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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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ACTION

CONCERNING PRISONERS IN SICILY FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF MESSAGE RECEIVED. (TO AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND TO USFOR INFORMATION BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMGS MAT 23). 37 PRISON INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED INCLUDING ALL LARGE PRISONS. A HIGHER STANDARD THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED WAS FOUND. SANITATION GENERALLY WAS NOT OF HIGH STANDARD BUT IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING MADE IN THOSE PRISONS STILL OPEN. PRISONS ARE BEING CLOSED IF OF NO REAL SERVICE. FOOD STANDARD WITHIN PRISONS WAS LOW BUT WILL BE IMPROVED. PRISON GUARDS ARE GENERALLY OF POOR QUALITY BUT SOME OF THE SUPERIOR OFFICIALS ARE IMPROVING UNDER SUPERVISION AND IN VIEW

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OF INTEREST TAKEN BY AMG. CONSIDERABLE AND CONSTANT SUPERVISION WILL BE NECESSARY AND CONSIDERABLE CHANGES IN RANKINGS OF PRESENT PRISON OFFICIALS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE. REPAIRS ARE PROCEEDING TO WAR DAMAGE AT PALERMO PRISON BUT OTHER WAR DAMAGE TO PRISONS WAS NOT EXCESSIVE. TREATMENT OF PRISONERS HAS BEEN FAIR EXCEPT AT IFVIGNANA AND INTERNEES PRISON AT ISOLA D'USTICA. BOTH LATTER PLACES NOW CLOSED AND PREVIOUS HISTORY A SUBJECT OF INQUIRY WITH VIEW TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION. WITH REGARD TO ADOLESCENT INSTITUTIONS THESE GENERALLY GIVE GOOD IMPRESSIONS BUT CAN BE IMPROVED.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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*Copy to
President 05/2205*

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

NR : 56

5 September 43

(COSINTREP No. 56 Part 2 COSINTREP From C in C
Med).

*BAGNARA
REGGIO*

See Map

1. A commando force was landed at Bagnara at
0430 4th September without opposition.

*(Sot of Sicily
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2. The ferry service of landing craft across the
straits of Messina continued on 4th September ahead of
schedule for the build up of operation Baytown.

3. During the night 4th September/5th September
destroyers carried out patrol off the Calabrian coast
covering the operation.

5. The 1st convoy of 1 N/T ship and 3 coasters
is expected to enter Reggio at 2030 5th September.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
WHITE HOUSE
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING

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Situation Report 169. Part I.

1. During the night 1st Sept/2nd Sept. H.M.S. OFFA LOYAL and O.R.P. PIORUN operated Southeast of Straits of Messina, and coastal forces operated off Vibo Valentia. No incidents reported.
2. H.M.S. WARSPITE and VALIANT carried out bombardment of targets in Cape Dell Armi area at 1000 Sept.2nd.
3. Air attack by about 9 aircraft at both Catania and Augusta afternoon 2nd Sept. No casualties or damage at either place.

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Parts 2 & 3 of above distributed
as 031919.

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To: COSITINTREP Addressees

Number RF/166, September 2, 1943

Ref Malta Service Nr 976.

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From 15 Army Group TOO 012100 to COSITINTREP addres-
sees. Number 1049 most secret. COSITINTREP nbr 54 to
1600B hrs 1st September. Part I begins.

Section 1. Intelligence. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations. The following are
locations of 8 Army Units as of 1800 hours 30th August 43.
TAC Army TAORMINA. Main....

ACTION: OPD

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General Deane (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Unnumbered, 1st September 1943

(Cositintrep from C in C Med) Cositintrep
No 52 Part 2.

1. HMS Nelson and Rodney bombarded coast defence batteries North East of Reggio 1000 31st August. Spotting aircraft reported targets well covered and at least one gun knocked out. Good fires apparently from ammunition explosion in one fortification. Battleships, cruiser and destroyers also engaged batteries in Cape Pellaro area which offered ineffective opposition. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.

2. Operation by Coastal forces off Vibo Valentia and Calabrian coast were continued during night 31st August/1st September. No incidents reported. Part 2 follows.

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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 16.

1. HMS NELSON AND RODNEY CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFUL
BOMBARDMENT OF 2 COAST DEFENCE BATTERIES NORTH EAST
OF REGGIO AT 1000/31. SPOTTING AIRCRAFT REPORTED
BOTH TARGETS WELL COVERED AND AT LEAST 1 GUN
KNOCKED OUT. GOOD FIRES WERE OBSERVED APPARENTLY
FROM AMMUNITION EXPLOSION IN 1 FORTIFICATION.
BATTLESHIPS, ORION AND DESTROYERS ALSO ENGAGED
BATTERIES IN CAPEPELLARO AREA WHICH OFFERED
INEFFECTIVE OPPOSITION.

2. COASTAL FORCES CONTINUED OPERATIONS OFF VIBO

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VALENTIA AND CALABRIAN COAST DURING NIGHT 31 AUGUST/1ST SEPTEMBER. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

3. 2 FIGHTER BOMBER ATTACKS ON AGUSTA 30TH AUGUST AT 0655 AND 0850. NO DAMAGE OF CASUALTIES DESPITE NEAR MISSES ON LANDING CRAFT. 1 LST ATTACKED AT SEA BY AIRCRAFT RETURNING TO BASE.

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