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MR 310 PANTELLERIA ("CORKSCREW") (1) Sec. 1 - Dispatches
on plans for invasion of Pantelleria.

1943

For dispatches on actual invasion
see "MR 300 North Africa,
Mediterranean."

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invasion of Pantelleria.

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June 11, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

A communique in the clear has just been received from Allied Forces Headquarters in North Africa stating that Pantelleria has surrendered.

No further details are available at present.

Very respectfully,

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.

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SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE FROM ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

THE ISLAND OF PANTELLERIA TODAY SURRENDERED AND IS BEING

OCCUPIED BY ALLIED FORCES

THIS SURRENDER IS THE RESULT OF A PERIOD OF CONTINUOUS AND

INTENSE AIR BOMBARDMENT SUPPORTED BY NAVAL BOMBARDMENT THE

PREVIOUS OFFERS OF SURRENDER MADE TO THE COMMANDER WERE IGNORED

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: USFOR-no number
War- W2444, NAF 238

June 11, 1943

Malta received following message from Admiral Pariss commanding Pantelleria (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower, NAF number 238) "Beg to surrender through lack of water". The foregoing was para 1.

Para 2. Assault force report white flags on aerodrome and main hill feature southeast of town. Our landing taking place 1200 B hours.

Para 3. Am arranging to threaten Lampecusa at once.

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ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION:

OPD
GEN. ARNOLD
SEC. GEN. STAFF
ADM. KING
GEN. STRONG
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10 June
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URGENT

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To : British War Office Unnumbered
War 9683/W 2416

10 June, 1943

Outline plan operation Corkscrew. Part 2 and last. Troopers rptd AGWAR from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 9683 (W2416) 10 June TOO nil PCST support Bde 2 Inf Bde Gp follows starting H plus 55 and in conjunction with 3 Inf Bde on right captures high ground pt 289-Pt 265 (1703). 7. Both BOIS exploit to line all incl Scirate 1601-Ring Contour 183026-Rotjunction 198048. 8. Inter Bde boundary incl to two Inf Bde Rd from Rd June 169051-Rd June 173048-Rd June 177043-Rd June 183031-Rd June 185025. 9. Floating reserve 2 Coldstream Gds. 10. First follow up one Gds Bde Gp less 2 Coldstream Gds and incl two Fd Regt less two Btys arrives H plus 36 hr approx. 11. Second follow up about D plus 4/5D plus 5 brings AA and commences to establish air units which will be completed by 2 MT ships. 12. No airborne tps being employed. 13. As soon as island is secure control will pass from GOC 1 Br Div to NAAF. PWS and 1 Div will be withdrawn as early as possible leaving 1 Bn. 14. In event of island surrendering before assault it will be occupied by 3 Inf Bde and artillery unit.

WDCMC invites attention to CM-IN-6315 (10 June 43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: Sec. Gen. Staff

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U R G E N T

From: AFHQ in North Africa.
To: WAR

No. W-2415 10 June 43.

Outline plan operation Corkscrew. (Troopers rptd AGWAR from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGCT 9682 W-2415 10 June too)reference troopers 88070 no 4 of 9 June not to AGWAR. Ref MAP GSGS 4163, 1/25000. 1. Preliminary intensive air bombardment of island D minus 5 to dawn E day culminating in 1500-2000 sorties D minus 1 to dawn D day. 2. D minus 1 division of destroyers bombards harbour MM close range in conjunction with heavy air attack to test defences. 2nd call to surrender being made. If fire from island heavy operation may be postponed 24 hrs to allow further bombardment. 3. Assault on D day supported by 4 cruisers 8 destroyers 1 gunboat 4 LCF 8 LCS together with all available strategical and tactical air forces, air operating from dawn. 4. For D day see our 8787 of 8 June to Troopers and W 2109 of 6 June to AGWAR. H hour is 1200 E. 5. Direct assault at H hr will be made on port by 3 inf BDE GP incl a sqn 2 Lothian and Border Horse and 1 btry 2 FD Regt, with 1st objective beachhead all incl high ground about 160054 (part 2 follows) and 163053-rd junc 166052-rd junc 173060. 6.

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W-2109 is CM-IN-3673 (6 June 43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: Sec. Gen. Staff

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Urgent

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War-W2294, NAF 236
USFOR-no number
June 9, 1943

Pantellaria

Admiral Cunningham and I yesterday accompanied forces testing Hobboblin defenses. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. NAF number 236. We were impressed by results of sky and Naval bombardments and are confident that the operation can be carried out successfully. Reaction was favorable in the extreme and it appears highly improbable to me that the enemy was concealing any of his strength.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD
ADM. KING
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Combined Chiefs of Staff

June 7, 1943

CG FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 9721

BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number B-9301

*Complete
Do not lose*

Action being taken in US and UK (for Eisenhower
Freedom Algiers, FAN 133, from the Combined Chiefs of
Staff) to carry out recommendations contained in your
NAF 233

attached

ORIGINATOR: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN ARNOLD
ADMIRAL KING
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June 7, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL DEANE

The President has directed, with reference to secret War Department dispatch CM-IN-3538, 6 June 1943, the comments on publicity in the dispatch should be passed on to the Navy Department and the OWI for their information and guidance.

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant to the Military Aide.

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Seen by President 062330,
who directed that Adm.
Brown bring these dispatches
to him Monday for
discussion

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From: HQ AF in North Africa
To: WAR NAF 233 W 2079
USFOR 7958

June 5, 1943

Panlet area

In order to avoid wrong type of publicity for operation Corkscrew consider it (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff NAF 233 rptd USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. Middle East from Freedom W 2079 7958 5th. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT) essential that strictest possible control be exercised on British and American press and radio to insure adherence to following line before, during and after the operation: quote

Sardinia
Para two. Before the operation. No special prominence should be given to the bombing of objective. These raids are part of a wideflung offensive which extends from *Marsala* to Bari and from Leghorn to *Main* Main objective in bombing objective is to neutralize a base which lies on the flank of our east-west lines of communication. This neutralization is needed to complete Torch, object of which was to open up Mediterranean to our eastbound traffic.

Para three. During the operation. Above line should be continued and no publicity given to assault until result is known.

Para four. After the operation.

A. If successful the operation should be presented as liquidating the Italian Gibraltar of the

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From: HQ AF in North Africa
To: WAR NAF 233 W 2079
USFOR 7958

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June 5, 1943

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Mediterranean which was threatening our east-west supply line and as thus putting final touch to Torch.

B. If unsuccessful operation should be presented as large scale Commando raid to spike guns, destroy air and Naval base and generally finish off work begun by bombers. On no account should we admit we had tried to take objective and failed, and we should dismiss with contempt every enemy claim to this effect.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Admiral King
General Arnold
General Strong
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URGENT

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From: Algiers
To: WAR W 305
USFOR No Number

May 11, 1943

After consultation with Cunningham, Teddar and Alexander I have decided not to undertake AD HOC HUSKY as an exploitation of the Tunisian Campaign but to capture HOBGOBLIN. My reasons follow. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenbower. This is NAF 219. BIGOT HUSKY.

Para Two. We have not sufficient landing craft at the moment to carry a total of more than one division and, of this, assault landing craft for one regimental combat team only. I consider an attack with less than two divisions with at least one division assault loaded involves too great risk particularly having regard to effect of failure on preparations for HUSKY proper.

Para three. For reasons which we have frequently discussed I covet Hobgoblin and particularly the use of its airfield from which to support WTF in its attack on HUSKY. My own opinion is that we can crack this place because its garrison is completely Italian and not so strong as originally believed. Moreover I think it is very important to continue to hit the enemy. I intend therefore to attack Hobgoblin at the earliest possible date. I am employing 1st British Infantry Division for this purpose supported by the full weight of the Mediterranean Air Command.

Para four. Later I tentatively intend to capture

CM-IN-7151 (11 May)

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Lampedusa to deny to the enemy the use of his Radar station.

Para five. First US Infantry Division and 51st British Infantry Division are en route from Tunisia to amphibious training centers. Other HUSKY Divisions will be moved out of Tunisia in the near future.

Para six. As an insurance for backbone the following are to be under command of 5th US Army: Hq 6th US Corps, 1st US Armored Division, 36th US Infantry Division, 8th British Armored Division, 46th British Infantry Division, as soon as the moves can be arranged.

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INFORMATION: OPD
SEC GEN STAFF
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