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TEXT

IT APPEARS TO ME THAT SIMPLIFICATION OF EFFORT WILL BE ATTAINED IF ALL FUNCTIONS OF NAVAL OPERATING BASE ORAN NOW MANAGED BY USN PERSONNEL ARE TAKEN OVER BY BRITISH AND/OR FRENCH.

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR - USFOR (action)

No 3878 December 31, 1942

Slightly paraphrased is the message following X

Para one land G two report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred 2 thirty Dec X No enemy offensive activity reported area Oued Kebir nor southern Tunisia X AGWAR USFOR rep'td Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTP EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower X Identi- fications X San Marco Marine Battalion identified from prisoners captured Djebel Fkirine area northern Tunisia X In north ground poor for troop movements elsewhere still sticky but improving X Weather continues clear cold enemy forward elements appar- ently now disposed general line Medias (J five six four four) Madita (J six four three eight) Bach Hamba (J seven one three three) X Toward Bou Arada and road north east some enemy shelling reported X No development offensive action reported from con- siderable enemy activity east Djebel Axag (J three seven) night two nine-thirty Dec during which also intrenching activity observed vicinity J three eight seven six X

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR-USFOR
No: 3618 Dec 31, 1942

Report just received from Patton states Casablanca under intermittent (to AGWAR and USFOR from Freedom Algiers) attack since zero two zero zero two. (To AGWAR from combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower) damage not known but believed slight. (This is NAF seventy one) our G two estimate is that this is token raid from Southern France by planes with auxiliary tanks and small bombs.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR-USFOR (Action)

No. 3650, December 31, 1942

A thorough study of Allied Air Organization in this theater (to AGWAR and USFOR from Freedom Algiers) has convinced me that single command of the entire Torch Air Force is necessary. MAP number seven two. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This decision does not mean that initial organization was necessarily faulty, in view of missions and operational conditions then anticipated. However, the utilization of both American and British Air units in the same areas has created conditions that require centralized control by an officer who can act in his own name without referring his problems to me.

I have discussed this matter thoroughly with officers here and with Air Chief Marshal Tedder, and I have been most appreciative of the consideration given to this subject by the British Chiefs of Staff, whose views I have obtained through Admiral Cunningham and Air Chief Marshal Tedder. While all of us here agreed that reorganization during the early intensive effort of the Allied Force was not feasible, we have decided that, with the temporary suspension of land offensives, the time has come to straighten out this matter without delay. After earnest consideration and long reflection, I have decided further that
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR-USFOR (Action)

No. 3850, December 31, 1942

General Spaatz should take over this task.

Subject, therefore, to the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, I intend immediately to set up, directly under me, an Allied Commander in Chief for Air, and name General Spaatz to that post.

I realize that this solution does not in itself insure full coordination of strategic Air activity in the Mediterranean. However, the immediate task of coordinating long range bomber effort in the Tunisian area is much easier to accomplish by cooperation than is the more intricate one of assuring a complete unification of Air effort within this new and sprawling theater. Obviously the most pressing matter is the solution of this local problem, while we continue to arrange the strategic bombing effort by cooperation, until a better solution can be developed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Since Spaatz has now become thoroughly familiar with our many problems here, and is otherwise well qualified I desire to put this responsibility on him without delay.

I earnestly request that I be notified as quickly as possible as to the reactions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff to this plan.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No. 3644 Dec 31 1942

French have issued the Ordinance as indicated
(to AGWAR and USFOR from Freedom Algiers) in our
number two eight zero one and document is being pub-
lished in official journals for Algeria Morocco and
West Africa and will also be included in official
journal for High Commissioner when such journal is
issued in near future X To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs
of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff
NAP seven three signed Eisenhower from Murphy and
Bernstein X For Fiscal Division State and Treasury
X Administrative circular designating Germany and
her Allies and countries occupied by them as enemy
or enemy occupied countries was signed by Giraud
twenty ninth and will by distributed to administrative
agencies banks etcetera but is not being made public
for time being X Metropolitan France is definitely
treated as enemy occupied for purpose of the ordinance
X we have discussed in a preliminary way question
applying exchange control between Africa and France
and we will consider this matter further X the
question does not now appear to have an important
practical bearing in view of the trading with enemy

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/44
ordinance X as indicated in our two eight zero one
we are working with French on control of persons and
firms in Africa X present intention is not to publish
a blacklist of persons and firms in the area but to
control along lines employed in United States X we
agree precipitate action in this connection ought
not be taken but program should be allowed to proceed
in view of developing circumstances with continuous
suggestion or stimulation from Allied side X would
appreciate comments on this and number two eight zero
one from Washington authorities.

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No. of telegram: 915       Dated: 12-31-42, 3 p.m.
From: Casablanca       Rec'd: 1-1-43, 11:54 a.m.

Starting at 3:15 a.m. on December 31, between 6 and 12 German planes dropped bombs on Casablanca. They all fell on the Arab quarter in which 25 houses were destroyed and 70 people were killed. French and American military, naval and civilian properties suffered no damage. General Nogues and General Poisson who were here at the time were greatly impressed by efficacy of American defense.

Algiers and Tangier have been informed of foregoing.

Russell

Only details of earlier message

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: A.E.WAR - USFOR

No. 3708, December 31, 1942.

Thirty Dec Sitrep sixty three.

Para one. Naval X No reports.

Para two. On south flank night twenty nine/thirty six Arm Div patrol contacted enemy area station De Bou Arada J sixty X Enemy shelled road seven miles ENE. During day enemy armored cars shelled station De Bou Arada. In the center French supported by Squadron fifty sixth Rcn Bgt captured point six six eight NW Beloua J five four. On north flank patrol penetrated deep between Dj Ebel Ajred and Djebel Azag J three seven X Report digging between main road and Djebel Azag and activity to the east. Intermittent enemy artillery activity. Ten seater German glider abandoned five miles south St Arnaud L one five X Contained light machine gun X explosives and incendiary leaves. Another glider crash landed six miles north Morosott N two one thirty Dec; railway bridge to north blown X now repaired X no interruption to traffic. Combat patrols from number two L of C sub area operated area east Morosott night thirty one Dec.

Para three. Central Tunisia X officer X three USA and two French parachutists of El Djem party arrived Fondouk O eight one thirty Dec X Report landing three miles from objective X surrounded by Germans without reaching bridge. Six Germans of party that blew bridge SW Feriana twenty nine Dec are captured.

Para four. Movements completed. Seventy eight SMkE Generator Co arrived Algiers from

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Casablanca coming under command ANF. Second Bn two six eight rocket arrived Tebessa from Algiers coming under command of French.

Para five. WTT Casablanca intermittently attacked by individual aircraft Dec thirty one zero two zero zero zero X X Signed CINC.

Para six. Air X Twelve P thirty eight aircraft on rec sortie to Tripoli X one hit by antiaircraft fire X crashed in sea. Twelve DB seven aircraft attacked group encampment near Gabes with thirteen tons of bombs from eight thousand feet X results believed good X enemy aircraft encountered after leaving target X two of escort missing and one crashed between Gafsa and Feriana. Twelve DB seven aircraft attacked same troop encampment with six tons of bombs from twelve thousand feet X hits on target and in twon X two of five enemy aircraft engaged destroyed three DB seven damaged one of which crashed landed at base. Eight A twenty aircraft attacked Gabes Airdrome X bombs fell in wood at corner of field where stores had been reported X on return six tanks observed thirteen miles from El Guettar Y seventeen X two of escort refueled and returned to attack X tanks damaged. Nine A twenty aircraft attacked fuel dump station De Aouinet nine miles NW Gabes X heavy black smoke resulted X four of escort attached tanks near El Guettar X hay stacks also attacked and burned as if concealing fuel. Thirteen B seventeen aircraft attacked railroad yards at Sfax with thirty nine tons of bombs from twenty three thousand feet X burst and fires reported in yards X large fire and explosion on north quay X second attack same target by twelve B twenty five aircraft with fourteen tons of bombs from eight thousand feet X
hits on roundhouse X yards X several fires. Night twenty eight slant twenty nine twelve Bisleys patrolled roads Tunis dash Massicault dash Pont Du Frahs in brilliant moonlight vehicles at numerous points bombed and machine gunned from low altitudes X one Bisley hit by friendly antiaircraft fire at Souk El Khemis X crashed X one of crew killed X remainder wounded. Bombers attacked Bizerta docks X hits on dockside buildings X fires started. Twenty nine Dec Spitfire patrol Bone area destroyed one and damaged two enemy aircraft X one Spitfire damaged. Twenty nine Dec RAF flew fifty fighter sorties X six night fighter sorties X nineteen bomber sorties X eight general rcn sorties X action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper from Freedom.

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Transport from Sicily for Tripoli thirty five JU Five Twos departed between zero six fifteen and zero seven hundred Z. Fourteen hundred Z at Tripoli (to AGWAR USFOR advanced Eastern Task Force Center Task Force Western Task Force Eastern Air Command and Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) six additional JU Five Twos landed. Between thirteen hundred and fourteen hundred Z nine JU Eight Eights landed Sicily from Tripoli. For Tunisia three JU Five Twos departed Sicily at fourteen hundred Z and nine at twelve hundred Z.

Part Two. Air G two report for twenty four hours ending two four hundred Z thirty Dec. Bomber Recce coastal area between Bone and Oran recce during morning by two Sardinian based JU eight eights which apparently landed by fourteen thirty Z after reporting no shipping. During morning Metero recce by one JU Eight Eight westwards from Sicily. Between dawn and fourteenth thirty Z coast and interior Tunisia covered by three Sicilian based JU eight Eights one of which recce Biskra area eleven thirty Z.
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-WAR

No. 3627 December 31, 1942

Northern half western basin recce as usual during afternoon from Southern France by one JU Eight Eight. Part One follows. Bombers. Between midnight zero three fifteen Z two Sicilian based JU Eight Eight's active. During day apparently engaged convoy escort one additional Sicilian based JU Eight Eight active. During evening possibly some activity by JU Eight Eights or by One One Ones based Italy. Agwar USFOR repto Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower.

Part three, Naval. Report negative.

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NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS OR NAVAL SHORE INSTALLATIONS IN LAST NIGHT'S AIR RAID CASABLANCA. MINOR INJURIES TO 5 MEN IN ELECTRA TWO IN SEA FRONTIER'S FORCES.
From: London  
To: WAR  

No 6075 December 31, 1942  

French fighting. Peirut, H.M. Minister, reports first reaction of Catroux and other responsible fighting French officials to assassination of Darian was apparently sincere concern, feeling due to fact that neither Rouges nor Giraud had sufficient following, and to fear lest Darian should come to be regarded (signed Hartle) as martyr. (This is a paraphrase of our cable reference number nine zero zero to Algiers) Jubilant was the less responsible opinion. Reference summary number two six. Military and civilian members of Axis Axis Armistice Commission who fled to Spanish territory we consider should be interned. Being instructed accordingly is H.M. Ambassador Madrid.

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR - AGWAR

No. 3528, December 30, 1942.

I have just had a visit from Governor General Boisson who informs me that at the time of his departure from Dakar on twenty five December no word had been received with respect to French prisoners being held in British West Africa. (To USFOR AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) (to AGWAR from Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower) he also pointed out that as late as twenty two December propaganda attacking him and French West Africa was still being broadcast by the British controlled station at Accra. (This is NAF six six) within forty eight hours of his return to French West Africa after coming to agreement with me here all British prisoners and internees were returned to British territory with exception of five who were being cared for in hospital. The Governor General pointed out that it will be difficult for him properly to receive British Military representatives in French West Africa and to work with them as long as this state of affairs continues. I feel that I must insist that the commitments that I was instructed to make in the name of the British Government be carried out promptly. If the present situation is allowed...
to continue it will seriously hamper our efforts to employ French West African resources in the war and will retard the employment of valuable facilities here.

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To: Secretary of State
Washington

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Department's 153, December 24, 6 p.m.

Lt. Brinton states that arrangements are now being made for early release of French internees in British West Africa and that Governor of Nigeria has already been given authorization for immediate repatriation of crew of French submarine PERCELET.

He states further that it is anticipated that French internees will be released without delay as soon as it has been possible to reconcile figures furnished by American Consulate Dakar with the total number of released internees who have reached British territory.

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FROM: Algiers

TO: USFOR - AGWAR (action)

No 3530 December 30, 1942

Attacks on enemy units. Part three Naval. (to AGWAR USFOR ADV ETF CTF WFF EAC Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) in Sicilian channel zero by forty Z position thirty seven degrees eighteen minutes north eleven degrees forty minutes east fleet air arm attacked one merchant vessel with escorting destroyer blowing up and sinking the merchant vessel. G two report for twenty four hours ending two four hundred Z two nine Dec. Air, enemy activity, bomber recce, sea area between dawn and fourteen hundred Z recce from Sicily westwards by three Sicilian based JU eight eights one of which failed to complete recce due weather conditions. Tobessa flown over twelve thirty Z by one JU eight eight. Northern half western basin covered by one JU eight eight based southern France during afternoon. Bombers, possibly assisted by few HE one ones or Ju eight eights based Italian mainland eight Comiso (Sicily) based JU eight eights searched Sicilian channel for Allied Naval units between zero three hundred and one thousand Z. Probably convoy escort duties four Catania based JU eight eights active from early morning to seven-teen thirty Z. During early evening four eigher JU eight eights or HE one ones operated. Part one will follow. Fighters, Allied fighters engaged three ME one zero nines Pont du Faha area about midday. AGWAR USFOR REPVD Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WFF EAC Twelfth Air Force, from G
two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Transport, zero seven hun-
dred Z for Tunisia three FW two hundreds departed Sicily.
Fourteen hundred Z fourteen JU eight eights landed Sicily
from Tunisia apparently.

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Sitrep sixty two Dec twenty nine Naval Force Q made sweep north Bizerta night twenty eight twenty nine. No surface craft sighted. Enemy aircraft closed and fired recognition signals on two occasions. Did not attack. Loading craft tank ferry service Bone to Tabarka interrupted by swell since twenty five Dec now resumed. M sweeping trawlers continue successful mine sweeping Bone. British submarine reports attack on two enemy merchant vessels off Bizerta fourteen Dec. Signed CINC. One certain hit. Two possible hits. Another submarine known to have attacked at same time. Both ships sank. British submarine reports four torpedoes fired at enemy merchant vessel escorted by destroyer off Bizerta seventeen Dec. On hit probably on destroyer which was not seen or heard again. Another submarine made attack on this convoy one hour earlier.

ETF. On south flank combat patrols six armd Div including six tanks dispatched to Ston De Bou Arâda J sixty. First En Royal Irish Fusiliers and HQ twenty six armd Brig now located five miles SSW and seven miles WSW Goubellat respectively. Patrols east Goubellat night twenty eight twenty nine. No contact.

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From: Algiers
To: Algiers

No. 3674 December 30, 1942

Center two slant six armd Inf relieved five miles SE Medj ez El Bab by one slant eighteen RCT. One slant thirteen armd Regt DWT six seven armd Regt and twenty seven FA Bn relieved Medj ez El Bab by Co of two slant thirteen AR and thirty second FA Bn. Units relieved reverted to CG R. One slant thirteen to Teboursouk. Remainder SW Beja. Medj ez El Bab bombed by ten enemy aircraft. No damage. Eight Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders engaged about forty five enemy five miles east Medj ez El Bab. Inflicted about fifty percent casualties. Prisoners captured. Enemy occupied line road junction three miles NW Ksar Tyr J seven three dash. Heidous J five four night twenty eight twenty nine. Center this line clear of enemy twenty nine Dec. Our arty fire on Heidous area one two one five Z. HQ fifty six Hcn Rgt located one mile NW Qued Zarga. Patrols located enemy Co Saltane J four two seven zero. On North flank two patrols fifth Buffs due back twenty one Dec from area NW Mateur presumed killed or captured.

Central Tunisia. Two German gliders landed ten miles south Feriana night twenty eight twenty nine Dec. Bridge on Feriana dash Gafa railway blown up by about twelve men who

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From: Algiers
To: Agwar

No. 3574 December 30, 1942

Escaped from USA patrol towards Gafsa. No news parachute party north El Djeem Q seven nine. French report one German and two Italian Bns Pichon area. Liaison Officer reports counter attack by Germans and Italians supported by tanks south from Pont Du Faha twenty eight Dec made considerable progress east of reservoir Cued Kebr O seven eight nine one. French report attack on Da Fkirine Q nine eight progressing satisfactorily but state enemy reenforced.

Movements completed. Battery A four four three Ca (AA) Bn arrived Algiers from Casablanca coming under command EFP.

Air. Eighteen B seventeen aircraft attacked Sousse Docks and harbor with two and half tons of bombs from twenty three thousand feet. Results unobserved. All planes returned. Light bombers attacked bridges La Bencha U seven seven with five tons of bombs. No hits claimed. Strafed concentration flat cars and destroyed locomotive north Sfax. All planes returned. Light bombers attacked tank depot nine miles SE Pont Du Faha with seven tons of bombs. Target buildings where tracks indicated tanks. All planes returned. Twelve P thirty eight aircraft dispatched to attack tank depot.

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From: Algiers
To: Agwar
No. 3574 December 30, 1942

SE Pont Du Faha failed locate target. Three enemy aircraft encountered one of which damaged. Two P thirty eight damaged by antiaircraft fire. All planes returned. Twenty eight Dec spittifles from Bone engaged twelve enemy planes SW Pont Du Faha. Four enemy planes destroyed. Two damaged. One spitfire missing. Twenty eight Dec two spittifles on patrol shot down by fifteen enemy aircraft over Souk El Arba. Twenty eight Dec Souk El Khemis dive bombed. One enemy aircraft over Tebessa at low altitude. No bombs. Three crew members enemy plane shot down twenty eight Dec east Biskra captured. Thirty five troop carrier and two RCM sorties flown. Twenty eight Dec RAY flew one two three fighter sorties. Seven Beaufighter sorties. Four light bomber sorties and nine RCM sorties. Action USFOR information AGWAR Trooper

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To: AGWAR
No. 3592, December 30, 1942

French authorities have requested that if at all possible there should be made available to Government of French West Africa an emergency measure from American Military Stocks which they said were thought to be held in Monrovia the following commodities. To AGWAR for Marshall signed Eisenhower from Murphy. One five zero zero tons of motor fuel, three zero zero tons of motor lubricant, assortment of spare parts for trucks of American make principally Chevrolet Dodge Ford and International. They state that transportation from Monrovia to Dakar can be arranged by French Coastal vessels (To AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers) delivery to be taken at Monrovia. I recommend that if possible this suggestion be followed.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - AGWAR

Number: 3583, December 30, 1942

General Giraud informed (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) me today that General Mast will shortly receive his promotion to Major General. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff for Secretary Hull from Murphy signed Eisenhower NAF Sixty Eight. I inquired whether he possibly had Mast in mind for the position of Governor General of Algeria and he said not for the moment and that he has not yet taken any decision regarding a command for Mast who he believes is performing a valuable function as Liaison at Allied Headquarters. Giraud again raised the question of the rate of dollar exchange. See our three three five one. He urges that prompt consideration be given to this question in view of the more favorable rate in Madagascar and French Equatorial Africa.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR-USFOR (Action)
No. 3598, December 30, 1942

Holmes and I called on Giraud and Bergeret this evening for further discussion of the arrest of persons described in my cable today to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower from Murphy for Secretary Hull. We invited Giraud's urgent attention to the possibility of political repercussion abroad and to the necessity of avoiding an appearance of concealing from the public police action which if secrecy were maintained might be distorted either by propaganda or otherwise as directed against Allied sympathizers merely because some of the persons arrested have been friendly to us in the past. Giraud indignantly denied that the arrests or the mobilization of several minor officials today related in any sense to persecution of our friends. He made the issue a personal one saying effect I am responsible. Do you consider me your friend. How can it be said that friends of the Allies are being singled out for persecution when approximately fifty thousand French Troops under my command are actively engaged with the enemy on the side of the Allies on the Tunisian front. My life has been threatened as well as Murphy's. I cannot condone murder nor can I permit irresponsible persons in Algiers the liberty of conspiring to commit murder. We must have law and order here if I am to conduct military operations. I am satisfied he added that the evidence adduced justifies the administrative arrests made and I promise you that the regular forms of justice will be scrupulously observed. We urged

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that Giraud receive the American and British correspondents and make to them a frank statement of the facts. This he readily agreed to do at seven PM today. We are convinced of Giraud's sincerity and we do not believe that anti-Ally motives are involved. MACK has been consulted and agrees that further intervention in addition to steps already taken does not seem practicable at this stage. During the course of our conversations today Murphy made it clear that it has been said that while some of our friends are arrested there has been no action except for the removal of the Mayor of Constantine affecting officials who are alleged to entertain Axis sympathies. Bergeret immediately demanded that we cite the names of any officials thus classified stating that if there is evidence that any official is so guilty he will not only be removed but arrested and prosecuted. This is confirmed by Giraud. We discussed Governor General Chatel who does not enjoy either Giraud's or Bergeret's confidence not because there is any suspicion that he is pro Axis but merely weak. They said Chatel will be removed shortly (to AGWAR Washington, USFOR London from Freedom Algiers) remembering that we have been requested previously to suggest a successor.

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Heavy rains, muddy fields and severe icing conditions seriously hampered all air operations in the North African Theatre during the week ending twenty five December. (For Marshall from Eisenhower Twelfth AF or thirteen forty seven) a total of one hundred four missions comprising three hundred forty sorties were flown. Bombers were able to fly only four missions during the week. Because of weather conditions, they were forced to return without bombing on three of these. Victories for the week were:

- four JU eight eights destroyed and one JU eight eight probably destroyed. Losses for the same period were:
  - one P dash forty destroyed. On nineteen December nine D B dash sevens and three A dash eighteen bombed the marshalling yards at Sfax. Hits were observed on a roundhouse and many hits were reported in the yards. Several large fires were started. Eleven tons HE were dropped. P dash forties on a sweep destroyed four tanks and four Armored cars. Four P dash thirty eights dispatched to bomb shipping off North Tunisia were forced back on account of weather. On twenty December weather prevented bombers from flying. One P dash thirty eight on patrol of the Gabes area reported all roads to north appeared impassable due to mud. This P dash thirty eight destroyed one truck. On twenty one December, twelve B dash Seventeens were dispatched against Sfax and Gabes. Weather ten slant tenths over both targets and no bombs dropped.
  - P dash Thirty Eights successfully intercepted four JU dash eighty eights on bombing raid against Tebessa. Two of the E slant A were destroyed and one probably destroyed. P dash Forties on sweep destroyed an estimated sixty trucks out of an estimated one hundred truck Axis convoy thirty six miles SSW of Sfax. **Early** P dash Forties during the day accounted for the destruction of twenty dash four additional motor vehicles including a tank and an Armored car. One P dash Forty lost to ground fire.
  - Eighteen B dash Seventeens were dispatched on twenty two
December, against Bizerte docks. Weather at target was ten slant tenths clouds and bombers were forced to return. P dash Forties on patrol intercepted to JU dash eighty eights bombing Allied truck convoy. Both S slant AC were shot down. Another P dash Forty patrols shot up a train and destroyed two trucks. On twenty third December seventeen R dash Seventeens dispatched against Tunis and Bizerte. No bombs dropped as weather over targets forced their return. Four P dash Forties bombed a bridge, on twenty-fourth December, over the Qued El Akarit, sixteen miles north of Gabes. Results unobserved. Four P dash Thirty Eights took off to bomb shipping north of Tunisia. Weather forced their return. All other missions cancelled. On twenty five December four P dash Forties bombed a small troop concentration at Sfax. Weather forced the cancellation of all other missions.

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Attacks on enemy units, Part Three Naval. (to AGWAR USFOR ADV ETO CTS WEF EAC Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) in Sicilian Channel zero one fortyZ position thirty seven degrees eighteen minutes north eleven degrees forty minutes east fleet air arm attacked one merchant vessel with escorting destroyer blowing up and sinking the merchant vessel. G two report for twenty four hours ending two four hundred Z two nine Dec.

Part Two Air. Enemy activity, bomber recce, sea area between dawn and fourteen hundred Z recce from Sicily westwards by three Sicilian based JU eight eights one of which failed to complete recce due weather conditions, Tebessa flown over twelve thirty Z by one JU eight eight, northern half western basin covered by one JU eight eight, southern France during afternoon, bombers, possibly assisted by few HE one one ones or JU eight eights based Italian mainland eight Comiso (Sicily) based JU eight eights searched Sicilian Channel for Allied Naval units between zero three hundred and one thousand Z, probably convoy escort duties four Catania based JU eight eights active from early morning to seventeen thirty Z, during early evening four either JU eight eights or HE one one ones operated.

Part One will follow. Fighters. Allied fighters engaged three HE one zero nines Pont Du Fahs Area bout midday. AGWAR

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Twelfth Air Force from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower.
Transport, zero seven hundred Z for Tunisia three FW two
hundred departed Sicily, fourteen hundred Z fourteen JU
eight eights landed Sicily from Tunisia apparently.

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No. 3499, December 29, 1942

I have had several conversations with Nogues remaining here until twenty ninth who evinces eagerness to convince us of his desire to cooperate wholeheartedly. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff to WTF pass to Consulates Rabat and Legation Tangier for Secretary Hull from Murphy signed Eisenhower NAF sixty five. He complained bitterly of our lack of confidence denying the litany of charges emanating principally from Tangier which picture Nogues as steadily giving us lip service while maintaining secret liaison with Paris and Vichy. In reply to a series of questions covering the principal points made against him he: one, denies emphatically that he has been in secret correspondence with Petain, Laval, Pietri and the like. This evening he deplored what he described as Lavals perfidy and characterized Pietri as untrustworthy and wrongminded. Two, affirms that frontier control between French and Spanish zones has been much improved and will be further strengthened asserting that he is acting in harmony with Patton, Childs and Mayor. No exit visas will be granted nor border traffic permitted without prior consultation with our military and civil establishments. He will refer all doubtful matters of interest to us to our consulate in Rabat immediately. He reviewed difficulties inherent in control of this long frontier and delicate questions of maintenance of troops on it saying that initiative in placing troops there would only result in similar Spanish measures leading to possible conflict.

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Three, states that the Sôl, Service Dordre De Le Legion Des Anciens Combattants, which has figured as a hostile agency in so many reports from Casablanca and Tangier is actually dissolved. PPF activities should be and are being suppressed. Four, offers complete cooperation in censorship affairs and hopes we are more satisfied with this phase. Five, insists that relations between French authorities and our military are most cordial and happy. He said that there had not been a singly unpleasant incident. Six, repeats over and over again that the resistance ordered by him to American forces on arrival was a tatter of honor to which he was bound by his oath.

Seven, urges early reconciliation between North African and DeGaulle forces starting with inclusion of one of DeGaulle's subordinates in Algiers High Commissariat. Eight, defends his conciliatory policy toward Spain the only safe line to follow now. He ridiculed stories of connivance with Spanish officers enabling later to conduct espionage on our military operation. He invites attention to fact that personnel of Spanish Consular offices in North Africa includes Army officers dressed up as civilians. That Spanish consuls report to Madrid anything and everything they can there is no doubt. They enjoy cipher and diplomatic pouch privileges. He imagines that we for present do not wish to insist these privileges be denied Spaniards?

Nine, promises loyal support to Giraud adding that should it ever become apparent (To AGWAR Washington, USFOR London, WTL Rabat from Freedom Algiers) that it is his duty to his country to retire he will do so gladly.

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**SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 48/**

1. **FORCE Q CARRIED OUT SWEEP TO NORTHWARD OF BIZERTA**
   NIGHT 28/29. NO SURFACE CRAFT SIGHTED. ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLOSED AND FIRED RECOGNITION SIGNALS ON TWO OCCASIONS BUT DID NOT ATTACK.

2. **P.212 REPORTS AT 1350/14 IN POSITION 37-37 NORTH 16-41 EAST ATTACKED TWO MERCHANT VESSELS ABOUT 6,500 TONS EACH WITH TORPEDOES. ONE CERTAIN HIT, TWO MORE POSSIBLE. P-46 IS KNOWN TO HAVE ATTACKED AT SAME TIME. BOTH SHIPS SANK.**

3. **P-247 AT 1213/17 OFF BIZERTA FIRED 4 TORPEDOES AT RAMB CLASS MERCHANT SHIP ESCORTED BY DESTROYER. ONE HIT PROBABLY ON DESTROYER WHICH WAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD AGAIN. P-228 HAD ATTACKED THIS CONVOY ONE HOUR PREVIOUSLY.**

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4. Bone. MTB's 265, 266, 317 and 315 due from Malta. LCT Ferry services to Tabourba interrupted by swell since 25/12 now resumed. Oropesa trawlers continue successful minesweeping.

5. Cameronia at Bougie sails for Algiers under own power tomorrow Wednesday. Damaged starboard side number 7 hold. Hole size eighteen feet by fourteen upper edge at water level.

6. P-219 damaged bows and torpedo tubes orifices requires 2 to 3 weeks in dock.
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Activity enemy JCR part two G two report for
preceding twenty four hours ending twenty four
hundred Z twenty eight Dec. (to AGWAR AEFOR from
Freedom Algiers) Bomber Recce, normal recce northern
half western basin by one JU eight eight based
southern France. Recce sea area Oran to Sicily
and to south of Salily by four JU eight eights between
dawn and fourteen thirty Z. Bombers. Between
zero four hundred Z and zero nine thirty Z ten
Sicilian based JU eight eights active two of which
engaged Armed Recce sea area between Tunisia-Sicily.
Late afternoon at least one additional JU eight eight
operated from Sicily. AGWAR AEFOR repptd troopers
information ADV LTF CTF WIT EAC Twelfth AF from G
two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Fighters. Six SE
and TE encountered early morning Pontwhtwfsahs
area. P thirty eights intercepted about ten NE
one zero nines engaged in a sweep during afternoon.
Fourteen fifteen Z over Tebessa two NE one zero nines
shot down. Transport. Fourteen JU eight eights at
dawn departed Sicily for Tripoli also during morning
twenty JU fifty two flew Tunis from Sicily all twenty
seven Dec. On twenty eight Dec in early morning employed
transport Sicily to Tripoli were about twenty JU eight
eights though further details lacking. Part one will
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Para 2. ETF. On South flank two COS enemy Inf three miles SE Goubellat. Enemy post estimated strength two platoons six miles SE Ksar Tyr J seven three. Enemy working and guns observed nine miles east of station De St Neir J four five. Patrol reached Dj Hassane twelve miles SW Mateur without contact. On north flank enemy mortars fired on forward positions Three Six Brig at dusk twenty seven Dec. Enemy patrols contacted two miles NE Goubellat. Enemy withdrew east from positions on road Djemal J seven one two Sidi Medien J seven one three three. In center enemy digging in NE Grich El Oued J six three. Enemy mortars located three miles NE Grich El Oued. Enemy attacked French in area Heidous J five four, situation in hand. About one BN enemy with Inf guns located five miles ENE Heidous. Enemy arty active evening twenty eight Dec, operational tank status: six Arm Div eight three Valentines, sixty six Crusaders, eighteen close support, seven eight Div seventeen M three light sixteen M four medium, CC B thirty six M three light twenty six M three medium ten M four medium. Under repair: fourteen Valentines, thirteen Crusaders, two close support, five M three medium two M four medium, signed CINC.


Para 5. Air P thirty eight aircraft destroyed eight trucks seven miles NE Birmchega J nine two, ten enemy planes encountered NE Pont Du Fays, one enemy plane probably destroyed and one damaged, one P-thirty eight shot down in enemy territory, pilot safe. Two of three enemy planes approaching Youks Les Bains destroyed by two P thirty eight in standing patrol. P forty aircraft on RCN Pichon-Kairouan-Sousse-Gabes area, no enemy aircraft sighted, ten vehicles destroyed near Kairouan. Twenty seven Dec RAF flew one three eight fighter, rpt sorties, eight Beaufighter sorties, fourteen light bomber sorties, twenty one reconnaissance sorties two P thirty eight on RCN encountered six enemy aircraft Pont Du Fays, one P-thirty eight damaged. P thirty eight destroyed one enemy plane in Biskra area: crew members walked away among Arabs. Six P thirty eight aircraft on RCN to Tripoli destroyed twenty one trucks carrying troops and supplies west between Xarxis and Mednine E-seven seven TD sixteen B seventeen aircraft attacked Sousse dock with thirty three tons of bombs, other bombing missions cancelled. Twenty two antisubmarine sorties, three Hudsons missing, one Hudson shot down by friendly antiaircraft near Periana and one Hudson reported shot down by submarine crew, action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.
Daily report.

Part one land of G two report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred Z December twenty eight. Northern Tunisia. (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower, Southern Tunisia. Captured documents indicate presence twenty seven Dec in area J six two four three of further elements seven five four Infantry Regiment and First Company three three four Engineer Battalion. Though ground reported still soft tracks improving with fine weather. Construction defensive works including antitank ditch by enemy reported around Pont Du Fehs. French report capture of over one hundred prisoners mostly Italian in area between Oued Kebir reservoir (O seven eight nine zero) and Djebel Fkirine (O nine three eight eight) twenty seven Dec but enemy counterattack on twenty eight Dec southward from area south of Pont Du Fehs made by mixed force of Germans and Italians supported by German tanks is reported to have made considerable progress in area east of Oued Kebir reservoir. Action continues. No further reports enemy offensive action in Pichon area. Though unconfirmed report of reinforcement of Maknassy with from four to five hundred enemy troops including twelve tanks was received air Recce of area proved negative. Enemy patrol activity continues to Eastward of Gafsu. No report received of Kebili garrison. No offensive activity reported from estimated five enemy
Companies with infantry guns in area Djebel El Ahmara (J six three four five). Enemy reported digging in along general line Hennich Rhourbal (J six eight three five) Gueria El Atach (J six eight three six) Sidi Louafi (J six three three seven) with enemy strong point believed just east of Goubellat (J six four two three) same enemy mortar and artillery activity in area Djebel Ainehouna (J three eight) during period. In Heidous area (J five seven four four) situation reported in hand after attack by estimated enemy infantry battalion supported by artillery on twenty seven Dec and dawn attack on twenty eight Dec.

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(To AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers). Naval. No reports.

Para 2. ETF. On South flank two COS enemy Inf three miles SE Goubellat. Enemy post estimated strength two platoons six miles SE Keir Tyr J seven three. Enemy working and guns observed nine miles east of station De St Nsir J four five. Patrol reached Dj Hassane twelve miles SW Mateur without contact. On north flank enemy mortars fired on forward positions Three Six Brig at dusk twenty seven Dec. Enemy patrols contacted two miles NE Goubellat. Enemy withdrew east from positions on road Djemal J seven one two three-Sidi Medien J seven one three three. In center enemy digging in NE Gouch El Oued J six three. Enemy mortars located three miles NE Gouch El Oued. Enemy attacked French in area Heidous J five four, situation in hand. About one BN enemy with Inf guns located five miles ENE Heidous. Enemy arty active evening twenty eight Dec, operational tank status: six Arm Div eight three Valentines, sixty six Crusaders, eighteen close support, seven eight Div seventeen M three light sixteen M four medium, CC B thirty six M three light twenty six M three medium ten M four medium. Under repair: fourteen Valentines, thirteen Crusaders, two close support, five M three medium two M four medium, signed CINC.

PARA 4. Movements completed Btry of Four Hundred and Thirty Second CA (AA) (AW) N from Oran to Biskra coming under command Twelfth Air Force.

PARA 5. Air P thirty eight aircraft destroyed eight trucks seven miles NE Birmcherga J nine two, ten enemy planes encountered NE Pont Du Fahs, one enemy plane probably destroyed and one damaged, one P-thirty eight shot down in enemy territory, pilot safe. Two of three enemy planes approaching Youks Les Bains destroyed by two P thirty eight in standing patrol. P forty aircraft on RCN Pichon-Kaiouan-Sousse-Cabes area, no enemy aircraft sighted, ten vehicles destroyed near Kaiouan.

Twenty seven Dec RAF flew one three eight fighter, rtp sorties, eight Beaufighter sorties, fourteen light bomber sorties, twenty one reconnaissance sorties two P thirty eight on RCN encountered six enemy aircraft Pont Du Fahs, one P-thirty eight damaged. P thirty eight destroyed one enemy plane in Biskra area: crew members walked away among Arabs. Six P thirty eight aircraft on RCN to Tripoli destroyed twenty one trucks carrying troops and supplies west between Xarxis and Medenine E-seven seven TD sixteen B seventeen aircraft attacked Sousse dock with thirty three tons of bombs, other bombing missions cancelled. Twenty two anti-submarine sorties, three Hudsons missing, one Hudson shot down by friendly anti-aircraft near Fertiana and one Hudson reported shot down by submarine crew, action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.
Daily report.

Part one land of G two report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred Z December twenty eight. Northern Tunisia. (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) AGWAR USFOR repd troopers information Adv ETF CTP WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower, Southern Tunisia. Captured documents indicate presence twenty seven Dec in area J six two four three of further elements seven four Infantry Regiment and First Company three three four Engineer Battalion. Though ground reported still soft tracks improving with fine weather. Construction defensive works including antitank ditch by enemy reported around Pont Du Fais. French report capture of over one hundred prisoners mostly Italian in area between Oued Kebir reservoir (0 seven eight nine zero) and Djebel Fkirine (0 nine three eight eight) twenty seven Dec but enemy counterattack on twenty eight Dec Southward from area south of Pont Du Fais made by mixed force of Germans and Italians supported by German tanks is reported to have made considerable progress in area east of Oued Kebir reservoir. Action continues. No further reports enemy offensive action in Pichon area. Though unconfirmed report of reinforcement of Maknassy with from four to five hundred enemy troops including twelve tanks was received air Recce of area proved negative. Enemy patrol activity continues to Eastward of Gafau. No report received of Kebili garrison. No offensive activity reported from estimated five enemy
Companies with infantry guns in area Djebel El Ahmera (J six three four five). Enemy reported digging in along general line Hennchir Rhourbal (J six eight three five) Gueria El Atach (J six eight three six) Sidi Louafi (J six three three seven) with enemy strong point believed just east of Goubellat (J six four two three) same enemy mortar and artillery activity in area Djebel Ainehouna (J three eight) during period. In Heidous area (J five seven four four) situation reported in hand after attack by estimated enemy infantry battalion supported by artillery on twenty seven Dec and dawn attack on twenty eight Dec.

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TO: FREEDOM ALGIERS

NUMBER 562

In the course of his conversations here Lemaigre Dubreuil informs us that General Giraud has a written agreement signed by you (For Murphy from Secretary Hull signed Marshall) containing the assurance that in return for his cooperation with the United States this government would recognize him as the head of a Provisional Government of France. Since Dubreuil is pressing this matter please reply urgently and should such document exist telegraph immediately the exact terms of any agreement you may have reached with Giraud.

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FROM: Algiers
TO: AGWAR-USFOR London (action)

No. 3414 December 28, 1942

Twenty seven December Sitrep sixty (to AGWAR, USFOR, Troopers from Freedom Algiers)

Para one. Naval. No reports.

Para two. KTF. Signed CINC. On south flank enemy contacted and minefield removed seven miles NE Goubellat. Enemy patrols operating three miles NE Goubellat. Enemy vehicles shelled east Medjed El Bab. Withdraw. Enemy on hill five miles ESE of Medjed El Bab. Our patrols report no movement area three miles NW Kazr Tyr J seven three. In the center patrol of three Grenadier Guards attacked enemy patrol on road Medjed El Bab-Tebourba. Three enemy killed, eight wounded, fifteen prisoners taken. Two and three/three Algerian Inf patrolled area Medjed J five four and to NE. Patrol eight Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders drove off enemy four miles NW Medjed. No losses. Standing patrol first BN Surrey Regt NE Medjed withdrew on being attacked. On Commando, three/nine Algerian Infantry, two Hampshires and some Arty now ten miles NE Beja, one Commando patrolling to east. Detachments two parachute BN area ten miles NW Beja patrolling. Beja-Djebel Abiod. Bn one parachute Brig and one parachute BN ten miles NE Beja patrolling to Sidi Mab J four five. Two/nine Algerian Inf ten miles NW Beja patrolling northward. Three parachute BN roasting at Souk El Khemais. Two BN Lancashire Fusiliers
report enemy ten miles SSW sector. On north flank
digging in south of station De Jefna. High ground
five miles NW station De Jefna occupied by enemy.

Para three. Five Bn Northamptons, Bn left
Toukabour J five three on foot midnight twenty two
slant twenty three Dec advancing for fifteen miles
across country. Enemy up at point five six three,
J six four five three, captured twenty four Dec.
Bn attacked at Dj Lamerine J six five by enemy infantry
late twenty four Dec, position held until Dec two five
zero one zero zero Z. Withdrawl made at night, arrived
Toukabour twenty six Dec. Now at Minchar J three three
four two. Casualties: officers wounded two, missing
one, EM killed eleven, wounded fourteen, missing
sixteen.

Para four Central Tunisia, about thirty paratroops
of Second Bn five zero nine Parachute Inf accompanied
by two French paratroopers dropped successfully Dec
twenty six two zero zero zero Z with mission of
destroying railroad bridge six miles north El Djem
Q seven nine, air reconnaissance morning twenty seven
Dec reports bridge intact. French operations on Dj
Fkirine O dash nine eight progressing in North and center,
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Enemy activity increasing Cafrsa area, four enemy tanks
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and four men captured.

Para five. Movements, Seven eight Chemical
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To: WAR - USFOR London (action)

No 3362 December 28, 1942

Mostly fine weather with cold NW winds. (to
AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) Ground conditions
improving, activity throughout period limited pat-
rolling with no reports received any ground offensive
actions. French report considerable enemy casualties
inflicted recent fighting near FLARE. Ack Ack
defense Kariousan reported being strengthened. Enemy
patrol activity vicinity Maknassy toward Gafsa reported
increasing. Identifications, interrogation prisoners
captured twenty seven Dec J six five four three in-
dicates presence first Company PX Engineer Bn number
four ninety in same area presence six nine PX Gren
Regt confirmed by captured prisoners that unit.
Prisoners captured Pichon area by French state belong
to two four Bn five Bersaglieri Regt which consists
Bns number fourteen, two two, and two four. Prisoners
have no knowledge whereabouts other bns. Foregoing
part one Land G two report for two hours ending
two four hundred Z twenty seven Dec.

Part two Air: bomber recce, northern half western
basin recce in afternoon by one JU eight eight based
Southern France. Between dawn-one five four five
Z shipping recce made over area Bone-Cran by three
Sicilian based Ju eight eights. During PM patrol
Tunisian coast by one JU eight eight. Bombers of
unit which moved twenty six Dec Sicily to Montpellier
at least five JU eight eights landed Comiso (Sicily)
about one thousand Z from Southern France during early
PM to south of Sicily at least two JU eight eights
were active. Fighters: two on patrol near Sfax, AGWAR UBFOR repoted Troopers information adv ETP CTF WPF EAC twelfth AF from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. Transport: twenty six Dec thirty JU eight eights landed Catania Sicily from Greece.

Part three Navy: Enemy U/B dispositions D slight increase western basin and western approaches GBE. German western basin, between GIB-Greenwich meridian five or six with six to east of Greenwich meridian, Italian western basin, possibly three between Algiers-Formentirahs between Bougie-Algiers two area Bome two. Between Bizerta-Cagliari three. East of six degrees east additional three, Atlantic, within one five zero miles twenty eight degrees north thirty two degrees west three or four operating. Possibly six in area Lisbon-Casablanca and fourteen degrees west. Between Canaries and Azores five east. Of Azores three or four. Between Madiera and Azores believed one Italian.

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No. ANSMK 3508 Dec 28, 1942

With each plane carrying five American bombs one thousand pounds each six aircraft of Ninety Third Group departed night December twenty six seven to attack Tunis Sousse and Sfax. Three aircraft bombed Tunis Harbor one aircraft bombed Sousse Harbor one bombed Sfax one previously unreported now reported back but interrogation not available. Hits observed on southwest of docks in Sfax one fire seen in barracks area. Results unobserved at Tunis and Sousse. For Arnold from Brereton. On December twenty seven twelve aircraft with five each American one thousand pound bombs attacked harbor and shipping at Sousse. Numerous hits reported on all dock installations two direct hits on one merchant vessel one bomb seen to explode at center of commercial quay. Near misses on ships docked at phosphate quay. Several bursts observed in railroad yard west of commercial quay. No enemy aircraft encountered. Moderate to heavy accurate antiaircraft over target one aircraft holed by shrapnel. All aircraft returned safely.

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To: WAR - USFOR London (action)

No 3351 December 28, 1942

Giraud paid to the Commander in Chief this morning his first official visit in his new capacity. In addition to the discussion of military questions he said that he would like to touch on some of the political and economic questions which will affect his activity. From Eisenhower for Marshall for Secretary Hull from Murphy and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. Throughout his participation in the North African operation Giraud said that it had always been his understanding that the United States and Great Britain fully intended to recognize French sovereignty in this area, that he realizes that in the early days of the arrival of Allied Forces this attitude might not have been clear in everyone's mind and that in the complicated situation then prevailing there were reasons for doubt and misgiving. Now he believes those doubts must have been dispelled. Everyone knows his position and understands his determination to work for the liberation of France from the German yoke by force of arms in alliance with the Allies. He needs our support and he confidently expects it. We have every reason to give it to him in our own interest as well as that of France. He has no political ambitions and did his best to avoid the assumption of any civil authority but having been saddled with it he intends loyally to cooperate with us and expects reciprocal treatment. He regards himself as our ally eager to work with us voluntarily.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR London (action)

No. 3351 December 22, 1942

not as an inhabitant of an occupied territory. He therefore hopes that there will be a clear cut attitude of respect for French sovereignty on our part. He knows we have no territorial ambitions in this area. In the economic field Giraud insists that we should give him immediate support in a study and reconsideration of the rate of dollar and pound exchange as against North and West African franc currency. He said that the business world here is in an uproar over the news today that the British authorities have granted to the Deguelle administration in Madagascar official rate of one seven six francs for the pound and four three for the dollar. No justification he asserts can be found for such discriminatory treatment neither in the political nor economic field. Giraud recalls that similar discrimination exists in favor of French Equatorial Africa. His advent to civil authority he maintains should be coupled with some action on our part which will inspire confidence in his administration. He then said that he has never agreed that the rate of three zero zero francs for the pound nor seven five for the dollar was justified in North or West Africa. I urge that immediate study be given to this feature in the hope that we may give him some encouragement and support. Bernstein is being requested to make a thorough review of this problem from this end but I would like a clear statement of the reasons actuating the decision to insist on the rate of francs three zero zero for the pound and seven five for the dollar in this area. It is remembered that this question was the subject of long discussion in the weeks preceding Torch. It is becoming an issue here which we must be prepared to meet as I feel that it should be remembered that North African economy relieved of the European drain which has existed since the armistice justifies a more favorable rate from the French point of view.
than francs three zero zero to the pound and seven five to the dollar. Giraud expresses great appreciation of the Presidents courtesy in sending to him the message transmitted by the State Department on December two four. He reciprocates fully the Presidents good wishes and expresses fervent desire to prosecute the war to a victorious conclusion. During the course of the interview the Commander in Chief handed him a copy of a telegram addressed to Giraud by General De Gaulle the essence of which is a suggestion that the French people cannot be left indefinitely without a government. That now is the time to establish the nucleus of such a government and proposing that De Gaulle meet Giraud either in North Africa or if preferred by Giraud in some other French territory. Girauds immediate reaction was favorable in that he said he was gratified to note De Gaulles desire for a reconciliation which he has always shared. He said that he felt however that precipitate action would be unwise stating that "some things should beat be eaten comu". He plans to reply but desires time for reflection. He also said that his first reaction was that it might be best to arrange a meeting between subordinates on the theory that there has been so much acrimonious personal attack between the opposing French camps that some ground work should be accomplished before his meeting De Gaulle as a premature meeting might be embarrassing. There is still hostility to De Gaulle on the part of many Army Officers which Giraud is sure a little time and proper direction will alleviate. Giraud also brought up the subject of telecommunications expressing the hopes that expect we would not interfere with the French administration of this service which would of course be subject to our censorship. The
discussion of this subject related to the same principle of recognition of French sovereignty and of the desire of the French to accord us every facility. He said that we have much more to gain by supporting the French administration of telecommunication services as well as every other service if we supported it and cooperated with it employing our right to censorship but avoiding direct methods. Where service is unsatisfactory or there is evidence of objectionable features we could rely on his wholehearted support to rectify such conditions. The Commander in Chief assured Giraud of his desire to treat with him on a basis of perfect frankness reciprocating the confidence which Giraud has in us and assuring him of a firm determination (To AGWAR Washington and USFOR from Freedom Algiers) to allow no incidents to militate against a successful prosecution of the war effort.

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No. 5999, Dec 28, 1942

Following paraphrase of cable received from Eisenhower and forwarded for your information. This cable has not been shown General De Gaulle. (For Marshall signed Bartle) message from General De Gaulle delivered General Giraud who read message in my presence. He stated that he would take message under advisement but did not indicate when he would answer. General Eisenhower believes that Giraud earnestly desires a rapprochement though Giraud thinks meeting suggested would be premature at this time. General Eisenhower feels that Giraud will reply to telegram in this sense although for future progress he may possibly add some concrete suggestions.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-WAR (Action)

No. 3291, December 27, 1942

Twenty six Dec Sitrep fifty nine.

1. Naval. No reports.


3. Reinforcement moves of combat units. A. dispatched from Casablanca Btry A four four three CA (AA) (AW) for Algiers. From Oran four three two CA (AA) (AW) Bn for Biskra.

4. Air. Eighteen B seventeen aircraft attacked Sfax shipping with forty two tons of bombs claiming two large and one small ship sunk. One medium ship damaged. All planes returned. Four P forty aircraft sorties strafed several self propelled ocean going barges north of Sousse, destroying one carrying gasoline. All planes returned. Twelve P thirty eight aircraft destroyed locomotive at station De Kerker P sixty one, two trucks at Sidi Bou Ali P forty six,
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teen B seventeen aircraft attacked Bizerta with forty
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in dock area. Heavy accurate antiaircraft fire
encountered. Two B seventeen aircraft shot down and
two on escort missing. Two enemy aircraft destroyed.
Biskra airfield bombed by three enemy aircraft. No
damage. Twenty five December USA Spitfires claim two
Italian planes destroyed over Bone. Ten fighter sorties
in Oran area. Thirty six transport sorties. Twenty
five December RAF flew thirty three fighter sorties,
fifteen reconnaissance sorties, no casualties. Air
distribution: Thilepte S eighty four, twenty three
fighters, Youks Les Bains, eighteen fighters, eighteen
light bombers, Bouk El Arba, fifty seven fighters, six
light bombers, Bone sixty fighters, twelve light bombers,
three reconnaissance, Canrobert M thirty two, seventeen
light bombers, Philippeville, fourteenth fighters,
Constantine, three fighters, Telegrma L seventy five,
thirteen fighters, twenty nine medium bombers, Djidjelli,
fourteenth fighters, Biskra, nineteen fighters, forty five
heavy bombers, Setif, two fighters, Algiers including
Maison Blanche and Belda, fifty seven fighters, twenty
five light bombers, seventeen medium bombers, thirty
six troop carriers, eighteen reconnaissance, Oran
including La Senia, Tefaroui, Mouvion Q eighteen and
Nezirane Q fifty nine, one hundred eight fighters,
fifty three troop carriers, Oudja, six fighters, twelve
reconnaissance, Casablanca, thirteen fighters, six light
bombers, two medium bombers, nineteen troop carriers,
action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-AGWAR
No. 3254, December 27, 1942

Ground still wet boggy though weather fine. Northern Tunisia. G two report for twenty four hour period ending twenty four hundred Z twenty six Dec. Some enemy movement area east and northeast Medjez El Bab. As result French attacks enemy reported slightly withdrawn from Pichon. German armored vehicles reported Kairouan area. Otherwise no offensive activities reported. French report identification from prisoners war of battalion Three One Italian Tank Regiment and one three Italian Antitank Battalion in Osseltia Pichon area. AGWAR USFOR repted Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Southern Tunisia. No enemy offensive activity reported.

Part two. Air. Bomber recce. Northern half western basin patrolled by one JU eight eight based Southern France during afternoon. Southern half including Tunisian coast and sea area north of Sicily covered during day by four Sicilian based Ju eight eight eights one of which during morning shadowed eastbound Allied convoyed bombers. At zero zero thirty Z twenty JU eight eights left Sicily covered North African coast probably to area Algiers turned northwards towards Baleric finally landing about dawn Monpeller France. At zero zero thirty Z at least

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three additional JU eight eights left Sicily to which they returned after dropping bombs in Algiers area between zero four thirty dash zero four fifty Z. Offensive in Boudie area carried out by seven JU eight eights leaving Sardinia fifteen fifty Z returning nineteen hundred Z. No fighter information available. Transport. JU five two activity apparently on small scale between Sicily and Africa.


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From: Algiers

To: WAR

No 3457 December 27, 1942

This message in four parts.

Part one begins: The following covers the essentials of our plans for the next several weeks. Review number two eight. NAF number six one, to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to paper for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. We believe that with the postponement of the attack in the north and unless we take positive measures to interfere with and upset the enemy, opportunity will be afforded him to strengthen his bridgehead there so materially that a frontal attack, even after weather becomes sufficiently favorable, would be very difficult to execute successfully. This is especially true because of the continued interference in our bombing operations by bad weather. Idleness by our ground forces during this period would constitute a failure to take advantage of the enemy before he can solidify himself in the corridor leading towards Tripoli, which he is apparently attempting to develop as a first objective. A mere settling down to developing our utmost in strength on the northern front would ignore the potential threat to our right and would leave to the enemy the initiative in developing any plans that may seem to him most applicable. Finally, a period of almost complete stagnation, except for logistic activity, would be bad psychologically for this army.

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Part two begins: Our aim is, therefore, to undertake movements that will provide aggressive protection to our right, keep the enemy in doubt as to our real intentions, deal him damaging blows, provided we succeed in gaining a reasonable degree of surprise, and so place us in the best possible position for the final conquest of Tunisia.

Specifically, we plan to pass the aggressive defensive in the north and to concentrate as rapidly as possible the First US Armored Division in the Tebessa area for offensive action to the east this division will be supported by a US regimental combat team and some antitank and antiaircraft equipment and by light French units. While this particular part of Tunisia is subject to spells of bad weather, our reports are that, except in the extreme south, the ground will support cross country travel by track vehicles within twenty four hours of cessation of rain. Available airfields in that area are somewhat dryer than further to the north.

The tentative objective of the force will be Sfax, and our chief problem will be maintenance. Supply routes are long and our available motor transport is not entirely equal to the task of supplying such a force in continuous operations. We had hoped to obtain some sea supply from the Mid-East in the event we should succeed in capturing Sfax, but we have received information from the Commanders in Chief Mid-East that this will be impossible. Because of the distance to Sfax, we may later find it impossible to hold the place permanently, even if our attack is a success, but I feel that this is something that must be left to the future. In any event, if we gain sufficient surprise to achieve success in this region, we should be able to push a light flank guard down to the Gabes area, while with the bulk of the mobile force we begin operations in the direction of Sousse. This should have the effect of thinning out the defenses on the northern front and making the task there easier, when conditions permit an all out thrust.
Part three begins: Manifestly, all operations covering the Tunisian front form part of a complete whole, although they will be conducted by the British on the north, the Americans on the south, with the French holding the rough and wooded country in between. The French are some forty or fifty thousand strong numerically but due to lack of equipment and other things have little value except as a screen and are useful only in this type of country.

The question of command of the battle area was a difficult one to settle with the French. Under initial Torch conceptions, the First British Army was intended, after landings by the Americans were completed, to take over the eastern battlefront, while the American Army consolidated bases and rapidly prepared to meet any threat through Spain. This would still be the most logical way to handle the situation, except for the flat refusal of the French to serve, at this time, under British command. Their refusal is not based on personal grounds but on antagonisms, which they say have their roots in Syria, Oran, Dakar, and similar incidents. Giraud says that any attempt to place his forces at this time under British command would create a very bad reaction in the French Army and would have repercussions throughout the entire region. He cheerfully admits that the British forces have been most cooperative and that their actions here are gradually eliminating old animosities and that the time will come soon when the French Army will not distinguish so definitely between British and nationalities. Nevertheless, it is definitely impossible, at this time, to place the French Tunisian Army under overall British control.

On the other hand, the French are willing to subordinate their troops to the American commander on the southern front, and will serve, for the coming campaign, under the direction of this headquarters.

Note: Word omitted, possibly French. Service on request.
Part four begins: For the above reasons, I am immediately establishing a Forward Allied Command Post, which will be only a small operational headquarters and from which I will take personal charge of the Tunisian front. Since Juin, the Field Commander of the French, is a lieutenant general, the French hope to have as the American commander on the southern front an officer of that rank. To avoid constant pressure on their part to place a French officer in charge of the southern front, it is likely that I will order Clark with portions of the Fifth Army Staff, to command the southern French-American sector as the U.S. Fifth Army. Rear Echelon Fifth Army Hqrs. will continue at Gafsa developing backbone. General Anderson will continue to command the British front. Thus my immediate ground subordinates will be Anderson and Clark. The British Force will be charged with preparing for an all out attack as soon as the weather permits and will, in the meantime, conduct local operations which will support the thrust to be made by the mobile units further in the south.

The planners insist that due to shortage of motor transport the contemplated operation on the south cannot begin before January three zero. However, I have directed the most intensive effort to speed up preparations and believe that we can cut this time materially.

I am informed by General Devers that the British now have in the U.S. ready for shipment, a number of Sherman tanks with spare parts and accessories. I am of the earnest conviction that if about one hundred twenty five of these could be delivered to the British Sixth Armored Division by the first week in February, our chances of a real success will be tremendously improved. If this can be accomplished, I urgently recommend it (to AGWAR Washington, USFOR London from Freedom Algiers) be done at once. End part four.
OUTGOING MESSAGE

Combined Chiefs of Staff
December 27, 1942

FREEDOM ALGIERS:

# 502

I am referring to your number 3187 and your 3210 (NAF 52) both December 26. Have just heard broadcast announcing results of council meeting. (for Eisenhower Freedom Algiers Fm 50 from Deane) am certain this will have full approval of Combined Chiefs of S.aff and therefore am not informing them individually of your messages until office hours this morning.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR-USFOR

No. 3226, December 27, 1942.

It will have a most beneficent effect if both the British and American Governments issue some expression of satisfaction on the selection of Gird as High Commissioner (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower) and I strongly recommend that this be done. (This is NAF number five four). Later today I will submit for consideration our suggestions as to future policy as seen from here.

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Situation report number 39.

1. Swordfish 813 squadron made contact with enemy convoy 20 miles north of Bizerta at 2140/24th. Weather unfavourable and no torpedo attack made.

2. P.226 reports 5,000 ton merchant vessel hit with 1 torpedo and almost certainly blew up at 1114/14th in position 37° 45' north 10° 39' east. At 111/17th in position 37° 53' north 10° 05' east obtained two hits on 6,000 ton merchant vessel and 2 hits on Grecale class destroyer. Slight counter attack from a second destroyer. Nothing in sight one hour later probably both sunk.


4. Bente, 7 more moored mines exploded in sweep by Dropesa trawler. Ferrying of troops ex KMF 9 from Algiers and Bougie completed.

5. Force H at sea since A.M.24 in Balearic area to arrive Gibraltar 26.

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From: London USFOR
To: WAR

No. 5979, December 27, 1942.

Following message (for Marshall from Hartle) sent Freedom two six December: L attentat D Alger est un indice et un avertissement. (From General De Gaulle through General Eisenhowe for General Giraud signed Hartle) le plus absolu.

Un indice de L'exasperation dans laquelle la tragedie Francaise a jete L esprit et L ame des Francais.

Un avertissement quant aux consequences de toute nature qu entraite necessairement L'absence d'une autorite Nationale au milieu de la plus grande crise nationale de notre histoire.

Il est plus que jamais necessaire que cette autorite nationale s establis.

Je vous propose, mon General, de me rencontrer au plus tot en territoire Francais, soit en Algerie, soit au tchad, kfin D'etudier les moyens qui permettraient de grouper sous un pouvoir central provisoire toutes les forces Francaises A L' interieur et A L exterieur du pays etymous les territoires Francais que sont susceptibles de lutter pour la liberation et pour le salut de la France.

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To: WAR  
No. 5979, December 27, 1942

"The attack (on Darnatio) at Algiers is an indication and a warning of the most serious nature. It is an indication of the tribulation in which the French tragedy has thrown the spirit and the soul of Frenchmen. (From General DeGaulle to General Giraud through General Eisenhower. Signed Hartle. Sent from Freedom December 26.) It is a warning of the consequences which will inevitably result from the absence of a national authority in the midst of the greatest crisis in our national history.

"It is imperative that this national authority should be reestablished.

"I propose, my dear General, to meet you as soon as possible on French soil either at Algiers or in the Tchad, in order to study the means that would permit the grouping under a central power of all the French forces, both within and without the country and in French colonies, which are able to fight for the liberation and the salvation of France."

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR London-War

No. 3227, December 27, 1942.

Doctor Milored Mihailovic, brother of the Yugoslav general and guerilla leader, has lived for many years in Algiers. For Foreign Office from Mack repeated AGWAR signed Eisenhower. He has lately been engaged in raising a force of some hundred and twenty volunteers, mostly Yugoslav, which is to be attached to the Corps Franc, the British Special Service Troops, mainly comprised of members of the Chantiers de Jeunesse, who are being trained by General de Moursbert under General Giraud's orders. He wishes to visit London in order to make contact with the Yugoslav government there and inform them fully of what he is doing. Johnston thinks he might (to USFOR repeated AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) usefully be consulted also on propaganda to Yugoslavia. What reply should be returned to this request?

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR (Action)

No. 3210 Dec 26, 1942

We have had further conversations with officials today regarding their desire to establish a local authority at the earliest possible moment for reasons of public security and in the interest of the common war effort. The general concensus of opinion favored the appointment of General Henri Giraud to assume both civil and military authority in French North and West Africa. There was a meeting at four PM this afternoon of the council created at the beginning of this month which is now composed of Giraud, Governor General Boisson, General Bergeret, Governor General Yves Chastel and Resident General Nogues. They unanimously decided to appoint Giraud as High Commissioner in French Africa and Commander in Chief of all the Armed Forces, this decision takes effect immediately at our request they agreed to withhold publication until tomorrow morning but desire to make a communiqué to the press before midnight tonight which will be for release by the morning papers of December two seven, they also propose to broadcast this news at six AM local time on the date.

NAP fifty two from Eisenhower Freedom Algiers for Marshall for Secretary Hull and Combined Chiefs of Staff from Murphy. This solution for the reasons described in my three one two four appears from here to be the only practicable one. I recommend that we be authorized to lend our practical support to General Giraud in this task.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 3167 December 26, 1942

I have just been informed that French Council met and selected Kingpin as High Commissioner and Commander of all Armed Forces. Urgent from Eisenhower to General Marshall. French are extremely anxious to give this to press no later than midnight and to radio at six AM tomorrow, and I doubt that I can postpone announcement by them beyond that time. May I have immediate answer?

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Rain continued Xmas morning. Ground very bogy.

Part one. Land of G two report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred Z two five December. Northern Tunisia. After loss high ground Djebel El Ahmara (J six two four three) and unsuccessful counter-attack evening two four Dec strong enemy counterattack dawn two five Dec regained crest only to be driven back again by our counterattack later in day. Some enemy tank and vehicle activity reported area J seven one three three east of Mejez El Bab. Enemy outposts reported (to AGWAR Washington and USFOR London from Freedom Algiers) confirmed area northwest Sebkret Eltnoursip (J seven one). Attacks by about two enemy companies supported by artillery during morning and afternoon in area Djebel Chakeur (O eight six four five) repulsed. No report identification of units. Also repulsed was attack by German infantry supported by light tanks between Maison Deseaux (O seven three two seven) and Pichon. About ten prisoners reported from three company German Four Seven Infantry Regt. Prisoners state one battalion this regiment reached Kairouan twenty Dec from Tunis and that another battalion is expected from north. AGWAR USFOR reorted Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WITF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Southern Tunisia, reported Italian
Infantry at pass fifteen KMS South Faid and German motorcyclists occupied road Junc at El Ysar six KMS north Maksassy Garrison of which reinforced two four Dec by Italian Infantry. Italian motorized patrol with six light tanks encountered two five Dec between Maksassy and Gafsa usual Recce between dawn early afternoon of sea area between two degrees east Sicily by two Sicilian based JU eight eights one of which shadowed convoy off Algiers beginning zero seven fifty Z. Biskra (12 two one) and Touggourt (YA six one) area recce by one or two JU eight eights during morning. Foregoing bomber Recce.

Part two. Air G 2 report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred Z two five Dec. Part one land will follow. Bombers during day three Sicilian based JU eight eights active area Tunisia. About two five Grosseto (Italy) based HE one one ones carrying torpedoes with few JU eight eights probably, operated off Algiers late evening returning Elmas shortly after midnight. Fighters. At least one off north Tunisian coast convoy escort duties. Transport. Apparently scale much reduced Xmas day. AGWAR USFOR rptd Troopers information ADV ETP CTF WFT EAC Twelfth AF from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower.

Part three. Naval. Aircraft southwest Carthagena attacked U/B zero nine five five Z. U/B dispositions. Slight decrease German no change Italian western basin. Atlantic. Between GIB ten degrees west one. Four within one eighty minutes of three seven degs north fourteen degs west.

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First Para Naval. Twenty five Dec SITREP fifty-eight, Swordfish planes detected northbound enemy convoy twenty miles north Bizerta twenty four Dec. No attack due to weather. Bone: Mine sweeping trawler exploded seven moored mines, ferrying troops of KNF five from Algiers and Bougie completed. Force B at sea since morning twenty four Dec in Balearic area. British submarine reports: Merchant vessel hit by one torpedo off Bizerta fourteen Dec. Seventeen Dec same general area two hits on merchant vessel and two hits on destroyer. One hour later nothing in sight. Another submarine reports: Enemy submarine rammed off Bone twenty three Dec. German submarine sighted and and attacked same general area twenty four Dec. Results unknown. Submarine of Malta flotilla nine miles NW Ischia hit northbound merchant vessel with one torpedo.


CM-IN-11603 (12-27-42)
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR-AGWAR

No. 3209, December 28th, 1942

This message in three parts. Part one begins. On an emergency call I returned last night from a visit to Tunisia, where I contacted the Army Commander, Corps Commander, Division Commanders, General Oliver and many Junior Commanders and Staff Officers. Review number twenty seven. NAF number fifty one. To AQWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. The continued rains have made impossible any decisive attack in the near future. By actual test, we have discovered that we cannot maneuver any type of vehicle off the roads and, since our real hope of victory lay in the skillful maneuver and use of our artillery to provide the punch necessary to blast the enemy armor, the original plan has met an impasse. For the past ten days the likelihood of this result has been increasingly apparent and we have been studying plans for resuming the initiative in another quarter, while we go about the slow business of building up our attack to overcome the strength we must expect by the time decent weather will arrive, probably in not less than two months. The region obviously indicated is that southeast of Tebessa, where it will not only provide protection against the threat on our right flank but, unless our force is strongly opposed, it may be able to damage the enemy very considerably by attacking his coastal line of communications. End of part one.

Part two follows. Two begins. We are attempting to establish logistic arrangements that will allow us to place the US First Armored Division with some supporting infantry in that region. A limit-

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ING factor is the total capacity of our lines of communication to eastern Tunisia. Manifestly, we must not build up a strategic flank guard and secondary force to such a strength that it eliminates the possibility of producing a northern striking force capable of doing the job. Within a few days I should be able to communicate to you our definite plans.

One hopeful point is that I am informed the weather south of Tebessa is generally much more favorable than it is in the north. I do not recite here all the advantages that may result from this plan, as I think they are fairly obvious. It should be feasible provided we can improve the line of communications and produce the units and motor transport to supply forces that will necessarily be far away from main bases. In any event we will continue air attack against the hostile line of communication at the maximum intensity permitted by the weather and our resources. In this matter we are well coordinated with Middle East and Malta.

During the initial opportunistic phase of our operations, I supported Anderson with every bit of American strength that could be gathered together and gotten to him, and which he was able to maintain. Necessarily, this resulted in the piecemeal use of American troops, in the desperate effort to win a quick victory. End of part two part three follows.

Part three begins. Reorganization will begin immediately. For the moment I will leave the U S Eighteenth Regimental Combat Team with General Anderson, because until some of his Forty Sixth Division arrives he is too weak in infantry to hold his lines. In addition, he will retain one U S Battalion of one five five mm guns since there is no other place on the front where they can be profitable used and maintained at this time.
Allfrey will thus have the British Seventy-Eighth Division, a U.S. Infantry Regiment, the British Sixth Armored Division, and a sizable amount of artillery. I have already instructed Anderson that Allfrey's occupation of position is to be aggressive. He must constantly patrol and raid and seek opportunities for local attacks, so as to pin the enemy to the ground and to keep our further intentions concealed as long as possible. Moreover, I believe that nothing could be as bad for our troops at present as stagnation and idleness.

Inescapable employment of small American units intermingled in British formations has occasioned considerable logistic and other types of difficulty, but this will be corrected at once. There are inherent differences in organization, equipment, training and doctrine. It was realized from the beginning that these difficulties would occur, but this was accepted as a lesser of two evils since the alternative was to give up the one chance we had for a quick victory.

In certain phases of our higher organization, weaknesses have been uncovered and I am immediately addressing myself to the correction of these, so that future operations will be characterized by complete coordination of effort. Signal communications and every other feature of our command arrangement will be thoroughly studied and, where necessary, suitable recommendations will be made to higher authority.

The abandonment for the time being of our plan for a full-dress out effort has been the severest disappointment have suffered to date. However, the evidence is complete, in my opinion, that any attempt to make a major attack under current conditions in northern Tunisia would be merely to court disaster. To give you a specific example of the conditions: I saw four men in a flat grass field trying to extricate a motorcycle that had
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From: Algiers To: USFOR-AGWAR

No. 3209, December 26th, 1942

become mired. During the few minutes I watched them, they made absolutely no progress at the job. This incident is typical also of our airfields. End of part three. Message ends.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - War

Number: 3220, December 26, 1942

Your message four eight six was a great relief after the implications contained in your four eight five. NAF fifty three for Combined Chiefs of Staff and British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower. The French communiqué (to AGWAR, USFOR from Freedom) has now been issued here for release in morning newspapers in North Africa and for broadcast over radio Algiers and radio Maroc at five hundred hours Z on December twenty seventh. Quote The Imperial Council met today at four o'clock to designate the successor to Admiral Darlan.

In accordance with ordinance number thirty of the second December nineteen forty two, in case of the inability to function, or of the absence of the High Commissioner for French Africa, his functions are to be taken over by General Nogues Resident General of French Morocco. If the inability to function is over a long duration, within a month the Imperial Council is to choose who will exercise definitively the functions of High Commissioner for French Africa.

It was by virtue of this last provision that the Imperial Council was called together. It was necessary in the present circumstances that the
succession to Admiral Darlan should be fixed without delay.

After deliberation the council has taken the following decision: GE, members of the Imperial Council, unanimously decide: General Henri Giraud is designated to exercise the functions of High Commissioner in French Africa and the Commander in Chief of the French Army Navy and Air Force unquote.

It is essential that release of this communiqué be deferred in United States and United Kingdom until after naught five zero zero hours Z on December twenty seventh.

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Para two. ETF. Signed Cinc. On south flank enemy posts in area NW of Sebkret El Klurzia J seven nine. New dispositions six Arm Div: Ten rifle brig less two Cos area station QE Bou Arada J six zero. One Royal Irish Fuseliers nine miles SW Goubellat. Sixteen slant five lancers Blougui A J five two. Two London Irish rifles four miles south of Goubellat. Hq thirty eight Inf Brig

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three miles SW of Goubellat, One Derby Yeomanry four miles east of Slougui. Enemy tanks and vehicles activity reported three miles NW of Ksar Tyr J seven three. In the center two Coldstream Guards strongly supported by arty attacked summit of Dj El Ahmera J six two four three. Held by estimated two and half enemy companies, Crest captured except in few places. Enemy reinforced and counter attacked. We regained position except for highest ridges in north and east. Enemy counter attacked again at dawn twenty five Dec and gained the crest. Casualties to key personnel of two Coldstream Guards. Three Grenadier Guards counter attacked and restored situation. Battalion of eighteen rec relieved by three Grenadier Guards. Five Northampton reached defile four miles west of Tebourba twenty four Dec due to non receipt of orders cancelling advance, withdrew by night over hills in thick mist. Party of about fifty all tanks so far returned after meeting only slight opposition. Landslide twenty eight miles east of Bougie twenty three twenty four Dec rendered road impassable for several days.

Para three. French Forces. Liaison officer reports attack on Pichon repulsed with losses to enemy.

Para four. Air. Four P forty aircraft bombed enemy concentration at Sfax with one ton of bombs. Other missions cancelled due to weather over target area and condition landing fields. Twenty four Dec four P forty aircraft attacked bridge north of Gabes. Four P thirty eight aircraft dispatched for attack on shipping off north coast Tunisia twenty four Dec failed to locate target. Twenty four Dec RAF flew five night fighter sorties, five BCH Sorties, twenty six fighter Sorties, one enemy aircraft (to USFOR, AGWAR, trooper from Freedom Algiers) destroyed, one float plane damaged. Our casualties nil. Action USFOR information AGWAR and trooper.

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Office Chief of Staff
December 26, 1942

To LT. GENERAL D. D. EISENHOWER
COMMANDING GENERAL, USFOR
FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 486

Answering your number 3155 and 3145, there is no objection to the announcement of Giraud if he is selected by the French Committee. Furthermore and in explanation of our number 485, that message was intended by the President to authorize you to appoint General Giraud as High Commissioner in charge of both civil and French military authorities in your area in case the French Committee attempted to do otherwise.

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To: War-USFOR

No #, December 26, 1942

Foreign Office summary NVIS YTFVPD. French Embassy (this is para three Foreign Office summary number two eight) Madrid continue to serve Vichy and maintain contact with Nogues. As regards Frenchmen in the position of Malaise, H. M. Embassy have been instructed to treat individuals on their merits and to maintain contact with M. himself without recognizing his position officially. As regards Spanish at Titwye, while we will not discourage Spaniards from reaching AD HOC arrangements with French North African Authorities we shall discourage any attempt on part of latter to use phosphates as bargaining counter for Spanish or Portuguese recognition in such a way as to nullify our assurances of November eighth. Fighting French: General De Gaulle (this is para four Foreign Office summary number two eight) in accordance with arrangements approved by the President plans to leave for United States about twenty seventh December. He will fly via Accra, where he will pick up Catroux. Spain: reference summary number two three (this is para one Foreign Office summary number two eight) Spanish Government have apparently not yet decided to appoint General Munoz Grande to Morocco. H. M. Ambassador has, however, been authorized to point out to Spanish Government that such an appointment, following on that of General Yague to Melilla, would be regarded by FS as inconsistent with their professed desire to avoid trouble in Morocco and might also undo in the eyes of public opinion here whatever
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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. December 26, 1942

good effect may result from Minister for Foreign Affairs visit to Lisbon. German source reports (this is para two of Foreign Office summary number two eight) that German Ambassador Von Stohrer has been replaced by Von Moltke.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
With the approval of the President you are authorized to appoint General Giraud provisionally in charge of both Civil and French Military Authorities in your area.

MARSHALL

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR - WAR

No 3145 December 26, 1942.

Please deliver (to Agwar from Freedom Algiers) following to General Marshall instantly. "Murphy says it seems highly probable that this afternoon French will name Kingpin as High Commissioner. My own impressions, gained from personal conversations, support this belief. I understand French expect to make announcement to above effect at four fifteen this afternoon. In accordance with instructions from Washington, I will make no announcement of any kind unless directed to do so.

The Kingpin may make some objections to this arrangement, even to the extent of refusing the designation unless allies are prepared to give him command of battlefront in Tunisia. I will necessarily reject this proposal. He has most difficult temperament but it appears that he is only man who has chance to compose all elements here in support of Allied effort. I believe that he will finally accept designation." I am repeating this message to British Chiefs of Staff.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR-AGWAR

No. 3124, December 26, 1942.

Immediately after Darlan's death last evening General Bergeret Deputy High Commissioner asked me to call for a discussion of the situation resulting from Darlan's passing. Bergeret informed me that he had telegraphed General Nogues to proceed to Algiers urgently for the purpose of consultation. From Eisenhower for Secretary Hull and Combined Chiefs of Staff from Murphy repeated USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. I inquired whether Boisson had been invited to come also. He said not but after discussion of this point he dispatched a telegram to Boisson asking him to come to Algiers at once. Bergeret was in a state of indecision as to the procedure to be followed but he thought that it would be necessary to follow that established in a secret ordinance number thirty said to have been signed by Darlan on December two, one nine four two. I had never heard of this so called ordinance and asked to see the file copy. Admiral Penard who participated in our conversation said he also had not seen it. This document in essence provides that in case of inability or absence of the High Commissioner his functions would be assumed by General Nogues Resident General in French Morocco but if the inability was of long duration within a period of one month the Imperial Council would choose a person who would definitely exercise the functions of High Commissioner. Bergeret said that the Imperial Committee consisting of General Giraud,
No. 3124, from Algiers to AGWAR, December 26, 1942.

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Bergeret, Boisson, Nogues and Chatel constitute the legal instrument for the composition of what ever regime may be established here insisting that it be clothed with legality and not have the appearance of a coup d'etat. He asked my personal opinion and I told him unequivocally that I felt that General Giraud is the only possible choice, that I felt that General Nogues would be unacceptable and that furthermore I felt that now is the time of definitely breaking with the notion that legality as provided by Vichy legislation is necessary to assure the functioning of a regime established in North Africa for the prosecution of the common war effort. Subsequently I had other conversations with a number of French officials who proposed various solutions including the convening of the Conseils Generaux which existed prior to the Franco-German armistice of one nine four zero under authority of the constitutional laws of one eight seven five. The argument here is that they would form a democratic base for the selection of a provisional French government. These proposals included the suggestion also that the Comte de Paris be called to head such a democratic form which would contemplate the establishment of a Council of which the Comte de Paris would be President. General de Gaulle would be invited to act as Vice President of the Council and General Giraud to retain command of the armed forces. General Giraud is returning to Algiers at eleven thirty this morning. General Nogues arriving shortly afterwards and Governor General Boisson is arriving this evening. It seems to me essential that the Commander in Chief be authorized to adopt a definite line with the assurance that he has the support of the American and British Governments. It would be exceedingly unfortunate and possibly dangerous to permit a situation of doubt and uncertainty regarding our desires to continue over even a period of days. I feel that we should insist with General Giraud that he assume at least provisionally the responsibility...
of both civil and military government in this area to be assisted by a committee of possibly six persons who would be selected in consultation with us. As soon as possible after Giraud's arrival and our conversation with him you will be informed of his views. The police investigation of Darlan's assassin continues. It appears that the original information supplied by him regarding his identity is false. A few minutes ago according to the latest police report available he has supplied the name of Bonny Chappelier and admitted that he had not come here from France but is a native Algerian French nationality. He insists that he was acting on his own account inspired by hatred of Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan's policies. There is no visible agitation on the part of the North African population and I do not expect disorder. Appropriate condolences have been extended to Mrs Darlan. Funeral service will be held December two six. I met General Nogues on his arrival this afternoon and had an informal discussion with him. He approached the problem bluntly saying the only solution he saw was that provided by the leadership of Giraud. He said in his opinion this should be followed as soon as possible by a reconciliation between North African French authorities and the French National Committee in London suggesting that General Catroux whom he esteems would be an excellent choice as Giraud's assistant. Nogues stated that he had no ambition or desire to assume North African leadership but that in his capacity as Resident General Morocco he would give wholehearted support to Allied war effort.

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
December 26, 1942

FREEDOM ALGIERS

# 483

Your letter of 18th received. For Murphy Freedom Algiers from Admiral Leahy.

Please express to Madam Darlan my understanding sympathy in the loss of her gallant husband and in her crushing sorrow.

ORIGINATOR: GEN DEANE (JCS)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 39.

1. SWORDFISH 813 SQUADRON MADE CONTACT WITH ENEMY CONVOY 20 MILES NORTH OF BIZERTA AT 2140/24TH. WEATHER UNFAVOURABLE AND NO TORPEDO ATTACK MADE.

2. P.228 REPORTS 5,000 TON MERCHANT VESSEL HIT WITH 1 TORPEDO AND ALMOST CERTAINLY BLEW UP AT 1114/14TH IN POSITION 37 DEGREES 45' NORTH 10 DEGREES 39' EAST. AT 111/17 IN POSITION 37 DEGREES 53' NORTH 10 DEGREES 05' EAST OBTAINED TWO HITS ON 6,000 TON MERCHANT VESSEL AND 2 HITS ON GRECALE CLASS DESTROYER. SLIGHT COUNTER ATTACK FROM A SECOND DESTROYER. NOTHING IN SIGHT 1 HOUR LATER PROBABLY BOTH SUNK.

3. P.219 AT 2052/23 SIGHTED U-BOAT IN POSITION 037 DEG 17' NORTH 008 DEG 27' EAST DIVED AND RAMMED AT 50 FEET. AT 1952/24 SIGHTED AND ATTACKED U-BOAT IN POSITION 037 DEG 25' NORTH 008 DEG 01' EAST. RESULT NOT YET KNOWN.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - AGWAR

No. 3083, December 25th, 1942.

I believe the final intelligence summary figures are reasonably accurate. Your query for my view on claimed enemy planes destroyed. To Arnold from Spaatz signed Eisenhower. Have personally noted attitude of conservatism in crew representations of victories. There is no possibility fighters and bombers are claiming same victories as they seldom if ever shoot at same planes. Reference our fighter command view our fighters have had little or no opportunity to observe results to date. Reference British view following facts of interest; some British senior commanders and staff at first expressed skepticism but have changed with later evidence. Some British fighters which came too close to our bombers in a fight and were mistaken as enemy planes were hit by our bomber gunners at ranges of one thousand yards or more. British fighter pilots have repeatedly confirmed seeing enemy planes destroyed as they attacked our bombers. Sir Henry Tizard investigated the Lille fight and expressed belief in accuracy our report after studying report of encounters. The British in all echelons now point to our success in showing the great power of and need for fifty calibre guns and most skeptics have altered view when they learned number of rounds fired by our bombers in encounters. In effort to satisfy all our claims were accurate we proposed to have experienced RAF Fighter Bomber and Air Ministry Officers accompany our bombers. This was first agreed to and later thought unnecessary. Senior officers who have accompanied our bombers, Eaker, Phillips, Lyon,

(CM-IN-11208 12-26-42)
No. 3083, from Algiers to USFAR-AGWAR, December 25th, 1942

Hansel, Longfellow, all believe our claims reasonable accurate. Occasionally there is duplication of claim but these are generally discounted and thrown out (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) in final summary. It will be noted first flash report of claims are invariably corrected in final intelligence summary of each raid. Recommend you take these final claims as accurate and base staff studies thereon.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No. 3048 Dec 25, 1942

Due to continual rain there will be no hope of immediate attack on Tunis (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) may be possible later by methodical Inf Adv. This is NAF number fifty to AGWAR for combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower. Am attempting to organize and maintain a force to operate aggressively on southern flank.

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Adm. King
Gen. Arnold

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR-USFOR (Action)
No. 30956 December 25, 1942
Sitrep fifty seven Dec twenty four.
Naval. No reports.

ETF. On south flank Six Armd Div patrols hampered due to weather. No contact. In the center Second Cold Stream Guards and one Bn eighteen RCT occupy DJ El Ahmera six miles NNE Medjez El Bab enemy still holds top of hill. Patrols failed to locate five Northamp- tons in area Heidous J fifty four. Fire one north quay Bone, now extinguished, only damaged about thirty eight tons smoke generator fuel destroyed. Locations:

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and Sutherland Highlanders. One Seven Five FA BN. Aine Sollam J twenty four five six RCN Regt. Area eight miles NE of Beja first parachute brig less two BNS. One (to USFOR, AGWAR and Trooper from FREEDOM Algiers) commando. Station de Sidi Mallir J four six second Lancashire Fusillers. Area station Del Aouana J three seven thirty six brig less one BN. Six commando. Signed CINC.

CTF. One btry four three two CA (AA) (AW) enroute to Biskra by motor from Oran.


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From: Algiers
To: Immediate AGWAR
No. 3050, December 25, 1942

The following message was received early today from Eisenhower sent by him from the front (to AGWAR for combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower NAF fifty) "Due to continual rain there will be no hope of immediate attack on Tunis. May be possible later by methodical Inf adv. Am attempting to organize and maintain a force to operate aggressively on southern flank." Eisenhower is (to AGWAR and USFOR from FREDOM Algiers) now on way back to Algiers and is expected here today.

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From Algiers

To: Agvar - USFOR

No. 3092, December 25th, 1942.

Land part one. Activity still restricted (to
AGWAR, USFOR, ADV ETF, WTF, CTF, EAC nd twelfth
Air Force from Freedom Algiers) by continued wet
weather. G two report for twenty four hours
ending twenty four hundred Z two four December.
In Northern Tunisia estimated two companies-enemy
infantry with machine guns holding part of Festudq
Djebel El Ahmera area J six two four three. No more
information available areas Djelal Fkirine J nine two
eight nine and Pichon. AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers in-
formation ADV ETF WTF CTF EAC twelfth AF from G two
7 signed Eisenhower. In Southern Tunisia enemy left
Sabria (D one six) two three Dec. Prisoners war
reported yesterday as belonging Seven Piv Seven Inf
Regt now known to be members of Six Company Seven Five
Four Inf Regt. Apparently formed in November from
older men and some wounded from eastern front with
low scale weapons and transport. Regt said to contain two
battalions of which only fifth and sixth companies in
Tunisia. Reported from prisoner from sixty ninth Panzer
Grenadier Regt that all infantry battalions of Tenth
Panzer Div in Tunisia. French report Italian elements
noted earlier to be in Bitights Djebel Fkirine Area are first
Battalion Ninety Second Inf Regt. Interrogation of prisoners
reportedly reveals presence second battalion area Djebel
Chakeur O eight four naval. One M/V approx position three
nine degrs north eleven degrs fifty mins east escorted by
three E boats sighted zero two five zero Z. AGWAR USFOR

CM-IN-11288 (12-26-42)
From London
To: AGWAR

No. 3092, December 25th, 1942.

reptd troopers information ADV RTF CTF W T EAC twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. U/B dispositions. German Western basin, one or two Alboran vicinity. Between Algiers and Alboran six or seven. Between Bizerta-Algiers three or four. Part three G two report twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred Z twenty four Dec. Italian Western Basin. Four or five west of six degs east, of these two vicinity Algiers and one near Balearics. Also six east of six degs east. Western approaches Gibraltar. One believed approaches straits. Between thirty five degs north and thirty eight degs north and ten to fifteen degs west three. Thirty five degs north eighteen degs thirty west two southbound. Part one will follow. Part two air. Enemy air activity. Bombers. Midday-fifteen thirty Z probably over Tunisia about twenty Sicilian based JU eight eightes active. No information available fighters. Bomber RECCE. Sea Area between Spanish coast and Sicily reconnoitered between dawn and thirteen thirty five Z by six JU eight eightes Sicilian based. Transport. Between zero nine fifty and ten hundred Z twenty three Dec forty three JU five two made Tunis all leaving within an hour. Two four Dec-no information yet.

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To: War--USFOR

No: 3042 Dec 24, 1942

Commander in Chief concurs in action proposed for foreign office from Mack signed Eisenhower reference foreign office (to USFOR from Freedom Algier) telegram number six two to Algiers.

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 3014 December 24, 1942

Darlan dead. We have imposed rigid censorship. For Braud for his eyes only from Chirp, see our two nine nine five, Washington for you to repeat USFOR for Ismay. Request all possible restrictions to prevent leak from London or Washington. We are communicating with Aorta and Kingpin who are now at the front and asking them to return Algiers immediately. All alerted here and in task forces but no immediate trouble expected. Will keep you advised.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No 2976 December 24, 1942

Part Three Naval: U/B dispositions, German
in western Mediterranean, one approx position thirty
eight degrees north five degrees east, one west Cape
Tenez six minutes, between Cape Tenez and five degs
east probably four, Italian western Mediterranean, west
of Algiers two, Algiers to Bizerte patrolling ten,
west of Gibraltar, in western approaches to
strait one, off Casablanca one, between thirty eight
and forty degs north and fourteen to sixteen degs
west patrolling moving southwest four or five, from
forty two degs north twenty degs west to Azores three
to five, G two report twenty four hour period ending
two four zero zero Z twenty three December, part two
enemy air activity, Bomber recce, Midday two two Dec
one Sicilian based JU eight eight made recce Biskra
area. Remainder all two three December.
Sea area between Sicily and AZO two degs east
covered by three JU eight eights from dawn dash four-
ten hundred Z. After passing Maison Blanche eleven
fifty Z one of those aircraft shadowed until twelve
thirty Z westbound Algiers convoy. Biskra recce again
by one Sicilian based JU eight eight about midday.
AGWAR USFOR reppd TROOPERS information adv ETF CTW WTF
EAC Twelfth AF, bombers. Until zero four hundred Z
eight HE one one ones operating off Algerian coast.
Biskra attacked zero four three zero Z by at least
one aircraft. Part one will follow: Probably from
bombing operation five JU eight eights at dawn returned
Sicily possibly escorting convoy four additional Sicilian based Ju eight eights active at midday. From G two FREEDOM signed Eisenhower. Transport, German aircraft during day more active than usual; exact aerodrome information not available.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
En route his office where assassination occurred to Mailloir Hospital Darlan died as a result of the attack described in my two nine nine five at approximately four PM today from Eisenhower for Marshall for Secretary Hull and combined Chiefs of Staff from Murphy. In the absence of General Eisenhower from City General Clark and I accompanied by General Bergeret called at hospital to pay our respects to the deceased. Apparently one of the four revolver bullets pierced thorax and lung probably causing death other bullets struck head and jaw I inquired of Darlan's assistant General Bergeret what immediate steps would be taken regarding maintenance of local authority he is calling a council of local officials and requesting General Giraud to return from the Tunisian front for this purpose. Department will be kept informed of developments. Assassin is young man two two years of age who in preliminary interview gives the name of Morend stated to be college instructor. He is now under interrogation. Results will be telegraphed.

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To: WAR
No. 2RR 2005, December 24, 1942.

I was called urgently to Darlan's office a half hour ago and learned Darlan attacked at one five four five hours by young man of French nationality whose identity not determined. For Marshall for Secretary Bull from Murphy signed Eisenhower. Assailant succeeded in firing seven revolver shots, four of which struck Darlan whose condition as yet is uncertain. Further details will follow as soon as possible.

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FROM: Algiers
To: War

No. B 3009 Dec 24 1942

Twenty three Dec SITREP fifty six.

Para one Naval, No reports.

Para two ETF. On south flank night twenty two twenty three Dec sixth anni Killings Fusiliers patrolled to six miles SE Goubellat without contact, encountered enemy Djemal four miles east of Goubellat. Twenty Sixth Amd Brig concentrated area eight miles SSW of Medjaz El Bab. In the center second Bn Six Amd Inf located five miles SE Medjaz El Bab. Eighteen Rct less one Bn in area SW Medjaz El Bab. Night twenty two twenty three Dec three Grenadier Guards cleared Grich El Oued J six three against slight opposition. Two Coldsteam Guards took hill Dj El Ahmer six miles NNE Medjaz El Bab. Enemy estimated as one Co with many mines counter attacked but ground later recovered by us. Estimated casualties one Guards Brig one hundred killed or wounded. One Bn eighteen Rct relieved two Coldstream Guards twenty three Dec. New locations: First Bn Surrey Regt Oued Zarga J four three, fifth Bn Northamptons area two miles Medjaz El Ang J five four. Railway accident between Air Fakroun M one three and station Armandy Durkis M two three night twenty one twenty two Dec, twelve petrol and ammunition cars exploded cratering line two hundred meters. Reestablished one seven zero zero Z. Sabotage suspected. Investigations proceed. Four bombs Phillippeville jetty twenty one Dec. No damage. Six bombs Djidjelli airrome twenty two Dec. No damage reported.

Para three WTF. Forty Seventh Rct less Second Bn

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arrived Port Lyautey twenty Dec. Second Bn at Safi.

Para four. Air, Seventeen B seventeen aircraft dis-
patched to attack Tunis and Bizerta returned due to heavy
cloud cover over target area and severe wind, one B
seventeen and three P thirty eight aircraft of escort
missing. Five fighter sorties on patrol in Oran area.
Five transport aircraft sorties. Twenty two DSC RAF flew
fourteen Beaufighter sorties. Nineteen reconnaissance
sorties. One PRU and ninety one fighter sorties. four
enemy aircraft destroyed and two damaged, one submarine
(to USFOR, AGWAR, Trooper from Freedom Algiers) sighting,
no attack, one Beaufighter crew killed and three Spitfires
damaged. Airfields Canrobert, Djidjelli, Philippeville
unservicable due to weather.

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From Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2902, December 24th, 1942.

Intensive enemy patrol activity continues. (To AGWAR USFOR ADV ETF CTF WTF Eastern Air Command, twelfth AF from Freedom Algiers) Northern Tunisia. Much enemy activity particularly in vicinity Ksartry J seven five three zero and area east and southeast of Medjzez El Bab which was again lightly shelled during early morning. Part one land G two report twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred Z December two two. Enemy raid east of Goubellat unsuccessful. Much activity also reported area Djebel Cherich O eight seven. Some indication also Southward movement enemy columns from this and Djebibina areas. French report contact continues on general line Gusseltia O six four-Sidi Nasr Allah T nine nine with much fighting at Pichon which apparently French still hold. Part two and three will follow. Southern Tunisia, with exception occupation Sagra D one six, forty five KMS SSW Kebili no enemy offensive action. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower, identifications, unconfirmed but very probable identification reported second company PX Gren Regt number sixty nine by prisoners captured north Medjzez El Bab J five seven four two night two one-two two Dec. Prisoners taken night two one-two two Dec Area Djybel Cherich are reported probably from one zero four lorried Infantry Regt. Though identification unconfirmed may possibly have formed replacement draft originally intended twenty one PX Div Libya, bomber recce,
two Sicilian based JU eight eights continued shadowing Allied eastbound convoy during early morning, usual recce southern basin made by four Sicilian based JU eight eights, northern half western basin covered during afternoon by at least one JU eight eight, enemy air activity part two G two report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred Z December two two, bombers, probably between Algiers and Bone at least eight JU eight eights based Sicily engaged anti shipping operations early morning, unknown number HE one ones operating west central Mediterranean same mission during evening, during early morning over Bone at least one Piaggio one zero eight active, Allied motor transport between Pichon and Kairouan attacked by two JU eight eight and possibly same JU eight eights active over Pont Du Fais area. Fighters. One FW one nine zero operated over Bone while three arrive Pont Du Pont Fabs area. Transport, Further to twenty one Dec fifteen zero five Z Trapani JU five two six landed, two two Dec zero three hundred Z seven JU five two landed Castel Vetrano from Castel Benito, zero seven hundred Z nine JU five two departed Reggio, five departed Trapani eleven fifty Z, both groups en route Tunisia. "AGWAR USFOR reft Troopers information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC twelve AF. Part three Naval. From G two Freedom signed Eisenhower S FRU La Maddalenk ten fifteen Z shows two eight inch cruisers still present but absence two destroyers, visual recce reports presence seven F boats four E boats Pantellaria twenty Dec, attacks sightings, one escort vessel torpedoed sunk and one M slant V hit by fleet zero five Z, attacks on ships, enemy aircraft torpedoed SS Cameronian twenty five minutes NNE Gougie zero five three zero Z, U slant B dispositions, Italian activity western basin estimated two operating Oran to Algiers two or three Algiers to Bougie, approx ten between seven degrees east and Sicily of which four in Bone Cagliari Bizerta area, slight decrease noted German
activity western basin, usual two near Alboran Island and five or six in Cape De Gata Gran Cape Teneo Cape Palos area, one German west Gibraltar in approaches thereto and three between ten and fifteen degrees west, Italian patrol appears to be operating between Azores and Madeira air arm in Sicilian channel during attack on two merchant and two escort vessels at zero one hundred Z, aircraft sighted U slant B position thirty six degrees six minutes north one degree thirteen minutes west zero seven four zero Z, aircraft sighted U slant B position thirty seven degrees five minutes north one degree four two minutes east fourteen zero five Z, aircraft sighted U slant B position thirty six degrees thirty four minutes north zero degrees twenty minutes east two zero.

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Priority

From: Algiers
To: War

No. B 3009 Dec 24 1942

Twenty three Dec SITREP fifty six.

Para one Naval, No reports.

Para two ETF. On south flank night twenty two twenty three Dec sixth inni Killings Fusiliers patrolled to six miles SE Goubellat without contact, encountered enemy Djemal four miles east of Goubellat. Twenty Sixth Armid Brig concentrated area eight miles SSW of Medjez El Bab. In the center second Bn Six Armid Inf located five miles SE Medjez El Bab. Eighteen Rct less one Bn in area SW Medjez El Bab. Night twenty two twenty three Dec three Grenadier Guards cleared Grich El Oued J six three against slight opposition. Two Coldsteam Guards took hill Dj El Ahmer six miles NNE Medjez El Bab. Enemy estimated as one Co with many mines counter attacked but ground later recovered by us. Estimated casualties one Guards Brig one hundred killed or wounded. One Bn eighteen Rct relieved two Coldsteam Guards twenty three Dec. New locations: First Bn Surrey Regt Oued Zarga J four three, fifth Bn Northamptons area two miles Medjez El Ang J five four. Railway accident between Air Fakroun M one three and station Armanda Ourkis M two three night twenty one twenty two Dec, twelve petrol and ammunition cars exploded cratering line two hundred meters. Reestablished one seven zero zero Z. Sabotage suspected. Investigations proceed. Four bombs Phillippeville jetty twenty one Dec. No damage. Six bombs Djidjelli airdrome twenty two Dec. No damage reported.

Para three WTF. Forty Seventh Rct less Second Bn

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arrived Port Lyautey twenty Dec, Second Bn at Safi.

Para four. Air, Seventeen B seventeen aircraft dispatched to attack Tunis and Bizerta returned due to heavy cloud cover over target area and severe wind, one B seventeen and three P thirty eight aircraft of escort missing. Five fighter sorties on patrol in Oran area. Five transport aircraft sorties. Twenty two DSC RAY flew fourteen Beaufighter sorties. Nineteen reconnaissance sorties. One PRU and ninety one fighter sorties. Four easy aircraft destroyed and two damaged, one submarine (to USFOR, AGWAR, Trooper from Freedom Algiers) sighting, no attack, one Beaufighter crew killed and three Spitfires damaged. Airfields Camrobert, Djidjelli, Philippeville unserviceable due to weather.

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Part one be & follow. Probably from bombing operation.

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Incoming Message

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To: AGWAR
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This message is not a directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff but is a comment by committee of Combined Boards.

Reference paragraph 4 our FAN 44 of Dec 21st. You should understand that 40,000 tons mentioned is intended to apply to Military as well as to civilian requirements mentioned your 21 27. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers for Murphy, FAN 46 from Combined Chiefs of Staff. Are Military requirements French?

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. 2976 Dec 24, 1942

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From: Algiers

To: WAR

No. 2951, December 24, 1942.

During the course of a conversation this morning Darlan made the following points from Eisenhower for Marshall for Secretary Hull from Murphy:

1. Arab question. Yesterday he held conference with Algerian Arab Leaders for preliminary discussion of general question of political status of Arab population. Arab leaders were given full opportunity to state their views and it was agreed that future conferences would be held and a conscientious effort made to ameliorate the Arabs situation and to effect whatever adjustments might be possible.

2. Jewish question. Under Darlan's direction a commission is actively studying ways and means of finding a solution of the complicated questions resulting from the sequestration of Jewish property effected under Vichy laws. The reinstatement of Jews in the practice of the liberal professions, return of Jewish children to schools and so forth. Darlan said he hoped that department would realize the delicacy of finding an equilibrium which would arouse neither animosity on the part of the Arabs nor of the Jews. He wishes the department to know that a serious program of adjustment is being attempted under conditions which are not easy.

3. Darlan also stated that because of the long delay in effecting and arrivals of Peyrouton he wondered whether I had any suggestions regarding the appointment of a new Governor General for...
Algeria. He said that it had been obvious to him for some time as it has to us that the present Governor General lacked in firmness and determination to improve the Algerian Administration. We discussed the possibility of the appointment of Chevreux who has been well known to our Embassy in Paris he is father in law of August Beckescher now with Office of Strategic Services Washington and for a number of years. He is residing temporarily in Morocco and has to his credit long years of honorable service as Prefect in France, Director of Public Security in Morocco, and Secretary General in Algiers. During past months he placed himself at our disposition and has been helpful in keeping us informed regarding North African affairs. He is being invited to come to Algiers and if Darlan finds after consultation with us that he will be acceptable he is to be appointed Governor General of Algeria. I hope this will be a happy solution of a troublesome problem.

As the department is away, there has been criticism over failure to change certain public officials. A considerable portion of this criticism is not justified because it is based in many instances on statements of persons who have personal ambitions for public office to say nothing of others who because of prejudice are delighted to give circulation to false rumors. In any event a change of Governor General in Algeria together with further changes in the rank and file of the administration which will follow it is believed would have a favorable psychological effect.

4. Darlan continued with a lengthy review of French personalities who might in the event of his retirement be available to succeed him. The list of names which included most Frenchmen of prominence living outside occupied France demonstrated better than any argument the small amount of talent and ability which seems to be available. Darlan's discussion of the question demonstrated that he is not unconscious of the attacks and abuse which have been heaped upon him abroad at a time when he is making a wholehearted effort to prosecute by the side of the Allies the common war effort. Our
conversation concluded with a reference by Darlan to a moderate amount of political agitation which is being indulged in by a small group headed by Pierre Etienne Flandin. He said that if they continued their attacks against the present local authority it might be necessary to place several of them in forced residence. I urged that he avoid such a step as it might be interpreted abroad as reactionary since some of them like Flandin are former members of the Chamber of Deputies.

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SITUATION REPORT NO 36.

1. **Bone.** Orepea trawlers exploded (?7) mines in sweep am 21st. of 18 enemy A/C which set out to attack Bone 5 leaders came in and were all shot down remainder returned home.

2. **Oran.** Troops ex Strathallan transferred to Duchess of Bedford now enroute Algiers. Strathallan sank in tow 0400 22nd.

3. KMF 5 to Bone attacked by torpedo A/C 2215 to 2350 21st from 0600 to daylight 22nd. Cameronia torpedoed by A/C 0600 22nd 30 miles north east Bougie now arrived Roseua.
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 5921 Dec 23 1942

Summary number two three reference, one nine December HM Minister of Foreign Affairs note to the effect that HM Embassy, while not wishing to make too much of an ill mannered demonstration by youths, must point out that many of latter were in uniform and presumably acting on instructions of their organization, also that the armed police did nothing to prevent British flag being torn off embassy car or to protect its chauffeur when attacked. Note draw attention to comment incidentally made by two members of the Blue Division that they had not gone to Russia to fight for this rabble. Note requested that matter be brought urgently to personal attention of General Franco. Signed Hartle. Speaking at San Sebastian, General Munoz extolled virtues of Blue Division against Bolshevik barbarism, but speech was otherwise not political and contained no mention of Germany. His return has become overshadowed, at least in the press, by other topics, particularly visit of Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs to Lisbon. Latter is receiving full publicity and Arriba has emphasized that Spanish Portuguese relations and policy are at peace. Reference summary number two one. We are urging US Government to instruct their ambassador at Madrid to protest to Spanish Government against repatriation of armistice commission. We have already taken up matter with Spanish Embassy here. Without wishing unduly to embarrass Spanish Government, we feel it is bad tactics to permit them to act in contravention of principles of

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international laws without strong protest, unless we have obtained adequate quid pro quo. Fighting French, General de Gaulle has been informed that President Roosevelt will receive him on January tenth or eleventh by his US Liaison Officer. De Gaulle is anxious to leave as soon as possible after January first and wishes to take Catroux with him. North Africa. H M Consul dash General Tangier suspects that French Consul General there is playing with United Nations and also keeping in with Laval, and that he, or his consulate general, forms link between Nogues and Pietri and Laval. Brazil. Minister of Foreign Affairs recently told member of HM. Embassy that he suspected Brazilian Ambassador at Vichy was not making serious attempt to leave France, WA proposed to tell French Ambassador at Rio that his present mission must be regarded as at an end, but he would be allowed to remain as honored guest. For the time being, there would be no French representative, but as soon as there was an administration in French North Africa recognized by the US Government and ourselves, Brazilian Government would presumably enter into relations with that administration.

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Twenty two Dec SITREP fifty five.


Paragraph two ETF. Signed CINC. On the south flank Sixth Inniskillings Fusiliers in area Goubellat. Second BN Six Arma Inf occupy high ground four miles north of Goubellat and in the center considerable enemy activity night twenty one twenty two Dec. near kasortyr J seven three which was continued during the day. Medjez El Bab shelled for ten minutes. Area Dj El Asouj J seven zero four four occupied by enemy. One of our patrols ambushed Dj El Ang J fifty four enemy holds high ground area Dj Kz Zarouline nine miles SW of Nateur. One of our patrols ambushed station De Nettarhen J forty six. Lost one officer and seven enlisted men captured.

Paragraph three French. French Forces in contact with enemy at P Choi.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Joint Chiefs of Staff
December 23, 1942

To: FREEDOM
   ALGIERS

Number 406

Subject transportation priorities to be determined by you Joint Chiefs of Staff have approved despatch of small survey party from Office of Strategic Services to proceed Algiers reporting to Commanding General Allied Forces. (For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff) All details of proposed future mission for theater to be collaborated by survey party with your officers and agencies. Supplies and equipment over those supppiable from theater stocks to be requisitioned by Office of Strategic Services theater representative through you. Plans and operations proposed subject your approval and direct control. Upon theater commander approval entire plans including equipment and material needed from United States will be submitted Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Copy papers covering project sent airmail.

ORIGINATOR: General Deane (JCS)
            (Copy to Admiral Leahy)

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR Wash DC

No 2690 December 23, 1942

Generals Bethouart and Mast (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) were both reinstated without prejudice in their respective ranks by an order signed by Darlan on December one zero. Bethouart immediately prior to his departure from Algiers for Washington was promoted from Brigadier General to Major General. Mast has not yet been promoted but we are assured by Giraud that his promotion is under consideration at an early date and at the appropriate moment. Signed Eisenhower for Marshall your December two one zero zero five D1DDZ. At present he is acting as Liaison Officer in Allied Forces Headquarters Giraud is considering for Mast an appropriate command. Both officers have excellent military records. Bethouart distinguished himself in the Narvik Expedition during the present war, he came to North Africa after the one nine four zero Armistice in the hope of resuming hostilities first commanding the subdivision at Rabat, then subsequently the Casablanca Division. He never concealed his sympathies for the Allied cause and his determination that France via North Africa would one day fight its way out of its tragic predicament. In the delicate issue of patriotic duty and his high standard of discipline he took the decision immediately to aid the American Forces arriving in Morocco.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2818 December 23, 1942

General Eisenhower is at the front and will return in about four days. (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) for General Marshall's eyes only from Smith signed Eisenhower. Messages from you which require his personal attention will be held for his return unless immediate action is required in which case we will reach him by plane and courier.

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Winds south three to two nine MPH visibility five miles to unlimited temperature three four to four zero degrees ceiling one zero zero zero feet to unlimited air alert patrols four zero minutes total flying time one one hours and zero minutes two two December bombing and enemy activity nil.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No 1236  December 23, 1942

Henri Dastier called on Mack this afternoon and expressed his (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) satisfaction at his brothers visit. He considered it most important that this first contact had been achieved and that General Dastier had been able to tranquilise the local Gaullist who were, he considered, greater in number than people thought and had increased since the eighth of November. (This is not intended to convey the notion that there is a DeGaulle movement of large magnitude in this area). To AGWAR for combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower reference our two six eight eight. NAF forty nine. Dastier said that his brother had left written instructions as follows: "With a view to avoiding any internal difficulty capable of harming the allied war effort and until the enemy menace has been definitely removed from French North Africa you will see that your campaigns, while remaining firm on the doctrinal plan, suspend strictly personal attacks against the personalities who are for the present in power." Dastier is having this circulated to the local Gaullists and is sure that it will have the effect of tranquilising impetuous spirits like Capitant whom it had been very difficult to hold down.

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Time: 0050

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F.O.C.N.A.
S.A.D.
A.F.H.Q., London

From: N.C.X.F.

Situation Report No. 38.

1. Bone. Crepesa trawlers exploded (27) mines in sweep a.m. 21st. Of 18 enemy a/c which set out to attack Bone 4 leaders came in and were all shot down remainder returned home.

2. Oran. Troops ex STRATHALLAN transferred to DUCHESS OF BEDFORD now enroute Algiers. STRATHALLAN sank in tow 0400 22nd.

3. K.M.F. 5 to Bone attacked by torpedo a/c 22/15 to 2350 21st and from 0600 to daylight 22nd. CAMERONIA torpedoed by a/c 0600 22nd 30 miles north east Bougie now arrived Roscoa.

1722A/22

F.M.
Admiral
Sir Marshall
Gen. Macready
Adm. Russell Willson (2)
C.O.S.
Flats
Brig. Dykes (3)
N.I.
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PRIORITY

From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

No 2801 December 23, 1942

The French after consultation with us are issuing an ordinance prohibiting trade and communication with enemy by persons under jurisdiction of French High Commissioner North Africa. Reference B three nine two six. The ordinance thus limited in application (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) is generally similar to decree issued by France September first one nine three three nine except for changes made at our suggestion. For political reasons French prefer issuing an administrative circular listing the enemy countries. French also considering having its enemy list conform substantially to American British blacklists. Copy of ordinance and administrative circular will be airmailed. French also discussing decree sequestration enemy property similar to French decree of September first one nine two two. We have talked about such a decree being more flexible in power and covering non enemy property and perhaps even including material contained in instructions to banks of November sixteenth. Have been describing our own system of control to French authorities and including system of AD HOC blocking we are unsure as to desirability of such a decree at this time and are somewhat concerned about sequestration of all enemy property in view of the amount of Italian owned property in Tunisia. You will be advised of further developments in this regard and let us have any suggestions that Treasury or State wishes to make. On basis investigation.

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made in Algiers Casablanca Exchange Control based on French laws and decrees as well as November sixteenth instructions seem to be effectively enforced so as to prevent transactions of benefit to enemy. French on their own initiative amended November sixteenth instructions so as to block accounts of persons living in North Africa who are nationals of Germany Italy Japan Hungary Roumania Bulgaria Finland. Italian Nationals ones principally affected but do not present serious problem administratively or otherwise in Algeria or Morocco more serious problems will arise in Tunisia. French also setting up Economic Warfare Section with whom we been discussing on AD HOC blocking, blacklists, censorship. We expect to continue work in liaison with this group and with Allied and French censorship authorities. Both in Algeria and Morocco informal liaison is being maintained with French Treasury and Exchange Control officials. For Algeria not more than a dozen unfreezing applications involving less than five hundred thousand francs had been received up to a few days ago. Licenses granted were for living or medical expenses. In Morocco more licenses have been granted but amounts involved not large and for living expenses salaries. Are informed by number sources that Tangiers Spanish Morocco and Oran represent biggest threats to effectiveness of system of control. French authorities have suggested that we have American representatives in Tangiers who could work in liaison with French on fiscal exchange problems. We recommend Treasury send monetary expert to Tangiers at earliest opportunity to investigate financial and exchange problems and furnish reports here as well as to Washington. Have been told that November sixteenth instructions as well as rate of seven five francs to dollar and three zero zero to pound have been made applicable to French West Africa. French continue to discuss with us problem of rate of exchange particularly with regard to

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alleged increase of imports and great purchasing power of American troops this area. Are airmailing memorandum received from French on exchange problem. What has happened on problem of revising British De Gaulle rate of exchange? Arrangements concerning non yellow seal currency resulted from the following: Understanding in Washington last October to make all United States currency legal tender in North African area with control on imports and exports of currency and effort to single out large holdings non yellow seal currency for freezing action (Signed Eisenhower from Murphy and Bernstein for Fiscal Division) information given to us that non yellow seal had been paid by Allies in small amounts prior our arrival for information that it was necessary to protect the holders of such currency, belief that our troops would inevitably bring with them some non yellow seal currency, in fact in Moroccan area our troops used non yellow seal American currency exclusively rifling matters and to concentrate on cases of significance, preliminary reports of six leading banks Algeria show total holding of less than four five zero zero dollars non yellow seal of which three five zero dollars been held by Barclays Bank for long time. As of December eight about four hundred eighty thousand dollars non yellow seal types been turned into banks of Morocco as everybody including other banks, Civil Affairs Officer that area believes all this currency brought in by our troops. When definite overall figures are given at end of month we will advise further. Have nothing to indicate flow of currency into French North Africa from Tangiers and Spanish Morocco. Have been informed that fifteen counterfeit fifty dollar bills been presented to banks in Morocco. French officials investigating and will furnish us report. They believe bills brought from Europe in one nine four zero or four one and that amount involved not important. Are airmailing one these bills to AGWAR for delivery to Treasury. Will forward copy of any report we receive. No evidence so far counterfeit

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currency Algeria. For number reasons including shortage of local currency particularly in Morocco believe that local currency should be provided Finance Officers in North Africa to exchange for United States currency carried by our local troops into Africa rather than send such local currency to Finance Officers by United States. Dollar currency which shall have been collected by Unit Commanders prior to embarkation of troops will be exchanged by Finance Officers in Africa. Yellow seal in Bank of Algeria and Bank of Morocco will of course be available to us for use in other areas if needed may also be necessary to continue using yellow seal beyond December three one because of shortage currency. We will not agree to extension relative to non-yellow seal currency. Advise Treasury and State of foregoing.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2756, December 22, 1942

Enemy air activity. Bomber recce.

Second part G two report. Between dawn twenty first and zero two hundred Z twenty second Dec. eight Sicilian based JU eight eights active over Southern half Western Basin. During morning Northwest Oran Allied convoy shadowed by one aircraft but eastbound convoy first sighted zero nine two five Z northwest Algiers shadowed until end period. Early Evening armed first sighted zero nine two five Z northwest Algiers shadowed until end period. Early Evening armed recce between Cap de Fer and Alger carried out by four Sardinian based Savoia seven nines. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelve AF Bombers. Fourteen thirty Z Tebessa and Youks les Bains attacked by at least three JU eight eights. During evening at least five Sicilian based aircraft operated. From G two Freedom signed Eisenbauer. Fighters. During day at least five NE one zero nines active Souk El Arba area. Over Sfax attempt made by one SE fighter to engage Allied recce aircraft. Transport. Zero six four five Z probable destination Tunis twelve JU five two departed rabkha.

Third part Navy. Prt no change Toulon twenty one Dec condition Naval other units. Merchant tonnage

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still congests Marseilles but since twelve Dec
decrease five M slant Vs noted. Two tankers twelve
M slant Vs departed from Etang de Berre since thirty
November. Attacks sightings. Intercepting destroyer
force sank two thousand ton M slant V off Djerba
Island zero zero four five Z. U slant B sighted three
six degrees five two minutes north zero degrees three
four minutes west zero one three one Z. Aircraft
Sicilian channel sighted two enemy destroyers one M
slant V one unknown on westerly course two zero four
five Z. Attacks on ships. U slant B seventy minutes
north Oran torpedoed Strathallen zero one three one
Z which sank twenty minutes off Oran zero three hundred
Z two two Dec. No new dispositions U slant B known.

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To: AGWAR

No. 2793 Dec 22, 1942

1. Naval Sitrep fifty four Dec twenty one, Liner Strathallian in (to USFOR AGWAR Trooper from Freedom Algiers) EH five torpedoed eight five miles NA Oran at zero one three one E, taken in tow by destroyer until one three three zero Z when ship abandoned due to fire, one one six seven persons landed by destroyer at Oran. Two zero zero women known to be safe. Military personnel disembarked to escorting destroyers. Landing craft MCM transport Kerry in operation Bone to Tabarka, landing craft tanks transporting to La Calle.

2. ETF, on the south flank six Arm Div occupied farm five miles south reservoir Dey Roud Kebir O seven nine eight twenty twelve one Dec. Patroits reached road junction five miles SE Goubellat during day, no contact, enemy reported four miles to north. In the center extensive patrolling night twenty twenty one Dec report enemy activity eight miles ENH Medjef El Bab, contact nine Miles SW Mateurus some casualties both sides. Twenty one Dec Coldstream Guards occupied high ground five miles north Medjef El Bab. Patroits reached line: road junction four miles east Medjef El Bab dash Djebel Asouj J six nine four three dash Dar El Gabel J six seven four seven dash Lamsere J six four five four dash Yamsel Bou Kradma J five six five eight dash point three miles NE Sidi Nahr J four six. Enemy occupies ridge five miles east Medjef El Bab thence north to river Med Jerda. On north flank thirty six Brig patrolled deep into enemy lines on both flanks night twenty twenty one Dec. Slight enemy Arty activity evening and morning. Six zero one TD Bn WD Co C thirteenth AR arrived Souk El Arba from CTF.

3. French. twenty Dec French Forces operating against high ground SE Pont Du Fahs found it well defended by

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enemy Arm Cars. Thirty Italian prisoners captured. French in contact with enemy east of Pichon O seven two.

4. CTF, nineteenth Engr Rgt (Combat) and one Bn five three one Shore Rgt attached to Mediterranean Base Section Oran for work on airfields.

5. MTW. fourteen Dec Co C Forty First Arm Inf less first Platoon moved from Souk El Arba Du Nharb to Petijean. First Bn one seven five Engr Rgt attached to Atlantic Base Section Casablanca.

6. Air, twelve B Seventeen aircraft abandoned mission to Gabes and Sfax due to cloud cover over target. P Thirty Eight aircraft destroyed two enemy aircraft and one probably over Tebessa and Youk Les Bains. P Forty aircraft destroyed about thirteen trucks with trailers and one tank twenty miles NWK Mskrouan. Fifty five sorties by transport aircraft. Twenty Dec RAY flew one two nine fighter sorties and nineteen antisubmarine sorties leading to one sighting and one attack, destroyed two enmy aircraft over Medjez El Bab dash Souk El Arba, one Spitfire crash landed, pilot safe.

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General location enemy forward elements previously reported confirmed as result our patrol activity. No reports received of any enemy offensive activity in southern Tunisia. Except for light shelling of thirty six brigade front, much activity reported within enemy lines east of Medjez El Bab and active patrolling throughout northern Tunisian sector (part one land G two report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred Z twenty one December (parts two and three will follow) enemy situation apparently remains static. AGWAR USFOR restd Troopers information adv ETF CTF WTF EAC twelve AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower.

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No. 911, December 22, 1942

Our Air Force during the week ending eighteenth December flew two hundred twenty five missions for a total of more than one thousand one hundred fifty sorties. Bombers were very active dropping five hundred fifty tons of high explosives. (For Marshall from Eisenhower) Fighter escort was excellent and our bombers and fighter combined in destroying in combat twenty three enemy/AC; probably destroying four E/C destroyed consisting of one B-seventeen; three B-twenty sixes; five P-thirty eights and one P-forty; and two A/AC mission totalling one B-twenty five and one F-four. Total victories eight November through eighteenth December are as follows: ninety-three A/AC destroyed; twenty two E/AC probably destroyed and thirty eight E/AC damaged. In addition fifty five to sixty E/AC have been destroyed on ground. Our combat losses for the same period are fifty three A/C lost and two A/C missing. On twelve December seventeen B-seventeens attacked Tunis Harbor, docks and shipping. Forty two and one half tons of high explosives were dropped with numerous hits observed on docks, shipping and shore installations. Later in the day nine B-twenty sixes were dispatched against Sousse Harbor. Weather forced their return. On thirteen December, fifteen B-seventeen attacked Tunis docks and shipping dropping thirty seven
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one half tons high explosives. Results good, with direct hits on docks and shipping sinking cargo vessel. At the same time eleven B-twentysevens bombed the Bizerte docks. Twenty two and one half tons of high explosives were dropped with numerous bursts observed directly on the target. Later in the day nineteen B-twenty fours attacked the Bizerte docks dropping thirty seven tons of high explosives on the docks and quays. Six B-twenty fives attacked Sousse Harbor dropping six and one half tons of high explosives reporting direct hits on one large ship in harbor and another at the docks. Five B-twenty sixes attacked an important railroad bridge north of Sfax with ten and one half tons high explosives scoring many hits. Again on fourteenth December, twelve B-twenty fours attacked Bizerte harbor dropping thirty tons of high explosives. Seventeen B-twentysevens attacked the Tunis docks. Forty two and one half tons HE were dropped. Results reported as excellent. Two missions of nine DB-sevens each dispatched against the Railroad Marshalling Yards at Sfax. Seven tons of high explosives were dropped in the first attack and nine tons were dropped on the second. Large fires were started and more than fourteen bursts were observed directly on the target. Six B-twenty sixes attacked shipping at Sousse from nine hundred to twelve hundred feet. At least three vessels reported hit. On fifteen December, twelve B-twentysevens attacked the Bizerte Naval Base dropping thirty tons high explosives. Seven B-twentysevens attacked...
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the Tunis Docks dropping twelve tons of high explosives with excellent results. Seven B-
twenty sixes and six B-twenty fives attacked Tunis Airdrome with hits on hangar and A/C-
on field. Four DB-sevens attacked railroad yards at Sfax. Three A twenties attacked two
strategic bridges, one at La Hencha and one southeast of Kerekker dropping a total of three
tons of high explosives on the two bridges.
Six DB-sevens attacked Pont Du Faha dropping six tons of high explosives. On sixteen Decem-
ber, twelve DB-sevens attacked a railroad junction at Mateur dropping a total of eleven
and one half tons of high explosives and twelve DB-sevens attacked Massicault dropping
ten tons of high explosives. On seventeen December, eighteen B-seventeens attacked Tunis
Docks as a primary target with La Sousette as a secondary target. Another eighteen B-seventeens
bombed Bizerte Docks. Twenty seven and one half tons high explosives were dropped on Tunis and
fifteen tons high explosives on the secondary target La Goulette. Forty tons high explosives
dropped on Bizerte. Results good in each case with many hits reported. Six B-twenty
five and five B-twenty sixes dispatched to bomb shipping north of Gulf of Tunis. No shipping
located and planes returned with bombs. Nine
DB-sevens and three A-twenties attacked Gables.
Nine DB-sevens and three A-twenties attacked
Djedeifs landing ground. At least fifteen A/C
were observed on ground and many believed de-
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destroyed. On eighteen December, thirty six B-seventeens attacked Bizerte Harbor dropping eighty nine and one half tons of high explosives. Large majority of bombs directly on target. Bombs were also dropped on two Naval Vessels off Bizerte, a direct hit being scored on a light cruiser setting it afire. Five B-twenty sixes and six B-twenty fives attacked Sousse marshalling yards. Direct hits were reported on railroad station, a roundhouse, a freight train and many bursts in the yards. Twelve DB-sevens attacked St Cyprien and Mateur. Six dropped five tons high explosives on landing ground northeast of Mateur. Many E/AC seen on field, many of which were destroyed. The remaining six dropped six tons of high explosives on the railroad yards at Mateur damaging the yards.

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No 2742 December 22, 1942

Following from Consul Doolittle at Constantine
"Information (to AGWAR from Freedom) from Tunisia
shows that an alarming economic situation will face
the Allies on entry into Tunis. Axis forces are
distributing to Arabs (from Eisenhower for Marshall
for Secretary Hull from Murphy) all remaining
stocks in Tunis and Bizerta of clothing edible oils
and wheat which they are unable to ship to Europe.
The olive oil crop will apparently be lost due to
requisitioning lack of fuel and effects of bombard-
ment. If general unrest is to be avoided throughout
the country stocks of supplies both food and textiles
must accompany Allied forces or arrive immediately
after them."

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2725, December 22, 1942.

I have noted personnel of the Civilian Mission to be attached to the Civil Affairs (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) Staff and suggestions as to the general procedure for handling non military operations in North Africa for the time being (for Marshall for Secretary Bull from Murphy signed Eisenhower). Reference your one one nine. Before making any recommendations as to formal organization of staff I shall await the arrival of personnel and further information as to the view of the Office of Foreign Territories and the details of the Combined United States dash British organization referred to in your cable.

The Board which has been constituted as the North African Economic Board is intended to serve as a means of coordinating the civilian supply requirements with the supply and transportation requirements of military operations. General outlines of a plan for such a board were discussed in a preliminary manner at a conference at Gibraltar several weeks ago between Generals Gale, Smith Sawbridge, Bambila, Brigadier Lewis, Mr. Murphy and others. It seemed at that time and it still seems that some coordinating board is necessary under present circumstances and so long as military control continues in the area, the Board has been constituted accordingly with a dual civil military chairmanship. Murphy and General Gale, and a permanent executive vice chairman whom General Gale and Murphy will decide upon. The Board also includes the G dash one and G dash four Allied Force Headquarters and certain of the officers.
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and civilians who have comprised the Civil Affairs Section thus far. This group has met twice in an effort to make as much progress as possible toward an early solution of the most immediate economic problems. I am of course carefully keeping in mind your R three four four one of November two three regarding the fact that the Secretary of State has been empowered by the President to conduct civil affairs in North Africa. There will go forward to you by wire during the next few days certain further requests as to the shipments to be made forthwith which represent the recommendations of the Board mentioned above. I will forward by mail the order constituting the Board and the terms of reference.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
No. 2812 Dec 22, 1942

CINC promised General Dastier and Admiral Frenard that no publicity would be given to visit and necessary steps were taken here. From Mack signed CINC (to Foreign Office rptd AGWAR Washington) reference Foreign Office fifty one of twenty first to Algiers. Local French are opposed to publicity at present. General Eisenhower agrees with this view and could not in any case assent to publicity without consulting General Dastier himself should have reached Gibraltar this afternoon. CINC feels that press discussion of visit and its results would only have effect of complicating situation here.

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From:  London
To:     AOWAR

No 2688 December 21, 1942

They have been a great burden but I understand that measures are underway whereby as quickly as civil and military matters may be even reasonably well separated I can be relieved of direct responsibility for most of these things.

FOOTNOTE: Attention invited to CM-IN-9542 (12/22/42)
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Sitrep fifty three Dec twenty.

One Naval. No reports.

Two ETP. On south flank nineteen Dec (to USFOR, AGWAR, Trooper from Freodeon Algiers) six Arm Div patrols located some zero zero Italians on nine two Inf Rgt fifteen miles SW Pont Du Faha. Enemy Inf ten and half miles SW Pont Du Faha. Two German cos seven nd half miles south Pont Du Faha. Night nineteen twenty rec six Inf Iskillinga Fusvillers six miles SE Goubellad raided by about two platoons which were driven off. Twenty Dec one enemy Inf Co six miles SE Goubellad one four two zero Z. In the center nineteen Dec seven eight Div contacted enemy ten miles NW Medjex El Bab and nine miles SW Mateur. On the north slight enemy Arty and Air activity three six Brig area afternoon twenty Dec. Troop locations: Third Parachute Bn nine miles NE Beja. Parachute Brig six miles NE Beja. First and Second Parachute Bns three miles east Souk El Khenis. Sixth Commando nine miles NE Djebel Abiod. First Commando nine miles north of Beja. Other locations remain about the same with Six Arm Div on south flank vicinity Taboursouk. MIC force from Six Arm Div operating standing patrols. In the center guards brig at Medjex El Bab. Seven eight Div with eleven Brig east and NE of Beja. Three six Brig along Mateur dash

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From: Algiers
To: Agwar

No. 2678 December 21, 1942

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Four Air (signed CINC) three alerts at Tebessa. No damage. Thirty transport sorties were flown. Anti submarine patrols resulted one sighting and one attack. Night seventeen eighteen Dec Malta Wellingtons attacked Tunis docks with three tons of bombs. La Gruette docks with two and half tons bombs. Resulting in large fires and explosions in fuel storage. Eighteen Dec Bisley attacked Bizerta docks with twelve tons of bombs and dropped three two zero zero zero zero leaflets over Gabesji Sfax, Tunis and Bizerta. Night eighteen nineteen Dec fifteen Wellingtons sorties on Tunis with sixteen tons of bombs. Damage caused to railroad yards. Phosphate quays. Fuel depots and electric railroad depot. Same night Albacore bombed Scousse harbor with hits on north side of harbor. Action USFOR information AGWAR and Troopers.

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It appears that Rabat residency are still facilitating journeys of Frenchmen to and from Metropolitan France and rely on cooperation of German Embassy Madrid in case of difficulties. Reference Tangier telegram repeated to Algiers numbers four, five and six. Signed Hartle. Lyons made worse impression than usual. H M Consul General Tangier considers that he is untrustworthy and has little real influence in Morocco, but believes he would like post as Envoy of French North African Administration either to England or United States.

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To: AGWAR

No. 2537, December 21st, 1942.

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One naval X submarines of Malta Fleet (to USFOR
AGWAR Trooper from Freedom Algiers) report: Fourteen
Dec leading ship of two SE bound escorted merchant
vessels off Bizerta observed to be torpedoed probably
by another of our submarines X enemy burning X second
ship also torpedoed and sunk X after some hours leading
ship seen to blow up X same position fifteen Dec two
hits obtained on escorted Merchant Vessel X results
unobserved X fourteen Dec probable hit on merchant
vessel of Cagliari X seventeen Dec, same position X
two probable hits on merchant vessel and two on destroyer.
Four motor torpedo boats carried out offensive sweeps
from Bone sixteen Dec X minor enemy air activity
encountered X no other results. Agreement on French
shipping signed Algiers eighteen Dec X two six zero
zero zero tons on charter to Allied CINC X two
one zero zero zero tons economic needs North and
West Africa as approved by allied CINC. Three merchant
vessels damaged night eleven twelve Dec by Limpet or
human torpedo attack salvaged and berthed. Destroyer
on antiship submarine sweep off Oran Torpedoed and sunk X
six officers and one six seven ratings picked up. French
Naval trawler torpedoed off Casablanca. Two survivors
of crew of twenty two.

Two ETF X on south flank six Arm Div holds cross
roads 0-8096 X cross roads eight miles east north east
of Medjez El Baband road junction five miles NE Medjez

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El Báb. Garrison at two latter places each approximately one Co with Mgs. Enemy arm car and Inf patrols observed night eighteen nineteen Dec area cross roads O-eight nine nine six and at cross roads four miles east Goubeclat. Cross roads seven and half miles east south east Medjex El Báb strongly held by estimated enemy battalion. In the center vigorous patrolling seven eight Div day nineteen Dec without contact. Signed CINC X three half tracksand one assault gun of Co B recovered night sixteen seventeen Dec. On the north flank three six Brig reports enemy patrol activity increasing. Slight artillery activity at dusk eighteen Dec. Deep patrols report no contact night eighteen nineteen Dec. Second Lothians passed through Souk Ahras night eighteen nineteen Dec.

Three RAAF force X French report: They occupy Pichon X enemy light tanks three miles from Pichon at one five zero zero X X Faid shelled by artillery one two zero zero X X Enemy concentrated at station De Pavillier O-nine zero.

Four air X operations eastern Algeria limited due to rain. Twelve DB seven aircraft with escort attacked railroad yards at SFAX with eleven tons of bombs X one hit on roundhouse X many hits in yards starting fires X heavy accurate antiaircraft fire encountered X on return escort made reconnaissance SFAX dash FAID road X report no activity X all planes returned. Ten routine patrol sorties by fighters in Oran area. Eighteen Dec RAAF flew one three one fighter sorties X nineteen Beaufighter sorties X twenty three fighter bomber sorties X thirty four reconnaissance sorties X and two PRU sorties X action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.

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Air part two G two report ending twenty four hundred Z twenty Dec for preceding twenty four hours. German air activity. Bomber recce. Normal patrol northern half western basin between dawn and fifteen fifteen Z made by two JU eight eights. Southern half recce between dawn and early evening by same number. Bombers. During morning two Sicilian based JU eight eights active off Tunisia possibly convoy escort. Landed Gables midday returned base late afternoon. One JU eight eight shot down by fighters battle area. Twenty fifteen Z Tebessa bombed by at least one aircraft. Transport. Eleven JU five twos from Naples and one from Palermo landed Tunis one zero zero five Z. Between eighteen hundred and nineteen hundred Z three FW two hundreds left Sicily for Castel Benito. During afternoon from Castel Benito eleven JU eight eights returned Sicily. AGWAR USFOR repts Troopers information adv ETT CTF WFT EAC Twelfth AF from G Two signed Eisenhower. Part three Navy. Gudson aircraft attacked U slant B thirty nine degrees forty five minutes north five degrees thirteen minutes east at twelve fifty six Z. Normal submarine patrols by Germans and Italians west basin with decrease west of Gibraltar. Several U slant B patrolling north of Azores.

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SUPPLEMENTARY CORRECTION

From: London
To: AGWAR

No 2688 December 21, 1942

They have been a great burden but I understand that measures are underway whereby as quickly as civil and military matters may be even reasonably well separated I can be relieved of direct responsibility for most of these things.

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To: AGWAR
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Enemy activity limited to patrolling and one unsuccessful raid.

Part one land Northern Tunisia G two report ending twenty four hundred Z twenty December for proceeding twenty four hour. Slight enemy artillery activity area west Mateur afternoon. Third Company eight sixth German Infantry Regiment identified from dead German after patrol contact Oued Kebir Dam (O eight one nine two). Eight wheeled armored cars contacted area Oum El Abousab (O seven eight eight two). Air Recce reported thirty tanks vicinity point O nine three nine four. Following estimate enemy strengths have been reported: One Company Germans area J seven zero one seven dash J seven three one seven and two companies area O eight seven nine four. Also one to two companies Italian nine two Infantry Regiment area Djebel Fkirine (O nine two eight eight) dash O eight zero eight one. Aerial recce reports no movements seen roads Pont Du Fays to Ain El Askar to Tunis to Pont Du Fays to Cheylus to Tunis to Marsicault to Medjex El Bab. Enemy counter attack Pichon after French reoccupation repulsed nineteen Dec. Fifth company Italian nine two Infantry Regiment identified from prisoners

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captured heights twenty five kilometers north of Pichon. AGWAR USFOR rep td troopers information adv ETF CTF WTF enc Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. This report and identification vicinity Djebel Khirine suggest that probably two battalions this regiment occupy the forward positions of the Superga Division sector covering line Pont Du Fais Djebibina Kairouan. Southern Tunisia. No enemy offensive action reported. Parts two and three follow. Estimated strength Italians remaining Maknassy one hundred.

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1. KMF 5. STRATHALLAN TORPEDOED IN POSITION 36-52 NORTH
   28-34 WEST AT 0231/21/12 AND WAS TAKEN IN TOW BY LAFOREY
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   AUGMENTED BY AURORA AND SCYLLA. REMAINING TROOPS FOR BONE
   WILL BE FERRIED IN LCI'S FROM ALGIERS.
2. BONE LCM TRANSPORT FERRY IN OPERATION TO TABARKA.
   LCT'S TRANSPORTING TO LACALLE.

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No 5875 December 21, 1942

Foreign office summary number twenty five, twenty one December one nine four two. Spanish Morocco.

H M Consul General, Tangier, has been reliably informed that Italian Armistice Commission have been assured by Spaniards that they will be permitted to proceed to Italy via Spain.

Two members of German Armistice Commission are reported to be at liberty and to be establishing propaganda organization in Tangier, Spain.

Munoz Grandes arrival was marked by boisterous behaviour of Falangists and he is said to be indignant at being received like a popular footballer. Incident may make him realize that conditions in Spain are not what Germans had led him to believe.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
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The very difficult situation that has resulted from the character of the internal administration necessarily set up here may have possibly been slightly improved by visit of the Degaullist General Dastier. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower, MAP number forty eight. In approving the suggestion of my civil affairs section that General Dastier be allowed to make a visit here, it was felt that friendly and personal LPA acts between him and his brother, who is on Darlan's staff, would throw some light on a complicated situation. It was hoped this might make for greater tranquility and control in this area where subversive activity, fifth columns and untrustworthy officials are forever making it impossible for us to dismiss these things from military calculations.

Actually General Dastier arrived here day before yesterday on what he described as an "official mission", whereas he was invited only for personal conversations. Unfortunately also his arrival was unannounced and temporary difficulty was encountered in soothing his wounded feelings and in assuring local people he did not mean to attempt a coup d'état. His apparent intention was to make an extensive survey of the country, its political sentiment and its present condition. In addition he talked about the transfer here of Free French Forces, now in the Middle East, and desired to discuss future strategy.
for invasion of Europe. These last two reasons appear so academic at the moment that only the first seems to represent to Giraud and others here his real purpose. In spite of bad atmosphere so created I feel that some small start may have been made in the task of promoting mutual understanding. I arranged with great difficulty for conversations between him and others here as suggested by foreign office in ABFOR three six six but I am now urgently advised by General Giraud to avoid allowing Dastier visit to be unduly prolonged because both General Giraud and I have important forces engaged in a critical venture and everything that might tend to weaken and disturb the rear is of vital concern to us.

It is as true as ever that complete military occupation of this territory by the Allied force should be undertaken only as a final and inescapable measure. We are trying to make a system work here which is admittedly full of defects from every standpoint, both at home and here. We know that many petty and even some prominent officials all over North Africa are either straddling the fence or are actually antagonistic. In this diverse population there is no general enthusiasm in support of the war and there is no question that various reverses to us would be intensified in effect because of trouble in the rear and in the interior, which the civil administration might not be strong enough to control completely. This factor merely increases the tasks normally involved in a military operation, so you can understand how earnestly we are seeking to prevent internal friction, at least until the difficult problem in Tunisia can be solved.

Because of these things I have decided that since the basic purposes of his mission have been accomplished General Dastier will return to London promptly. He cannot fail to have information on which his group there can determine whether or not there is immediate prospect of Frenchmen in the two camps getting any closer together. While he states that he has orders to "appease" local De Gaul-
lists so that they will not repeat nor hinder present
military operations the local French insist that this
intention is not consistent with the continued prop­
ganda attacks made through the Brazzaville radio.
The attitude of Giraud is that before unanimity of
positive effort can be accomplished between opposing
French camps there must be achieved neutrality,
which would be represented by cessation of propaganda
attacks and by liberation of prisoners. Dastier
spoke very enthusiastically of his talk with Giraud
and he definitely sensed the unfortunate hostility
caused here by propaganda and prisoner questions.

I have carefully kept my relationships with
Darlan on a military basis, and he clearly understands
this. But our military situation has continued to
be such as to make all of these civil matters an
essential part of active operations. They have been
a great burden but I understand that measures are
under way whereby as quickly as civil and military
matters may be even reasonably well separated I can
be (*) direct responsibility for most of these things.
I will be delighted.

This review is submitted because I anticipate
that Dastier might possibly allege, upon his return
to London, that he was not given full opportunity
for carrying out all the things in North Africa he
was directed by DeGaulle to do. The fact is that his
intentions during this trip far exceeded anything
that anyone here considered wise as a first step in
the intricate but highly desirable business of com­
posing differences between the French camps. He has
been given full opportunity to talk to his brother,
Giraud, Darlan, myself and, according to my informa­
tion, any other individuals in this city he desired

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to see OPHEX expressed profound gratitude for the efforts we made to facilitate his mission.
SITUATION REPORT NO. 36.

1. Agreement on French shipping signed 18.12. Ships on list A on charter to Allied C. in C. 260,000 tons; on list B operated by France for economic needs of North and East Africa as approved by Allied C. in C. 210,000 tons.

2. Reports of submarines of Malta Flotilla operating in Western Med. as follows -

(A) P 46 on 14/12 off Bizerta observed leaving ship of two S.E. bound escorted H/V to be torpedoed and burning. Attack probably by H 212. Later second ship of 6,000 tons hit by one torpedo from P 46 subsequently another torpedo fired and enemy sank. Some hours later leading ship seen to blow up. On 15/12 in same position obtained two hits on escorted 4,000 ton H/V result unobserved on account of exceptionally efficient counter attack.

(B) P 228 patrolling off Cagliari reports one probable hit on H/V on 14/12. Also two probable hits on H/V and two on destroyer A.M. on 17/12.

3. Bone, 4 M.T.B.'s carried out offensive sweep P.M. 16/12, only encountered minor enemy air activity.

4. Algiers, EMPIRE CENTAUR HARDATTAN and OCEAN VANQUISHER all salvaged and berthed. Former two require eventual docking for repairs. Latter recovered constructive salvage items.

5. PARTRIDGE on A/S sweep was torpedoed and sunk in position 35 50 N. 01 35 W. at 0817/18/12. PENALY recovered six officers and 167 ratings.

6. French naval trawler FEITOU torpedoed by German U-boat at 2085 17/12 in position 33 23 N. 08 22 W. Two survivors of crew of 22.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 36

1. AGREEMENT ON FRENCH SHIPPING SIGNED 18.12. SHIPS ON LIST A ON CHARTER TO ALLIED C IN C. 260,000 TONS, ON LIST B OPERATED BY FRENCH FOR ECONOMIC NEEDS OF NORTH AND EAST AFRICA AS APPROVED BY ALLIED C IN C 210,000 TONS.

2. REPORTS OF SUBMARINES OF MALTA FLOTILLA OPERATING IN WESTERN MED. AS FOLLOWS-

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5. Partridge on A/S sweep was torpedoed and sunk in position 35-50N 01-35W at 0817/18/12. Penn. recovered six officers and 167 ratings.

6. French naval trawler Peitou torpedoed by German U-boat at 2055 17/12 in position 33-23N 08-22W. Two survivors of crew of 22.

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No. 2600 December 20, 1942

Have discussed situation with Anderson
(to Agwar and USFOR from Freedom Algiers)
review number twenty six reference review
number twenty five. There has been some
improvement in the supply situation in
forward area. (To Agwar for Combined Chiefs
of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of
Staff signed Eisenhower) this is sufficient
to justify an offensive about Christmas
which should afford us a fair chance of
success. Weather will be a big factor.

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Following from High Commissioner in French Africa for transmission to addressees indicated (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) from Eisenhower for Marshall for Secretary Hull from Murphy, "Haussaare A Georges Picot one seven one three Twenty Second Street Washington Three, une Mission Militaire Francaise aux Etats Unis Vient De Tre Constituee. Elle Sera Commandee Par Le General Bethouart Et Comprendra Initialement cinq Officers. Elle Sera Conduite aux Etats Unis par Lemaigne Dubreuil Chef du Bureau d'Etudes du General Commandant en Chef, qui Restera Lui meme quelques jours a Washington pour la presentation et l'installation de cette mission qui se mettra en route incessamment. Je vous serais oblige de bien vouloir, en accord avec lus authorities americaines qui sont prevenues de ce voyage preparer l'arrivee de cette mission qui d'apres les instructions qui lui ont ete donnees devra agir en liaison straite avec vous. Veuillez par la meme voie m'accuser reception du present telegramme fin. Four to same. En vue depart imminent mission annoncee par precedent telegramme desirerais connaitre d'urgence position a seker par attache commercial et nos principaux consul aux Etats Unis fin. To American Embassy Buenos Aires forHopmanot. Je vous remercie votre tele-

gramme. Siot occasion se presentera je compte vous utilisez. Veuillez rattendre mes instruct_ ions que vous ferai parvenir par meme voie fin.

To Capitaine Daru Assistant-Military Attache French

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Embassy Washington, VOMDNIMA WFB EST REPLY A ALGER, VOUS OFFRE PENSE PLACE DANS NOUVEAU SERVICE ET VENIR ICI, FAITES CONNAITRE VOTRE DECISION.

High Commissioner also inquires regarding status of French Consuls in United States and whether if they are functioning the Department would approve his communicating with them. I should be grateful for Department comment on the general question of communication by High Commissioner with French Representatives outside this area especially those in the United States. With current inadequate transmission facilities and delays of censorship messages from High Commissariat Algiers take up to two weeks to arrive at destination and some apparently are never delivered. It is reported that some French Representatives abroad due to failure to receive any assurance of support from local authorities are realigning themselves with Vichy. According to a BBC broadcast French Consulate in London continues to function. Is this confirmed? Following is a list of French Representatives abroad who have signified their support of Darlan. One legations having joined Darlan and notified governments to which accredited of this fact. Legations at La Paz, Bogota, Havana, Santo Domingo, Commercial Attaches Madrid and Lima, Consulate and Charge D'Affaires Costa Rica, two Legation at Lisbon requested support of British and
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American Legations to their notification of adherence to Darlan so it may continue to function. Three consulates at Tangier, Tetuan, Larache, Lima and Rio de Janeiro, four individual diplomats outside of French Africa Ambassador Peyrouton now at Buenos Aires, Hoppenot Minister at Montevideo now at Cordoba, Georges Picot Counselor of Embassy Washington and greater part diplomatic and consular personnel Embassy Washington, Naval and Air Attaches at Madrid who continue occupy respective posts. Five diplomats who informed Darlan of rupture with Vichy without clearly specifying they were placing themselves under his orders De Lafourcade Minister at Dublin, De La Tournelle Charge D'Affaires Buenos Aires replaced there by Vichy appointed man. Press agencies adhering to Darlan all Havas Agencies South America.

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No. 2575, December 20, 1942.

Increased enemy patrol activity west of Mateur. Part one. Land first Army (to AGWAR USFOR adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) sector of G two report for twenty-four hours ending twenty-four hundred Z nineteen December. Estimated one enemy company with machine guns each reported area J six two four three and farm J seven one three nine. Area J seven one three three reported strongly held by enemy one battalion. Enemy armored car and infantry patrols reported east of cross roads at 0 eight zero nine six. Air recc case reports no movement seen twelve thirty Z Medjez Tebourba on area each side of roads from Tebourba to Djedeida to El Batihan to Massicault to Djedeida to St Cyprien to Medjez, nor was any movement seen in areas Pont Du Fehs and Mohammedia. Enemy activities this sector last week believed directed strengthening defenses regrouping defensive forces along approaches to bridgehead. At same time continued build up of enemy armor and mobile forces east and southeast of Medjez El Bab, which has been covered by considerable patrolling activity, probably indicates the enemy's intention of also making a local offensive thrust on our southern flank with Medjez primary objective. It is anticipated enemy will employ same tactics as at Tebourba. Southern Sector (AGWAR USFOR repts Troopers information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower). French report reoccupation Pichon by them and increased enemy activity.

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From: Algiers
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No. 2572 Dec 20 1942

Delighted to learn of Murphys appointment (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) to ministerial rank. From Eisenhower to General Marshall. He is doing splendid work daily and his promotion, in view of his intimate participation in all past negotiations, is having an immediate effect in galvanizing cooperative action. This morning on my representations and without proof of any overt, Darlan is removing from office the Mayor of Constantine whose influence we feel sure is used against us.

It is important also to get rid of Chatel without delay but I have not been able, so far, to name to Darlan a qualified and acceptable replacement.

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To: AGWAR

No 2537 December 20, 1942

The following is a translation of a communication dated December fifteen from Admiral Darlan. From Eisenhower to Marshall for Secretary Hull from Murphy. "High Commissioner for French Africa advises that in application of article twelve of declaration signed December seven by Admiral Darlan Governor General Boisson and General Eisenhower necessary instructions have been given for immediate release and transfer to British territory of all interned subjects of United Nations in French West Africa High Commissioner would be very appreciative if by way of reciprocity the French citizens detained mentioned in letter December seven from General Eisenhower to Governor General Boisson could be released at earliest possible date" I would thank you to have (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) foregoing conveyed to attention competent Allied authorities and should appreciate your early advice regarding action taken by the latter.

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No. 5830 Dec 20, 1942 25 miles west of Kairouan

Southern Sector. Much activity on roads towards Kairouan and Pichon Lroc northeast and east reported by air recce at zero nine three zero Z. From G two Freedom signed Eisenhower, AGWAR USFOR retd troopers information ADV ETP CTF EAC Twelfth Air Force. French report active enemy patrolling to northeast west and southwest and southwest in mountains. Numerous tanks also SPAX dash Fand BOPQ (question).

New identifications none. This is paraphrase of NR two four nine eight from Algiers dated Dec one nine one seven three seven Z. Following first Army Sector of part one and of G two report for twenty four hours ending eighteen December twenty four hundred Z enemy astride road J seven two one six. Enemy infantry and tanks reported at seven three two two. Enemy patrol ambushed J seven one three two. Cross roads J seven one three three reported clear of enemy but mortar fire from point to southeast and twenty one enemy vehicles seen area J seven three three seven. Enemy patrols contacted area J four three seven three. Medjex shelled without damage. No further enemy ground activity reported.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 2447, December 19, 1942

For: Hull
From: Murphy

To have Governor Lehmann two representatives come here and study relief needs, would make us delighted. Be your December eighteen two thousand 2.

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One of the seemingly obvious lessons of (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) this campaign to date is that, in general practice, we are far behind the enemy in the amounts of light flak made available to ground troops and forward aerodromes. HAF number forty seven to AGWAR for combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This relative deficiency shows up with particular effect because of the comparative greenness of our troops. Our experience to date shows that the dive bomber, unless through our own carelessness it happens to encounter a most vulnerable target, has much greater moral than material effect. Actual personnel losses resulting from this form of attack are quite moderate; but as a preliminary to tank and infantry advances against comparatively raw troops, it is quite devastating. Our own airplanes, attempting to operate at low altitudes over enemy ground forces and aerodromes, invariably encounter severe flak and a high rate of casualty. On the other hand we have been far less successful in this regard and this fact creates among ground forces an insistent demand for a so-called air umbrella. Normally the air force cannot provide this and still execute essential tasks in defeating the enemy fighters and long range bombers and in escorting our own bombers.

I recommend that these matters be given the most earnest attention, not only in all training programs but in the matter of devising appropriate equipment and
including it in strong percentage in all combat formations. For static defense of aerodromes and other fixed installations the effort should be to provide a maximum of weapons with a minimum of personnel and with mounts so designed that some protection to operating personnel can be quickly provided through digging of pits or throwing up of revetments. In this connection the anti aircraft weapon on fixed mount in half track is so exposed, particularly in barren country, that operating personnel apparently has to become seasoned before it will stick by the weapon and operate it effectively. All personnel must be indoctrinated with the conviction that the best defense against a low flying plane is a well directed and intense volume of fire from every available weapon. According to experienced airmen it appears that when the enemy's losses begin to mount he will be reluctant to undertake this particular type of attack.

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To: AGWar
No: 2485 Dec 19, 1942

Eighteen Dec SITREP fifty one.

Para one. (To USFOR AGWAR Trooper from Freedom Algiers) Naval, no reports.

Para two. ETF, on south flank all quiet front of six Arm Div night seventeen eighteen Dec. During day enemy astride road six miles SE Goubellat. Enemy tanks and Inf reported on road five miles east Goubellat one eight zero zero Z. In center seven eight Div reports cross roads eight miles east south east Medjez El Bab clear of enemy one three one five Z but mortar firing from this vicinity to south east. Twenty one enemy vehicles reported area of road junction nine miles east north east Medjez El Bab. Enemy shelled and bombed Medjez El Bab bridge, no damage. On north flank three six Brig reports inf patrols ten miles west south west Mateur during night seventeen eighteen Dec. No other enemy activity.

Para three. RAF force, five armored cars with thirty Germans and Italians from El Terzi entered Pichon during the afternoon, French in Pichon withdrawing.

Para four. Air, five B twenty six and six B twenty five aircraft attacked Sousse Railroad yards, direct hits on railroad station, two zero zero zero feet of track, freight train buildings, and roundhouse, quarter mile box barrage encountered, two B twenty six shot down, four ships in harbor all firing. Thirty six B seventeen aircraft attacked Bizerte Harbor and shipping with four four tons

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bombs from two three zero zero zero feet, hits made squarely on target, hit on light cruiser resulting in fire, attacked by fifteen enemy fighters, destroyed three, probably two, damaged four, minor damage on planes by antiaircraft fire, one B seventeen shot down by enemy aircraft near Tebtinn and one crash landed near Le Kef, crew safe. Twelve DB seven attacked Mateur and dispersal area to NE with twelve tons of bombs, railroad yard damaged and many planes destroyed on ground, all aircraft returned. P thirty eight sorties destroyed four trucks thirty miles SE Tunis, destroyed one enemy aircraft over Gafsa, damaged locomotive north of Sfax. Thirty two Troop Carrier sorties night seventeen eighteen Dec. Of eight Bisley's dispatched same night, five lost by enemy action and one on takeoff. Four alerts at Tebessa, no military casualties. Le Kef bombed three times, no casualties. Thelepte S eight four bombed, one P forty destroyed. Fifteen Beaufighter sorties over Surcouf D nine one, Bone, and Djedjelli night sixteen seventeen Dec, one enemy aircraft destroyed. Three PRU Spitfires intercepted seventeen Dec, two destroyed and one damaged. Thirteen antishell submarine sorties seventeen Dec, one sighting, one attack. One three four RAF sorties seventeen Dec, no claims, no losses. Twenty seven Wellingtons from Malta successfully bombed Tunis seventeen Dec. Air distribution: Thelepte (S eight four) thirty fighters, Youks Le Bains fifteen fighters, fourteen light bombers, Sojkae Brba sixty one fighters, three night fighters Bone thirty eight fighters, seven night fighters, sixteen light bombers, Canrobert (six four seven three) twenty light bombers, Phillippeville one fighter, Telegarna (L seven five) six fighters, eighteen medium bombers V Djedjelli one fighter, Biskra (Q two zero) eighteen fighters, forty four heavy bombers, Algiers including Maison Blanche and Bliada twenty six fighters, nine night fighters, eleven Rcn, thirty five troop carriers, twenty eight bomber Rcn, Oran including La Senia, Tafarouf, Nouvion O one six eight and Relizane O.

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five six nine sixty one fighters, forty four troop carriers, Oudjda eight Ren, Casablanca thirty two fighters, twenty one light bombers, thirty three troop carriers, action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.

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Foreign Office summary no two two North Africa in response to enquiry from M Molotov we are informing Soviet Government fully about political arrangements in North Africa as defined by US Government. and of our own policy and position there. As regards future we are explaining that we consider situation should be closely watched and plans laid for emergency, when military situation is clear, of a regime in North Africa round which whole French Empire and forces of resistance in France could gather in common effort. We are making it clear that, while we will, so far as we ourselves are concerned, do our best to keep Soviet Government informed, latter should continue to discuss North African affairs primarily with US Government.

We are suggesting to US Government that they should give Soviet Government full and prompt information of developments in North Africa, and whenever possible of US intentions.

Brazil H M Embassy have been told by official at Ministry of Foreign Affairs that French Embassy have been denied permission to send or receive telegrams even in the clear. Individual messages from members of the staff, conveying allegiance to Darlan have also been stopped.

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

No 2465 December 19, 1942

1. Iron ore stocks at Algerian mines (to AGWAR-repeal for USFOR from Freedom Algiers) negligible. Corrected quantities at ports eight four three zero zero tons of which two zero five three zero zero tons with phosphorus content below point two zero percent specially desired for making low phosphorus hematite iron in United Kingdom.

2. Low phosphorus stocks at ports are, Port of Bona Qeniza iron ore sixty thousand tons, Bougie ores Bou Amrane sixty thousand and Timezrit twelve thousand, Les Faijises ore Falaise two one zero zero zero, Algiers ores Rouina A-three five zero zero, Zaccar three five zero zero zero, Port Romain ore Gouraya four eight zero zero, Port Breira ore Breira nine thousand, United Kingdom Foreign Ore Department have all details analysis. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. For the State Department from Murphy, NAF four five, with further reference to your R-three six eight four and to our one four nine six. Some time must elapse before shipments resumed from Bona as Cunningham reports loading installation irreparably damaged. Bougie congested only occasional despatches can be expected for some weeks. Les Falaisse not a very suitable port at present twenty one feet draft and open, Port Romain also unfavorable for shipments.

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3. Balance stocks six seven nine zero zero zero tons of grade ore higher in phosphorus or containing undesirable elements. Bona ore Ouenza lime one four zero zero zero zero iron dry four two point two three silica eight point seven eight lime eight point nine eight phos point zero one six manganese one point seven five. Lime content too high for use in United Kingdom. Bougie ore Gueldanan eleven thousand. Phillippeville ore El Halis eleven thousand. Djidjelli ore Sidi Marouf two three zero zero zero zero. Benissaf ore Keloucha two hundred thousand. These will be dispatched United Kingdom as tonnage available. Off grade ores which have previously been shipped to United States are:

A. Benissaf ore Benissaf smalls one hundred percent below half inch. United Kingdom have insufficient sinter plant to treat this grade but it may suit Alan Wood or Bethlehem. Analysis Benissaf smalls iron S Y five seven point two five silica five point four, phos point zero four seven manganese one point one five moisture about eleven percent.

B. Port Kelah ore Sehabna manganiferous iron dry four four point seven three silica six point nine zero phos point zero six eight manganese seven point zero five. This has normally been shipped United States on account high manganese content.

4. Most iron ore mines are operating in small way but unable increase output and rail transport to ports owing lack fuel. Meantime existing port stocks being husbanded for ballast purposes.

5. If necessary analysis all ores can be given but this would be long story and probably foregoing sufficiently explanatory practical purpose.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR Washington

No 2393 December 18, 1942

For past two weeks there has been no air traffic from United Kingdom and numbers of individuals expected here to fill essential positions have not arrived (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) signed Eisenhower to Marshall. This especially applies to activities that have caused much trouble, including censorship, press relations, counter intelligence, and political and economic matter. There is gradually coming to light much clandestine pro Axis activity in all these matters but, due to shortage of field personnel, it is difficult to ferret out and prove case on individuals or to combat effect of much improvement will occur as personnel from State Department, OWI and other organizations reaches here.

Darlan stands ready to displace any official to whom for cause we object, but requests I name at same time some person acceptable to Allies and to local population if big enough for job. For example, he would remove Chatel now if suitable replacement were available. In this connection, you may have seen Murphy's message to State Department regarding Peyrouton. If Peyrouton acceptable to State Department, I should like to have air transport arranged for him at once and radio notice sent here. I believe good effect would follow replacement of Chatel as quickly as possible. Darlan has told me he has in mind similar action in case of Nogues, and though this will be somewhat more difficult, I am sure he will go through with it as soon as necessary conditions, be satisfied.

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Do you think it possible to get from State Department names of Frenchmen anywhere who might be willing to be inducted into this setup and who not only acceptable to allies but men of ability that could command general local respect in prominent positions and would not merely stir up animosities, which we are trying to eliminate?

Darlan continues to assert his instant readiness to assist us in every possible way, but obviously he can not be completely effective when local and petty officials over this great territory secretly or openly sabotage his efforts. I believe he is honestly anxious to get rid of all pro Axis officials, but proceed on such a line he needs satisfactory replacements. Moreover, he must retain his local strength that depends markedly on a general knowledge here that the allies intend to observe the existing arrangement with him during the war for the liberation of France, so long as Darlan cooperates effectively with the allied C in C for the defeat of the Axis. He is a creature of military necessity but to retain his value as such, he must be strong with the local population. Otherwise, it could easily happen that an order of his for removal of a prominent but unfriendly official might result in open defiance, which would require an unfortunate use of troops.

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1. Naval SITREP fifty 17th Dec no reports (to USFOR, AGWAR, TROOPERS from Freedom Algiers).

2. ETF. On south flank six arm div reports increased enemy activity night sixteen seventeen Dec on all roads from Pont Du Fahs tending to confirm report from French of arrival thirty tanks and eight zero zero men that area fifteen sixteen Dec. Enemy arm cars on road four and half miles northeast Goubellat J sixty two one one zero zero Z. Two Germans dressed as Americans approached J seven three one five, fired on, one hit. Infantry detachment with mortar approached same position. Two enemy arm cars and one zero zero Inf engaged vicinity road junction three miles NW Esar Tyr J seventy three one four zero zero Z, withdrew apparently unhit. Six arm div forward body consisting standing patrols and reserve reported SITREP forty nine now called NIC force. In center first guards brigade patrolled line east and NE of Medjez El Bab six to seven miles from the town night sixteen seventeen Dec. No contact. Recovered one half track and one truck belonging to combat command B. Enemy mortar position on front seventy eight Div three miles east Grench El Oyed J sixty three eliminated zero nine three zero Z. On the north no change situation thirty six brigade locations: advance Hq five Corps one and half miles north Souk El Khemis. Seven eight div one more SE Beja.

3. RAFF Force. Strong American patrol captured thirty Italians night sixteen seventeen Dec at Maknassyware seven zero.

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4. CTF. Co C (light) thirteen AR enroute Oran to Souk El Arba by motor and rail and six zero one TD Bn enroute by motor.

5. Air. Twelve DB seven and twelve P thirty eight aircraft bombed Gabes. Moderate antiaircraft fire encountered. Attacked by six enemy planes, no claims no losses. Eighteen B seventeen aircraft bombed Tunis docks and shipping, intense antiaircraft fire encountered. Three enemy aircraft destroyed and three damaged. All planes returned. Eighteen B seventeen aircraft bombed Bizerta docks and shipping, numerous fires started including barge base, intense antiaircraft fire encountered, all planes returned. Twelve DB seven aircraft bombed enemy airbase eight miles NE Dieulefit, all bombs inside perimeter of field, fires among planes visible twenty miles, all aircraft returned. Six B twenty five and six B twenty six aircraft raided shipping off Tunis, failed to locate, one enemy plane destroyed. Four P thirty eight aircraft raided shipping off Tunis, sighting large vessel escorted by destroyers, attacked by six enemy planes, one enemy plane shot down, no loss to our planes. Sixteen Dec RAF flew one nine eight general rcm, fighter and fighter bomber sorties, ammunition depot SW Fiuma hit, one enemy plane destroyed in air, three destroyed and one damaged on ground, one Spitfire destroyed, one Hurricane and one Bismarck damaged on ground. Fifteen Dec B seventeen aircraft destroyed eight enemy aircraft and damaged two in raids over Tunis and Bizerta. On fifteen Dec B twenty six aircraft attacking El Aouina airbase destroyed six to ten enemy planes on ground and damaged undetermined number, action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.
Governor Lehman has been placed in charge of relief and rehabilitation in all occupied territories. For Murphy 512 from Hull thru WDGBI. The Governor would like to send 2 representatives to North Africa as soon as possible to survey as members of your staff needs for outright relief, as distinguished from the regular requirements of civilian economy which are the responsibility of the mission already dispatched from Washington. The Department believes that Governor Lehmans representatives should be sent if there is no objection at your end. The advice of General Eisenhower and yourself is required.

ULIO
How 2/five eight eight four dated December one eight one nine one five Z from Malta to General Eisenhower repeated Command Post First Army. Bigot Alibi para Malta Intelligence Summary two zero zero zero A one seven to two zero zero zero A S Int one eight para Naval. One of our submarines on December one four scored a hit on southbound merchant vessel which was confirmed on December one seven. Also on December one seven it scored two hits and sunk a destroyer para Air. One. Recco. Aerodromes. Reggio Italy two nine large and several small unidentified aircraft. Harbours. Messina no change. Shipping at sea. Zero seven four zero hours three six zero degrees five miles one merchant vessel seven zero zero zero zero tons flying a balloon two destroyers course two seven zero degrees speed one five five knots para two. Enemy air activity restricted to reconnaissance para three. Strikes on night December one seven/one eight. Wellingtons dropped three tons bombs on tunis docks scoring hits north of main basin and two one tons bombs on la Goulett docks large explosion and fires started in dockside area and fuel storage depot. One Wellington unable to locate Tunis bombed landing ground at Meszel Tamimi no results observed. Beaufighter on intruder padro over Castelvetrano Aerodrome Sicily destroyed two J U five twos as they were taking off. Attacked Marsala seaplane base with cannon causing fires
and explosions. Day December one eight. Beaufighters on convoy patrol encountered four SM eight two's north-bound one four five degrees Malta and destroyed one damaged remainder. Para military. Nil para civil. Nil.

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From: Algiers  
To: War  

No. 1597, December 18, 1942  

Seventeenth December nineteen forty two Foreign Office summary number twenty one. Spain. Reference FO summary number one eight. HM charge D'affaires reports US Embassy reluctant to complain about repatriation of Armistice Commission on grounds that latter may be considered officials and Minister for Foreign Affairs should not at present be embarrassed. HM charge D'affaires nevertheless considers protest should be made so that this fait accompli may be used as bargaining counter.

US Counsellor says that Spanish Ministry for Foreign Affairs contemplate arrangements whereby all forced landing aircraft and all submarines entering Spanish Ports of both sides shall be sold to Spanish Government and crews repatriated. US Embassy favour this plan. HMG have not yet considered the proposal.

North Africa. Daber of French Consulate Tetuan has given following account of recent conversations with French Redencys Staff at Rabat:

(A) Nogues had adopted attitude of restraint and "neutrality" because he and his staff considered it impossible for Allies to maintain their position in North Africa in face of future German reaction.

(B) Messieurs Oliver De Sardan and Beillencourt were proceeding to Vichy on mission of Nogues. This confirms previous report that mission was to establish liaison between Nogues, Pietri and Petain and to explain Nogues attitude to Petain.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
To: Joint Staff Mission  
From: Chiefs of Staff  
Dated: 18th December, 1942.

IMPORTANT  
G.O.S. W 397.

Your telegram No. 565* of December 14th.

Substance of Boisson’s orders regarding release of British and Allied internees was telegraphed to Resident Minister at Accra on December 13th with instructions to release and repatriate Vichy prisoners as soon as he learnt that all British and Allied internees in French West Africa had been released. U.S. Consul at Dakar has now been asked to furnish Resident Minister numbers, nationalities and names of British and Allied internees who have been released to enable him to fulfil these instructions. As soon as numbers are known in London of British and Allied internees released in French West Africa and of French prisoners released in British West Africa necessary number of French prisoners will be released from U.K. to make the exchange equal.

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* This telegram drew attention to General Eisenhower’s No. 1897.
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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

No 2375 December 18, 1942

Still limited to patrolling with minor contacts only is enemy activity forward area.

Part one land First Army Sector. AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers adv ETF CTF WTF HAC twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Aerial recce reported zero nine hundred Z no movement seen area Medjez-Tebourba-Massicault-Boubeliat but much movement area La Hornagia J nine four-La Mohammedia K zero four Pont Du Faha, no heavy transport southwards. Two arm cars one hundred infantry engaged eleven hundred Z J seven two three two three two withdrew. Increased activity reported all roads from Pont Du Faha tending confirm French report arrival thirty tanks eight hundred Infantry that area fifteen-sixteen Dec. G-two report twenty four hour period ending midnight seventeen December. In raid Medenine night sixteen-seventeen now reported twenty one Italian prisoners captured estimated one hundred killed or wounded. Prisoners all come from eighth Coy of eighth Bersaglieri. State they fought with Ariete Division at El Alamein where they suffered severely were withdrawn and reformed at Sirte into fifty Brigade. Other elements this formation unknown. Prisoners left Tripoli by truck convoy two December arrived Gabes ten December. Also stated small elements five Bersaglieri in Gabes. Identification, prisoner captured J seven one one eight from ten German Motor Cycle Battalion said to consist of one arm car coy two motor cycle coys one carrier coy. Southern sector: no enemy activity except Pechon 0 seven two reported occupied by small enemy elements incl two or three it tanks.

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Part two Navy. Part three will follow. No intercepts for some days in western approaches to Straits of Gibraltar. Five or less on patrol between Gib and three eight degrees north fifteen degrees west PRU La Maddalena sixteen Dec shows two eight inch cruisers and two destroyers these are the cruisers that left Messina on ten Dec. U/B escorted by aeroplane sighted and attacked by Hudson aircraft thirty eight degrees forty minutes north six degrees twelve minutes east zero nine twenty Z both destroyed. Nine small M/Vs attacked by aircraft SE of Sfax fourteen twenty five Z. U/B sighted by aircraft twelve hundred Z Gulf of Bougie. U/B dispositions two near Alboran Island ten between zero meridian and ten degrees east two of which* and four more between Capes Palos De Gata and Tened.

Part three air bomber recce. G two report enemy air activity. Four JU eight eights on convoy escort in Sicilian Channel during day. AGWAR USFOR rep't TROOPERS from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Fighters, considerable number active over Tunis and Bizerte during morning. Three ME one zero nines active north of Tunis about sixteen hundred Z. Six ME one zero nines on patrol Gabes area zero nine three zero Z. Transport, thirty seven JU five twoes landed Tunis ten fifteen Z sixteen Dec leaving an hour later for Naples and Reggio making a total of forty four on sixteen Dec. Seventeen Dec. Three six JU five twoes from Naples and Reggio landed Tunis between zero nine thirty and ten hundred Z eight ME three two threes from Pomigliano landed Tunis ten hundred ten twenty Z. All these aircraft had taken off again by eleven hundred Z information adv ETP CTF WTF EAC twelfth Air Force. Two ME one zero zeros two ME one zero nines and two JU eight eights were on convoy escort duties off north coast Tunisia. Weather and shipping recce flights over sea area between Sicily and zero four degrees east carried out by three JU eight eights from Sicily between zero six thirty and sixteen thirty Z. Long range bombers, about ten JU eight eights from Sicily operated early.

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evening area of activity not yet known.

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From: Algiers (0320Z/18)
To: AGWAR

Number 2302, December 17, 1942
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.......... southward beyond Tebessa, the French say they have a total of forty thousand men........

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
From: Algiers
To: War

No. 2302, December 17, 1942

I have been confronted by Giraud with a demand for single command of the battlefront in Tunisia with him as the Commander (MAP number forty three to AGLWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower) in the area between Mejed El Bab and extending south (4) 8 total of forty thousand men organized into three or four small divisions. Their employment, as covering forces is absolutely essential to us and the aggressive use, in the coming battle, of that portion of these forces that will be immediately on Anderson's right is likewise mandatory. Consequently, Giraud brings up the obvious military argument that single command over the battlefield is desirable for proper coordination. He asserts that because he is a very senior and experienced general of reputation and prestige, thoroughly familiar with the terrain of the region and with a strong personal following among the rank and file of the French Army, he is the only man that can possibly be designated for the job. Following my meeting with Giraud in Gibraltar, I showed him the impossibility of accepting such an arrangement and reported fully on the matter to the CCS. He, of course, realizes that the US and the UK are furnishing the supplies and air and mechanized strength for the attack, and that they must bear the brunt of any real offensive. He is also smart enough to know that we need his forces operating constantly on our flank. I think he is also honestly concerned with winning the battle and unquestionably believes himself best qualified for the job. I shall not agree to his proposals but may have to make some

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arrangement which, while awkward, could be accepted by me without interfering too greatly with my discharge of essential duties.

This is just another complication arising out of our need for French assistance and, therefore, of dealing with them on the basis of Allies, but we will solve it in some way that will preserve our present clear lines of responsibility and authority. This report is submitted merely (to USFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) as information and so you will understand that frequently our actions and arrangements, even with respect to the battle, are influenced by factors which can scarcely be classed as purely military in character.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
No. 2308, December 17, 1942

Our number one eight one three was submitted to determine your immediate reactions before taking the matter up seriously with the French (From Eisenhower to General Marshall reference your one nine three)
Our original thought was that some Latin American Country, possibly Brazil, might have already prepared for service abroad small units and that the US War Department might be seeking a place for immediate and profitable employment of a token force. In such event it was felt that pending the arrival of substantial American reinforcement the presence near the Spanish border of such a unit would be beneficial but it was realized that the presence of anything larger than a battalion of troops of any particular nationality would cause embarrassment in command organization - and possibly in conduct. Since there is obviously some doubt as to the certainty of beneficial political result I much prefer to drop the whole matter and thus avoid the certain complications. My cable of today to CCS concerning Giraud clearly (To AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers) shows that I already have a great sufficiency of this particular type of difficulty.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 2265, December 17th, 1942

Land. Part one. (To AGWAR, USFOR, Western Task Force, Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers)
No enemy offensive ground action reported except patrolling. First Army Sector. G 2 report twenty four hours ending midnight sixteen Dec.
Enemy continues defensive works with new strong point garrisoned by estimated two companies eight tanks area J six two four four. To AGWAR USFOR repto Troopers Information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC
Twelfth Air Force from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. Enemy mine field destroyed by our troops vicinity J seven eight one four. Southern Sector. No reported change ground situation. Remainder ninety
First Italian Infantry Regt from which part of Kairouan Garrison drawn believed Sousse Sfax Area.
Thirty Italians captured night sixteen seventeen Dec at Maknassy by American patrol identified from eight Bersaglieri Regt. French report Gables again reinforced. Part two Air. Bomber Recce
was carried out by five JU eight eights over sea area between Sicily and two degrees east zero
seven hundred dash fourteen thirty Z. Long range bombers (JU eight eights) from Sicily were active.
Eight bombed targets in Bone area mainly between eighteen hundred and nineteen hundred Z E seven attacked targets in Libya zero five hundred dash zero six hundred Z. Six active over Libya eighteen hundred dash nineteen fifteen Z. Fighter activity mainly limited to convoy escort in which several ME one one zeros and one JU eight eight were seen about twenty miles east of Cani Island at noon. Transport. Seven JU five two landed Tunis twelve hundred Z. Three five JU five two
left Castel Vetrano for Tripoli sixteen thirty Z. Part three Navy, U/B dispositions Western Mediterranean five Algiers dash Gibraltar four Algiers dash Bone four Bone dash Sardinia dash Bizerta two between Gibraltar and nine degrees west one sighted by aircraft fifty minutes south-east Cape Palos. R/U over Tunisian Ports fifteen December shows Sousse ten E/R's one probable torpedo boat one small probable tanker at six seven landing craft or self propelled barges and two small M/V's off port.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2256, December 17, 1942

Sixteen Dec SITREP forty nine.

1. Naval. British submarine reports firing four torpedoes at two northbound merchant vessels escorted by three destroyers south of Naples fifth Dec, three hits, half hour later destroyers only observed circling. Signed CINC. British submarine reports sinking Italian submarine south of Sardinia six Dec. One Italian officer and three ratings prisoners. Sweep (to AGWAR Washington and USFOR London from Freedom Algiers) by two motor torpedo boats from Bone night fourteen fifteen Dec uneventful. Merchant ship Edencral in convoy TM nine blew up thirty miles NW Oran.

2. ETF. On South flank patrol from Derby Yeomanry holding crossroads at O seven four nine five and O eight zero nine five T no contact night fifteen sixteen Dec. Bou Arada J six zero occupied by enemy armored car patrol from Pont Du Fohs afternoon fifteen Dec. One car damaged. Enemy mine field vicinity crossroads J seven eight one four destroyed one five zero zero Z. In the center Guards Brig reports good air support. Enemy strong point four miles north Grich El Oued J six three, estimated two companies and eight tanks. High ground area Hadous J five six four four clear of enemy. All quiet two zero zero zero Z. On north flank Thirty Six Brig dispatched two patrols to B Rhata J four four eight two and two to Mateur area. All quiet night fifteen sixteen Dec. New troop locations: standing patrols from Sixth Arm Div consisting of Inf Co, half Sqn tanks, two twenty five PDE guns and two AA guns established cross rds O six one

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To: AGWAR

No. 2286, December 17, 1942

nine one and J seven zero two two. Armored car patrols from
Derby Yeomanry at Bou Arada J six three zero two and cross-
roads J seven two one five, reserve consisting of 8qda tanks,
Inf Co, Plat Arty and Det arm cars at station De Djelida
J five zero, fifty six Rcn Regt at road junction J one
four four six. On the north a Det six Commandos at road
junction J two three eight nine.

3. Air. RAF flew twenty nine bomber and general
Rcn Sorties and one nine four fighter Sorties fifteen
Dec. Destroyed two enemy aircraft, one Bislely crashed
on take off killing crew and two crash landed, crews
safe. Forty three P thirty eight rcn and escort Sorties
fifteen Dec. Three P thirty eight aircraft on bombing
sweep of shipping, sighted five ships escorted by several
enemy planes off Tunisian coast. One enemy plane destroyed,
boats dropped on one ship, results unobserved, all planes
returned. DB seven aircraft bombed railroad junction east
of Manour with ten tons of bombs, eight bursts reported in
railroad yards. All planes returned, second mission same.
Aircraft raid on Massicault. Hits claimed in town and
armored vehicle dispersal area. All planes returned.
Forty transport aircraft Sorties in forward area. No
enemy encountered. Action USFOR information AGWAR and
Troopers.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
From: Algiers
To: War
No. 2210, December 16th, 1942

Telegram as follows to the American Legation Lisbon is (to AQWAR from Freedom Algiers) quoted for your information. From Eisenhower for Marshall for Hull from Murphy. "The following telegram of December six to Gibraltar and London for British Embassy Madrid is repeated for your information. Telephone conversation with General Fredendalls Chief of Staff December six reveals there is no truth in nor slightest foundation for rumor of massacre of falangists at Oran. Personally request you deny truth of report. Spanish Consul Oran being requested to telegraph a denial to Madrid and to make a public denial today. I am now informed that the story of these alleged Spanish Republican Excesses has spread to Lisbon. It would be appreciated if you would take appropriate action to deny this unfounded story.

It is believed that similar rumors may start in Mexico and Central and South America and the matter is called to the Departments attention for such action as may be deemed appropriate.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 2181, Dec 16, 1942

Sitrep forty eight Dec fifteen.

Para one Naval no reports.

Para two ETF on south flank Sixth Armd Div patrols night fourteen fifteen Dec report small enemy detachments eight miles East Medjez El Bab. Enemy Armd Patrol observed same general area during vigorous day patrolling. No other contact. In center First Guard Brig reported forty vehicles four and half miles NE Medjez El Bab. Target bombed at one two one five Z. Pilots located only eight vehicles. Seventy Eighth Div reports enemy post and motor transport at road junction twelve miles North Medjez El Bab. No other contact by Seventy Eighth Div. On north flank no change situation Thirty Six Brig. Following enroute to ETF: eighteen RCT by motor from Algiers. First Battalion Thirty Sixth FA by rail and motor from Oran. Two zero zero replacements for Six Armd Inf by rail from Oran.

Para three Air. Seven B seventeen aircraft bombed El Aouina Airdrome. Heavy antiaircraft fire encountered. All aircraft returned. Seven

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To: WAR  
No: 2181, Dec 16, 1942  

B twenty six aircraft also bombed El Aouina air-drome with ten tons of bombs. All hit on airdrome and dispersal areas. One plane shot down by anti-aircraft fire. Twelve B seventeen aircraft bombed Bizerta docks and shipping. Intense antiaircraft fire encountered. Smoke pots used along target area. Nine beaufighter sorties over Bome area night thirteen fourteen Dec. Fifty Beaufighter sorties fourteen Dec over Bizerta-Tunis-Pont Du Fahs-Tebourba. Eleven fighter sorties on patrol of Western Algeria. No enemy activity reported. Sixty four Fighter sorties fourteen Dec on escort and patrol duty. Nine antisubmarine sorties over Algiers Bay fourteen Dec. To USFOR and AGWAR from Freedom Algiers signed CINC. No sightings. Fifty one sorties by troop carrier aircraft with freight and personnel.

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**2.** FRENCH CREWS IF ON BOARD MAY BE REPLACED BY CREW OF NATIONALITY CONCERNED IF AVAILABLE OTHERWISE ANY OTHER ALLIED CREW. REPORT IF SHORT OF SUITABLE CREWS. SHIPS SHOULD THEN BE SAILED GIBRALTAR AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY.  

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**3.** FOLLOWING ARE ALLIED SHIPS IN YOUR AREA. BRITISH TOUSSIKA RENAMED ST HUGUES PENGREEP RENAMED ST JAQUELINE SALMO RENAMED ST EMILE HILDE BELGIEN CYRIL HEBE STORAAX. NOTE THAT LAST FIVE ARE EX DANES AND DANISH CREWS SHOULD BE USED IF POSSIBLE.  

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**TEXT**

(FROM NCXF.)

PART 2 FINAL OF MY 2434/A/16.

BUT THEY ARE BRITISH PRIZES AND SHOULD FLY BRITISH FLAG. NORWEGIAN NYHORN BATAVIA BELGIAN CARLIER DUTCH EXHIBIT ALREADY DEALT WITH. INSTRUCTIONS ON DANISH ELSE WILL FOLLOW IF SHE IS SALVED.

(4) REQUEST YOU REPORT ATTITUDE OF BELGIAN CREW OF CARLIER.

(5) ACTION TAKER SHOULD BE REPORTED TO COMINCH FOR CSAB AND TO ADMIRALTY FOR MWT AS WELL AS TO NCXF.

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NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. 2209 Dec 16, 1942

Referring my two one two seven. One. Consider here that all (to AGWAR repeat USFOR and Troopers from Freedom Algiers) consumers goods mentioned can be fitted into existing convoy set up if distributed among all ships sailing. If necessary London and Washington should agree as to distribution between United States and United Kingdom with early replacement of quantities from United Kingdom. Such quantity of wheat above mentioned as can not be supplied by flattening to make up forty thousands tons is for arrangement by you with reference to my one six five four of ten December. From Eisenhower to Marshall for Secretary Hull from Murphy. Two. Distribution of consumers goods and wheat between three principal importing areas should be as near as possible in following proportion. Algiers four zero percent, Casablanca four five percent. Oran one five percent. Except wheat which should be distributed Algiers five zero percent, Casablanca three zero percent. Oran two zero percent. Three. Your reply number one seven eight of one five December to my one six five four is under separate examination but accompanying cable mentioned therein not yet traced here.
INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: Freedom Algiers
To: WAR

No 2161 December 16, 1942

Sitrep forty eight Dec fifteen para one naval no reports. Para two ETF on south flank sixth Arm Div patrols night fourteen fifteen Dec report small enemy detachments eight miles east Medjes El Bab. Enemy arm patrol observed same general area during vigorous day patrolling. No other contact. In center first Guard Brig reported forty vehicles four and half miles NE Medjes El Bab. Target bombed at one two one five Z. Pilots located only eight vehicles. Seventy eighth div reports enemy post and motor transport at road junction twelve miles north Medjes El Bab. No other contact by seventy eighth Div. On north flank no change situation thirty six Brig. Following enroute to ETF; eighteen BCT by motor from Algiers. First battalion thirty sixth PA by rail and motor from Oran. Two zero zero replacements for six Arm Inf by rail from Oran. Para three Air. Seven B Seventeen aircraft bombed El Aouina airstrome. Heavy antiaircraft fire encountered. All aircraft returned. Seven B twenty six aircraft also bombed El Aouina airstrome with ten tons of bombs. All hit on airstrome and dispersal areas. One plane shot down by antiaircraft fire. Twelve B seventeen air- craft bombed Bizerta docks and shipping. Intense
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antiaircraft fire encountered. Smoke pots used along target area. Nine Beaufighter sorties over Bone area night thirteen fourteen Dec. Fifty Beaufighter sorties fourteen Dec over Bizerta dash

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Part One. Land. First Army Sector. Enemy activity limited to patrolling and construction defensive works. G dash two report twenty four hour period ending midnight fifteen December. Little movement seen, defensive work continues in areas previously reported also immediately east and southeast Mateur. Enemy detachment and Motor Transport reported point J five five five five also forty enemy vehicles during day area J six zero four two. Infantry reported near Goubellat. Air recce reports many tank tracks four tanks SW Djedeich at point J eight three five eight, southern sector. Bobengry offensive action reported. Part of Kairouan garrison reported from ninety one Italian Infantry Regt with a same medium tanks J El Aouines (Z two four three) reported in use detraining transhipment point. AGWAR USFOR reftd troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Unconfirmed indications enemy attempting change construction three former French GQC defensive lines Mareth Medenine and one nearer border to prevent ingress into Tripolitania from north and west. Estimate enemy strength: combatant troops Tumisdash Bixerta area seventeen thousand Germans, four thousand five hundred Italians; Remainder Quvisia two thousand five hundred Germans, seven thousand Italians; also GAF two thousand five hundred and services five thousand five hundred; total thirty nine thousand bomber reconnaissance, part two air G dash two report: six JU eight eights carried out recce of sea area as far as one degree east zero eight hundred two sixteen hundred Z. About six
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From: Algiers
To: War

No 2178  December 16, 1942

more JU eight eights on security patrol northern half of west Mediterranean throughout day. Long range bombers. Bone targets night fourteen dash fifteen. No information day activity fifteen. About nine JU eight eights from Sicily bombed target Bone area two one zero zero to two two zero zero Z fighters. Eight ME one zero nines four FH VCE nine zeros seen during day Buxert dash Tunis area. Transport. Two JU five twos started for Sebals zero eight three zero Z. Nine JU five twos landed Tunis from Reggio thirteen fifty Z two eight JU five twos landed Tunis from Naples ten fifteen to ten fifty Z. Seventeen JU five twos left Sicily seventeen ten to seventeen four five Z for Castel Benito.


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From: Algiers
To: Important AGWAR

No. 2146, December 16, 1942

In accordance with urgent recommendation from USFOR London have agreed (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) that all A S V equipped B twenty fours will continue to operate from U K bases unless there is some changes in submarine situation (from Eisenhower to Marshall). This message supersedes our number one seven zero three dated December one one one four five seven Z.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
No: 2142 Dec 16, 1942

During the week ending eleven December our A/C flew one hundred fifty four missions totaling five hundred forty sorties. (For Marshall from Eisenhower) activities throughout were seriously hampered by heavy rains which turned our forward airfields into veritable seas of mud. However, nine bombing missions were flown and a total of one hundred forty one thousand two hundred lbs of HE were dropped. Seven enemy A/C were destroyed (two A/C were destroyed in air combat, four A/C probably destroyed and eight A/C damaged. Our losses for the same period as a result of enemy action were five A/C destroyed) two pilots safe (and eight A/C missing). On: five December sixteen B-seventeens escorted by sixteen P-thirty eights bombed Tunis docks and shipping with excellent results. Thirty seven and one half tons of HE dropped with hits observed on docks, sheds, RR yards and a cargo ship. Clouds of smoke resulting from this raid seen fifty miles away. The same day eight B dash twenty fives escorted by six P dash thirty eights bombed Sidi Ahmed airdrome placing eight and one half tons of HE on the target. One B dash twenty five was lost as a result of this operation from intense accurate light and heavy flak above airport. Later in the day nine Bostons accompanied by twenty P dash thirty eights dropped six and one half tons of HE on the same airdrome. On this mission fighter escort destroyed two A/C. Six Bostons also attacked a tank concentration near Akerma dropping five and one half tons of HE. During the day of six December seven Bostons accompanied by eleven P dash thirty eights bombed an important bridge near Il Nathan, thirteen B dash seventeens accompanied by eleven P dash thirty eights were dispatched against Bizerta docks.

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shipping and a total of twelve Bostons on three separate missions with fighter escort against Tebourba, a railroad bridge near La Hanca, and the RR station at Sousse. Despite bad weather the missions to El Bathan and Tebourba were completed with fair results believed obtained. With continued poor weather one other bombing mission was flown during the week on November against a bridge north of La Hanca. Six B dash twenty five with an escort of four P dash thirty eights dropped nine and one half tons of HE explosive; hits observed on railroad near north end of bridge. Other enemy aircraft were destroyed by our fighters on reconnaissance, and patrolling mission. Break down as follows: two ME one hundred nines, one ME one hundred ten, three JU fifty two, and one JU eighty eight destroyed. Four ME one hundred nines probably destroyed. Four ME one hundred nines, three ME one hundred tens or two hundred tens and one JU eighty eight damaged. Losses: four P dash thirty eights, and one P dash forty. Missing one B dash twenty five, seven P dash thirty eights.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2138, December 16th, 1942.

General Giraud is (to AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers) planning to bring approximately fifty thousand French negro troops from Dakar to North Africa, using French passenger ships now enroute or proposed for Dakar for dry docking. For General Marshall signed Eisenhower. Under current conditions these troops would be nothing but an additional burden on the already overtaxed maintenance and transportation facilities in North Africa, since French troops already present cannot be properly equipped for combat. It may be necessary for me to come out in flat opposition to Giraud's plan, but vastly prefer a more amicable solution because of our hope that Giraud will eventually develop an army here of some one hundred fifty thousand that will operate in firm support of Allied troops. If I could show the French that a reasonable quantity of badly needed equipment, such as light antiaircraft, antitank weapons, machine guns, light mortars and similar weapons, could be shipped at an early date as a quid pro quo for the immediate release of these vessels for Allied shipping, I believe that they can be dissuaded from their present intent without the necessity of arbitrary action on my part. The inclusion of any appreciable

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amount of weapons, equipment and ammunition in the present convoy limitation appears impracticable, and we cannot afford to displace supplies and equipment set up for our own forces. In the present situation, if the addition of two or three ships to the present size of UG convoys can be accepted by the Navy, I believe that these French vessels could be sent to the United States, possibly direct from Dakar, and could be loaded with personnel replacements for our forces, with military equipment for the French and with commodities needed so badly by the civil population here. Such an arrangement would markedly ease the situation here, and I would appreciate greatly the cooperation of the Navy in making it possible. Our port capacity is adequate now to handle this additional load, as the condition referred to in Somervell's number one seven eight was due to the military necessity of clearing convoys to prevent destruction of shipping. Please inform me what can be done in this connection, as the first French passenger ships are arriving Dakar today and their initial use must be determined promptly.

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From: London (16/2230)
To: AGWAR

No 5748 December 16, 1942

North Africa, Netherlands Government have protested to UK Government against arrangement with Darlan. H M Ambassador accredited to him believes their object may be to safeguard themselves against possible accusations of acquiescing in a situation which might eventually be used as precedent for rehabilitation of Dutch traitors such as Mussert etc. We have received similar protests.

Para two. H M Consul General Tangier reports that French vice consul, Ribes, at Melilla, has declared for Vichy but appears to be maintaining contact with Rabat, thus constituting valuable link for Nogues. He is also likely to issue visas and passports to undesirable persons wishing to reach French North Africa, Turkey.

Para three. H M Charge D Affaires reported seven December that most French colonies were supporting Darlan, but French ambassador was still on the fence. Ambassador is regarded as clever, unscrupulous and opportunist. H M Charge D Affaires has been authorized to keep clear and, if approached, to give him no help.

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To: WAR
No. 998 Dec 16, 1942

In our messages nine zero seven twelve December and nine three zero thirteen December bomber operations for week ending fourteen December were covered. Seventy five fighter sorties were flown by fourth USA Fighter Group during (for Arnold and Eisenhower and Spaatz from Chauney nine nine eight) week with thirty five of these as escort for bombers, the others were convoy patrols, shipping recon flights and defensive patrols with no claims or losses.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/64
(1) SITUATION REPORT NO. 35 P 217 REPORTS WITNESSING NIGHT ACTION ON 2/12 AND FOUND NO STRAGGLERS. AT 1515 ON 5/12 IN POSITION 40° Deg 23 Min North 14 Deg 01 Min East FIRED 4 TORPEDOES AT 2 NORTHBOUND MERCHANT VESSELS 4000-5000 TONS ESCORTED BY THREE DESTROYERS. 3 HITS. COUNTER ATTACK INACCURATE. AT 1545 DESTROYERS ONLY OBSERVED CIRCLING.

(2) TIGRIS REPORTS SINKING U-BOAT IN POSITION 38 Deg 10 Min North 08 Deg 35 Min East AT 0140 6/12 ITALIAN PERLA CLASS.
1 ITALIAN OFFICER AND 3 RATINGS PRISONERS.

(3) LA CALLE. N.O.I.C. INSTALLED 15/12.

(4) SWEEP BY TWO M.T.B.'S FROM BONE NIGHT 14/15 UNEVENTFUL.

(5) A.B. 1836/13 EMPIRE CENTAUR HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED AS SINKING BUT WAS DAMAGED AND BEACHED. NOW BEING SALVAGED.

(6) ALGIERS. ARGONAUT ARRIVED 15/12.
(7) ENENCRAF BLEW UP ON 15/12 WHILE IN CONVOY T E 9 300 DEG.

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Situation Report No. 35 P 217 Reports witnessing night action on 2/12 as follows:

1. TIGRIS reports sinking U-Boat in position 38° 10' North 08° 39' East at 0140 6/12 Italian FERLA Class. One Italian Officer and 3 ratings prisoners.

2. LA CALLE, N.O.I.C. installed 15/12.

3. Sweep by two M.T.B.'s from Bone Night 14/15 uneventful.

4. A.M. 1836/13 EMPIRE CENTAUR has not been reported as sinking but was damaged and beached. Now being salvaged.

5. Algiers, ARGONAUT arrived 15/12.

6. EDENCRAG blew up on 15/12 while in convoy T E 9 300° Oran 30 miles.

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