PORTO EMPEDOCLE (OBTAIN ADDITIONAL GERMAN SWEEP GEAR DESTINED FOR BIZERTE. MORENO ENROUTE MALTA TO BIZERTE TOWING 4 CAMELS OFF PANTELLERIA ON 13TH. LOST 3 IN HEAVY SEA. BAD WEATHER PREVENTED RECOVERY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE AVAILABLE LANDING CRAFT AND LST ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT BRIDGEHEAD ANZIO. CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN TONNAGE LANDED. INTELLIGENCE. INTERMITTENT SHELLING ANZIO HARBOR AND ANCHORAGE THROUGHOUT WEEK. LITTLE NAVAL DAMAGE. BELIEVED POSSIBLY 2 U/BOATS TYRRHENIAN AREA. SWAY REPORTED EXCELLENT CONTACT 38-41 N 14-Ø3 E AT 111456. SEARCH ASSISTED BY SPEED PC 543 AND SC 77Ø ABANDONED EVENING 12TH WITHOUT DEFINITE RESULT.

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FOGMA REPORTED U/BOAT PROBABLY DESTROYED 16TH IN STRAITS, WHICH WAS AT FIRST LOCATED BY MAD CATALINAS FROM FAIRWING 15. POLITICAL NOTES. PUCHEU AFFAIR CONTINUES GREATEST INTEREST IN FRENCH POLITICAL CIRCLES. REPORTED MILITARY COURT OF APPEALS WILL HOLD OPEN SESSION AND CONSIDER ONLY POINTS OF LAW. FRENCH EXTREMIST PROPAGANDA APPEARS TO BE SPREADING RUMORS ALONG LINE OF "ALLIED INTERVENTION TO SAVE PUCHEU. IMMINENT FALL GIRAUD. DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION NOW. FEAR OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN FRANCE." ITALIANS APPARENTLY SATISFIED AND GRATEFUL FOR CLARIFICATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF DISPOSITION OF SHIPS.

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From: Headquarters Allied Central Mediterranean Forces, Italy

To: War Department

Nr: 02300 17 March, 1944

COSITINTREP addressees plus the following for information 2 District, pass 15 Air Force, 3 District pass 24 Guards Brigade and 201 Guards Brigade, 1 District pass 7th Army, from Headquarters Allied Armies, Italy, number 02300 172145. COSITINTREP number 252 to 1200 hours 17th March.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground operations.

First. 5th Corps. One Canadian Div. Platoon attack, Area C2817, intending to seize and hold houses, withdrew after sharp encounter with enemy. Some recce patrolling remainder of Div. front.

Eighth Indian Div. Light artillery exchanges during day. Patrol activity. 17th Indian Infantry Brigade relieved 21st Ind. Inf. Brigade Orsogna Sector. 21st Ind. Brigade moved to area East Elfrentano H2999.

6 Lancers. Inter-sqn reliefs. One Canadian armoured Brigade. Movement 12 Canadian Armd Regiment from under Command to Eighth Army continues.

Casualties to 14th March.

Killed	12
Wounded	73
Missing	13

Second. Eighth Army. 2 Polish Corps. Normal

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From: CG, Allied Central Mediterranean Force

To: War Department

NR: O-2300, 17th March 1944

4th and last part of number O-2300 from Allied Armies Italy 172145.

Road Rome to Ferentino G34 in groups of over 20 vehicles, decreasing with moon-rise. At 141300 a movement above the average both ways between Rome and Frosinone was reported by fighters and the following reports were received from TAC/R between 1440 and 1630 hours. 50 motor transports dispersed moving in both directions at G7127 those moving west appeared loaded those east empty. Heavy scattered motor transport movement on highway 6 at G 7026 in both directions. Moderate scattered traffic both ways between Roccasecca G7227 an Casal-Vieri G. 7536.

2nd. Bomb line no change.

(Section 3 ends).

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : G-2
CG AAF
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Col Mathewson
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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force (US Contingent)

To: War Department

Nr: 0-2300 17 March, 1944

3rd part of number 0-2300, 17/2145 from Allied Armies, Italy.

Correction to second part. After FEC read as sector quiet. 349 Infantry Daylight Patrol continued, 16 prisoner of war. 2 Corps. NTR. Fifth Army. Allied Bridge Head Force 6th Corps. Generally quiet on front. Normal Patrols and artillery fire. Enemy combat patrol 75 to 100 STRONG vicinity go 116 was engaged by arty and small arms fire. No attacked developed. Normal battallion reliefs were effected within 45 Div and 1 Div sectors. Several Air raids during night. One lasting 70 minutes. Damage unknown. Casualties Fifth Army to 14th March. Main front. American. Killed 3886 wounded 16621 missing 5785. British. Killed. 2914 wounded 13315 missing 4415. French. Killed 1342 wounded 7257 missing 805. Fifth Army Allied Bridge Head Force. American. Killed 1856 wounded 6398 missing 4486. British. Killed 1109 wounded 4928 missing 5214. Section 3. Air. First. Night bombers reported concentrated motor transport movement Southeast on

No Sir

Part 4 follows

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S
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U R G E N T

From: CG Allied Central Mediterranean Force (US Contingent)

To: War Department

Nr: C-2300 17th March, 1944

Third part of number C-2300 172145 from Allied Armies Italy.

Correction to second part. After FEC read as sector quiet.

349 Infantry daylight patrol continued 16 prisoner of war.

2nd Corps. NTR.

Fifth Army. Allied Bridge Head Force 6th Corps. Generally quiet on front. Normal patrols and artillery fire. Enemy combat patrol 75 to 100 * vicinity G0116 was engaged by arty and small arms fire. No attack developed. Normal battalion reliefs were effected within 45 Div and 1 Div sectors. Several air raids during night. One lasting 70 minutes. Damage unknown.

Casualties to Fifth Army to 14th March.

Main Front.

American.	Killed	3886
	Wounded	16621
	Missing	5785.
British.	Killed	2914
	Wounded	13315
	Missing	4415.

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Nr: 0-2300 17th March, 1944

French.	Killed	1342
	Wounded	7257
	Missing	805.

Fifth Army Allied Bridge Head Force.

American	Killed	1856
	Wounded	6398
	Missing	4486
British	Killed	1109
	Wounded	4928
	Missing	5214.

(Part 4 follows).

Section 3. Air.

First. Night bombers reported concentration * transport movement southeast on.

No Sig.

* Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2
CG AAF
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Col. Mathewson
Log

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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Air Forces Caserta, Italy.

To: War Department.

No. 02300 17 March 1944.

COSITINTREP addressees plus the following for information 2 District pass 15 Air Force 3 district pass 24 guards Brigade and 201 Guards Brigade 1 District pass 7 Army from Headquarters Allied Armies Italy number 02300 172145. COSITINT REP number * to 1200 hours 17 March.

Part 1.

Section 1.

Intelligence. Nothing to report.

Section 2.

Ground Operations.

1. 5th Corps. One Canadian Div. Platoon attack Area 02817 intending to seize and held houses withdrew after sharp encounter with enemy. * recce patrolling remainder of Div front Eight Indian Div. Light artillery exchanges during day. Patrol activity. 17 Indian Infantry Brigade relieved 21 Ind Inf Brigade Orsogna sector. 21 Ind Brigade moved to area Eastelfrentano H2999. 6 Lancers. Inter-sqn reliefs. One Canadian armoured Brigade. Movement 12 Canadian Armd Regiment from under * and to Eighth Army continues. Casualties to 14th March. Killed 12 wounded 73 Missing 13.

2. Eighth Army. 2 Polish Corps. Normal.

* Being Serviced. No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S, Colonel Mathewson, Log

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March 17, 1944

FROM: FREEDOM

TO : Br. Chiefs of Staff
Repeated: Joint Staff Mission for U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and Hq. (MAAF)

BIGOT ANVIL

MEDCOS 70

Signed Wilson cite FHCIC

Reference COSMED 59.- At White House

The attack by the New Zealand Corps in the Cassino area which commenced on 15 March may have the 1 or other of the following results.

(A) CINC AAI (Allied Armies Italy) takes an optomistic view of this battle and thinks that it may result in breaking the Adolf Hitler line within 3 or 4 days and a rapid advance culminating in a junction with the bridge head a few days later--say by 23 March. It might even result in driving the enemy off the line which he is believed to be constructing south of Rome as a result of attacks from the bridgehead and by the forces advancing from the main front.

(B) On the other hand, it may result only in securing the capture of Cassino and a secure bridgehead over the Rapido.

In this case further regrouping and preparations for a further offensive will be necessary and will take until April 15 at earliest. Junction with the bridgehead cannot then be expected before sometime in first half of May and a further offensive to drive the enemy north of Rome will almost certainly be required.

The uncertainty of the time factor makes it impracticable for me to submit a correct appreciation until the outcome of the present battle is known and I would [redacted] ask that my answer to COSMED 59 above may be deferred until March 27.

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It would be of great assistance to me in preparing my final reply to COSMED 59 if I could be informed of the latest date on which you consider ANVIL must be launched if it is to be of any advantage to the OVERLORD operation.

I leave for my command post at Caserta to meet Alexander tomorrow.

T.O.O. 171230

COSMED 59 is CM-IN-10475 (15 Mar 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : OPD
Gen Bissell
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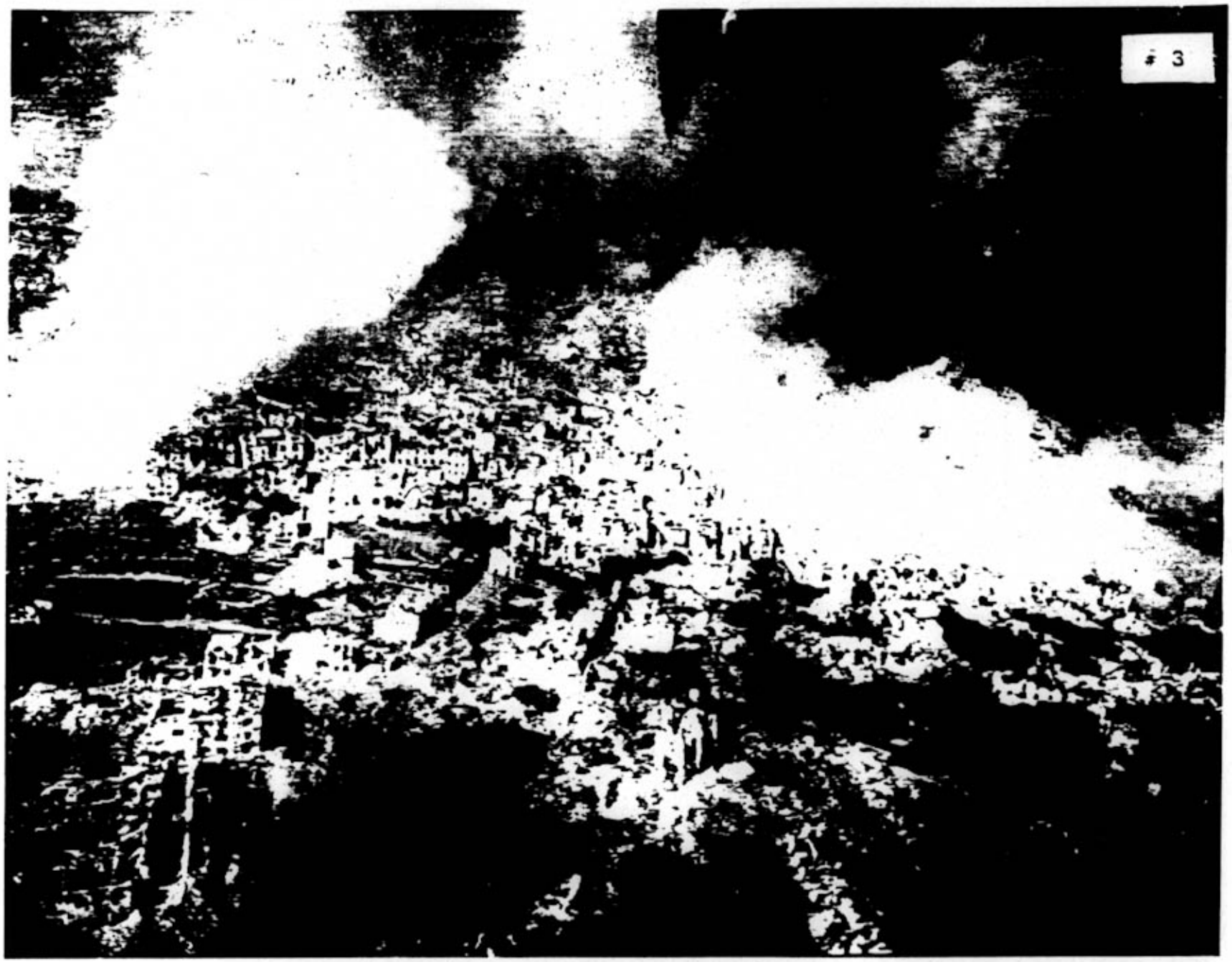
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

To: War Department

No. [illegible]257 17th March 1944

This is a Freedom paraphrase of COSITINTREP 246, Para 2 signed Wilson cite FHRNA COSITINTREP number 245 was not issued.

Promising attack was carried out on U-boat by H M ship on 16 current month after initial aircraft contact in the Straits of Gibraltar. Off Bougie the SS Dempo and SS Maidens Creek were torpedoed by U-boat during morning of 17th March. SS Dempo eventually sank. Tugs were proceeding to assist the Maidens Creek. A hunt for U-boat is in progress. 6000 tons per day unloaded at Anzio on the 15th and 16th of this month. No damage was caused to harbour facilities altho shelling of port area continued.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFO : G-2
CG AAF
CCS
Col Mathewson
Log

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U R G E N T

From: HQ Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Caserta, Italy

To : War Department

No : 9-2290 16th March 1944

Part 3 of COSITINTREP No. 251 Orig No 9-2290 from HQ AAI. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI

509 Parachute Inf at F928317. Light attack against Carano F9331 repulsed 2 COYS, 9(KOYLI) last heard in Wadi F858298 now presumed lost. All 56 Div except small rear party has been shipped back. Casualties 5 Army to 13 March.

Main front. British

Killed	2909
Wounded	13296
Missing	4413

American

Killed	3884
Wounded	16603
Missing	5782

French

Killed	1333
Wounded	7208
Missing	805

5th Army Bridgehead Force.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: HQ Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Caserta, Italy

No: [illegible]-2290 16th March 1944

American

Killed	1840
Wounded	6329
Missing	4477

British

Killed	1099
Wounded	4873
Missing	5190

Section 3. Air. First. Despite good coverage only very slight movement was observed on the 5th Army Front.

Second. Combline no change.

Section 3 ends.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2, CGAAF, CCS, Col Mathewson, LOG

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URGENT

From: CG Hq Allied Central Mediterrean Force

To: War Department

Unnumbered, 16 March 1944.

From Hq AAI action COSITINTREP addressees info 2 District pass 15 Air Force, 3 District pass 24 Gds Bde, pass 201 Gds Bde, 1 District pass 7 Army O-2290 (162115)A. COSITINTREP nos (251 to 1200 hours) 16 Mar.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence.

PWS from all Coys 1028 GR and 11 Coy 741 JR.

Captured F928318. PWS from 1 Bn 1027 captured Pantoneo F8529. PWS from Cassino so far identified all of 3.

Regt.
State 3 Coys in town all wiped out by bombing with only 1 survivor who driven mad.

Section 2. Ground operations.

First.
5 Corps. 1 Cdn Div. Slight shelling frd Bn areas today. Fighting patrols made contact with enemy and suffered some casualties.
8 Ind Bn Div.,19 Ind Inf Bde active patrols. 6 21 Ind Inf Bde enemy movement and MG fire north end Orsogna C2302 morning 15 March dispersed by our arty.
17 Ind Inf Bde commenced relief of 21 Ind Inf Bde.

CM-IN-11644 (17 Mar 44)

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URGENT

From: CG Hq Allied Central Mediterrean Force

Unnumbered, 16 March 1944.

2 Indep.

Bde Patrol damaged enemy held houses H1695. Casualties 5, Corps to 13 March. Killed (End of part 1 part 2 follows)

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFO : G-2
CGAAF
CC/S
Col Mathewson
Log

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INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: Hq Mediterranean Allied Air Forces Caserta, Italy.
To: War Department.

No. 02290 16 March 1944.

Part 2 of COSITINTREP No 251 Origno 02290 from Hq AAI.

11 wounded 61 Missing 12.

Second. 8 Army. 2 POL Corps. Active patrolling continued. 1 Cdn Corps. 5 Cdn Armd Div. 11 Cdn Bde moving to area (H9236).

Third. 5 Army. Main front. FEC. Sector quiet Bn reliefs. NZ Corps. Following heaviest air effort ever made in Mediterranean Theater and 2 hour arty preparation and rolling Barrage 6 NZ Bde attacked Cassino town with 2 Bns forward. Pt 193 G855215 was seized after stiff opposition. Fighting continues in SW part of town. A Bn 5 Ind Inf Bde relieved Bn 6 NZ Bde on PT 193. Remainder 5 Ind Bde attacked toward Pt 435 (335) G848205 last reported G850211. 78 Div NTR. 10 Corps. Active patrolling with skirmishes at several points. 339 Inf at Cassino E791 (9791) now under command 88 Div. 4 Div inter Bn reliefs 1 Guards Bde and 12 Bde. 5 Army Allied Bridgehead Force. 6 Corps. General harassing fire along whole front and port area. Elements 3 Bn 30 Inf relieved elements 509.

Cassino

(End part 2 part 3 follows).

ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2, CGAAF, CCS, Col Mathewson, No Sig. LOG

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(AIG 387 FROM CINCMED)

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 315.

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE. BAD WEATHER AGAIN HAMPERED UNLOADING ON 14TH MARCH. INTERMITTENT AIR ACTIVITY AND SHELLING CONTINUED BUT CAUSED NO SERIOUS DAMAGE.

(2) 31 PLUS AIRCRAFT ATTACKED NAPLES DURING EARLY HOURS OF 15TH. TUG EMPIRE ACE (BR 274 GT) SUNK, 1 LIBERTY SHIP (SOUTH RISE, 7176 GT) AND HMS ABA DAMAGED. 2 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.

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URGENT

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: War Department

NR: 0-2285, 15th March 1944

Second part SITREP number 250.

and believed suffered heavy casualties.

10th Corps. Active patrolling. 2 Coldstream guards reverted 1st Guards Bde. Bombs falling south of Cassino seen to hit enemy running in that direction. ABF.

6th Corps. Elements, 509 Prcht Bn took 2 strong points vicinity F 2831767 and held against heavy enemy counter attacks. Fighting still continues.

5th Division. 13 Bde relieved 15 Bde. 36 Engrs inter Bn reliefs. Boundary changes. West boundary.

45 Divison. Now at FQ 89 Grid. CP changes. 13 Bde
F816232 casualties 5th Army to 12th March.

Main Front.

British.

Killed	2901
Wounded	13245
Missing	4413

Italian.

Killed	166
Wounded	362
Missing	411

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To: War Department
NR: O-2285, 15th March 1944

French.

Killed	1329
Wounded	7178
Missing	805

American.

Killed	3882
Wounded	16598
Missing	5771

Allied Bridgehead Force. American.

Killed	1817
Wounded	6270
Missing	4471

British.

Killed	1091
Wounded	4758
Missing	5187

PW. Total PW by American 6865

Total PW by British	4503.
Total PW by French	1193

Section 3. Air. First. Armd recces night 14/15th, reported heavy movement south on roads into Rome and steady movement from Rome east to Avezzano. G58 and. End of part 2, part 3 follows.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig.

INFO : G-2, CG AAF, CCS, Col Mathewson, Log

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Allied Force Headquarters Algiers
To : War Department

NR : Unnumbered, 15th March 1944

This message paraphrased by FREEDOM. COSITINTREP number 244, part 2 signed Wilson cite FHRNA. COSITINTREP number 242 not issued.

1. Air activity and shelling which continued during the day caused no damage but bad weather on the 14th in Anzio hampered unloading.

2. Liberty Ship and H.M.S. ABA damaged, 2 aircraft destroyed and 1 tug sunk during attack on Naples during early hours 15th March, by 31 plus aircraft.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : Adm King
G-2
CGAAF
~~CC/S~~
Col Mathewson
Log

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URGENT

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: WAR

NR: Unnumbered, 15th March 1944

Third and last part COSITINTREP 250 from AAI. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

South from Avezzano to Sora G64. Convoys of 30 to 80 MT, were also reported moving SE from Rome-Frosinone G43 during the early night. Movement was only very slight after 2230 hrs. No large movement was reported during morning but heavy well dispersed MT movement was observed at 1630 hrs SE from Frosinone towards Cassino.

2. Bombline no change. Section 3 ends.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : G-2
CG AAF
~~CCS~~
Col Mathewson
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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: War Department

No. O-2285, 15 March 1944

O-2285 from Hq AAI 152105A to COSITINTREP addresses and for info DI8 2 Pass 15 Air Force Dis 3 Pass 24 Gds Bde and 201 Gds Bde Dis 1 Pass 7th Army. COSITINTREP no 250 to 1200 hrs 15 Mar.

Part 1. Section 1. 2nd Bn 3rd Para Regt identified by PWS northern part Cassino PW 3 Coy 305 recce unit area M1677.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First. 5 Corps. Day 14 quiet slightly increased enemy shelling 8 Ind Div Sector. 1 Cdn Div. 1 and 3 Cdn Bde inter Bn reliefs. 2 Cdn Bde completed relief of 11 Cdn Bde without incident. 8 Ind Div. 19 Ind Bde patrols active. 21 Ind Inf Bde increased mortaring and shelling En areas by day. Contacts made by both our own and enemy patrols. 17 Ind Inf Bde and 2 Para Bde active patrolling. Casualties 5 Corps 8-10 March. Killed 3, wounded 25, missing 11.

Second. 8th Army. Patrol and arty activity only.

Third. 8th Army. Main Front. FEC. Enemy infantry strongly supported by mortars and arty attacked hill 915 [redacted]28 of Colle Abate. Situation quiet by 0530A. NZ Corps. Enemy approached front 7th Ind Inf Bde but were taken under arty fire.

Part Two follows.

ACTION: OPD
INFO : G-2, CG AAF, CCS, Col Mathewson, Log No Sig

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From: C.in C. Med.

To: A.I.G. 387
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March 15, 1944

Situation Report Number 315.

1. Operation SHINGLE. Bad weather again hampered unloading on 14th March. Intermittent air activity and shelling continued but caused (no?) serious damage.

2. 31 plus aircraft attacked Naples during early hours of 15th. Tug Empire Ace sunk, 1 Liberty ship and H.M.S. Aba damaged. 2 aircraft destroyed.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
COL. MATHEWSON
LOG

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SITUATION REPORT 314.

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE. STRONG WIND AND HEAVY SWELL REDUCED UNLOADING ON 12TH MARCH TO 5399 TONS BUT 6448 TON WAS ACHIEVED ON 13TH IN IMPROVED WEATHER. SHELLING INCREASED IN INTENSITY AND ACCURACY ON 13TH MARCH MANY SHELLS LANDING IN HARBOUR AND NARROWLY MISSING SHIPPING. A LSS AND 1 MOLE DAMAGED.

(2) MOTOR G.B. SHELLED BRNA HARBOUR (KORCULA) DURING THE NIGHT 11TH/12TH MARCH OTHER COASTAL FORCES MADE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON 1000 TON MERCHANT SHIP. 1 M.T.B. DAMAGED NO CASUALTIES.

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(3) DURING THE NIGHT 13TH/14TH MARCH COASTAL FORCE SANK 150 TON SCHOONER OFF MURTER ISLAND (43-47 NORTH 15-37 EAST). THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS. (Upper Adriatic)

(4) DESTROYERS PATROLLING IN VICINITY OF VIS SIGHTED NO ENEMY NIGHT 12TH/13TH MARCH AND 13TH/14TH MARCH. (43.2N 16.7E)

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From: Allied Central Med Force
To: WAR

No: 02281 14 March 1944

HQ AAI to COSITINTREP addressees 2 District pass 15 Air Force 3 District pass 24 Gds Bde and 201 Gds Bde 1 District pass 7 Army number 02281 142100A. COSITINTREP number 249 to 1200 hrs 14 Mar.

Part 1.
Section 1. Intelligence.

Two deserters 1 Bn 274 area M769941. Paybook on corpse at G899065 identifies 1 Coy 871 Gr. Comment suggest possibly a recent transfer to 356 Recce Bn. 7 Coy 577 Gr identified by PWS C279114. Two deserters 7 Coy 756 Gr H901962.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1. V Corps.

Day 13th quiet especially 1 Cdn Div Sector. 1 Cdn Div. Enemy raided 11 Cdn Bde this morning capturing 1 officer.

Night 13/14 quiet with normal patrolling and contact on 1 and 3 Cdn Bde fronts only. Relief of 11 Cdn Bde by 2 Cdn Bde continues. 1 Cdn recce moved to area S Leonardo C3315.

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8 Ind Div.

Normal patrolling. Enemy patrols active on 21 Inf Bde front.

2 Para Bde.

Enemy movement reported Pissavini H1795 and Nerono H096. Roads to Fallascoso H2077 and Montenerolno H2074 impassable.

Second part follows.

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: War

No. 02281, 14 March 1944

Third and last part of COSINTREP number 249 from HQ AAI number 02281 142100A. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

	killed	wounded	missing	PW
	1329	7147	805.	1187
Italian	166	362	441	9
ABF. British	1074	4734	5173	1337
American both fronts.	5661	22755	10215	6256

Section 3.

Air.

First. Armd recces night 13/14 reported abnormal MT movement from Frosinone G43 to Rome mostly northwest and steady movement from Rome to Avezzano G58 mainly east. Considerable movement was also observed southeastwards into and out of Rome and on the Frosinone G43-Usola G64-Avezzano G58 roads.

Second. Medium bombers at 1355 hours reported 50 MT moving south at G7179 and 50 MT moving both ways Avezzano G58-Magliano G48. Otherwise road activity was described as light during the day.

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Third. Bombline no change. Section 3 ends.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

Number: 0.2230 14th March 1944

COSITINTREP No. 243 part 2 signed Wilson cite FHRNA.

Para 1.

Discharge figures at Anzio were reduced to 5,400 tons on 12th March due to bad weather but improved on 13th March when swell moderated. Shelling of port area increased on 13th March and a hard and mole were damaged. Shipping suffered many near misses but no damage.

Para 2.

Coastal forces operating in Adriatic shelled Brna harbour (Kotcula) night 11th/12th March and sank a schooner off Murter Island (43 degrees 47 minutes north 15 degrees 37 minutes east) night 13th/14th March.

Para 3.

Destroyers had blank nights on patrol off Vis nights 12th/13th March and 13th/14th March.

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To: Algiers
War
Hq No. 1 District Catania, Sicily

No # 02281
No #

14 March 1944

2nd Part COSITINTREP number 249 from Hq AAI orig number 02281 142100A.

To snow. 2nd. 8th Army. Local patrolling only.

3rd. 5th Army. Main Front. FEC. Normal patrol and arty activity. NZ Corps. Usual patrolling. 10 Corps. Normal patrolling KDG now under coms 23 Bde. ABF. 6 Corps. Generally quiet. 3 Div. 1 Pl 30 Inf occupied posn F948326. 1 Bn 7 Inf relieved 3 Bn. 45 Div. 2 Bn 179 Inf relieved 1 Bn 6 Armd Inf. 5 Div. 18 BDE 1 coy to Vic F8630 forced to withdraw due to MG fire. 1 Bn moved to clear Wade and have 2 coys vic F855296. Mopping up continues. Remainder 169 Bde embarked Anzio 13 Mar. Casualties 5 Army to 11 Mar. Main front. British. Killed 2897 wounded 13221 missing 4412. PW 3168. French. (3rd and last part follows).

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From: Algiers
To: War

No: W-5091/64102 14 March, 1944

53rd weekly summary for period 5 to 11 March. Signed Wilson, Cite FHGCT. Action Troopers rptd AGWAR, USFOR, Unity London for information USFOR please to Troopers.

Locations:

AAI H2774.
V Corps H4194.
First CDN Div C3512.
First CDN Armd Bde C3102.
First CDN Bde C3217.
Third CDN Bde C3113.
Second CDN Bde C3710.
Eleventh CDN Bde C3010.
Eighth Ind Div C3100.
Nineteen Ind Bde C3008.
Twenty First Ind Bde C2903.
Seventeen Ind Bde H2999.
Second Para Bde H2490.
Eighth Army TAF H0521.
First CDN Corps H7656.
Fifth CDN Armd Div H9332.
Fifth Cdn Armd Bde H7555.
II Polish Corps H4920.
Third Carp Div H2732.
First Carp Bde H1543.
Second Carp Bde H2445.
Fifth Kresowa Div Taranto.
Thirteen Corps H0708.
Fifth Army H0608.
FEC H0320.

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Italian Motorized Gp H0534.
Two Dim H0427.
Four RTM H0230.
Four Gp Tabors G9729.
Five RTM G9127.
Eight RTM H1523
Four DMM N2362.
Six RTM G8926.
Two RTM G8527.
Three DIA G9324.
Three GP Tabors G8936.
Four RTT G8425.
Seven RTA G9024.
Three RTA G9024.
NZ Corps G9616.
First Armd Div [CCB] G9713.
Fourth Ind Div G9120.
Fifth Ind Bde G8424.
Seventh Ind Bde G8423.
Eleventh Ind Bde G8921.
Second NZ Div G9616.
Sixth NZ Bde G8822.
Fifth NZ Bde G8917.
Fourth NZ Armd Bde G9811.
Seventh Eighth Div G9912.
Eleventh Bde G9314.
Thirty Sixth Bde G9810.
Thirty Eighth Bde N1885.
Ten Corps M9493.
Fourth Div M9594.
Ten Bde G9505.

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128 Bde G9606.
First GDS Bde G8702.
Twelfth Bde M8999.
Twenty Third Armd Bde N0487.
Eighty eighth (US) Div M9288.
349 RCT M8495.
351 RCT M8095.
350 RCT M7895.
II Corps N4276.
Thirty Fourth (US) Div N4276.
Thirty sixth (US) Div N3270
Forty sixth Div Naples area embarking.
201 GDS Bde N5632.
Six Corps F8718.
Thirty ninth Engr Regt F8918.
SSF F9817.
504 Para Regt G0123.
Third Div F9723.
Fifteenth RCT F9926.
Seventh RCT F9628.
Thirty RCT F9328.
Forty fifth Div F9120.
180 RCT F9127.
157 RCT F9024.
179 RCT F8925.
First Armd Div COA F8923.
Sixth Amrd Inf F8727.
First Br Div F8320.
Second Bde F8622.
Twenty fourth GDS Bde N5438.
Third Bde F8418.

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Fifth Div F8125.
Seventeenth Bde F8125.
Fifteenth Bde F8127.
Thirteenth Bde embarking Naples.
Eighteenth Bde (6 Corps) F8524.
168 Bde F8526.
Thirth sixth Engr Regt F7927.
Fifth sixth Div en route for Naples.

Movements. This para being ommitted as covered by our more complete weekly report, see our W/4832/62892 of 10 Mar addsd Troopers for DMO personal.

Administration.

A. Casualties- read. X killed, Y wounded, Z missing. Cumulative totals to 10 Mar for British and to 9 Mar for American and Allied.

	X	Y	Z
Eighth Army	3,171	11,260	2,097
Fifth Army US,	5,615	22,643	10,207
Fifth Army Allied,	1,472	7,343	1,235.
Ten Corps,	2,611	11,480	4,279.
British SHINGLE,	1,068	4,704	5,173.

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B. POW captured. Cumulative totals to 10 Mar for British and to 9 Mar for American and Allied.

Fifth Army US, 6,070.
Fifth Army Allied, 1,196.
Ten Corps, 3,124.
British SHINGLE, 1,336.

C. General administrative position remains satisfactory, with a steady improvement in the administrative position in the bridgehead. On the US side 8 inch How and 81MM mortar AMN will remain in short supply until shipments into Theatre have improved situation.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-5111/64182, 13 March 1944

This is Freedom paraphrase of G2 summary. Troopers, AGWAR, info SHAEF, Mideast, Fairbanks, FATIMA, Penbase for Cave, FARGO for General MacFarlane from G2 Freedom signed Wilson cite GHQBI.

Since March 7 there has been no special summary issued. The foregoing is statement 1.

2. 6 Corps. Enemy attitude on the whole is defensive despite frequent aggressive patrolling and noticeable artillery deception. General impression enemy for time being conforming to 14 Army order to develop present lines defensively. Whereas renewal of all-out offensive improbable unless additional experienced forces can be found, consider enemy must eventually again try partial reduction of bridgehead with resources at present available. Appreciate Hermann Goering Division possibly now withdrawn. Prisoners rumour leaving for France and movements out of Cisterna area 7-8 March appear to conform. No evidence arrival fresh formations. Replacements evidently arriving at tolerably satisfactory rate. Estimate on available evidence at least 5,000 in February.

3. 8th Army. Local enemy activity probably largely exploratory and experimental after long period of relative quiet due to weather and ground conditions. Enemy now holding whole front with little more than 2 Divisions forward (305 and 334 Infantry Divisions). Possibly Regimental Group of 90 PG Division lying back in Pescara area guarding coastal flank but consider presence whole Division not established. Suggest possibly in general reserve west of Appenines.

4. 5th Army main front. Enemy activity in general

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restricted to patrolling and artillery fire. Recently observed movements into Cassino area possibly indicate intention to launch local spoiling attack but consider more likely result of appreciation of probable allied offensive. Recent identifications show considerable rationalisation of order of battle. Estimate 5 Mountain Division on XIV Panzer Corps left mountain flank, 44 Infantry Division Terelle sector, 1 Parachute Division area Cassino, possibly elements 15 PG Division between Cassino highway and Liri Valley, 7 on Infantry Division between Liri and Avsente Valleys and 94 Infantry Division from Avsente Valley to the sea. This appears to free bulk of 15 PG Division of which there have been few recent identifications conceivably in corps reserve behind Cassino or even in 10 Army Reserve. In latter case could also be employed in bridgehead area.

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
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No. P-2274, 13 March 1944

From HQAAI March 132105 to COSITINTREP addressees rptd 2 District (pass 15 Air Force) 3 District (pass 24 SLS Bde and 201 Gds Bde) 1 District (pass 7 Army) number P2274. COSITINTREP No 248 to 1200 hours 13 March.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

2nd Bn 1028 Gr identified by PW area F9332. 2nd Bn 134 Gr identified by deserters area Belmonte Valley. Deserter 6 Coy 755 Gr area C2404 states 6 Coy is on right of Battalion sector at C238045.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1st. Five Coprs. Normal patrol activity area hot 2180 1 Cdn Div quiet day and night with little shelling. 8 Indian Div. Enemy leaflets in Urdu found in 19 and 21 Indian Bde area. Enemy attacked forward Coy 1 Mahrattas from 3 directions during night driven off by fire after 1 hour. 2 further unsuccessful enemy efforts on this front during night.

2nd. 8th Army. 2 Polish Corps. Heavy snow restricted operations. Patrol reported Montenerodoino H2075 clear. 1 Cdn Corps. NTR.

3rd. 5th Army. FEC. Normal.
(2nd Part follows)

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: War

Number: Unnumbered, 13th March 1944.

2nd part of COSITINTREP no 248 March 132105 from HQ AAI.

Patrol activity. Nz Corps. Patrols NTR. Ground drying up.

10 Corps.

Patrols active only contacts made at M7897 and M7696. 44 Recce Regt relieved KDG to Casaluce N 1666.

4 Div.

Hq12 BDE assumed command centre sector.

Hq 10 BDE assumed command left sector.

11 Corps. NTR.

CP changes.

141 Inf N	349739
142(122) Inf N	345744
143 Inf N	367762.
133 Inf N	763766.
135 Inf N	802728.

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168 Inf N 743718. ABF.

VI Corps.

Patrols active. Sector generally quiet.

13 BDE group landed Anzio 12 March in assembly area F 8224.

805 TD Bn landed Anzio 12 March.

Casualties as of 10 March. Main Front.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing
American	3974		
British	2894	13167	4403
French	1323	7117	805.

Italian. 3rd part follows:

Correction to 1st part. Under 5 Corps between activity and area insert "night 12/13 March with casualties to both sides. Heavy snow Torricella".

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 313.

1) MY 102232 PARAGRAPH 9 ESTABLISHED SUBSEQUENTLY SANK.

(2) OPERATION SHINGLE 1 ENEMY TORPEDO USS MANN ITALIAN SHOT DOWN DURING MIDNIGHT RAID NIGHT 10TH-11TH MARCH AND ANOTHER PLANE DURING DAWN RAID 11TH. THOSE DAMAGED ASHORE BUT NO NAVAL CASUALTIES UNLOADING CONTINUES AT OVER 7,000 TONS DAILY.

(3) MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SANK SCHOONER IN 43-05N 17-11E 30 10TH-11TH 28 GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN. DESTROYERS HAD BLANK NIGHT OFF VIS.

(4) NIGHT 11TH-12TH HMS BICESTER AND HMS LEDBURY SANK SCHOONER IN 43-07N 13-53E DURING PATROL OFF ITALIAN COAST.

(5) MOTOR GUNBOAT PATROL OFF GROSSETO DURING THE NIGHT 11TH-12TH HAD ENGAGEMENT WITH 3 F LIGHTERS NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTY.

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: AGWAR

No. None, 12 March 1944

3rd and last part of COSITINTREP number 247 from Hq AAI, signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

1716. British killed 1062, wounded 4658, missing 5173. PW British 1331. Total PW by American 6232.

Section 3. Air.

1st. Bombers night 11/12th reported general impression of heavy movement on road Rome - Ceprano G52 mostly south east and considerable movement on roads from Rome to the bridgehead between 1930 and 0030 hrs.

2nd. Bombline no change.

Section 3 ends.

Most important knowledge of 5th Corps coming under comd this hq and new location of Hq 8th Army is restricted to absolute minimum.

at W/H

No Sig.

FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-8780 (13 Mar 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFO : G-2, CGAAF, CC/S, Col Mathewson

CM-IN-9683 (14 Mar 44) 1316Z jb

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

NR: Unnumbered, 12th March 1944

Signed Wilson cite FHRNA.

This is a FREEDOM paraphrase of COSITINTREP Number 241,

1. Coastal Forces sank schooner in Neretva Channel and took 28 prisoners on the nite of 10th March/11th March. Destroyers report blank nite off vis.

2. In Anzio unloading continues at the rate of over 7000 tons daily. During midnite raid night of March 10th/11th 1 enemy torpedo bomber manned by Italians was shot down. Another plane was claimed during daylight raid on the 11th of March.

3. Coastal Forces reported no damage or casualties as a result of engagement with F Lighters during patrol off Grosseto Rocks on the night of 11-12th March.

4. During the night of 11-12th March destroyers sank a schooner off the East Italian Coast.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig.

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CCS, Col Mathewson, Adm King, Log

CM-IN-8724 (13 Mar 44) 0204Z mcs

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TUATION REPORT 312:

OPERATION SHINGLE: UNLOADING BROKE RECORD WITH 7507 TONS ON 1ØTH MARCH. SHELLING WAS ON REDUCED SCALE DURING DAY WITH LITTLE AIR ACTIVITY. (2) HMS TYRIAN AND HMS TEAZER SHELLED KOSOVO (KORCULA) DURING NIGHT 9/1ØTH MARCH WHERE/GERMAN TROOPS REPORTED. NO SHIPPING SIGHTED OFFVIS OR IN LAGOSTA CHANNEL. (3) ON SAME NIGHT MTB IN ACTION WITH 2 F LIGHTERS AND 2 CAIQUES NORTH OF RHODES. F LIGHTER TURNED BACK DAMAGED. MTB ALSO SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES. (4) UPROAR REPORTS OBTAINING 2 TORPEDO HITS ON 3ØØØ-TON MOTOR VESSEL BETWEEN MARSEILLES AND TOULON ON 29TH FEBRUARY. SHIP PROBABLY SANK.

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FROM: COM 8TH PHIB (OPS)

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 12 MARCH 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1122

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PARAPHRASED BY: KIRKBRIDE

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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SITREP 3.

ANZIO

from Radm Lowry

A. IO VISIT SHOWED GOING TOUGH BUT NOT AS TOUGH AS REPORTED. 5ØØØ TONS OVER BEACHES AND THROUGH PORT (E) DURING GOOD WEATHER USING ONLY 8 LSTS. 6 LCI(L)S. 2Ø LCTS AND DUKWS ON LIBERTIES. DURING ROUGH WEATHER 8 LSTS AND 12 TO 18 LCI(L)S SHOULD PUT 25ØØ TONS INTO PORT. FURTHER BREAKDOWN LCTS AT ANZIO REDUCED TO 9 OPERATIONAL. 2 BROACHED SHOULD BE OFF WITHIN WEEK OTHER 3 INDEFINITE 1 OF THESE WEDGED IN ROCKS PROBABLY LOST. 8 MORE REPARED LCTS ENROUTE HERE OR TO ANZIO WILL MEET US COMMITTMENT. ABOVE INDICATED 6Ø US AND BRITISH LSTS THIS AREA TOO GREAT. WITH MARGIN OF SAFETY ESTIMATE 25 COULD BE RELEASED. US COULD RUN TO MAXIMUM UNTIL NEW 1 ARRIVE. 2 LCTS IN DOCK. MORE TOMORROW.

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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Med Force
To: AGWAR

No. 0-2247, 12 March 1944

Mar 102110 0.2247 from Hq AAI to COSITINTREP addressees info 2 District (pass 15 Air Force) 3 District (pass 24 Gds Bde pass 201 Gds Bde) 1 District (pass 7th Army) signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI. COSITINTREP No. 245 to 1200 hrs 10 March.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. 5th Army Front. In beachhead PWS taken at G0317 from Barbarigo Bn of San Marco Marines. State that San Marco Maries relieved alarm units of Goering Div now rumoured to be enroute France. PW 6 Coy 735 Inf Regt area G0419 states 2 Bn relieved, 7 Luftwaffe Bn Z6V. On main front 5 PWS from 2 Coy 171 Med Unit attached 2nd Bn 191 Gr taken at G 862034. Claim that 191 Inf Regt relieved 104 PGR 3 March. 8 Army Front. NTR.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th army. 5 Corps. Continuous and heavy rain on front hampered ops. 1 Cdn Div. 1 Cdn Bde patrol activity with clash in area C3018. Inter Bn reliefs. 8 Ind Div. 19 Ind Bde patrol activity by enemy. 21 Ind Bde reduced shelling on Bde front. Patrol contacted enemy area.

Part 2 follows.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CCS
~~Col Mathewson,~~ LOG

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. Unnumbered, 12 March 1944

This is a paraphrase by Freedom. COSITINTREP number 240 signed Wilson cite FHRNA.

1. Discharged at Anzio on 10th March was the record figure of 7,509 tons. Air activity was little and shelling was on a reduced scale.

2. During patrols off Vis and in Lagosta channel no shipping was sighted. Korsovo (Korcula) was shelled by destroyers during night 9/10th March.

3. Our craft suffered some damage and casualties when 2 F Fighters and 2 Caiques were damaged by coastal forays north of Rhodes night of 9/10th March.

4. Whilst on patrol off south coast of France HM submarine reports obtaining 2 torpedo hits on 3,000 ton M/V on 29th February.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S, Colonel Mathewson, Admiral King, Log

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CORRECTED COPY

From: Algiers
To : War

No : W4860/63004 11th March 1944

W4860/63004 Troopers AGWAR info SHARP 120000 from G2 Freedom signed Wilson cite ZHGBI. A. Ref Troopers 73650.

1. Your views on reserve Panzer Divisions noted. Owing lack of actual experience in respect these divisions we feel unable to contribute materially to any discussion.

2. Agree system by which classification of offensive and defensive categorial is arrived at is basically sound academically but feel that the distinction is too clear cut not to be dangerous for an operational headquarters. Our suggestions appear under heading B

3. Fact that static decisions may be considered worth upgrading seems to be in itself significant. Whereas it seems fair to assume that a static division manning a coastal sector will not be able by reason of its defensive dispositions and lack of mobility to intervene rapidly in another sector which is being attacked it ultimate assembly and transfer for employment in counter attack should not be ruled out and if a pool of transport has been deliberately created (as may well be done in France) a regimental group could with some improvisation probably be moved fairly quickly from 1 defence sector to another the remainder of the division following in due course.

4. Noted.

5. This document not traced any G2 section here. Grateful for copy soonest.

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From: Algiers
To : War
No : W4860/63004 11th March 1944

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1. In future summaries orders of battle and appreciations we propose to show.

(A) Mobile Divisions subdivided into Panzer, SS, PG, Parachute and reserve Panzer.

(B) Infantry subdivided into 3 regt. on Coastal defence, 2 regt, 2 regt on coastal defence, GAF, reserve.

(C) Unspecified.

2. We consider coastal defence divisions in areas evidently considered vulnerable by the enemy are bound to be made up of reliable personnel and though their role is defensive their performance need be none the less good (EG Dieppe). These should therefore be rated before an operation as good base.

3. We feel in order to avoid the too limited distinction of offensive and defensive that divisions should be defined.

(A) 1st class namely experienced divisions both Mobile and Infantry presumed up to establishment in personnel and material.

(B) 2nd class namely divisions of all types poss-

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(C) 3rd class.

End part 1 part 2 follows.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CC/S
COL. MATHEWSON

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From: Allied Central Med Forces
To: WAR

No. 0-2257, 11 March 1944

Part 2, part COSITINTREP No. 246, Orign No. 0-2257 112030B. Signed Wilson cite FHGOT and FHGBI.

Five Army. Main front. Strong enemy patrols in Colle Abata G8328 and Cisterna G8429 area repulsed by arty fire. 2nd Bn 3 Alg Inf moved to Pozzili H0523. NZ Corps. Treadway bridge over river at G865217 constructed. Intermittent arty fire. 10 Corps. active patrolling. Reduced enemy arty fire Bn reliefs. ABF. 6 Corps. Generally quiet. Some patrol activity. Periodic enemy harassing arty fire. 5 Div assumed comd 56 Div Sector. 17 Bde assumed comd 169 Bde Sector. Bn reliefs carried out. Light air raid Anzio area 102200A. CP changes. 4 Brit Div M9494. 30 Inf F9328. Casualties 5th Army to 8th March. Main front. British:

	Killed	2,870,
	Wounded	13,080,
	Missing	4,395.
	PW	3,168.
French:	Killed	1,306,
	Wounded	6,986,
	Missing	794.
	PW	1,187.

Italian. No change. ABF. British:

	Killed	1,042,
	Wounded	4,592,
	Missing	5,173
	PW	1,326.

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To: WAR
No.. O-2257, 11 March 1944

American not available.

Section 3. Air. 1st. NTR.
2nd. Bombline. No Change.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S
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Log

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From: Allied Cen. Med. Force
To : War

No. # 11th March 1944

Hq AAI to COSITINTREP addressees rptd 2 District pass 15 Air Force 3 District pass 24 Gds Bde and 201.

Cap Doc from 14 Army Hq dated 4th March Gds Bde 1 District pass 7 Army 02257 Mar 112030. COSITINTREP No 246 to 1200 hrs 11 Mar.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence. 5th Army front orders line then generally held to be developed defensively. Fighting patrols to improve line in forward areas and gain depth. 10 PWS 1 Bn 131 Gr area G8328 8 Army front NTR.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st. 8 Army. 5th Corps. Weather cleared by 102300A and normal patrolling activities maintained. 1 Cdn Div. Some enemy arty and mortar fire on forward positions. 8 Ind Div. Casualties inflicted on enemy patrol attempting to rush platoon 21 Ind Bde at C2404 last night. 5 Para Bde. Small clash area H1996 after which enemy withdrew. 2 Polish Corps. NTR. CP changes. 17 Ind Bde H2999. 19 Ind Bde C2008. 5 Cdn Armd Bde H7555. Casualties 8th Army to 8th Mar. Killed 3175, wounded 11431, missing 2093 PW 3177. Second. (Part 2 follows).

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CO/S, Colonel Mathewson, No Sig Log

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From: Hq Allied Cent. Med Force.
To: WAR.

No. 246 11 March 1944.

Part 2 part COSITINTREP No. 246. Orig no 0-2257 112030. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

5th Army Main front. Strong enemy patrols on Colle Abata G8328 and Oisterna G8429 area repulsed by arty fire. 2 Bn 3 Alg Inf moved(Pozzilli H0523). Nz Corps. Treadway bridge over river at G865217 constructed. Intermittent arty fire. 10 Corps. Active patrolling. Reduced enemy arty fire Bn reliefs. ABF. 6 Corps. Generally quiet. Some patrol activity. Periodic enemy harassed arty fire. 5 Div assumed comd 56, Div Sector. 17 Bde assumed comd 169 Bde Sector. Bn reliefs carried out. Light air raid Anzio Area 102200A. Cp changes. 4 Brit Div M9494. 30 Inf F 9328. Casualties 5 Army to 8th March. Main front. British Killed 2870 Wounded 13080 Missing 4395. PW 3168 . French Killed 1306 Wounded 6986 Missing 794. PW 1187. Italian. No change. Air. British. Killed 1042 Wounded 4592 Missing 5173. Pw 1326. American not available. Section 3 air. First. Ntr. Second. Bombline no change.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (Colonel McFarland)
Colonel Mathewson
Log

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SITUATION REPORT #311. AIG 387 FROM CINCMED.

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE. WITH IMPROVED WEATHER FIGURE CONTINUE TO EXCEED 5000 TONS DAILY DESPITE INCREASED SHELLING ON 9TH MARCH WHICH CAUSED CONSIDERABLE ARMY CASUALTIES BUT NO NAVAL DAMAGE.

(2) U-BOAT SUNK IN POSITION 40-53N 12-28E BY HMS EXMOOR HMS BLANKNEY HMS BRECON AND HMS BLENCATHRA AT 0609 10TH MARCH AFTER 10 HOUR HUNT BY DESTROYERS AND AIRCRAFT FOLLOWING INITIAL CONTACT BY USS MADISON. 51 SURVIVORS PICKED UP. #11 IN 11 DAYS

(3) HMS TROUBRIDGE AND HMS TENACIOUS SHELLED PUPNAT AND BLATSHED (KORCULA) WHERE GERMANS REPORTED IN LARGE NUMBERS DURING NIGHT SWEEP 8TH/9TH MARCH. NO SHIPPING

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SIGHTED OFF VISOR IN LAGOSTA CHANNEL OR BY DESTROYERS ON PATROL OFF ALBANIAN COAST.

(4) COASTAL FORCE ATTACKED SMALL SCHOONER IN NERETVA CHANNEL (43-Ø5 17-Ø7) NIGHT 8TH/9TH MARCH WHICH WAS LEFT ON FIRE AND ABANDONED. NO DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRING FROM SHORE BATTERIES.

(5) SS CLARK MILLS PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY FROM TUNIS TO BIZERTE WAS MINED IN QB 1Ø4 AT Ø54Ø 9TH MARCH. SHIP SUBSEQUENTLY BEACHED OFF BIZERTE.

(6) DURING COASTAL FORCE OPERATION IN AEGEAN MOTOR LAUNCH ATTACKED 3 LIGHTERS ESCORTED BY ARMED CAIQUE NEAR NISEROS ON NIGHT 7TH/8TH INFLICTING DAMAGE ON LIGHTER AND CAIQUE. MOTOR LAUNCH DAMAGED BUT SEAWORTHY. SMALL CAIQUE LOADS STORE AND FOOD CAPTURED BY MOTOR LAUNCH SOUTH OF KHIOS ON SAME NIGHT.

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(7) AIRCRAFT MINED SYRA AND RHODES ON NIGHT 7TH/8TH.

(8) DURING MINE SWEEP OPERATION OFF SALERNO 12TH M/S FLOTILLA SWEPT FURTHER 44 MINES ON 8TH AND 9TH MARCH.

(9) SS WILLIAM B WOODS REPORTED TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT (GERMAN) IN POSITION 38-36N 13-45E AT 162Ø 1ØTH MARCH AND IN SINKING CONDITION.

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From: Allied Central Med Force
To: AGWAR

Nr: 02247, 11th March 1944

Third and last part GOZITEXTREP number 245 from HQ ACMF originators number 02247. Signed Wilson cite FHGOT and FHGBI.

Shelled morning 9th Mar. Sector generally quiet with some harassing arty fire. Relief of 56 Div continues. 167 Bde has embarked for Naples. 17 Inf Bde ashore and assembling Vic F8125.

G9505. CP changes. 46 Div Naples. 12 Bde M8899. 128 Bde
N7676. Two Corps opened S Agate P4276 at 101500A. 34 Div Five Div F8125.

Casualties 5th Army to 7th Mar. Main Front.
British
Killed 2861, wounded 13040, missing 4395
PW 3168.

French.
Killed 1292, wounded 6936, missing 794
PW 1186.

Italian No change.

ABF
British
Killed 1038, wounded 4536 missing 5173
PW 1326

American figures not available.

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To: AGWAR
Nr: C2247, 11th March 1944

Section 3. Air.

First. Tac/r revealed only light scattered movement on roads in the Rome Area and 6th Corps front during the day.

Second. Bombline no change.

(Section 3 ends.)

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(COSITINTREP NUMBER 241 PART II SIGNED WILSON CITE FHRNA. COSITINTREP NUMBER 240 NOT ISSUED. DATED 10221A MARCH)

DESPITE INCREASE IN SHELLING ON 9TH MARCH UNLOADING FIGURES CONTINUE TO EXCEED 5000 TONS DAILY. NO NAVAL DAMAGE.

DESTROYERS SANK U-BOAT IN 40-53 N 12-28 E AFTER 10 HOUR HUNT IN WHICH AIRCRAFT COOPERATED, SURVIVORS PICKED UP.

SS CLARK MILLS MINED OFF BIZERTA AM 9 MARCH. SHIP SUBSEQUENTLY BEACHED.

UPNAT AND BLATO (KORCULA) BOMBARDED BY DESTROYERS NIGHT 8/9 FOLLOWING REPORT OF GERMANS IN THOSE TOWNS. NO SHIPPING SIGHTED OFF VIS OR IN LAGOSTA CHANNEL OR BY DESTROYERS ON PATROL OFF ALBANIAN COAST ON SAME NIGHT.

SMALL SCHOONER LEFT ABANDONED AND ON FIRE IN NERETVA

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CHANNEL (43-Ø5 N 17-Ø7 E) AFTER ATTACK BY COASTAL FORCES NIGHT 8/9 MARCH

ON AEGEAN M D ATTACKED 3 LIGHTERS ESCORTED BY ARMED CAIQUE ON NIGHT 7/8 NEAR NISEROS, 1 LIGHTER AND CAIQUE DAMAGED. ANOTHER CAIQUE CAPTURED BY M L SOUTH OF KHIOS ON SAME NIGHT. SS WILLIAM B WOODS TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT 35 MILES NORTH OF PALERMO PM 1Ø MARCH.

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No: 245 10 March 1944

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Part 1.
Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army Front. In.

Beachhead PWS taken at G0317, from Barbarigo Bn of San Marco Marines. State that San Marco Marines relieved alarm units of Goering Div now rumoured to be enroute France. PW 6 Coy 735 Inf Regt area G0419 states 2 Bn relieved 7 Luftwaffe Bn 26V.

On main front. 5 PWS from 2 Coy 171 Med Unit attached 2 Bn 191 Gr taken at G862034. Claim that 191 Inf Regt relieved 104 PGR 3rd March. 8 Army Front. NTR.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1. 8th Army.

V Corps.

Continuous and heavy rain on front hampered ops.

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1 CDN Div.

1 CDN BDE patrol activity with clash in area 03018. Inter Bn reliefs.

8 Ind Div.

19 Ind BDE patrol activity by enemy. 21 Ind BDE reduced shelling on BDE front. Patrol contacted enemy area.

Part 2 follows.

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Nr: 0.2247, 10th March 1944

Part 2 of 0.2247 102110 Mar true THI 2139.

C2302. 2 Para Bde strong fighting patrol to Piisavini H1795 contacted enemy and took 1 PW.

2 Pol Corps. Bad weather confined Ops to local patrolling. 1 Cdn Corps HQ H7656. Move proceeding satisfactorily.

Second.

Fifth Army. FMA in front. FEC. Some arty fire and patrol activity on both sides. 2 Moroc Inf 4 Moroc Mtn Div relieved 3 Alg Inf of 3 Alg Div who has now moved to Albanova area N1167.

NZ Corps. Sector generally quiet. Movement of enemy tracked vehs into Cassino reported.

10th Corps. 4 British Div took over comd 46 Div sector from 101000A. 12 Bde relieved 128 Bde. Patrol activity both sides and some arty fire.

AEF. 6th Corps. Anzio harbor and corps HQ heavily

(Part 3 and last follows.)

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Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army front. In from Barbarigo Bn of San Marco Marines. States that San Marco Marines relieved alarm units of Goering Div now rumoured to be enroute France./ PW 6 Coy * Beachhead PW3 taken at G0317.

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8TH FLEET SUMMARY WEEK ENDING 092400:

BROOKLYN RELIEVED PHILADELPHIA AS FIRE SUPPORT CRUISER ANZIO AREA 7TH. PHILADELPHIA STANDING BY PALERMO. CAPTAIN FRANK R DODGE REPORTED FOR DUTY CO BROOKLYN. DD MAYO TOWED BY HOPI, ESCORTED BY HUGHES, DEPARTED NAPLES 3RD. ARRIVED ORAN 8TH. ERICSSON FROM PALERMO TO NAPLES - ANZIO AREA ESCORT FOR BROOKLYN. KEARNY ESCORTING TARTED TO NAPLES TO ARRIVE 10TH; THEN RELIEVE F C DAVIS IN ANZIO AREA. EBERLE COMPLETED ARMAMENT ALTERATIONS ORAN, DEPARTED ENROUTE ANZIO 9TH. KENDRICK AND MACKENZIE HELD SHORE BOMBARDMENT PRACTICE ARZEW 5TH, 7TH, 8TH. DE. F C DAVIS AND HERBERT C JONES ANZIO AS JAMMER SHIPS. F C DAVIS TO

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ORAN FOR REPAIRS WHEN RELIEVED BY KEARNY ABOUT 10TH. AM SYMBOL GUNNERY BIZERTE BAY 4TH. DEXTROUS DEPARTED PALERMO 8TH ENROUTE TARANTO FOR GERMAN SWEEP. GEAR DESTINED FOR BIZERTE. NARRAGANSETT DEPARTED NAPLES 5TH TOWING LST 381 TO ORAN VIA BIZERTE. COM 8TH PHIB IN BISCAYNE ARRIVED NAPLES 5TH TO COORDINATE OPERATION AND REPAIR LANDING CRAFT. DELTA ARRIVED PALERMO 7TH TO ASSIST REPAIR LANDING CRAFT. COMMENCING 9TH 12 US LST IN EACH ARMY FROM NAPLES TO ASSAULT AREA ON 3-DAY CYCLE. IN ADDITION 2 US LST STAND-BY AT NAPLES. SCHEDULE INCLUDES ROTATIONAL OVERHAUL AT PALERMO. 36-42 LCI (L) ESTIMATED CAN BE MAINTAINED NAPLES-ANZIO AREA. 6 OF THESE MAY BE UNDER TEMPORARY REPAIRS ALONGSIDE ACHELOUS. THIS SCHEDULE ALLOWS 3 UNDER REPAIR PALERMO AND ROTATIONAL OVERHAUL 1 WEEK FOR 18 CRAFT BIZERTE OR PALERMO. PT'S ALL IN SERVICE EXCEPT PT 205. ON 5TH

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6 AT BASTIA, 4 AT MADDALENA, 6 BIZERTE AND 2 AT NAPLES. PATROL NIGHT 2/3 PIOMBINO TO VARDA ROCKS NO CONTACTS. AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES DAY AND NIGHT ALL WEEK AT ARZEW, INCLUDING US DESTROYERS. INTELLIGENCE. YMS 55 DETONATED ACOUSTIC MINE 2 MILES FROM ANZIO LIGHT. LIVERMORE GOOD SUB-CONTACT 6TH 41-00 N 12-48 E. RESULT NEGATIVE. MADISON SUB-CONTACT 41-12 N 12-27 E AT 092000. HUNT SET IN PROGRESS U-450 SUNK at 100609. 50 SURVIVORS, INCLUDING CO. GERMAN AIR ATTACK ABOUT 081900 ON CONVOY OFF ALGIERS. NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS. POLITICAL NOTES. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ITALIAN FLEET SITUATION. MOROCCO REPORTED CALM. NUMEROUS MOSLEMS ARRESTED DURING DISTURBANCES STILL HELD. FRENCH ROUNDUP SUSPECTED ENEMY AGENTS, MOSLEMS IN PARTICULAR, CONTINUES. TRIAL IN ALGIERS FORMER VICHY INTERIOR MINISTER, PIERRE PUCHEU, PRESENT SENSATION IN

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FRENCH CIRCLES. CHARGED WITH TREASON AND PASSING INTELLIGENCE TO ENEMY. POLITICAL NATURE OF TRIAL EMPHASIZED IN ARGUMENTS BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE. APPEARS TO BE INTENDED AS WARNING TO ALL THAT DE GAULLE AND FRENCH COMMITTEE NATIONAL LIBERATION WILL NOT COMPROMISE WITH VICHY OR ANY REMNANTS OF IT.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. None, 10 March 1944

FHRNA. COSITINTREP number 241 part II signed Wilson cite March. ~~COSITINTREP number 240 not issued. Dated 10221A~~

Despite increase in shelling on 9th March unloading figures continue to exceed 5,000 tons daily No naval damage.

Tyrrhenian sea-west of Naples

Destroyers sank U-boat in 40 degree 53 minutes north 12 degrees 28 minutes east after 10 hour hunt in which aircraft cooperated, survivors picked up. SS Clark Mills mined off Bizerta AM 9 March. Ship subsequently beached.

UPNAT and HLATO (Korcula) bombarded by destroyers night 8/9 following report of Germans in those towns. No shipping sighted off vis or in Lagosta Channel or by destroyers on patrol off Albanian Coast on same night.

Small schooner left abandoned and on fire in Neretva Channel (43 degrees 05 minutes north 17 degrees 07 minutes east) after attack by Coastal Forces night 8/9 March.

On Aegean M D attacked 3 lighters escorted by armed caique on night 7/8 near Niseros, 1 lighter and caique damaged. Another caique captured by M L south of Khios on same night.

SS William B Woods torpedoed by U-boat 35 miles north of Palermo PM 10 March.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CCS, Col Mathewson, Adm King, LOG NoSig

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

Number: W-4756/62473 9 March 1944

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The following titles for Commanders in the Mediterranean Theatre will be effective forthwith.

A. General Wilson to be Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre.

B. General Devers to be Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre.

C. General Alexander to be Commander in Chief Allied Armies in Italy.

The title Allied Central Mediterranean Force is replaced by the title Allied Armies in Italy. Unchanged is the registered cable address to designate General Alexanders' Command and remains FILPOT.

ACTION: ASF Nosig.

INFORMATION: OPD, ~~G-2~~, CGAAF, CC/S, Statistics, WDCMC, Log BPR, Col Mathewson, Adm King

CM-IN-6646 (10 Mar 44) 0804Z jb

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-4726/62297 9 March 1944

To AGWAR for Arnold for action to CG MAAF for info cite NAC08 signed Devers.

This is interim reply to your 500 February 23rd on influence of bombing upon ground operations in the Anzio beachhead. In general too early to evaluate completely results of air operations but all units of command concur on importance and effectiveness of air action in close support of ground forces. Weather permitting this support has been used to maximum extent in current operations. No important new lessons in tactical employment have been evident. The following outstanding aspects of allied bombing are reportable at this time.

(1) Report of Fifth Army commander stresses effectiveness of air support program for 6 corps on 17th February. Allied aircraft giving close and continuous support disrupted enemy efforts to launch large scale attack by destroying supply installations, communications, and vehicle concentrations in the area where enemy reserves were located. ** forward elements not so effective. Appropriate effect on morale of both sides was great. German attack stopped due to lack of support and complete demoralization resulting from combined artillery and air action. 813 bombers all types, dropped approximately 972 tons this operation. ACMF concurs and adds imperative forward troop commands be notified of impending large scale air support effirts to permit improvement of position during disruption.

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To: War
No. W-4726/62297 9 March 1944

(2) Eakers preliminary report in reply to AGWAR 1822 February 11th dispatched by air mail corroborates Fifth Army report and indicates

(A) Effective interference with major hostile movements on roads by day; however, sufficient light bomber intrudes must be available to maintain continuous pressure at night. In addition to the specialized units required for this work, all medium bombers must be capable of flying by day or by night,

(B) Importance of continuous information on ground situation at front being furnished strategic air forces,

(C) Necessity of assigning targets having well defined aiming points when heavy bombers are used in close support, and

(D) Other lessons of technical nature.

Forwarded your headquarters will be additional details supporting these points and any new developments resulting from contemplated operations.

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FOOTNOTE: 500 is CM-OUT-9605 (23 Feb 44) CGAAF

ACTION: CGAAF

INFORMATION: OPD, Col Mathewson, Log

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URGENT

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: WAR

NR: 02239, 9th March 1944

From Hq ACMF March 092040 to COSITINTREP addressees rptd 2 District, pass 15th Air Force, 3 District, pass 24 Gds Bde and 201 Gds Bde, 1 District, pass 7th Army, number 02239. COSITINTREP No 244 to 1200 hrs 9th March.

Part 1. Intelligence. 5th Army Front. 3 Italians with demolition charges captured F799255 had landed from small boat with object of destroying tower at F 785280 believed to be important Hq. 1 PW wore British uniform.

8th Army Front. NTR. Section 2. Ground Operations. 1st 8th Army, 5th Corps. Heavy rain fell during night. 1 Cdn Div. 11 Cdn Bde has released 1 Bn to 5 Cdn Armd Div, but retains Wester R. Regrouping of Div from and inter battalion reliefs. Arty engaged enemy movement yesterday.

8 Ind Div. 19 Bde relieved 17 Bde, who took over Taverna feature C 2901. 21 Ind Bde heavy and consistent shelling caused casualties during night. 2 Para Bde forward troops established at Nerone H 2096. Active patrolling in area. 6 Lancers patrol found Colle Di Macine H 1677. Clear. 2 Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div troops. 2nd part follows.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S, Col Mathewson, Log No Sig.

CM-IN-6496 (10 Mar 44) 0204Z bjm

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URGENT

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: WAR

NR: 0546,9th March 1944

Casualties to 7th March. Second Part of COSITINTREP No 244 from ACMF 092040. Reestabished Montenero 0546. 1 Cdn Corps Mov proceeding.

Killed	3174
Wounded	11489
Missing	2092.
PWS	3173.

Second Fifth Army. FEC. Sector quiet some Arty fire received. NZ Corps. NTR. 10 Corps. 46 Div. Our patrols active enemy located Q 860035 and Q 863020.

88 Div. Patrol activity only. 11 Corps, 36 Inf Div Cp Maddaloni N320715. 6 Corps. Normal arty fire and patrolling. 3 Div. Forward posns, 1 Bn, 7 Inf F980305, 3 Bn, 30 Inf, F935305. 1 Armd Divn took command sector formerly held by 179 Inf. Casualties Main front corrected to 6th March. American not available.

British:

Killed	2854
Wounded	13012
Missing	4395

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To: WAR
NR: 0546, 9th March 1944

French:

Killed	1290
Wounded	6916
Missing	794

Italian no change.

PW corrected to 6thMarch.

British:

3163

French and Italian. No change

Allied Bridgehead Force.

British:

Killed	1030
Wounded	4516
Missing	5155
Axis PW	1317.

Third part follows.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S, Col Mathewson, Log No Fig.

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URGENT

Post

From: Allied Central Med Force
To: AGWAR

No: 244 9 March 1944

Third and last part of COSITINTREP No 244. From ACMF March 092040. Signed Wilson cite FHOOT and FHGBI.

Significant road movement throughout the day.

Section 3. Air

First. F/BS and TAC/RS reported no.

Second. Bombline no change.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S
COL. MATHEWSON
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CM-IN-6437 (10 Mar 44) 0016Z cng

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. None, 9 March 1944

This is a Crypto Freedom relay paraphrase of 2nd part COSITINTREP number 239 signed Wilson cite FHRNA COSITINTREP number 238 was not issued.

On March 7th over 5000 tons were discharged in Anzio as a result of improved weather conditions. Intermittent shelling continues although there was no enemy air activity.

Two Destroyers are now hunting for a U-boat known to be in the Tyrrhenian Sea as it was bombed on the night of March 7th/8th and bodies presumably of the gun crew were seen in the water. During the night of 4 and 5 March destroyers swept the Istrian coast and north shore of the Gulf of Venice to no avail. Convoy KMS 43 was attacked off Algiers by enemy aircraft numbering about 25 on March 8. There was no damage or casualty report. Claimed by fighters 4 enemy aircraft shot down for loss of 1 of our fighters.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S(Col. McFarland), Col. Matthewson, Log

CM-IN-5743 (9 Mar 44) 0233Z med

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR
ETOUSA London

W 4753/62416
Unnumbered

9 March, 1944

This is NAF 645. Reference your 1662 of 8 March, Fan 342. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated unity and HQ MAAF for information. Signed Wilson. Cite FHGCT.

Para 1. Prolongation of present situation in Italy is no less distasteful to me than to you. I realize the effect which stabilization in the present situation would have on the overall strategic position, but I have no intention of allowing stagnation to set in.

Para 2. Alexander already has New Zealand Corps, comprising second NZ Div, 78th Div and 4th Ind Div, backed up by 1 combat command of 1st US ARMD Div and a group of 3 tank Bns, assembled on the Rapido front and ready to assault as soon as the weather permits. The extraordinary run of bad weather to which we have been subjected has hitherto made a major land offensive impossible but the operation is all set and we are waiting for the weather. This operation will involve the maximum combined effort of our Air Force and of all the available ground forces which are now fit for offensive operations on that front. This should secure a good jumping off place for a subsequent offensive to be undertaken when the enemy has been further weakened by our air effort. Meanwhile on the rest of the main front Alexander is regrouping his forces so as to bring more fresh formations to the decisive point. I am sending 85th US Div to him from North Africa. This starts on the 11th of March but cannot be complete in Italy until 13th of April.

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To: WAR
ETOUSA London

W 4753/62416
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9 March, 1944

Para 3. Allied bridgehead force is being strengthened by putting in 5th British Division to replace 56th Div, which has had severe casualties. Clark intends to put 34th US Div into the bridgehead later. Truscott should thus be able to widen his hold and to prepare for a breakout as soon as the main armies are within supporting distance. I do not consider that at this stage any ambitious offensive from the bridgehead could penetrate far enough to have a decisive effect on the enemys L of C, although at a later stage the opportunity will come and we shall take it.

Para 4. Additional shipping has been requested by our MEDCOS 62 to enable the buildup in Italy to be made as required by battle there. Other shipping is required for ANVIL moves. I must reply upon you to solve these problems.

Para 5. I am mindful of the directive which gives to battle in Italy overriding priority over all existing and future operations in the Mediterranean, and I shall conduct operations accordingly. The speed of the immediate operations is governed by weather. //

No Sig

FOOTNOTE: MEDCOS 62 is CM-IN-3989 (6 Mar 44) CC/S
1662 is CM-OUT-2963 (8 Mar 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD, Gen Bissell, Gen Arnold, C of S
Adm King, Col Mathewson

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SITUATION REPORT 0310:

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE. UNLOADING ON 7TH MARCH REACHED OVER 5000 TONS IN IMPROVING WEATHER CONDITIONS. INTERMITTENT SHELLING CONTINUES, BUT NO AIR ACTIVITY REPORTED.

(2) WELLINGTONS BOMBED U/BOAT IN TYRRHENIAN SEA NIGHT 7TH/8TH MARCH. BODIES PROBABLY OF TANKER SEEN IN WATER. DD'S CONTINUING HUNT.

(3) MOTOR LAUNCH BLEW UP IN BEIRUT HARBOUR ON 5TH MARCH, CAUSING DAMAGE TO ADJACENT SMALL CRAFT AND BUILDINGS. CASUALTIES NOT HEAVY.

(4) DD'S SWEPT ISTRIAN COAST AND WEST SHORE OF GULF OF VENICE DURING NIGHT 4TH/5TH MARCH, BUT SIGHTED NO SHIPPING.

(5) CONVOY KMS 43 WAS ATTACKED BY ABOUT 25 ENEMY AIRCRAFT NORTH OF ALGIERS AT 1925 8TH. 4 CLAIMED SHOT DOWN BY FIGHTERS FOR LOSS OF 1. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES TO CONVOY.

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(6) DURING CLEARANCE OF QB 132, 24 MINES SWEPT BY MINESWEEPING FLOTILLA 12TH ON 7TH MARCH.

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From: Allied Central Med Force
To: AGWAR

No: 243 8 March 1944

AC MF. Third and last part of COSITINTREP No 243. From HQ Signed Wilson cite FHQCT and FEGBI.

On roads Carsoli G28, Avezzano G58, Pescina G78 and Avezzano-Capistrello G47, heavy continuous movement. South on the main and secondary roads from Vellitri F94 to Isterna G03 was also observed at 1415 hrs by an A4 OP.

Second. Bombline. No change.

Section 3 ends. Correction. In preamble please insert AFHQ please pass to C in C Med and in first part after wounded read 11402.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S (Colonel McFarland), Colonel Mathewson, Log

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From: Allied Cen. Med. Force
To : War

No. # 8th March 1944

2nd part of COSITINTREP No 243 from Hq ACMF third part follows.

3169. Second. Fifth Army. Main front. FEC. 2 Moroc Div. In process of relieving 3 Alg Inf on Belvedere feature G8528 sector quiet with little arty fire. NZ Corps. Local reliefs and patrolling. 10 Corps. Normal patrolling. Some arty fire during night on area G9013 and between Ornito G8703 and Tuga G8702. 46 Div. Inter Bn reliefs. 12 Bde now under comd in area Galluccio G9606. 88 Div. 351 Inf relieved 201 Gds Bde. Allied Bridgehead Force. SSF. Three patrols contacted enemy who withdrew. 3 Div. Patrol activity only. 45 Inf Div. Two small enemy attacks on 180 Inf repulsed. 179th Inf inter Bn reliefs. 1 Br Div. Enemy patrol contacted 40 Kommandos and was repulsed. Inter Bn reliefs. 56 Div. Light patrol activity. 36 Engrs. NTR. CP changes. 3 Alg Div G9324 3 SSF G0019. 30 Inf F9329. 168 Bde 8526 18 Bde 8524. 15 Bde 8127.

Section 3. Air. First. Medium bombers at 1150 Hq reported total of 300 Mt moving both ways.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S Col McFarland
Col Mathewson
Log

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From: Allied Cent. Med. Force.
To: AGWAR.

No. 243 8 March 1944.

COSITINTREP No 243 to 1200 hrs 8 March. From Hq ACMF to COSITINTREP addressees info 2 District pass 15 Air Force 3 District 1 District pass 7 Army 0-2230 082120A.

1. Intelligence.

5th Army front. PWS from 11 Bn 1028 Gr area G042285 and 11 Bn 35 SS PGR area G009298. PW 3 COY 93 Eng Bn location not given. PW from 1 Bty 33 Arty Regt captured Cassino area stated 211 Gr due to be relieved 1 March. 8 Army front NTR.

2. Ground operations.

1. 8th Army. 1 Cdn Corps opened Larino 071700A. 5 Corps. Enemy arty slightly increased. Active patrolling by our troops. 1 Cdn Div. Patrol clash with enemy area C2816 and C278143. 8 Ind Div. Coy reliefs. 2 Pol Corps. 3 Carp Div. Arty shelled enemy movement area H1968. Cp changes. 1 Cdn Corps H7656. Casualties as of 5 March. Killed 3173 Wounded 11403 Missing 2092. PW as of 4 March.

(2nd Part follows).

ACTION: OPD No Sig.

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CC/S Col McFarland, Col Mathewson, Log

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CLASSIFICATION REPORT NUMBER 309:

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE. GALES AND HEAVY SWELLS DELAYING UNLOADING. ANTI-PERSONNEL SHELLS BEING USED IN BOMBARDMENT OF PORT AND ANCHORAGE, SO FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS.

(2) CONVOY UCS 33 STRAYED OUT OF WAR CHANNEL INTO QB 23 ON 6TH MARCH. SS DANIEL C FRENCH MINED AND SUNK AND SS VIRGINIA DARE MINED AND PROCEEDING TUNIS. 7191 GT 7176 GT

(3) UNIVERSAL REPORTS OBTAINING 1 HIT ON ESCORTED TANKER IN VICINITY OF CAPE CAMARAT, 4 1/2 MILES ON 27TH.

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Torpedoing troopship

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To: War

No. W4509/61250, 7 March 1944

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Part 1. Locations.

ACMF 5th Corps H 4195.

8th Ind Div C 3100.

17 Ind Bde C 8 3008.

19 Bde H 2999.

21st Ind Bde C 2903.

2nd Para Bde H 2490.

1st Cdn Armd Bde C 3102.

1st Cdn Corps C 3805.

1st Cdn Div C 3502.

1st Cdn Bde C 3217.

2nd Cdn Bde C 3710.

3rd Cdn Bde C 3113.

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5th Cdn Armd Bde C 3106.

11th Cdn Mot Bde C 3010.

2 Polish Corps H 4920.

3rd Carp Div H 2732.

1st Carp Bde H 1543.

2nd Carp Bde H 2445.

5th Kres Div and 5th and 6th Kres Bdes all *enroute to area.

5th Army H 0608.

13 Corps Hq staging H 5428.

2nd Corps H 1907.

34th Div training area H 20.

36th Div H 1806.

141st Inf H 1411.

142nd Inf H 1709.

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13th Bde M 7995.

15th Bde M 9689.

17th Bde in transit.

201 Gds Bde M 8095.

88 Dht US Div M 9289.

349th Rct M 8495.

350 and 351st Rcts in transit.

6th Corps F 8718.

56th Div F 8025.

167th Bde F 8120.

168th Bde F

8th Bde F 8126.

169th Bde F 8526.

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143rd Inf H 2008.

Fec H 0320.

2 Dim H 0427.

4 Rtm H 0230.

5th Rtm G 9127.

6th Rtm G 8926.

4th * G 9729.

3rd Dia G 8925.

3 Rta G 8527.

4th Rtt G 8424.

7th Rta G 8924.

8th Rtm G 8424.

NZ Corps G 9616.

4th Ind G 9020.

5th Ind Bde G 8424.

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1st Div F 8320.

2nd Bde F 8622.

3rd Bde F 8522.

24th Gds Bde F 8423

18th Bde F 8621.

1st Armd Div F 8923.

45th Div F 9120.

157th Inf F 9024.

179th Inf F 8826.

180th Inf F 9127.

3rd Div F 9723.

7th Inf F 9628.

15th Inf G 0025.

30th Inf F 9325.

504th Para Regt G 0123.

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1st SSF F-9817.

36th Eng Regt F 7927.

Para 2. Movements.

A. In progress. Polish Corps troops to Italy ex Mideast: due to complete mid March. 5 Kresowa Div to Italy ex Mideast: due to complete 16 Mar. 4 Div to Italy ex Mideast: due to complete 16 Mar.

B. Moves completed. 2nd Inf Regts of 4 French Mtn Division.

3. Administration.

End Part 2, Part 3 follows.

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Part 2 of W 4509/61250 from FREEDOM 061900.
KZ Bde G 8817.

78th Division G 9811
11th Bde G 9314
36th Bde G 9810.

38th Bde N 1684.

10th Corps M 9493.

46th Div M 9594.

128th Bde G 8899.

138th Bde G 9605.

1st Gds Bde N 8899.

10th Bde M 8702.

5th Div M 9289.

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7th Ind Bde G 8423.

11th NZ Bde G 1022.

2nd NZ Div G 9616.

4th Dgd Armd Bde A 9811.

6th Ind Bde G 8822.

5th H 2774.

8th Army H 4297.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Nr: W4509/61250 7 March 1944

061900. Part three and last of W4509/61250 from Freedom

A. Casualties-read X, Killed, Y Wounded, Z missing. Cumulative totals to 3 Mar for British and to 2 Mar for American and Allied.

	X	Y	Z
8th Army	3165	11,154	2089
5th Army US	5292	22,415	10078
5th Army Allied	1443	7042	1226
10th Corps	2596	11,401	4272
British SHINGLE	987	4338	5071

B. POW captured. Cumulative totals to 3 Mar for British and to 2 Mar for American and Allied.

8th Army	3131
5th Army US	5988
5th Army Allied	1194
10th Corps	3118
British SHINGLE	1250

C. General administrative position remains satisfactory.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2 , CGAAF, CC/S (Capt Royal USN)
Col Mathewson, Log

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URGENT

From: Allied Centeral Mediterranean Force
To : War No. #
ETOUSA No. #

7th March 1944

Second part of COSITINTREP No 242 from ACMF .

Main front. Fec. Quiet. Some enemy fire on Cerro Grosso G 9831 and S Elia Area 8826 and road S Elia-Acquafondala 9626. NZ Corps. Normal patrols. Rapido River falling. Mortar and machine gun fire in Cassino. Our arty fired on railroad station G 8520 night 6/7. 10 Corps active patrolling. Some harrasing enemy arty fire. Allied bridgehead force. Entire front quiet. Reduced enemy arty fire port area. 5 Div. 15 Bde and 92 FA Regt now all ashore. 3 Div. short fire fight along Bdy 7 and 30 Inf. Bn reliefs in 30 Inf. 2 Bn 504 Rct relieved 4 Rangers. 45 Div. Elements of 157 Inf relieved elements 180 Inf. Elements 6 Armd Inf relieved elements 179 Inf. 5 Div. Relief of 167 Bde by 15 Bde started. Elements 2 SS Bde relieved elements 3 Bde. Cp Changes. 24 Gds Bde F8418 casualties as of 4th March. Main Front.

British killed	2838
wounded	14055
missing	4341.
French killed	1279
wounded	6812
missing	786.

Italian no change.
PW no change.

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To : War No. #
ETOUSA No. #

7th March 1944

Bridgehead British killed 1010
wounded 4451
missing 5147.

PW by British 1296. No American figures available.

(Third part follows)

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)
Col Mathewson
Log

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: WAR No Nr.
ETOUSA No Nr.

7 March 1944

3rd. and last part of COSITINTREP no. 242 from ACMF. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Section 3. Air. 1st. Considerable TAC/R carried out over the front on 5th Army and the Allied Bridgehead Force during the morning and early afternoon revealed heavy scattered traffic in all directions in area Frosinone G43 Ceprano G52 Ceccano G42 at 1330 hrs, with general scattered movement elsewhere. Fighter bombers reported over 35 MT with movement all ways on secondary roads in area Ferentino G3843 Alatri G4546 at 0945 (port) hrs. 2nd. Bombline no change. Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CCS (Capt Royal USN)
Col Mathewson
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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Forces.
To: WAR 0-2226
ETOUSA London No#

7 March 1944.

COITINTREP No 242 to 1200 Hrs 7 Mar. Hq ACMF to COSITINTREP adds rptd 2 Dist pass 15 Air Force 3 Dist 1 Dist pass 7 Army. No. 0-2226 072130.

1. Section 1.

Intelligence. 5th Army Front. PW at F768319 from 2 Coy 4 A/Tk Bn. Bn stated to have belonged originally to 2 Para Div. 8th Army Front. NTR.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1. 8th Army. Bad weather hampered patrol activity along whole front. 1 Cdn Corps. Patrols found enemy alert in usual positions. 8 Ind Div. 2 strong enemy patrols attacked 21 Ind Bde positions NE of Orsogna and were dispersed. 2 Para Bde established an ambush area H1793. 2 Polish Corps. Bad weather restricted activity. 5 corps. Took comd 8 Ind Div and 1 Cdn Div with 11 Cdn Bde under comd at 071200A. 1 Cdn Corps (less 1 Cdn Div and 11 Cdn Bde) beginning move to areas Larino H7555 and Castelnuova 9376 today. Casualties as of 3 March, Killed 3173 Wounded 11356 Missing 2091. PW 3158.

2. 5th Army.

ACTION: OPD No Sig.

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)
Col Mathewson, Log

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-4566/61515, 7 March 1944

G2 Summary. Troopers, AGWAR, info SHAEF, Mideast, Fairbanks, Fatima, Penbase for Care, Fargo for MacFarlane from G2 Freedom signed Wilson cite FHGBI.

1. No special summary since 1 March.

2. 8th Army. Enemy activity confined to shelling and patrolling. Latest identifications indicate readjustment of frontages of 334 and 305 divisions with latter now reaching to coast. New formation recently arrived thus probably lying back in Adriatic sector. No direct identifications but assume from various factors 90 PG Division concerned.

3. 5th Army main front. Enemy activity mainly confined to shelling and patrolling except in lower Garigliano Sector where enemy still seems to have local aggressive intentions in areas Monte Damiano (M8399) and Monte Ornijo (G8603). Dispositions in general appear unchanged.

4. VI Corps. Active enemy patrolling on whole front but enemys intention generally appear defensive for moment. Enemy seen digging in, wiring and mining in various sectors. Failure of offensive of 29 February -1 March evidently distinct local rebuff. Escaped US prisoner reports enemy dead collected in piles and buried in common graves. Saw an

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estimated 1,500 in this way. Truce for burial of dead and evacuation of wounded recently requested by officer envoy on 65 Infantry and 4 Parachute Division front. Envoy treated as prisoner of war (compare our summary of 26 February).

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
Colonel Mathewson
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From: Allied Central Med Force
To: WAR 2219
ETOUSA, London No #

6 March 1944

From HQ ACMF to COSITINTREP addressees information 2 District pass 15 Air Force 3 District 1 District pass 7 Army. Number 2219. 062030A.

Part 1.
Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army Front.

In small patrol engagement at F899289 3 PWS 6 Company 309 Gr.

8th Army Front.

PW 1 COY 578 Gr taken near coast.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1 8th Army.

Weather deteriorated yesterday afternoon with heavy snow on high ground throughout area.

I CDN Corps.

Arty and mortars actvie both sides. Fighting patrols inflicted casualties on enemy.

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From: Allied Central Med Force
To: WAR 2219
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6 March 1944

8 Ind Div.

2 enemy Platoon attacks NE of Orsogna C2301 Dispersed with casualties.

II Polish Corps.

Heavy enemy shelling northeast of Rionero H1145.

Casualties as of 2nd March.

Killed	3167
Wounded	11337
Missing	2091
PW	3158

2. 5th Army

FEC. Increased enemy arty fire on Cerro Grosso G9831 and Vardito G9732 areas.

NZ Corps.

2 NZ Div. patrol.

End of 1st part. Part 2 follows.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S (Captain Royal USN), Colonel Mathewson, Log

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From: Allied Central Med Force
To: WAR 2219
ETOUSA, London No #

6 March 1944

2nd part of COSITINTREP number 241. From HQ ACMF number 2219. 062030A. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Clashes and sharp fighting in Cassino area. River has risen 3 feet during last few days.

X Corps. Patrols active.

88th Div.

Enemy attacked with about 1 Platoon outpost of 349 Inf on Damiano M8399 causing slight withdrawal after heavy arty and mortar fire.

Allied Bridgehead Force.

VI Corps.

Aggressive patrolling along entire front. Enemy shelling on a reduced scale.

CP changes.

88th Div.

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6 March 1944

Casualties as of 3rd March.

Main Front.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	PW
British:	2831	13981	4338	3218
French:	1275	6765	786	1186

Italian: No Change.

Bridgehead.

British:	987	4338	5071	

No American figures available.

Section 3. Air.

1. Heavy MT movement both ways was reported between Esperia G70 and Pontecorvo G71 at 1230 hours. Otherwise only light scattered movement was seen on 5th Army and VI Corps fronts and on roads radiating from Rome.

2. Bombline: No change.

Section 3 ends. End of 2nd and last part.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S (Captain Royal USN), Colonel Mathewson, Log

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FROM: CINCMED

RELEASED BY: 6 MARCH 1944

DATE: 0650

TOR CODEROOM: SCHUILING/MEYER

DECODED BY: TRUSSELL/SCHUILING

PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT

ROUTED BY:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: AIG 387 (SEE BELOW)

INFORMATION:

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 308:

(1) OPERATION SHINGLE. SHELLING OF PORT AND ANCHORAGE AT ANZIO CONTINUED ON 3RD MARCH AND 4TH MARCH, BUT WITH LESS INTENSITY AND NO SUCCESS. 1 HEAVY AIR RAID ON 3RD MARCH CAUSED NO DAMAGE. LITTLE AIR ACTIVITY SINCE THIS ATTACK. HEAVY SWELL CONTINUES TO IMPEDE UNLOADING.

(2) HMS MAURITIUS SHELLED ENEMY GUNS AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN ANZIO AREA ON 3RD MARCH. BOMBARDMENT REPORTED VERY EFFECTIVE.

(3) DD'S ENCOUNTERED NO SHIPPING DURING NIGHTLY PATROLS OFF VIS, PERIOD 1ST/2ND MARCH TO 3RD/4TH MARCH.

(4) HMS P-55 REPORTS OBTAINING HIT ON 4000-TON TANKER IN POSITION 39-31 N 23-18 E AT 0311 19TH FEBRUARY. RESULT UNOBSERVED DUE TO COUNTER ATTACK BY ESCORT.

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2 CAIQUES WERE SUNK BY GUNFIRE IN SAME AREA, 1 ON 22ND FEBRUARY AND OTHER ON 24TH FEBRUARY. 2 CAIQUES WERE SUNK BY GUNFIRE IN VICINITY CAPE DREPANO ON 25TH FEBRUARY.

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From: Algiers
To: War

Unnumbered, 6 March 1944

COSITINTREP number 237 part II signed Wilson cite FHRNA dated 062150A paraphrased by rearranging paragraphs by CRYPTO Freedom.

1. Still delayed by gale and heavy swell is unloading in Anzio. During enemy bombardment of port and anchorage anti-personnel shells were used without success.

2. Mined and sunk SS Daniel C French and SS Virginia Sare mined and damaged when convoy strayed into mined area off Tunis on March 6th.

3. During patrol off south coast of France HM submarine reports obtaining 1 hit on tanker off Cape Camarat on 27 Feb.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
~~Colonel Mathewson~~
Log

CM-IN-4251 (7 Mar 44) 0127Z med

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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: WAR 0 2205
ETOUSA London No #

5 March 1944

From Hq ACMF to COSITINTREP addressees. For Inf 2 District (Pass 15 Air Force) 3 District 1 District (Pass 7 Army) number 0 2205 TOO 052015. COSITINTREP No 240 to 1200 hrs 5th March.

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. Fifth Army Front. 11 PW taken in pocket at F 825305 including OC 5 Coy 10 Para Regt and OC 7 Coy 10 Para Regt. 12 PW from 2 Bn 146 Gr at F863294.

8th Army Front. NTR.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1st. 8th Army. 1 Cdn Corps. 1 Cdn Div HY enemy shelling on fwd posns night 4/5. Patrols made contact with enemy. 5th Cdn Armd Div. 11 Cdn Bde considerable enemy mortaring of fwd posns on left of sector. Own arty fired on Tollo-Canosa Road. 5th Cdn Armd Bde tanks carried out a successful shoot of cross roads 262152. 8 Ind Div. Increased enemy shelling. Patrols made no contact. 21 Ind Bde enemy strength 1 Coy made sustained attack on own posns at 240040 but repulsed. 6 Lancers own arty active. 2 Polish Corps. 3 Carp Div. 12 P Lancers patrol reached Pizzoferrato 1969. 1 Carp Bde fwd troops at Montenero H 0546 withdrawn.

2nd. Fifth Army. FEC. Little patrol activity. Bad weather hampering ops. Arty active both sides. Considerable

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: WAR 0 2205
ETOUSA London No #
5 March 1944

harassing fire in Portella.

(Part 1 Part 2 follows).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
Colonel Mathewson
Log

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. None 5 March 1944.

COSITINTREP Number 236 Part 2 signed Wilson cite FHRNA. COSITINTREP Number 235 not issued. Crypto Freedom paraphrase.

1. Little enemy activity in Anzio area on 3rd March and 4th March after one heavy raid AM 3rd March which caused no damage in port area. Unloading impeded by heavy swell. Shelling of port and anchorage continued but with decreased intensity.

2. Enemy guns and troop concentrations in Anzio area were effectively shelled by cruiser on 3rd March.

3. Destroyer patrols were maintained in Adriatic by night during period 1st March to 4th March but enemy was not encountered.

H M submarine reports obtaining 1 torpedo hit on 4000 ton tanker and sinking 4 caiques by gunfire during recent patrolling Northern Aegean.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CCS (Capt Royal, USN)
Col Mathewson, LOG

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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: ETOUSA, London No #
WAR 0 2205

5 March 1944

Second Part of COSITINTREP originators number 0 2205.

G 9024 and Cardito-Cerro Grosso G 9831 areas. NZ Corps. 4 Ind Div. Own arty fired on enemy movt west slopes point 593 G 8321.

2 NZ Div. Patrol activity. Intermittent shelling and mortaring by enemy. 78 Div. Patrols report loop of river area G 8712 is occupied. Heavy shelling and mortaring of areas G 8715 and 8714.

10 Corps. Increased enemy patrol activity but reduced arty fire. Patrol to Postanzo M 8602 found no enemy. 88 US Div took over comd 5th Div Sector WEF 051000A.

Night 4/5 350 RCT relieved 13 Bde.

2 Corps. NTR .

6 Corps. SSF patrols active both sides and contact made. 3 Div. 7 Inf report front completely restored.

British at F 993311 between front lines. Enemy launched small attack between 7 and 15 Inf repulsed by mortar and arty fire. 45 Div. 179 Inf Inter Bn reliefs in area F 895280. Enemy tanks at F 876295 fired on by.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CCS (Capt Royal, USN)
Col Mathewson, LOG

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URGENT

From: ACMF
To: WAR

Nr: 02205 5 March 1944

3rd and last of originators number 02205

Our arty. 1 br Div. partrol activity only PWS taken at F 859295 and 863294.

56 Div. Inter Bn reports enemy pocket area 825305 now clear 25 enemy killed 11 PW taken. Patrols 9 and 40 commandos area 840304, 893304 and 815313 U killed and wounded many enemy.

36 Engr, 54 (NTR).

Section 3 Air 1st NTR 2nd Bombline. No change. (Section 3 ends.)

Correction insert in preamble AFHQ please pass to C in C Med

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S (Captain Royal USN), ~~Colonel Matheweon~~, Log

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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: WAR No #
ETOUSA No #

4 March 1944

3d and last part of COSITINTREP No. 239 from Hq ACMF. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHKDI.

Inf G 8926.

11 Ind Bde G 9022.

349 RCT M 8495.

1 GDS Bde M 8899.

169 Bde F 8526.

168 Bde 8126.

Section 3. Air.

1st. Moderate movement both ways on all roads south and southeast of Rome was reported at midday. Otherwise NTR owing to weather.

2d. Bombline no change. Section 3 ends.

Correction to COSITINTREP No. 238 TPN 1200 hrs 3 March Casualties 5th Army main front British should read 4335.

ACTION: OPD No Sig

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S (Captain Royal USN), Colonel Mathewson, LOG

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To: WAR Unnumbered
ETOUSA London Unnumbered

04 March 1944

2nd part of COSITINTREP No 239 from HQ ACMF 3rd part follows.

5th Army. Fec general 17835. 2 Moroc Div enemy patrol to S. Croce at 032300 hours repulsed. Heavy harassing firm in vicinity Portella G 8924 at 030100 A Inter Bn reliefs carried out. Coy A 757 Tank Bn IH Corps reserve vicinity Venafro H0320. NZ Corps. Slight shelling and mortaringy 410 Corps. 46 Div patrol of 10 Bde made contact Costanzo G8502. 5(4) Div. 17 Bde relieved by 349 RCT 350(250) RCT now in assembly area under comd 10th Corps. 6 Corps. SSF. NTR. 3 Div counterattack by 1 Bn 7 Inf was last reported to be about 600 yds short of objective F992311. 45 Div generally quiet. 1 Div forward position from div boundary west along 29 north Ingto F8629 stream to 854300. 56 Div from last point to road junc 848297 - 846297-draw to 833304-827303-817304. Outpost established at 848305 and 852303. Small pocket of enemy vicinity 8230 cleaned up and 23 PW taken. 36 Eng. Some mortaring CP changes. 6 Moroc

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)
Col Mathewson
Log

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: London - ETOUSA No #
War 0.2195

4 March 1944

COSITINTREP No 239 to 1200 hours 4 March. 0.2195 042115A from Hq ACMF to COSITINTREP addressees (FREEDOM pass MAAF Algiers, information 2 District pass 15th Air Force, 3 District 1 District pass 7th Army.

Part 1. Section 1.

Intelligence.

5th Army Front. Identification by PWS (22).

Night 3/4. 7 Coy 8 Coy and Hq Coy Para Sturm Regt F8230. 8 Coy and 14 Coy 10 Para Regt F8330. 10 Coy 309 Gr F8929. Tentative identification from 1 PW 4 Coy Luftwaffe Field Regt 35 AT F8530.

8th Army Front. NTR.

Section 2.

Ground operations.

1. 8th Army. 1 Cdn Corps. Enemy counter battery fire on gun positions, 1 Cdn Div caused slight damage. 8

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To: London - ETOUSA
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Ind Div. Patrol 2 Para Bde to within 600 yards of Guardiagrele H1898 reported NMS. 2 Polish Corps. 1 Coy and Carrier Plat 1 Carp Bde now established in Montenero H0545. 13 Corps passed to Comd of 5th Army at 040001A.

Casualties as of March 1:

Killed	3166
Wounded	11330
Missing	2090
PW	3158

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Part 2 follows.

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CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
Admiral King
Colonel Mathewson
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: None, 4 March 1944

To WAR, Unity London, Fifth Army, Seventh Army, Eighth, 15 Army Group from CINC Med. This is a paraphrase by Crypto Freedom. This is COSITINTREP number 234 Part 2 signed Wilson cite FHRNA, COSITINTREP number 233 not issued.

1. Unloading in Anzio again delayed by weather on 1st March but weather improved on 2nd March.

2. No damage to port area shelling of Anzio anchorage continues to distance of 6-7 miles to sea. During air raid, night 29/1 March 2 enemy aircraft downed by fighters and 2 by antiaircraft.

3. Coastal forces also operated without incident off west coast Italy night 2/3 March. Enemy convoy of lighters, trawlers, and E-boats intercepted by PT boats south of Vada Rooke night 1/2 March. 2 torpedoes fired but results unachieved. Superficial damage to our craft from enemy gunfire.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S(CAPT. ~~ROYAL~~, USN)
COL. MATHEWSON
ADM. KING
LOG

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AIC 387 FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 307.

1. OPERATION SHINGLE. BAD WEATHER RESTRICTED UNLOADING 1ST MARCH BUT MODERATED 2ND MARCH.

2. 2 ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMED SHOT DOWN BY FIGHTER AND 2 BY A/A FIRE DURING AIR RAID NIGHT 29TH/1ST MARCH. NO DAMAGE TO NEXT AREA. SHELLING OF ANCHORAGE UP TO 6-7 MILES TO SEARCHED POSITIONS CONTINUES.

3. 4 PT BOATS INTERCEPTED 5 LIGHTERS, 4 E BOATS AND 2 TRAWLERS SOUTH OF VADA ROCKS NIGHT 1ST/2ND MARCH

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2 TORPEDOES FIRED RESULT UNOBSERVED ENEMY FIRE CAUSED SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTY. COASTAL FORCE ALSO OPERATED BETWEEN PIOMBINO AND VADA ROCKS WITHOUT INCIDENT NIGHT 2ND/3RD MARCH.

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8TH FLEET SUMMARY WEEK ENDING 022400. CL. PHILADELPHIA NAPLES-ANZIO AREA GUNFIRE SUPPORT. 27 FEBRUARY CARRIED OUT 7 SHOOTS 407 ROUNDS AGAINST GERMAN ARTILLERY POSITIONS. GOOD RESULTS. BROOKLYN STANDBY AT PALERMO. DD. MAYO UNDER REPAIRS NAPLES. EXPECT RETURN US IN GUS33 TOWED BY USS CHEROKEE. KENDRICK AND MACKENZIE REPORTED FOR DUTY ARRIVED ORAN 2ND. ERICSSON TRAINING EXERCISES WITH ITALIAN SUB 29TH. CDD 14 SHIFTED PENNANT FROM HUGHES TO MADISON ON MARCH 1 TO REMAIN IN ANZIO AREA. DE. NAPLES-ANZIO AREA AS JAMMINGSHIPS. EXPECT RELIEVE BY DD ABOUT 11TH. AMS. STEADY TO ANZIO FOR DUTY. MILOT TO PALERMO FOR

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CONVOY RA 57 DEPARTED KOLA INLET FOR UK MARCH 2.
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10 BRITISH: EMPIRE PICKWICK, FORT SLAVE, EMPIRE PLOUGHMAN, FORT CREVECOEUR, FORT NORFOLK, EMPIRE TOURIST, CRANESHIP EMPIRE BARD, TANKERS SANADOLFO, SANCIRILO, SAN AMBROSIO.
21 US: PHILIP LIVINGSTONE, THORSTEIN VEBLIN, WILLIAM TYLER PAGE, RICHARD H ALVEY, CHARLES SCRIBNER, WOODBRIDGE N FERRIS, EDWIN L DRAKE, BERNARD N BAKER, JOHN H B LATROBE, PAUL HAMILTON HAYNE, EDWARD L GRANT, WILLARD HALL, SAMUEL MCINTYRE, CHARLES A MCALLISTER, WINIFRED L SMITH, ROBERT LOWRY, HENRY WYNKOOP, ABNER NASH, HENRY DACON, ALBERT C RITCHIE, JOHN LAFARGE, 1 DUTCH AERT VAN DER

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OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To : War

Nr : W-4217/59665 3rd March 1944

Paraphrase by Crypto Freedom, action for Troopers, AGWAR, info Mideast, SHAEF, Fairbanks, FAKIR, PENBASE for Cave, FARGO for Gen. MacFarlane from G2 Freedom signed Wilson cite FHGBI.

G-2 summary.

1. No special summary yesterday.

2. Eighth Army. No enemy activity of note.

3. Fifth Army. Enemy situation quiet generally but their artillery continues to shell Monte Ornito (G8503) and Cerasola (Cerarola) (G8504) in lower Garigliano. 146th Infantry Regiment (65th Infantry Division) formerly on 8th Army front now identified Cassino sector. Prisoners state whole regiment present. Suggest therefore one Parachute Division and 146th Infantry Regiment now complete in Monte Cairo area exchanging with 90 PG Division not recently identified and believed in need of rest and quiet period after recent heavy casualties. Prisoner from 115th Tank Battalion (15th PG Division) states unit dissolved, tanks going to Hermarn Goering Division and all surplus personnel being drafted as Infantry.

4. VI Corps. Enemy main offensive not resumed. Several small local attacks along main front all repulsed. Continued movement enemy tanks in area Cisterna. After short regrouping possibility resumption of attack not to be excluded but appreciate results of fighting on February 29th and March 1st heavy rebuff for enemy. Consider casualties

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incurred hardly justifies efforts expended, he has now pulled back to original starting line. Recent prisoners state former offensive of 16th and 19th of February much boosted before it took place. Units told that for first time secret weapons to be used. These merely proved to be Minenhunde already known in Russia. Apparently unsuccessful use and 14 destroyed by Allied artillery it's reported.

radio controlled tanks

Recently identified unit is 51st Infantry Regiment. Prisoners state left Silesia 23rd January. Consider probably depot units concerned and unlikely genuine 51 PGR of 18 PG Division.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)
Col Mathewson
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From: Allied Central Med Force
To: ETOUSA London Unnumbered
WAR Unnumbered

3rd March 1944

Fec. 351 RCT reported on Mt Castellole area G8322. 2 Dim. Inter Bn reliefs and regrouping, no infantry activity due to weather. NZ Corps. Fwd areas received mortar and shell fire. Own arty fired counter-battery.

10th Corps. Generally quiet except for sharp shelling 10 Bde early morning 3rd March. Normal patrolling. 349 RCT took comd. 17 Bde sector 030600A. Allied bridgehead force. Heavy air effort 2nd March, was effective according to ground troops. 3 SFF considerable enemy tank and motor Movement east of Birgo Sabotino 00114. 504 RCT. Consolidating Posns. 3rd Division. Enemy attack with tanks and Inf developed 021800A against 15 Inf down road Cisterna toward Gonca F9723. Arty placed on them and situation believed in hand.

7th Infantry. Consolidated Posns. Enemy tanks vicinity * and * fired on by arty. One Div NTR. 56 Div. Small enemy attack on 2/6 Queens beaten off. Infiltration behind coy. 9th Infantry being dealt with. 9 and 40 commandos assembling area F8321. 36 Engrs. NTR. Correction. In first part after maintained contact with read "Enemy 8 Ind Div Active patrolling and clashes. Enemy" Part 2 ends, Part 3 follows.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF CC/S(CAPT. ROYAL, USN)
COL. MATHEWSON LOG

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: WAR 0.2187
ETOUSA London No Number

3 March 1944

HQ ACMF to COSITINTREP addressees rptd 2 Dist (pass 15th Air Force) 3 Dist, 1 Dist (pass 7th Army) No. 0.2187. COSITINTREP No. 238 to 1200 hours 3rd March.

Part 1 begins.

Section 1. Intelligence.

Fifth Army front.

1 Coy 129 PGR identified by PWS area F9730. PWS Para Medical Unit captured in patrol clash area G868159 say they were attached to 5 Coy 1 Para Regt which is holding positions left of point 445 G845211.

Eighth Army front.

4 PWS reported from 305 Recce Unit area Fallascoso H2077. Identification not yet confirmed.

Corrigendum. Reference this section COSITINTREP number 237 dated 2nd March PW 11 Coy 146 Gr was taken at F8629 and not as then stated.

Section 2. Ground ops.

First. Eighth Army.

1 Cdn Corps. 1 Cdn Div. Patrols active.

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5 Cdn Div. Patrols maintained contact with enemy estimated coy strength attacked fwd positions area Fallasroso H2078. Attack repulsed.

2 Polish Corps. Quiet night with local patrols only.

Casualties 8th Army as of 29th February.

KILLED	WOUNDED	MISSING
3,154	11,322	2,086

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3,157

Second. Fifth Army.

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Part 3 COSITINTREP No. O-2187 from ACMF. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Casualties Fifth Army as of 29 Feb. Main front.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing
American:	3881	16977	5886
British:	2810	13904	4435
French:	1264	6681	785
Italian:	No change		

	PW
By American:	4116
By British:	3169.

Allied Bridgehead Force.

American:	1399	5272	4104
British:	925	4036	4874

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By American:	1872
By British	1235

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Section 3.

Air.

First. Night bombers reported fairly concentrated mvt south on road Civita Castellana A61 to Rome during early evening and steady mvt south from Velletri F94 to Cisterna G03. During the day Tac/R reported roads SE from Rome very busy at 0900 hrs and heavy scattered traffic both ways between F9546 and F9249 at 1200 hrs. There were reports from fighter bombers of much Mt on secondary rds in squares F96 and G06 and much movement south on roads Avezzano G58 Sora G64 and Arsoli G18 and Frosinone G43.

Second. Bombline no change.

Section 3 ends. Last part.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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SITUATION REPORT 346

(1) MV 292120 PARAGRAPH 4 EUGENIO DI SAVOIA REACH AUGUSTA UNDER HER OWN POWER

(2) OPERATION SHINGLE WEATHER IMPROVED ON 29TH FEB BUT SHELLING INCREASED IN INTENSITY AND ACCURACY. 2 A/P SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES WHILE UNLOADING.

(3) FRENCH CRUISER LE MALIN AND LE TERRIBLE DURING THE NIGHT 28TH/1ST REPORT SINKING CONVOY OF 2 MERCHANT SHIPS 1 ESCORT VESSEL AND 2 E-BOATS IN POSITION 44-2[illegible] NORTH 14-3[illegible] EAST DURING 23 MINUTE ENGAGEMENT. FRENCH SHIPS SUFFERED NEITHER DAMAGE OR CASUALTY DESTROYER PATROL OFF VENTORA IN SOUTHERN ADRIATIC DURING THE NIGHT 26TH/29TH AND 29TH/1ST MARCH BLANK.

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2600 tons French DDs

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SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Number W 4219, 3 March 1944

From Freedom from Hull signed Devers to AGWAR for Handy. BIGOT ANVIL.

Have just returned to Algiers from Italy and the Beachhead where on March 2d I saw Truscott, Eveleigh the British Deputy, Eagles, and O'Daniel who now commands the 3d Division. The German main effort struck the 3d and 45th Divisions. After a slight penetration into its lines the 3d Division regained its original position by counterattack. The enemy succeeded in driving a salient into the 45th Division and its front now is like the letter L, the rearmost part of which runs along the original Beachhead line. There is no question as to the security of the Beachhead although the enemy can reach any part of the area with his artillery. The confidence of everyone I saw is of the highest. Truscott thinks the enemy may not continue further attacks. Our air, including heavy bombers, was able to operate in direct support of the Beachhead on March 2d, but I do not know the results. Although confident he can hold what he has, Truscott does not consider * facing him. Soggy condition of the ground prevents our use of tanks at present except on roads. The enemy, however, with slightly better terrain was able to employ tanks in his attack against the 3d Division.

The British 5th Division will arrive in the Beachhead within the next few days to relieve the 56th which has suffered severely and must come out of the line for rest. I am informed that the 5th is in good shape. That reinforcement should be sufficient to permit readjustment necessary to straighten out the salient on the 45th Division front.

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It will still not be enough in either Clark's or Truscott's opinion for Truscott to pass to the offensive. In their view, one or two additional divisions will be required. Clark wants to move the 34th and 85th Divisions to the Beachhead. Shipping for these movements is the bottleneck and completion of the movement of these two divisions prior to April 1 is questionable. They will have to land over the beach. The effect on ANVIL of the time required to resolve the campaign in Italy is evident.

On the main front the New Zealand Corps will attack the first day weather permits the heavy bombers to support its attack by a full scale air bombardment of Cassino. If this goes according to plan the attack should succeed, but I do not look for a breakthrough. The terrain lends itself to a defense in depth and if the German has the reserves, he can limit the penetration.

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ACTION: Gen Handy

INFORMATION: Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold
Log

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From: Caserta Italy.
To: WAR

No. WZ 275 3 March 1944.

To Arnold direct, to Spaatz rpt to Portal, to Timberlake from Eaker CS 197 IE, PT 169 IE.

Report of operations ending 1800 hours 2 March. Strategic bombed targets in Anzio beachhead. Tactical attacked targets in Anzio sector, in central and east Italy and in Yugoslavia. Coastal attacked trains and motor trucks along Dalmatian coast and shipping near Corfu. Photo Wing covered targets in northern Italy and Yugoslavia and along the Dalmatian coast. Strategic details:

During night 1/2 March, 15 Wellingtons dropped 35 tons on Velletri Lanuvia and Pecchina Lanuvia roads. Three Wellingtons attacked targets of opportunity. No encounters or losses.

During day 2 March, 201 B24's and 96 B17's escorted by 113 P38's and 63 P47's dropped 391 tons of frags on troop concentrations and roads in Carroceto, Cisterna and Velletri area. No E/A encountered. Moderate accurate heavy flak. Four P38's flew weather and photo missions. Tactical details:

No operations on night 1/2 March .

During day 2 March, 200 Spits, 91 P40's and 10 P51's flew beachhead patrols and escorts. One seven four P40's, 24 A36's, 11 B26's, 42 B25's, 47 A20's and 24 Baltimores bombed gun positions troop and RR targets in beachhead area, including Campoleone and Carrocetto stations. Two three Spits and 12 P47's attacked M/T and shipping along Yugoslavian coasts. One one P40's attacked shipping and dock installations

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From: Caserta Italy. Page-2-
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at Ancona. Coastal details: Patrols in Corfu area destroyed 1 E boat and 1 M/V. Straffed trains along Dalmatian coast destroying 4 locomotives also 20 motor trucks destroyed. Flew submarine hunts and airsea rescue missions south of Rome. Photo wing details: Covered communications targets and airdromes in northern Italy and Yugoslavia, ports along the Dalmatian coast and coastal strips between Genoa and Spezia.

Summary of sorties: Strategic: 315 bombers 176 fighters, 3 recons. Tactical: 57 Wing 42, 42 Wing 88, XII ASC 442. DAF 311. Coastal: 192. Photo Wing 6. Total 1675. Claims: Nil. Missing 1 B17, 1 B24, 1 B26, 2 Spits, 3 P40's, 1 Baltimore, 1 A20. Advise time message received.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
Colonel Mathewson
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CM-IN-1876 (3 Mar 44) 1327Z med

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From: Allied Central Med. Force
To : War - 0.2176
ETOUSA - No #

2nd March 1944

March 022035 from HQ ACMF to action COSITINTREP addressees info 2 District (pass 15th Air Force) 3 District (pass 5th Corps) 1 District (pass 7th Army) 0.2176 signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI. COSITINTREP No 237 to 1200 hrs.

2nd March. Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army Front. In bridgehead officer PW 29 Pgr on SSF front. Comment, suggest treat with reserve. PW 11 Coy 146 Gr area G8629.

8th Army Front. One PW 5 Coy 477 Gr area C2712.

Section 2. Ground operations.

First. 8th Army. Patrol activity on whole front. Our arty started three fires in Tollo. 8th Ind Div under direct comd 8th Army WEF 021100A. 2nd Para Bde posn estd at Pt 562 H182943 H582943. 2nd Polish Corps patrol and arty activity both sides. 12th P Lancers Sqn estd at Colledimezzo 3178 with outpost Montefirrante 3272. Snow hampers rd comms.

Second. 5th Army. FEC. Hq 8th Rtm relieved by Hq 4 Rtt. 1/8 Rtm relieved by 1/4 Rtt, 2/8 Rtm relieved by 1/7 Rta. 2nd Corps. 36th Div. in rest area Alife.

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34th Div trg in Alife.

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2nd March 1944

Part 2 of COSITINTREP 0.2176 TOO 022035 TRUE THI 022115.

Area. NZ Corps. NTR.

10th Corps. One Gds Bde relieved 138th Bde.

349th Rct. of 88 Div now under comd. Active patrolling whole front slight enemy shelling reported. Allied bridgehead force general inter-bn reliefs. SSF, intermittent enemy arty fire considerable enemy veh movement reported between Littoria and Borgoupiave. A patrol broke up an enemy coy attack and killed or captured entire force on 1st Mar.

3rd Div has reestablished its front as previous to recent enemy attack and is now due in. Active patrolling with small clashes is being carried out.

45th Div. fairly quiet with some enemy arty fire active patrolling. One Br Div enemy bombing caused some damage and blocked rds. Small attack on Foresters beaten off. Own arty harassing enemy.

56th Br Div. fairly quiet with small local attacks and patrol clashes.

36th Engrs, enemy mortar fire brought down on right fwd tps.

CM-IN-1506 (3 Mar 44)

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To : War - 0.2176
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Casualties as of 28th Feb.

	KILLED	MISSING	WOUNDED
Eighth Army	3151	2086	11302
Fifth Army main front,			
American	3875	5883	16947
British	2805	4335	13867
French	1256		

(Part 3 and last follows)

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Part 3 and last of COSITINTREP 0.2176 TOO 022035 true THI 022115.

Wounded 6623
Missing 785

Italian no change.

PW as of 28 February:

8th Army	3156
5th Army	
American	4116
British	3166
French	1180
Italian	no change.

Allied Bridgehead Force

American	
Killed	1361
Wounded	5067
Missing	4100
British	
Killed	904
Wounded	3940
Missing	4833

CM-IN-1499 (3 Mar 44)

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London - ETOUSA No #
2 March 1944

PW.

American	1609
British	1235

Section 3. Air.

1. Considerable scattered MT activity was observed throughout the day on all roads in the Rome area. A general increase in the number of trucks in marshalling yards in this area was also noted.

2. Bombline. No change.

Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CCS (Capt Royal, USN)
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OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Hq MAAF
To: War

No. WR 301, 2 March 1944

Part 3(4) Air COSITINTREP NR 236 March 1st signed Wilson cite FHGCT FHBBI AFHQ AGWAR Troopers USFOR Mideast ACNF Commandeth Gibraltar CINC Med Algiers FLAMBO, Fifth Army, Seventh Army, Eighth Army SHEAF MA Strategic AF MA Tac AF MA Coastal AF MA Troop Carrier Command MA Air Service Command 10 Signals Centre please pass MMM FATIMA 11 Signals Centre please pass 62nd Fighter Wing, 63 Fighter Wing, 242nd Group ACHQ Gibraltar from Air Commander in Chief Mediterranean. Ref No. WR 301.

2nd March. All Strategic Missions were cancelled and other operations were restricted due to weather conditions.

Strategic Air Force did not operate due to adverse weather. 1 photo recce and 2 weather recces were flown over Central and Northern Italy.

Tactical Air Force. Night February 29 March 1. Albano and RR targets south of Rome were attacked by 7 Bostons. Beaufighters flew 7 patrols on the Anzio area and report 1 JU88 destroyed and 1 damaged.

Day March 1. Weather and anti-shipping recces were flown along Italian and Yugoslavian coasts by 26 Spitfires who report 1 schooner sunk and 61 small craft damaged.

CM-IN-1333 (2 Mar 44)

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To: War

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End of Part 1, Part 2 and final to follow.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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CC/S Capt. Royal, USN
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Number 0.2132, 2 March 1944

COSITINTREP nr 323 part II signed Wilson cite FHRNA paraphrased by Crypto Freedom.

1: COSITINTREP nr 231 para 4. Augusta reached by cruiser under her own power.

2: During increased shelling of Anzio port 2 LST's were hit while unloading and suffered some damage and casualties. Weather in Anzio area showed improvement on 29th February.

3: During short engagement Contre Torpilleurs Le Malin and Le Terrible sank convoy of 2 M/V's, 1 escort vessel and 2 E Boats which they encountered in 44 degrees 20 minutes North, 14 degrees 30 minutes East at 2200 on the 29th of February. No damage suffered by French ships. Destroyer patrols off Vis and in southern Adriatic nights of 28/29 and 29/01 March sighted nothing.

South of Pola (Adriatic Sea)

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CCS (Capt Royal, USN)
White House
Adm King
Log

CM-IN-1408 (2 Mar 44) 2215Z mcs

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To: WAR
ETOUSA London

COSITINTREP 235
No#

1 March 1944.

ACME. 3rd and last part of COSITINTREP No 235 from Hq

Supplementary copy, corrections follows.

Page 1, line 18.

PW. By American (4116).

Page 2, line 1.

British. Killed 868 Wounded 3800 Missing 4682.

Page 2,line 17.

F7533-8433-8432-8632-8630-9030-9033-00033-0628-0313.

No Sig.

Supplement to CM-IN-246 (1 Mar 44)OPD
ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S Capt. Royal USN), White House

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From: Allied Central Med Force.
To: WAR
ETOUSA London

COSITINTREP 236
No#

1 March 1944.

2nd part of COSITINTREP No 236 from ACMF March 012100.

Area C 2918 and this morning at Tollo C 2615 Cp changes. 3 Carp Div H 2732. Casualties 8th Army as of 27 Feb. Killed 3149 wounded 11280 missing 2085. PW 3156. 2nd. 5th Army. FEO. Rapido River out of banks between Olivetta H 8725 and Villa H 8623. Some light enemy art. fire in both div sectors. NZ Corps Ntr. 10 Corps. Active patrolling. Battalion reliefs. 349 RCT of 88 div started movement to 10 Corps Area. Allied bridgehead force. 6 Corps. SSF. Considerable activity on front but no attacks. 3 Div. Enemy attacked early morning 29 Feb with main effort against 509 Para Bn. Estimated 2 or 3 Bns in this sector attacking on 1000 yard front. Some penetration. At last night 1 Bn 30 Inf counter attacked to northeast. Last reports indicate good progress with advance of 1000 yards to line F 9431-9530. Remainder of 3 Div positions firmly held under steady pressure. 1 British Div. Marked increase in shelling on entire frontline 56. British div sector quiet. 36 Eng sector quiet Cp changes. 7 Alg Inf H 1429. 78 Div.

(3rd part follows).

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-844 (2 Mar 44) OPD
ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CC/S (Capt Royal, USN)
CM-IN-1187 (2 Mar 44) 1537Z ejv

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U R G E N T

From: Allied Central Mediterranean Force
To: WAR

No. 0 2165 1 March 1944

2nd Part of COSITINTREP No 235 from ACMF March 012100.

Area C 2018 this morning at Tollo C 2615. CP changes, 3 Carp Div H 2732.

Casualties 8th Army as of 27 Feb.

Killed	3149
Wounded	11280
Missing	2085
PW	3156

16174

2nd. Fifth Army. FEC. Rapido River out of banks between Olivetta H 8725 and Villa H 8623. Some light enemy arty fire in both div sectors. * Corps NTR.

10 Corps. Active patrolling. Battalion reliefs. 349 RCT of 88 Div started movement to 10 Corps area. Allied bridgehead force. (6 Corps) SSF. Considerable activity on front but no attacks. 3 Div. Enemy attacked early morning 29 Feb with main effort against 509 Para Bn. Estimated 2 or 3 Bns in this sector attacking on 1000 yard front. Some penetration. At last night 1 Bn 30 Inf counter attacked to northeast. Last reports indicate good progress with advance of 1000 yards to line F 9431-9530. Remainder of 3 Div positions firmly held under steady pressure. 1 British Div. Marked increase in shelling on entire frontline. 56 British Div Sector quiet. 36 Eng Sector quiet.

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To: WAR
No. 0 2165 1 March 1944

CP changes. 7 Alg Inf H 1429. 78 Div.

(Third part follows).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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CM-IN-844 (2 Mar 44) 0300Z mcs

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To : War

No. O 2165, 1 March 1944

Third and last cipher part of COSITINTREP no 236 from ACMF March 012100. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Main front. American. Rear G 9811. 18 BDE F 8621. Casualties 5th Army to 27 Feb.

	Killed	3862
	Wounded	16925
	Missing	5874
British:		
	Killed	2787
	Wounded	13821
	Missing	4329.
French:		
	Killed	1252
	Wounded	6590
	Missing	785

CM-IN-802 (2 Mar 44)

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To : War
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Italian:

Killed	166
Wounded	361
Missing	441.

PW no change. Beachhead.

American:

Killed	1341
Wounded	5016
Missing	4100

British:

Killed	883
Wounded	3858
Missing	4729.

PW by American 1603.
British 1229.

Section 3.

Air. First. NTR. Second. Bombline. 8th Army and 5th Army no change. 6 Corps 291920 A. F 7533-8433-8432-8632-8630-9030-9033-9733-G 0628-0313. Section 3 ends.

ACTION: OPD No Sig.
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CCS (Capt Royal, USN), White House, Log

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W4057/58801 1 March 1944

2nd Part of Freedom G2 summary W4057/58801 TOO 011815A.

Small unsuccessful probing attacks on Allied Eastern flank. 715th Infantry Division identified. Enemy made initial penetration on main front but Allied counterattack at dusk regained ground some enemy digging in at F 9530. Heavy enemy shelling of Anzio but damage there slight.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
CG/S(CAPT. ROYAL, USN)
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CM-IN-894 (2 Mar 44) 0416Z cng

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 4057/58801, 1 March 1944

Troopers AGWAR rptd Mideast FAIP BANKO FAKIR FARGO for Gen MacFarlane SHAEF PENBASE for CAVE from Freedom signed Wilson cite FHGBI W 4057/58801 1st 1815. G2 summary.

1. No special summary since 26 February.

2. Eight Army. Enemy artillery and mortars active yesterday.

3. Five Army main front. Some increase enemy patrolling and shelling in French sector where sudden rise of Rapido River causing some anxiety retarding maintenance communications. Central sector quiet. Enemy continues heavy shelling of Monte Ornito G8603 in lower Gariglianos Area.

4. VI Corps. Enemy opened offensive early yesterday and attack developed all along front between 93 and 03 Eastings. Enemy employed initially 362 Infantry and Herman Goering Panzer Divisions and elements 114 Light Division. Enemy committed tanks later in day employing a reported 50. Further tanks seen in Cisterna Area moving south. Consider 26 Panzer Division and possibly 3 or 29 Panzer Grenadier Division supporting present operation. Enemy made (End of first part. Second part follows.)

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INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF
CC/S (Capt Royal USN)
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CM-IN-959 (2 Mar 44) 0649Z bjm

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From: Allied Central Mediterranean Forces
To: ~~STOUSA~~ No #
WAR 0 2165

1 March 1944

From Hq ACMF March 012100 to COSITINTREP addressees info 2 District (pass 15 Air Force) 3 District (pass 5 Corps) 1 District (pass 7 Army) Number 0 2165. COSITINTREP No. 236 to 1200 hrs 1 March. Freedom pass C in C Med Algiers.

Part 1 begins.

Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army front. 954 IR identified by 56 PW area R 970315. PW 813 Engr Coy states unit formed to operate Minenhunde propelled mines against beachhead and that 811 Eng Coy similarly equipped is operating on Cassino front.

8th Army front. PWS 3 Coy 305 Eng Bn H 145975. Other Coys stated to be area Palena H 1075 and Roccapia G 9870. PW 1 Bn 754 Gr north of Orsogna. PW 576 Gr states 2 Bn area extends Arareccа H0656 to Scontrone and 1 Bn south of this. All arty of 305 Div has moved north and 576 Gr supported by troop of Mountain R's.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army. Patrols in contact with enemy along entire front. Large fires seen last night (2d part follows)

ACTION: OPD No Sig

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CCS (Capt Royal, USN), White House, Log

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

Unnumbered 1st March 1944

COSITINTREP number 231 part 2 signed Wilson cite Farna. COSITINTREP number 230 not issued.

Unloading at Anzio was delayed in 27th Feb by bad weather. In spite of swell which persisted on 28th Feb discharge was 4000 tons. Slight enemy air activity on 27th Feb when 1 LST was damaged by near miss. Intermittent shelling of port continues.

During night 27/28 Feb 6 destroyers patrolled off Vis and 2 French contre torpilleurs in shipping route outside the Dalmation Islands. No enemy was encountered by these forces or by coastal forces operating in Kurcula channel.

A U-boat was again present in eastern Mediterranean. One schooner was reported sunk off Palestinian coast on 27th Feb and 1 tanker PM 29th Feb.
Italian cruiser reported being mined off south coast of Italy PM 29th Feb. Ship is proceeding to Augusta.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S (Capt. Royal, USN)
~~Admiral King~~
White House
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From: Allied Central Med. Force
To : War - No #
ETOUSA - No #

1st March 1944

Second part of COSITINTREP No 235 from HQ ACMF.

2083. FW 3155.

Second. Fifth Army.

FEC. NTR.

2nd Corps. NTR.

NZ Corps. 4th Ind Div. Enemy infiltration during 27/28 Feb. cleared up. Situation restored by first light 28th Feb.

2nd NZ Div. Div Cav Regt relieved forward Bn 5th NZ Bde. Our arty shelled enemy vehicle movement on highway 6.

78th Div. Shelling and mortaring of sector forced RE parties to cease work area G8715.

10 Corps. Enemy arty continues to be grave.

46th Div. 138 Bde repulsed a small attack area M. Ornito G8603 last night, 28th Feb.

10th Bde has started to relieve 128th Bde.

46th Recce have been relieved in the northern sector by KDG and attached troops.

CM-IN-127 (1 Mar 44)

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From: Allied Central Med. Force
To : War - No #
ETOUSA - No #
1st March 1944

5th Div. Our arty engaged the enemy in the Castelforte area G8500.

6th Corps. The enemy is again becoming active.

SSF. NTR.

3rd Div. NTR.

45th Div. 3 Bn 180 Inf repulsed two strong enemy patrols.

Probably 1st ~~71st~~ Br Div. Our arty broke up determined attack by 50 enemy on forward position 2 Foresters area F8530 inflicting heavy casualties.

Probably 1st ~~71st~~ Armd Div. 3 Coys tanks of 1st Armd Regt have been placed in the line in indirect fire positions.

56th Div. 168th Bde. 10 Roberts stood

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February 29, 1944

FROM: A. F. H. Q.

TO: BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

INFO: J. S. M. FOR JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Number MEDCOS 47

1. General Alexander has just submitted the following report on the tactical and maintenance position at Anzio. 2700 tons per day is revised estimate daily maintenance requirements of troops in Anzio Beachhead at present. Daily averages have been slightly more than 3,000 tons per day but C.-in-C. Med. is unable to assure a higher average discharge than the 2,500 tons per day previously asked for. Adequate reserves for defence security are not at Anzio at present. It is essential that these reserves be increased to the point where we can take the offensive and gain the extra ground required to secure the beachhead.

2. General Alexander has now made the following recommendations:

It is necessary that one tired division be relieved immediately by a fresh one in order to prevent collapse of the Beachhead. One extra division must be put into the Beachhead in order to assure a successful offensive to clear port of gunfire. This programme probably will require an average daily discharge of 3,200 tons per day for maintenance plus 800 tons per day to build up reserves, total 4,000 tons per day plus additional craft lifts, for the troop movements described above. 39 LST lifts during last two weeks of March will be necessary to put in the extra divisions alone and the higher rate of discharge of 4,000 tons per day should start ten days before the extra division goes in to obtain the necessary improvement in the present weak reserve position.

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3. To meet the programme outlined above will require every available shipping resource. I shall have the entire matter studied in detail but in the meantime consider it essential that permission be granted by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to retain in this theatre until MKS 43 the 13 LSTs scheduled to leave Naples for UK 29 February. I am directing that they be retained for 24 hours pending your decision which should reach this headquarters by 291700A February.

T. O. O. 290642

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INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold
Adm King
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From: Allied Central Med Force
To: WAR Unnumbered
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29th February 1944

3rd and last part of COSITINTREP No 235 from HQ ACMF signed Wilson cite FNGBI.

Firm against enemy attack yesterday. Bn now much depleted in strength. 306 Engrs. Arty dispersed strong patrol approaching our defensive wire.

Casualties as of 26th Feb. Main front.

American. killed 3861
wounded 16906
missing 5874.

British. killed 2771
wounded 13746
missing 4329.

French. killed 1252
wounded 6574
missing 785.

Italian. no change.

PW.
By American *
By British 3166
By French 0177
By Italian 9.

Beachhead.
American. killed 1228
wounded 4930
missing 4054

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From: Allied Central Med Force
To: War unnumbered
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29th February 1944

British killed 868
wounded 2800
missing 4682.

PW.
By American 1586
By British 1229.

Section 3.

First. Tac/R reported 50 mt and general movement mainly east between F7665 and Kalestrina G0860 at 1500 hrs. There were reports of considerable activity on the immediate 6 Corps front including 25 tanks at G0031 20 tanks and 30 mt moving south from Velletri F94 to G0035 and 10 tanks moving south at F9935 and G0034 at 1510 hrs. On other sectors very little movement was seen and visibility was very poor.

Second. Bombline. 8th Army and 5th Army no change. 6th Corps 291125A. ****

Section 3 ends.

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To : War

No. 0.2145 29th February 1944

0.2145 292130A from Hq ACMF to COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass C in C Med and MAAF Algiers info 12th Air Force 2 district 3 district pass Five Corps.

COSITINTREP no 235 to 1200 hrs 29th Feb. Part 1 begins.

Section 1. Intelligence.

5th Army front. 1 Coy 22 GAF Eng Bn identified by PW area F8530.

8th Army front. PW 67 Coy 576 Inf Regt area alfadena H14.

Section 2. Ground operations.

First. Eighth Army. Enemy Arty and mortars active over the whole front. Our Arty active in reply. Our patrols maintained contact with the enemy.

1 Cdn Corps. 1 Cdn Div. 1 Cdn Bde completed relief of 2 Cdn Bde.

13 Corps. 8 Ind Div. 6 Launcers report Colledimacine H1678 clear of enemy but contact made to southwest.

2 Polish Corps. Bad weather hampers patrols. Pizzoferrato H2069 reported clear of enemy.

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To : War

No. 0.2145 29th February 1944

Hq changes. 11 Cdn Bde C3010. 1 Cdn Armd Bde C3102. 17 Ind Bde C3008. 19 Ind Bde H2999. 21 Ind Bde C2903.

Casualties as of 26th Feb:

Killed 3144 wounded 1126 missing.

End of first part, part 2 follows.

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From: Allied Central Med Force (US Contingent)
To: WAR

No. 0.2145, 29 February, 1944.

0.2145 292130A from HQ ACMF to COSITINTREP addressees Freedom pass C in C Med and MAAF Algiers info 12 Air Force 2 District 3 District pass 5th Corps.

COSITINTREP No. 235 to 1200 hrs 29 Feb. Part 1 begins. Section 1.

Intelligence. 5th Army front. 1 Coy 22 GAF Eng Bn identified by PW area F8530. 8 Army front. PW 67 Coy 576 Inf Regt area Alfadena *.

Section 2.

Ground operations. First. 8th Army. Enemy arty and mortars active over the whole front. Our arty active in reply. Our patrols maintained contact with the enemy. 1 Cdn Corps. 1 Cdn Divn 1 Cdn Bde completed relief of 2 Cdn Bde. 13 Corps. 8 Ind Div. 6 Lancers report * H1678 clear of enemy but contact made to southwest. 2 Polish Corps. Bad weather hampers patrols. Pizzoferrato H2069 reported clear of enemy. Hq changes. 11 Cdn Bde C3010 1 Cdn Armd Bde C3102. 17 Ind Bde C3008. 19 Ind Bde H2999. 21 Ind Bde C2903. Casualties as of 26 Feb, killed 3144, wounded 11264 missing. (End of lst part, part 2 follows.)

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From: Allied Central Med Forces
To: WAR

No. Unnumbered, 29 February, 1944.

Third and last cipher part of COSITINTREP NI 235 from HQ ACMF. Signed Wilson cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Firm against enemy attack yesterday. Bn now much depleted in strength. 306 Engrs. Arty dispersed strong patrol approaching our defensive wire.

Casualties as of 26 Feb.

Main Front.

American, killed 3861, wounded 16906, missing 5874.
British, killed 2771, wounded 13746, missing 4329,
French, killed 1252, wounded 6754, missing 785.
Italian, no change.

PW. By American 4116. By British 3166. By French 1177, By Italian 9.

Beachhead.

American, killed 1228, wounded 4930, missing *
British, killed 868, wounded 3800, missing 4682.

PW. By American 1586. By British *.

Section 3. Air. 1st. TAC/R reported 50 MT and general movement mainly east between F7665 and Palestrina G0860 at 1500 hrs. There were reports of considerable activity on the immediate 6th Corps front including 25 tanks

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at G0031, 20 tanks and 30 MT moving south from Velletri F94 to G0035 and 10 tanks moving south at F9935 and G0034 at 1510 hrs. On other sectors very little movement was seen and visibility was very poor.

2nd. Bombline. 8th Army and 5th Army no change. 6th Corps 291125A. F7533-8433-8432-8632-8630-9030-9033-G0033-0628-0313. Section 3 ends.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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To: Joint Staff Mission

From: War Cabinet Offices

Dated: 26th February 1944

BIGOT

OZ 1237

Reference MEDCOS 60. Following is text of JCS 224.

BEGINS.
90 gallon drop tanks for Spitfires.

1. Signals you quote were correct according to information available at the time. Further it was anticipated that the thousand (required?) as insurance would become available here early in April according to your AX 463 of December 29, 1943. The slowness of advance in Italy and the need for providing cover over Anzio beachhead for long period have changed position and depleted stocks. Pankhurst has no recollection of discussing question of long range tanks. It was always intended to use 90 gallon tanks for ANVIL but until release of Spitfires from HARDIHOOD requirement was relatively small and incidentally provision of fighter cover for ANVIL was inadequate.

2. 90 gallon tanks are at present being used over the bridgehead and in offensive operations from Corsica. To make the fullest use of our air superiority we should operate our Spitfire fighters and fighter-bombers to the full extent of their radius of action from Italian bases and from Corsica. As we move northward airfield sites are less readily available and we expect operations from Corsica to assume special importance. If tanks are not available for ANVIL we may have to rely entirely upon long range fighters nor cover over the beaches with considerable reduction in strength of cover and at expense of escorts for 15th Air Force.

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3. Have revised estimate of requirements as follows:-

(a) Required in Italy now 630
(b) Required in Corsica by April 1st 1000
(c) Required in Corsica by May 1st 1000
(d) Required in Corsica by June 1st 2400

This gives a total of 5030 towards which we have approximately 1000 available here. It provides no reserve. Consider reserve holding additional to above of 2200 should be built up by early June.

4. I have stopped all use of 90 gallon tanks except where operationally essential.

5. Our plans for use of Spitfires depend upon availability of 90 gallon tanks and I must know with certainty how far you can meet programme outlined in para. 3. We can accept 45 gallon tanks on a one for one basis to supplement any 90 gallon tanks that you can send. Suggest you reassess priorities and if possible meet A.E.A.F requirements with 45 gallon tanks.

6. If I am not at Algiers when you reply please repeat there for Planning Staff.

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February 22, 1944

FROM: FREEDOM signed Wilson

TO: British Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: JSM Washington for US Joint Chiefs of Staff

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1. Present operations in Italy.

(a). The plan for the operations which have been in progress since January 18 was to cut the enemy's lines of communication south of Rome by an amphibious operation at Anzio, having first drawn in his reserves and turned his position at Cassino by an attack across the Garigliano River. At present neither of these objects have been fully achieved and the position is one of considerable difficulty.

(b). On the front of 8th Army we are superior by 4 1/2 divs. to 3 with one division of the Polish corps fresh but lacking in battle experience. The terrain, however, is extremely difficult and decisive results are not likely to be obtained from such limited successes as may be achieved. At Anzio we are slightly inferior to the enemy in infantry but superior by over 2 to 1 in tanks and have approximately a hundred more guns than he has of 7.5 cm caliber and above of all types. Since February 16 we have been continuously attacked. Our casualties have been heavy and our troops are probably as tired as those of the enemy. I regard it as essential that the present defensive battle should be won after which the bridgehead must be consolidated and organized as to be able to hold out for a considerable period.

On 5th Army front we have a superiority on paper of 10 divisions to 6 or 7. Against this 2 US corps and the French corps have been exhausted by their attacks against Cassino, and it is important that the fresh New Zealand corps should not have to be committed prematurely in order to maintain our pressure. Here again the nature of the terrain makes a coordinated attack most difficult and to produce result greater weight and more sustained effort are required.

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For this purpose reserves must be built up and this has not yet been possible.

(c). To sum up, of the divisions in Italy 14 infantry and 2 armoured are committed. There remain 4 other infantry divisions, including the newly arrived 88 US Inf Div and 5 Polish Div which is now beginning concentration. The principal need at present, as it will continue to be for some time, is for further infantry formations to relieve overtired troops. It has therefore been necessary to send over the infantry brigades of 1 and 6 armoured divisions from North Africa and 2 French infantry regiments from Four Mountain Division, which are shortly to be joined by the rest of this division.

(d). During the course of the present operations we have incurred severe casualties--chiefly in infantry--and the replacement situation for such formations, British, United States and French alike, is for the moment serious.

(e). The build up for the next 2 months includes the completion of 5 Polish division and the replacement of 46th division by 4 British division in March. At present subsequent build up consists chiefly of armoured formations.

2. The object of the present offensive which opened on the night 17/18 January was to compel the enemy to withdraw to the north of Rome with a view to establishing satisfactory military situation in Italy before our forces on that front adopted strategic defensive in favour of other areas. More particularly the aims of the offensive were:

(a). To give greater (?) depth to the position in front of the Foggia airfields and the port of Naples.

(b). To secure further airfields for operations in connection with POINTBLANK.

(c). To occupy Rome for political reasons.

3. Once the main front has joined up with the Anzio bridgehead the principal tactical object will have been achieved

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and I would be satisfied that the security of Naples and the Foggia airfields was insured. It is impossible at this stage to say when such a junction of the 2 forces can be effected, but until it is achieved I cannot risk withdrawing forces from the battle front in Italy.

4. AFHQ was instructed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to prepare plans for an operation (ANVIL) against Southern France, with assault lift for at least 2 divisions.

The divisions to make up the full force for that operation could only be obtained by drawing on those in Italy.

5. The effect of withdrawing troops for ANVIL on the battle in Italy will naturally vary in proportion in severity according to whether a three, two or one (?) divisional assault is ordered. If an assault is to be made into Southern France against the scale of opposition at present estimated, at least a 2 division plus assault is required. In order to make the necessary preparation for this operation on such a scale it is necessary to start withdrawing service units from the battle in Italy now, United States divisions earmarked for the assault by April 1st, and the French formations later for the build up. It is obviously impossible to withdraw combat divisions at this time and I cannot state when the situation will allow me to move them to undertake training.

6. If 2 or 3 divisional ANVIL is ordered, it will have a most serious effect on operations in Italy and cannot but prejudice the success of the battle. Moreover, air resources will not permit of fighting 2 battles, one in Southern France and another in Italy at the same time.

If on the other hand we continue the battle in Italy and combine it with feint operations which I am already planning, we may go far, both now and after OVERLORD is launched towards keeping enemy formations employed.

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7. I recommend that ANVIL be cancelled and that I be given a fresh directive to conduct operations with the object of containing the maximum number of German troops in Southern Europe with the forces now earmarked to be placed at my disposal, including an assault lift for one division plus.

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INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold
Adm King
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