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Addressed: COMINCH

From: ALGIERS.

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IMMEDIATE.

Part 2 final of my 292146A from CINCMED

Five submarines during recent patrols report having damaged one ship in approaches to Bastia and obtaining hits on one possible two ships north of Corsica. Six by 27 Sept 6400 troops 1100 tons stores and 134 vehicles had been transported to Corsica mainly by French cruisers and destroyers.

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Pt. 1 not received.

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Gen. Macready.
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From: Hq 15th Army Group
 To: War 0-1201
 USFOR No #

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 OSD letter, May 4, 1972

30th Sept 1943

By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

From Hq 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP Addressees MAC
 pass to Fairfield AMILCAR number 0-1201 300115. COS-
 ITINTREP number 82. Signed Eisenhower cite FIGCT FEGBI.

1100 AM, ENT To 1600 A hrs 29 Sept. Part 1 begins.
 29th

Section 1. Intelligence. NTR.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army 13th Corps. TAC Hq
 0-808875 78 Div. 8 Servero and Lucera occupied 28 Sep
 recce patrols report Promontorio Del Gargano Peninsula
 and Apricena J-2255 clear of enemy. Patrol contacted
 enemy J/1113 at 1400 hrs 28 Sept-now lost contact. 1
 CDN Div. moving to concentration area Irsina 0-8041 Griv-
 ins P-0348 SE Minervino 0-7478. Contact maintained with
 78 Div at Ascoli Satriano and 5 Div at Atella. 1 CDN
 Armd BDE concentrating SE of Minervino P-7478. 5 Div.
 Recce patrols in contact 5 Army at 0-1448 5 Corps. 8
 Ind Div Hq P781120 concentrating area Taranto Gola.

2nd. 5 Army. 6th Corps. 45 Div. 180
 RCT Forward Tps to N 9168 otherwise no change. 34 Div.
 133 RCT forward troops N8465 Div right boundary N 8465
 N7969. 3 Div 7 RCT N7458 15 RCT no change. CP N8448.
 Right boundary N8258 7856-6770- 5466. Advance continues
 along Corps front many demolitions. 10 Corps 56 Div
 bulk of div area N5842. 167 BDE passed through 168 BDE
 and reached N5646. 7 Armd Div. 11 Hussars Sarno N5246
 patrols 5048 5044. 131 BDE leading elements N4142. 22
 Armd BDE area N5438 prepared to advance. 23 Armd BDE
 leading elements N3739 3940. 46 Div concentrating N-
 6034. 10 Corps attack and exploitation to plain

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To: War 0-1201
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continues against light enemy opposition heavy demolitions
and adverse weather.

Section 3.

Air. 1st. Tactical reconnaissance
which was restricted owing to weather conditions saw
no road movement during the day at 1330 hrs medium
bombers of Strategical Air Force reported 2 large con-
voys moving north west at G5504 and M7994 and much con-
gested MT moving south at N2795.

2nd. Bomblines 1600 hrs. 8 Army
H7082-7024-0-0572. 5 Army no change. Section 3 ends.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)
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Received: 30 Sept.
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Addressed: Admiralty
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Time : 1013

Repeated: C. in C. Levant
COMCORSEAFRON
N.L.O. 1st Army
F.O. Force "N"
F.O.C. Gib.
H.Q.N.V. African Air Forces
N.L.O. 8th Army
V.A. Malta
B.A.D. Washington
COMNAVNAW
N.L.O. 18th Army Group
S.N.O. Trip
S.O. Inshore Squadron

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From: C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 192

- (1) Sweeping of channel to Castellamare commenced on 28th Sept. Uncle Beach has been closed and reopened west of Salerno. Bad weather hampered (unloading) on 27th and 28th Sept.
- (2) Destroyers maintained patrol between Otranto and Valona during night 27th/28th and 28th/29th Sept. but sighted nothing.
- (3) First convoy of 6 ships has arrived Brindisi and commenced discharge on 28th Sept.
- (4) P 31 report having damaged 1 ship in approach to Bastia on 28th Sept. Evacuation still continues.
- (5) P 51 report 1, possibly 2, ships hit during patrol north of Corsica.
- (6) Total French force and equipment transported to Corsica up to 27th Sept. mainly by French cruiser and destroyer 6400 troops, 1100 tons stores, 134 vehicles.

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Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.

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S.O.(O)(Personal)
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29 Sept
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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT
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From: 15th Army Group Philpot, Algiers
To: War - O 1194
USFOR London - No #

28th September 1943

From 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees O 1194
290100A, COSITINTREP number. Signed Eisenhower cite
FRGCT and FRGBI.

81 to 1600 hrs 28 Sep.

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

Section 2. Ground Operations.

First. 8th Army. 5 Corps. 1 A/L Bde HQ J9503.
13 Corps. 78 Div and 4 Armad Bde passed to Command 13
Corps 271200. 78 Div Patrols outskirts MANFREDONIA
J5938 Tac HQ J 9504. 4 Armad Bde captured Foggia J3020
271425A hrs. Recce elements have entered S Severo
J1543 and Lucera J 1123. Patrols in contact with enemy
at Ascoli Satriano 03090 261900A. 1 Cdn Div. Recce
elements from Canosa 07384 reached 05884 without making
contact. 2 Cdn Bde captured Melfi 03968 and held there
by demolitions. 1 Cdn Bde moving to area Gravina P0360.
5 Div. Recce elements reached Pescopagano 01849.

Second. 5 Army. 6 Corps. 45 Div 3 forward
troops S Andrea 01550-00968-S Angelo N 9969-Torella N 9370.
In contact with 5 Div (82) in vicinity of Sandrea. 3 Div
forward troops N9056-N8157-Vollfrara N7853-Solofra N7248.
10 Corps. 56 In Div occupies the line San Severino N8442-
Castel S Giorgio N5842 and is directed on Sarno N5245.
46 Div has pushed 3 miles North and Rangers 3 miles North-
west of Nocera N5338. 23 Armad Bde debouching into Pagani
N5138 area occupied Scafati N4438 and Castellammare N4033
1130A hrs. 131 Bde reached Pomeii N4039.

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To: War - O 1199
USFOR London - No #

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Section 3. Air.

1. Lack of enemy movement seen over the whole front. Between 1230 and 1315 hrs 70-80 vehicles were reported moving both ways between Caserna N2875 and Benevento N6581 with some transport approaching Benevento from the South.

2. Bomblines. N9570 - 9434 - O 0694 - 0572 - N9072 - 6058 - 6783 - 6749 - 5149 - 3838.

(Section 3 ends).

No Sig

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-20269 (29 Sep 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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29 Sept
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INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: 15th Army Adv Grp
To: War No. COSITINTREP 81, No. 01199
USFOR, London

29 September 1943

From 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addresses 01199 290100A
COSITINTREP number 81 to 1600 hrs 28 Sep. Signed Eisen-
hower cite FIGCT and FHGBI.

1. Intelligence. Nothing to report.

2. Ground Operations.

1st. 8th Army. 5 Corps. * A/L BDE Hq J0503.

13 Corps. 78 Div and 4 Armd BDE passed to Command 13
Cops 271200. 78 Div Patrols outskirts MANFREDONIA
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To: War

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2. Bomblines. H 9570 - 7434 - O 0694 - 0572 - N 9072 - 8058 - 6753 - 6749 - 5149 - 3838.

Section 3 ends.

No Sig.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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29 Sept.
0831Z

INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean
To: War

No. COSITINTREP 79, 29 September 1943.

Addressed COSITINTREP from Algiers CCO. COSITINTREP
from CINC Med. COSITINTREP No. 79. Signed Eisenhower
cite FAGOT.

Following is repetition of message 282150 begins.
Part 2. Nothing to report. T. O. O. ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
Gen. Deane (CCS)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

CORRECTED COPY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

Number 78, 28th Sept 1943

COSITINTREP from C in C Med 11. Signed Eisenhower cite
PAGEH, COSITINTREP 78 part 2.

1. U boat activity has been on an increased scale
in the Salerno area. Several hunts have been in progress
on 25 Sept and 26 Sept but without evidence of success.

2. SS. Christian Michelsen in convoy UGS 17 blew
up and sank M 26 Sept 30 miles east of Bone. U Boat blew
proceeding in vicinity.

3. During night 26/27 Sept destroyers maintained
patrol in vicinity of Corfu but sighted nothing.

No Sig

Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-19547 (28 Sept 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

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

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28th Sept.
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INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: Algiers.
To: WAR

No. W 1154/496 28th September 1943.

AGWAR Troopers from G-3 OPSUM section AFHQ W 1154/496 28
Sept nil signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.

Foggia was captured by 4th Armd Bde of 5th Corps 27th
Sept. Special sitrep.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
SGS
Gen Deane (CCS)
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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

From: 15th Army Group Advanced Philpot
To : AGWAR

No. COSITINTREP No. A 195 - 28 September 1943

From HQ 152 27 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees number A195 280100A. Sgd Eisenhower cite FHOCT FHGBI.

COSITINTREP number 80 to 1600 A hours 27 Sept.

Part 1, section 1. Intelligence. 5 Army front. PW 7 Coy 129 PGR captured area Capez Ano 24 Sept states his unit part of battle group commanded by Col Schmalz. Comment. Schmalz commanded a battle group of Hermann Goering Div in Sicily. His present appointment is unknown. Battle Group Fitz identified from document captured 25 Sept in area Cava Tirreni includes in its composition 2 Bn 1 Goering PGR and elements of 115 PGR 16 recce unit identified by 3 JWS area NW Cava Tirreni 25 Sept. 2 Bn 29 PGR re-identified 26 Sept Salerno front. 8th Army front. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations. First. 8th Army. 5 Corps. 1 A/B Div. 1 A/L Bde holding line Ortanova J4304 Stornare J4800 Corignola 05897 two para Bde moving - Canosa 07393. Hq 1 A/B Div Gioja P453492. 78 Div. Recce patrols J5730 and J3317. 4 Arm'd Bde. Hq J4502. Fwd elements J3317. 13 Corps 1 Cdn Div. 2 Cdn Bde advanced through Rioneri 04159 to Melfi 04087. 5 Div. NTR. Second. 5th Army. 6 Corps' 45 Div. Forward troops Miele 01053 Laomi 00354

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From: 15th Army Group Advanced Philpot
To : AGWAR
No. COSITINTREP No. A195 - 28 September 1943

Lioni 00053. 3 Div fwd tps Panino N8956 M La Vignola
N 8156 and M Vellizzano N7343. 34 Div. 133 Rct hold-
ing Teora R0652. Remainder div in reserve 10 Corps.
56 Div captured Baronissi N6438 (N2438). 46 Div
captured Carmarelle N5838.

Section 3. Air. First. Considerable traffic
moving Northwest from H2033 to H5021 was reported
at 0640 hrs. Otherwise no road movement of any note
was seen during the day. Second. Bomblino. 1600
hrs. 8th Army J7247 4346 3240 2431 1123 02778 1763.
5 Army 01763 N8986 8056 7358 6856 6644 4941 4837
4133. Section 3 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 272144

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Rec'd. 28 Sept. '43

Time: 0912

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: COM 10th Fleet C&R
B.A.D. Washington
C. in C. LEVANT
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FO Force "N"
FO Commanding Gibraltar
HQNW African Air Forces
Naval Liaison Office 8th Army
VA Malta
COMNAVNAV
Naval Liaison Office 18th Army Group
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B.A.D. Washington
C. in C. MED.

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From:

Situation Report Number 192.

- (1) (Receive?) CHRISTIAN MICHELSEN (in?)
(convoy?) UGS 17 (by?) Oct. (and?) regulate at (about?)
1920/26th (in position?) 37-12 N 08-26 E. A/S A/S proceed
(in vicinity?) but via contact.
- (2) During night 26th 27th Sept. H.M.S. QUILLIAM
and O.R.P. PIORUN maintain patrol recommend H.M.S. CORFU
nothing was sighted.
- (3) JEANNE D'ARC escorted by H.M.S. PANTHER and
F.S. MONTCALM commodore of convoy escorted by H.M.S. PATH-
FINDER proceed AJACCIO with troops during night (25th?) 26th
(and 26th?) 27th Sept. respective.
- (4) U-boat (GER) (activity?) has been on (in-
creased?) scale in Salerno Area. (Several?) A/S have been
in progress during 25th and 26th Sept. but without
(evidence?) (of?) success.

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F.M. Rec'd. P/L from Navy Dept.
Admiral Plans S.O. Lt. Col. O'Connor
Air Marshal Brigadier Redman(8) N.M.C.S. G/C Du Boulay
Gen. Macready N.I. C.C.O.R.
C.O.S. S.O. (0) Personal Lt. Col. Cook

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28 Sept
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W1122/258 27 September 1943

Posted
Troopers, AGWAR info Mideast, Fairfield Rear, Fatima, Fakir,
Fable from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

In west enemy forced in bitter fighting retire to
Aren Avellino and under relentless attacks has withdrawn
from commanding heights NW of Salerno. No reports from
Adriatic. Southern Italy. No change in dispositions. Enemy
rapidly evacuating whole Foggia area. Rearguards on general
line Manfredonia-Foggia-Nelvi. In centre, line runs north
of San Andrea-Lioni-Bagnoli-Castelfranci. G-2 summary.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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28 Sept

INCOMING MESSAGE

Operational Priority

From: Algiers
To: War

No: None 27 Sept 1943

Signed Eisenhower cite PAGEH.

COSITINTREP, 78 part 2. (COSITINTREP from CINC Med
11 1 U boat activity has been on an increased scale in
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maintained patrol in vicinity of Corfu but sighted nothing.

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Information: G-2
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NAVAL MESSAGE

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VA Malta
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Senior Naval Officer,
Tripolitania
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From: C. in C. Mediterranean

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 191

My 252347 Paragraph 2 for T.B. SIBILLA read
motor vessel DUBAC

2. Port of Spiermo has been reopened and 2
Coasters began discharge on 24th Sept.
3. During night 25th 26th H.M.S. QUILLIAM O.R.P.
PIORUN carried petrol in vicinity Corfu to prevent enemy
supplies reaching that Island. Nothing seen. 19 survivors
from Italian T.B. STOCOCO were rescued.
4. P 53 report torpedoing 10,000 ton tanker near
Bestia. Ship subsequently beached. 1 Seibele ferry sunk.
5. 2 Merchant ships arrived Ajaccio on 25th Sept.
with French Army Stores.

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From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean
To: War

No. COSITINTREP 77, 26 September 1943.

(COSITINTREP number 77 part 2 from C in C Med).

1. The Port of Salerno has been reopened and 2 Coasters commenced discharging 24th September. During night 25th Sept/26th Sept destroyers carried out patrol in vicinity of Corfu to prevent enemy supplies reaching the island nothing was sighted but 19 survivors of the Italian T B Stocco were rescued. EM HMS Ulto reports having torpedoed 10,000 ton tanker near Bestia. Ship was subsequently beached. One subel ferry was sunk.

4. Two merchant ships arrived Ajaccio 25th Sept with French Army stores.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Deane CC/S

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P R I O R I T Y

From: 15th Army Group Adv Philpot
To: War

No. 42, 27 September 1943

From Hq 15th Army Group to 5th Army, 7th Army 8th Army
No 1 District, No 2 District for info AFHQ, C in C Med,
MAC, Troopers, AGWAR, Mideast, Fairfield. AMILCAR, Commu-
deth Malta, Fairfield Sicily, ELS, TRIPDIST, EBS, IBS,
North Africa District, TAF, ELS, Advance Party 15th Army
Gp Baru cite 01194.

Hq 15th Army Group closes Cassibile Sicily 0800A
hours 4th October and opens same time area San Spirito
P3088 northwest of Bari. Nearest landing ground at P3386.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: 15th Army Group Advanced
To: USFOR London Unnumbered
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27 September 1943.

Second and last cipher part my O 1192. Signed
Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

34th Div assigned 6th Corps with 133rd Inf at N 8333.
10th Corps. 56 Div. 169 Bde gained Mt Sella N 6836. 46
Div. 39th Bde occupied Epitaffeo Di Nava N 5935. Ranger
occupied Sala N 5036. No further changes. 82nd A/B Div
(less det) attached 10th Corps.

Section 3. Air.

1st. No road movement was seen on 8th Army front
throughout the day. On 5th Army front light scattered move-
ment was reported in the area south east of Benevento N 6581
and in the area north east of Naples.

2nd. Bomblines 1600 hrs. 8th Army J 8139-4030-2920-
02778-1255. 5th Army C1255-9455-N9661-8759-8754-7358-6856-
6539-5944-5042-5038-4133.

Section 3 ends.

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General Deane CC/S

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From: 15th Army Group Advanced
To: War No. O 1192 COSITINTREP 79
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27 September 1943.

From Hq 15 Army Group. Number O 1192 TOO 270100
A to COSITINTREP addressees. MAC to pass to Fairfield
AMILCAR. COSITINTREP number 79 to 1600 A hrs 26 Sept.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. 8th
Army front. 1575 Heavy Flak Trp ZBV identified by PW
Andria O 99 on 23 Sept. Hq 3rd Bty (Bn) 1 Para Arty
Regt identified from captured documents at Canosa 24
Sept. 5th Army front. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. 8th Army. 5th Corps. 1 A/B Div. NTR.
78 Div. Recce patrols has reached rd junction J/6022
evening of 25 and during the night captured Cerignola O
5897 and occupied Portanuova J 3204 this morning. Div
concentrating in area Molefetta P 1892-Gioninazzo P 2491
with Tac Hq area J 9503. One A/L Bde under command 5th
Corps. 13 Corps. 1 CDN Div. Div recce elements are
patrolling to river crossing O 5784 from Canosa O 7393
and to BR O 4708 Minervino O 7578 Fkrenza O 5652 and
Venosa O 5363 reported clear. Two CDN Bde still in con-
tact with enemy in Rionero O4259 evening of 25th. 5th
Div. Now out of contact 13th Corps Hq P 1350.

2nd. 5th Army 6th Corps 45 Div. 157 Inf is
entranced on the high ground at O 1150. Liono N 9953
occupied. 179 Inf occupied Taora O 0651 and is en-
trenched west of town. Patrols are advancing north west
and along route 7. Div CP at O 0443. Demolitions making
supply problem difficult. 3rd Div. Demolitions retard-
ing main elements. Aggressive patrolling reached the

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line Baisoli N9147-Castelfranci N 8855. Route 7 reached
and cut Casano N 8653 and Montella N 8650 occupied. Short
heavy rain Maeno N 8937 (8937) at 1100 hrs. 7th Inf on
line N 8656 (8676)-N 8755-N 8856. 15 Inf no change.

(End of part 1 part 2 follows).

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U R G E N T

From: Advanced Command Post, Carthage, Tunisia
To: War

No. 591, 26 September 1943

Personal review from Commander in Chief to the Combined Chiefs of Staff re: British Chiefs of Staff NAF 421 from General Eisenhower AFHQ Adv Cp (AMILCAR).

Operations in general are proceeding satisfactorily. Alexander reports that the 10th Corps has gained the crest of the high ground dominating its position on the north and is getting into a situation where its forces can be used somewhat more advantageously, including some armor. The Rangers, Commandos and light forces on the left will support the 10th Corps as it advances. The 8th Corps on the right has pushed forward energetically and is approaching Avelino. RCT of the 34th Division is now in the Salerno area. In the east landings are going according to schedules previously furnished you and a portion of the 78th Division is moving toward Poggia. By my latest reports the 5th Army has suffered something over 14000 casualties to include 20 Sep, and the 8th Army has suffered more than 600 to include 22 September.

The enemy is working hard to block the port at Naples, but it is my personal opinion that he will have only a few more days at that place. Part following hard upon our initial landings we were faced with a number of critical problems, some of them in the nature of fleeting opportunities brought about by the feeble attempts of certain Italian units to hold their positions, while others were merely normal to the early stages of a vast landing operation. For example, there were a number of places along the Eastern Adriatic Coast that would have been most desirable to take and hold provided we could have spared the strength. The opportunity looked particularly inviting because in certain of those places, the Italian Forces were holding out temporarily. BIGOT AVALANCHE. Additional minor operations in the Mideast Theater looked particularly tempting as did also

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To: War

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Sardinia and Corsica. On top of all this, it was clear that additional landing operations to get behind the flanks of the German positions on the mainland would offer good results providing only these landings could be made in sufficient strength to maintain themselves for a considerable time unsupported. Because the 5th Army was still short of so much of its transportation and the 2 divisions of the 8th Army had so far to go, no support of an additional landing could be visualized for a considerable period. In this situation it was manifestly necessary to devote first attention to making good our landing in the Salerno Bay Area and to building up our forces rapidly into a coordinated body that could be handled effectively. Nevertheless we have, with limited means left for such ventures, worked hard on the Sardinia and Corsica problems and I am sure that both those areas will remain ours. We are likewise preparing to meet certain minimum demands from Mideast for carrying on a minor important operation, because of the great results promised by minimum expenditures and effort. For the moment there seems little that we can do on the Eastern Adriatic Coast but we will neglect no opportunity to get great dividends for little or nothing. // MS.

As previously notified we intended yesterday to send back the 3 B-24 groups to the UK. However, I am now informed that the Air Command in England desires us to carry out 1 mission with these groups against European air factories before returning them.

The Italian political situation seems to be clearing up with no evident opposition on the part of the Italians of things that we direct them to do. The only matters of which they seem to be somewhat sensitive are those involving their governmental status and such things as internal prestige and exchange rates. I believe that our position on all these matters will be easily accepted and I think that the long term Armistice will be signed about the middle of this week. // AS.

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I have a report this morning that some additional trouble has developed in the French National Committee but reports on that matter will be largely rendered by Mister Mac Millan and Mister Murphy and possibly by General Smith. I personally have little concern as to how the committee organizes and operates so long as General Giraud retains a sufficiently strong position in the French Military World to control effectively French Forces in the Mediterranean and to continue to operate his forces under my general direction.

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Information: OPD
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From : C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 190.

(1) Port Party arrived Bari P.M. 23rd Sept. Port is in good order Italian Authority cooperative.

(2) During night 22nd/23rd Italian Torpedo Boat 529 patrolled in vicinity Corfu. German aircraft have been active over water between Corfu and Otranto during last 24 hours. Italian Torpedo Boat STOCOCO (sunk off) Samathraki Island, Torpedo Boat SIBILLA damaged near Otranto and Torpedo Boat SIRIO also attacked.

(3) Convoy of Personnel Ships with 8th Indian Division arrived Taranto 24th Sept. Ships have discharged and sailed.

(4) MM 570 was sunk by mine off Gallipoli on 24th Sept. while on passage. 3 survivors.

(5) Destroyer Patrol in Strait of Otranto maintain during night 24th/25th no incident reported.

(6) British LST with tank and GCI set arrived Ajaccio (after daybreak) 25th.

(7) U.S.S. SKILL was torpedoed and sunk by U-boat (German) about 1200 25th in position 40 - 20 14 - 35 H.M.S. TARTAR and H.M.S. FLY hunting.

(8) (7In) sweep operations off Crotona 79 mines have been swept by ship of minesweeping Flotilla 14th.

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Air Marshal	N.I.	Rec'd P/L from Navy Dept.
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OSD letter, May 1, 1972

By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

25th September 1943

(From HQ 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees
number 01182 250455B) COSITINTREP number 77 to 1600 hrs
24 Sep.

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

Section 2. Ground Operations

1st. 8th Army. Hq 78 Div at Bari remainder Div
landing at Taranto to concentrate Bari Area. 2nd. 5th
Army. 6th Corps. 45 Div. Front line 00640-0440-0138
Valva 00638 Quagliateo 00439 Calliano 00836 taken. CP
00328. 3rd Div. 7th RCT N8846-8749-8546. 15 RCT N7748-
7548. Close fighting with enemy tanks infantry and art-
illery. CP N8938. General advance 6th Corps front against
demolitions mine fields. 10 Corps. 56 Div. leading el-
ements N6534 no further change. 201 Bde held up by blow
bridges. Leading elements on MT Stelly N8834. 46 Div
leading elements N6233-6033-6034-(6074). Attack continuing
progress slow. Telegraf Hill N6233 taken. Stubborn
enemy resistance and terrain difficult.

Section 3. Air

1st. Night reconnaissance reported general impression
considerable movement north west from Naples. Little road
movement was reported throughout the day along the whole
front. 2nd. Bomblines 1600 hrs. 8th Army J6139-4030-2920-
07569-3067-1048. 5th Army. 01048-N8854-7153-6638-5935-2857-
(5637). Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI. Section
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Gen Denae (CC/S)

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25 Sept

ITALIAN FOOD SITUATION

This situation is critical in Southern Italy. The problem is raised of feeding military and civilian population. In the 8th Army area, 8 Italian Divisions of approximately 115,000 men will have to be included.

Many reports from neutral sources indicate that there is great unrest and much resistance across the Adriatic and that remarkable progress has been made by patriot forces. Situation, however, is most confused and authentic reports are lacking. Some sources indicate that Trieste has been penetrated and Fiume closely approached. It is doubtful whether the patriot groups will have sufficient strength and equipment to resist serious German drive in this area.

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T.O.O. 232342

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Time : 1810

Addressed: A.I.G. 264
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BY DSS, DATE MAY 21 1973

From : C. in C. Med.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 189

1. During the night 21st/22nd Sept. 5 M.T.B.'s entered Valona (?front) and report sinking 1 medium size Merchant ship loaded with ammunition and 1 smaller Merchant ship. 2 other ships were hit. M.T.B. 295 was damaged by shore battery which heavy engaging force (?had not) run out. M.T.B. (?632) on 1 engine and returned to Otranto in tow of H.M.S. ILEX. No casualties.
2. DZIK reports sinking 3 Seibel ferries in approach to Bastia on 22nd September. Evacuation was continuing by air and sea.
3. Building (?) of (-----*) avalanche continues according to programme. Enemy air activity against shipping has been on a reduced scale.
4. During night 22nd/23rd coastal forces operated along West Coast of Italy North of Naples. Destroyers maintain arm of Otranto patrol.
5. 27 (?boats) and (TLC Carrying ships) carried further supplies to Ajaccio during night 22nd/23rd Sept.

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*Barbled groups (2) being serviced

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Air Marshal	C.C.O.R.	
Gen. Macready	Lt. Col. Cook	
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Plans	G/C. Du Boulay	
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Correction received from Navy Department

Reference C. in C. Med.'s 232342.

Subject: Situation Report 189 (Most Secret)

Para. 3 correct to read -

"Building of air defence AVALANCHE"

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From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean
To: War

No. COSITINTREP 4, 23 September 1943.

COSITINTREP No 4. Part 2 (COSITINTREP from CINC
Med).

1. Force of M.T. boats entered Valona Harbour night 21st/22nd September and report sinking 1 medium sized merchant vessel loaded with ammunition and one small merchant vessel. Two other ships were hit. Shore batteries engaged M.T. boats whilst retiring 1 was damaged but returned to harbour in tow no casualties.
2. Polish submarine Dzik reports sinking 3 Seibel Ferries in approaches to Bastia on 22nd September. Evacuation was continuing by air and sea. Build up of operation AVALANCHE continues according to programme.
3. Air activity against shipping has been on a reduced scale.
4. Coastal forces carried out a sweep along west coast of Italy north of Naples during the night 22nd/23rd September and destroyers maintained patrol in the Straits of Toranto.
5. Further supplies were taken to Ajaccio during the night 22nd/23rd September by French cruiser and destroyer.

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN. DEANE (CC/S), ADM KING
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Addressed: W.A.R.

From: CINCMED

IMMEDIATE

COSITINTREP No. 4 Part 2.

1. Force of M.T. Boats entered Valona Harbour night 21st/22nd September and report sinking 1 medium sized Merchant Vessel loaded with ammunition and 1 small Merchant Vessel. 2 Other ships were hit. Shore batteries engaged M.T. Boats whilst retiring - 1 was damaged but returned to Harbour in tow, no casualties.

2. Polish Submarine DZIK reports sinking 3 Seibel Ferries in Approaches to Bastia on 22nd Sept. Evacuation was continuing by air and sea. Build up of operation AVALANCE continues according to programme.

3. Air activity against shipping has been on a reduced scale.

4. Coastal Forces carried out a sweep along West Coast of Italy North of Naples during the night 22nd/23rd September and Destroyers maintained patrol in the Straits of Toronto.

5. Further supplies were taken to Ajaccio during the night 22nd/23rd September by French Cruiser and Destroyer.

No. T.O.O./23rd

Part 1 not received in N.S.R.

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From: C. in C. Mediterranean

MAY 21 1973

SITUATION REPORT No. 188.

1. My 212232, Para. No. 4. S.S. WILLIAM GERHARD was torpedoed. Cargo of petroleum and ammunition took fire and became uncontrollable.
2. DZIK reports the evacuation of Bastia by air was in progress on 21st September. At 1630 21st 2 Merchant Ships were sunk by torpedo close to the entrance to harbour. 3 Ships in harbour were on fire.
3. During the night of 21st/22nd Sept. (4th ?) P.T. Boats operating from Capril carried on sweep (of?) Italian Coast in the vicinity of Civita Vecchia but saw nothing.
4. Strait of Otranto patrol was maintained during the night 21st/22nd Sept.
5. Some refugees are being evacuated from Corfu by Italian shipping.
6. S.S. RICHARD OLNEY was mined North of Bizerta at 0835 22nd. Ship has arrived in harbour.

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To: War

No. O 1177, 23 September 1943

(To COSITINTREP addressees. Number O 1177
TOO 240030B. From HQ 15th Army Group, signed
Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI (MAC to pass to
Fairfield ANILCAR COSITINTREP)

Number 76 to 1600B hours 23 September.

Part 1.

Section 1. Intelligence.

Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1st. 8th Army. 5th Corps. Patrol activity continues. 1 Airborne Div. 1 Para Bde from Div reserve is directed on Altamura PIP 1550. 13th Corps. 1 CDN Div forward troops in contact with enemy south of Spinazzola 0 7564 and at Atella 0 3953 5th Div no change. 5th Army 6th Corps 45th Div forward elements 157th Rct 0 2635, 179th Rct 0 0537, 180th Rct 0 0038, Oliveto 0 9633 occupied. 3rd Div forward elements 30th Rct N 8841, 15th Rct N 7744. Verno N 8937 occupied, 36th Div and 82nd Airborne Div in reserve. 10th Corps. Stiff opposition met in attack on Salerno front. 56th Div leading tps N 6734. 46th Div leading tps line N 6033 to N 5932 7th Army Div in reserve. Rangers no change.

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Section 3. Air.

1st. Considerable MT movement west and north through Avellino N 6757 was reported by medium bombers at 0930B hours. Tactical reconnaissance reported little or no road movement later in the day on the 8th Army and 5th Army fronts. Strategical Air Force reported considerable MT movement both ways in the area north of Naples including a large column moving northwest at N 0575 at 1135B hours.

2nd Bomblines 1600B hours. 8th Army K 0100, 0286, PIP 2771 O 3070, O 3057, O 1048, N 9050. 5th Army N 9050, 7348 2 6536, 5936, 5637, 4133.

NO Sig.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
General Deane (CCS)

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No. W 787/8505 23 September 1943

(Troopers info AGWAR USFOR from Freedom W787/8505
22 Sep. Signed Eisenhower cite FROCT. 28 weekly summary
of Operations).

13 to 18 Sep.

Para 1. Ground:

13 Sep. 8th Army. While main body 13 Corps concentrated on general line Catanzaro-Nicastro leading Troops of 1 CDM Div pushed forward to Strongoli Z 67 and Patrols of 5 Div to Cosenza Y 97. 1 Airborne Div reached Capaccio P47 and 84th Airborne P47 with second lift arriving Taranto.

5 Army. 6 Corps left flank was withdrawn to conform with 56th Div which was driven out of Battipaglia after suffering heavy losses. 46th Div maintained its positions in the Salerno area.

14 Sep. 8th Army. No contact on 13 Corps front. 1 CDM Div occupied San Giovanni DEU. 15 and 15 Bdes of 5 Div concentrated area Belvedere T51 while Patrols occupied Scala. Elements of 1 Airborne Div occupied position on road Mottola P53-Gioja P44.

5 Army. After heavy counter attacks on 6 Corps front 36 Div withdrew from Altavilla and Albanella. To hold line La Cosa River. 2 Bns 82 Airborne Div were landed in area south of Sele River. 10 Corps, 56 Div. consolidated their position. 7 Arm Div started unloading.

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15 Sep. 8 Army. 1 CDN Div nothing to report. Recce Unit of Inf Div reached Sapri with Patrols forward and remainder of Division moving up. 1 Airborne Div controlled line Mottola-Castellaneta P42 thence south to coast. Patrols operated NE. To Bari and Adriatic Sea.

5 Army. Situation improved. Details of days fighting not available.

16 Sep. 8th Army. 1st CDN Div concentrated in general area Villapianina U14. Patrols of 5 Div made contact with 5 Army west of Valio TOS.

5 Army. 6th Corps reduced enemy salient between Sele and Calore Rivers and occupied Albanella.

(End of 1st section, 2nd section follows).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)

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From: 15th Army Group
To: War, O 1177,
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to report.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st, 8th Army 5th
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with enemy south of Spinazzola 07564 and at Atella 03953
5th Div. No change. 5th Army. 6th Corps. 45 Div for-
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reported considerable MT movement both ways in the area north of Naples including a large column moving north-west at N 0575 at 1135B hrs.

2. Bomblines 1600B hrs. 8th Army. K 0100 - P0286 -
P2771 - O3070 - O3057 - O1048 - N9050. 5th Army. N9050
A7348 W6538 A5936 5637 A4133. Section 3 ends. Signed
Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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To: War

Nr: W787/8505 Sept. 22 1943

(Troopers info AGWAR USFOR from Freedom W787/8505
22 Sept nil. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. 28 weekly
summary of operations. 13 to 18 Sep.)

Para. 1. Ground. 13 Sept 8th Army. While * 18 Corps concentrated on general line Catanzaro-Nicastro leading troops of 1 Cdn Div pushed forward to Strongoli Z 67 and patrols of 5 Div to Cosenza Y 97. 1 Airborne Div reached Capurso P 47 and Modugno P37 with second lift arriving Taranto 5 Army. 6 Corps left flank was withdrawn to conform with 56th Div which was driven out of Battipaglia after suffering heavy losses. * 6th Div maintained its positions in the Salerno area. 14 Sep. 8th Army. No contact on 13 Corps front. 1 Cdn Div occupied San Giovanni DEU 15 and 15 Bdes of 5 Div concentrated area Belvedere T51 while patrols occupied Scalen. Elements of 1 Airborne Div occupied position on road Mottola P 53-Gioja P44. 5 Army after heavy counter attacks on 6 Corps front 36 Div withdrew from Altavilla and Albanella. To hold line La Cosa river. 2 Bns 82 Airborne Div were landed in area south of Sele river. 10 Corps. 56 Div consolidated their position. 7 Arm Div started unloading. 15 Sep. 8 Army. 1 Cdn Div nothing to report. Recce unit of Inf Div reached Sapri and patrols forward and remainder of division moving up. 1 Airborne Div controlled line Mottola-Castellaneta P42 thence south to coast. Patrols operated NE to Bari and Adriatic Sea. 5 Army situation improved. Details of days fighting not available. 16 Sep 8th Army. 1st Cdn Div concentrated in general area Villapianica U 14. Patrols of 5 Div

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made contact with 5 Army west of Valio TO 8.5 Army.
6th Corps reduced enemy salient between Sele and
Calore rivers and (end of 1st section section 2 follows)
occupied Albanella.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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From : C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

Part I my T.O.O. final Pt. 202220.

(?Situation) report Number 186.

(71) Italian destroyer LEGGBARIO and ORIONI landed troops at Ajaccio during night 18th-19th Sept. and have now returned to Algiers.

2. Although some air attacks were made on shipping in the Salerno area on 19th Sept. no attack was pressed home and no damage (?is) reported. Minelaying (?was) suspected during night 18th-19th Sept. but sweeping has not produced any results.

3. Some of the bombarding force has been withdrawn from the assault area and are awaiting further call at Palermo and Malta.

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From: Algiers
To: War

Nr: W 732/8273, 22 September, 1943

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Freedom W732/8273 22 1900B)

Para 1. APULIA. No additional intelligence from
our sources.

Para 2. Campania enemy line continues to pivot
northeastwards on strongly held positions north and east
Sclerno. Enemy rearwards now generally north S Cipriano,
Montecorvino town, Contursi and 2 minefields encountered
by own troops enemy destroying bridges behind him. Con-
sidered likely that some elements enemy forces definitely
disengaged in direction Avellino where concentrations re-
ported. Traffic westwards into Naples from Avellino suggests
possible increase in forces covering city and port. No in-
dication immediate likelihood of major stand on enemy left
flank but right flank holds very firm reported however
Sorrento Peninsula now largely in Allied control. Enemy
now organizing delayed positions north of Naples. Light
fieldworks constructed at crossroads south of river Volturno
on road Naples Agasta via Cancellio. Antitank ditch south
of river at Volturno crossing (No 274). Other antitank
ditches spread south and east Mondragone, south and east
Minturno, southeast Sessa and at No 788 work 2 no evidence
at present any cross country works or continuous line but
present activity suggests enemy possibly envisages defence
line north of Volturno. Troopers AGWAR Fairfield rear for
action Mideast for info from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower
cite FHGBI.

Para 3. Sardinia reported that 1 Parachute Battalion
(presumably from Nembo Division) and 55 Blackshirt Legion
went over to Germans during withdrawal of latter.

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Para 4. Corsica. French report German controlled coastal strip considerably narrowed but still open. Retirement from Bonifacio reported but not confirmed considerable use being made Ghisonaccia and Borgo airfields by transport aircraft. Germans maintaining continuous patrolling on all approaches to Bastia and in defiles leading from Hinterland to coastal route. Considerable accumulation stores and transport Bastia. Patriot forces at * and pushing east from Corte and south from Zonza Levie and Sartenw. Detachments (end of first cipher part second cipher part follows)

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
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GEN DEANE (CC/B)

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from Freedom W 732/8273 22 1900B)

Part 1. Apulia.

No additional intelligence from our sources.

Part 2. Campania.

Enemy line continues to pivot northeastwards on strongly held positions north and east Salerno. Enemy rear guards now generally north S Cipriano, Montecorvino town, Contursi and Potenza considerable mine fields encountered by own troops enemy destroying bridges behind him. Considered likely that some elements enemy forces definitely engaged in direction Avellino where concentrations reported. Traffic westwards into Naples from Avellino suggests possible increase in forces covering city and port. No indication immediate likelihood of major stand on enemy's left flank but right flank holds very firm reported. However Sorrento Peninsula now largely in allied control. Enemy now organizing delayed positions north of Naples. Light fieldworks constructed at cross-roads south of river Volturno on road Naples Agasta via Cancelli. Antitank ditch south of river at Volturno crossing. No 274. Other antitank ditches spread south and east Mondragone, south and east Minturno, southeast

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Sessa and at No 786. Work continues. No evidence at present any cross country works or continuous line but present activity suggests enemy possibly envisages defence line north of Volturmo. Troopers AGWAR Fairfield rear for action Mideast for info from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

Para 3. Sardinia. Reported that 1 Parachute Battalion (presumably from Nembo Division) and 55 Black-shirt Legion went over to Germans during withdrawal of latter.

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From: Algiers
To : War

Nr : W 732/8273 22nd September 1943

Second part of and last of W732/8273 from Freedom the 2100.

Infiltrating towards Bonifacio and Porto Ciccio.
Bridge at Ventilegna destroyed by Guerillas.
250 Germans killed at Levie. In all patriots claim 1,000
Germans dead, 200 prisoners.

Para 5. Enemy casualties. Following figures for
prisoners received:

VI Corps 13th Sept, 212 German, 136 Italian

10th Corps 9-15 Sept, 401 German, 921 Italian

8th Army 3-13 Sept, 13 Germans, 19051 Italian, 162
unspecified.

Para 6. Intelligence from Allied mission to Italian
High Command:

(A). Railways at Pescara repaired 17 Sept but
cut again 18 Sept.

(B). Enemy Airborne troops North river Ofant
withdrawn from Gravina, Altamura, Santeramo and
Matera. Barletta, Andria and Canosa still held.
Trani reoccupied by 2 Italian Bns.

(C). Italian garrison at Nidiroce (Corsica)
was overwhelmed by Germans.

(D). Two enemy landings in Cappelonia proceed-

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favorably (Comment, no explanation yesterday's astonishing reports this area obviously contradicted by Mideast Signals).

(E). Germans have cut Apullian aqueduct at Ponte Atella.

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IMMEDIATE

COSITINTREP Number 72

Part 2.

LSI and LCI(L) have commenced movement of 76th Division from Sicily to Italy.

S.S. ALMENARA straggler from convoy was mined and sunk in approaches to Taranto p.m. 20th September.

Patrol of Straits of Taranto was carried out during night 20th September/21st September by two destroyers. No incidents reported.

A force of French ships carried further personnel and stores to Ajaccio during the night 20th September/21st September. 1700 personnel and 300 tons of stores have now been landed.

A ship in convoy to Salerno beaches was torpedoed 13 miles South West of Licosa Point A.M. 21st September. Details not yet received.

No T.O.O./22nd

Part 1 not received

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C.C.O.R.
Lt. Col. O'Connor
Group Capt. Du Boulay

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Situation Report Number 187.

1. S.S. ALMENAPA straggler from convoy to Taranto was mined and sunk in the approaches about 1840/20th with H.M.S. QUEENSBOROUGH and H.M.S. ILEY carrying out Strait Otranto patrol during night 20th/21st September. No incident report.
3. French cruiser JEANNE D'ARC and destroyers carried further personnel and stores to Ajaccio during night 20th/21st September. 2500 personnel and 300 tons of stores have now been landed.
4. A ship in convoy NS (?Y) 3 was hit by torpedo at 0920/21st in position 40-05 14-43. Details not yet received.
5. Movement of 78th Division from Sicily to Italy by LSI and LCI (L) has now commenced.

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Gen. Macready
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Mediterranean
To: War

Nr: 72, 22 September, 1943

(COSITINTREP number 72 part 2 COSITINTREP from
CINC MED)

ISI and LCI (L) have commenced movement of 78th
Division from Sicily to Italy.

S S Almenara straggler from convoy was mined and
sunk in approaches to Taranto PM 20th September.

Patrol of Straits of Taranto was carried out during
night 20th Sept / 21st Sept by 2 Destroyers no incidents
reported.

A force of French Ships carried further personnel
and stores to Ajaccio during the night 20th Sept / 21st
Sept. 2700 personnel and 300 tons of stores have not
been landed.

A ship in convoy to Salerno Beaches was torpedoed
13 miles southwest of Licosa Point AM 21st Sept. Details
not yet received.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig.

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S), Adm King,
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To: War

Nr: W717/8201 22nd Sept 1943

(To Cositintrep addressees from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI W717/8201 Cositintrep 74 22nd Sept. Part 4)

Corsica. 1. Intelligence. Destruction of depots at Porto Vecchio and demolitions on roads from Bonifacio to Levie and Sartene coupled with reported evacuation of Bonifacio indicate evacuation of southern portions of island by the enemy. Evacuation by air from Chisonaccia to Italian mainland continued.

2. Operations. (A) Naval. 2 Bns of French Tabor embarked Oran 21st Sept on French cruiser Montcalm.

(B) Ground. Italian troops have entered Sartene unopposed. French troops are moving towards Bonifacio and Porto Vecchio.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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addressees less 5th 7th and 8th Armies MAC pass to
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21st

To 1600 hours 21 Sept. Part 1 begins. Section
1. Intelligence. Captured documents show 4th Para Regt
less 2 Bn under command 26 Pz Div. Comment. This con-
firms identification 2nd Bn on 1 Airborne Div front.
Now confirmed 26 Tank Regt was not with Div in Calabria
but PW state Tank Regt was reequipped with new tanks and
is now in Rome area.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. Fifth Army. Six Corps. 45 Div advanced
to area 1 mile south and west of Olivero O 0532 and took
Campagna 9930 and Eboli 8924. Third Division assigned
to Corps and advanced to south edge of Acerno N8937.
36 Div in Army reserve concentrating west of Altavilla
N 9514. 82 Airborne Div in Army reserve concentrating
near Controne O 0212 to cover east flank of Corps and
contact 8th Army. Third Div 45 Div boundary N 8721-
Eboli-Mt Raionese N9031-Filigalli N9340. Inter corps
boundary Aversaano N7817-Battipaglia-Lenza- 8328-
Bellizzi 8754. Tenth Corps. Olivano 8629 Monte Corvino
Revello 8232 Cipriano 7235 Ogliara 6833 occupied without
opposition. Third Div relieving from Olivano to boundary
little activity on Ranger front. Casualties to date
killed 692 wounded 2656 missing 1863.

2nd. Eighth Army. Fifth Corps. Aquaviola P3959
Laterza P3628 and Ginosa P3323 now reported clear of
enemy. SAS patrols report Santeramo P3247 strongly de-

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fended. Thirteenth Corps. One CDW Div TAC Hq Q:718. One CDW Bde patrolling on right flank of the Corps and in contact with 5th Corps at Ginoza. Active patrolling continued from Potenza to east and north. Avigliano O 4538 now occupied by forward troops. Fifth Div. Hq Sels Consilina at O 3530. Advance of leading Bdes still held up by demolitions.

Section 3. Air.

1st. Fighters and tactical reconnaissance throughout the day reported road movement on a greatly reduced scale.

2nd. Fighter bombers reported considerable shipping activity at N39 during the morning.

3rd. Bomblines 8th Army 1207 hours. P 0996-P 0186-P 2771-P 3050-O 6050-O 6070-O 3070-O 3050-O 1840. Bomblines 5th Army 1905 hours 20th Sept. O 1847-N 9050-N 7348-N 6033-M 5637-N 4133.

(Signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT and FBGAI. Section 3 ends).

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From: Bq. Advanced Command Post
To: War

No. 539, 22 September 1943.

To AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and
to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeat Freedom
from Fairfield Rear.

Evening situation 21st September follows. This
is NAF 378, Fifth Army. Ten Corps: forward troops 3
miles North Salerno generally eastward to Monte Corvino
including Cipriano. Ranger Group 7,000 strong. Sixth
Corp: forward troops eastward to Contursi including
Acerno and Campagno. Third Division on left and 45th
Division on right with 2 Regiments 82nd Airborne pro-
tecting right flank reinforced with artillery. Thirty
sixth Division reorganizing and reequipping. Thirty
fourth Division started to arrive 20th September con-
voy loaded.

Eighth Army. To report, nothing.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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To : WAR - 529
USFOR - London - No #
Algiers - No #

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 17 1974

21st September 1943

Summary of report from Allied Mission dated 20 Sept follows: (To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff rptd Freedom from Fairfield Rear. (This is NAF number 377 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT) Marshal Badoglio and General Ambrosio are proving very easy to work with and in General Mason MacFarlanes opinion we can be 100 per cent sure of them. Italian Intelligence Personnel and Documents were left in Rome and Intelligence Organization now forming Brindisi will be of little value for some time. Naval and Air cooperation going quite well and Airforces active, operating mainly across Adriatic. Mission consider Italian Army Units in South to be of negligible fighting value owing lack of tanks and ammunition and because equipment antiquated. However Italian High Command keen to form Corps of 3 Divisions to join in the Allied advance; and wish to being back Divisions from Sardinia, to obtain release of Italian POW in Allied hands and to withdraw Italian personnel from Balkans. Our AMGOT proposals were accepted though a sterling Lire exchange rate more favourable to Italians is desired. Marshal Badoglio stressed that in view wholehearted German support presumably given Mussolini and Fascists, any undue restrictions on his own Government would be heavy embarrassment.

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INFORMATION: OPD, Gen. Strong, Gen. Hildring, Adm. King, General Arnold, Log

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 17 1974

21st September 1943

If you have not received a report within the past 24 hours from the Commander in Chief, following is the situation: (to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff. This is MAP 415).

In AVALANCHE all is going according to plan. On 5th Army front 6th Corps are firmly established in Battipaglia and have pushed patrols well forward to the high ground near Eboli. 45th Division reconnoitering actively line Eboli-Contoursi. Further North 10th Corps has patrols well North of Battipaglia on Battipaglia-Olevano road. The enemy is still holding the high ground North of Salerno and resistance is stiff. General picture is that although the Germans are withdrawing, they are pivoting on their right namely the high ground North of Salerno. 8th Army continues to advance and its patrols have made considerable progress. Main bodies are hampered somewhat owing to long lines of communication but contact is firmly established with 5th Army. 1st Airborne Division is now under Command of 5th Corps. It has been acting most aggressively and with great initiative. One patrol has entered Potenza, having reached there by train from Bari. 4th Parachute Brigade occupies Gioja and 2nd Parachute Brigade occupies Lavorza. 1st Airborne Division will be freed for further aggressive action towards Foggia when 78th Division disembarks at Taranto which is due to start on 22nd September. Administrative set up in Taranto is good. Stores and administrative units for Army and Air Force started arriving yesterday, the 20th, and will continue at ever increasing rate. Both General Eisenhower and General Alexander have visited the AVALANCHE front. Due precautions are being taken for prompt relief of food shortage in Naples area when captured. Sardinia is cleared of the Germans and preparations are being made to move our

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To : War - W 601
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Air Units to Sardinian airfields. German evacuation of Corsica is underway and we are doing everything we can with such means as can be spared from AVALANCHE to make it costly to the enemy. About 2,000 additional French troops reached Corsica last night. One of our officers who returned yesterday reports energetic action by the Corsican patriots and the French Units already arrived; the Italians are doing nothing. French Pursuit Squadrons will be moving promptly into Corsica. Occupation of Corsica brings up an important question on the political side which we are solving by the establishment of a French Military Governor with an entire French Administration and a Liaison Officer from the Military Government section of this Headquarters. We are in full accord and understanding with General Giraud on this matter. DeGaulle is making difficulties.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 631/7836, 21 September 1943

(From G-3 OPS Section AFHQ to COSITISTREP W631/7836
21 St nil)

COSITISTREP number 73. 21 Sep. Signed Eisenhower.
Cite FMOCT FMOBI. Part 4.

Corsica.

1. Intelligence. German troop movements northwards toward Bastia continue. Considerable air movement between airfields of Ghisonaccia 28 and Borgo D 24 and Italy. Convoy of 30 craft arrived Bastia after noon 20 Sep.

2. Operations. Naval. Convoy of cruiser Jeanne Darc with destroyers Fantusque Alcyon and Tempete sailed Algiers for Corsica 19 Sep. Convoy carries equivalent 1 French Inf Bn 16 gun 1t aa, Bty, Radar equipment and aviation petrol.

B. Ground. Italian troops occupied Zonza H 95 previously evacuated by Germans and are holding Vezani D 00. Our patrols active on Axis Road Ponte Leccia D 04-Casamozza D 24.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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2nd Part signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI)

Comtursi O 0428 - Monte Marano N 8451 and Murd
Lucano O 2540 - Monte Marano. A total of 600 MT was re-
ported including gas tanks. Considerable traffic jams were
seen. Heavy movement west from Marigliano N 3958 to Naples
was reported at 1100 hour.

Second. Bomblines 8th Army 1150 hours. Pkier 0996
-0286 - 2771 - 3246 - 2032 - O 8336 - 5243 - 4237 - 0529.
5th Army 1350 hours. O 0529 - N 8534 - 7839 - 6638 - 6033
- 5637 - 4038 - 4133. Section T 43333 Z/.

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From: London USFOR
To: War

No. 0-1161, 21 September 1943

(From Hq 15 Army Group. number 0-1161 TOO nil to COSITINTREP).

Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. 5th Army front. Information of 19th number 73 to 1600 B hrs 20 Sept enemy reported withdrawing on 8 of 10 Corps pivoting on Sardina N7033 and leaving small bodies of Infantry and tanks as rearguards. Enemy continuing to hold Mango and is strongly entrenched in Nocera area. On 8 Corps front our advance encountered no enemy opposition. Mt movement on roads north and northeast of bridgehead reported on much smaller scale.

Section 2. Ground operations 1st. 8th Army. Situation as at 1600 hrs 19th Sept. TAC Army Hq T5339. 5th Corps Hq 1 Airborne Div P 7018. 1 A/L Bde area P 54 clearing Giona Air Field and town 2 Para Bde fwd troops in contact enemy east of Laterza P 3728. 13 Corps. 1 CDN Div Hq U 1579. Recce patrols met some resistance with ground P 0915. 3rd CDN Bde fwd troops at Anzi O 6314 2 JDN Bde marched to area SE of Rotondella U 1577. 5th Div. 13 Bde fwd tps reported Caggiano-O 2619. 15 Bde Montesano T 4487 adv to Auletta. 2nd 5th Army 6 Corps fwd troops at 191600 B hrs. O 0211-0214-0215-0318-0519-0220-N9921-9622-9426-9126 position as at 201734 B hrs. 6 Corps advancing to north. Encountering mines and demolitions 45 Div patrols have reached vicinity Contursa O 0528 180 Rct leading 3rd Div patrols have reached Monte Corvino Rovella N 8333. Advance elements 30 Inf at

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Olevano N 8729. 10 Corps. Landing troops as at 191600 B hrs. N 8426-7731-7332-7030-6634-6032-5637-5036-5030-5126. Position as at 201734 B. Patrols report Cipriano N 7335 clear. Small enemy deta at Mango N 7134. (End of part 1). Situation unchanged in Salerno and Ranger areas. Command Posts at 191600 B hrs.

(Part 2 follows).

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General Deane CC/S

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To: WAR

No. 0-1161 21 September 1943

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COSITINTREP Number 72 to 16 B hours 19 Sept. *OKP*

Part 1. Section Intelligence.

5th Army Front. Enemy began thinning out in southern sector afternoon 17 September. Own patrol returning from behind enemy line reported enemy withdrawing from Persano to north and north east night 17/18. No evidence enemy withdrawing from high ground west of Salerno.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1st. 1 Airborne Div now under Command 5th Corps 4 Para BDE occupied Gioja P4648 cleared mines and booby traps from airfield and town. 2 Para BDE found Laterza P3628 evacuated. 1 A/L BDE relieved 4 Para BDE during night 17/18 Sept.

2nd. 8th Army. Nothing to report.

3rd. 5th Army. 6th Corps now occupied Battipaglia N8323. Patrols on high ground between Battipaglia and Eboli N8924 extending to Ponte Sele N9420. 45th Div

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reconnoitering on line Eboli-Costouris O/0428 2-Calibritta
O/0443. 10th Corps has patrols 6 miles north of Battipaglia on the Battipaglia-Oleuano NS729 road. Command Post 17 September. 504 Para Inf 947096, 142nd Rct 907089, 143rd Rct 900118, 7th Armd Div 748269, 131st BDE 744253, 169th BDE 772251, 201st BDE 778227, 167 BDE 738268, 128th BDE 685290, 138th BDE 667303, 139th BDE 683285, Rangers 541274.

Section 3. Air.

From early morning fighters and fighter bombers reported very heavy movement north and west on roads.

(and of cipher Part 1, Cipher Part 2 follows).

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(4) By MS 19 was mined in the approach to Crotona on 19th September. 7 Casualties.

(5) 8 Italian minor War Vessels arrived Malta from Palermo on 20 September. A further 31 are on (passage?). (DUKE?) OF AOSTA arrived (AUGUSTA?) A.M. 20 September in Yacht (ZAJYBRI?) and is (proceeding?) to Tarante.

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(part one not received)

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Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plaps
Brigadier Redman (8)
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From: Oram
To: WAR

Unnumbered, 21st September 1943

(COSITINTREP from C in C Med) COSITINTREP No
1 Part 2.

1. Two Italian destroyers landed personnel and supplies at Ajaccio during night 18th/19th September and have now returned to Algiers.

2. Several AIR attacks were made on shipping off AVALANCHE Beaches on the 19th September but attacks were not pressed home and no damage is reported. Unloading continued according to programme. Aircraft mine laying was suspected in raids during the night 18th/19th September but sweeping of channels has produced negative results.

3. Some of the bombarding ships have been with drawn for fuel and ammunition and are awaiting further call at Palermo and Malta. A minesweeper was mined in approaches to Crotone during sweeping operations on 19th September.

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SITUATION REPORT NR 185

(1) 2553 TONS 1295 VEHICLES AND 4692 PERSONNEL WERE
UNLOADED OVER NORTHERNMOST BEACH DURING 24 HOURS
ENDING 1800/17TH.

(2) US CRU PHILADELPHIA AND US DES BLACK
SUPPORTED THE ASSAULT BY BOMBARDMENT ON 17TH SEPT WITH
GOOD RESULTS. US CRU PHILADELPHIA WAS NEAR MISSED
BY ROCKET BOMB ABOUT 1645/17TH. OTHER ROCKET BOMB
ATTACKS WERE MADE IN NORTHERNMOST ASSAULT AREA DURING
THE DAY WITHOUT DAMAGE.

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From: Algiers
To : War

No. 7196/W506 20 September 1943

(From Freedom 7196/W506. 20th nil signed Eisen-
hower cite FHOCT and FHGBI).

COSITINTREP number 72. Part 4 20 Sep. No part
4 COSITINTREP number 71 issued. Paras 1 and 2. Corsica.
Remaining elements of German Forces in Sardinia have been
transported to Corsica disembarking at Bonifacio and Porto
Vecchio. Troop movements continuing by road and rail from
Bonifacio area towards Bastia where embarkation has commen-
ced. Shipping observed moving north along east coast.
After making aggressive thrusts towards Saint Florent, Pled-
icroce B23, Levis H95 and Zonna H96 enemy appears to have
withdrawn some of their advanced elements and evacuated
Saint Florent D16 and Levis. Pledicroce held by enemy.
Elements of French Battalion De Choc advanced towards Levis
to assist patriots who are offering effective resistance.
Liaison between French and Italian Troops excellent.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Tactical Hqs 15th Army Group
To: War

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OSD letter, May 4, 1973
By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

No. 01570, COSITINTREP 71, 19 September 1943.

(From TAC Hq 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP address-
see number 01570. COSITINTREP number 71.)

To 1600B hrs 18th Sept. Part 1 begins. Section
1. Intelligence.

1st. Eighth Army. NTR.

2nd. Fifth Army. Considerable MT movement on
roads north from Battipaglia suggests enemy thinning out
on southern sector of front.

3rd. First Airborne Div. Enemy evacuated Gioja
midday 17 Sep. Italians report elements 1st Oola Div and
30-40 enemy tanks Barletta J9104 on 16 Sep.

Section 2. Ground operations.

See Map
1st. One Airborne Div 4th Para Bde entered Gioja
shortly after enemy evacuation yesterday. Second Para
Bde. No change. Phantom patrols based on Bari have
reached Trani P0300 and Potenza successfully.

2nd. Eighth Army. Satisfactory progress continues.

3rd. Fifth Army. Sixth Corps. 36 MTV. 604th
Pzcht Inf reoccupied Altavilla last night. 45 Div. Sala
salient now consolidated and advance continues towards
Perano NS918. 10 Corps. 58 Div occupied Battipaglia
this morning. 48 Div made slight advance on road north
from Salerno during the day. On entire front strong recon
patrols are being maintained.

Section 3. Air.

1st. TAC/R. Large convoy seen Salerno-Avellino
road 0715B hrs not confirmed by subsequent recon. Little

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movement seen otherwise. General direction north.

2nd. Attacks. Heavies on aerodromes Practica-Di-Marefoglia and Viterbo with good results. Fighters and fighter bombers claimed successes against MT gun positions and trains north and northeast of AVALANCHE bridgehead.

3rd. Bomblines. As at 1515B hrs P0996-0286-2771-3245-2032-08431-6808-6800-1000 then as before. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends.

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IN

Received: 19th Sept. 43

Time: 2140

Addressed: Admiralty

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From: C. in ...

Situation Report NR 185.

1. 2553 tons 1295 vehicles and 4692 personnel were unloaded over Northernmost beach during 24 hours ending 1800/17th.
2. US CRU PHILADELPHIA and US DES NIBLACK supported the assault by bombardment on 17th September with good results. US CRU PHILADELPHIA was near missed by rocket bomb about 1645/17th. Other rocket bomb attacks were made in Northernmost assault (?area) during the day without damage.
3. Report from refugees state CHOLERA and TYPHUS are rampant Naples. Water situation (?bad) as aqueduct has been cut by bombing.
4. US PT Boats carried (?out) sweep (?in) Northernmost part of Tyrrhenean Sea during the night 17th/18th Sept. no incident reported.
5. 3 (?destroyers) maintained patrol in Strait Otranto during the night 17th/18th September (?without) sighting anything.
6. 2 MGB's landed Brigadier Gen'l. Roosevelt at Ceglieeri a.m. 18th Sept. town in hand of Italians reception friendly.

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7. H.M.S. WARSPITE in tow of 4 Tugs passed Messina 2345 17th speed of advance 6 knots E.T.A. Malta (706)30 19th.

8. H.M.S. CLEVELAND damaged by near miss in Tyrrhenean on 17th September temporary repairs have been effected speed now 22 knots. SS MARGA damaged by mine near Crotone 0900 18th.

(9?) (Addressees) will form A.I.G. 264 repetition 264 to which future Situation Report will be addressed. Admiralty is requested to amend S 5.

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Message delayed awaiting first and second parts.

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Rec'd 19th Sept. '43

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From: C.in C. Mod Eit

Situation Message 184.

1. Supply of 5th Army through Salerno Bay Beaches continues. Supply of 8th Army has commenced through Crotona.
2. Bombardment of targets in Salerno area was continued on 16th September by U.S.S. BOISE and U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA and Cruisers and Destroyers of ** Force K.
3. The Island Ischia surrendered to Naval force on 16th September and is being garrisoned by one Army Company.
4. Coastal craft carried sweep in Gulf of Gaeta during night 16th/17th September. No incident report.
5. H.M.S. INGLEFIELD and 2 Destroyers established patrol across Strait Otranto during the night 16th/17th September to intercept any enemy shipping break out Adriatic. Nothing was sighted. Otranto is open and is being used as base for this patrol.

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6. HM Hospital Ships SOMERSETSHIRE was bombed off Salerno A.M. 17th September, no damage.

Italian Hospital Ship TOSCANA attacked by German Aircraft P.M. 17th September in a position 38-00 North 17-15 East.

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Addressed: COSITINTREP Number 68

From : C. in C. Med.

IMMEDIATE

1. Supply of Fifth Army through Salerno Beaches continues. Supply of Eighth Army has commenced through Crotona.
2. Bombardment of targets in Salerno Area was continued on 16th Sept. by British and U.S. Cruisers and destroyers.
3. The Island of Ischia surrendered to Naval Forces 16th Sept. and garrison is being installed.
4. During night 16th/17th Sept. Coastal Recce's carried out sweep in Gulf of Gaeta no incidents reported.
5. Destroyers operating from Taranto established patrol across the straits during night 16th Sept/17th Sept with object interception of any enemy shipping attempting to break out of the Adriatic nothing was sighted.

No T.O.O./17

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By RHP, NLR, Date

No. W-380/6509, NAF 408, 18 September 1943.

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1. Problem of build up in Italy is considered under 2 headings. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHCOS. This is NAF 408 reference FAN 232.

(A) Tactical build up.

2. The initial problems was to put the maximum fighting forces, together with their minimum maintenance requirements, ashore as quickly as possible in order to secure ports and to obtain a firm foot hold. During this stage rate of build up is limited by the numbers of landing craft and LST available for vehicle lift. All available craft have been and are being used to the maximum extent and no action can now be taken to influence the immediate situation in any way. Use of 18 LST recently authorized is being of great assistance.

(B) Strategic build up.

3. Once we have secured Naples and the ports in the heel, our object will be to build up as rapidly as possible a balanced force in order to exploit our initial success. Port capacity, ability to clear ports, numbers of ships and craft, and readiness of formations are possible limiting factors to the rate at which this buildup can be

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accomplished. Although these factors have been examined in great detail, calculations made in advance cannot be exact, owing to such unknown factors as dates of occupation of ports, condition of ports when captured and losses at sea.

4. Port capacity. On present estimates this seems likely to be the principle bottleneck, the main problem being loading and off loading vehicles (including tanks and guns). Moreover, as forces on the mainland increase, so requirements for maintenance increase, thereby cutting down capacity available for build up. The best method of overcoming this limiting factor is use of LST, which do not take up store ship berths. We have allowed for use of all LST allotted to this theater by Quadrant decisions, but the longer additional LST can be retained the more the problem will be eased. Port capacity could be increased to the maximum clearance capacity by loading and offloading ships at anchor, using large numbers of tugs and lighters. Requests for tugs and lighters have already been submitted.

5. Shipping. Our aim must be to insure that all port capacity is fully employed at all times. For this purpose 140 store ships may be required; this is 14 more than provided by Quadrant decisions.

6. Readiness of formations. As pointed out above the limiting factor is likely to be port capacity. In general, formations are likely to be ready by the time that they can be moved, but the margin of time is extremely fine and it is most important that we run no risk of formations being unready to embark when required. The main difficulty is provision of load carrying vehicles for British formations and the shipment of these as early as possible would be of great assistance.

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7. To sum up, our main requirements in order to speed up the rate of build up are:

(A) The retention of all LST now in the theater until the build up has reached the stage at which they can be released without running grave risks in Italy. However, if this is agreed in principle, every effort will be made to release LST in the numbers and on the dates laid down in the Quadrant decisions.

(B) Increase in flow of vehicles for British formations.

(C) To the present Mediterranean allotment of 126 an increase of 14 MT/store ships.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No: 68, 17 September 1943

(COSITINTREP number 68 part 2. COSITINTREP from CINC Med).

1. Supply of 5th Army through Salerno beaches continues. Supply of 8th Army has commenced through Crotons.
2. Bombardment of targets in Salerno area was continued on 16th Sept by British and US cruisers and destroyers.
3. The island of Ischia surrendered to naval forces 16th Sept and garrison is being installed.
4. During night 16th/17th Sept coastal reconnoitering carried out sweep in Gulf of Gaeta no incidents reported.
5. Destroyers operating from Taranto established patrol across the straits during night 16th Sept/17th Sept with object interception of any enemy shipping attempting to break out of the Adriatic nothing was sighted.

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18 Sept 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 308/6136, 18 September 1943

(2nd part of our W 308/6136 to Troopers rptd AGWAR, US
FOR from AFHQ).

Francavilla and Grottaglie where air field found unusable. 6 Corps 36 28 V with 1 1/2 Bns Tank Destroyer extra Bn 105 MM and 2 Coys Medium Tanks established beach head 4 miles inland. 179 Rct of 45 landed south of Sele River. 10 Corps. Salerno captured 1045 H hours and beach head extended to line Battipaglia-Pontecagnano Fasano-Nocera-Pagani N 53. 11 Sept. 8 Army. First CDC Bde occupied Catanzaro 23 where roads found badly mined. Patrols reached Z 4 and Pontone Z 24. 51 Div made contact with CDNS and 17 Bde reached Nicastro Z 04. 1 Airborne Div confirmed area south of Kine Taranto-Brindisi clear. 5 Army. Strong enemy pressure on Army front continued 45 Div under 6 Corps holding position astride of D Sele River from N 9010 to just south of Eboli. Adv elements 46 Div in mountains 4 miles north of Salerno and 2 miles north Vietri N 63. Rangers reinforced by 1 Bn 82 Airborne Div hold high ground south of Pagani-Nocera 12 Sept. 8 Army. Recce Group CDW Div entered Crotone Z 75 while remainder concentrated Catanzaro Area. Patrols of 5 Div reached Z 06 and with Div concentrating Nicastro. 1 Airborne Div no important change. 5 Army. Strong resistance along whole front, with 6 Corps consolidating beach head from S 8193-Torchihir-Trentinara-Persano N 8916. 10 Corps. On 56 Div front enemy remains in strength in Battipaglia. 46 Div continued occupation of Salerno.

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Para 2. Locations. 15 Army Group TAC Hq Bizerta main
Hq Cassibile. 82 Airborne Div Licata. 7 Army Palermo. 2
Corps B 8831. 1 Div G 8346. 6 (3rd part follows) 3 Di Trapani.
9 Div Cefalu. Prov Corps Palermo. 2 Army Div B 2343. 8 Army
main C 9646. 8 Army TAC Y 8208.

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3rd and last part of our W308/6136 from AFHQ to
TROOPERS rptd AGWAR USFOR.

13th Corps Y-8717. 1st Cdn Div Z-2437. 5th Div
Y-8211. 30th Corps D-2661. (Correction. 2nd part. Erase
read 'patrols reached Z-44 and Pentone Z-51317. 51st
Div D-1457. 78th Div C-9248. 1st Airborne Div Taranto.

3 movements. Nil PAD.

4. Estimated casualties. 8th Army for BAYTOWN
3 Sep to 0800 hours 8 Sep 17 offrs 100 and 60 ors incl
3 Cdn offrs killed and 2 Cdn ors wounded 5 Army for
Avalanche up to 1800 hrs 9 Sep 545 all British. No other
details available.

Estimated prisoners up to 1800 hrs 10 Sep. 5 Army
400 German. 8 Army none reported.

Administration summary week ending 9 Sep. BAYTOWN
beaches and exits reported good but shortage army track
and low bridges caused difficulties on D day. Reggio.
Stores being discharged satisfactorily. 3 coasters
called forward from Sicily 5 Sep. 3 Giovanni. 2 berths
19 and 15 feet draught and 11 berths for craft. Extensive
damage to rail facilities. 5 locos 110 wagons intact.
Access to docks by road good. Estimated daily road clear-
ance 550 tons. Salerno. 10 Corps only no reports re-
ceived from 6 US Corps. Beaches. Reported 9 Sep no

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immediate adm difficulty but difficulty anticipated in unloading stores ships owing shortage LCTS nd present distance of ships from shore due enemy action. Discharged US to 1800 hrs 9 Sep stores nil personnel 23,900 nd 47 TKS nd half tracks 80 guns 325 vehs inc trailers 2155. Rdm nd rys ntr. Taranto. Opening up of Taranto Port with skeleton party from FORTBASE proceeding. Provi Bn of units based on needs 1 Airborne Div plus some air force on assumption port clearance tpt nd bulk of labor available from Italian sources. Ultimate intention of Gen Canlon switch maintenance 3 Army nd Eight INDEMN Div to Taranto nd other ports heel of Italy. General adm situation. BAYTOWN nd AVALANCHE satisfactory. ~~SLAPTON no information~~

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NOTE: See CM-IN-13921 (18 Sep 43) OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W 379/6508, 18 September 1943.

(Action COSITINREP addressees from Freedom
W 379/6508).

4 COSITINREP number 70. 18th Sep no parts 4
COSITINREP 68 and 69 issued.

Paras 1 and 2. Sardinia. Germans have almost
completed evacuation to Corsica after attacks by 2
Italian Divisions. Corsica. Patriots and Italians
made local gains in south. Germans hold narrow strip
along east coast where fighting continues. During night
15 Sep 2 sqns Italian bombers from Alghero Sardinia
bombed German craft in Straits of Bonifacio. Ghisonacci
airfield Corsica also attacked. Signed Eisenhower cite
FHGBI. Personal reps CINC sent to both Islands.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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18 September 1943.

(From TAC Hq 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees 1556 180205Z. COSITINTREP number 70 to 1600B hrs 17 Sept. Part 1 begins, Section 1. Intelligence.)

1st. Eighth Army. NTR.

2nd. Fifth Army. Tenth Corps report total 100 enemy tanks and SP guns their front. Two six Pz Div identified on 6 Corps front. Enemy activity in southern sector 6 Corps front limited to patrols. Some indications slight withdrawal their sector.

3rd. Five Corps. No evidence any enemy withdrawal from Gioja and Laterza. Section 1 ends.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1st. One Airborne Div night actions against Gioja and Laterza resulted in strong reaction. Estimated some 40 Germans killed. Patrols working north and west of Bari where inhabitants appear very friendly.

2nd. Fifth Army. SITREP timed 170029 stated 10 Corps no change. Six Corps no change front from left to N8714 then 907131-916122-9211. From this point front very fluid. Command Post 180 ECT N873060. Patrols 8th and 5th Army 882863 at 161400 hours. Rangers reinforced maintaining their position and continuing harassing action. Fifty sixth Div front reorganization in progress consolidation continues. Elements 505 PRCT Inf Regt occupied Roccadassida. 504 PRCT inf Regt reinforced reoccupied Albanella and

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To: Troopers London
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continued advance on Altavilla. 179 RCT closed salient formed by branches of river Sele and are consolidating. Air support control message 172135 hours states fighting still continues Altavilla. Same source reports Controne occupied.

3rd. Eighth Army. Thirteen Corps Hq moving area Scales today. One CDN Div. Recce elements made contact with 1 BR Airbourne Div to the east 1300 hours 18 Sept. Concentration continuing with patrols forward. Fifth Div established contact with 5th Army evening 18 Sep 5 miles west of Vallo. (End of part 1 cipher part, part 2 follows).

(Second cipher part of COSITINTREP number 70 from TAC 15th Army Group. 1556).

Leading troops have passed through Lagonegro directed on Montesano T4487. Recce Unit Vallo patrolling to the north. Section 2 ends.

Section 3. Air.

1st. TAC/R. 1145 hrs much traffic east through Avellino and in Anzio F8617 area mid-day. Otherwise very little movement throughout day. 60 plus JU88's were observed on six Foggia Airfield.

2nd. Bombing. Fighters and fighter bombers again on opportunity targets scoring direct hits on trains at Nola M4558 and Saviano M4356. Heavies successful attacks on 150/200 aircraft on Pratica Di Mare F54 and Campino F7756 Aerodromes.

3rd. Bomblines. Bomblines as at 0605 hours -O 0801-

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O 1000- P2000-P3325 then as before. Signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT and FHGBI. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends.

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To: Gibraltar No #
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all posted
(From TAC Hq 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addresses
and for information TAF Main Hq 15 Army Group 5 Corps num-
ber 1547 170245). COSITINTREP number 69 to 1600 B hrs 16 Sep.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence.

1. 8 Army. Nothing to report.

2. 5 Army. 3 PG Div identified 10 Corps front 14
Sep.

3. Taranto sector enemy continues withdrawal north-
wards leaving rearguards mines and demolitions. Rearguards
estimated 1 company strong hold Gioia-Laterza P3629. Italians
report large convoys moving Foggia-Trani J0907 within last 4
days.

Section 2. Ground operations.

1. 8th Army. 13 Corps. 1 Canadian Div 1 and 3
Cdn Bdes now concentrating in general area Villa Piana U1041
Spezzano T9821. Patrols in touch with 5 Div at Castrofillari
T8836 0930B hours. 5 Div patrols pushing forward to contact
5th Army have reached Vallo T0981. Other recon elements in
contact with enemy outside Lagonegro T5170. 13 Bde Area
Malatena T4656 Sapri. 17 Bde Area Scalet.

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2. 1 Airborne Div. Little change. Our patrols moving freely to Bari. Patrol to Bisceglie U0996 without contact 15 Sep. Contact made with 1 Canadian Div at U1235 at 160205B.

3. 5th Army. 6 Corps. 36 Div enemy Wallent between Sele R and Calore reduced early this morning and Albanella N9509 re-occupied. Indications of possible enemy withdrawals east and NE from Eboli N8924 being investigated by strong recce patrols. 504 Para Rct Cp N9106.143 RCT N 9111. 45 Div. Hq N7526. 56 Div. 2 enemy attacks in 169 Bde area 3 miles west of Montecorvino N8232 repulsed during this morning and our positions further consolidated. Enemy shelling road south of Battipaglia N8223. 46 Div. Strong enemy.

End of first part. Second part follows.

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(Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT for Troopers
rptd AGWAR, USFOR from AFHQ Nil) Summary of opera-
tions twenty seventh weekly summary. 6 to 12/308.

Ground 6th Sept. 8th Army. CDN Div captured
Delianuova D68 and pushed patrols to North and East
while 5 Div met slight opposition at Gioja D68. 154
BDE of 51st Div now under 13 Corps took over Reggio
from 3 CDN BDE.

7 Sept, 8th Army. Further demolitions slowed
mixed CDN column advancing on East Coast road to area
Locrid 96. 13 BDE of 5th Div moving by sea to area
Gioja passed through 15 BDE to find slight enemy mortar
and machine gun fire North of Rosarno D78.

8th Sept. 8th Army. CDNS took Locri, Cittanova
D88 and Polistena D89 without contact. 5th Div 13th
BDE captured Rosarno. 231 BDE and Commando parties
landed Southwest of Pizzo Y81 during morning in face of
shelling from both North and South.

9th Sept, 8th Army. 3 CDN BDE continued along East
coast road to Badolato Z20 while demolitions checked re-
mainder of Division 5 Div. 13 BDE made contact with
231 BDE Atvibo Valentia Y81 and RECCE patrols pushed for-
ward.

1st Airborne Div. First lift 1st airborne Div en-
tered Taranto Harbour where inhabitants friendly. 5th
Army. Convoy reached transport area on timetable and

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craft lowered 020 B hrs.

6th Corps. 36 Div retarded by water mines and opposition on beaches but beach head established after repulse of 5 light tank counter attack.

10th Corps. 46 and 56 Divs established beach head against some opposition from coast batteries. On left Rangers and Commandos landed according to plan and secured MAIRI N52 without opposition.

10th Sept. 8th Army. 1 CDM Div continued advance up East Coast road. 2 CDM BDE concentrated area Cittanova. Forward troops 231 BDE at E0735. 1 Airborne Div completed unloading at Taranto. 2 Para BDE at S Giorgio P81 and elements 4th Para BDE occupied Palagiano P52 and

Second cipher part follows.

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To: London USFOR
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By RHP, NLR, Date

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Situation in AVALANCHE continues to improve. (To AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower Fairfield Rear repeated to Freedom. This is NAF number 375). 10th Corps front was quiet last night. Positions in Battapaglia area still strongly held. Rangers reinforced by 2nd Battalion of 325th Glider Regiment are maintaining their positions and continuing harassing actions. Two enemy thrusts to south were made and both repulsed. Rocca Daspiè was occupied by elements of 505th Parachute Infantry. The front from the Sele River to the south is very fluid. 36th Division continues to consolidate its positions and as a result of operations in 8th Corps certain number of objectives regained. Altavilla reoccupied this morning by 3rd Battalion of 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Air Corps reports Salerno will be open (harbor) 18th September with 3 ships entering and 4 more on the 19th. CINC is at 5th Army Headquarters today. General feeling here and in 5th Army is optimistic. 8th Army continues advance and its patrols have made contact with patrols of 5th Army and with patrols from 1st Airborne Division in Taranto area. Report just received from Sardinia indicates that Italian forces are attacking the German rear guard in the northern part of the island. Movements of French to Corsica continuing under cover of darkness. Senior officers representing CINC are leaving tonight for Sardinia and Corsica.

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

No. 01547, 17th September 1943

(2nd and last cipher part of COSITINTREP from Tac Hq 15th Army Group number 014547 dated 17 Sep) Attack Cappexzano N8634 early today penetrated certain distance. Immediate counter attack as Commandos regained all ground lost and took upwards of 100 PW.

Section 3. Air. First. Tac/R 0515 hours 300 MT moving west to Avellino. Later majority MT movement was away from battle area. 1335B hours MT column 10 miles long moving east area Sessa N9591.

Second. Bombers. Mediums and fighter bombers close support. Strat Air Force on Benevento-Capua-Isernia and Caserta Benevento-Capua-Isernia and Caserta.

Third. Bomblines. AVALANCHE US at 161939B. Tarranto as at 161445B. Bomblines-N4133-4938-5637-5933-6638 N7839-8333 8422-8924-orange 0213-O 0801-T0590-U1290-P1222-P2233-P3447-P2772-P1483-P1993. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI correction to first cipher part of COSITINTREP. Insert portion as follows. 45 Div Hq N8213. 45 Div forward Troops generally N8715-N8220. 10 Corps. Hq N7526. 56 Div.

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No. W223/5625 16th September 1943.

(To TROOPERS AGWAR FAIRFIELD rear (KBS pass clear)
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W223/5625 16 Sept 1930).

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1. No special summary yesterday.
2. Calabria. SYILL no contact. Own forward troops reached Sapri without interference and are believed well beyond but reports state some bridges on coast road blown.
3. Apulia. No change.
4. Salerno Bay. For recent attacks enemy main concentrations were Battipaglia, Eboli, between Altavilla and Albanello. On 14 Sept on 10 Corps front enemy launched attack shortly after midnight with 40 tanks, Infantry and SP artillery. Attack maintained for 3 hours. No ground gained. Own patrols later reported many German dead. Little activity during day 14th Sept. On 6 Corps front enemy made 2 major attacks on 13 Sept. Strong southwards thrust from Eboli with tanks, Infantry and Artillery enabled Enemy cross Sele River and push strong forces north of confluence rivers Sele and Calore creating a salient here. Enemy also advanced south and east to Altavilla. At last light fresh attack in strength launched between Altavilla and Albanello forcing our withdrawal to line of river Cosca. On 14 Sept further attacks developed west of Sele River and tanks attempted to cross Calore River. Pressure less severe 15 Sept and Germans apparently organizing defensive positions north of River Sele considerable recce with tanks on Cosca River Front. Defensive activity west of Albanello. Reserves reported west of Con-trone. At 1320 hrs 16 Sept 5 Army reported improved situation with salient between Sele and Calore Rivers reduced and Albanello retaken. Attempted enemy infiltration

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// north and west of Salerno which has been taking place during recent days has been effectively held. Considerable movement night 15/16 Sept between Potenza and.

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To : War

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(2nd and last cipher part message W223/5625 from Freedom) Avellino some indications today enemy may withdraw east and north east from Eboli 5. Enemy dispositions. Consider bulk 15th PG Division including possibly 40 tanks still Gulf of Gaeta area and unlikely leave this area whilst enemy appreciates threat of possible allied landing unless intervention in present battle essential for decisive results. Battle group Hermann Goring Division with perhaps 30 tanks estimated still general area Naples. In operational area on northern flank north and west Salerno is strong battle group Hermann Goring Division with probably elements 15th PG Division and other miscellaneous elements under command and possibly 50 tanks including some Mark VI. Consider 115th PGR likely be still with Hermann Goring as in Sicily. On right flank of main front 16th Panzer Division general area Battipaglia with possibly 50-60 serviceable tanks and 3 Para Regt under command. On left flank 29th PG Division not known to have any tanks. In general reserve is probably bulk of 26th Panzer Division area Polia or further north and possibly part 4th para Regt. Do not consider enemy has left more than 1 battle group of 26th Panzer on 8th Army Front. This probably withdrawing towards Sala Consilina. Enemy thus has equivalent 2 Armoured Division at reduced strength, 1 Motorized Division also under strength and 1 Parachute Regiment in immediate contact. These forces capable of reinforcement by 4 battle groups from 26th Panzer, Hermann Goring, 15th PG and possibly 3rd PG Divisions. Enemy will however find position on left flank complicated by advance 8th Army and is unlikely commit all available forces unless speedy success assured. Present indications are that this is no longer possible. Enemy has suffered casualties, opposition is mounting up and bombing has severely hampered lines of

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movement and supply. No indications enemys immediate intentions in event further allied progress but consider further defence Naples and Foggia likely. 6. Miscellaneous. Total German prisoners 8th Army. 40. PWS state Pullriede (Regt Commander 15th PG Division) formerly officer in British Army joining German Army 1940.

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Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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- (1) THE PORT OF BRINDISI WAS OPENED ON 14TH SEPTEMBER WITH ITALIAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES COOPERATION. THE PORT IS UNDAMAGED WITH 2 SMALL FLOATING DOCKS AND COMPLETE WORKSHOPS.
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- (3) ISLAND OF PROCIDA AND PONZA WERE OCCUPIED BY ALLIED FORCES AND SURRENDER RECEIVED ON 15TH SEPTEMBER.
- (4) CAPT.(D)24TH DESTROYER FLOTILLA IN HMS TROUBRIDGE WITH 3 DESTROYERS OPERATED NORTH OF CAPE CIRCE DURING NIGHT 15TH/16TH SEPTEMBER AND PT BOATS CARRY OUT SWEEP IN THE GULF OF GAETA. NO INCIDENT REPORTED.
- (5) HMS WARSPITE AND HMS VALIANT CARRY BOMBARDMENT OF TARGETS IN SALERNO AREA ON 16TH SEPTEMBER HMS WARSPITE WAS DAMAGED BY ROCKET BOMBS ABOUT 0500 16TH AS REPORTED IN MY 162001 NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES
- (6) HMS SEAHAM SWEPT 17 MINES IN THE CROTONE AREA ON 16TH SEPTEMBER

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. COSINTREP 67 16 September, 1943

COSINTREP No 67 Part 2 (COSINTREP from C in C Med).

1. The port of Brindisi was opened on 14th September. Italian Naval authorities are cooperating and the port is in full working order. There is a lack of stevedores.

2. RFA ~~Korventdale~~ ² was hit by bomb off Salerno on 14th September and has been taken in tow for Malta SS. ~~Bushrod~~ ² was also hit and subsequently sunk AM 15th Sept. ~~Marshall~~ was damaged when rocket bomb hit landing craft tank unloading alongside on 15th Sept.

7191GT 3. The islands of Procida and Ponza were occupied by Allied forces on 15th Sept and surrender received. *60 miles W of Naples Coast* *60 miles W of Naples Coast* (PONZA)

60 miles N of Naples 4. British destroyers carried out sweep north of Cape Circeo during the night 15th/16th Sept and United States PT boats operated in the Gulf of Gaeta.

5. HMS Warspite and Valiant and gun support forces carried out bombardment on targets in Salerno area on 16th Sept. Warspite was damaged by rocket bombs about 1500/16.

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INFORMATION:

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General Deane (CCS),
Admiral King, Log,
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R T.O.O. 152345

IN

Received: 16 Sept.
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Time: 0952

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Addressed: COMINCH

From: C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

My 152345 Part 2 Final.*

(4) H.M.S. WARSPITE and H.M.S. VALIANT
bombaraded targets in Salerno Area on 15th September.

(5) On 13th and 14th September 28 Italian
Small Naval Craft arrived Palermo.

(6) During night 13th/(14?) September French
Light Cruiser "LE FANTASQUE" and French Light Cruiser
"LE TERRIBLE" landed 600 troops at Ajaccio.

152345B

*Part One not received

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

NR: COSITINTREP 66, 16th September 1943

(Cositintrep from CINC Med) Part 2

1. During 14th September unloading over the beaches of Salerno Bay continued satisfactorily. British and U. S Cruisers and destroyers bombarded enemy positions and troop concentrations. Shelling of the port of Salerno was on a reduced scale.

2. During the night 13th Sept/14th September destroyers carried out sweep north of Cape Circeo and coastal forces operated in the Gulf of Gaeta. No incidents reported.

3. HMS Warspite and Valiant bombarded targets in the Salerno area on 15th September.

4. During the night 13th Sept/14th Sept FS Faitasque and Terrible landed 600 troops at Ajaccio. *(French troops)*

5. Twenty eight more small Italian naval craft arrived at Palermo during 13th Sept/14th Sept.

6. HS Hospital ship Newfoundland which had been bombed on 13th Sept sank 15th Sept.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
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IN

Received: 16 Sept.43

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Addressed: Admiralty

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(?COM 10TH FLT)C & R)

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From : C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 181.

1. Capri was extinguished P.M. 12th Sept. The naval and military commanders were co-operative and have undertaken the defence of the island. It is intended to establish an M.T.B. Base at Capri. Radar is (?being) installed.
2. 1850 tons was discharged at Salerno during the 24 hour period ending 2000/13. The port party has now had to be reduced to (?center) holding nucleus on account of enemy action.
3. H.M.S. AURORA and H.M.S. PENelope arrived in the Salerno area A.M. 14th Sept to (?augment) the bombarding force. H.M.S. WARSPITE (?and) VALIANT proceeded from Malta (?P.M.) (?14th) Sept. to carry out bombardment at Salerno.
4. H.M.S. EURVALUS, H.M.S. SCYLLA and H.M.S. CHARYBDIS are (?proceeding) to Tripoli to embark (?re-enforcements) for operation AVALANCHE. H.M.S. UGUNDA left the Salerno area A.M. 24th Sept. in tow of Tug and using 1 engine for Malta. Steering gear has been temporarily repaired.

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6. 2 Italian Battleships, 4 (?Cruisers)
and 4 Destroyers escorted by 3rd Division of the
Battle Fleet sailed from Malta 14th Sept. for
Alexandria.

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No Para (5) received.

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 181.

(1) CAPRI WAS EXTINGUISHED P M 12TH SEPTEMBER.
THE NAVAL AND MILITARY COMMANDERS WERE COOPERATIVE AND HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE DEFENCE OF THE ISLAND. IT IS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH AN MTB BASE AT CAPRI. RADAR IS BEING INSTALLED.

(2) 1850 TONS WAS DISCHARGED AT SALERNO DURING THE 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 2000/13. THE PORT PARTY HAS NOW HAD TO BE REDUCED TO CENTER HOLDING NUCLEUS ON ACCOUNT OF ENEMY ACTION.

PART 1 MY 142216B.

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President has seen

From: Algiers
To: War

No: W-137/5250 16 Sept 1943

General Mason MacFarlane, in a message dated Taranto 14th September, reports the following: "At Brindisi all day yesterday. First saw Ambrosio, then Badoglio and then the King. Lunched with A and B and Rossi and Minister of Marine and Roatta.

Ambrosio. Intelligent and friendly. Seemed depressed and lacking in enthusiasm.

Badoglio. Old, benevolent, honest and very friendly. Said all the right things.

The King. Pathetic, very old and rather gaga.

Apart from having got the fleet I should describe the situation as unpromising. I find no evidence of inspired leadership or genuine enthusiasm.

All I spoke to are inclined to ascribe the present state of affairs to the short notice we gave them of Avalanche and especially announcement of the armistice.

Communications. These, according to Ambrosio, are lamentable. Brindisi is in touch with the 2 divisions in the toe and the heel, with Sardinia, with Cephalonia, uncertainly with Venice, and with nowhere easy.

Army. Following Divisions are in being. In the south. Mantova Division near Crotona, Piceno Division near Brindisi, Legnano Division (part of) north of Brindisi, some coastal formations. In Sardinia. 4 Divisions (recuperative). In Cephalonia. 1 Division. In Dodecanese. 1 Division.

Ambrosio says that all the rest of the Italian Army is "surrounded by the Germans and finished." In fact, they can be written off.

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From: Algiers
To: War
No: W-137/5250

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- Of the divisions still in being in the south:
- (A) They have hardly any motor transport left.
 - (B) Their armament is mostly 1918.
 - (C) Practically no petrol.
 - (D) Only unit echelons of ammunition.
 - (E) Very short of boots.

To sum up, they are practically immobile and have ammunition for about 2 days fighting.

The only reserve of ammunition appears to be the stocks we have captured in North Africa and Sicily.

Ambrosio suggest that we should collect these and send them over. He would also like as many boots as we can send at once.

There are no Italian tanks in the south at all.

We want organized labor very badly at Taranto and I am asking Ambrosio for 3000 troops tomorrow.

As regards employing the Italian formations in the zones we occupy, I suggest that they could come under the orders of the allied commander on the spot.

In the south they total 2 plus divisions-practically immobile and very short of ammunition. They could be used for defense of airdromes, L of C and to labor.

To keep the flag flying they might be organized into a corps (Headquarters 9 Corps is at Brindisi) but it would be a corps of extremely low fighting value.

I think it would be best to form this corps and put it under 8th Army for static use at ports and on L of C.

I put the above as an unofficial suggestion to Ambrosio who was quite in agreement.

It does not look as if we shall get much Italian help in the air.

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To: War
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Foster has just arrived and I am taking him to Brindisi tomorrow. The two things we can do here to get assistance out of the Italians are:

1. SOE equals OSS.
2. PWE equals OWI.

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There is tremendous scope and a fruitful field for both.

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I have made the point that good sabotage of enemy communications, dumps, etc, will damage Italian towns far less than the alternative-bombing.

We must go flat out on SOE and PWE.

Apart from the fleet the genuine military help we are likely to get is going to be practically nil.

I am doing all I can to put some pep into the Italians but they are unlikely to cheer up unless Avalanche goes well.

They all say we should have landed north instead of south of Naples. On this point I say they know nothing about it and to shut up.

// The Crown Prince is in Brindisi. I have not seen him yet.

The Duke of Aosta arrives here tomorrow to see the King.

Mussolini, who had been taken to the Beruzzi country under a picked guard of 50 was rescued by a German raid of 500 paratroops from 3rd Paratroop Division. The guards failed to shoot Mussolini as ordered.

Ambrosio says that there is little likelihood that Italian formations or units in German occupied Italy will fight against us-except for black shirt ones which probably will.

I hope to install the mission in Brindisi tomorrow.

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The transport situation here is very bad indeed. Please expedite at least 3 cars or jeeps for the mission and 1 truck to the utmost. End of message proper.

The following is a postscript. Ambrosio says that about the best bombing target for us would be the German supply depots and installations in the area of Mantua. This WAF 405 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FRSGS.

*Between Milan
& Venice - on
the Po River*

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
SGS
Admiral King
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From: 15th Army Group
To : War

Re : 68, 16 September 1943

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15 Army Gp 5th Corps no 0-1529 160100. COSITINTREP num-
ber 68 to 1600 hrs 15 Sep. part 1 begins section 1).
Established at Sapri T4164 (Sapri 84364) with patrols
forward. 13 BDE moving on (Sapri) from Scales remainder
of Div moving up.

(2nd) 1 Airborne Div. Line under our control (Mot-
tola P5730)-7 (Castellineta P4929) thence south to COASQ.
Patrol forces operating northeast to Adriatic including
Bari. 1 Italian Div concentrated Brindisi. Dockyard as-
sistance continues. Civil population reported to have 8
days rations. General Hopkinson died of wound 13th Sep
Maj Gen Down now in comd.

(3rd). 5th Army. Situation more favourable. De-
tail follow when available. Section 2 ends.

Section 3. Air. 1st Tac/R. Avalanche 3C594. Heavy
traffic moving east Muro (01550)-Potenza 0830B. Mt col-
umns both ways east of Eboli 1030B. Otherwise only slight
movement. A train movement M1763-N3356 1345B.

(2nd). Bombing. Opportunity targets mainly in
(Eboli-Potenza-Auletta) areas. Night 14/15 100 Mt damaged
Eboli-Potenza road at 0830B further 22 Mt destroyed and
36 damaged. Eboli town road junction Torre Del Greco N3143.
Successfully attacked. Day 14 Sep 1200 plus tons bombs
drpped in Avalanche area.

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From: 15th Army Group

To : War

No : 68, 16 September 1943

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signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972

By DBS

Date MAY 21 1973

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: AFHQ North Africa
To : War - 482
USFOR London - No #
Algiers - No #

18th September 1943

Have just received the following message from 5th Army through 15th Army Group. From the Commander-In-Chief Fairfield Rear to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff. This is NAF number 373. BIGOT AVALANCHE. Repeat Freedom.

"Situation vastly improved. Gets better hourly. Early this AM Salient between Sele and Calore was reduced and Albanella reoccupied. Some indications enemy may be withdrawing to East and Northeast from Eboli. Strong reconnaissance parties have been organized to determine attitude of enemy."

The enemy is probably becoming somewhat nervous due to the advance of the 8th Army which may now begin to move speedily. It is possible that the enemy is withdrawing his left flank to prevent it being taken in reverse by the advance of the 8th Army but he will unquestionably continue to oppose bitterly our forces on the Northern flank of the 5th Army.

General Alexander told me this morning that a small group of newspapermen have gotten through overland from 8th to 5th Army. We are pressing by land, sea and air to make good our hold on the Southern part of the Boot and when our forces can be brought up and properly organized, we will act aggressively against the Germans in the Southern region. Our Air Force and our Naval support continue to be superb.

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From: AFHQ North Africa
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16th September 1943

I am leaving early tomorrow morning to visit 5th Army and will not submit any further personal reports until some time Saturday. Regular SITREPS will be submitted.

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INFORMATION: OFD
General Strong
General Arnold
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From: AFHQ Adv Command Post
To: USFOR London Unnumbered
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War No. 480, NAF 372

Signature- *RHO*

16 September 1943.

Preliminary report from Alexander who has visited 5th Army indicates temporary stabilization of AVALANCHE situation. From the Commander in Chief to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff. This is NAF number 372. BIGOT AVALANCHE. Repeat Freedom from Fairfield Reef. The 3rd US Division arriving in area on 17th and all fighting elements will be there by following morning. Infantry Brigade and about 1/3 tanks of 7th British Armored Division were landing 14th and 15th but move of Division will take some time to complete. Hope to send in last Battalion and heavy equipment of 82nd Airborne Division by plane and glider tonight. Seventy Eighth British will begin moving into Taranto about 22nd and at least 1/2 the Division should close rapidly using the 18 LSTs made available by CCS. Debarkation port for 8th Indian still somewhat doubtful since it would be advantageous to push straight into Brindisi if practicable. It should begin arriving by 24th. Eighth Army is hastening north with 5th Division in the lead concentrating at Scales on 15th. Reconnaissance elements are already in Sapri with patrols beyond but not in contact with German forces. Canadian Division moving into Rossano area will follow 5th Division in 2 pronged advance on Potenza. This drive should begin to exert a direct influence on the enemy opposing AVALANCHE within 4 or 5 days time.

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O P E R A T I O N A L
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From: GHQ Second Echelon
To: War

No. COSITINTREP 65, 14th September 1943

COSITINTREP number 65 Part 2. (COSITINTREP from
CINC Med)

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1. The island of Capri was occupied PM 12th September. The defence of the island continues to be undertaken by the Italian Naval and military commanders who are cooperating. ~~MTB~~ base is being established and radar installed.

2. 180 tons was discharged at Salerno in 24 hours ending 2000 13th September. The port party has been reduced on account of enemy action.

3. Bombardment of targets in the assault area was continued by British and U S cruisers and destroyers throughout 13th September. HMS Aurora and Penelope arrived AM 14th September to augment their forces.

4. HMS Warspite and Valiant sailed from Malta PM 14th September to carry out bombardment in the Salerno area.

5. HMS Euryalus Scylla and Charybdis are proceeding to Tripoli to embark reinforcements for operation AAC AVALANCHE.

6. An Italian squadron of 2 battleships, 4 cruisers and 4 destroyers sailed from Malta for Alexandria on 14th September. The Italian squadron was escorted by the 3rd Division of the battlefleet.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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To: WAR 476 NAF 371
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Date- 12-22-71

Signature- RHP

15 September 1943.

Our entire air force is necessarily committed to direct support of the efforts of the troops fighting on the ground. From the Commander in Chief to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff. This is NAF number 371. BIGOT AVALANCHE. From Fairfield rear information copy for Freedom. The enemy operating in our immediate front is unquestionably encouraged to press home his attacks because of the knowledge that he has very strong reinforcements in the north, including at least 4 mechanized and motorized divisions. In fact, part of the 3rd German Division has already moved southward to the Salerno area.

As I have previously reported, we are facing a very tough problem which will endure until we have solidified our grasp on the southern part of the boot. When once we have accomplished that we will have achieved a most remarkable success and, moreover, one which can thereafter be exploited or not, according to future decisions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff. But for the moment and for a number of days to come, our situation is bound to be precarious. The only way in which forces other than those in this theater could intervene during this critical period is by air. I therefore suggest the following:

1st, if long range air forces from the UK could operate against the lines of communication into Northern Italy it would tend to immobilize the hostile units in that area and would have a moral effect throughout Italy.

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SECURITY CONTROL

**SECURITY
CONTROL**

From: AFHQ Adv Liaison Gp Algiers
To: WAR 476 MAY 371
USFOR London Unnumbered

15 September 1943.

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2nd, if the CCS could find it possible to send us back the 3 B24 groups that had a considerable experience in this area we could use them daily in the task of disrupting communications between the southern and northern enemy concentrations. They would even be valuable closer to the battle in the rear extremity. Even if these 3 groups could operate here for a period of 2 weeks only it should have a most marked effect on our present critical problem.

If this suggestion can be favorably considered the forces should be dispatched here without a moments delay. I would appreciate an early reply.

The enemy attack yesterday along the Sele River made definite progress but according to my last reports, was finally checked. Admiral Cunningham has moved major Naval units in the area to support the 5th Army by gunfire and the strategic air force alone made 696 Sorties yesterday, dropping over a thousand tons of bombs. I have complete faith that we are going to solve this problem but I feel it my duty to let you know that any possible temporary assistance of the kind above indicated would mean a great deal to us.

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Action: CC/S (Gen. Deane)

Information: OPD
Gen. Strong
Gen. Arnold
Adm. King
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Nr: W13/5194, 15 September, 1943

(COSITINTREP no 67. 15 Sept part 4 W13/5194 COS-
ITINTREP addressees from AFHQ. Signed Eisenhower cite
FMGCT. No COSITINTREPS part 4 nos 41 to 66 issued)

Paras 1 and 2. Italian troops assisted by patriots
fighting Germans in North and West of Corsica since 11
Sep and now control Ajaccio and great part of interior.
Germans hold Bastia and SE corner of island. Also re-
inforcing from Sardinia. Reinforcements already sent
from North Africa include 600 French troops.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Sec. Gen. Staff
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
Adm. King
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15 Sept.
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OSD letter, May 4, 1972

By DBS

Date 11/1/73

From: Tactical Hq. 15th Army Group
To: War

No. 1512, 15 September 1943.

(T CONSITINTREP addresses from TAC Hq 15 Army Group
P. 1512 150250B. COSITINTREP number 67 TY 1600B hrs
14 Sept. Part 1 begins. Section 1.)

1 PM, 14
Sept.
(troops)

Intelligence. First. 8 Army. NTR. Second. 5th Army. No evidence any enemy moves today. Identifications all 12 Sep. 29 Pz Pioneer Bn (AC) vicinity Persano NS917. Elements 15 PG and Hermann Goering Divs northeast of Salerno. Third. 1 Airborne Div 1 enemy FN (Bn) with anti-tank guns hold Gioia Airfield. Is counter attacking towards Mottola. Organization 1 Para Regt. Three Bns each 3 rifle Coys heavy Coy with HMGS and light mortars. 13 Coy with 81 MM mortars and HACS (HMGS). 14 Coy with A/TK guns has 1 TP 3 37 MM 1 TP 3 50 MM 1 TP 4 42 MM. Organization 4 Para Regt. Three Bns each 3 rifle Coys 1 heavy Coy. Rifle Coys 2 LMGS per section 2 MOD 41 anti tank guns per Coy. Heavy Coys 4 8 12 two HUGS per section (probably 4 sections) unknown number 120 and 150 MM mortars. 13 Coy Ind Inf Coy. 14 Coy 8 to 12 SP 5 CM anti tank guns.

Section 2. Ground operations. First. 8th Army. 13 Corps. No contact. 1 CDN Div Hq Z0638 S. Giovanni Z3376 occupied. Rd junc U1020 reached. 5 Div. 13 and 15 Bdes concentrating area Seivedere T5914. Patrols occupied Scalea T5337. Second. 5th Army. CP NS710. 8 Corps. 38 Div after heavy enemy counter attacks withdrew from Altavilla and Albanella to hold line of La Cosa river running south from Calore River to NS813. 45 Div north of river Sele conforming. Report situation favourable. 179 RCT destroyed 13 enemy tanks. 180 RCT Army reserve unloading south of River Sele 2 Bns 82 Airborne Div landed successfully by air night 13/14 area Sele River mouth. (End of 1st

85 MI So.
of Salerno

Regt. of 45th
Div.

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From: Tactical Hq. 15th Army Group
To: War
No. 1512, 15 September 1943, Page 2,
cipher part, 2nd part follows).

(Part 2 and last cipher part of COSITINTREP number 67 from TAC Hq 15 Army Group to all COSITINTREP addressess). 10 Corps. 56 Div positions consolidated. Front coordinated with 45 Div. 46 Div no change. Salerno port under shellfire not in use. 7 Arm'd Div started unloading this morning. Third. 1 Airborne Div 4 Para Bde in defensive position on Mottola-Gloria RD. 2 Para Bde covering Castellonata. SAS successfully released 300 (400) prisoners Pisticci P10 POW camp.

Section 3. Air. First. TAC/R. Traffic north and west from Lagonegro. Much MT 1030B Capua-Naples minor MT north and northeast of AVALANCHE bridgehead. Extensive damage seen Eboli (2 main roads blocked) and Battipaglia (east-west road may be passable). Second. Bombing. Opportunity targets AVALANCHE Sector. Mediums Eboli Battipaglia-Torre Annunziata-Auletto and Avellino. Heavies in direct support-Monpeil-Torre Annunziata-Battipaglia and Eboli. Third. Bomblines. AVALANCHE bomblines as at 0912B-O. M4034-5442-6638-8332-8324-P0803 (80803)-T0380-9369 (0369). Eighth Army AED Taranto Sector bomblines. No change. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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15 Sep 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W-105, 15 September 1943.

General Castellano has received authority from Marshall Badoglio that Italian diplomatic organizations abroad should place all information concerning Germany at disposal of Allies. AGWAR rptd TROOPERS from G2 FREEDOM signed Eigned Eisenhower cite FRQBI (USFOR pass to TROOPERS) AG recommend both United States and British diplomatic representatives pass this information to Italian representatives throughout the world.

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ACTION: G-2 (S.D.)

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN DEANE (CCS)
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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14 Sept
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URGENT

From: 15th Army Group
To : Troopers London
Hq ETOUSA London
Algiers
Chief Gibraltar
TAC 5th Corps
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14 September 1943

(From TAC Hq 15 Army group to COSITINTREP address-
sees less 7 Army 5 Army 8 Army Adv Fairfield C in C Med
info TAC 5 Corps Main Hq 15 Army Group 1492 13th Sept 2359).
Nothing to report. COSITINTREP number 66 (to 1600 B hrs 13
Sept, part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. 8th Army.)
5th Army. NT movement northwards in area 045289 59328 at
130935 suggests some enemy reinforcements from south by-
passing battle area. 1 Airborne Div. concentration 1
para Div Altamura where Italians report strength 1000. Ger-
mans destroying petrol stores Gioja Dell Colle Airfield.
Section 1 ends.

1 PM
EWT, 13th

Section 2. Ground operations. First. 8 Army. Main
Hq D6275. 13 Corps now concentrated on line Catanzaro-
Nicastro. Patrols 1 Cdn Div have reached Strongoli Z6278
and patrols 5 Div have reached Cosenza Y9578 Belvedere
T9914. Elements believed farther north of these points.

Second. 1 Airborne Div. Capurso P4575 Modugno P3378
Palo P2775 Mariotto P1575 (P1675) road P0171 clear
of enemy. No traffic on main roads crossed. Road blocked
and bridges railway mined west of Gravina. Second lift
arrived and disembarked.

Third. 5th Army. 10th Corps situation difficult.
56 Div who have suffered heavy losses forced out of
Battipaglia. 46 Div maintaining position in passes but
subjected to infiltration from north. No change ranger
front. 6 Corps left flank withdrawn after several count-
erattacks to conform to 56 Div. 137 BCT now north of
Sele River. Section 2 ends.

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From: 15th Army Group
To : Troopers London
Hq ETOUSA London
Algiers
Chief Gibraltar
TAC 5th Corps
Constantine
War

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14 September 1943

Section 3. Air. First. TAC/R and bomber escort reports shows increased movement throughout the day mainly areas north and northwest of Potenza with heavy concentrations of Infantry tanks and MT at Battipaglia at 1700 hours. Air photographs revealed columns of AFVS and MT moving west through Contursi 00428 and a large convoy north Eboli N8924 Oliveto 00532. On Taranto sector little movement was seen. (end of part 1 part 2 follows.)

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14 Sept 1943
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. WR 387 14 September 1943

(Part 2 and final part of my WR 387 14 September from Spantz).

And 5 FW190's 2 A36's and 1 Spitfire lost all pilots safe. No major incidents reported by Coastal Air Force. Flash report from Troop Carrier Command reports 86 C47's were dispatched to drop paratroops Sele River area within our lines last night 85 returned safely no opposition mission successful. Today maximum effort of Strategic Air Force operating against targets in immediate vicinity of battle are to prevent further reinforcement and disorganize enemy concentrations and relieve pressure of junction between 6th and 10th Corps, as follows. Pompei roads 1 group B17's, Torre Annunziata 1 group B17's, Avellina roads 1 group B26's, Auletta Roads 1 group B26's, Eboli roads 1 group B25's, Eboli town 1 group mediums, Battipaglia town 1 group mediums 9th Air Force 2 groups B24's on communications Pescara. On completion of assigned missions all NASAF units rearm and concentrate attacks on Battipaglia area as long as (end of part 2) daylight permits.

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INCOMING MESSAGE CCWD
14 Sept
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URGENT

From: 15th Army Gp
To : Troopers London
Hq. ETOUSA London
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Chief Gibraltar
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14 September 1943

1530 hours. (2nd. and last cipher part of COSITIM-
TREP number 66 from TAC 15 Army group TOO 132359) bombing.
Fighter bombers attacked at Potenza West and North West
areas whilst mediums attacked Sala Consiliana 03501 and
road junctions south. 3rd bomblines. AVALANCHE bomblines--
0810 hours N6539-9030-00418-00717 then as before. 8th
Army bomblines no change from T5050-U 2250 as at 1920
hours 12 Sep. Taranto sector bomblines no change. Section
3 ends. Part 1.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: War

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No. W9916/4208, 13 September 1943.

(W9916/4208 131930 to Troopers AGWAR Fairfield
Rear info Mideast from G-2 Freedom cite FHGBI signed
Eisenhower. G-2 summary.)

1. Very little additional intelligence from any sector.
2. No contacts Calabria and Apulia. Very little movement observed either Arel.

3. Naples-Salerno area. Italian civilian reported many vehicles including artillery and possibly tanks between Laurito and Vallo 11 Sept. Vigorous counterattack by tanks with infantry south of Battipaglia night 11/12 Sept. Two counterattacks from vicinity Altavilla 12th Sept, 1st with 20 tanks, 2nd with 1 Infantry Bn. Enemy concentrating north of Sele River west of Persano. Eng PW 29th PG Division identified area Persano but PW stated division now Naples are leaving only 26th Panzer Division in Calabria. German troops in Sorrento, Torre-Annum Ziata and northwards to Yarno River where panzer troops with tanks reported near mouth of Sarno. Elements 15 PS and Hermann Goring Divisions reported attempting infiltrate from positions north east Salerno.

4. General appreciation unchanged. Indications enemy concentrating all available forces main Naples-Salerno area and avoiding contact elsewhere.

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Information: OPD

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From: Algiers
To : WAR

SECURITY CONTROL

No : W 9961/4458/141240 13 September 43

(From Freedom to AGWAR for OPD Troopers rptd
Mideast W 9961/4458/141240 13th nil signed Eisen-
hower cite PHGCT for MO 4)

BIGOT. This is first of a series of weekly telegrams sent to keep you informed as to possible future developments this theatre and the way in which this Headquarters is thinking for planning purposes. These telegrams are for information and liaison purposes and should not be taken as committing AFHQ to any particular course of action.

2. Main feature of all planning at present is to achieve greater build up in Windsock. Situation there still critical particularly in Avalanche area and every possible improvisation is being studied to overcome our difficulties. Leading elements 8th Indian Division expected in heel about 24 September; but build up thereafter is slow. Probable that 2 NZ Div will follow in latter half of October.

3. Situation in Corsica is that Italians and patriots cooperating against German control the port of Ajaccio and a great part of interior of island. French are rushing limited number of troops in French destroyers French submarines and the Jeanne D'Arc in order to encourage and strengthen local resistance.

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SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers
To : WAR

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No : W 9981/4458/141240 13 September 43

French troops moving include Bataillon De Choc (Rangers) Mountain Battalion and Tabors. Cannot however spare any shipping or craft to lift heavy weapons and it is doubtful whether it will be possible to prevent Germans regaining complete control.

4. In Sardinia Italians are being pressed to deal with situation on their own. It has been decided not to use French troops there. The Italians have been instructed to do everything in their power to prevent German forces escaping to Sardinia.

5. Study now being carried out to determine best method of returning 7th British and U States divisions to U Kingdom.

6. See possibility of useful employment for Plough force either on mainland of Italy or on Dalmation coast. Mideast has been consulted about this and AGWAR has been requested to move this unit to Mediterranean Theater by mid November.

7. Examination of means for withdrawing Italian divisions from Balkans now being carried out. It will be necessary to use Italian shipping now under our control and do not anticipate that in fact great numbers can be withdrawn.

8. Will you please say if cables of this nature are useful to you and indicate what additional information on particular points you would like. We emphasize again that these messages are for information and to keep you in touch with our planning situation.

No Sig

NOTE: See CM-OUT-3852 (8 Sep 43) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD, GEN STRONG, SGS, GEN ARNOLD, ADM KING,
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Unnumbered, 14th September 1943

Cosintrep no 64 part 2. Consint rep from C
in C med. 1 Tug U Boat in Cosintrep no 63.

Suit
was originally attacked and disabled
by aircraft and finally destroyed and left on fire
by the Trawler Haarlem.

2. An attack was made with rocket bomb on
bombarding ships in the Salerno Area P M 13th Septem-
ber HMS Uganda was hit aft. Evidence now indicates
that the attack on US S Savannah and USS Philadelphia
were made with similar weapons.

3. The port of Crotona was occupied by our
forces on 12th September. Installations were found
intact.

4. Hospital ship Leinster and Newfoundland
were both attacked by enemy aircraft a. m. 13th Sept.
The latter ship was hit.

5. During a recent patrol in the Adriatic H
M Sub Unshaken reports having hit a 7000 ton tanker on
5 Sept.

66 Italian torpedo boats 1 motor torpedo boat
and Italian U Boat arrived at Palermo 12th Sept.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

G-2, CG AAF,
ADM. KING

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GEN DEANE (CC/S)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 132237

IN

Received: 14 Sept. 43

Time : 1634

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated : C. in C. Levant
N.O.i/c Malta
S.O.Force "H"
F.O.C. Gibraltar
S.H.A. #116
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N.O.B. Oran
COMNAVNAV
N.O.i/c Algiers
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From : C. in C. Med.

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 180.

1. My 122236, para. 7. U-Boat was originally attacked and disabled by (?squadron of) Wellingtons, U-boat made for territorial waters being (?continually) attacked by (?aircraft) until H.M.S. (?HARLEM) completed destruction by gunfire leaving U-boat burning.
2. Hospital ship LEIN(?ST)ER and NEWFOUNDLAND were both attacked by aircraft about 0500 13th. The former was not hit but the latter has been damaged.
3. The Port of Crotone was occupied (?on) 12th Sept. Installations found intact.
4. 6 Italian T.B., 1 MTB and 1 U-boat (?arrived) at Palermo 12th Sept. Admiral Nomisdi Follone was on board (? DUKE OF AOSTA as passenger.
5. 4 Rocket bombs were dropped during (?raid) on bombarding ship at about 1440 13th. Aircraft attacked from 10000 feet. Bombs seen to turn 90 ° through the air during (?attack). H.M.S. UGANDA hit by one bomb aft and steering gear put out of action.
6. H.M.S. UNSHAKEN report at 1442 13th in position to 40 - 36 North 18 - 08 (?East) scored on torpedo hit on 7000 tons tanker in ballast.

F.M.	Plans	
Admiral	Brigadier Redman (10)	132237
Air Marshall	N.I.	Rec'd P/L from
Gen. Macready	S.O.(O) Personal	Navy Dept.
C.O.S.	S.O.	Lt. Col. Cook
	H.M.C.S.	Lt. Col. O'Connor
	C.C.O.R.	G/C DuBoulay

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 122236

IN

Received: 14 Sept. 43

Time : 1044.

Addressed: COMINCH

From : C. in C. Med.

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Part 1 is 122233*.

Part 2.

4. A demonstration was carried out in the Gaeta (area) during night 11th/12th Sept. by U.S. Ship KNIGHT and coastal forces with the object (of) containing enemy reserve in that area.

5. 7 L.S.I. (M and S) sailed Bizerta P.M. 11th Sept. with reinforcements for Taranto.

6. Italian Destroyers LIBRA and ORIONE proceeded from Bone to Malta P.M. 11th Sept. 14 U-boats (Italian) are now in Allied ports and at least 3 others known to be en route.

7. H.M.S. HAARLEM proceeded 0254 12th to destroy damaged U-boat reported stranded in position 35-13 N 03-29 W.

122236

*Not yet received.

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
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From: Adv Liaison Gp Algiers
To: War-471
London USFOR-No #

14 September 1943

Continuous German attacks are gaining some ground and seriously flattening our beach head. From the Commander-in-Chief to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff repeat Freedom. This is NAV number 370. BIGOT AVALANCHE. From Fairfield Reap. A German attack this morning along the Sele River gained some ground but final reports are not yet in. It appears that the enemy is continuing to reinforce his attacking troops and Montgomery is still so far away that he cannot influence the immediate situation. He is doing everything humanly possible to speed up his advance. Our tactical and strategical bombers are working overtime in support of the 5th Army, with the strategical bombers trying to execute 2 missions daily.

Last night 2 Battalions of the 82nd Division were dropped as reinforcement at the Mouth of the Sele River and tonight the separate US Parachute Battalion drops at Avellino to interrupt communications. In addition the remainder of the Transport Command will carry in tonight more of the 82nd Division as reinforcements. The final Regiment of the 45th Division (US) was supposed to land this morning.

Further plans involve the acceleration of the 3rd Division move into the area by using immediately every suitable

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from Sicily
landing craft available to US. The 78th British Division will be pushed quickly into Taranto on the 18th LSTS where it can land and not only cover that area, but possibly create some diversion in favor of the 5th Army. It will be followed by the Indian Division which will begin arriving sometime after the 20th.

General Alexander is visiting Clark this evening. If his units are in positions to absorb some replacements we will rush them to him by Naval vessels or Combat Loaders.

There is no question as to the valor and stamina of our troops or the efficiency of our Naval and Air Forces. The 3 Commanders-in-Chief are doing everything that men can do.

I have every confidence that we will come out all right but there is no disguising the adverse possibilities. We have had very tough fighting in that region but the enemy has had the same and he cannot be too happy with our Air Corps pounding his rear and communications and our Navy watching for him to expose himself on the flanks.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 466, 13 September 1943

The situation in the 10 Corps Sector and 5th Army is reported by McCreery and Clark to be unfavorable. From the Commander in Chief to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff. This is NAF number 369, BIGOT AVALANCHE, From Fairfield rear 56th Division has been driven out of Battipaglia with heavy losses. 46th Division is maintaining its position in the passes but is subject to infiltration from the North. No change on ranger front. Left flank of 8 Corps after several counter attacks, has been withdrawn to conform to 58 Division front South of Battipaglia. 8 Corps is taking over from the right of 10 Corps as and when troops become available. Most of 45th US Division now debarked and 7th British Armored is beginning slowly to come in. In view of the enemys strength of 5th Army Front, Clark must await further reinforcements before resuming the offensive.

Montecorvino Air Field cannot be used because of artillery fire but one wing of day fighters are expected to be operating today from strips constructed in the Salerno Area.

Enemy air action up to date has not been severe.

8th Army is striving to push forward and relieve the pressure on 5th Army. Montgomery has sufficient landing

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craft to carry out small amphibious turning movements. My immediate concern is to reinforce 5th Army as quickly as possible. Additional landing craft recently released to me will, as soon as we can unload them, enable the move of the 3rd US Infantry Division to be accelerated. This has first priority. Shipping unsuited for the move will be used to reinforce Taranto and details are now being arranged. The Taranto Force when built up will move westward to assist 5th Army.

Mason MacFarlane accompanied by Murphy and MacMillan, left for Taranto this morning to set up the Allied Military Mission with Marshal Badoglio.

About 100 French Troops in French warships arrived at Ajaccio last night. A further small force is due there tonight and more troops will be loaded when the ships return. I think there is a reasonable prospect of success in Corsica but I cannot divert forces required for AVALANCHE to Corsica.

In summary, the present situation is tense but not unexpected. Our available resources are being utilized to the utmost as rapidly as they can be brought into action. Everything depends upon our ability to build up our forces more rapidly than the enemy and this again depends upon transportation and the affect of our Air Force upon enemy ground units and communications. The next several days will be critical but everybody is working at top speed and if the job can be done we will do it.

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C O R R E C T C O P Y

From: Tactical Hq 15th Army Group
To: War

No. 65, 13 September 1943.

(Second and last part COSITINTREP number 65 from
15 Army Group)

And heavy traffic moving south from north of
Naples 0730 band 1000B hrs. Strat Air Force Bombers
report chain movements 1230B 1330B hrs-Frosinone G 4537
Cancello N 3565 and Priverno G 3219 areas and much
traffic Sparanise No 888 marshalling yards. 2nd bombers.
Mediums attacked road and railway junctions at-Aiano
N9184 Castelnuova (near Naples)-Corfetto 0750 Isernia
(H2032) and Mignaso G9911. Results good. Heavies
attacked Benevento N6583 marshalling yards 1400/B
hrs. Railways Bridges and approaches successfully
hit.

3. Bomblines. 1 airborne div. 0917 hrs-
Metapalto (P4002)-Ginosa P3323-G101 P4748 8 Army 1920B
hrs. T5050 to U2250. 5th Army 0400 B hrs. N3838-
N4640-N5042-N5740-N6539 North to N7235-N8433-N9824-00618-
00610-00705-T0784-T0284. Then south. Section 3 ends.
Signed Eisenhower cite FHOCT and FHGBI.

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NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-10038 (13 Sep 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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13 Sept
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To : WAR

No : W-9875/4072 13 September 43

Situation in Salerno area as known early this morning as follows:

(4) (A) Heavy counter attacks on 10th Corps have forced some withdrawal and enemy are now in possession Battipaglia. 6th Corps have conformed by slight withdrawal from previous forward positions.

(3) (B) Still unable to use Montecorvino Airfield.

(2) (C) General Clark has postponed employment 82nd Airborne Division indefinitely, but has one bn 509th Parachute Regt standing by for possible use.

(1) (D) Everything possible is being done to expedite remainder 45th Division and to move 3rd Division from Sicily to combat area (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff rptd USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff, signed Eisenhower, cite FHGCT, this is NAF 399).

(6) 2. In Calabria 8th Army are making good progress. 1st Canadian Bde moving north from Crotona. Forward elements 5th Division at Rogliano Z 0066. No contact with enemy.

(5) 3. 2nd Lift First Airborne Division landed Taranto this morning.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD, General Strong, General Arnold, SGS, White House, Admiral King, Log.

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From: Tactical Hqs 15th Army Group
To: War

No. 9064, 13 September 1943.

(Second and last cipher part COSITINTREP number
65 from 15th Army Group).

And heavy traffic moving south from north of Naples 0730B and 1000B hrs. Strat Air Force bombers report chain movements 1230B. 1330B hrs-Frosinone G4537-Cancello N3565 and Priverno G3219 areas and much traffic Sparanise N0888 Marshalling Yards. 2nd Bombers mediums attacked road and railway junctions at Aiano N9184 Castelnuova (near Naples)-Corfetto 0750L Isernia (H2032) and Mignano G9911. Results good. Heavies attacked Benevento N6683 Marshalling Yards 1400/B, N3838-N4640-N5042-N5740-N6539-north to N7235-N8433-N9824-00618-00610-00705-T0784-T0284 then south. Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

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Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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To: WAR

No. COSITINTREP 65 13 September 1943

(From TAC Hq 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees
number 01480 130215B. COSITINTREP)

Number 65 to 1600 B hrs 12 Sep. Part 1 begins section

1. Intelligence.

1st. 8th Army. No contact along entire front.

2nd. 5th Army. 64th Pgr identified 10th Corps front
090935B. 16th Panzer still only enemy Division identified this
front.

3rd. 1st Airborne Div. PW reports Hq 1 Para Div 1 KM
east of Altamura. 1st Para Regt reported withdrawing along
main road Cajtellaneta-Matera towards Matera.

Section 2. Ground Operations.

1st. 8th Army. 13th Corps. No contact with enemy. 1st
Cdn Div concentrating Catanzaro area. Recon group entered
Crotona 111200B found port in good order and took over 3 small
submarines. Patrols now 2 miles north of the town. 5th Div
Recece patrols to Y9966 and Y7864. Div concentrating area
Micasro 30th Corps. NTR.

2nd 5th Army. 6th Corps. Hq N864051. 36th Div Hq
N864051. 141st RCT area Agrohelli 88394 143rd RCT area N8803
Capaccio N8303. 142nd RCT supported by 751. 5th Bn area Bocco
Malorano N8806. 179th RCT of 45th Div N8505 in support of 36th
Div. Beachhead firmly established 88193 including Torchiera
88912 Trentinara 89400 Apaccio road and track junction 921073-
9010 including Pertano 8916. Strong German resistance along

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entire beachhead. 10th Corps. 56th Div. Enemy remains in strength area Battipaglia M8223. Div boundary with left 46th Div M735235-M7425. 46th Div occupation and preparation of Salerno continues. No further information available.

3rd. 1st Airborne Div. 2nd Para Bde area 5926 4th Para Bde reached 5137-4833 Castellana 4829-5123 sea. South of Castellana patrols fwd to 4004. Section 3 air. 1st. TAC/R. RT movement on heavier scale than yesterday. General movement again north but traffic seen moving west from Foggia J2919 on secondary (1st part ends 2nd and last part follows) Roads

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Date MAY 21 1973

From: Tactical Hq 15th Army Group
To: War

No. O 1, 12 September 1943.

(From: TAC Hq 15 Army Group to COSITINTREP addresses
number O 1 20730B. COSITINTREP number.)

To 1600B hrs 11 Sept. Part 1. Section 1. Intelligence. 8th Army. Nothing to report. 5th Army. Identified 10 Sep 10th Corps front 10 Sep. MT movement from south of Salerno sector to north also from Eboli to Potenza and from North to South in direction Salerno suggests enemy forces from south may be by passing Salerno and entering Naples area. 1 A/B Div. II BN 4 Para Regt 1 BN 1 Para Regt identified Castellaneta Mottola area P52. 1 Para Div has 75 MM SP guns in support. A TK Coy stated equipped 5 SP A TK guns. Section 1 ends.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st 8th Army. 13 Corps. 1 CDN Div TAC HQ Z2335 1 CDN BDE passed through 3 CDN BDE yesterday and took Castanzaro. Troop marching with transport held up * road verges south of Castanzaro badly mined. Patrols today to Pantone Z2446 along coast road to Z4440 231 BDE now concentrated in area 0635 with patrols to road junction Z1740 to contact 1 CDN BDE. 5 Div Hq Z0031. 17 BDE have taken Nicastro an now established on general line Nicastro-Sambiasi Y9743 Gazzeria Y9144 2nd-1 airborne Div. Recce patrols report coast road clear to 4008 and road leading north to Ginosa 3423. 4 Para BDE Hq 8227(5227). 10 Bn held up at castellaneta 156 Bn in Mottola with recce patrol out to 5235 2 BDE Hq at 1817 Bns not in contact. Recce reports road to Martina Franga clear. Area south of line Taranto Brindisi clear of enemy. Civilians report column of MT and arty moving NE from Ginosa. Caste llaneta held up by about

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From: Tactical Hq 15th Army Group
To: War

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1 company main concentration 400-500 reported north of Castellaneta GIOJA airfield. Appear to be withdrawing slowly leaving small rearguard parties with numerous automatic weapons. Following airfields free from enemy and fit for immediate use. Grottaglio P8818 grass good condition buildings wrecked. Brindisi Harbour (Orazio-Pierozzi) L3436 pier undamaged 44 tons (1st part 2nd and last part follows).

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. COSITINTREP 64, No. 01476, 12th September 1943

Insert at garble #1 or beginning of original message:

"(From Tac Hq 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP addressees number 01476 120730B. COSITINTREP number 64 to 1800B hrs 11 Sept.

Section 1. Intelligence 8 Army nothing to report 5 Army 79 PGR identified 10 Sep Rosele N876182. 182 192 MY AA Bns on 10th Corps front 10 Sep."

Insert at garble #2

"Troop marching with transport held up Z2113. Road verges south of Catanzaro badly mined. Patrols today to Pentone Z2446 and along coast road to Z4440. 231 Bde now concentrated in area Z0635 with patrols to road junction Z1740 to contact 1 Cdn Bde. 5 Div Hq Z0031. 17 Bde have taken Nicastro and now established on general line"

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Aircraft petrol. Brindisi (Antonio-Popolo) L3436 good condition 2 Tarmac runways, Lecce (San Donato) Q5294 very good condition (2nd and last cipher part COSITINTREP number 64. 1 excellent runway most buildings serviceable complete equipment for night flying in order. Leverano Q3996 in good condition. San Pancrazio L2609 very good. Runway buildings available flare path can be put in action at 24 hours notice. Avetrana L1501 grass emergency landing ground no facilities. Manduria L1801 grass landing ground some buildings available. Gioja Nea Coll P4547 in good condition.

3rd. 5th Army. SITREP for 11 Sep not received and this COSITINTREP delayed. as result. Available information follows. Effective 11 Sep 45 Div less 180 ECT assigned to 8th Corps. Montecorvino landing ground serviceable 1500 hrs for fueling and arming 56 Div situation satisfactory, 46 Div occupies Salerno and has advanced elements in passes as follows. North of Vietri about 2 miles. North of Salerno about 4 miles. Ranger position in tact on high ground South of Pagni-Nocera has been reinforced. 45 Div has astride Sele 48 ver with left flank just south Eboli thence to N9010. 36 Div N9010 to Capaccio to Torchiera to Agropoli area. Section 2 ends.

Section 3. Air. 1st TAC/R. 5th Army Sector. TAC/R reported further movement of MT mostly north on a reduced scale though 300 MT were reported (not confirmed) stationary 4090-3500 at 1700 hours. In front of the 8th arena 200 MT were observed stretching west from U1714 at 1720 hours direction of movement not known. 2nd Bombers fighter bombers concentrated on MT and claimed 34 destroyed and 64 damaged. 3rd. bomblime AVALANCHE bomblime as at 1400 hours N3838-N4640-N5042 N5740-N6539-N7235-N8433 N9824-O0618-O0611-O0705-T0794-T0284 then south to Bay. 8th Army bomblime no change from Y8150-Z1050-Z3560-Z4070-Z7070 section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

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To: War

Nr: 112331 12th Sept 1943

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Arrived at Taranto PM 11th September. 4 light
US cruisers of 12th Cruiser Squadron have reloaded with
Army personnel and stores and sailed for Taranto PM 11th
September.

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INFORMATION: General Strong
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To: WAR

No. 62, 12 September 1943.

COSITINTREP No 62 Part 2. 1. Unloading of ship and craft has progressed well. Owing to Monte Corino airfield still being under enemy fire (COSITINTREP from C in C Med) fighter cover continued to be provided by aircraft carriers on 11th September. Port party moved in to Salerno PM 10th Sept.

2. USS. Savannah damaged by direct bomb hit AM 11th Sept. and is proceeding to Malta. HMS Flores also damaged by near miss.

3. At Toranto the port is ready to operate and the Italian authorities are cooperating fully. A small party arrived at Brindisi without opposition. Italian battle ship Guilio Cesare and aviation transport Miraglia (Part 1.).

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NOTE: First part of CM-IN-9471 (12 Sep 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: Gen Strong, Gen Arnold, SGS, Gen Deane (CCS), White House, Admiral King, Log.

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DECODED BY SCHMONSEES		COMMORSEAFRON	
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		NOIC MALTA	ROUTINE
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 ALGIERS FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT #10.

- (1) PORT PARTY MOVED INTO SALERNO PM 10TH SEPT. HARBOR REPORTED HEAVILY MINED AND BOOBY TRAPPED.
- (2) OWING TO MONTECORVINO STILL BEING UNDER ENEMY FIRE ESCORT CARRIERS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE AIR COVER ON 11TH SEPT.
- (3) USS SAVANNAH DAMAGED BY DIRECT BOMB HIT A.M. 11TH SEPT AND IS RETURNING TO MALTA. HMS FLORES DAMAGED BY NEAR MISS.
- (4) UNLOADING OF SHIP AND CRAFT ON TO BEACHES HAS PROGRESSED WELL AND RETURN AND FOLLOW UP CONVOYS ARE PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PROGRAMME.
- (5) SITUATION TARANTO. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE FULLY COOPERATING AND PORT IS READY TO OPERATE. A TOTAL OF 14 MINES HAVE NOW

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TEXT

DETERIORATED IN THE OUTER HARBOUR. ITALIAN BATTLESHIP GIULIO CESARE AND AVIATION TRANSPORT MIRAGLIA ARRIVED TARANTO PM 11TH SEPTEMBER. A SMALL PARTY HAS ENTERED BRINDISI WITHOUT OPPOSITION. (6) 12TH CRUISER SQUADRON RETURNED TO BIZERTA RELOADED WITH ARMED PERSONNEL AND STORES AND SAILED FOR TARANTO PM 11TH SEPT.

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Addressed: WAR
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5th Army (No number)

From: Bizerta

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IMMEDIATE

Para. 1 Italian battle fleet from Spezia, consisting of 2 battleships, 5 cruisers, and 7 destroyers was met by 2nd Division British battle fleet off Bone A.M. 10th September. Both forces proceeding in company to Malta. Italian battleship ROMA was sunk by German air attack P.M. 9th September. 2 battleships, 3 cruisers, and 1 destroyer from Taranto were due Malta P.M. 10th September.

Para. 2 8 Italian U-boats have now been identified on the surface, 3 of these have reached Allied port.

Para. 3 British naval forces, except 1 destroyer, have left Taranto; the cruisers after disembarking army personnel and stores. Vice Admiral Power remained as Senior Naval Officer Taranto. H.M.S. ABDIEL was sunk by mine in Taranto Bay, P.M. 9th September. Army casualties are feared heavy.

Para. 4 Operation AVALANCHE. Unloading was hampered in initial stages by extensive minefields and enemy fire on beaches. Gun support of cruisers and destroyers had improved situation by 1700 9th September. Follow up and return convoys proceeding to plan. H.M.S. ABERCROMBIE damaged by mine and H.M.S. MENDIP by near miss. H.M.S. CADMUS slightly damaged by mine.

Para. 5 H.M.S. UNRIVALLED reports entering Bari A.M. 10th September. 4 Italian merchant ships sunk by Germans. UNRIVALLED is proceeding with convoy of remaining 8 merchant ships to Malta.

No T.O.O./11th Sept.

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Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
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Brigadier Redman (10)
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From : CINC MED

MAY 21 1973

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 177

1. Italian Fleet from (?Spezia) was met by 2nd Division of Battle Fleet group C A.M. 10th Sept. Both forces are proceeding to Malta (?arriving) A.M. 11th Sept. Italian battle fleet consists of 2 Littorio class, 2 Savoia class, 1 Apo'o class, 2 Giuseppe Garibaldi class number 7 destroyers. Italian battleship ROMA sank in 20 minutes as a result of 1 bomb hit during air attack by Germans P.M. 9th Sept. Senior surviving Italian officer, Admiral De Divisione Romeo Oliva.
2. Taranto section of Italian fleet of 2 Cavour class, 2 Regolo class, 1 6-inch cruiser and battalion destroyer were due at Malta P.M. 10th Sept.
3. 3 Italian U-boats (Italian) have now reached Allied harbour. 5 others have been identified and are proceeding to port.
4. H.M.S. ABDIEL was sunk in Taranto Bay probably by ground (?mine) about 2300/9th Sept. C.O. among survivors. Ship had not unloaded military personnel and stores and casualties among soldiers are feared heavy.
5. 12th Cru. Squadron and U.S. Cruiser BOISE sailed from Taranto after unloading. H.M.S. HOWE also sailed. Vice Admiral Power remains in H.M.S. PALADIN as S.N.O. Taranto.
6. Operation AVALANCHE. Presence of extensive mine field considerably hampered unloading in initial stages. Southern beaches were under enemy fire but support by cruisers and destroyers improved situation by 1700/8th.

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7. H.M.S. ABERCROMBIE damaged by mine 1730/9th starboard bilge flooded. H.M.S. DRAGON also sustained slight mine damage H.M.S. MENDIP damaged by near miss.

Uninitiated
8. P.45 reported entering Bari A.M. 10th Sept. 4 Italian merchant ships sunk by German. P.45 is proceed (?with) convoy of remaining 8 merchant ships to Malta.

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11 September 1943

(Number PM 1456 TOQ 110145B to COSITINTREP addresses for action info TAF Main HQ 15 Army to 5th Army 8th Army from TAC HQ 15 5th Corps Army Group. COSITINTREP number 63 to 1600B hrs 10 Sep. Part 1 beasw1 section cno. Intelligence. 1st. 8th Army front.)

No new identifications. Slight enemy opposition 20735 but general enemy withdrawal northwards continues. 2nd 5th Army fronts 16th Panzer Div only enemy division yet identified. Heavy MT movement on roads from south suggests enemy reinforcements likely to appear soon on Army front. 3rd. 1st Airborne Div front. 1 Para Regt reported by PW area north of Massafra P825 as fully motorized with German MT GA/TK coy with 93.7 or 5V. (CM) guns in Massafra.

Section 2. Ground positions. 1st. 8th Armd. TAC HQ 13 Corps. 231 Bde forward troops 20735 5th Div. HQ Y8211. Forward Troops following up 231 Bde. 1st Cdn Div. 3rd Cdn Bde advancing up east coast. 2nd Cdn Bde concentrating area Cittanova W 18272 (28274) (D8274). Remainder of Div moving up. 2nd 5th Army. 6th Corps. 36th Div beach-head 4 miles inland from mouth of Sele river then south to include Capaccio then Southwest. Entire division supported by 1 1/2 bns tank destroyers extra bn 105 MM and 2 coys med tks was ashore PM 9th Sep. 10 Corps. Salerno occupied 1045 bn. No further information available. 3rd. 1st Airborne Div Disembarking at Taranto completed. 1 ship lost in harbour. 2nd Para Bde reached area S. Giorgio 8711. 4th Para Bde occupies Palagrino 572. and reached Francavilla and Grottaglie 9020 where airfield grass reported in good condition.

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Br.: PM 1456 11th September 1943

Section 3. Air. 1st. TAC/R throughout the day reported large columns MT moving north up the Central Lagonogroy-Sala Comiliana road and other roads that area. The Coast road (end of 1st part, part 2 follows) did not appear to be in use. Heavy traffic also received moving north and north west in Caserta-Casino (2nd and last part of COGITINWREP number 63 from TAG HQ 15th Army Group) and Caserta-Gasta areas. A landing ground was discovered and attacked at T3584. Fires were reported in Naples and at Torre Annunziata. N3809 on the 8th Army front bridges were seen to be blown in Taverna Z2350 area but coast road Z4038-5543 appeared undamaged. 2nd. Bombers. Bombers and fighter bombers attacked many MT drawets on the central road with believed good results. Heavy and medium bombers reported attacks on Eboli-Geata-Bettipaglia and Capua where bridges were destroyed and Potenza railway yards Benevento Ra Isernia-Cassino-Castelnuovo and Formia. 3rd. Bomb-lines. AVALANCHE bomblines at 1023150. 88093-T0794 0095-0598-00313-N9718-9824-8233-7235-6539-5641-5042-4640- N3838. 8th Army Bomblines 101640B 50 northing grid line. At 2135B Bomblines given as Y8150-Z1050-3560-4070-7070 (section 3 ends. Part 1 ends. Signed Eisenhower cite FEGCT and FHGBI).

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INFORMATION:

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To: AGWAR, Milid

No. AMSME 294, 11 September 1943

Little known about reaction to A-mistke among German and Italian Forces on Greek Mainland. (Sept 9th German Forces ordered to disarm Prevaza Garrison held up execution pending arrival instructions from Italian higher echelon to Italian garrison. Germans prevented movement of Italian Officers on roads) 26 Italian Corps proposed conditions acceptable to Jerry 1 Mtn Div which consisted of Italians keeping rifles pistols and some staff cars. (information from MAUD IDA MEF from Moore and Thornton signed Royce) Albanian 41 Firenze Div assured Bulgars and Jerries that Italian arms would not be employed against them but Italians would resist force. Fighting on Rhodes afternoon Sept 9 among Germans and Italians results of which unknown. Crete considered under complete German control. (No arrivals to Mideast Italian aircraft reported.)

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To: War

No. 0.1456, COSITINTREP No. 63, 11th September 1943

(Number 0.1456 TOO 110145B to COSITINTREP addresses for action info TAF Main Hq 15 Army Gp 5 Army 8 Army from Tac Hq 15 Army Group A. COSITINTREP number 63 to 1600B hrs 10th Sep.)

Section 1. Intelligence. 1st. 8th Army Front A opposition 20735 but general enemy withdrawal northwards continues.

Second. 5th Army fronts 16 Panzer Div only enemy division yet identified heavy MT move enemy on roads from south suggests enemy reinforcements likely to appear soon on army front.

Third. One airborne Div front 1 Para Regt reported by PW area north of Massafra P6325 as fully motorized with German MT. A/TK coy with 13.7 or 5 CM guns in Massafra.

Section 2. Ground operations. 1st. 8th Army. Tac Hq Y8208. 13 Corps. 231 Bde forward troops 20735. 5 Div Hq Y8211 forward troops following up 231 Bde. One Cdn Div. Three Cdn Bde advancing up east coast. 2 Cdn Bde concentrating area Cittanova W18274. Remainder of Div moving up.

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Third. One airborne dimcm disembarkation at Taranto completed 1 ship lost in harbour. 2 Para Bde reached areas. Giorgio 8711. 4 Para Bde occupied Palagrigo 5734(572) and reached Francavilla and Grottaglie 9020

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INFORMATION: G-2
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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 177

(1) ITALIAN FLEET FROM SPEZIA WAS MET BY 2ND
 DIVISION OF BATTLE FLEET GROUP C A.M. 10TH SEPT. BOTH
 FORCES ARE PROCEEDING TO MALTA ARRIVING A.M. 11TH SEPT.
 ITALIAN BATTLE FLEET CONSISTS OF 2 LITTORIO CLASS 2
 SAVOIA CLASS 1 APOLO CLASS 2 GUISEPPE GARIBALDI CLASS
 NUMBER 7 DESTROYERS. ITALIAN BATTLESHIP "ROMA" SANK
 IN 20 MINUTES AS A RESULT OF 1 BOMB HIT DURING AIR
 ATTACK BY GERMANS P.M. 9TH SEPT. SENIOR SURVIVING

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ITALIAN OFFICER ADMIRAL DE DIVISIONE ROMEO OLIVA.

(2) TARANTO SECTION OF ITALIAN FLEET OF 2 CAVALIER CLASS 2 REGOLO CLASS 1 6 INCH CRUISER AND BATTALION DESTROYER WERE DUE AT MALTA P.M. 10TH SEPT.

(3) 3 ITALIAN U-BOATS (ITALIAN) HAVE NOW REACHED ALLIED HARBOUR. 5 OTHERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ARE PROCEEDING TO PORT.

(4) HMS ABDIEL WAS SUNK IN TARANTO BAY PROBABLY BY GROUND MINE ABOUT 2300/9TH SEPT. C.O. AMONG SURVIVORS. SHIP HAD NOT UNLOADED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND STORES AND CASUALTIES AMONG SOLDIERS ARE FEARED HEAVY.

(5) 12TH CRU. SQUADRON AND U.S. CRUISER BOISE SAILED FROM TARANTO AFTER UNLOADING. HMS HOWE ALSO

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SAILED. VICE ADMIRAL POWER REMAINS IN HMS PALADIN AS S.N.O TARANTO.

(6) OPERATION AVALANCHE. PRESENCE OF EXTENSIVE MINE FIELD CONSIDERABLY HAMPERED UNLOADING IN INITIAL STAGES. SOUTHERN BEACHES WERE UNDER ENEMY FIRE BUT SUPPORT BY CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS IMPROVED SITUATION BY 1700/8TH.

(7) HMS ABERCROMBIE DAMAGED BY MINE 1730/9TH STARBOARD BILGE FLOODED. HMS DRAGON ALSO SUSTAINED SLIGHT MINE DAMAGE HMS MENDIP DAMAGED BY NEAR MISS.

(8) P 45 REPORTED ENTERING BARI A.M. 10TH SEPT. 4 ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS SUNK BY GERMAN. P 45 IS PROCEED WITH CONVOY OF REMAINING 8 MERCHANT SHIPS TO MALTA.

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To: War

No number, 10th September 1943

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FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-8294 (11 Sept 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
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From: Bizerta
To: WAR COSITINTREP 61
5th Army No Number

10 September 1943

(COSITINTREP from C in C MED) COSITINTREP number
61 Part 2:

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Para 1. Italian battlefleet from Spezia consisting of 2 battleships 5 cruisers and 7 destroyers was met by 2nd Division British battlefleet off Bone AM 10th September. Both forces proceeding in company to Malta. Italian battleship Rome was sunk by German air attack PM 9th September. 2 battleships 3 cruisers and 1 destroyer from Taranto were due Malta PM 10th September.

Para 2. 8 Italian uboats have now been identified on the surface, 3 of these have reached Allied port.

Para 3. British Naval forces except 1 destroyer have left Taranto the cruisers after disembarking Army personnel and stores. Vice Admiral Power remained as senior naval officer Taranto. HMS Abdiel was sunk by mine in Taranto Bay P.M. 9th September. Army casualties are feared heavy.

Para 4. Operation AVALANCHE. Unloading was hampered in initial stages by extensive minefields and enemy fire on beaches. Gun support of cruisers and destroyers had improved situation by 1700 9th September. Follow up and return convoys proceeding to plan. HMS Abercrombie damaged by mine and HMS Mendip by near miss. HMS Cadmus slightly damaged by mine.

Navy [Para 5. HMS Unrivalled reports entering Bari A.M. 10th September. 4 Italian merchant ships sunk by Germans.

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(Unrivalled is proceeding with convoy of remaining 8 merchant ships to Malta.

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General Deane (CCS)
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Sent to Pres.
From: Algiers
To : War - W-9621
USFOR London - No #

10th September 1943

General situation is as follows. To AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This is NAF 394.

8th Army:

Tactical headquarters of 13th Corps is now at Pizzo, 5 miles Northeast of Vibo Valentia. Forward elements of Canadian Division are North of Badolato, 25 miles South of Catanzaro. Reconnaissance Troops of 5th Division have crossed the Angitola River, 9 miles Northeast of Vibo Valentia.

5th Army:

All landings have been generally successful with a large number of mines in the water delaying moving in shore. Our mine layer HMS Abdiel carrying a heavy cargo and troops was sunk. *entire 36th Division is ashore, south of Naples* reinforced by 1 1/2 Battalions of tank destroyers and about 2 Companies of medium tanks. Five small enemy tank attacks repelled. 36th Division bridgehead extends from point 4 miles upstream from mouth of Sele River and 7 miles Southeast of Capaccio. 46th Division was counter attacked yesterday but situation is well in hand. However, the advance of this Division and 56th Division was delayed. Montecorvina Airfield is partially surrounded. Rangers and Commandos have Western half of Salerno and Rangers are now established in mountain pass Southeast of Nocera (8 miles Northwest of Salerno). Unloading on all beaches is proceeding satisfactorily.

The 1st Airborne Division landed at Taranto during

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evening of 9 September without opposition. The inhabitants are cooperating.

Italian Fleet:

Pass
The battle fleet from Spezia now off Bone. Apparently battleship Roma on fire yesterday as a result of German bombing, blew up and sunk during the night. The Italian Admiral CINC MED is reported killed. A cruiser and 3 destroyers broke off from this fleet during the night and are now in vicinity of Balearics, apparently to intern in Spanish ports. The Italian Adriatic and Taranto fleets are proceeding to Malta, less 1 cruiser which broke away and is now moving North up the Adriatic. A message just received via London from the British representative at the Vatican says Germans attacking along Ostia road are opposed by Italian troops outside the walls of Rome. Gun fire is close and it is thought Germans may succeed in entering Rome today. Other German Divisions are reported converging on Rome from Viterbo and elsewhere. An air report just received indicates very little enemy air activity over the battle area. Our aviation is extremely active, particularly against heavy enemy road movements which are general over entire area. Air Forces intend during the next few days to concentrate on isolating battle area. Strategical is operating North of line Battapaglia-Potenza-Bari and tactical is operating South of this line. Phone call from Advance Headquarters states occupation of Salerno was completed 1000 hours.

(M. Room note - this has been discussed at Ministry)

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. W 9598/2686, 10 September 1943

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Madrid

Dated September 10, 1943

Rec'd 6:50 P.M.

SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Number 2525 September 10, 3 p.m.

Navy Ministry has informed Navy Attache that an Italian light cruiser, Regolo class, and 3 destroyers entered Port Mahon, Balearic Islands this morning. Three destroyers entered Pollensa Bay, Balearics at the same time. These will be transferred to Port Mahon to facilitate guarding and provisioning.

Spaniards have sent mine layer Jupiter and destroyer Miranda to act as guard ships.

Ministry says it does not know intentions of vessels but they will not be permitted to leave pending some decision concerning them.

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From: Algiers
To: War

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IN Received: 10th Sept. '43

Time: 1616

Addressed: Admiralty

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C. in C. Levant
S.O. Force "H"
N.O. 1/c Malta
F.O.C. Gib.
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From: C. in C. Me

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Situation Report No. 175.

1. Operation IMMINENT AVALANCHE all movement carry according program weather calm.
2. Northern Attack force. Considerable initial activity beach battery, both beaches captured, moderate enemy air activity, 4 Brigades landed by 0600 9th, landing of 5th and 6th Division proceeding.
3. 1st return convoy of personnel ships sail at 0630.
4. Rangers and Commandos land successful, former encounter no opposition.
5. Southern Attack Force landing commenced satisfactorily to time.

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Plans
Brigadier Redman (10)
N.I.
S.O.(0) Personal

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Group Capt. Du Boulay

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 175.

1. OPERATION IMMINENT AVALANCHE ALL MOVEMENT CARRY ACCORDING PROGRAM WEATHER CALM.
2. NORTHERN ATTACK FORCE. CONSIDERABLE INITIAL ACTIVITY BEACH BATTERY BOTH BEACHES CAPTURED MODERATE ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY 4 BRIGADES LANDED BY 0600 9TH LANDING OF 5TH AND 6TH DIVISION PROCEEDING
3. 1ST RETURN CONVOY OF PERSONNEL SHIPS SAIL AT 0630
4. RANGERS AND COMMANDOS LAND SUCCESSFUL FORMER ENCOUNTER NO OPPOSITION.

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T.O.O. 082207

IN

Received: 10th Sept. '43

Time: 1616

Addressed: Admiralty

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S.O. Force "H"
N.O. 1/c Malta
F.O.C. Gibraltar
SHA 116
COMNAVNAV
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N.O. 1/c Algiers
N.O.B. Oran
COMMORSEAFRO

From: CINCMED

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Situation Report Number 174.

All movements for operations IMMINENT
AVALANCE proceed according to plan.

(2) H.M.S. EREBUS H.M.S. APHIS and H.M.S. SCARAB
continue give support to left flank of operation
BAYTOWN.

(3) 231st Brigade was landed at Vibo Valentia
at 0130/8th September by 50 craft. All troops landed
by 0530 and craft discharged by 0930 slight opposition
from shore batteries, 1 LST and 2 LCT damaged.
MTB 77 sunk by near miss off Vibo. Casualties few,
R.A. McGrigor slightly wounded.

(4) P. 221 report sinking German U-boat in
Naples area at 2121/7th. 2 more German U-boats also
reported on patrol in that vicinity.

(5) Motor gun boats carried out anti-E-boat
patrol North coast Galita Island night 7th/8th Sept.
without incident.

(6) Floating docks at Augusta now in full
operation for landing craft.

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Admiral
Air Marshal
Gen. Macready
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Redman (10)
N.I.
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C.C.O.R.
Lt. Col. Cook
Lt. Col. O'Connor
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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 092205

IN

Received: 10 Sept. '43

Time: 0925

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated C. in C. Levant
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Force "H" Negative
N.O. i/c Sicily
N.O. i/c Bizerte
COM 10th Fleet C. and R.
COMNAVNAV
N.O.B. Oran
N.O. i/c Algiers
COMMORSEAFRON

From: C. in C. Med.

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IMMEDIATE

Situation Report (Number?) 176

(1) Force "H" was attacked by about 20 Torpedo Bombers between 2100 and 2215 8th Sept. 2 Aircraft were shot down. No damage.

(2) (Expeditionary?) Group captured (?) Ventotene Island 0001 9th. Italian Garrison surrender without opposition. 1 (Rear?) (Admiral?) and 60 (Civilians?) found barricaded in Town Hall.

(3) Unloading of ships into Salerno Bay beaches continues well. H.M.S. LAFOREY and H.M.S. LOYAL damaged in Boiler by (enemy?) (action?) speed reduced to 20 knots and 24 knots respectively. (About?) all major units of Italian Fleet now appear to be carrying terms of Armistice. Battle Fleet from Spezia proceeded West of Corsica and turned into Asinara Bay about 1300 9th but later turned West. Reconnaissance Aircraft report Fleet was attacked by German Aircraft about 1600 9th. 1 Battleship or large Cruiser hit. Second Division of Force H detached to rendezvous with Italians off Bone 0600 10th.

(5) Force Z preceded by Sweeper passed up Swept Channel to Taranto with Pilot on board 1700 9th. Italian Fleet had then left Harbour and were proceeding to sea. By 1930 9th H.M.S. HOWE 12th Cruiser Squad U.S. CRU BOISE and H.M.S. ABDIEL with Destroyer had berthed inside the Harbour. H.M.S. KING GEORGE V and 3 Destroyers remain at sea. Reception at Taranto appeared friendly.

(6) Italian U-Boat VORTICE encountered on surface by H.M.S. HURWORTH at 0900 9th and ordered into Augusta.

FM Plans 092205
Admiral Brigadier Redman (10) N.M.C.S. Rec'd P/L from
Air Marshal N.I. C.C.O.R. Navy Dept.
Gen Macready S.O.(0) Personal Lt. Col Cook
C.O.S. S.O. Lt. Col O'Connor
C/O Dr. Boulay

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PART 2 082207B NCR 2126

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 174286 ALL MOVEMENTS FOR
OPERATIONS IMMINENT AVALANCHE PROCEED ACCORDING TO
PLAN

(2) HMS EREBUS HMS APHIS AND HMS SCARAB CONTINUE
GIVE SUPPORT TO LEFT FLANK OF OPERATION BAYTOWN

(3) 231ST BRIGADE WAS LANDED AT VIBO VALENTIA AT
0130 8TH SEPTEMBER BY 50 CRAFT. ALL TROOPS
LANDED BY 0530 AND CRAFT DISCHARGED BY 0930 SLIGHT
OPPOSITION FROM SHORE BATTERIES 11ST AND 21CT

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DAMAGED. MTB 77 SUNK BY NEAR MISS OFF VIBO.
CASUALTIES FEW R.A. MCGRIGOR SLIGHTLY WOUNDED
(4) *Shelburne* ^{GERMAN} REPORT SINKING/U-BOAT IN NAPLES
AREA AT 2121 7TH. 2 MORE GERMAN U-BOATS
ALSO REPORTED ON PATROL IN THAT VICINITY.
(5) MOTOR GUN BOATS CARRIED OUT ANTI-E BOAT
PATROL NORTH COAST GALITA ISLAND NIGHT 7TH/8TH
SEPTEMBER WITHOUT INCIDENT.
(6) FLOATING DOCKS AT AUGUSTA NOW IN FULL
OPERATION FOR LANDING CRAFT.

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From: Tactical Hqs. 15th Army Group
To: War

No. 62, 10th September 1943.

(From TTC Hq 15th Army Group to COSITINTREP
address number 1442 100130B. COSITINTREP number
62 to 1600B hrs 9th Sept.)

*Confirms our
previous
estimates*

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence.
5th Army front 16 P D Eng Bn identified N5527
090632B. Same time tanks identified close to shore
area N778139-7661688 presumably 42 Pz Regt. 64 Pz
Group Regt identified on Monte Corvino Airfield.
All above from 16 Pz Div. 8th Army Front. A few
PAW from 302 Army Flak Bty GMC S/R reports on heavy
MC movement between Castrovillari and Eboli and
very slight degree of opposition to 8th Army advance
suggests withdrawal of 26 and 28 Dvs from Calabria
being accelerated.

Section 2. Ground operations. First. 8th
Army. Eighth Army Tac Hq 682877. 13 Corps Tac Hq
Pizzo 8717. 231 Bde successfully completed landing
in Pizzo area according to plan in the face of some
enemy opposition and are now located north. Five
Div 13 Bde Fwd Tps established contact with 231 Bde
at 2100 hrs 8th Sept St Vito Valentia. D12 Recce
elements punning north have reached Angitola 9221.
One Cdn Div. Fwd Tps 3Cdn Bde continued advance up
east coast road and were reported at Adolato 2400
at 1400 hrs today. Adv of remainder of Div hampered
by demolitions. Little contact with enemy over whole
front.

*See
Map*

Second. Fifth Army. Convoys arrived in
transport area on schedule. Boats lowered 090200B hrs.
Sea calm. Some enemy air attack on convoys damage
light 5 enemy planes destroyed. 0400B hrs attack
commenced. Ranger and Commandos landed according to
plan. No opposition at Maciri. Initial landings
generally successful. Some German PW taken. 0800B

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To: War

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45 hrs situation generally favourable. Considerable
opposition some beaches but 46 Div. ACT Div and 2
landings 36 Div successful. Large number water
mines delayed movement in shore. Ten Corps advance
satisfactory considering strength of opposition.
Six Corps temporarily held up.

1 Third. First Airborne Div. Naval report
states convoy has entered Taranto Harbour and in-
habitants *See next page*
(First part, part 2 and last follow.)

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INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Tactical Hqs 15th Army Group
To: War

No. COSITINTREP 62, 10th September 1943

(Second cipher part COSITINTREP number 62 dtg 10013PB) Appear friendly. Section 2 ends. Section 3. Air. Tac/R throughout the day reported steady movement of Mt northwards particularly in area Lagonegrope T5071 Sale Consilins (03571. In area of AVALANCHE landings no general movement west was observed. Considerable AA was reported at most road junctions on main roads leading north from Toe of Italy. Bomblines. 8th Army bomblines as at 1200 hours-Y8447-Z1047-Z1048 then east. AVALANCHE bomblines as at 1700 hours 88873-8591-8994-T0593-00013-N9025-7530-6827. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT and FBGUIBCT. Section ends. Part 1 ends.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN DEANE (CCS)
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Special COSITINTREP 9 September AUF 2nd
(COSITINTREP from CINC Med).

1. British battle fleet was attacked by about 20 torpedo bombers between 2000* and 2215 8th September. No damage. 2 aircraft were shot down.

2. Diversionary Group captured Venttens Island 0001/9. Italian garrison surrendered without opposition.

3. Unloading of ships at Salerno beaches continues well. 2 destroyers damaged by enemy action.

4. Units of Italian fleet now appear to be proceeding in accordance with Armistice terms. Battlefleet from Spezzia is passed west of Corsica AM 9th September. Reconnaissance aircraft reports fleet was attacked by German aircraft about 1600/9 and 1 battleship 1 division of British battlefleet proceeding to rendezvous with Italian off Bone 0600/10.

5. 1 battleship 4 British Cruisers and 1 U S Cruiser arrived Taranto PM 9 September and berthed in the harbour. Reception there appeared friendly.

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To : War
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Italian battlefleet from Taranto have proceeded to sea.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
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From: Algiers
To : War

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Special COSITINTREP 9 September AUF 2nd
(COSITINTREP from CINC Med).

1. British battle fleet was attacked by about 20 torpedo bombers between 2900* and 2215 8th September. No damage. 2 aircraft were shot down.
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3. Unloading of ships at Nalerno beaches continues well. 2 destroyers damaged by enemy action.
4. Units of Italian fleet now appear to be proceeding in accordance with Armistice terms. Battlefleet from Spezzia is passed west of Corsica AM 9th September. Reconnaissance aircraft reports fleet was attacked by German aircraft about 1800/9 and 1 battleship 1 division of British battlefleet proceeding to rendezvous with Italian off Bone 0800/10.
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From: Algiers
To : War
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Italian battlefleet from Taranto have proceeded to sea.

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* As received

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING
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To: WAR

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Special Cositintrep 9 September AUF 2nd.

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4. Units of Italian fleet now appear to be proceeding in accordance with Armistice terms. Battle fleet from Spezia passed west of Corsica AM 9 September. Reconnaissance aircraft reports fleet was attacked by German aircraft about 1800/9 and 1 battleship or large cruiser hit. 1 division of British battle fleet proceeding to rendezvous with Italians * 00/10.
5. 1 battleship 4 British Cruisers and 1 US Cruiser arrived Taranto PM 9 September and berthed in the harbour. Reception there appeared friendly. Italian battle fleet from Taranto have proceeded to sea.

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To: War Nr 51
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9th September, 1943

(To COSITINTREP addressees from GAC HQ 15 Army Group
O. 1427 090100B. COSITINTREP number 61 to 1600 B hrs
8 Sept. Part 1 begins)

Section 1. Intelligence. Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations. 8th Army.

(13)Corps Main HQ 6272. 1 CDN Div HQ 6672. 2 CDN Bde
Cittanova D8274 with tps at Polistena D8281. 3 CDN Bde
Locri D 9882 moving North up coast road. No contact on div
front. 5 div. 13 Bde Rosarno with tps fwd to D 7069-
D7695 17 Bde concentrating South of Rizzicone D7181. 231 Bde
and commando tps who landed successfully SW of Pizzo met
shellfire and took some German and Italian pw.

Section 3. Air. First. Tac/r. 30 met and guns
reported moving North-area acquaro D9108 at 0830 hrs.
Small columns of met reported moving North and NE area
Z0303-Z0707-Z2525 1539 hrs. Medium bombers on night missions
reported 50/60 met moving both ways S8595 and S9981.
Second. Bombers. Fighter and medium bombers all day attack-
ed targets considerably in advance of 8th army positions
and also in Sardinia. Third. Bomblines. 2000 hrs-Y9122-
Z2322 section three ends. Part one ends. Signed Eisen-
hower cite FHGCT and FHGBI.

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INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF GEN. DEANE (CC/S) ADM, KING LOG
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

NR: W9585/2627, 9th September 1943

(Troopers AGWAR Fairfield rear (EBS) pass info Mideset from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI W9585/2627) General enemy situation

Now old
(A) Calabria. Little or no contact with enemy on general line Nicotera-Cinquefrondi-Si-
donia. Some initial resistance by Italians and
Germans to landing area Pizzo 8th Sept. Contact
with Germans reported East of Vibo Valentia.

(B) Salerno Area. Some initial reaction
to Allied landings by coastal artillery reported.
Believed principally Northern Sector of Gulf 4 PW
identified 18th Panzer Division on X Corps front.
Enemy counterattacked during morning against 1 of
46th Division beaches. Situation restored but own
progress somewhat delayed by this temporary threat
to beachhead. 64 PGR identified area airfield.

(C) Miscellaneous. General indications fur-
ther local withdrawals in Calabria. Considerable
alertness on part German Troops with regard Italians.
Many bonfires on hills reported during night 8/9
September.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD CG AAF GEN.DEANE (CC/S) LOG

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9 Sept
0900 Z

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-9506/2257 9 September, 1943

(W-9506/2257 9th Sept nil signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT from G3 OPS D Sect AFHQ action Troopers info AGWAR
USFOR).

26 weekly summary. Summary of operations. 31
Aug to 5 Sep.

1. Ground. 3 Sept. 13th Corps landed on Italian
mainland between Reggio and Catona 0430 hrs. Assault made
by 1 Cdn Div and 5 Div. Initial assaults encountered
little opposition and beach heads were quickly secured.
Canadians on right occupied Reggio town and airfield.
5th Div secured San Giovanni D 45 and forward elements
reached Cannitello D 46. Sept 4. While 2 Cdn Bde
remained in reserve in Reggio 1 Cdn Bde advanced inland
and reached Stracorini D 55. 3rd Cdn Bde occupied Melito
D 52 with patrols forward to Bova Marina D 62. 13 Bde
reached Orti D 55 patrolling to San Stefano D 55. 15
Bde advanced along N coast road to Bagnara D 56 and
joined Commando Unit which had landed north of Bagnara
at 0430 hrs and had occupied the town without opposition.
Sept 5. 3 Cdn Bde held up by craters south of Bagaladi
occupied Bova Marina with 1 Cdn Bde in area 8 miles south
of Bagnara facing extensive demolitions. 2 Cdn Bde was
directed on Deliamiova D 66. 5th Div. 15 Bde continued
advance east and south of Bagnara. 13 Bde forced north
by demolitions is following 15 Bde along coast road. 17
Bde concentrating between Scilla and Cannitello.

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To: War

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9 September, 1943

2. Locations. 15 Army group Cassibile. 82 Airborne Div Licata. 7 Army Palermo. 2 Corps D 8831. 1 Div G(T) 8446. 3 Div Trapani. 9 Div Cefalu. 45 Div B 7829. Prov Corps Palermo. 2 Armd Div B 2343. 8 Army main Falcone C 94. TAC D 4652. 30 Corps D 2762. 50 Div D 1317. 51 Div D 1457. 78 Div C 9248. 13 Corps 4652. 1 Cdn Div D 4548. 5th Div D 4557.

3. Locations. 15 Army Group CAS. Movements. Nil.

4. Estimated casualties. 7 Army to 1800 hrs 2 Sept 464 offrs 7096 ORS. 8 Army to 0600 hrs 1 Sept 881 offrs 10966 ORS.

(End of first cipher part part 2 follow).

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ACTION: OPD

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

No. W 9506/2254

Part 2 and last of AFHQ W 9506/2254 True THI 082103B.

Estimated Baytown prisoners to 1800 hrs 3rd Sept
1000.

6. Administrative. Port capacity Palermo now 14
liberty ships and 6 coasters. 8th Army reports cases of
suspected sabotage of railways such as small fires, fish-
plates removed and set of points wedged. Evacuation. 7th
Army to follow. 8th Army 2nd sep casualties including
Sicily, 17,255 CW 25,542. 8th Army report 8,375 cases
malaria to 28th Aug. General administrative situation sat-
isfactory. Corrections under para 2 locations read 13th
Corps D 4652.

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CM-IN-7125 (9 Sep 43) OPD

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INFORMATION: GEN. STRONG SGS ADM. KING GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
GEN. ARNOLD WHITE HOUSE LOG

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9th Sept.
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. No# 9th September 1943.

(Following is a repetition of my 08220 chrg from
CINC Med addressed Cositintrep no. 59 part 2 signed
Eisenhower cite FAGOT.).

1. All movements of ships and craft for operation
Avalanche are proceeding according to plan.

2. 231 brigade was landed from 50 craft at VIISO
Valentia at 0130/8th. Slight opposition 1 LST and 2LCT
damaged. All troops ashore by 0530 hand craft discharged
by 0930 MTB sunk by near miss. Rear Admiral McGriguir
slightly wounded.

3. Gunboats continued support to left flank of
5 Division on 7th September.

4. Shakespeare reports sinking U-boat in Naples
area PM 7th September. 2 other U-boats reported in
same vicinity.

5. MGB's carried our anti E-boat patrol north of
Galita Island night 7th/8th September but nothing was
sighted. To 082203 ends.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Sec. Gen. Staff
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King

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(FOLLOWING IS A REPITITION OF MY 082203CHRG
FROM CINC MED ADDRESSED COSITINTREP NO. 59 PART 2
SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FAGOT).

1. ALL MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS AND CRAFT FOR OPERA-
TION AVALANCHE ARE PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

2. 239 BRIGADE WAS LANDED FROM 50 CRAFT AT
VIIBO VALENTIA AT 0130/8TH. SLIGHT OPPOSITION 1 LST
2 LCT DAMAGED. ALL TROOPS ASHORE BY 0530 HAND CRAFT
DISCHARGED BY 0930. MTB SUNK BY NEAR MISS. REAR
ADMIRAL MCGRIGURIR SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

3. GUNBOATS CONTINUED SUPPORT TO LEFT FLANK
OF 5 DIVISION ON 7TH SEPTEMBER.

4. ^{B.D. SS} SHAKESPEARE REPORTS SINKING U-BOAT IN

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

NAPLES AREA PM 7TH SEPTEMBER. 2 OTHER U-BOATS REPORTED
IN SAME VICINITY.

5. MGBS CARRIED OUR ANTI E-BOAT PATROL NORTH
OF GALITA ISLAND NIGHT 7TH/8TH SEPTEMBER BUT NOTHING
WAS SIGHTED. TO 082203 ENDS.

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SECURITY CONTROL
9 September 1943
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 60, 9 September 1943.

(COSITINTREP from CINC MED).

COSITINTREP number 60 part 2.

1. All movements for operation AVALANCHE carried out according to programme. Weather calm.

2. Northern attack force was landed successfully and both beaches captured. Considerable initial activity from beach batteries and moderate enemy air activity 4 brigades ashore by 0800 9th Sept and landing of 5th and 6th in progress. First return convoy of personnel ships sailed 0830.

3. Rangers and Commandos landed successfully former without opposition.

4. Southern attack force landing commenced satisfactorily on time.. (Signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT.)

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
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ITALIANS HAVE SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY ORDERED ALL
 THEIR FORCES TO CEASE HOSTILITIES WHEREVER THEY MAY
 BE.

(2) ALL ITALIAN NAVAL OR MERCHANTSHIPS ARE BEING
 INSTRUCTED BY BROADCAST

(A) TO APPROACH UNITED NATIONS PORTS IN FULL DAYLIGHT
 AND AT SPEED NOT EXCEEDING 12 KNOTS, STOPPING AS
 SOON AS CHALLENGED AND AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

(B) TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY DAY: BY FLYING A LARGE
 BLACK OR LARGE BLUE PENDANT FROM THE MAIN MAST OR
 ONLY MAST; MARKING THEIR DECK WITH LARGE CIRCULAR
 BLACK DISC; BY NIGHT: BY BURNING DIMMED

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NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND FLASHING LETTERS GA TOWARDS
VESSELS SIGHTED.

(C) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SIGNAL BY W/T SHIPS
ARE TO USE 500 KCS PER SEC. UNITED NATIONS STATIONS
ADDRESSED WILL THEN ORDER THEM TO SHIFT FREQUENCY
SHOULD THIS BE CONSIDERED DESIREABLE.

- (3) WITHIN THE MEDITERRANEAN ACTION TOWARDS ITALIAN
FORCES IS TO BE GOVERNED BY ORDERS OF CINCMED FLEET.
- (4) OUTSIDE MEDITERRANEAN ATTACKS ARE TO BE CONTINUED A
AGAINST U BOATS OR OTHER ITALIAN UNITS UNLESS THEY
SHOW UNMISTAKABLE SIGNS OF SURRENDER AS IN PARA (2)
OR OTHERWISE.

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From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War NAF 390

No. W-9523/2307, 9th September 1943

First report on Avalanche received at 0600B hours indicates first wave landed about on time. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This is NAF 390. Report from Naval Liaison Officer states landing on both beaches with some opposition from shore batteries and moderate air opposition. 56 and 46 Divisions have 4 Brigades on shore. 5th and 6th Divisions landing now. Rangers and Commandos landed at Maciri without opposition. First Airborne Division and Naval Task Force expect to rush Taranto this afternoon. In operations at Baytown, the 231 Brigade plus Commandos made a flank movement by sea and landed on the beach southwest of Pizzo. The operation seems successful. First Canadian Division has reached Locri and Polistena and the 5th British Division has entered Rosarno. As you probably know by now, Badoglio came through with his announcement of the Armistice at 1945 hours last night. Our press propaganda and leaflet plans are proceeding according to schedule. Press conference here last night gave brief general outline of situation in accordance with draft statement already furnished you. Further details later.

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Action: CC/S

Information: OPD
Gen. Strong
Gen. Arnold
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(B) TO STOP AS SOON AS CHALLENGED AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS.

(C) FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION TO FLY A LARGE BLACK OR BLUE PENNANT FROM THE MAIN MAST

OR ONLY MAST AND TO MARK DECK BY LARGE CIRCULAR BLACK DISC AT NIGHT TO BURN DIMMED NAVIGATION

LIGHTS AND FLASH GEORGE ABLE WHEN SIGHTED.

(D) TO USE 500 KCS IF NECESSARY TO USE RADIO FOR COMMUNICATION WITH UNITED NATIONS STATIONS

AND TO SHIFT FREQUENCY IF THIS DEEMED DESIRABLE BY UNITED NATIONS STATION.

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TOWARD ITALIAN FORCES.

IN OTHER AREAS ATTACKS AGAINST ITALIAN SHIPS INCLUDING SUBMARINES WILL CONTINUE

UNLESS THEY INDICATE UNMISTAKABLE SIGNS OF SURRENDER EITHER AS OUTLINED ABOVE OR

IN SOME OTHER MANNER.

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From: AFHQ Advance Command Post DECLASSIFIED
To: WAR 4353 J.C.S. Regarding Memo JM 528-71
USFOR London No #
Algiers No # By JH Date MAY 19 1972

9 September 1943

This is a personal answer to your number 2838 and written on the basis of the understanding I and the Commanders in Chief had of the situation as of this noon. (Eyes alone from the Commander in Chief to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for the British Chiefs of Staff information copy for Freedom, BIGOT AVALANCHE NAF number 367). Due to my refusal to accept evasive and dilatory action on the part of the Italian Government, Badoglio went through with his part of the armistice program last evening. As a result of this certain major portions of the Italian fleet have at least left their harbors and appear to be moving toward destinations prescribed by the C in C Med. Movement from Spezzia was prompt and heavy, from Taranto it was slightly delayed but has now taken place. On the other hand, the Deputy Chief of Staff Rossi who came in here last night, painted a very dark picture of what could be expected from the Italian Army. He says all their ground formations are weak and are so pinched in by the Germans that he doubts they can do anything effective. Up to this hour, 6 PM, we have no information of any movements of the Italian Air Forces.

German troops in the Toe are moving Northward in the direction of AVALANCHE. While Montgomery will push as hard as he can, the extensive use of demolitions by the Germans rear guards will prevent his being any real help over the Overland Route for some days. From the meagre reports available this noon, Clark has had some sharp fighting on his 10 Corps front but we have no reports on the 6 Corps front.

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From: AFHQ Advance Command Post
To: WAR 4353
USFOR London No #
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9 September 1943

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We are using every possible expedient to speed up Clark's buildup which is now a critical factor in this operation. This noon he was offered the 82nd Airborne provided any feasible plan can be devised for bringing it into his support. An additional lift of 1,800 men with light equipment is becoming available tomorrow morning through the arrival here of some LCI (L) from Malta. It is possible these may be used to help transfer the 82nd Airborne Division to Clark's position. In the meantime we have started a part of the British First Airborne Division into Taranto. They are going in light cruisers preceded by minesweepers. The initial lift is 3,600 and provided the first move is a success we will rapidly transfer the complete division into that area. Mideast has already started loading the 8th Indian Division but unfortunately they cannot begin arriving before about September 25th. It is destined to go into the Heel, preferably at Brindisi. It will be followed by further Divisions from Mideast or North Africa under 5 British Corps. The purpose of these moves is to keep the enemy upset and worried in the Southern end of the Boot so that he will be discouraged from making too heavy a counter attack on Clark. Our Air is flatout in its support of Clark's position but initially of course the bulk of it has to be used in providing cover for the landing. Today the heavies struck at the ridges along the Vulturno River. Some elements of the Tactical Force bombing formations are standing by to help Clark as favorable targets develop.

I feel that AVALANCHE will be a matter of touch and go for the next few days. If we had a lift to put in one more Infantry Division immediately the matter would be almost a foregone conclusion but if the enemy really appreciates correctly the speed of our buildup, we are in for some very tough fighting. All of us are aware of this and everything possible is being done.

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We are pressing the Italians to overpower the Germans remaining in Sardinia at an early date both for the morale effect on the Italian people themselves and for the actual gains involved.

While I do not discount the possibility of a very bad time in the AVALANCHE area, my belief is that the enemy is sufficiently confused by the events of the past 24 hours that it will be difficult for him to make up a definite plan and that by exploiting to the full our sea and air power, we will control the Southern end of the Boot to include the line Naples Foggia within a reasonable time. Our greatest asset now is confusion and uncertainty which we must take advantage of in every possible way.

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INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
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To: War

No. COSITINTREP 58, 8 September 1943

COSITINTREP from C in C Med.

Cancel my 072229 groups 216 and my 081242 groups 232 undecypherable. Following is COSITINTREP number 58, part 2.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF SGS GEN. DEANE (CC/S) MAY 21 1973
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Combined Chiefs of Staff

September 8, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
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BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R-2838

While in no way wishing to cramp your initiative or interfere with the details of your plans, we would be glad if you could keep us posted as far in advance as possible regarding the situation as you see it developing and your intentions and plans in broad outline. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 222 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

This information is to enable us to fulfill our task of giving military advice to the President and the British Government.

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ORIGINATOR: CCS General Deane

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
Admiral King
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From: AFHW in North Africa

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From: Tactical Hdqrs 15th Army Group
To: War

No. *, 8 September 1943.

(COSITINTREP number * 1600 hours 7 Sep. Part 1 begins. Section 1. Intelligence. From TAG Hq 15 Army Group to action COSITINTREP addressees less 7 Army 8 Army Adv Cp Fairfield C in C Med Info TAF Main Hq 15 Army Group 01712 9th Sept 0645).

Nothing to report.

Section 2. Ground Operations. No change. Sitrep delayed.

Section 3. Air. 1st. TAC/R reported little of importance throughout the day. Some activity and tentage was seen in the area north of Paola (W-7385) at 0740 medium bombers attacked gun positions D-7492 and defended area D-7790 in morning and in afternoon Cotrone Z-7057 and Z 2530. In all cases results good. Considerable flak but no enemy aircraft opposition reported and little movement seen.

2nd. Bomblines (unchanged throughout the day) D-8789-7789-7770-9070-9862. Special bomblines for proposed landing operation west of Bisso night 7/8 Sep W-9322-W9309 River line to D-7993 thence as before. (Section 3 ends. Part 1 ends.)

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

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From : C. in C. Med.

SITUATION REPORT No. 173

- (1) In convoy from Sicily SS SELLINGE and SS FORT DRE' were mined off Hurd Bank at 0630/6th. Both vessels have arrived at Malta.
- (2) Air Raid on (?Bizerta) Area about 2100/6th by over 100 aircraft. Parachutists were dropped near Protville and circling (this?) develop boundary. No damage or casualty.
Cocote Drifts
- (3) HMS PUCKERIDGE reported sunk by U-boat (German) 85 deg. Europa Point, 40 miles at 2015/6th. 9 officers and about 120 ratings survivors rescued. Destroyers hunting.
- (4) Motor gun boats operate from Bizerta North of Galita Islands for intercepation of E-(?Boat during the night 6th/7th September. Nothing was sighted.
- (5) P 46 report sinking by torpedo 4000 ton Merchant ship in position 40-36 North 18-37 East at 1038 (27th?) August.
- (6) P 224 report at 0658 28th August in position 42-26 North 09-50 (East?) sank 3 thousand ton Armed Merchant Vessel in convoy.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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7 Sep 1943
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From: AFHQ Algiers
To: WAR

No. 57, 6 September 1943.

COSINTREP from CINC MED following is a repetition of my 062156 begins COSITINTREP No 57 Part 2 (1) HMS Quilliam passed through the Straits of Messina 0730 5th September and provided support for the left flank of the 5th Division during the day (2) Cruisers and destroyers operated south of the Straits of Messina during 5th September and destroyers carried out patrol off the Calabrian Coast during the night 5th September 6th September. No incidents reported.

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ACTION: OPD

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

Situation Report No. 171.

1. Maintenance and support of operation Baytown continues satisfactorily.
2. Small but frequent Fighter Bomber raids were made on shipping in the Straits of Messina on 3rd September but on at least three occasions bombs were jettisoned on approach of fighters no reports received of damage or casualties.
3. At 0430/4 Commandoes were landed without opposition at Bagnara.

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From : C. in C. Med.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 179

1. Monitors and gunboats landing ships and craft continue to support operation Baytown. During the night 3rd Sept./4th Sept. Cruisers and destroyers of Force K operated off the Calabrian Coast covering the operation.
2. Reggio Harbor is reported clear of underwater obstructions LST and LCT Berths are expected to be available in 2 days and 4 berths alongside the breakwater in 3 days. At San Giovanni the landward approaches to the Harbour are reported badly blocked and there are some wrecks but the outer breakwater is intact.
3. H.M.S. ULTOS reports at 0814/28th in position 39-24 N 17-09 E torpedoed stranded Partonope Class destroyer which was being salvaged after part broke off and sank.
4. H.M.S. UNSEEN reports at 0852/27th in position 41-30 N 17-27 E sank 150 ton Merchant vessel with Torpedo at 0730/28th in position 40-28 N (791)-11 E attacked 150 ton A/S Schooner with gunfire. Crew abandoned ship leaving ancient captain and boatswain on board. These were taken prisoner and ship sunk with demolition charges.

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From: Algiers.
To: WAR

No. No# 4th September 1943.

(COSINTREP from CINC MED.).

1. Landing ships and craft monitors and gun boats continued to support operation BAYTOWN during the night 3rd Sept/4th Sept cruisers and destroyers operated off the Calabrian coast covering the operation signed Eisenhower cite FAGOT.
2. HM submarine ULTOR reports while on patrol off Gulf of Taranto on 28th August torpedoed stranded destroyer which was being salvaged ship broke in two.
3. HM SUBmarine Unseen whilst on patrol in Southern Adriatic sunk 1500 ton merchant vessel on 27th August and 150 ton A/S schooner on 28th August. cosintrep no 55.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
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September 5, 1943

The following is an extract from a message to the Chief
of the Imperial General Staff from General Alexander.

Dated 032200 September, 1943.

* * * * *

I am mounting an operation to secure TARANTO and build
up 5th Corps in that area. Shipping is difficulty and will
probably have to be done by destroyers and naval units. It
is vital at this stage to show a stronger front than we
actually possess.

Ends.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
USFOR

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President
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5 September 1943

It has now been possible to examine information on German and Italian Divisions produced by General C. (AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. This NAF number 356.) Details being forwarded separately but in general can be said that information on German forces corresponds closely with that already in our possession and that up to 3rd August there had been no increase of German troops in South Italy over our previously shown estimates. General C states that German Divisions evacuated from Sicily have now been completely reorganized and reequipped although short in personnel. He may be exaggerating somewhat on this point. At Hitler-Mussolini conversations former stated that it would not be possible to send large numbers of German Divisions to Italy until October. Italian opinion is that German withdrawal in Russia no way voluntary but Italians fear German-Russian approachment although they consider possibility of this now less than at time of Lisbon meeting.

Italians still fear that Germans may occupy Rome in which case General Ambrosio hopes to escape and form a provisional government, various places Sicily, Sardinia and Albania have been mentioned. They consider that Farinacci who escaped in German uniform and in German Embassy aircraft may be put at head of Quisling Government by Germans. Would be almost entirely dependent on German support to maintain his position. General C paints gloomy picture of state of equipment of Italian Divisions especially those in Rome area. Short of anti-tank guns artillery and ammunition. He considers that advent of Badoglio has raised morale of Army but points out that without proper equipment and aid they cannot be expected to put up protracted resistance to Germans.

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Italians attribute Italy's food difficulties chiefly to breakdown of transportation arrangements caused by bombing and shortage of motor fuel. Exodus from bombed cities has been enormous and there are some 600,000 additional persons in Rome who went there to escape bombing.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD
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IN

Received: 4th Sept. '43

Time: 0956

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From : C. in C. Med.

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BY DBO, G-12

MAY 21 1973

IMPORTANT

- 3 possibly 4 Raiders shot down at Catania.
4. Clearance of depth charges in Messina Harbour has been carried out in depths up to 40 feet. Yards completed and port is now ready to operate.
5. Convoy UGF 10 attacked by torpedo and bomber aircraft in 2 or 3 waves 2115 to 2150 Sept. 2nd. U.S.S. KENDRICK hit aft by torpedo and has returned to Oran. At least 1 aircraft claimed shot down.
6. Operation Baytown consisting of assault by 5th Division and 1st Canadian Division on beaches between Reggio and Catona was successfully launched at 0430 3rd Sept. Assault ships and craft under the command of Fosy consisted of 22 LST 65 LCI(L) 38 LCT 100 LCM and 70 LCA covering and support were given by MAURITIUS ORION QUILLIAM WAIL QUEENBOROUGH OFFA LOYAL OPR PIORUN ABERCROMBI ROBERTS EREBUS APHIS and SCARAB. By 1400 3rd second flight was well under way all first flight loads having been cleared well ahead of programme.

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Parts 2 and 3 only.

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Admiral	Plans	S.O. Lt. Col. Cook
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To : War

No : W-9015/9815, 3 September 1943

Operations proceeding satisfactorily (AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff. USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT) Successful landings made by 8th Army this morning on beaches between Reggio and Gallico Marina. Enemy opposition slight. This is RAF 352. Naval signal timed 1023 B hours indicates our troops passed through Reggio and white flags seen along coast as far as Capo Dell Armi .

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION:

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GEN. ARNOLD
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No Number, 3 September 1943

(COSITINTREP from C in C Med COSITINTREP number 54
Part 2. COSITINTREP from C in C Med signed Eisenhower
cite FAGOT Part 2 final my 032016).

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to Oran, at least 1 aircraft claimed shot down. (5) Opera-
tion Baytown. Assault ships and craft under the command
of Flag Officer Sicily successfully landed 5th Division
and 1st Canadian Division on beaches between Reggio and
Catona at 043 3rd Sept. (5) Destroyers operated South-
east of Straits of Messina during night MST 2nd Sept.
No incidents reported. (2) HMS Warspite and Valiant
carried out bombardment 1000 Sept 2nd of targets in
vicinity of Cape Dellarmi. (3) Catania and Augusta both
had air raids by about 9 aircraft PM 2nd Sept. No damage
or casualties in either case. 3 or 4 Raddes were shot
down at Catania. (4) Convoy UGF 10 attacked by torpedo
and bomb aircraft in 2 or 3 waves 20 miles Northwest of
Tenex between 2115 and 2150 second Sept. (Part 1 my
032016B). Cruisers, destroyers, monitor and gunboats
provided cover and support. COSITINTREP Number 53 Part
2 not issued.

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NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-2445 (4 Sep 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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Messina
Sicily Coast from
Reggio - 12 miles*

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