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PART ONE. NAVY.

(A) MEDITERRANEAN. COVERS PERIOD UPTO 2040 HOURS OCTOBER 25.

S.S. JAMES IREDELL WAS HIT CAUGHT FIRE AND WAS BEACHED WHEN MORE THAN 15 ENEMY AIRCRAFT RAIDED NAPLES NIGHT OF OCTOBER 24. FIRE LATER BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. NO NAVAL CASUALTIES. 3 ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN. IN APPROACHES TO BRINDISI OCTOBER 24 MAGNETIC MINES HAVE BEEN MET. 11 ALREADY DETONATED BY SWEEPING. OBSERVE US MINE SWEEPER SWEEP 59 MOONED MINES AT CAGLIARI RECENTLY.

PART TWO. ARMY.

(A) MEDITERRANEAN.

BAS STATED 7 ARMD DIV. AND 46 DIV. ARE REORGANIZING AND SWITCHING SECTORS RESULTING 10 CORPS DISPOSITION READING RIGHT TO LEFT NOW 56-46-7 ARMD. BY OCCUPYING ON 25 OCTOBER HIGH GROUND ABOVE RAVISEANINA NORTH OF THE RIVER ALLIES HAVE IMPROVED THEIR POSITION IN UPPER VOLTURNO VALLEY. ON VIII ARMY FRONT GERMAN RESISTANCE WAS GENERALLY WEAKER ON THE ADRIATIC SECTOR. ENEMY HAS WITHDRAWN FROM CIVITACAMPOMARANO FREEING THE SHORTEST ROUTE FROM CAMPOBASSO TO THE ALLIED BRIDGEHEAD NEAR MOUTH OF TRIGNO. STIFF RESISTANCE WAS MET ABOVE BIFERNO 5 MILES N.W. OF CAMPOBASSO. DURING NIGHT 25-26 OCTOBER ALLIED TROOPS WITH GUNS AND TANKS CROSSED RIVER DESPITE ENEMY SHELL-FIRE FROM THE HEIGHTS.

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