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NAVY CONTACTS

Yesterday, January 6, in support of the army, enemy batteries and occupied buildings in the MEZA area SE of Spezia were bombed by His Majesty's destroyer LOCKHOUT. Direct hits were obtained and the area was well covered.

15 ARMY GROUP

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MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

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LAND FORCES GREECE,

The clearing of the outskirts and the suburbs of Athens/Piraeus is proceeding without opposition. British mobile columns moved out this morning to KATISFIA and ELEUSIS some 15 miles NE and NW of Athens respectively. Only slight opposition was encountered and a few prisoners were taken. Elsewhere in Greece the situation remains unchanged.

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IN the RAETINA, Canadian troops have made further progress against fierce opposition. Leading Canadian armour and Infantry have reached the GAVILE BONIFIA one mile south of the river MILIO, a number of strong enemy counter-attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

Good progress has also been made north of FVENZA where Eighth Army troops have greatly reduced the GERMAN pocket east of the SEMIO.

On the Fifth Army front patrols have been active.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

AIR COMMUNIQUE LETTER.

LAND FORCES GREECE.

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On the Fifth Army front patrols have been active.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JAPANESE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

AIR COMMUNIQUE LATER.

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LAND FORCES GREECE.

Although many large built-up areas in ATHENS-PIREUS still remain to be cleared up, mobile British columns are now operating with success in outlying suburbs. Many prisoners were taken in yesterday's fighting including a number of civilians who were forced by ELAS troops to enter their tanks. These surrendered to British troops at the exchange of a few shots.

In the liberated areas of ATHENS-PIREUS over 320,000 soup kitchen meals and 100,000 rations were issued to the civilian population.

ELAS continues to abduct hostages in areas not yet occupied by our troops, in many cases leaving young children unattended in their homes with no means of feeding themselves. Efforts are being made to locate such children and provide for their welfare.

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15 AIR GROUP

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There has been considerable patrol activity by both sides on the front of the Fifth Army.

ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE AND MARINE, ITALY.

Very strong forces of Tactical Air Force fighter bombers yesterday operated against rail and road networks feeding into the Italian battle area and gun positions, strong points and troop concentrations opposite the Fifth and Eighth Army lines. Medium and light bombers bombed rail bridges, an ammunition dump and a concentration of armor in northern ITALY and a rail yard in YOGGALIVIA.

Several Air Force fighter bombers attacked GALLI occupied buildings in north-western ITALY.

Medium Air Force medium and lighter bombers attacked railway rail and Harbour installations in MESSINA.

Fighters and light bombers flew intruder and armed reconnaissance missions over Northern ITALY on the night of January 2/3.

From these operations nine of our aircraft are missing. 144 flew approximately 1,000 sorties.

LAND FORCES OFFICE.

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15. AIR FORCE

North West of Ravenna, Canadian troops have made further progress East of the Fiesse Vercino against the feared strong resistance and four substantial counter-offensives have been repulsed.

There has been considerable patrol activity by both sides on the front of the Fifth Army.

COMBAT AIR FORCE

Very strong forces of tactical Air Force fighter bombers yesterday operated against rail and road convoys feeding into the Italian battle area and gun positions, strong points and troop concentrations opposite the Fifth and Eighth Army bases. Sixteen light bombers bombed rail bridges, an ammunition dump and a concentration of armor in northern Italy and a rail yard in Yugoslavia.

Several Air Force fighter bombers attacked German occupied buildings in north-western Italy.

Several Air Force medium and fighter bombers attacked a railway and harbor installations in Yugoslavia.

Fighters and light bombers flew intruder and armed reconnaissance missions over northern Italy on the night of January 2/3.

From these operations nine of our aircraft are missing. Many flew approximately 1,000 sorties.

LAND FORCES OPERATIONS

Good progress has been made in clearing insurgents from further areas in the centre and West of MARS-ALBERT road. Numbers of prisoners have been taken.

In the MARS-ALBERT sectors British troops have liberated further sectors South of the MARS-ALBERT road.

Units of the Greek National Guard are assisting British troops in holding areas cleared of insurgent forces.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE FRONT.

Front of the tactical air force yesterday, out in considerable strength, which concentrated their attack on enemy communications, mainly in the north-east area of the 10 valley, and on a large variety of targets in the battle areas of North Vietnam. Targets included bridges, rail lines, enemy occupied villages, rail and road transport, guns and defended positions. Many rail cuts were effected, and two airfields were struck.

Coastal aircraft attacked shipping in the Gulf of Tonkin and bombed an enemy barracks on the HUE RIVER.

On the night 1/2 January, Night Bombers and Intruders attacked enemy road and rail tracks in North Vietnam.

One of our aircraft is missing from these operations.

Losses are approximately 1,000 sorties.

LAO BORDER AREA.

Our groups have made further progress in clearing border areas in Central Laos and a number of prisoners, arms and ammunition have been taken whilst searching east of the border area.

During the night of 1/2 Jan an insurgent attempt to blow up the headquarters of the Green National Guard unit was frustrated.

The situation elsewhere is unchanged.

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TO NAVY COMMUNIQUE

15. NAVY G-ONE

Patrols have been active on the fronts of both Fifth and Eighth Armies.

ADDITIONAL INFO FROM THE ITALIANS, ITALY.

Despite adverse weather that caused cancellation of most air operations, Tactical Air Force medium bombers yesterday bombed bridges and an ammunition dump in northern ITALY.

Light bombers, fighter bombers and fighters supported the Armies in ITALY, attacking enemy gun positions, troop concentrations and supply routes.

On the night of December 31/January 1, light bombers attacked supply targets in northern ITALY.

From these operations 5 of our aircraft are missing. USAF flew approximately 650 sorties.

14. FORCES CHANGE.

There have been no major developments in the area during the past 24 hrs, but in the Ferrara, clearing of sectors northwest of the harbor is progressing well.

Recruiting for National Guard in Athens, Greece continues satisfactorily.

Elsewhere in Greece the situation remains unchanged.

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Recruiting for National Guard in IL LI, Piraeus continues satisfactorily.

Elsewhere in Greece the situation remains unchanged.

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15 AIRBORNE

In the SARAJEVO valley, Fifth Army troops have gained further ground and have reconquered SIBINJAK.

North of SARAJEVO, Eighth Army troops have continued to exert pressure and have captured several important localities against strong resistance.

14TH AIRBORNE DIVISION, 15TH AIRBORNE CORPS, 15TH AIRBORNE DIVISION

Medium bombers of the Tactical Air Force yesterday attacked rail targets in the PO valley, the mountain route and in North-East Italy. Fighter bombers and fighters, flying almost 1,000 sorties, concentrated against communications in Northern Italy and targets in and just behind the battle area. Bridges, rail and road transport, enemy-occupied buildings and gun positions were destroyed, and many rail cuts made.

On the night 30/31 December, Intruder aircraft successfully attacked rail and road traffic in the area of the PO valley, while light bombers attacked airfields and rail yards in Northern Italy. Light bombers also went for fortified buildings, rail and road transport, bridges and an ammunition dump.

Eight of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

RAF flew approximately 1,570 sorties.

14TH AIRBORNE CORPS

Archbishop of Athens and all Greece Mgr. DAMASKINOS was on SYDNEY broadcast as Regent in accordance with King George II's declaration. Our troops have not completed liberating the South-east sectors of SARAJEVO and in the PIRAN area cleared further sectors north-west of the suburb.

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15. AIR GROUP.

In the SARNOVO valley, Fifth Army troops have gained further ground and have re-occupied SUKOLICA.

North of BUDA, Fifth Army troops have continued to exert pressure and have captured several limited localities against enemy resistance.

16. THE ITALIAN ALPS POLICE DIVISION, 14th.

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A-1F flow approximately 1,370 sorties.

17. AIR GROUPS, 14th.

Arrival of Athens and all Greece by D-45. L-103 was on SUKOLICA indicated as to be sent in accordance with King George II's declaration. Our troops have now completely liberated the South-east suburbs of SUKOLICA and in the process have cleared further sectors south-west of the suburb.

An instrument station on the wireless transmission station at BUDA is being repaired and is now operational. In addition, the wireless station of the 14th Army is being repaired and is now operational. The wireless station of the 14th Army is being repaired and is now operational.

Elsewhere in the Alps the situation is unchanged.

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NAVY COMMUNIQUE

Naval gun fire support continues to be given on the right flank of the army near the PLO-ALBANIAN frontier. Since 200 22 enemy personnel, batteries, barracks, transport and ammunition dumps have been successfully bombarded, while a bridge was shot down by the U.S. Destroyer MOUSE. The other ships in action were the U.S. Destroyers GRAYES, and HEBURN and the MORCH Destroyers LINDSEY, LE FORTUNE and TROTT.

15 NOV GROUP

In the SMERCHIO valley troops of the Fifth Army have re-occupied DANCA. Elsewhere on the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts activity has been limited to patrols.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

Medium bombers of the Tactical Air Force yesterday bombed bridges on the rail line running to the Brenner Pass and an ammunition dump near BOLOGNA. Motor transport, rail equipment, bridges, strong points and gun positions were targets of fighters and fighter bombers supporting the Armaies in Italy.

Coastal aircraft flew routine patrols and intruded over northwestern ITALY.

On the night of December 29/30 night fighters and light bombers attacked motor transport, bridges and rail roads in the FO valley.

In addition to the planes reported missing from the operations of December 29 in yesterday's Communique, it is now known sixteen other aircraft failed to return. There were no losses yesterday.

M.A.F flew approximately 750 sorties.

LAND FORCES GREECE.

Good progress was made on EMEDRY and S. EMBRY in liberating further districts South-East of the ATHENS-SALONIKA road. A number of insurgent strong-points were captured and some 800 Prisoners were taken up to mid-day SALONIKA.

Other than slight advances in the area North of LEONIDOS Harbour, the situation in the IRAKLIS is materially unchanged.

In HEROS insurgent troops have landed on MEGALISI Island and are concentrating on the mainland opposite the Island of LEVIJIS. The evacuation of civilians and General Cervus' forces from

15. ARMY GROUP

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In ELIUS insurgent troops have landed on the island of LEVJAS and are concentrating on the mainland opposite the island of PLEVA. The evacuation of civilians and General Cervas' forces from PLEVA continues.

Elsewhere in GREECE the situation remains unchanged.

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Italian Patrols

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NO ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS

15 April 1944

North of FERRAZZA, Eighth Army continue to reduce the enemy pocket east of the river SAKIO.

On the remainder of the Eighth Army front and on that of Fifth Army patrols have been active.

MEDIOCRANIAN ALLIED AIR CORRIDOR, AGENERS, ITALY

Railroads in southern Germany and Austria and rail yards and locomotive repair depots in northern Italy were attacked yesterday by strong force of 15 A-19 escorted heavy bombers. Strategic fighters conducted offensive operations over southern Germany, and strafed rail transport in Austria. A-19 and medium bombers carried out supply missions to Yugoslavia.

Light bombers and intruders, on the night of December 28/29 bombed and strafed enemy communications in the PO valley and northwest Italy as well as attacking two airfield in northern Italy.

Medium bombers of the Tactical Air Force yesterday had excellent results in their attacks against enemy supply routes over northern Italy, while light bombers, fighter bombers, and fighters out in strength, attacked communications in northeastern Italy and many targets in the western battle area.

Enemy road movements and communications in central Yugoslavia were attacked by aircraft of the Italian Air Force. Coastal units attacked military objectives in northwest Italy, enemy transport in Yugoslavia, and small shipping in the north Adriatic and Gulf of Genoa and intercepted and destroyed one enemy aircraft and damaged others.

In these operations, one enemy aircraft was destroyed, and early reports show six of our heavy bombers and five other aircraft to be missing.

A-19 flew over 2200 sorties.

LAND POLICE CONTACT

15 ARMY GROUP

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND AIR FORCE IN ITALY.

Heavy raids in southern Germany and AUSTRIA and raider and locomotive repair depots in northern Italy were attacked yesterday by strong force of 15 AF escorted heavy bombers. Strategic fighters conducted offensive operations over southern GERMANY, and strafed rail transport in AUSTRIA and medium bombers carried out supply missions to YUGOSLAVIA.

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LEAD FORCES GREECE.

Considerable progress has been made by British troops clearing the south-east suburbs of SALONIKA, PATRAI, MIOSINI and METSOBI.

Own ground troops were closely supported by artillery and aircraft, making rocket and machine gun attacks against insurgent strong-points, effectively silencing them. There is little change in the PIRAEUS where further small areas have been cleared.

In EPIROS, Nationalist forces have fallen back on PIETRA.
An evacuation is proceeding.

Elsewhere in GREECE the situation is quiet but watchful.

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No Navy Comment

15 ARMY GROUP

Fighting has died down in the SERRAIO Valley, and activity on the front of both Fifth and Eighth Armies has been confined to patrolling.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY

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Korlan bombers attacked enemy communications in north-western Italy and Yugoslavia.

Tactical aircraft bombed communications in Northern Italy and close support targets.

RAF heavy bombers on the night of 28/29 bombed in the vicinity of Cassino in northeast Italy.

Coastal air force attacked shipping in the Northern Adriatic and Balkan Air Force carried out sweeps over Jugoslavia.

In these operations eight enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground. Eleven of our planes are missing.

AAF flew approximately 2,600 sorties.

LAND FORCES GREECE

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No Navy Comment

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MARF flew approximately 2,000 sorties.

LAND FORCES CHECK

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Over a quarter of a million free meals were issued to civilians in the liberated areas of the town.

ADLAF forces under General Zervas are fighting hard rearward action while withdrawing on IMRIZAC.

Elsewhere in Greece the situation is unchanged.

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28 Dec 1944

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28 DECEMBER 1944.

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15 JULY GROUP

In the BERGHO valley sector on the Fifth Army front the enemy continues to press the attack launched yesterday. A further slight withdrawal has been made by our leading elements.

Small patrol skirmishes have been made elsewhere on the front.

Eighth Army troops continued to clear the East bank of the SENIO river.

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Strong forces of 15 A-24 escorted heavy bombers yesterday attacked an oil refinery and rail yards in AUSIRIA, a rail yard in YUGOSLAVIA and rail lines and bridges in northern ITALY. Fighters of the Strategic force bombed rail bridges in eastern ITALY and strafed rail targets between VIENNA and LINZ.

Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force, out in great strength concentrated against enemy communications in northern ITALY and targets in the battle area. Many bridges were destroyed and rail cuts made. On the night of 26/27 December, light bombers and intruders attacked bridges and rail and road transport in the IO valley.

Balkan Air Force air-craft had great success in their attacks against enemy rail and road movement in YUGOSLAVIA, while coastal units attacked a bridge and enemy occupied buildings in northern ITALY.

Last night heavy and medium bombers attacked a railroad bridge in north east ITALY, and flew supply missions to YUGOSLAVIA. Seventeen of our aircraft are missing from these operations. NAIF flew over 2800 sorties.

LAND FORCES GREECE.

The process of clearing Athens and the Piraeus of insurgent forces

15 July 1944

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LAND FORCES OFFICE.

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An insurgent attack early yesterday morning against an RAF landing ground in the area was repulsed.

In Athens General Zervas' forces continue to fall back under strong ELAS pressure and he has been forced to evacuate IGOUMENITZA.

The situation elsewhere is unchanged.

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NO NAVY COMMUNIQUE.

15 JULY GAZETTE

In the SELICHO valley sector of the Fifth Army front an enemy attack in some strength has caused our outposts to withdraw to prepared positions.

On the remainder of the front of the Allied armies in Italy activity has been confined to patrols.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

More than a thousand fighters, fighters-bombers and light bombers yesterday flew close support and anti-communications missions against the German Forces in Italy. Fuel and supply dumps, rail and road bridges, harbour installations, airfields, gun positions and strong points were included in the day's attacks.

Tactical Air Force medium bombers also had a busy day, attacking bridges, and rail and road targets feeding into the Italian battle area.

Medium forces of escorted heavy bombers bombed oil installations in Germany and Poland. Strategic Air Force fighters bombed a rail bridge in northern Italy. Last night RAF medium and heavy bombers attacked a rail bridge in northern Italy.

Balkan Air Force fighters and medium bombers attacked troop and transport concentrations in GOROGRAVIA.

On the night of December 25/26 light bombers and fighters attacked motor transport, an airfield and supply dumps in northern Italy.

During these operations four enemy planes were shot down. Twenty one of our aircraft are missing.

ALLAF flew about 2500 sorties.

LAND FORCES GAZETTE.

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Medium forces of escorted heavy bombers bombed oil installations in Germany and Iceland. Strategic Air Force fighters bombed a rail bridge in northern Italy. Last night RAF medium and heavy bombers attacked a rail bridge in northern Italy.

Italian Air Force fighters and medium bombers attacked troop and transport concentrations in GOROLLINI.

On the night of December 25/26 light bombers and fighters attacked motor transport, an airfield and supply dumps in northern Italy.

During these operations four enemy planes were shot down. Twenty one of our aircraft are missing.

RAF flew about 2500 sorties.

LAND FORCES GREECE.

Further progress has been achieved by our troops in clearing 'built-up' areas in Athens and Piraeus. Some prisoners and a quantity of arms and ammunition have been captured.

This morning a patrol discovered a ton of dynamite in the underground sewer opposite the entrance to the Grand Bretagne Hotel. This Hotel houses members of the Greek Government, British Army officers and many civilians. The charges had been placed in position during the course of the night and have now been removed.

Guerrilla forces under General Zervas in Epirus are continuing their withdrawal in face of superior HMG forces.

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LAND FORCES GREECE.

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In EPIRUS General Zervas' troops continue to fall back under increasing pressure from E.L.A.S. forces.

There is nothing to report elsewhere in GREECE.

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Strategic aircraft flew supplies to YUGOSLAVIA. During the days' operations one enemy aircraft was destroyed. Six of our planes failed to return. ~~RAF~~ flew about 1400 sorties.

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The situation elsewhere in GREECE is unchanged.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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Enemy transport on roads in YUGOGLAVIA was attacked by Units of the Balkan Air Force, while Coastal Aircraft attacked shipping in the north Adriatic.

One of our aircraft is missing from these operations.

MAAF flew over 600 sorties.

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Unrelenting pressure by the Canadian troops of Eighth Army has broken the enemy resistance North of BIANCAVALLO. Our troops advancing from the bridgehead over the GULIE NARVALLO have recrossed the river SOTTO on a broad front opposite FUSIGNIO and have captured BIANCAVALLO.

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LAND FORCES GREECE.

In clearing areas in ATHENS-PIRAEUS British troops have achieved further successes today.

Civilians living in the controlled zones yesterday were served over 100,000 meals.

In areas cleared of insurgents, civilians have received British troops enthusiastically. A large delegation, headed by the Mayor, in PIRAEUS visited British authorities and Naval Headquarters to tender their thanks.

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D...F's CLOSE SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN DRIVE

A new chapter in the history of close support of the 8th Army has been written this week by fighter-bombers of Desert Air Force, acting as the spear-head of the successful thrust which Canadian troops made to the CANALIE NARVISLHO Line, in the face of stubborn resistance.

Our aircraft have been bombing and strafing in full view of the troops - in some cases as little as 300 yards ahead.

Throughout the drive, which resulted in the capture of FIENZ, co-operation between air and ground forces was of the closest. In previous stages of the Italy campaign, when movement of the land forces was more rapid, aircraft were often attacking well ahead of the ground forces, striking at communications. Very often the troops could not see what the R.A.F. were doing, but lately they have seen a great deal of the air offensive, and they have been unstinted in their praise. Air attacks have been carried out to the accompaniment of cheers from men of the 8th Army.

At the same time, Desert Air Force has maintained its blows further back, producing effects which our front line troops do not see but which are very real, interrupting supplies and forcing the enemy to use up a great deal of effort to keep his life-lines open.

Recently, when there have been periods approaching a static type of warfare, through difficulties of terrain, the 8th Army has been held up by the enemy digging in and establishing a network of fortifications, converting almost every building in this flat country into a gun-post, observation post, or billeta. On every good flying day Desert Air Force has mounted attacks to winkle out these fortified positions.

What Desert Air Force has done to these fortified houses is confirmed by the troops who eventually occupy the area. "It's a pity you chaps smash up all the places we might have used for billets," is the sort of remark the troops make to the air force in Northern Italy.

On days of favourable weather lately, Desert Air Force has flown in the region of 600 sorties over the battle area. This means a constant procession of Spitfires, Spitfire bombers, Kittyhawks, Mustangs, Thunderbolts, Baltimore and Marauders, keeping the enemy's head down and making the task of the troops lighter.

Some days it is a race with approaching bad weather. On such occasions D...F. has flown 200 sorties before breakfast.

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Desert Air Force achieved a record of close support a few days ago at an important stage of the Canadian attack on the M.VEGLIO. The advance was being held up by the Germans digging themselves in along the canal-bank, employing heavy gun and mortar-fire, and bringing up tanks in the vicinity of B.ENV.QUALLIO. The weather was bad, making it impossible to bomb.

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So formations of Spitfires took off and concentrated on strafing. At times they were making the Germans with cannon-fire barely 300 yards ahead of our troops. A message of thanks to them from the Canadian Brigade concerned showed that the troops who later took the positions found the slit trenches full of dead Germans - obviously killed by air strafing.

Another outstanding piece of work by the Spitfires the next day was the breaking up of a tank formation, which was about to take part in a counter-attack near BIGNONVILLE. At least two tanks were disabled by the aircraft, which dropped bombs within a few yards of the targets and then swooped down with their cannons blazing.

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AMIDST IS. I. I. I.

Enemy have made limited gains north and all of them against strong resistance.

Polish and Italian troops of 1st Army have now virtually cleared all organised enemy resistance south of the river Somo west of the main Minsk-Moscow railway.

There has been no appreciable change to our positions in the Tichon sector.

AMIDST IS. I. I. I.

Enemy forces of 1st Army have heavy bombers, with escort, yesterday attacked our positions in Tichon, and yesterday in Tichon, they were very active. However, our positions have not been threatened by their attacks against our positions in Tichon.

Unfavorable weather severely impaired operations by the tactical air force. A small number of fighters have been seen in Tichon, but no positions in Tichon.

Advances of the Polish air force attacked enemy motor transport and tank concentrations in Tichon.

In these operations, nine of our aircraft are missing.

Approximately 1,000 sorties.

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Further progress has been made in clearing areas astride the Minsk-Moscow road and the situation in Tichon is quiet.

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British Army have made significant gains north and south of the river with constant strong resistance.

Polish and Indian troops at night have no, virtually cleared all or almost every resistance south of the river since west of the main British position.

There has been no appreciable change to our positions in the First Army sector.

BRITISH ARMY POSITION, 15 JULY 1945.

British forces on 15th in force heavy bombers, with escort, yesterday attacked all railways in Germany, airfields in Germany, and all air bases. British heavy bombers and fighters concentrated their attacks against enemy communications and road networks in Yugoslavia.

Libyan forces have been severely hampered operations by the Italian air force. A small number of fighters were attached to the occupied airfields in the Mediterranean.

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In these operations, nine of our aircraft are missing.

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The British Garrison in the German prison, which was attacked yesterday, has been successfully withdrawn, together with some of the political prisoners.

The insurgent attacks against Air Headquarters have continued on an increased scale.

There is nothing to report elsewhere in British.

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ALLIED AIRS IN GREECE

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Patrols remained active on the Fifth Army front.

ALLIED AIR FORCES IN GREECE

Strong forces of escorted 19th AAF heavy bombers yesterday attacked targets in Germany, Austria and Hungary. AAF heavy and medium bombers, operating in daylight bombed road targets in Yugoslavia. Tactical Air Force fighters and fighter bombers concentrated their attacks on Po valley communications. Belgian Air Force fighters and fighter bombers attacked traffic concentrations on roads in Yugoslavia.

During these operations four enemy aircraft were destroyed. 24 of our planes are missing. AAF flew more than 1450 sorties.

LAND FORCES GREECE

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Last night insurgent forces supported by artillery launched a strong attack against Air HQs, Greece. Fighting continues.

There is nothing to report from Salonika or Petras. The command of a strong cone of insurgent forces in the Volos area has prevented the command of the Allied relief units and small Indian Garrison with an ultimatum to quit the town.

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On the night of December 15/16 his Majesty's Destroyer L-113
interdicted an enemy assembly camp on a cargo pier on the island of CHAI
north of SLOVAK. A number of prisoners were taken.

On the night of December 16/17 his Majesty's PC-114 northward of
SLOVAK, anti-aircraft light naval forces attacked an enemy convoy. THREE
flamethrowers were destroyed.

ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY:

German troops of 25th Army have made further gains south of
BAGNOVARO against strong resistance.

Other troops of 15th Army have virtually cleared B. M. L., although
isolated pockets of enemy resistance still remain in the northern outskirts
of the town.

Our troops now hold the line of the river SENO on a broad front
southward from the main FLORENCE-LIVORNO highway.

On their left, Polish troops of 14th Army are approaching the
river SENO against strong resistance as they have taken the villages of
LIVORNO and S. GIOVANNI.

Patrols remain active on the front of 14th Army.

ALLIED FORCES IN GREECE:

Strong forces of 15th Army escorted heavy bombers yesterday attacked
oil refinery at MESSALONA and OLIKIA in northern Elis, 100 km. SW. V.
in Greece, and rail route at MESSALONA, Elis. A target at
transport on a rail line southwest of MESSALONA, between MESSALONA and
M. S. R. medium bombers attacked enemy transport on roads in southern
Ionian coast.

Medical fighters and fighter-bombers concentrated their effort
mainly on targets in the North Italian seafo cross, and on enemy communications
just behind the front. Missions were made on rail and road bridges, rail yards,
gun positions, and enemy occupied buildings. Unfavorable weather prevented
the medium bombers from operating.

Aircraft of the Italian air force attacked gun positions and other
targets on an enemy occupied island off the North Ionian coast.

In these operations, 43 enemy aircraft were destroyed, and twenty nine
of ours are missing.

RAF flew 1900 sorties.

ALLIED FORCES IN GREECE:

ALLIED AIR FORCE, WEST:

Some German troops of 21st SS Panzer Division have been further driven south of Biala Wodzie (east of Lublin) and have been virtually cleared from the area, although isolated pockets of enemy resistance still remain in the northern outskirts of the town.

Other troops of 21st SS Panzer Division have been driven south of Biala Wodzie and are approaching the river Lublin. Polish troops of 1st Lublin Army are approaching the village of Biala Wodzie and 2 SS Panzer Division.

Enemy troops remain active on the front of 1st Lublin Army.

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NAVAL COMMENTARY

In the early hours of Saturday, December 16, a patrol of American and British light coastal craft met and engaged four northbound enemy craft in the Gulf of Genoa. The enemy craft were probably sunk and another damaged. Our craft was minor fire but suffered no casualties or damage.

ALLIED GAINS IN ITALY

Italy now holds a bridgehead over the CAVALLE NAVIGLIO on a front of more than three miles. Enemy resistance in this sector still remains strong. West of FARENZA, British, New Zealand and Indian troops cleared by New Zealand troops and our troops are now approaching the river CAVALLO on a wide front west of the main BILORNA-FARENZA highway. Eighth Army patrols are in the outskirts of the important town of FARENZA. Farther west, Polish troops have continued to make advances against strong enemy armor and have captured a number of heights south of the river CAVALLO. Fifth Army sector was confined to patrol clashes and army duels.

ADVANCED ALLIED AIR FORCE BOMBING OPERATIONS, ITALY

Steady forces of escorted heavy bombers yesterday bombed targets in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Tactical Air Force fighters and fighter bombers attacked gun positions, strong points and road movement in and near the battle area. Excellent results were reported from attacks on guns in the FARENZA and TOSSIGNANO areas. STERZIA dry docks were also attacked by Tactical Units. Coastal Air Force planes attacked Adriatic shipping and motor transport in northern Italy. Large concentrations of motor vehicles in YUGOSLAVIA were attacked by units of the Ballan Air Force. Supplies were flown to our forces in GREECE. From these operations 15 of our aircraft are missing. LAAF flew approximately 1800 sorties.

LAND FORCES GREECE

ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY

North of BELLONAZIO, Canadian troops of Eighth Army now hold a bridgehead over the CANALE NAVIGLIO on a front of more than three miles. Enemy resistance in this sector still remains strong. West of PAVIA, British, New Zealand and Indian troops cleared by New Zealand tanks and our troops are now approaching the river SESTO on a wide front west of the main BLOMFIELDINI highway. Eighth Army patrols are in the outskirts of the important town of PAVIA.

Further west, Polish troops have continued to make progress against strong enemy defenses and have captured a number of heights south of the river SESTO.

Fifth Army sector was confined to patrol clashes and army duels.

ADDITIONAL ALLIED AIR FORCE OPERATIONS, ITALY

Strong forces of escorted heavy bombers yesterday bombed targets in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Tactical Air Force fighters and fighter bombers attacked gun positions, strong points and rear movement in and near the battle area. Excellent results were reported from attacks on guns in the TAVAZA and TOSSIGNANO areas. SPERIA dry docks were also attacked by tactical units.

Coastal Air Force planes attacked Adriatic shipping and motor transport in northern Italy.

Large concentrations of ^{motor} vehicles in YUGOSLAVIA were attacked by units of the Balkan Air Force.

Supplies were flown to our forces in GREECE. From these operations 15 of our aircraft are missing.

None flew approximately 1600 sorties.

ALLIED FORCES GREECE

East of the main harbor last night our troops cleared a strongly-held feature and good progress has been made in clearing areas in the Piraeus. In Athens there is no change in the situation.

Some casualties have been sustained by both sides in western Greece and fighting continues at KILIKIAI.

Supporting our ground troops are Royal Navy ships and craft. In other areas there is no change.

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YUGOSLAVIAN RELATIONS

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German troops of Eighth Army have entered their bridgehead over the CARLE DIVISION against very stout resistance and a number of enemy counter attacks against the bridgehead have been repulsed.

BN of Poles, British and Polish troops of Eighth Army have made a appreciable gains in a day of heavy fighting.

In the Fifth Army sector fierce fighting continues in the area of TOLSTUCHNO, where British troops have repulsed a number of enemy attempts to recapture the village.

South of BOLZANO, American troops of Fifth Army successfully repulsed a strong enemy attack.

ALBANIAN AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

Five strategic targets in ALBANIA and GREECE were attacked yesterday by medium forces of 15th AF heavy bombers with escort. Targets included the railways at KRAKOVICA and objectives in the areas of LINZ, SALZBURG, AMERIKI, and MASTURIA.

RAF medium bombers attacked enemy road movements in YUGOSLAVIA, while heavy bombers flew supply missions to GHECE.

Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force carried out large scale attacks against enemy communications in northern Italy, as well as concentrating against tanks, troop concentrations, defended positions, supply dumps, and other targets in the battle areas.

Enemy road concentrations and airfield in YUGOSLAVIA were attacked by aircraft of the Tactical Air Force.

Quassel planes attacked shipping in the north Adriatic, as well as road and rail transport in northwest Italy.

From these operations, ten of our aircraft are missing.

RAF flew over 2200 sorties.

LEAD FORCES GREECE.

At 0725 hours this morning insurgent forces launched an unprovoked attack against Indian troops on the mainland of GREECE north of PATRAS.

In ATHENS and the PIRAEUS fighting continues heavy after the temporary lull yesterday. During the afternoon 14 December, insurgent artillery was again in action against the centre of ATHENS.

In the PIRAEUS an attack by S.I. guns and mortar fire made against British troops at the west end of PALLADON BAY was repulsed after heavy fighting.

Guerrilla activities in the SALONIKA area continues and the situation

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attacks against the breakthrough have been repulsed.

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appreciable gain in a day of heavy fighting.
In the fifth Army sector fierce fighting continues in the area of
TOLSONO, where British troops have repulsed a number of enemy attempts
to recapture the village.

South of BOLONE, American troops of Fifth Army successfully repulsed
a strong enemy attack.

AMERICAN AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, PAVIA.

Five strategic targets in ... and ... were attacked yesterday
by medium forces of 15th AF heavy bombers with escort. Targets included
the rail yards at ... and objectives in the areas of ...
... and ...

Airfield bombers attacked enemy road movements in ... while
heavy bombers flew supply missions to ...
Aircraft of the ... Force carried out large scale attacks
against enemy communications in northern Italy, as well as concentrating
against guns, troop concentrations, defended positions, supply dumps,
and other targets in the battle zone.

Enemy road concentrations annihilated in ... were attacked
by aircraft of the ... Air Force.

Several planes attacked shipping in the north Adriatic, as well as road and
rail transport in north-west Italy.

From these operations, ten of our aircraft are missing.
... flew over 2200 sorties.

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has not eased.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

In a day of heavy fighting Canadian troops of Eighth Army have considerably enlarged their bridgehead over the river LARONE, and have beaten off a number of strong counter-attacks. MEZZANO, on the right of the bridgehead, has been cleared, and the leading troops are approaching the GARILE NAVIGLIO on a wide front North of BARRACAVANO. SW of LARONE, British troops of Fifth Army have entered TOSSIGNANO and BOSCHI TOSSIGNANO against strong opposition, and mopping up in both villages continues. (Note: For GARILE NAVIGLIO see 14243.)

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

Air operations yesterday, were greatly restricted due to bad weather. Fighters and fighter bombers of the Tactical Force concentrated against enemy communications targets in the PO valley and on the BRENNER Route, as well as close support targets on the 5th Army front. Rail and road bridges were attacked, and rail cuts were made. In the BOLOGNA area, attacks were made against enemy occupied buildings and gun positions. Other Tactical aircraft attacked Coastal positions near SPEZZIA. RAF heavy and medium bombers flew supply missions to GREECE. Aircraft of the Coastal Air Force attacked electrical stations and road transport in the border area of southern France and Italy. Four of our aircraft are missing from these operations. LAMF flew over 600 sorties.

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There is little change in the ^{general} situation. The rebels who are continuing their offensive action launched two determined attacks before dawn this morning. The attacks which were directed against the Greek Brigade in the Eastern Sector and British troops near the city centre were both held. Further re-inforcements arrived last night and were in action ^{at} this morning.

Some progress has been made in the PIRAEUS but elsewhere in the city our activities yesterday were confined to clearing snipers from areas already occupied by our troops.

RAF in support of ground troops silenced a 75mm gun firing at the centre of the city. In another sortie a rebel ammunition dump was attacked and hits were obtained.

There is no change in the situation elsewhere in Greece. Tension continues in the SALONIKA and PATROS area and there is considerable movement of Guerilla formations throughout the country.

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Comunicato No 327

13th. DECEMBER 1944

FOR RELEASE AT 1030A HRS

NAVAL OPERATIONS

It is reported from the Legion that on the evening of December 11th His Majesty's destroyer HINDSWALE intercepted an enemy force believed to consist of three landing craft attempting to land men on the island of SMI north of Eloro. One landing craft was blown up and sunk and the others destroyed. During the action the HINDSWALE came under fire from the enemy batteries on Eloro but suffered no casualties or damage. SMI was closely investigated next day and nothing was seen. It is considered that the landing was prevented.

ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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Elsewhere, patrols have been active.

WESTERN ALLIED AIR FORCE OPERATIONS, ITALY

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A small force of heavy bombers yesterday attacked Balkan Air Force Units based and strafed a large concentration of vehicles in VEGHLY. Only minor offensive action of the day took place in northwestern Italy, where fighters attacked road targets.

From yesterday's operations two of our aircraft are missing.

MMF flew approximately 360 sorties.

10th. DECEMBER 1944

LAND FORCES GREECE

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LAND FORCE'S CHECK.

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Navy house in the Piraeus was again under heavy mortar fire yesterday. Reinforcements have landed and some progress has been made in the past twelve hours against heavy resistance.

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COMMUNIQUE NO. 326. FOR RELEASE AT 130A 12th. DECEMBER 1944

NAVAL COMMENTARY

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

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MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

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MATF flew approximately 1,900 sorties.

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FOR RELEASE AT 1030A HRS

COMMUNIQUE No. 325

NO NAVY COLLABORICE

ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

British troops of Eighth Army have been engaged in bitter fighting SW of FALINIA, where a large scale German counter-attack against our bridgehead over the River LAMBONE has been decisively defeated with heavy losses to the enemy.

In the Fifth Army sector, patrols have been active without any appreciable alteration to the forward positions.

MEDIOBRENNE ALLIED AIR FORCE IN OPERATIONS, ITALY

Light bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters of the Tactical Air Force, out in great strength yesterday, concentrated against rail communication on the Brenner route, on the Udine route into Italy, and in the Po Valley. Successful attacks were also made against enemy-occupied buildings, gun positions and road and rail transport in the battle areas of northern Italy. Enemy defence positions in the Faenza area and a barracks near Bologna were attacked by medium bombers.

A small force of heavy bombers attacked a rail target in Austria, while strategic fighters strafed a rail road between SALZBURG and MUNICH.

Small shipping in the Gulf of Venice was attacked by coastal aircraft.

In these operations five enemy aircraft were destroyed and fifteen of ours are missing.

M.A.F flew over 2,100 sorties.

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11 December 1944

FOR INFORMATION 1115A HRS

LAND FORCES GREECE - COMMUNIQUE

In the eastern suburbs some progress has been made in clearing areas but the situation in Athens and the Piraeus remains unchanged.

Offensive activity in the area is being increased by rebel forces. Sniping and mortar fire is on an increasing scale and has been directed against the Royal Navy Headquarters in the Piraeus.

Attacks against Gendarmerie barracks by rebel forces have been held near the centre of Athens. Supported by tanks regular Greek units engaged in clearing areas in the eastern suburbs, destroyed or captured many weapons including two 57 mm anti-tank guns and dispersed a strong concentration of rebel troops.

Stiff opposition is being met in clearing the shore east of the port but further progress has been made in the Piraeus.

Around Salonika and Petros there is evidence of considerable guerilla activities, but elsewhere in Greece no change has been reported. Fortifications and earthworks have been reported being dug.

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Attacks against Gendarmerie barracks by rebel forces have been held near the centre of Athens. Supported by tanks regular Greek units engaged in clearing areas in the eastern suburbs, destroyed or captured many weapons including two 37 mm anti-tank guns and dispersed a strong concentration of rebel troops.

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U.S. AIR FORCE RELATIONS

Communicate No. 324 FOR ALLIED AIR FORCE USE 10 December, 1944

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ALLIED AIR FORCE IN ITALY

In the coastal sector, Allied Army patrols are pushing forward north of ... into the flooded ... south of the ...

Heavy fighting under adverse weather conditions continues SW of ... where British troops of ... have made local gains. Two strong enemy counter-attacks against ... have been repulsed.

Elsewhere there has been no appreciable change in our forward positions.

ALLIED AIR FORCE IN ROMANIA, ITALY

Escorted heavy bombers of the Strategic Air Force yesterday attacked industrial objectives and rail yards in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Targets included the oil refinery and rail yards at ... in Germany, and the ... works in Czechoslovakia. The rail yards at ... also were attacked.

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Aircraft of the Coastal Air Force concentrated their attacks on shipping in the north Adriatic.

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28 of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

AAF flow more than 1,600 ...

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ALLIED AIR TO IN ITALY

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Heavy fighting under adverse weather conditions continues SW of Salerno, where British troops of the 1st Airborne Div have made local gains. Two strong enemy counter-attacks against the British have been repulsed.

Elsewhere there has been no appreciable change in our forward positions.

RECENT AIR TO IN ITALY

Escorted heavy bombers of the Strategic Air Force yesterday attacked industrial objectives and rail yards in Berlin, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Targets included the oil refinery and rail yards at Regensburg, in Germany, and the Wilson Lodge works in Czechoslovakia. The rail yards at Villach, Austria, also were hit hard.

Fighters and fighter-bombers of the Tactical Air Force attacked objectives in the Northern Italy battle area and communications in the Po Valley.

Aircraft of the Coastal Air Force concentrated their attacks on shipping in the North Adriatic.

Naval, rail lines and enemy-occupied buildings in Yugoslavia were attacked by aircraft of the Coastal Air Force.

28 of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

RAF flew more than 1,600 sorties.

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C.I.A.F.

8th, DECEMBER 1944

FOR RELEASE AT 1030h

COMMUNIQUE No. 322

NO NAVAL COMMUNIQUE.

ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

SW of FANZA, British and Polish troops have further enlarged their bridgehead over the River Lomone and have captured CASTEL MANNIO and OLLATELLO after heavy fighting.

Polish troops also repulsed a strong enemy counter-attack against the important feature of M SAN AMADIO.

Troops of a Fifth Army Indian Division again advanced and occupied several features, including M BIELLA, previously held by the enemy.

Elsewhere, activity has been confined to patrols.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY

Operations were greatly restricted due to adverse weather conditions yesterday.

Fighters and fighter-bombers of the Tactical Air Force concentrated their attacks on communications in the Po valley and the Brenner route. Road and rail bridges were attacked as well as approaches to bridges. Other targets included a motor transport park and rolling stock.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked barges in the CAORLE Canal at the head of the Gulf of Venice.

Last night, heavy bombers of the Strategic Air Force attacked industrial installations at Vicenza.

One of our aircraft is missing from these operations.

Mail flow approximately 300 sorties.

END COMMUNIQUE.

ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY

SW of FANZA, British and Polish troops have further enlarged their bridgehead over the River Lione and have captured CASTEL MARINO and OLLIVINO after heavy fighting.

Polish troops also repulsed a strong enemy counter-attack against the important feature of M SAN VINCENZO.

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LAND FORCES GRUDGE

8 December 1944

Continued

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Some members of the High King's organization who attempted to join forces with British troops are being disarmed by the latter as they are acting contrary to the orders issued by the provisional Government and General Scobie regarding the provisional forces.

This is being done without incident.

Elsewhere in Greece, the situation is quieter although fighting has broken out in the ELAS area between ELAS and Nationalist forces.

It is confirmed that a German officer has been captured while commanding a detachment of ELAS troops.

Continued

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In these cases tanks and artillery had to be used to eject them. In the outskirts of the city and Piraeus rebel troops have taken up entrenched positions and have bolstered their barracks area held by regular Greek forces.

A small number of aircraft have been used to assist Greek and British troops in their operations, with low-flying machine gun attacks in areas free of houses.

Yesterday serious sniping of adjoining houses in Piraeus necessitated the landing of a detachment of Royal Marines to clear the surrounding area in co-operation with infantry and tanks.

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Friday December 8 1944.

A.A.F. - R.A.F. PUBLIC RELATIONS

SPECIAL HANDOUT - Release with Communique

ITALIAN-FLOWN BALTIMORES BOMB GERMANS

Italian air and ground crews entirely men a Baltimore Squadron of BALZAN AIR FORCE, engaged in trying to prevent the escape of German forces from Yugo-Slavia.

The Baltimores have been added to the Italian-manned fighters and transport aircraft working with the Allies in the Mediterranean zone, and the R.A.F. Group Captain commanding the Baltimore Wing states that the Italian crews are "thoroughly co-operative and extremely keen."

Pilots, wireless operators, and gunners are all experienced airmen, score with long records of flying service. A few of the older pilots have completed 2,000 flying hours, and the average of most crew members is 800 to 900 hours.

The navigators are younger men, many of whom had just left the pilots' school of the Regia Aeronautica when the Italian Armistice was signed. As the Regia Aeronautica had no navigators as such - the pilots doing this job - some of the younger men have been trained as navigators to complete the Baltimore crews.

One airman was among the crews that took part in the trans-Atlantic flight headed by Marshal Balbo in 1933. The aircraft took off from ORBETELLO, north of ROME, crossed to LONDONDERRY, then flew the Atlantic in formation. It was then considered an outstanding feat in formation flying.

The Baltimore crews have plenty of use for their experience of formation flying, as the Baltimores do their bombing in box patterns.

The targets for the Baltimores have included railroad tracks, railyards, stores and dumps over Yugoslavia. They have already claimed the destruction of locomotives and the cutting of tracks at many points, as well as the destruction of a small but extremely important road bridge.

In one attack the Italians encountered very heavy anti-aircraft fire, and every aircraft in the formation was holed, but all the pilots made base safely. One had his elevator controls nearly cut in half and his hydraulic system was damaged, but he avoided mishap in landing without flaps.

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FOR RELEASE AT 1030A 7th December 1944

COMMUNIQUE No. 321.

No. Navy Communique.

ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

In the Coastal Sector, troops of Eighth Army have captured MEZZANO on the RIMINI-FERRARA railway, and in consequence all enemy resistance East of river LAMONE is virtually at an end.

South of ANZIC, British troops of Eighth Army have increased their bridgehead over the LAMONE against strong resistance, while Polish troops on their left have captured the important feature of M. SAN RIMILDO after bitter fighting and occupied the town of BRISIGHELLA.

American, British and Indian troops of Fifth Army have maintained contact with the enemy by means of aggressive patrols and in places our forward positions have been improved.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

Medium Forces of escorted Bombers yesterday attacked nine rail yards in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. Other heavy and medium bombers flew supply missions to Yugoslavia.

Fighters of the Strategic Force carried out sweeps over Austria and Hungary, destroying rolling stock and motor transport. Although operations by the Tactical Forces were restricted by bad weather, fighters and fighter bombers attacked enemy positions in the battle areas of northern Italy, and communications in the SO valley. Many railways were effected, and motor transport, locomotives and rail cars were destroyed.

Balkan Air Force aircraft attacked enemy road movements and concentrations in Yugoslavia, while Coastal planes attacked small convoys and cut offensive sweeps over the

ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

In the Coastal Sector, troops of Eighth Army have captured LEZZANO on the RIMINI-TERMINI railway, and in consequence all enemy resistance East of river LAMONE is virtually at an end.

South of RIMINI, British troops of Eighth Army have increased their bridgehead over the LAMONE against strong resistance, while Polish troops on their left have captured the important feature of M. SAN RIGALDO after bitter fighting and occupied the town of RIVIGNANO.

American, British and Indian troops of Fifth Army have maintained contact with the enemy by means of aggressive patrols and in places our forward positions have been improved.

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Balkan Air Force aircraft attacked enemy road movements and concentrations in Yugoslavia, while Coastal planes attacked major shipping in the Adriatic as well as carrying out offensive sweeps over the Italian Riviera. Last night our heavy bombers attacked rail yards and an industrial plant in Austria.

In these operations, thirteen enemy aircraft were destroyed, and nineteen of ours are missing.

MMW flew over 1500 sorties.

Greek Communique will be issued later

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COMMUNIQUE NO. 319

5th, DECEMBER 1944

FOR RELEASE AT 1030 A.

NAVAL COMBAT

It is reported from the ITALY that after dark yesterday evening DECEMBER 4th, concentrations of shipping in the main port of RHODES were heavily bombarded by His Majesty's ships with the object of preventing the enemy from using these vessels for making sorties to neighboring islands in search of supplies. The fire was carried out in heavy rain.

Ships engaged were the cruiser JUNO and the Destroyers MUSKETEER, HARBOR and HENRI.

ALLIED MOVES IN ITALY

Between the ADRIATIC and LA DOLCE rivers, troops of Eighth Army forced a bridgehead over the SCIO VIL CURA Canal against strong resistance and after making a rapid advance, cut the RAVENNA-BOLOGNA railway at GOTO.

The town of RISSI has also been captured and all organized German resistance EAST of the LADOME, SOUTH of this town has been cleared.

Indian troops of Fifth Army have occupied a number of features including M. VISANO and have entered the town of CASOLA VESENIO, on the road to CASTEL BONGERNE.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY

Aircraft of the Aerial Air Force yesterday concentrated their attacks on a large number of targets in the battle areas of northern Italy. They also attacked communication targets on the Brenner route, in the TO valley, and in JUGOSLAVIA. Objectives attacked included strong points, ammunition and storage dumps, gun positions, fortified buildings, tanks, railcars, and motor transport. Further north, rail and road bridges were bombed, and rail lines cut.

Fighters of the Strategic Force attacked railroad bridge in YUGOSLAVIA. Heavy and medium bombers dropped supplies in YUGOSLAVIA yesterday and of the night of 3/4 December.

Motor transport concentrations, a bridge, and enemy strong points in YUGOSLAVIA were attacked by aircraft of the Balkan Air Force while Coastal aircraft were active against railways and road traffic in northwest Italy.

Ten of our aircraft are missing from these operations. ALF flow approximately 1300 sorties.

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Destroyers MUSKIEVER, MARIE and LINDOR.

ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY

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BUILD UP IN ITALY

ALLIED Army continues to make progress against strong German resistance between the Ligonone and Lione rivers.

On the right flank of FIFTH Army, British and Indian troops have occupied further positions previously held by the enemy. American troops of FIFTH Army, in the central sector, have repulsed several enemy attacks with losses to the enemy.

A strong enemy attack forced our troops to withdraw from a hill feature four miles north of Forrecca Terme.

ADDITIONAL ALLIED AIR FORCE OPERATIONS IN ITALY

Rail yards and industrial objectives in Austria yesterday were attacked by escorted heavy bombers of the strategic air force. Other heavy bombs carried out attack on a road bridge and communications in Yugoslavia.

Fighters and fighter-bombers of the tactical air force attacked communications in the Po valley and enemy positions in the battle area. Medium bombers attacked rail bridges in northern Italy and Yugoslavia. Coastal aircraft attacked small shipping in the north Adriatic as well as road and rail traffic in the French-Italian border area. Pilots of the Balkan Air Force attacked road movement, enemy gun positions and a power house in Yugoslavia.

SEVEN of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

It is now known that ONE enemy aircraft was destroyed in operations on 2 December '44.

ALLIED flew more than 1,100 sorties.

END COMBAT NO. 318

NO NAVAL COMMITTEE

ALLIED AIRS IN ITALY

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RAF flew more than 1,100 sorties.

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NAVAL COMMUNIQUE.

ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Eighth Army have continued their advance between the MONTONE and LIGORE rivers against determined resistance and are now less than two miles from the town of VISSA. West of VISSA, troops of both Fifth and Eighth Armies have occupied hill features previously held by the enemy.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force carried out a large scale effort yesterday against enemy supply lines in Northern Italy, as well as targets of many kinds over the whole battle front. Objectives attacked by fighter-bombers and fighters included bridges and rail lines, rail cars, motor transport, tank concentrations, fuel, ammunition dumps and enemy occupied buildings. Medium bombers hit bridges and causeways on the Brenner route.

Oil and rail targets in Germany and Austria were attacked by heavy bombers of the Strategic Air Force. Coastal aircraft attacked small shipping in the Gulf of Venice and enemy transport in Northern Italy, while planes of the Balkan Air Force were active against enemy road movements and other military targets.

In these operations, one enemy aircraft was destroyed and thirteen of ours are missing.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

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In these operations, one enemy aircraft was destroyed and thirteen of ours are missing.

AAAF flew over 2,500 sorties.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Eighth Army troops have made further progress between the LARONE and LONIGNE rivers and Italian troops have captured the strongly defended village of ARBENNO, which has been the scene of bitter fighting for the last three days.

Fifth Army troops have repulsed a number of enemy attacks with considerable losses to the enemy. North of the river LARONE, L. GIORNETTO has been occupied.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

Fighters and fighter bombers of the Tactical Air Force yesterday attacked communications in the PO valley, on the Brenner Route, and other objectives in the battle area. Targets included road and rail bridges, rolling stock, motor transport, buildings, gun positions and a Dam. Medium bombers also attacked communications in the PO valley.

Coastal planes attacked small shipping in the north Adriatic and at SUELLI, as well as rail and road transport in northwest Italy. Other aircraft carried out a road sweep in VICO-SAVIA. There were no heavy bomber operations. Three of our aircraft are missing from these operations. RAF flew more than 700 sorties.

END COMMUNIQUE.

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ALLIED AIRLINES IN ITALY.

Eighth Army troops have made further progress between the LIGONE and LIGNONE rivers and Italian troops have captured the strongly defended village of MARMETO, which has been the scene of bitter fighting for the last three days.

Fifth Army troops have repulsed a number of enemy attacks with considerable losses to the enemy. North of the river LIGONE, M.GIOMETTO has been occupied.

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Coastal planes attacked small shipping in the north Adriatic and at SHEL, as well as rail and road transport in northwest Italy. Other aircraft carried out a road sweep in 100000. There were no heavy bomber operations. Three of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

AAF flew more than 700 sorties.

END COMMUNIQUE.

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1st, DECEMBER 44.

COMMUNIQUE NO. 315.

NO NAVAL COMMUNIQUE.

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ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY.

East of FIANZI, Eighth Army troops have gained some ground between the LIGONE and LIGORNE rivers. Activity on the remainder of this front has been confined to patrolling. British and Indian troops of Fifth Army have occupied several heights previously held by the enemy. Elsewhere, the front has been generally quiet.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY

Bad weather yesterday hampered air operations, and heavy bombers of the strategic force were grounded. Tactical medium bombers made successful attacks on bridges east of MILAN, while fighter-bombers and fighters concentrated against enemy communications in the northern PO valley, cutting rail lines, and destroying rail cars and motor transport. Covering a wide area, Coastal aircraft attacked targets in the Italian Riviera, TUNIS, VIG, and ALBANIA. Four of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

MAAF flew less than 500 sorties.

END COMMUNIQUE.

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ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY.

East of PAVIA, Eighth Army troops have gained some ground between the LAMONE and POINTE rivers. Activity on the remainder of this front has been confined to patrolling.

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Four of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

USAF flew less than 500 sorties.

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FOR RELEASE AT 1030.

30th. NOVEMBER 44.

NO NAVAL COMMUNIQUE.

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ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY.

With the improved weather over the battlefield in Italy, new local engagements have taken place.

In the Eighth Army Sector, the enemy launched a number of small counterattacks all of which were repulsed, and the general position remains unchanged. In the mountainous sector S. of F. 234, ground previously held by the enemy has been evacuated and our fighting patrols in this sector have been very active.

On the main Fifth Army front, the enemy launched a series of counterattacks in varying strength and gained some ground in the vicinity of S. CASEROTTO, S. of M. 2000, and our troops were forced to abandon S. M. 2000, S. of M. 2000.

Elsewhere, counterattacks were repulsed and activity has been confined to local artillery and patrols.

MEDIO-ORIENTAL ALLIED AIR FORCE HOLD POSITIONS IN ITALY.

Fighters and fighter bombers of the Tactical Air Force yesterday attacked road and rail communications in northern Italy. Coastal aircraft attacked shipping in the Gulf of

Venice and transport on the northwest Italian border, while planes of the Baltic Air Force concentrated their attacks on road movements along the RUSSO-LAVI-ADRIAN border as well as bombing a bridge in northern M. 2000.

Heavy and Medium Bombers did not operate due to adverse weather conditions.

Last night, heavy bombers attacked objectives at LINZ, in AUSTRIA, and at MUNICH and MÜNCHEN, in Germany.

In these operations, two enemy aircraft were destroyed. None of our planes is missing.

RAF flew more than 600 sorties.

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ALLIED MOVES IN ITALY.

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On the main Fifth Army front, the enemy launched a series of counterattacks in varying strength and gained some ground in the vicinity of L. CASERVALDO, SE of MONTEB, and our troops were forced to abandon L. BREVES, W of JOMINTE. AREA.

Elsewhere, counterattacks were repulsed and activity has been confined to local artillery and patrols.

ADDITIONAL ALLIED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

Fighters and fighter bombers of the Tactical Air Force yesterday attacked road and rail communications in northern Italy. Coastal aircraft attacked shipping in the Gulf of VENICE and transport on the northwest Italian border, while planes of the 15th AF concentrated their attacks on road movements along the AUTOSLAVIA border as well as bombing a bridge in northern ALBA. Heavy and medium bombers did not operate due to adverse weather conditions.

Last night, heavy bombers attacked objectives at LIND, in AUSTRIA, and at BUNDE and HANNOCK, in Germany.

In these operations, two enemy aircraft were destroyed. None of our planes is missing.

AAF flew more than 600 sorties.

END COMMUNIQUE.

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FOR RELEASE AT 1030-4-hrs.

COMMUNIQUE No. 213.

29th NOVEMBER, 1944.

NO NAVAL COMMUNIQUE.

ALBA ALPES MOUNTAINS.

Eighth Army troops pushing northwards between the LIGURIA and NORTHERN rivers are meeting heavy resistance in the ALBA area.

British and Indian troops of Fifth Army have made further progress in the high ground north and west of MODIGLIANA.

American troops of Fifth Army have driven off two strong raids on their positions.

Elsewhere patrols on both sides have been active.

INDUSTRIAL AREA AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY.

Air operations yesterday were greatly restricted by bad weather.

Medium bombers of the Tactical Air Force attacked bridges in the PO valley, and shipping in the harbour at SILEA. Fighter and fighter bombers made several cuts in the ANCONA route, as well as attacking rail and road targets in the PO valley. Other fighters and fighter bombers of the Tactical Force attacked enemy transport, fortified buildings, guns and other strong points in the battle zones of Northern Italy.

Road and rail transport in North-Western ITALY were attacked by aircraft of the Coastal Force.

Three of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

M.A.F. flew approximately 470 sorties.

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MONTIGNY rivers are meeting heavy resistance in the MERMING area.

British and Indian troops of Fifth Army have made further
progress in the high ground north and west of MONTIGNY.

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ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTIGNY AREA, ITALY.

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Medium bombers of the Tactical Air Force attacked bridges in
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and fighter bombers of the Tactical Force attacked enemy transport,
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Road and rail transport in North-Western ITALY were attacked
by aircraft of the Coastal Force.

Three of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

A.A. flow approximately 470 sorties.

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27 November 1944

COMMUNIQUE No. 311 FOR RELEASE 1030G. HRS

NO ENEMY COMMUNIQUE

ENEMY ADVANCES IN ITALY

East of FARENZA, FIFTH ARMY troops are advancing in a north-easterly direction towards RUSSI (M 4533). South of FARENZA, British troops, from their bridgehead over the River SARZIO, in conjunction with their Polish allies have cleared all enemy resistance west of the river LAMONE northeast of BIBICHILLI. (M 2217). Advances have also been made north of MODIGLIANA, and MONTE BICOCCA (M 2315) and MONTE MARZIO (M 2312) have been captured. American and British troops of FIFTH ARMY have repulsed several strong raids on their positions.

REDFORCE RE-DQUANTIES, ITALY

Bad weather yesterday again impeded all air operations. A force of fighters from the Strategic Force carried out a successful sweep over an airfield southwest of Budapest in Hungary, and strafed rail and road transport in the area. Rail communications in the Central Po Valley, as well as guns, fortified buildings, and other military objectives in the battle areas of Northern Italy, were attacked by fighters and fighter-bombers of the Tactical Air Force. In these operations, nine enemy aircraft were destroyed, and eleven of ours are missing. USAF flew over 500 sorties.

END COMMUNIQUE

27 November 1944

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AIR OPERATIONS IN ITALY

East of FARENZ, BRITISH army troops are advancing in a north-westerly direction towards RUSSI (M 4535).
 South of FARENZ, British troops, from their bridgehead over the River ARZENO, in conjunction with their Polish allies have cleared all enemy resistance west of the river LADONE northeast of BILIGHELLI (M 2217).
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 In these operations, nine enemy aircraft were destroyed, and eleven of ours are missing.
 TAF flew over 900 sorties.

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NO NAVAL OPERATIONS

ALLIED ACTIONS IN ITALY

Swiftly following up the enemy's withdrawal, British troops of MONTMAY have reached the river L. ONE on a wide front north of P. ANZA. South of P. ANZA British infantry supported by tanks have forced a bridgehead over the river L. ANZA, and are continuing the advance towards the river L. ONE against disorganized resistance.

On their left Polish troops of BETHUNE have cleared all enemy resistance east of the river L. ANZA, and their patrols have crossed this river at several places.

West of the P. ANZA road American troops of FIFTH ARMY in a successful operation have captured the important feature of M. BELV. D. and repulsed a strong counter-attack against their newly

ADVERSE WEATHER IN ITALY

Adverse weather yesterday again caused cancellation of most air activity.

A small number of fighter-bombers were active behind the Italian front where they bombed and strafed enemy supply columns and rail lines.

Balkan Air Force fighters and fighter-bombers attacked targets in Albania and in Yugoslavia.

Two of our heavy bombers failed to return from the operations on the night of November 24/25, and two of our aircraft are missing from yesterday's operations.

MARF flew about 300 sorties.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE 10th Army, 11th Army

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Sunday November 26 1944.

HANDOUT - Release with Communique

In spite of continued heavy overcast that kept medium bombers grounded, TACTICAL AIR FORCE fighter-bombers yesterday cut tracks in 14 places, destroyed six motor vehicles and damaged another.

One formation of P-47s dive-bombed the railway line from BRESCIA to 15 miles to the north-west, and cut tracks in seven places.

Another flight of Thunderbolts, cruising to the south-west from MODENA, cut tracks in one place, destroyed one motor vehicle, and damaged another. Two other formations each destroyed two motor vehicles 10 miles north of MODENA.

P-47s made two cuts 200 feet apart on the BOLOGNA-FERRARA rail line; then swung back to strafe and destroy a motor vehicle five miles north-west of REGGIO EMILIA.

T.A.F. flew fewer than 70 sorties.

BALKAN AIR FORCE

Weather yesterday limited Balkan Air Force to a few attacks on motor vehicles and one bombing mission in the SCUTARI-PODGORICA area, where a pocket of Germans are surrounded by Partisans and British Land Forces.

PODGORICA was bombed by Mustangs, which scored hits on buildings and a road. Macchis and P-39 Airacobras destroyed two motor vehicles and damaged two in strafing attacks, and also shot up a machine-gun post.

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COMMUNIQUE No. 309

FOR REFERENCE 1030A.HRS

25 November '44

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BRITISH PATROLS IN ITALY

British troops of Eighth Army, after three days of intensive fighting, have driven the enemy from his defensive positions on the rivers Anone and Cosina and are driving on towards the river Lamone. Armoured patrols, accompanied by infantry, have reached the eastern outskirts of Modena.

On their left, Polish troops of Fifth Army have also made considerable gains. They have cleared all enemy resistance east of the river Saugella and have occupied MONTE S. MARCOLO. Other troops of Fifth Army have occupied the important factory of S. GIULIO, which like S. GIULIO commands the ground south of the river Marone, which Polish troops are now approaching on a wide front.

In the Fifth Army sector, all efforts by the enemy to probe our defences were defeated.

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MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES HEADQUARTERS, JULY

Unfavourable weather yesterday caused the curtailment of most air operations, but Tactical Air Force medium, light and fighter-bombers flying in support of the ground troops in Italy hit roads, bridges and strongpoints in the FIMBA defence area.

Small shipping in the Adriatic and road targets in Yugoslavia were attacked by small forces of B-24s and Constellations. Four 'planes.

Last night a small force of heavy bombers bombed targets in southern Germany and in Austria.

During the day's operations two enemy aircraft were destroyed. Two of our 'planes are missing.

AAF flew more than 450 sorties.

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