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NAVAL COMMUNIQUE

SICILY EAST COAST

10th August, 1943.

His Majesty's ships continue to support the army by harassing the enemy in the coastal region north of Acireale.

On the night of August 7/8 destroyers again bombarded the coastal road and railway at Taormina. On August 8 enemy positions at Giarre Riposto and between there and Acireale were bombarded by a cruiser and destroyers. Minesweepers have cleared a channel into Catania.

SICILY NORTH COAST

On the night of August 7/8 an amphibious force of the U.S. navy succeeded in landing troops from the 7th army in the rear of enemy positions near Terrenuove, 5 miles southwest of Cape Orlando. The landing was unopposed but contact was made later with the enemy. This combined American operation resulted in an immediate withdrawal of enemy forces to new lines and the taking of 1500 prisoners. Heavy units of the American navy remained in the area giving fire support to the army troops.

OFFICIAL AIR COMMUNIQUE

10th August, 1943.

The Northwest African Air Forces yesterday continued their attacks against enemy communications. Road and railway bridges in southern Italy were attacked by medium bombers with fighter escort while heavy bombers raided road junctions at Messina.

Motor transport and roads behind the enemy's lines were attacked during the day.

Fighter-bombers maintained their attacks on enemy shipping off the Sicilian coast sinking small craft and damaging others. Sweeps and patrols were carried out by our fighters. Three enemy aircraft were destroyed during the day and one on the night of August 8.

Three of our aircraft are missing.

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CORRECTION

In the Official Air Communique today, dealing with operations in Sicily, (our issue No.27) please read penultimate paragraph:

Fighter - bombers maintained their attacks on enemy shipping off the Sicilian coast sinking SIX small craft and damaging others. Sweeps and patrols etc.,

This inserts the word SIX.

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