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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

By RHP, NARS Date MAY 25 1973

From: London USFOR
To: AGWAR

No. 6858, January 31, 1943

General Giraud made a declaration yesterday, to the press, with reference to the Anfa conference, of which the salient points were as follows.

We are fighting in the same cause and the same ideal on the side of our allies the United Nations. We are receiving the complete support of Great Britain and the United States; they recognize in us an ally which has never ceased to fight either internally, thanks to the will of resistance of entire country and thanks to Frenchmen who prepared themselves to take up arms again or externally, thanks to General De Gaulle and his volunteers. There is only one policy for Frenchmen in the future; make war and win it. (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff pass to Hull and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Murphy signed Eisenhower) We must not be stingy with out blood or our effort to free the millions of prisoners in France and in Germany. In order to fight and work we must have order. This is the time for political discipline and not the time for political agitation. It is not the intention of the Government to install any form of regime but only wishes to assure good administration of the territory remaining free. The only intention is that it is the provisional depository of the French sovereignty until such time as their own free will can be expressed by the forty million Frenchmen of the metropolis. Among all Frenchmen units must be accomplished. I saw General DeGaulle and we had the

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same object: to beat Germany. We must therefore work together. Contact has been established but this is only the first step, there will be others. (signed Hartle)

Certain questions were replied to by General Giraud, after the prepared statement the most significant were: the Jewish question is an internal one. Property of which Jewish people have been deprived will be returned to them, Jewish children will have the schools opened to them and numerous clauses in the professions will be abolished.

General Giraud stated that he had made arrangements for re arming forces of the French and that this, to a large extent would be accomplished before summer. (This is a paraphrase of reference number 8147 NAF 27 cite FHLIA dated January 301815Z from Algiers to AGWAR and USFOR, is relayed to AGWAR for action.)

The results of the Anfa meeting are continuing to be approved by local public opinion.

No Sig.

ACTION: General Deane (CC/S)

INFORMATION: OPD
General Arnold
General Strong (for SD)
Admiral King
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BY DBS, DATE MAY 25 1973

From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

No. 8200, January 31, 1943

For Combined Chiefs of Staff repeated British Chiefs of Staff, Northern Task Force, 5th Army personal for Clark from CINC. Cite FHGCT.

1. Recent decision undertake Husky entails material reduction in insurance against enemy action from Spain until after completion operations in Tunisia in that

A. All units now at disposal 5 Army except 2nd Armored Div and 3rd Infantry Div required for operations in Tunisia.

B. Shipping and landing craft required for operation Backbone will not be available after 1 March.

C. Necessary call on Staff Northern Task Force for formation special staff required Husky planning.

2. Propose with your concurrence release Northern Task Force from Backbone as from 1 March. Withdrawal of Staff Officers from Northern Task Force likely to start before that date. Action AGWAR information USFOR, Troopers, 5 Army.

ACTION: SGS No Sig.
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From: Algiers

To: War

No. 8182, January 31, 1943

Following our estimate Axis position on February 15th (Action AGWAR Troopers information Mideast from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 8182) assuming Rommel is holding Mareth Line.

Build up of forces. Germans will concentrate on reequipping and building up Panzer Armee Rommel using some Marsch Battalions at present in Tunisia and new troops from Europe. In addition likely that striking force will be built up in Sfax area to maintain and improve Southern Bridgehead Area. Probable this will be an Armoured Division and proportion of Italian and German elements at present in Kairouan-Sousse and Sfax areas.

Strength of forces. Estimate build up will be at rate of 800-900 per day and possibly higher. Position by 15 Feb likely to be (A) German forces: Von Arnims 10 Panzer and 334 division complete in personnel but short of motor transport. Infantry Regiment 47 also up to strength and a few elements of a new division brought over. Rommel 15 Panzer, 90 light, 164 Division and Ramcke Brigade estimated require 31500 to bring up to strength and 21 Panzer Division 11000. Estimated even with using some Marsch Battalion not more than 13000 reinforcements will be available by 15 Feb which is only sufficient bring units up to 60% establishment. (B) Italian: Superga Division likely remain at present

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No . 8182, January 31, 1943

*Total German
Rommel plus
Von Arnim*

strength. Total reinforcements for existing Italian forces not likely exceed 7000 in total for both armies in period under review. (C) Summary of estimated strengths as follows: German. 334 Division 13000. 10 Panzer Division 16,000 and 200 tanks. Hermann Goering Regt and elements new division 5500. Broich Division 4500. Other combatant troops and services 17000 and 80 tanks. 21 Panzer Division 9000 and 80 tanks. 15 Panzer Division 9600 and 50 tanks. 90 light and 164 light division each 8400. Ramcke Brigade 1800. Other combatant troops and services 21800. Total 115000 and 410 tanks. Italian. Superga Division 10,000. 50 Brigade and non divisionalized troops 10,000 and 90 medium and 60 light tanks. Services 5000. Spezia Division 6000. Pistilia Division 6000. Young Fascists 4000. Trieste 3000. Centauro Division 3000 and 50 tanks. Other combatant troops and services 18000. Total 65,000 and 200 tanks. Not considered likely that many Libyan native troops will come back Tunisia.

Disposition forces: Estimated will be for area Bizerta-Sousse much same as now except 10 Panzer Division may be out of line and concentrated SW of Tunis as mobile reserve. Elements new division likely be concentrated Tunis area. Area Sfax 1 Armoured Division (German) as mobile reserve. Gabes area as mobile reserve for Mareth line primarily 1 (German) Armoured Division and 90 light division or Ramcke Brigade. Mareth line all other Rommel forces including Italian Division less reconnaissance elements operating on right flank of position.

Action: G-2 *Ea*

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Information: OPD, CG AAF, LOG

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR-USFOR

Number: 8261, January 31, 1943

Submarine attacked South of Malaga without claim by HM Destroyer 2245 Z 29 Jan. Damage unknown to 5 or 6 mine laying E boats off Bone attacked by (to AGWAR, USFOR Action ADV 1 Army, 2 Corps, Eastern Air Command, 12th Air Force, MBS, ABS, 1 Armad Corps, Malta, Mideast, Fairfield, 5 Army Information from Freedom Algiers) HM motor torpedo boats sustaining no damage or casualties 2230 Z 30th. Western basin submarine dispositions. German. Unfixed between Alboran Island and Algiers 3 or 4. Within 60 miles 38 degrees 30 minutes North 05 degrees 30 minutes East 1 reported 1855 Z 29th. Three six degrees 05 minutes North 04 degrees 03 minutes 1 reported 2245 Z 29th. Italian. Patrols unchanged probably with 7 all South of 37 degrees 40 minutes North between 04 degrees East and Bone. Own units attacked by enemy. HM Corvette torpedoed sunk North of Bougie by submarine 2318 Z 29th. Foregoing part 3 Naval G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 30 Jan.

2. Air. Reduced scale bomber recce activity indicated with only 5 JU 88's employed recce Tunisia area and North African coastal recce by only 1 JU 88 and 1 probably ME 210 operating. Over Bone at 0600 Z was JU 88 which continued as far as Oran along coast and other off Bone about midday. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd TROOPERS information Adv 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armad Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Transport 29 January.

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To: AGWAN-URTOR #8281 1/31/43

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Effort normal scale with formation JU 52's landing Sicily early morning from Southern Tunisia and about 50 JU 52's and a few ME 323's operating between Sicily Northern Tunisia during day. Bombers. Number JU 88's reported over Bone early morning 31 January though apparently no activity over western Mediterranean between dawn midnight 30 January after considerable effort previous night. Other enemy activity. Two FW 190's claimed damaged by Spitfires during encounter with 6 enemy fighters while on recce northwest of Kairouan. At least 15 ME 109's plotted near Bone in 2 raids 1815 Z though 5 only 1 of which damaged by AA reached Bone and dropped bombs on aerodrome. Unknown number enemy aircraft active about 1300 Z over Medjez El Bab area. Only 2 enemy fighters seen no contact made by B 17's P 38's 1130 Z over Ferryville. Between 10 and 12 ME 109's and 3 or 4 FW 190's attacked B 25's and P 38's engaged attacking warehouses RR installations El Aouinet of which claimed destroyed were 7 ME 109's. Over Faid area about 1300 Z 2 Me 109's active.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - AGWAR

Number: 8280, January 31, 1943

Some artillery fire and active patrolling continued by enemy along front North Ousseltis Valley. (To AGWAR, USFOR from Freedom Algiers) about midday motor transport activity Pont Du Fahs area revealed by aerial recce. Also from that area towards Medjex El Bab movement 2 large motor convoys. Establishment enemy strong points and possible reinforcement by enemy southern slopes Djebel El Halfa 084 and northern slopes Djebel Ousselat indicated. Minor enemy advance on ~~Enison~~ Des Eaux 07327 repulsed by French though possible reinforcement Djebel Es Siouf 08703 and evacuation of natives from area by enemy may indicate impending offensive activity. Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

See map

G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z Jan. 30.

Southern Tunisia. Initially successful enemy attack on Faid position T 75 morning 30 Jan by enemy force comprising at least 1 infantry battalion from 40 to 80 tanks supported by artillery resulted capture Faid and penetrations to West and South by 1800 Z. This action probably coincident with enemy advance on Sidi Bou Zid T 67 in as much as aerial recce revealed northward movement from Sove 8 miles to South at 0700 Z of about 20 tanks considerable motor transport. At 1430 Z however Sidi Bou Zid still held by French. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd TROOPERS information ADV 1 Army 2 Corps Eac 12 AF MBS ABS 1 Armcd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. Unconfirmed reports 2 new March Bns numbers 27 and 28 identified areas 07832 and 07843 Djebel El Xblfa respectively and 2nd San Marco Bn area 08358

See map

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Dj Ouechtatia. Further indications of Italian units area J 5353 10 miles North of Medjex on Barenthin front.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: AGWar USFOR

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No. 8309 January 31, 1943

Para 3 SITREP 94 30 Jan command. All British Zkusa and French land forces east general line Excl Bone to Incl Chott Djerid under operational command GOC 1st Army. (To USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers) Command exercised through 2nd Corps, French Corps and 5 Corps. In south 2nd Corps commands all ground troops south general line all Excl Morsott N 21-Thala N 80-Sbiha O 20-all Incl DJ Trozza O 61-Pondouk O 81-Bridge O 921-Sidi Amor Al Kanani Sta P 1321 thence Excl railway to Sousse and north of general line Excl the line of Chotts to Gabes. In center French Corps commands all troops north of line above and south of general line Excl Souk Ahras, Incl road Souk Ahras-Le Kef, thence Excl railway Le Kef to Gafour O 39 thence Excl foothills south of Road El Aroussa-Sou Arada to road junction O 8299 Excl Road Port Du Fahs-Enfidaville. French sector at present divided by general line, all Incl to south, Maktar-Ousseltia-Road junction O 7547-Djebel El Halfa O 84. Hq 1st Inf Div USA 5 miles south Ousseltia commands all troops in south French sector. French Div Hq at O 4167 commands all troops in north French sector. Five Corps commands all troops north of north French boundary. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. Para 4. Air. 18 B 25 aircraft attacked railroad installations and warehouses station Aouinet north of Gabes with 20 tons of bombs. Bursts in warehouse area. Railroad tracks and on railroad cars. Formation attacked by 15 enemy planes of which 8 were destroyed and 4 probably destroyed 2 escorting P 38's crashed and 2 are missing. Six B 26 aircraft on antishipping strike failed to find shipping.

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To: AGWAR USFOR

No. 8309 January 31, 1943

Two tons of bombs dropped on railroad near Reyville
X 40, 1 B 26 damaged by antiaircraft fire near Pont
Du Fahs. Thirty B 17 aircraft attacked Ferryville
docks and shipping with 74 tons of bombs, bursts
observed in dock area causing fires. Nine Mezrum
bombers attacked Bizerta. Twelve P 40's on Rcn
strafed trucks near El Guettarand Maknassy. Six
A 20 aircraft and 18 fighters attacked about 45 trucks
on road east of Faid. 1 P 39 shot down by anti-
aircraft fire. Six A 20 aircraft and 17 fighters
attacked concentration enemy vehicles east of Faid.
All aircraft returned. Six A 20 aircraft and 18
fighters attacked concentrations men and trucks
east of Faid. 1 P 39 is missing. Six A 20 aircraft
escorted by 17 fighters attacked about 20 tanks 5
miles east Sidi Bou Zid T 65, 12 tanks and 6 trucks
left burning, all planes returned. Tactical Rcn
sorties flown over forward area enemy motor transport
attacked, enemy fighters engaged, 2 enemy planes
damaged and 1 spitfire missing. Five enemy planes
dropped 6 medium bombs Bone airdrome no damage.
One enemy plane damaged by antiaircraft fire.
Seventy nine transport sorties flown. Action USFOR
do not repeat AGWAR, Information AGWAR, Troopers,
5th Army, Mideast pass to Main 8th Army,

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF CGGN
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From: Algiers

To: USFOR-AGWAR

No. 8127 January 30, 1943

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North of Bou Arada enemy activity limited to patrolling though increased activity north and northwest Sebkeet El Kourzia reported. Following general line indicated disposition enemy forward elements north of Ousseltia Valley: J 7503-J7701-O 7292-O 6787 thence to southeast through forward slopes O 7380 and O 7775 to O 8468 south of pass Ousseltia Kairouan eastern slopes Ousselat area O 82 and O 8510 held by enemy. No significant change otherwise though patrolling continues. Few going northern Tunisia.

Part 1 Land G 2 report 24 hours ending 2400 Z 29 January. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv One Army Two Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS One Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield Five Army. Southern Tunisia. Infiltration of Italians into areas T 5744 and T 4412 indicate increased enemy activity southern sector. Enemy garrison Ston Sened (Y 49) estimated 28 January 3 Coys German Infantry. Identifications. Three Coy T 3 reidentified Jan 28 from paybooks taken from bodies area J 3473 southwest of Jefna. French re-

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port capture Jan 28 of PWS from San Marco Bn
Karachoum O 8467. This unit probably Bn of San
Marco Regiment unconfirmed French report that PWS
captured from Battalion composed of Italians
resident in Tunisia. Further interrogation of PWS
captured Maknassy January 23 indicates Bersaglieri
and machine gun units reported in G 2 report
number 80 belong to 50 Special Brigade of which Hq
is at Sfax. Other units possibly under command of
50 Brigade are 50 Motor Transport Group and elements
4 Tank Regiment.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
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From: Freedom, Algiers

To: AGWAR
USFOR London
No. 8109, January 30, 1943

Total of about 15 aircraft active following recces: Shipping and weather flights over North African coast to include Algiers and sea areas as far west as Balearics. Several flying inland recces off east coast Tunisia by JU 88's ME 210's. During night anti sub patrols from Sicily to south and west, foregoing recces.

G-2 report 24 hours ending 2400Z 29 January. Bombers. Total about 35 aircraft engaged operations with small forces convoy escort during day and attacks shipping off Bougie and harbor Algiers by night. Transport 28 January. Continued heavy traffic between Italy Sicily and Tunis with about 70 JU 52's 4 ME 323 identified. Early evening between Sicily Gabes operated 8 JU 52's. Other enemy activity. Grounded aircraft damaged during attack Gafsa aerodrome by 3 ME 109's 1530Z 28 January. Two nine January 4 109's claimed destroyed 5 possibly during encounters with 10 to 12 ME 109's and FW 190's during attack by B 26's and P 38 escort on El Aouina Aerodrome about 1000Z. P 38 escort of B 25's attacking Djedeida Aerodrome 1020Z engaged fighters attacking B 26's previously reported claiming destruction of 1. During attacks by B 26's on shipping between Sicily Tunisia in which 2 enemy vessels received direct hits bombers attacked by mixed formation 16 enemy aircraft escorting convoy. Destruction 3 probable destruction 3 and damage 1 claimed. One enemy aircraft damaged during bombing Bone Aerodrome with some success by 12

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ME 109's enemy occupied aerodromes. Probably indicating use El Batha as landing ground are reports of sightings enemy aircraft at airfield near Massi-cault and different report of dispersed aircraft on landing ground at 36 degrees 47 minutes north 09 degrees 38 minutes east. Indicated probable use by communications and recce aircraft of La Marsa Air-field North Carthage on coast. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Part 1 will follow.

3. Naval. Enemy aerial torpedoes hit destroyer bow 18-1900Z auxiliary anti aircraft cruiser stern 1810Z near Cape Iorbeliu. Submarines. Italian 7 between 04 degrees and 08 degrees east of which 2 between 04 degrees and 05 degrees east. Within 60 miles Cape Bougaroun were 3 also 2 within 40 miles Cape de Garoe. No change German.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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No. 7926 Jan 29, 1943

Only activity in the Mateur and Medjex El Bab areas patrolling some shelling. In Goubellat Bou Arada area, area J 6513 and farm J 672013 occupied by enemy with some evidence improvement enemy defensive works in area generally southwest of Sebkret El Kournin J 71. French report Djebel Mansour O 7093 occupied by enemy only during day. In Northern Ousseltia valley reports indicate enemy cleared from area to south of road from cross roads O 7869 to Karachoum O 8368 though enemy remains in possession Djelbel Belloute O 8266 and Northern Slopes Djebel Touila O 8063 to south of which position remains unchanged to pass along Ousseltia Kairouan road. Infiltration by Italian troops 0600Z 28 Jan Westward into pass repulsed. Also enemy driven from Eastern slopes high ground vicinity O 7541. Foregoing Northern Tunisian.

G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 28 Jan. Southern Tunisia. Patrol activity continues with enemy recce elements observed during afternoon along Gafsa Maknassy road just East of Ston Zannouch Y 3088 and a French outpost in the vicinity of El Guettar Y 27 reported attacked by enemy motorcycle patrol. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers Information ADV 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12 AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mid-east Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. During recent fighting Sened Y 49, 87th Bersaglieri reported to have been identified. Believed 87th Bersaglieri Battalion probably meant inasmuch as this battalion believed part

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of 10th Bersaglieri Regiment other elements of which located Djebel Krechem Mateur areas. Third Battalion Arditi Regiment reported identified by prisoners of war captured Ousseltia Kairoune pass which unit not known inasmuch as Arditi general term for shock troops Italian Army. Consider possible elements 3rd battalion 92nd or 91st Infantry regiments may have thus described themselves.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 7899, January 29, 1943.

This is paraphrase of original message.

Para 1. Naval. During enemy air raid on Algiers night 26-27 January 4 mines were dropped. 1 mine exploded outside North entrance to harbor. Inside harbor 1 (signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT) still unexploded after attempt to sweep but recovered portions of G type tail. Removing 2 mines were dropped on land and 1 exploded. January 28 Sitrep 92. Excluding KM 1 discharge at Oran following totals discharged at ports in Torch area from 8 Nov to 8 January: 1,303,000 dead weight tonnage, 437,200 personnel, 42,420 vehicles. During air raid mentioned above merchant vessel previously reported hit was Ville De Strasbourg. 20th January British submarine sank schooner south of Capri. Schooner employed on reporting aircraft.

Para 3. Central Tunisia. Enemy was cleared from Eastern slopes of hill at pt 710, 7 miles ESE Ousseltia and Ousseltia-Kairouan Pass East to 80 grid line. On SW slopes Djebel Ousselat 0 7832 there was patrol contact. Some prisoners taken, Northern end Ousseltia valley cleared of enemy to exclude road Mausolee 07671-Karachoum 08468. With 1 Bn under command 30 Brig, 16th RCT now complete in Ousseltia Valley area 0 7072. Less 1 Bn, 1st Parachute Brigade now 4 miles SSE Bou Arada.

Para 4. Northern Tunisia. Patrol activity over entire front.

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Para 5. Movements completed. Coming under command 1 army, 1st Bn 209 Coast Artillery AA Rgt less 1 battery to Telargma. Coming under command of 12th Air Force, 1 Bn to Biskra.

Para 6 will follow: Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR, info AGWAR, Troopers, Mideast pass to Main Eighth Army.

Following is para 2. Southern Tunisian. Arm'd Regt and Arm'd Inf Bn of 1st Arm'd Div moved to Feriana night 27-28 January. Attack on French outpost El Guettar Y 27 by enemy motor cycle patrol.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Freedom, Algiers
To: AGWAR
USFOR London
No 7898 January 29, 1943

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Ending 2400Z 28 January, (to AGWAR for WDGBI,
USFOR from Freedom Algiers) G-2 report for 24 hours.

Part two air. Bombers. No enemy aircraft encountered during ground strafing mission over Ouseltia Valley and during Redde El Guettar Maknassy road by P 40's activity concentrated Western Basin except for few JU 88's operating off Sicily during day. Early evening engaged antishipping operations estimated ten Her one one ones. Algiers attacked by between 20 and 30 JU 88's 29 Jan shortly before dawn. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR repts troopers information adv one army two corps RAC 12 AF MBS ABS 1 arm corps Malta mid east Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI. Three bomber formations escorted by P-38's during attacks on Sfax resulted following encounters. No Allied aircraft lost. First raid 1320Z 1 group attacked by 4 enemy fighters second group by 6 of which 4 claimed destroyed 2 damaged. Second raid 1330Z 6 enemy fighters attacked bombers 3 escort of which 2 claimed destroyed 1 probably. Third raid 1350Z 12 enemy fighters attacked escort over target and further 6 attacked escort west of El Djem of which 1 claimed destroyed. No claims made as result encounter of 15 ME 109's by B 26's P 38's engaged antishipping operations between Sicily Tunisia. No reports other activity bomber recce. North African coastal recce normal with about 3 sorties during daylight hours. Probably sighted midday shadowed again evening was eastbound Allied convoy off Oran. Increased activity over Tu-

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January 29, 1943

To: AGWAR

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USFOR London

No. 7898

nesia with about 10 JU 88's based Sicily engaged. Indicating reduced scale transport activity on 27 Jan about 25 JU 52's employed Italy northern Tunisia route and about 15 same type between Italy southern Tunisia.

Part 3. Naval although no change in Italian German submarine dispositions in western Mediterranean tending to confirm previous patrol positions already surmised are as follows, 1 within 60 miles 37 degrees 00 minutes north 01 degrees 20 minutes east. 136 degrees 30 minutes north between Greenwich Meridian and 01 degrees west 1 within 40 miles 37 degrees 20 minutes north 00 degrees 30 minutes east part 1 will follow.

No Sig.

ACTION: G-2 *Air*

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

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January 29, 1943
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From: London USFOR
To : AGWAR

No. 7952, January 29, 1943

Para 6 Sitrep 92 Jan 28 Air, 32 B 17 aircraft attacked Sfax railroad yards, harbor and shipping with 79 tons of bombs. Hits observed on docks, enemy aircraft attacked of which 4 destroyed and 2 damaged. Eighteen B 25 aircraft attacked Sfax railroad yards with 20 tons of bombs. Hits on railroad tracks, railroad cars and military barracks. Enemy aircraft attacked of which 2 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, 1 escorting P 38 destroyed, pilot safe, 1 B 25 crash landed NW of Sfax, crew safe. Seventeen B 26 aircraft attacked Sfax harbor with 13 tons of bombs, much smoke from warehouses, near misses on small vessels in harbor, enemy aircraft attacked of which 1 probably destroyed, 1 B 26 crash landed north of Thelepte, crew safe. Signed Eisenhower, cite FHGCT, 3 B 26 aircraft escorted by 12 P 38's on antishipping sweep between Tunisia and Sicily, ships sighted, 2 enemy planes attacked, no claims. Fighters attacked 15 medium tanks vicinity Station de Ksar Tyr J 73 and motor transportation 10 miles SW Pont du Fahs. Twelve P 40 aircraft attacked enemy troops and army in Ousseltia Valley. Sixteen antisubmarine, convoy escort and sea patrol sorties flown Algiers area, 2 submarines sighted, 2 attacks. About 15 enemy planes attacked Algiers night 28th 29th Jan, a few bombs dropped in town, 2 enemy aircraft shot down by antiaircraft fire and 1 destroyed by Beaufighters. Eighty transport sorties flown (action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR, information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, MidEast pass to main 8th Army.)

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF CGGN GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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Jan 29
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No. 7775 January 28, 1943

Correction

Reference our cable number 7603 NAF 123
(this is NAF 125 addressed to AGWAR for Combined
Chiefs of Staff USFOR for British Chiefs of
Staff repeated to Admiralty London. Flag Officer
Commanding West Africa. Senior Naval Officer
Casablanca Area. Glassford Mission Dakar. Signed
Eisenhower) amend last part of address to read
(Admiralty London. Flag Officer Commanding West
Africa. Senior Naval Officer Casablanca. Area.
Glassford Mission Dakar.)

Paragraph five after (ships) insert (plans).

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Deane (CCS)

ACTION: CCS

INFO: OPD
ADM. KING
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GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD

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January 28, 1943
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From Algiers
To: Agwar - USFOR

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No. 7716, January 28th, 1943.

Naval.

1. Sitrep 91 Jan 27.

2. Central Tunisia, signed Eisenhower, cite
FHGCT. French Troops captured Crest O 7540-0 7541.
Enemy occupies Djebel Hannikat O-8040, Djebel Halfa
O 8045 and Djebel Bou Dabouss O 8354. Our present
positions based on line Djebel Rihana O 7645. Thence
astride road to O 7748, thence Dret El Agraine O 6557.
Robinett in reserve area Ousseltia.

3. Northern Tunisia. Increased enemy arty activity
139 Brig Sector.

4. Weather. Tracks bad in north due heavy
showers.

5. Will follow. Action USFOR do not repeat
AGWAR. Information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, mid-east
pass to main 8th Army.

No Sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN, General Deane (CC/S),
Admiral King, LOG

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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 22 1974

From: Algiers

To: WAR

No. 7805 January 28, 1943

During a lengthy conversation with Giraud yesterday (action AGWAR for Hull information Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy. NAF 124) He again voiced his gratitude to the President and the Prime Minister for their courtesies and their helpfulness at Anfa. He expressed the ardent wish to cooperate with the Allies in every possible way. His position having been fortified he will be able to accomplish some things more readily. He said that he intended to do everything in his power to develop a working basis of cooperation with General De Gaulle. To establish the necessary liaison he hoped that General Catroux would come soon to Algiers remaining in permanent association with him here. Giraud on the other hand would send General George to London as soon as General George can be smuggled out of France. Giraud understands that the Prime Minister approves of General George. Giraud said that since his return from Anfa he has been giving much thought to the internal political situation and particularly the arrests of certain individuals alleged to be implicated in the alleged assassination plot described in preceding telegrams.

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Giraud said he wishes to avoid the development of another Dreyfus case and in the interest of political calm he states that he proposes to take advantage of this favorable moment to quash the proceedings. I believe therefore that we may look forward to the release of the persons in question in the near future. I noted throughout Giraud's comments a firm desire to disassociate himself from the so called Vichy influence. I believe that he has become conscious of the suspicion prevailing in some quarters that he is setting up here a Fascist front standing for a continuation of Vichy policies, he ridicules any such notion. Thus I gather from him that he intends to minimize the influence of and possibly at an appropriate moment eliminate entirely General Bergeret. This does not mean that Giraud believes Bergeret doubtful in his attitude regarding the prosecution of the war because there is every reason to believe that Bergeret wholeheartedly supports an all out war effort. Bergeret a conservative however lacks political acumen and the fact that he occupied a Ministerial position at Vichy is against him. Giraud also said that he was appointing Joxe who is local De Gaulle sympathizer in charge press and propaganda in the Tunisian Area. Giraud said also that he had received yesterday the visit of Capitant a leader of the De Gaulle movement in Algiers. The latter desires to proceed to London for the purpose of visiting De Gaulle. Giraud assured him that if the British approved he would be happy to authorize his departure. I have so informed MacMillan. There are 27 French former Communist Deputies imprisoned in Algeria. Giraud said he received 2 of them yesterday and offered to release the 27 at once on condition that they would refrain from violent political agitation injurious to the war effort. It is recalled that among these prisoners are individuals who opposed the entry of

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France into the war in 1939. Giraud said that if the prisoners agreed to the condition and he believed they would do so he will authorize their immediate release.

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ACTION: GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
ADM. KING
GEN. ARNOLD
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - USFOR

Number: 7659, January 28, 1943

Will plan to return in approximately 10 days unless you request earlier departure. Action USFOR Amembassy Riefler Information British Chiefs of Staff and AGWAR Combined Boards. BOC14, signed Eisenhower cite FHCIS NAEB Gullion. Embassy 26 January 23, see my 6872 January 231852Z. The urgent Military Liaison phases of Mission, that is prisoners material censorship etcetra are practically completed but feel that effort here would be rendered largely ineffective if contact lost at most important time. At present beginning to build up other sources and to receive material for answers numerous questions on German Europe feel it advantageous and more secure to introduce Tirana to such sources on his arrival but will not delay departure on that account as will be working closely with Sheriff. Will Washington please advise me direct of date of departure of Tirana.

No Sig

6872 was CM-IN-11571 (25 Jan 43) G-2 (for BEW)

ACTION: GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

INFORMATION: OPD
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Jan 28, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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Para 5 Sitrep 91 Air, signed Eisenhower, cite
FRGCT. Three Beauforts and 3 Albacores from Malta
laid mines off Souase, Sfax and Kerkennan Island.
Twenty two P 38's on fighter sweep Sfax-Gaves road
straffed 12 trucks and 6 tanks near Sfax, 1 P 38
missing. Six P 40's and 4 P 39's on reconnaissance
Gafsa-Sowed area straffed haystacks with heavy tracks
leading to them. Intense fires. Six A 20's escorted
by 14 P 40's attacked Mezzouna U 00, all bombs in
target. Six B 25 aircraft attacked 2 enemy destroyers
between Tunisia and Sicily, decks loaded with men,
2 direct hits on 1 with 500 pound bombs leaving it
in flames, 4 near misses near stern of other. Four
B 26 aircraft on antishipping sweep off Tunisia sighted
convoy, failed to attack due to weather. Eighteen B
26 aircraft dispatched to attack targets southern
Tunisia, returned due to weather. Rcns flown northern
and southern Tunisia without incident. Seventy Six
transport sorties flown (action USFOR do not repeat
AGWAR, information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast
pass to Main Eighth Army).

Refer (CM-IN-13294) 1/28/43 No Sig.
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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

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

To: WAR

No. 7725 January 28, 1943

Active enemy patrolling continues with some increase movement behind lines and harassing artillery fire reported in Mateur area. Following general line indicates location enemy forward elements in Ouseltia Valley where no significant change reported during period: 07669-07968-08067-07657-07757-07955-07755-Western slopes Djebel Halfa (08047)-07538. Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 27 January. Only report Southern Tunisia indicates reoccupation of Ston Sened (Y 49) by enemy. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI. Identifications. All from PW elements 756 German Mtn Inf Regt and Marsch Bn 24 identified Sidi Saad 07756 and 6th Troop 90 Arty Regt Southeast Goubbelat at J 6812. Presence of 1st 2nd and 3rd Cos 86 Panzer Grenadier Regt indicated by deserter captured East of Medjez El Bab in areas Djebel Assoud (J 7144) and Djebel Zitoun (J 7540).

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

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR-USFOR

No. 7724 January 28, 1943

Damaged by bomb in Algiers air raid during morning 27 January was 1 merchant vessel. Submarine dispositions western basin. Probably 1 German between Algiers Oran. Otherwise no known change. Up to 8 Italian all south of 38 degrees North and between 04 degrees East and Bone of which 4 between 06 degrees and 07 degrees East. South of Naples enemy aircraft reporting schooner sunk by HM submarine 0200 Z 20 January. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 27 January. Part 1 will follow. Part 2 air. Bombers. From Sicily about 10 JU 88's estimated engaged convoy escort duties during day. Operating against shipping were additional 10 JU 88's from Sardinia during early evening. Transport 26 January. Between Italy and Tunisia transport scale normal with about 50 JU 52's and 5 ME 323's employed. During night 25-26 January about 20 JU 52's from Southern Tunisia believed returned to Sicily. Bomber Recce. Only 3 JU 88's reported engaged recce along North African Coast of which 1 reaching Oran midday continued eastwards apparently sighting during afternoon allied convoy off

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Cherchel and another over convoy at dusk. Recce over Tunisia normal with about 5 aircraft engaged. AGWAR For WDGBI USEFOR reptd Troopers information Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps EAC 13th AF MBS ABS 1 Armad Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Other enemy activity. Eight FW 190's attacked Souk El Abba aerodrome 1130Z 26 January with some success. Intercepting Spitfires claim 2 FW 190's destroyed 2 probably. No engagement followed from sighting by B 26's and P 38's on anti shipping missions between Tunisia Sicily of force composed 10 to 15 ME 109's and FW 190's escorting convoy on 27 January. No encounter between B 26's P 38's on bombing mission Southern Tunisia and 2 ME 109's which followed flight between Gabes-Tebessa about 1500 Z. Formation A 20's P 40's attacking Mezrouna 0800 Z followed also by 2 ME 109's. Likewise no encounter.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: OPD
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CCS)
ADM. KING

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From Freedom Algiers
To: Agvar-USFOR

No. 7603, January 28th, 1943.

Reference combined Chiefs of Staff 2111/22.
(To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff, USFOR
for British Chiefs of Staff, repeated admiralty
London, Senior Naval Officer Casablanca area,
Flag Officer Commanding West Africa, Glassford
Mission Dakar from Freedom Algiers) This is NAF
123 addressed Agvar for Combined Chiefs of Staff
and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated to
Admiralty London. Senior Naval Officer, Casablanca
area. Flag officer commanding, West Africa.
Glassford Mission, Dakar. Signed Eisenhower.

French Naval rearmament.

1. Information on ASDIC trawlers and patrol
vessels being obtained will be communicated direct
to British Admiralty.

2. Specimens of Ammunition being transported
as ship's outfits Richelieu 15 inch Montcalm 6
inch Fantasque 5.5 inch. 1 Technical Ordnance
Officer Lieutenant Commander Monier attached Fenard
mission leaves in Nivose.

3. Stocks ammunition remaining on shore in
North Africa 15 inch NIL. 6 inch 334. 5.5 inch
9230. Estimated requirements follow.

4. Arrangements for removal of AA batteries
from ships sailing for USA and reduction of submarine

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From Freedom Algiers
To: Agwar-USFOR

No. 7603, January 28th, 1943.

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torpedoes to 2 per ship have been made by Admiral Michelier.

5. Admiral Fenard asked to bring essential ships for First Echelon by air.

No Sig

Action: General Deane (CC/S)

Information: OPD
General Arnold
General Strong
Admiral King
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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 30 JANUARY 1943	INFORMATION	CINC MED. V.A. MALTA V.A. GIBRALTAR S.O. FORCE H. A.F.H.Q. LONDON B.A.D. WASHINGTON	DEFERRED
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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 53.

1. ALGIERS. ABOUT 25 AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE HARBOUR AND TOWN DURING EARLY A.M. 27/1. 1 BOMB HIT AND DAMAGED VILLE DE STRASBOURG FORWARD AND OTHERS CAUSED SOME DAMAGE ON SHORE. 4 MINES WERE DROPPED 1 JUST OUTSIDE NORTH ENTRANCE EXPLODED 20 MINUTES AFTER DROPPING ANOTHER INSIDE HARBOUR HAS NOT YET EXPLODED AFTER ATTEMPT BY LL SWEEP BUT PORTIONS OF G TYPE TAIL HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. THE OTHER 2 MINES FELL ON LAND, 1 EXPLODED. BEAUFIGHTERS CLAIM 3 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED AND 1 PROBABLE.

2. P 247 REPORTS SINKING SCHOONER EMPLOYED ON REPORTING AIRCRAFT IN POSITION 40-14 NORTH 14-10 EAST AT 0300/20/

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3. FROM 8TH NOVEMBER TO 8TH JANUARY THE FOLLOWING TOTALS WERE DISCHARGED AT PORTS IN TORCH AREA. DEAD-WEIGHT TONNAGE 1,303,000 PERSONNEL 437,200 AND VEHICLES 42,420. RECORDS FROM BONE NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE 24TH NOVEMBER. 1 DISCHARGE AT ORAN NOT INCLUDED.

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Situation Report Number 53.

1. Algiers. About 25 aircraft attacked the harbour and town during early A.M. 27/1. One bomb hit and damaged VILLE DE STRASBOURG forward and others caused some damage on shore. 4 mines were dropped one just outside North entrance exploded 20 minutes after dropping another inside harbour has not yet been exploded after attempt by LL sweep but portions of G type tail have been recovered. The other 2 mines fell on land, one exploded. Beaufighters claim 3 enemy aircraft destroyed and one probable.
2. P 247 reports sinking schooner employed on reporting aircraft in position 40 14 North 14 10 East at 0300/20.
3. From 8th November to 8th January the following totals were discharged at ports in torch area. Deadweight tonnage 1,303,000 personnel 437,200 and vehicles 42,420. Records from Bone not available before 24th November. One discharge at Oran not included.

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Gen. Macready
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Plans
Brig. Dykes (8)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR USFOR

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No 7556 January 27, 1943

Italian identifications. Identifications elements Eighth Bersaglieri Regt and Sixth Machine Gun Group from prisoners taken recent actions Sened Maknassy indicate presence elements withdrawn from Tripolitania. Eighth Bersaglieri belonged Ariete Division. Presence Thirty First Tank Regt suggested by cap found in wrecked lorry J 648095. This units first bn believed in reserve Superga Divisional sector and under command. Further bn perhaps being formed though as yet unexplained is presence elements either battalion in Goubellat area. Second and third companies Ninety First Inf Regt reported Ojebel Halfa area. Sixth Group Aosta Machine Gunners was in Tripolitania. Reported identification Sixth Cavalry Regt as given previous report probably synonymous with later identification German identifications. Operation of 501 Heavy Tank Bn in area northeast of Ousseltia suggested by white signboard with red Tiger found that area. That units of 756 Mountain Infantry Regt are operating separately suggested by identification of battalion headquarters that unit in Djebel El Halfa (084) inasmuch as another battalion this unit identified Dj Mansour area as previously reported. This is a paraphrase of the original message. AGWAR USFOR reptf troopers information Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 26 Jan. No enemy ground offensive activity reported. Foregoing southern Tunisia. Northern Tunisia. Prisoners captured Djebel en Rihana (07545) area in action night 25-26

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To: WAR USFOR

No 7556
January 27, 1943

Jan now reported to number 30 and not 300 as previously reported. Intermittent shelling patrolling and small scale motor transport movement by enemy continued in area Jknevally north of Bou Arada. To south no significant change reported from Ousseltia Valley area.

No Sig.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-WAR (Action)

No. 7537, January 27, 1943

AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers Adv 1 Army Adv 2
Corps RAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast
Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower
cite FHGBI.

Air. Bombers. During evening Allied convoy
between Bougie Algiers operated against by about
5 JU 88's and a few HE 111's while Algiers bombed by
about 15 JU 88's and a number of CZ 1007's during
last half of night 26-27 January. Other activity.
Unfavorable weather limited enemy fighter and fighter
bomber activity over forward area. Bomber recce.
During day over Tunisia recce flights by estimated 7 or
8 Sicilian based JU 88's. Normal scale activity along
North African coast with shipping recce by about 5 JU
88's from Sardinia 1 of which reached Oran area about
midday while another believed to have shadowed westbound
Allied convoy during late afternoon between Bougie Algiers.
Transport 25 January. Between Italy and Tunisia between
50 and 70 JU 52's and 5 ME 323's employed. G 2 report
for 24 hours ending 2400Z 26 January.

Naval submarine dispositions western basin. Italian.
Between Bone 04 degrees east up to 8 of which 2 Bone
vicinity and probably 4 within 60 miles cape Bougprou.
German. No new patrol positions indicated.

Action: G-2 *air* No Sig
Information: OPD, CG AAF, General Deane (CC/S)

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To: WAR

No. 7648, January 27, 1943.

Jan 26 SITREP 90.

1. Naval. No reports.

2. Central Tunisia (to USFOR, AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, ABS, Mideast pass to main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers) signed Eisenhower. Night 25 26 Jan elements 26 RCT attacked feature 07748 captured prisoners who stated without food for 3 days. 26 Jan elements 26 RCT established astride Ousseltia-Kairouan pass 07748. French troops patrolling north to Djebel Bou Dabouss 085. Number of prisoners captured. Robinett force patrolling north Ousseltia valley. Contact with British Mausolee 07570. First Bn 16th Inf now area 06555.

3. Northern Tunisia. Cite FHGCT. Arty and patrolling activity only. First para Brig now complete in 5 Corps Area.

4. Command. Major units under command CG 1st Army are 1st Army troops; 5 corps; USA 1st Inf Div less 16, 18 and 26 Rgts, 2nd USA Corps. 5 corps major units are 78 Div less 36 Brig but plus 18 RCT, 6 Armd Div plus 36 Brig and 2nd Bn 16th RCT; 139 Brig; 1 para brig, 3 French bns. 2nd USA corps major units are 1st Armd Div less Robinett's force; 3rd Bn 26 RCT;

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French Constantine Div. French Army major units are Algerian Div and Moroccan Div. Robinetts force plus 16 RCT less 1 bn and plus 26 RCT less 1 bn are under command Algerian Div.

5. Locations: Gafsa, 3rd Bn 26th Inf; 1 btry 5th FA Bn, Bouchebka; 1st Armd Div less deta, Sheitla; 1st Bn 13th AR, 3rd Bn 1st AR, 1st Bn 6th Armd Inf, 91 Armd FA Bn, 5th FA Bn less 1 btry, Co A 701 TD Bn, area Foadouk-Pichon; Co A 70 Tank Bn, Co C 601 TD Bn, Ousseltia valley; 2nd Bn 13th AR, 2nd Bn 6th Armd Inf, 27th Armd FA Bn, 26th RCT less 1 Bn, 16th RCT less 1 bn, area Robaa; 36th Inf Brig less 8 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and incl 2nd Bn 16th Inf Bou Arada-El Aroussa 6th Armd Div, 3rd Bn Grenadier Guards, south and SE Medjez El Bab 18th RCT incl 5th Northants Medjez El Bab, 1st Guards Brigade less 3rd Bn Grenadier Guards and incl 8th Bn Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Munchar; 11th Inf Brig less 5th Bn Northhamptons and 1st Bn East Surrey and incl 2nd Parachute Bn, Sidi Nsir; 1st Bn East Surrey 2nd 5th Leicesters area Ston Del Aouana; 139th Inf Brig less 2nd 5th Leicesters and incl 1st and 6th Commandos.

6. Air. 4 B 26 aircraft on antishipping strike between Tunisia and Sicily and 19 P 38's on sweep of Gabes-Medenine road abandoned missions due weather. 10 medium bombers dispatched against Bizerte. 3 bombed estimated target remainder returned with bombs due weather. Night 25 26 Jan Hurribombers attacked railway at station de Jefna, craters made in railway track, 2 escorting fighters collided over target. Eight enemy planes dive bombed Souk El Arba airdrome destroying 2 and damaging 2 Beaufighters on the ground, Spitfires intercepted, 2 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probably destroyed and 3 damaged without loss. Night 26 27 Jan about 23 enemy planes operated against Algiers, mer-CK-IN-13155 (28 Jan 43)

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chant vessel hit starting small fire, 4 petrol lorries fired, hit on building in town, Beaufighters destroyed 2. Bca, antisubmarine and sea patrol sorties flown without incident. Sixty three transport sorties flown (Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR, information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mid-east pass to main 8th Army.

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General Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers

To: WAR

No. 7435, January 26, 1943.

Patrol activity only and some small scale motor transport movement vicinity J 7403 reported from Bou Arada area northward, no significant change reported Djebel Mansour and Robaa areas though 8 enemy tanks observed during day vicinity 07668, little enemy resistance encountered in Ousseltia Valley by our forward elements as far north as 07365, enemy still in possession road junction 07548 and high ground north of Ousseltia Kairouan road, enemy forced off heights Djebel Er Rihana 07645 in successful attack during night 25-26 Jan during which 300 prisoners reported captured, attempted enemy infiltration from 08038 to 07539 during night 24-25 Jan, southern Tunisia, only patrolling reported (AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV 1 Army ADV 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) identifications, deserter Mateur sector indicates presence of 10th Bersaglieri regt north of German positions on Mateur Jefna road composed of elements of 10th 34th and 63rd Bns, information from reliable source suggest 10th may be an error for 16th, exact strength these units unknown, presence 1st Bn 69th PX Gren regt in area east Goubellat indicated by prisoner from patrol captured that area 23 Jan, documentary evidence suggest 2nd Bn 69th PX Gren regt and elements 501 heavy tank Abteilung Italian 6th Cavalry repeat Abteilung operating southwest Pont Du Fahs, presence 334 PX Jager Abteilung Italian 6th Cavalry regt indicated from prisoners captured Masnassy

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area 24 Jan, believe antitank or recce elements 334 Div may be based Gabes El, considered possible that small drafts 6th Italian Cavalry Regt may be operating southern Tunisia with 15th Cavalry Regt armoured cars known to be in this area though main body 6th Italian Cavalry Regt undoubted in Greece, enemy materiel, following information given on armour PZ KW 6 by prisoner of war report, armament, 188 MM gun and 2 machine guns, armour, basic 7.12 inches, sides 4.75 inches to 5.5 inches, front and gun mantlet 9.88 inches, weight still given as 60 tons.

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CG AAF
General Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: War- USFOR

No. 7439 Jan 26, 1943

Sitrep 89 Jan 25.

Naval, Bad weather prevented completion sweep by 2 motor torpedo boats from Bone night 22-23 Jan. No serious damage Bone from enemy air activity 22 and 23 Jan. Three motor torpedo boats on patrol off Cani Rocks night 24-25 Jan. Two landing ships Inf with 1500 parachutists arrived Bone from Algiers. British submarine reports torpedo hit on northbound merchant ship Sicily. Another British submarine reports: Merchant vessel with Nazi ensign sunk off Genoa 14 Jan, German submarine sunk off Sardinia 21 Jan, 1 Junior Officer survivor. Signed Eisenhower, cite FHGCT.

Southern Tunisia. Later reports of raid 24 Jan, took place between station De Sened and Maknassy, total prisoners 150, about 25 enemy killed. Our casualties 2 killed, 3 wounded, 2 tanks lost.

Central Tunisia. 26 rct less 1 Bn occupied Djebel Rihana 07645, enemy remain on northern slopes. Robinett patrolled north without opposition to 07648 where enemy engaged. Second Bn Sixteenth Inf Regt moved area 07371 under command Thirty Sixth Brig. Thirty Sixth Brig in contact with enemy 06983.

Northern Tunisia. Patrolling and arty activity only.

Air. Adverse weather prevented all heavy, medium and light bomber activity. Three Malta Mosquitos on intruder patrols over Gabes dash Sfax roads night Jan.

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To: WAR

No 7439
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Machine gunned motor transportation. Four enemy planes attacked Chardimaou H 50, 2 motor vehicles hit, 2 wounded. Hurricanes damaged 1 enemy plane Djidjelli. Rcn sorties over forward areas without incident. Fifty four transport sorties flown. Action USFOR do no repeat AGWAR, information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Anga Casablanca for Gruenthal, Mideast pass to Main Eighth Army.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
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No. 7370 January 26, 1943

One German 40 miles east of Algiers, submarine dispositions Western Mediterranean, 2 Italian between 05 degrees east and Algiers with further 5 between 08 degrees and 05 degrees east. Message paraphrased. Following attacks on enemy units. HM submarine sank German submarine 0734Z 21 Jan west of Straits of Bonifacio, HM submarine torpedoed and sank enemy transport of 8637 tons 0720Z 23 Jan in straits of Messina. Foregoing Part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 25 Jan. Part 1 will follow. Part 2 Air. Transport 24 Jan. Activity apparently on normal scale with about 50 JU 52s and 5 ME 323s on service between Italy Tunisia. Bombers. Nothing to report. Bomber recce. 5 JU 88s at least engaged recce flights Sicily southward during day one of which entered Algeria continuing to Biskra during morning. North African coast recce between Bone Algiers by about 5 JU 88s one of which driven off by our fighters from area of Allied convoy vicinity Cape Bugaroun during morning. This convoy shadowed almost continuously during afternoon reached Bone by dusk. Other activity. Spitfires on patrol observed 2 ME 109s Pont Du Eahs area 0600Z. No contact. One ME 109 active north of El Aroussa (J 40) probably recce 1100 Z. Road east of Ghardimaou (H 50) attacked by 4 ME 109s at 1545Z. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV 1 Army ADV 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. End of paraphrased message.

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 52.

- (1) BOLE. BAD WEATHER PREVENTED TWO MTB'S COMPLETING SWEEP NIGHT 22/23RD. THREE WERE ON PATROL OFF CANT ROCKS NIGHT 24/25TH, NO REPORT YET. MINOR ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY P.M. 22ND AND 23RD. NO SERIOUS DAMAGE. BEAUFIGHTERS SHOT DOWN ONE DO 217.
- (2) 12TH AIR FORCE. 6 B-26 CLAIM ONE MEDIUM SIZED MERCHANT VESSEL SUNK BY BOMBS AND ANOTHER DAMAGED BY NEAR MISSES APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES WEST OF PANTELLARIA A.M. 21ST. ONE 22ND, 5 B-2'S CLAIM TWO HITS AND SEVERAL NEAR MISSES ON A MERCHANT VESSEL AND NEAR MISSES AROUND ANOTHER 10 MILES NORTH EAST OF BIZERTE. ON A.M. 24TH 4 B-17 ATTACKED SHIPPING AT SOUSSE AND CLAIM ONE HIT WITH 500 POUND BOMB ON A MERCHANT VESSEL.

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(3) (ZET)9X. IN AN ATTACK ON THE CONVOY AT ABOUT 1845/25 IN POSITION 37-14 NORTH 629 EAST BEAUFIGHTERS SHOT DOWN 3 AIRCRAFT. NO DAMAGE REPORTED.

(4) TWO LSI WITH 1500 PARACHUTISTS FROM ALGIERS ARRIVED BONE F.M. 25TH.

(5) SITREP 57, ITEM 4. P.212 NOW REPORTS THAT ALGERIAN VESSEL FLYING NAZ ENSION WAS SUNK IN POSITION 44-8 NORTH 08-16 EAST AT 1315/14. P.212 ALSO SANK L.341 AT 1834/21 IN POSITION 41-27 NORTH 07-14 EAST AND HAS ONE JUNIOR OFFICER SURVIVOR.

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Item 4.

Situation Report Number 52.

1. BONE. Bad weather prevented two M.T.B.'s completing sweep night 22/23rd. Three were on patrol off Cani Rocks night 24/25th, no report yet. Minor enemy air activity p.m. 22nd and 23rd. No serious damage. Beaufighters shot down one DO 217.
2. 12th Air Force. 6 B.26 claim one medium sized merchant vessel sunk by bombs and another damaged by near misses approximately 15 miles West of Pantellaria a.m. 21st. On 22nd, 5 B.2's claim two hits and several near misses on a merchant vessel and near misses around another 18 miles North East of Bizerte. On a.m. 24th, 4 B.17 attacked shipping at Sousse and claim one hit with 500 pound bomb on a merchant vessel.
3. (?ET)9X. In an attack on the convoy at about 1840/23 in position 37 14 North 629 East Beaufighters shot down 3 aircraft. No damage reported.
4. Two LSI with 1500 parachutists from Algiers arrived Bone p.m. 25th.
5. SITREP 50, Item 4. P.212 now reports that merchant vessel flying Nazi ensign was sunk in position 44-8 North 08-18 East at 1315/14. P.212 also sank L.301 at 0834/21 in position 41-27 North 07-04 East and has one Junior officer survivor.

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Admiral
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 7176 Jan 25, 1943

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
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To: War

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4. Air, 3 Malta Mosquitos on intruder patrol night 2324 Jan attacked.

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Supplemental correction of CM-IN-12029 (26 Jan 43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAZ
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Gen. Deane (CCS)
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To: War

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North of Bou Arada enemy activity confined patrolling some harrassign artillery fire. In Ousseltia area no significant change in valley. Niar point O 7447 enemy strong point in estimated strength 1 battalion reported also estimated 2 battalions in area north of Oued Lebous (O 8149). Enemy attacks westward during afternoon 23 Jan reached high ground O 7642 and O 7639 while Italian troops reportedly occupied As Djeloulou (O 8443) during morning 24 Jan. Forgoing Northern Tunisia para of G 2 report part 1 land for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 24 Jan. No new identifications reported AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV 1 Army ADV 2 Corps eac 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Arm Corp Malta mid east Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI. Southern Tunisia. Reported 86 prisoners, of which about 20 German remainder Italian captured Maknassy (T70 during recce AW force which round enroute Ston Seneb (Y 49) to have been evacuated.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR
War

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No. 7077, January 25th, 1943.

Transport 23 January, service between Italy Sicily and Northern Tunisia maintained by about 50 JU 52s and 50 ME 323s with further JU 52s flying between Sicily and Southern Tunisia. (AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS AVS 1 Armcd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower EYF). Other enemy activity. Fifty to 60 aircraft reported on ground of which about half claimed destroyed. Attack continued by B 26s with good results. One ME 109 destroyed from formation of enemy fighters which attacked our aircraft 3 ME 109s observed over Sousse by P 38 making weather recce about 0700Z no engagement following 3 ME 109 encountered about 1500Z by P 40 during recce of Kairouan Ousseltia Area. Twelve fighters seen but not engaged by B 25s during attack on airdrome west Medeninz (probably Matmata. Bomber recce. Only 1 JU 88 operated during daylight along North African Coast Mina westbound convoy believed shadowed shortly after noon about 50 miles northeast Algiers. Coast recce during evening NB Algiers BH 1 Hq 111. Usual recce flights over Tunisia during day by about 5 JU 88s 1 of which over Gafsa 1045Z.

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Nothing to report Part 3 Naval. G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z to 24 January. Bombers. Some activity by Sicilian based JU 88s during daylight though no night operations apparent. Part 1 will follow. Foregoing is paraphrase.

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Information: OPD
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INFORMATION: G-2
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To: AGWAR

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NOTE: CM IN No. 11318

Footnote: Supplementary copy to CM-IN-11318 (1-25-43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2, G-1, G-3, G-4, CG AAF, BPR, CCGN
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GEN. PERSONS

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 6971 Jan 24, 1943

Included among enemy forces in Ousseltia Valley are 40 to 50 tanks O 7669, estimated 2 Batteries Artillery O 7647, strong points O 7259 and O 7447. (To AGWAR, USFOR Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps Eastern Air Command Twelfth Air Force MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield Five Army from Freedom Algiers) French resistance holding out in Pichon and DJ Ousselat Areas according to indications. DJ Bou Dabouss as far south as Ousseltia dash Kairovan Road was occupied by enemy. Foregoing Northern Tunisian.

Land G 2 report for 24 hour period ending 2400Z on 23rd January (AGWAR USFOR restd troopers information Adv 2 Corps, Adv 1 Army, ABS, EAC, MBS, 12th Air Force, Mideast, Fairfield, 1 Armd Corps, Five Army, Malta from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI P2SEN. Southern Tunisia. At midday 22nd January Si Bou Z T 65 was bombed. North Maknassy PM January 22nd 4 light enemy tanks. Retaken by enemy PM January 22nd was Ston De Sened Y 49. Details not available.

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ACTION: G-2 *air*
INFORMATION: OPD CG AAF GEN DEANE (CC/s)

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SOS-TAG, GEN. DEANE (CC/S), ADMR. KING
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 7007, January 24, 1943.

Naval para 1. No reports SITREP 87 Jan 23

Para 2. Central Tunisia. Station De Sened. 4 Nans occupied by enemy. Faid T 75 and Sidi Bou Zid T 65 bombed by enemy. French withdrew from Djebel Bou Dabouss 085 to Djebel Ousselat 073 no area to South. Robinetta force covered withdrawal and continues to operate in valley. We hold strong point around Ousseltia. 36 Inf Brig less 1 Bn continues to hold road O 7570-C6781 and Pont Du Fahs-Robaa road to road block at O6882.

Para 3. First Army. ~~cids fhgct xc~~ minor patrol activity and shelling only.

Para 4. L of C. Search in progress for 11 parachutists landed Morgott U 21 night 1920 Jan.

Para 5. Arr. Signed Eisenhower. 16 P 38 aircraft on sweep Gabes-Medenine-Ben Gardane Road. Destroyed about 28 vehicles. Enemy planes attacked of which 1 destroyed and 1 damaged. 2 P 38's shot down and 2 damaged. Night 22 23 Jan 4 Malta Beauforts laid mines vicinity Kerkennah Islands. 11 Malta Beaufighters flew antishipping strike Souasse Area. 5 B 26 aircraft escorted by 12 P 38's flew antishipping strike. Machine gunned freighter and trawler 1 mile from Bergia P 47. Near bomb misses on freighter. Barges and small freighter also attacked. 1 vessel exploded and another caught fire. 1 Italian plane destroyed. 1 B 26 shot down and 1 P 38 missing. 11 B 17 aircraft attacked Bizerta Naval Base with 24 tons of bombs from 23,000 feet. 1 merchant vessel sunk. Hits and near misses on another. About 18 enemy planes attacked

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of which 3 were destroyed. 3 probably destroyed and 4 damaged. 12 B 17 aircraft attacked Bizerta Naval Base with 35 tons of bombs from 23000 feet. Bursts on hangars, workshops and oil tanks about 80 enemy aircraft attacked of which 25 to 30 destroyed, 4 probably destroyed and 5 damaged. 10 medium bombers made night attack Bizerta docks with 20 tons of bombs. Many hits on target area. 6 Bisleys night 22 23 Jan attacked enemy motor transport on road vicinity Kairouan, bombed Kairouan airdrome. 6 A 20 aircraft escorted by 13 P 40's attacked heavy gun battery and MG nests Djebel Bu Babouss with fragmentation bombs, hits observed in target area. Rcns carried out over forward area without combat. Beaufighters destroyed 3 enemy aircraft off coast Djidjelli- Philippeville area. 55 transport Sorties flown, Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR. Information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, ANFA Casablanca for Gruenthar, Mideast rptd Main 8th Army.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: ADM. KING
GEN. PERSONS
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CG AAF
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - USFOR

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No. 6945 Jan 24, 1943

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2. Air Bomber Recce. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV 1 Army ADV 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI. Many enemy fighters encountered by B 17's during attacks on Bizerta Naval Base about midday with 20 ME 109's claimed shot down without loss to our aircraft. During sweep by P 38's over Gabes Medenine Ben Gardane raid during which column enemy vehicles strafed our aircraft attacked by unknown number ME 109's 1 of which destroyed 1 damaged. During day over Tunisia and off Tunisian coast further 5 JU 88's active apparently from Sicily. Bombers. With principal target previously shadowed between 40 and 50 German bombers estimated active during evening of which taking part convoy attack were between 10 and 15 torpedo bombers half being HE 111's remainder JU 88's. Other enemy activity. About 930Z 4 enemy aircraft active South of Ousseltia and about 1530Z 3 ME 109's active Kefra area. About 5 JU 88's based Sardinia engaged Recce activity North African Coast indicating return to normal scale. Between Bone Philippeville Allied Convoy shadowed during afternoon early evening. Enemy air activity of G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 23 Jan. Activity of aerial transport between Italy Tunisia appeared on considerably reduced scale 22 Jan though no exact information available.

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3. Naval. Bombardment Zuara during night 22 dash 23 by surface force from Mean range 8000 yards resulted 2 large explosions and oil fire started with no casualties our ships nor damage. Now known HM submarine sank 2 north-bound enemy merchant vessels 2000 tons each off coast Tripolitania first 0906 Z 17 Jan second 1014Z 18 Jan. No known damage to own ships resulted in air attack. On convoy East Algiers early evening 23 Jan. Submarine dispositions Western Basin. German. Near Alboran I. North of Capt Tenez I. North of Oran I. Within 60 miles Algiers possibly 2. Italian. Southoff 38 degs north KGH between 05 degs 08 degs East up to 7. Attacks on enemy units. The above is a paraphrase of original message.

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ACTION : G-2 *air*

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

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3. Naval. Bombardment Zuara during night 22 dash 23 by surface force from Mean range 8000 yards resulted 2 large explosions and oil fire started with no casualties our ships nor damage. Now known HM submarine sank 2 north-bound enemy merchant vessels 2000 tons each off coast Tripolitania first 0908 Z 17 Jan second 1014Z 18 Jan. No known damage to own ships resulted in air attack. On convoy East Algiers early evening 23 Jan. Submarine dispositions Western Basin. German. Near Alboran 1. North of Capt Tenez 1. North of Oran 1. Within 60 miles Algiers possibly 2. Italian. Southoff 38 degs north KGH between 05 degs 08 degs East up to 7. Attacks on enemy units. The above is a paraphrase of original message.

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From: Algiers

To: WAR-USFOR-British War Office

No. 6892 January 24, 1943

SITREP 86 Jan 22.

1. Naval. British submarine reports attack on 2 merchant ships escorted by 3 destroyers off Naples 15 Jan. (To USFOR AGWAR Troopers 5th Army ABB Mideast rptd Main 8th Army from G 3 AFHQ.) One hit stopped 1 merchant ship. Other returned to Naples. First ship again attacked and sunk. Nineteen Jan same submarine attacked convoy of 1 merchant vessel escorted by antisubmarine schooner and armed trawler off Sardinia. Schooner sunk by gun fire. Trawler beached in sinking condition. Merchant ship sunk by torpedos. Landing ships infantry disembarked 2nd load of troops from KM 7 at Bone 21 Jan. KMS 7 arrived safely Bone from Algiers 22 Jan. Two air attacks while enroute. Ships shot down 2 aircraft. No damage reported. Two motor torpedo boats patrolled from Bone night 22/23 Jan. Collier Hampton Lodge of KMS 6 sunk by enemy action night 20/21 Jan about 80 miles West Algiers.

2. Central Tunisia. One Squadron Derby Yeomanry patrolled SE gaining contact with enemy 4 miles East Ousseltia. Enemy attacked French on high ground Dj Bou Dabous 08153 from East and from West. Robinette unable to intervene due bad ground. French in this area received supplies dropped by air. Have

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asked for more. Thirty Sixth ~~at~~ with 1 Bn and 1 Rept Arty less 1 Btry astride road from road junction 0 7073-road junction 0 6776. Remainder astride road Pont Du Fahs-Robas with head in contact enemy road block 0 6882.

3. First Army. Thirty Eighth Inf Brig now hold positions astride Bou Arada-Goubellat road 3 1/2 miles North Bou Arada. Area 4 miles NE Bou Arada unoccupied by either side by day. We use as Arty CP and 1 of our Bns occupies by night. Patrol activity only on Goubellat plain.

4. L of C. Twenty one parachutists captured since 19 Jan KEN Morcott N 21 and Chirefontaine N 13. Gendarmes and Arabs assisting in searches.

5. Air. Twelve medium bombers dispatched to attack Memline. Three Malta Beauflights attacked merchant vessel Gulf of Gabes leaving it stationary and on fire. Eight P 38 aircraft swept Gaves-Medline-Ben Gardane road. Ten enemy planes attacked shooting down 2 P 38. Attack made on enemy transport planes on ground 1 of which caught fire. Four Malta Beauflights attacked 2 tugs 16 miles from Sfax leaving them stationary and damaged. Twenty-six B 17 aircraft attacked El Aouina airdrome with fragmentation and HE bombs from 20000 feet. Hits claimed on buildings. Fires observed. Signed Kisenhower cite PHCCT. Seventeen B 25 aircraft attacked El Aouina airdrome with fragmentation bombs. Hits in disposal area. Fires seen among dispersed aircraft. One B 25 crashed West of Tunis. Six B 20 aircraft on shipping strike report hits on enemy freighter and near misses on cargo liner 18 miles NE Bizerta. Five enemy aircraft attacked of which 4 were destroyed and 1 probably destroyed. Escorting P 38's attacked formation of enemy planes destroying 2. Two B 26's force landed East of Bone. Four Albacores and 1 Beaufort from Malta attacked escorted enemy merchant vessel 41 miles NW Cap Bon. Results unobserved. Bombardiers escorted by Spitfires attacked Pont Du Fahs. Hits on railroad and motor transport. 19 Bistley sortles night 21/22 Jan attacked motor transport. Twenty lorries bombed center of Pont Du Fahs. Ten P 38 and sixteen P 40's-including 6 of Lafayette Escadrille made sweep through Oussentia Valley. Three

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tanks and about 18 MG Posns attacked. One P 40 missing. Twelve A 20 aircraft escorted by seven P 39's and fifteen P 40's including 8 of Lafayette Escadrille attacked tank depot 17 miles NNE Ousseltia with HE. Fragmentation and incendiary bombs. Hits observed. Two enemy planes attacked. One P 40 of LE missing. Two transport sorties flown. Locations: Souk El Khemis. Eleven fighters. Twenty light bombers. Thelepte S 84. Forty fighters. Twelve light bombers. Souk El Arba. Thirtynine fighters. Youks Les Bains. Four fighters Rcn. Seven fighters. Twenty light bombers. 18 (13) troop carriers. Bone (Tingley). Forty one fighters. Oul Mene M 71. Three correction after 'bombs from twenty thousand feet' insert following 'large fires started.' Sixty packages leaflets dropped. Fifteen enemy planes attacked of which 3 were destroyed. Two probably destroyed and 2 damaged. Twelve B 26 aircraft attacked El Aouina airdrome with ten tons bombs from 10000 ft. Also for two transport sorties read 62 light bombers. Ain ELILA L 84. Fourteen heavy bombers. Canrobert M 32. One light bomber. Berteaux L 85. Sixteen fighters. Thirteen medium bombers. Seventeen troop carriers. Telergma L 75. Twentyone fighters. Twentytwo medium bombers. Six troop carriers. Biskra. Fortyseven fighters. Sixteen heavy bombers. Taher F 22. Fifteen fighters. Setifs. Thirtytwo fighters. Algiers including Blida and Maison Blanch. Yekyel fighters. Fifteen medium bombers. Twelve photo rcn. Thirtynone troop carriers. Fourteen bomber Rcn. Oran including La Senia. Tafarouci. Nouvion Q 18 and Relizane 59 (Q 59). Twentyseven fighters. Twentyeight medium bombers. One heavy bomber. One photo Rcn. Twentynine troop carriers. Oujda. Nine fighter Rcn. Seven fighters. One medium bomber. Nine bomber Rcn. Port Lyautey. Nine fighters. Two medium bombers. Casablanca including Mediouna. Uktul fighters. Three light bombers. Seventeen troop carriers. ANFA Casablanca for Gruenther.

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Action: OPD

Information:

Adm. King. Gen. Persons, BPR, G-2, CG AMF
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From : N.C.X.F.

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Situation report number 51.

1. Bone. Two M.T.B.'s on patrol night 22/23 off Rass Al Koran. L.S.I.'s disembarked second load of troops ex KMF 7 P.M. 21st. Swordfish car tied out sweep in vicinity of Canl Rocks P.M. 21st nothing seen.

2. KMS 6 HAMPTON LODGE was sunk by enemy action night 20/21 approximately 80 miles West of Algiers KMS 7 arrived safely at Bone from Algiers P.M. 22/1. 2 Big air attacks took place when ships shot down 2 aircraft and beaufighters another 2. No damage reported. Heavier scale attack in ideal weather probably forestalled by bombing attack by Wellingtons on Elsas.

4. P 228 reports at 1915/15 in position 40 37 North 13 47 East attacked 2 merchant ships 6,000 tons escorted by 3 destroyers. One hit stopped one merchant ship the other returned to Naples. First Merchant ship again attacked at 2350/15 and 0335/16 when she was sunk with one torpedo hit. At 1415/19 in 39 41 North 9 43 East attacked convoy of one 2,000 laden merchant vessel escorted by 200 ton A/S schooner and 400 ton armed trawler. Schooner sunk by gunfire. Trawler beached in sinking condition. Merchant ship sunk by torpedo.

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 51.

1. BONE. 2 MTB'S ON PATROL NIGHT 22/23 OFF RASS
AL KORAN. LSI'S DISEMBARKED SECOND LOAD OF TROOPS
EX KMF 7 P.M. 21ST. SWORDFISH CARRIED OUT SWEEP IN
VICINITY OF CANL ROCKS P.M. 21ST NOTHING SEEN.

2. MKS 6 HAMPTON LODGE WAS SUNK BY ENEMY ACTION NIGHT
22/21 APPROXIMATELY 80 MILES WEST OF ALGIERS KMS 7
ARRIVED SAFELY AT BONE FROM ALGIERS P.M. 22/1. 2 BIG
AIR ATTACKS TOOK PLACE WHEN SHIPS SHOT DOWN 2 AIRCRAFT
AND BEAUFIGHTERS ANOTHER 2. NO DAMAGE REPORTED. HEAVIER
SCALE ATTACK IN IDEAL WEATHER PROBABLY FORESTALLED BY
BOMBING ATTACK BY WELLINGTONS ON ELMAS.

4. P 228 REPORTS AT 1915/15 IN POSITION 40 57 NORTH 13
47 EAST ATTACKED 2 MERCHANT SHIPS 6,000 TONS ESCORTED BY 3
DESTROYERS. 1 HIT STOPPED ONE MERCHANT SHIP THE OTHER
RETURNED TO NAPLES. 1ST MERCHANT SHIP AGAIN ATTACKED AT

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2350/15 AND 0835/16 WHEN SHE WAS SUNK WITH 1 TORPEDO HIT.
 AT 1415/19 ~~MM~~ IN 39 41 NORTH 9 43 EAST ATTACKED CONVOY
 OF 1 2,000 LADEN MERCHANT VESSEL ESCORTED BY 200 TON
 A/S SCHOONER AND 400 TON ARMED TRAWLER. SCHOONER SUNK
 BY GUNFIRE. TRAWLER BEACHED IN SINKING CONDITION.
 MERCHANT SHIP SUNK BY TORPEDO.

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To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 6835 Jan 23, 1943

In the Pont Du Fahs area enemy driven back to road block on Rohaa Pont Du Fahs road at O 6882. Road leading south from Sidi Said cleared to road junction O 7073. Enemy forces in Ousseltia Valley forced northward to general line O 7261 dash O 7554 but situation to eastward remains obscure. Successful enemy attacks from both east and west reported in area Djebel Bou Dabojss (O 8353) though isolated French detachments believed holding out. Enemy contacted east Ousseltia at O 7244 at 1400Z. In attacks from east on Djevel O Dselat area north of Pichon at least initial enemy successes indicated by meager reports. During day enemy reinforcements moving west toward Fonndouk and Pichon from Kairouan area were observed. Foregoing northern Tunisia.

G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 22 January. Parts two and three will follow. Southern Tunisia. Reinforcements to enemy troops Djebel Urechem reported during morning as was bombing midday of Faïd. Enemy patrol driven off by anti tank fire during afternoon in Faïd area. Enemy recce of Ston Snned (Y 49) by armored vehicles believed Italian at 1000Z reported. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV 1 Army ADV 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom Signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. 334 Pioneer Batt and 755 Infantry Regiment identified by prisoners captured vicinity Bizantine ruins at O 6773. Also identified by prisoner taken area Sebket El Kourzia (J 71) was company of battalion A 24 which is be-

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believed to be Marsch Bataillon Afrika 24 and under
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General Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No. 6774 Jan 23, 1943

It is clear to me that the unfavorable press comment reference news summary number 3 and message 1292 from Davis flows largely from the fundamental mistake of interpreting events of French Africa in terms of Metropolitan France of other days (to AGWAR, USFOR from Freedom Algiers) (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff Pass to Hull and Davis from Murphy signed Eisenhower and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff cite FHLIA NAFTU 119). This is not France but a Colonial area which racially, religiously, socially and psychologically has always been entirely dissimilar to France. The political situation here has never been comparable with that of the Metropolis and in the light of events since 1940. Even less susceptible today of being understood by those who attempt to do so in terms of the France of 1914-1918.

It should be remembered that heretofore Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and French West Africa were separate political entities with the line of authority running from each independently to Paris. It has been necessary to create a central authority which did not exist before. Some progress has been made in this direction, but mistakes have been made and much remains to be done. There are age old inflammable problems such as the relations between Jews and Arabs, complex economic questions, delicate situations arising out of the heterogeneous, social and religious structure which require handling by able administrators of experience in this area.

It should be borne in mind that there is a

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great paucity of qualified men to fill the specialized positions in Morocco and Algeria, that a continued orderly administration is essential to our military operations and that abrupt and radical changes, especially if little known or unqualified personnel were introduced, would bring about serious consequences. We should find it utterly impossible to cope with the Arab situation if we were suddenly to disrupt the professional, trained French administration.

There is failure on the part of critics to understand 1st: Our objective here, and 2nd: The problem which confronted us on arrival. We are engaged in a military operation whose purpose is to secure North Africa and the Southern shore of the Mediterranean. In order to accomplish that purpose we dealt with those Frenchmen whom we found here and who were willing to assist us by maintaining order, lines of communication and putting the Armed Forces at their disposal into the fight. We did not find the ideal Frenchmen which our critics see from the heights of their ivory towers. We found Frenchmen who had been defeated by Germany and who had undergone 2 years of German pressure and propaganda. We found Frenchmen who have changed and who do not think as Clemenceau thought. We worked with them making 1 condition that is, that they wanted to fight Germany. Our critics are apparently primarily interested not in the military operation but an ideological return to the France which they see in their memory. That simply cannot be done in this colonial area. It must wait until such time as the people of Continental France are again free. Pressure to accomplish the impossible in French Africa has only 1 result: To embarrass the military operations and make our task harder. A regenerated France can only be brought into being in France it self and any attempt to set the pattern for that regeneration before France is liberated is doomed to utter failure and is inconsistent with the President's declared policy. Such regeneration must perforce come from

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within inspired by what influence we may exert. It would be fatal for us to try to impose it prematurely from without.

Dissatisfaction has been expressed with Peyrouton's appointment. We have consistently refrained from assuming the responsibility of forcing officials of our choice on the local authorities. We deem it wiser to hold the local authorities responsible for what they do with respect to the war. Before his death Admiral Darlan offered to discharge any official if we could offer a substitute acceptable to the Allies and the British and American press provided only that he be qualified and acceptable also to the local public. We were unable to make useful suggestions. A Degaulist would have been impossible as they are considered by the vast majority here to be extremists especially by the Armed Forces. Let us take the example of the Peyrouton appointment: There were 3 choices 1 retain Chatel with his heritage of weakness and political harlotry, 2 insist upon a DeGaulle candidate which would have been completely unacceptable to the French Armed Forces and would have brought on serious trouble; 3, accept the appointment of Peyrouton, a man of demonstrated administration capacity, who has shown his knowledge of and ability to deal with the complicated Arab problem. This appointment has been well received locally not only by the press and radio but by solid patriotic elements which have been consistently pro ally including judges, businessmen and others as well as the Army, Navy and Air Force. Peyrouton's knowledge of French North African problems, including that of the Arabs, is given great weight. Nowhere have we heard patriotism questioned. His Anti-German sentiments are universally recognized and his antagonism toward Laval is cited. The State Department consented to Peyrouton's coming here and knew of his intended appointment.

The only dissatisfaction shown is by the organized DeGaullists who are a very small minority. Universal satisfaction is expressed with Chatel's dismissal which is generally considered to be a 1st step toward a housecleaning.

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There is a very evident tendancy on the part of many to divide all Frenchmen into sheep and goats. For these people all Frenchmen must be pro-Ally or pro-German and anybody who held office after the armistice is "Vichy" which is considered to be equivalent to Pro-German. That is not the case. Many a patriotic Frenchman, who hates the Boche as much as ever did Foch, has considered it his duty to stick by his government in adversity and has done his honest best to resist Germany from within. It is about time to stop theorizing. Remember that there is a desperate fight to win and allow the light of realism to penetrate the obscurity of ignorance about the fundamentals of problems here.

There has been no political censorship imposed by this Headquarters for more than 2 weeks. Only 2 restrictions are imposed: On operational military information and on reports which might give the completely erroneous impression that there is a divergence in American and British viewpoints in this Theater of war. No such divergence exist. To show the attitude of the CINC toward political censorship he has informed me that he would welcome here a representative group of press and radio editors and columnist to visit this theater if there is an earnest desire to find and print the facts as they exist. They could see for themselves and write their stories or comment after their return home where there could be no question of local censorship. He states that you can make any use of this invitation that your judgment may dictate.

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SLATER (ALGIERS EISENHOWER)
 QUOTE LAST WEEK MADE TRIP TO PORT LYAUTEY. AT TWO BENDS SHIPS
 ARE NOW SUNK IN RIVER TAKE OFF SPACE FOR FLYING BOATS
 LIMITED TO DISTANCE ONE AND THREE QUARTERS MILES NORTH
 AND SOUTH AND ONE AND ONE FOURTH MILES EAST AND WEST
 BUT SHIPS CAN PASS. LAND PLANES CONSTANTLY USING
 NORTH AND SOUTH RUNWAY PARALLEL TO RIVER FROM 500 TO
 900 FEET WIDE AND WITH ADEQUATE DEPTH. FUELING ONLY FROM
 CANS WITH AVAILABLE 100 OCTANE. SURROUNDING AREA IS
 FLAT AND WITHOUT SERIOUS OBSTRUCTIONS AND INDICATIONS
 THAT WEATHER GENERALLY GOOD. PLACE PROBABLY PRACTICAL
 BUT MUCH INFERIOR TO LISBON. SUGGEST CHIEF PILOT OF
 EXPORT MAKE SURVEY ON A HOMEWARD FLIGHT IF LISBON IS
 AGAIN REJECTED. ASSUME BOTH ARMY AND NAVY AUTHORITIES
 IN AREA WILL BE GIVEN FULL PARTICULARS IF DONE. SIGNED

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From: London
To: WAR USFOR

No. 6846, Jan 23, 1943

Transport movements between Italy and Tunisia (to AGWAR USFOR Information Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps Eastern Air Command 12th Air Force MBS ABS 1 Arm Corp mid-east Malta Fairfield 5 Army from Freedom Algiers) continued 21 January on heavy scale. Part two Air G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400z 22 January, Bomber recce, only 2 JU 88s employed on recce North African Coast with shipping believed shadowed during early afternoon off Cape Bougaroun. 1 JU 88 at least on recce during day over Tunisia. Bombers. Small number aircraft operated over Bone area from Sicily during evening, considerable bomber effort during night 21-22 January probable reason for reduced activity. Other activity, sweep in Medjex El Bab area 1050Z 21 January by 10 enemy fighters. Targets same area bombed 1600 Z by 5 JU 87s escorted by at least 4 fighters. At same time 9 ME 109s made sweep in area Pont Du Fahs-Bou Arada-Medjex El Bab. On 22 January probably on photo recce 6 ME 109s over Bone 1400z. 1 B 25 lost during bombing attacks by 12 Air Force of Tunis-El Aouina during which 15 ME 109s engaged about 1000z, 15 ME 109s observed taking off but not contacted 1140z and 2 ME 109s engaged 1350z. In all 3 attacks 3 ME 109s destroyed 2 probably destroyed and 2 damaged, 2 ME 109s 2 JU 88s and 1 ME 110 claimed destroyed of a total of at least 22 enemy aircraft in mixed formations engaged probably escorting transport aircraft by B 26 aircraft during antishipping missions between Tunisia Sicily. Active northwest Ousseltia at 1300z were 12 fighters reported as FW 190s but possibly including some Italians. At 1100z F 4s

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observed 6 ME 109s west of Le Kef. P 38s attacking traffic on road near Ben Gardane engaged by 10 ME 109s about midday. AGWAR USFOR repts troopers information Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 armd corps mid-east Malta Fairfield 5 army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FBGBI. Part 3 naval. Following results attacks on enemy units now known: 6000 ton merchant vessel torpedoed sunk by HM submarine night 16-17 January off Naples, 200 ton antisubmarine schooner shelled and sunk, 400 ton armd trawler shelled and beached, and 2000 ton laden merchant vessel torpedoed and sunk by HM submarine at 1315z 19 January off southern coast Sardinia. 1 additional Italian bomber shot down off Algiers 19-20 January by naval gun fire. HE 111 shot down by naval gun fire west Algiers 0445z 21 January. Fleet air arm torpedoed sunk 4000 ton merchant vessel 0212z 21 Jan in Sicilian channel. Submarine dispositions western basin. 1 German vicinity 37 degs north 0 degs 30 mins east with 3 more probable in area Cape Palos-Cape De Gata-Oran. No change in Italian dispositions.

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To: WAR

No. 5835, Jan 23, 1943

In the Pont Du Fahs area enemy driven back to road block on Robaa Pont Du Fahs road at 0688Z. Road leading south from Sidi said cleared to road junction 07073. Enemy forces in Ousseltia Valley forced northward to general line 07261-07554 but situation to eastward remains obscure. Successful enemy attacks from both east and west reported in area Djebel Bou Dabouss (08353) though isolated French detachments believed holding out. Enemy contacted east Ousseltia at 07244 at 1400Z. In attacks from east on Djebel Ousselat area north of Pichon at least initial enemy successes indicated by meager reports. During day enemy reinforcements moving west toward Fonnouk and Pichon from Kairouan Area were observed. Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400z 22 January. Parts 2 and 3 will follow. Southern Tunisia. Reinforcements to enemy troops Djebel Krethem reported during morning as was bombing midday of Faid. Enemy patrol driven off by anti tank fire during afternoon in Faid Area. Enemy recce of Ston Bened (Y49) by armored vehicles believed Italian at 1000z reported. AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers information Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armcd Corps mid east Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGP1. Identifications 5X 334 Pioneer Bat and 755 Infantry Regiment identified by prisoners captured vicinity Bizantine ruins at 06773. Also

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identified by prisoner taken area Sebkret El
Kourzia (J 71) was company of battalion A 24 which
is believed to be Marsch battalion Africa 24 and
under command 10 Panzer Division.

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Information: OPD
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To: War

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Additional details interrogation prisoner of war (to Troopers, AGWAR, Mideast from G 2 Freedom Eisenhower nil.) reference number 6502 of 21 January reveal following: prisoner was on recon patrol consisting of Company Sergeant Major 1 Corporal 2 Lance Corporals. Troopers AGWAR Mideast from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Company Sergeant escaped. Of remainder 2 badly wounded. Before beginning recon on foot with object to discover suitability particularly bridges of area for heavy tanks, party had travelled in lorry from outskirts Tunis for about 30 kilometers. Prisoner stated unit formed October 1942 in Germany, and 2 companies each of 9 tanks weighing 62 tons. Heavy tanks are not captured Russian ones but are German KW (KF) 6, called Tigers. Though performance no known armament stated 88 millimeter gun and some machine guns. Headquarters company believed by prisoner still in Italy with other companies western outskirts Tunis. Prisoner also believed at least some to be sent into action soon.

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No. 8604 January 22, 1943

Eighty four Jan 20.

Faval. Landing ship (to USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army ABS Mideast rptd main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers Sitrep nul Infantry ferry service disembarked troops at Bone 18 Jan. Three motor torpedo boats patrolled from Bone night 19/20 Jan. Landing craft tank transport service to La Calle from Bone stopped and LCTS sailed for Algiers to transport tanks east. Destroyer Lamerton shot down enemy torpedo aircraft off Bougie 19 Jan. Crew of 5 taken prisoner. Corvette Port Arthur sank Italian submarine with depth charges off Bougie 19 Jan. Four officer and 22 captured. Merchant vessel Walt Whitman torpedoed by aircraft. Arrived Algiers under own power. Tanks and vehicles from Tassajtra now loaded on landing ship tank Bachaquarro.

Central Tunisia. At 0500Z French regrouped on general line Djebel Oueghratia O 8257-Byzantine ruins O 7367-DJ Bargou O 66-excluding Robaa with 1 Bn at Siliana. Liaison Officer and French Hq report: enemy attacking in Ousseltia Plain last night turned French position at O 7462. At 2259Z enemy mopping up in area 9 miles NE Ousseltia with another column moving southwest along road on SE slopes Djebel Serdj with head 3 miles NW Ousseltia. Sqdn tanks, sqdn armd cars, btry FA and Btry AT from 6th Armd Div under French command area Robaa. At 1450Z 6th Armd Div reported main roads from Robaa to north and NE clear of enemy for distance 10 miles.

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To: AGWAR

No. 6804 January 22, 1943

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First Army. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Thirty eighth Inf Brig cleared area 4 and 1/2 miles north of Bou Arada. Four enemy tanks destroyed. Enemy withdrew to NE.

L of C. Thirteen Italian paratroops landed Clairefontaine Jan 13 night 19/20 Jan. No damage. All captured. (To USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army ABS Mid-east rptd main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers 21 12 parachutists dropped Morsott N 21 night 20/21 Jan. Eight captured.

Movements. Forces reported yesterday moving to Maktar arrived and has been ordered to Ousseltia.

Air. 13 B 26 aircraft dispatched to attack military camp at Gabes found cloud over target. Returned. 16 B 17 aircraft dispatched to attack Tripoli Harbor found cloud over target. On return 28 tons of bombs dropped from 20000 feet on military camp at Gabes. Hits on barracks area. Railroad and north part of airfield. Formation attacked by about 4 enemy planes 2 of which destroyed and 1 damaged. 11 Malta Beaufighters on intruder patrol Gabes-Sfax roads shot up northbound motor transport. Numerous hits. 6 B 25 aircraft on shipping strike between Tunisia and Sicily. Direct hit and near misses on tanker 25 miles NE Bizerta. Violent explosion. Tanker stopped. Thirteen medium bombers attacked Bizerta with HE and incendiary bombs. Many explosions and large fires. All aircraft returned. 3 Malta Beauforts laid mines La Goulette harbor entrance. 28 Bisley Sorties night 19-20 Jan to attack road movement area Tunis-Tebourba-Pont Du Fahs. 2 to 3 Sorties per aircraft. Hits observed on transports and roads. 1 aircraft missing. Fighter sweeps by P 40's. A 20's.

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P 38's. Spitfires and Lafayette Escadrille in forward area without incident. 9 enemy aircraft flew over Algiers Bay during night. 1 destroyed by Beaufighters. 1 by Naval antiaircraft and 1 by ground antiaircraft fire. 58 transport Sorties flown. (Information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Anfa Casablanca for Gruenther, Mideast rptd Main 8th Army).

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No 6739 Jan 22, 1943

Fourth and fifth paragraphs first page should read
"First army. On south flank night 20/21 Jan enemy
captured area four miles NE Bou Arada. Five enemy tanks
moved south and shelled Bou Arada. During day our patrol
found this area lightly held and it was reoccupied by 38
Birg. During four days fighting engineers 38 Brig destroyed
17 enemy tanks and ground troops shot down 7 JU 87's. 38
Brig casualties to 20 Jan about 28 officers and 400 others.

Second Corps cite FHGCT. Cp Closed. Constantine
1100Z. Opened Bou Chebka F 6561 same hour.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - USFOR

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No. 6687 Jan 22, 1943

Scale of transport 20 January between Sicily Tunisia continued (to action AGWAR, USFOR information Adv 1 Army, Adv 2 Corps, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force, MBS, ABS, 1 Arm Corp, Mideast, Malta, Fairfield, 5 Army from Freedom Algiers) large with between 60 and 80 JU 52's being employed. Bomber recce. Recce flights along coast between Bone Oran by about 5 JU 88's concentrating on Allied convoy 1st contacted in morning off Algiers with continuous shadowing until evening. Bombers. Attacking convoy previously shadowed between 1900 and 2100Z were JU 88's plus a few ME 111 torpedo bombers. Though convoy was main target between 30 and 50 enemy aircraft operated along coast North Africa. Other air activity. Number enemy aircraft encountered by B 26's and P 38's during antishipping mission straits of Sicily and west of Pantellaria. Both CZ 1007's and 3 ME 109's claimed destroyed during engagement 0840 XJS with 2 CZ 1007's and 5 to 7 fighters reported as ME 109. Three ME 109's 1 JU 88 engaged 1445Z and later 1 JU 52 with 2 ME 109's as escort of which the JU 52 plus 1 ME 109 claimed destroyed. One of 3 FW 190's which attacked P 38's was destroyed of CPA BOW. Two ME 109's which engaged 1 formation at 1330Z destroyed by P38's during sweeps along Ben Gardane Gabes Road which later evaded 4 enemy fighters which took off from Ben Gardane Airdrome. One of 6 FW 190's which took off from Kairouan Airdrome shot down when they attacked Lafayette Escadrille P 40's on recce over area Kairouan dash Pichon. Foregoing part two air G 2 report for 24 hours ending

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To: AGWAR - USFOR
No. 6687 Jan 22, 1943

2400Z 21 Jan. Part one will follow. AGWAR USFOR
reptd troopers information Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps
eac Twelfth AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta
Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom Signed Eisenhower
cite GHGBI. Part three Naval. Attacks on enemy
units. U/B attacked by HMS Vanoc 12301Z 35 miles
east of Algiers. Two Aircraft shot down 20 miles
northeast Bougie 2142Z medium sized merchant vessel
sunk Gulf of Genoa probably Jan 19 dash 20. Attacks
on own ships. One merchant vessel damaged and 1
merchant vessel sunk west of Algiers early morning Jan
21. Unsuccessful air attack on convoy 20 miles
northeast Bougie 2142Z. Enemy U/B's in Western
Mediterranean. German: One North of Oran 1 north-
west of Cape Tenex 1 south of Cape Palos 1 probably
west of 03 degs east. Italian: Two between Algiers
dash Bouire 5 east of 06 degs east.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR
WAR

No. 6688, January 22nd, 1943.

Successful enemy attack and capture points J6506 and J 6606 early 21 Jan cost enemy 2 tanks. Positions subsequently reoccupied by US. Maintaining positions in Djebel Mansour 079 and north and east of Robaa 067 enemy forward elements by 0800 reached line of road Sidi Amara 05845-Ousseltia 064-Kairouan though town of Ousseltia still held by French at 0700 Z. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV 1 Army ADV 2 corps eac 12th AF MBS ABS 1 armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Enemy line apparently not strongly held inasmuch as our armoured and infantry forces operated to North during the day and French believed still in possession mountains either side Ousseltia Valley as far north as Djebel Barga 06670 and Djebel Touila 08063. Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

1 Land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 21 Jan. No new identifications. Southern Tunisia no reports.

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OSD letter, May 8, 1972

By RHP, NARS Date MAY 25 1973

From: Lisbon
To: Milid

No. 616 Jan 22, 1943

From several heretofore reliable sources learn that division of opinion exists in Axis camp relative to overall strategy. Italo Japs insist on primary objective being England and advocate destruction Allied Troops Africa by all out 3 prong effort in Tunisia through Iberian Peninsula to French Morocco and attack on Montgomerys rear from Greece. Germans consider elimination of Russia has priority and to that end urge Japs attack Siberia. Last of periodic IEP European MA meetings under chairmanship of Berlin IAP MA for purpose of appraising German capabilities resulted in negative recommendation to Tokyo relative Siberian attack. In initiated Iberian circles rumors rife probably inspired by Axis that Allies plan attack Peninsula Borne out by recent Spanish reinforcements especially Vitigudina Ociydad Rodrigo Albucuer Cheyerez Delos Caballfros and Cortegana. Unconfirmed report from port police that secret meeting planned in Portugal between Franco and Salamar. Evaluation 1 Italian concern to safeguard North African bridgehead is obvious 2 Jap reluctance to start another front on face of German ability to knock out Soviets is understandable 3 necessity to stem Russians and hold front seems paramount to Germ immediate plans 4 motives which inspired Allies to use Africa as spring board for continent are conversely valid for Axis to keep Africa from becoming basic stronghold even in the event of assuming general defensive policy in Europe 5 in view of recent reverses major Axis

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strategic success seems desirable conclusion it would seem that while Germ commitments in east make major offensive in west less likely none the less vigorous unrelenting pursuit their present objectives in Africa should be expected including possibility of passage thru Peninsula after preliminary 5th column softening. Interesting to note famous organizer Polish 5th columns now Germ Ambass Spain. Critical period Feb to May points to watch Iberia Greece Bulgaria Siberia and tactics in Tunisia. Sent Madrid.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - AGWAR

Number 6361, January 22, 1943

19/20 Jan. No damage. All captured. (To USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army ABS Hicdeast rptd Main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers nr 6604) 12 parachutists dropped Morsott N 21 night 20/21 Jan. 8 captured.

5 Movements. Forces reported yesterday moving to Maktar arrived and has been ordered to Oueseltia.

6 Air. 13 B 26 aircraft dispatched to attack military camp at Gabes found cloud over target. Returned. 13 B 17 aircraft dispatched to attack Tripoli Harbor found cloud over target. On return 28 tons of bombs dropped from 20,000 feet on military camp at Gabes. Hits on barracks area. Railroad and north part of airfield. Formation attacked by about 4 enemy planes 2 of which destroyed and 1 damaged. 11 Malta Beaufighters on intruder patrol Gabes-Sfax roads shot up northbound motor transport. Numerous hits. 6 B 25 aircraft on shippingstrike between Tunisia and Sicily. Direct hit and near misses on tanker 25 miles NE (NE) Bizerta. Violent explosion. Anker stopped. 13 medium bombers attacked Bizerta with HE and incendiary bombs. Many explosions and large fires. All aircraft returned. 3 Malta Beauforts laid mines in Goulette Harbor entrance. 28 Bisley Sorties night 19/20 Jan to attack road movement area Tunis-Tebourba-Pont Du Fahs. 2 to 3 Sorties per aircraft.

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Hits observed on transports and roads. 1 aircraft missing. Fighter sweeps by P 40's. A 20's. P 38's. Spitfires and Lafayette Escadrille in forward areas without incident. 9 enemy aircraft flew over Algiers Bay during night. 1 destroyed by Beaufighters. 1 by Naval antiaircraft and 1 by ground antiaircraft fire. 58 transport Sorties flown. Information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, ANFA Casablanca for Gruenther, Mideast rptd Main 8th Army.

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To: AGWAR USFOR

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Summary*

Naval. Landing ship (to USFOR information
AGWAR Troopers 5th Army ABS Mideast rptd main
8th Army from Freedom Algiers Sitrep nul
infantry Ferry Service disembarked troops at Bone
18 Jan. Three motor torpedo boats patrolled from
Bone night 1920 Jan. Landing craft Tank Trans-
port Service to La Calle from Bone stopped and
LCTS sailed for Algiers to transport tanks east.
Destroyer Lamerton shot down enemy torpedo
aircraft off Bougie 19 Jan. Crew of 5 taken
prisoner. Corvette Port Arthur sank Italian
submarine with depth charges off Bougie 19 Jan.
Four officers and 22 captured. Merchant vessel
Walt Whitman torpedoed by aircraft. Arrive
Algiers under own power. Tanks and vehicles
from Tasajtra now loaded on landing ship tank
Bachaquarro.

Central Tunisia. At 0500Z French regrouped
on general line Djebel Oueghratia 08257-Byzantine
ruins. *

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follow.

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Info: G-1, G-3, G-4, G-2, CG AAF, CCGN, SOS-TAG,
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Jan 23
0545 Z

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 6739 January 22, 1943

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Jan 21 SITREP 85.

Naval. No reports.

Central Tunisia. Signed Eisenhower. Night 20/21 Jan enemy moved south Ousseitia valley reaching general line road Kairouan-Ousseitia-Si Amara O 5945. Central Robinetts USA Force. 1 Bn Med Tanks. 1 Bn Armd Inf. 1 Armd FA Bn. 1 Co TD Bn. Under French command, directed north in Ousseitia Valley, reached road junction O 7261. French still hold hills east Ousseitia Valley. Night 20/21 Jan Bn of 36 Brig moved from Gafour to Robaa sending Det Armd cars and tanks to area O 6982. 21 Jan entire Bn 36 Brig Astride Road same area. 36 Brig Hq Bn route to Robaa.

First Army. On south flank night 20/21 Jan enemy captured area 4 miles NE Bou Arada. 5 enemy tanks moved south and Snetlad Bou Arada. During day our patrols found this area lightly held and it was reoccupied by 38 Brig. During four days fighting engineers 38 Brig destroyed 17 enemy tanks and ground troops shot down 7 JU 87's. 38 Brig casualties to 20 Jan about 28 officers and 400 others.

Second Corps. Cite FEGCT. CP closed Constvgti, 1100 opened Bou Chebka 6561 same hour.

L of C H 15 enemy paratroops reported at Auaumale 034, 4 at Dra El Nizan 048, and 4 at 03295.

Air. 7 P38 aircraft on sweep over Gabes-Ben Gardane

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To: War

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Road. Attacked motor transport moving NW near Nedenine. 26 P38 aircraft on sweep over same area. Destroyed 2 enemy planes, claim 65 vehicles destroyed. 6 B26 aircraft on anti shipping strike north of Cap Bon, 2 merchant vessels attacked, 1 sunk, other damaged by near misses, 2 Italian planes shot down by bomber escort, about 6 ME 109s attacked of which 3 destroyed, 2 escorting P38's shot down. 4 B25 aircraft in anti shipping strike Sicilian straits. Attacked by enemy planes 1 of which destroyed, 2 damaged, 1 escorting P38 missing. Enemy transport plane observed north of Bizerta and shot down. Later formation attacked by 3 enemy planes 1 of which destroyed. Night 20/21 Jan 4 Malta Albacores sank enemy merchant vessel 15 miles north of Cap Bon, 1 Albacore missing. Same night 2 Beauforts and 3 Wellingtons from Malta torpedoed enemy tanker vicinity Cap Bon. 5 Medium bombers attacked Elmas airdrome Sardinia with high explosive and incendiary bombs. Hangars hit and fired. Bombs dropped on runway. 22 Bisley sorties representing 2 sorties per plane night 20/21 Jan to attack motor transportation and communications area Tunis-Tebourba-Pont Du Fahs. Hits on railway track, viaduct, roads and convoy of about 40 vehicles. 18 B25 aircraft dispatched to attack tank concentration near Pont Du Fahs failed to find target, 32 tons of bombs dropped on town, secondary target, bursts seen on target, main road north of town and railroad bridge. 1 Medium bomber dropped rations to French Force in forward area. 15 A20 aircraft escorted by Spitfires and P40's dispatched to attack enemy motor vehicles east of Ousselti, 3 tanks and about 11 vehicles attacked with good results. Lafayette

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To: War

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Escadrille flew rcm Kairouan-Pichon Area. Attached by 6 enemy planes 1 of which destroyed, 2 P40 aircraft missing. P40 sweeps over forward area without combat, 1 P40 crashed. Beaufighters shot down enemy plane Bone area. Ten Beaufighter sorties flown Maison Blanche night 20/21 Jan, 1 crashed in sea, crew safe. Harbor and base patrols, antisubmarine no convoy escort sorties Algiers area. Enemy aircraft active Algiers Bay area during evening, Beaufighters destroyed 2, no damage reported. Eighty seven transport sorties flown (Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR, information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, ANFA Casablanca for Gruenther, Mideast rptd Main 8th Army).

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Action: OPD

Information: G-1
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From: Maison Blanche Algiers
To: War

No. 1639, Jan 22, 1943

Daily Intelligence cable Twelve Air Force Operations 20 January. (To Kaker Brereton secret from Doolittle signed Eisenhower) 18 B-26 dispatched against Camp Mangiw at Gabes. Clouds ten tenths over target at 1130. Did not bomb. 16 B-17 dispatched against shipping Tripoli Harbor. Clouds ten tenths over target. Bombers bombed secondary target Camp Mangin on way home at 1535 hours. Dropped 38 cans of H E from 20000 feet with many hits reported in barracks, on adjacent railroad and north part of airdrome. Formation attacked by 3 to 5 E/A. 2 YE 109 destroyed 1 F W 190 damaged. All of our planes down safely. 6 B 25 scored a direct hit and 2 near misses on an enemy tanker while flying counter shipping mission. 2 P-38 on reconnaissance Fafsa Ben Gardane sighted 25 large trucks with trailers moving NW from Nefatia. Attack made on column but P-38 discontinued attack on appearance of 6 YE 109.

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INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF, General Deane (CC/S) LOG

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-73
BY DSS, DATE MAY 25 1973

From: N.C.X.F.

Situation report number 50.

1. Algiers air activity night 20/21. Possibly air mining off harbour entrance but sweeping got no result. Three minor raids with small amount of damage to civilian property only.

2. Oran. Reported that enemy aircraft dropped 3 bombs or mines off Vers El Kebir and two off Oran. No damage.

3. Casablanca. 14 unloading berths now in use.

4. P. 212 reports one medium sized westbound merchant vessel sunk and seaplane hanger at Finale bombed.

5. KMS 7. JEAN JADOT torpedoed and sunk by U-boat at 1700/20. VERITY rescued 250 survivors. OCEAN RIDER damaged forward by bomb at 0700/21 now at Algiers. VANOC claims one aircraft.

6. U.S. 12th air force claims one hit with 500 pound bomb on tanker 25 miles northeast of Bizerta at 1340/20th.

1800A/21

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1. ALGIERS AIR ACTIVITY NIGHT 20/21. POSSIBLY AIR MINING OFF HARBOUR ENTRANCE BUT SWEEPING GOT NO RESULT. 3 MINOR RAIDS WITH SMALL AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY ONLY.
2. ORAN. REPORTED THAT ENEMY AIRCRAFT DROPPED 3 BOMBS OR MINES OFF MERS EL KEBIR AND 2 OFF ORAN. NO DAMAGE.
3. CASABLANCA. 14 UNLOADING BERTHS NOW IN USE.
4. P. 212 REPORTS 1 MEDIUM SIZED WESTBOUND MERCHANT VESSED SUNK AND SEAPLANE HANGER AT FINALE BOMBARDED.
5. KMS 7. JEAN JABOT TORPEDOED AND SUNK BY U-BOAT AT 1700/20. VERITY RESCUED 250 SURVIVORS. OCEAN RIDER DAMAGED FORWARD BY BOMB AT 0700/21 NOW AT ALGIERS. VANOC CLAIMS 1 AIRCRAFT.
6. U.S. 12TH AIR FORCE CLAIMS 1 HIT WITH 500 POUND BOMB ON TANKER 25 MILES NORTHEAST OF BIZERTA AT 1340/20TH.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 6569 January 21, 1943

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After successful counterattack enemy driven north-east from J8808 with loss of 4 tanks 0830Z Jan 20. South-west Front Du Fahs enemy trench Cyline 06795E-06375-0768 early morning Jan 20. Subsequently attack turned south along line of Qued Marouf. By 2400Z Jan 20 enemy line Dj Mansour 079-area Robaa 067-Dret El Gamboura 06349-Dret El Golebobo 6654-road junctions 06958 and 07553. Foregoing northern Tunisia.

G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 20 Jan. Part 1 Land. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps. EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Arm Corp Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. Southern Tunisia. Enemy post Maknassy reported reinforced by 2 Cys Bersaglieri. Enemy tanks and armoured cars reported 40 KM SW of Yaj Assy. Eight of 12 paratroops landed Morsott N 21 have been captured.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR_WAR (ACTION)

No. Y 3405, January 21, 1943

After successful counterattack enemy driven northeast from J 6808 with loss of four tanks 0930Z Jan 20. Southwest Pont Du Fahs enemy reach Cyline O 6795 E-O 6375-O 7668 early morning Jan 20. Subsequently attack turned south along line of Oued Marouf. By 2400Z Jan 20 enemy line Dj Mansour O 79-area Robaa O 67-Dret El Gambours O 6349-Dret El Goleb O 6654-road junctions O 6958 and O 7553. Foregoing northern Tunisia.

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From: Freedom
To: War

No. 6502 January 21, 1943

Prisoner of War from 501 Panzer Abteilung captured 0300 Z (To AGWAR Troopers, from Freedom Algiers) vicinity Bordj El Djenn (J 5150) on Infantry patrol stated his unit is independent Heavy Tank Battalion consisting of Headquarters Company, 2 Combat Companies each of 9 tanks weighing approximately 50 tons mounting 88 MM guns with speed of 50 kilometers per hour. AGWAR Troopers from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FMGBI. Prisoner was on Recce to discover suitability of ground for tanks though will not admit Recce was for super heavy tanks. Interrogation proceeding.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 6528, January 21, 1943.

Between dawn late evening North African coast
recced by about five JU 88's at least 1 ME 210
between Bone Oran. (To AGWAR COOMA* USFOR from
Freedom Algiers) presumably on photo recce ME 210
over Algiers midday. Eastbound Allied Convoy shadowed
during afternoon evening between Oran Algiers.
Tunisian interior and east coast believed recced by
about 5 JU 88's. Foregoing bomber recce.

Part 2. Air G 2 report for 24 hours ending
2400 Z 20 Jan. Bombers. During night 19-20 Jan
Italian bomber destroyed Algiers area. Also reported
was activity by JU 88's based Sicily. During night
20-21 Jan against convoy previously shadowed operated
about 50 aircraft a proportion of which were torpedo
bombers. Number of Italians participated. Transport
19 Jan. Heavy scale activity Sicily Tunisia continued
with between 75 and 100 Ju 52's believed employed.
Other activity. No reports yet received from battle
area though JU 87's reported active without further
details in Pont Du Fahs Bou Arada Area. Dropping
no bombs 10 type unspecified enemy aircraft over Bone
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From: Algiers

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Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom Signed Eisenhower. Part three. Naval. No change German submarine dispositions Western Basin. Two Italian between Algiers Bougie and Pup to 7 between Bougie Bizerta with main effort between 5 degs and 7 degs east and south of Ferme 7 degs 30 mins north. Own ships attacked. One merchant vessel off Algiers torpedoed aft 0540 Z but reached Algiers own power. In convoy near Cape Tenex 1 merchant vessel torpedoed sunk 1601 Z. Attacks on enemy units. Sunk by surface force Tunisian and Tripolitanian waters during night 19-20 Jan were 2 enemy schooners 2 unidentified small steamers 1 small merchant vessel 1 motor launch and 4 small Naval auxiliaries. Off Ars Tourguess Djerba Island fleet air arm sank 12000 ton merchant vessel and 1600 ton merchant vessel. HM submarine torpedoed north bound 5000 ton enemy transport believed sunk position 33 degs 45 mins north 11 degs 12 mins east.

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CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 3160 January 21, 1943

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Review Axis situation Tunisia for period Jan 16 to 30. Build up forces likely continue at rate about 700 per day. Anticipate by Jan 30 newly identified 334 Division will be complete. Supply position unlikely good enough for general offensive but will permit localized attacks. Air reconnaissance confirms withdrawal troops from Tripoli probably mainly L of C and AA personnel though possible combatant troops may also be concerned. Consider these troops likely concentrate Sousse Sfax area. Between North and Pont Du Fahs no attacks expected. Endeavors will probably be made improve Axis positions in area Pont Du Fahs and particularly Dj Chirich. Axis may also attempt capture Pichon. Sfax area. Beyond possible thrust on Faid no offensive action likely this area. Gabes area. Activity likely be confined improving positions El Guettar Gafsa area. AGWAR Troopers MidEast from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Small scale thrust on Gafsa possible but unlikely be in any strength. Unlikely work on Marath line will be entirely completed by end of month.

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No. 6528, Jan 21/43

From: Algiers

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Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom Signed Eisenhower. Part three. Naval. No change German submarine dispositions Western Basin. Two Italian between Algiers Bougie and Pup to 7 between Bougie Bizerta with main effort between 5 degs and 7 degs east and south of Yarns 7 degs 30 mins north. Own ships attacked. One merchant vessel off Algiers torpedoed aft 0540 Z but reached Algiers own power. In convoy near Cape Tenex 1 merchant vessel torpedoed sunk 1601 Z. Attacks on enemy units. Sunk by surface force Tunisian and Tripolitanian waters during night 19-20 Jan were 2 enemy schooners 2 unidentified small steamers 1 small merchant vessel 1 motor launch and 4 small Naval auxiliaries. Off Ars Tourguess Djerba Island fleet air arm sank 12000 ton merchant vessel and 1600 ton merchant vessel. HM submarine torpedoed north bound 5000 ton enemy transport believed sunk position 33 degs 45 mins north 11 degs 12 mins east.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 49.

1. BONE. THREE M.T.B.'S. ON PATROL OFF RASS AL KORAN NIGHT 19/20. L.C.T. TRANSPORT SERVICE TO LA CALLE WAS STOPPED AND L.C.T.'S SAILING FOR ALGIERS P.M. 20TH TO TRANSPORT TANKS EAST.
2. L.S.I. FERRY SERVICE DISEMBARKED TROOPS AT BONE P.M. 18/1. WHEN OFF BOUGIE WESTBOUND P.M. 19/1 LAWERTON SHOT DOWN S.79 TORPEDO AIRCRAFT. CREW OF 5 TAKEN PRISONER.
3. MKS 6. PORT ARTHUR SANK ITALIAN S/M TRITONE IN ATTACK WITH DEPTH CHARGES OFF BOUGIE AT 1425/19. COMMANDING OFFICER, 3 OFFICERS AND 22 RATINGS CAPTURED. AT 1640A/20 WALT WHITMAN WAS TORPEDOED AFT BY AIRCRAFT OFF ALGIERS. ARRIVED ALGIERS UNDER OWN POWER. VESSEL WAS LIGHT.

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4. ALGIERS. TANKS AND VEHICLES EX ASAJERA NOW LOADED IN BACHAQUERO WHO SAILS TO PHILLIPEVILLE WITH KM3 7. L.S.T.'S LEAVE ON SECOND FERRY TRIP EARLY A.M. 21/1 3 SHIPS FOR BONE 1 FOR PHILLIPEVILLE.
5. MERCHANT SHIP TORPEDOED BY TRIBUNE P.M. SITREP 45 NOW REPORTED AS 7009 TONS SIMILAR TO SAN ANTONIO AND TOTAL WRECK ON EXPOSED BEACH.
6. BRILLIANT CLAIMS 1 JU 88 SHOT DOWN BY ESCORTS OF L.S.T.'S SITREP 47. ENDS.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 42.

1. BONE Three M.T.B.'s on patrol off Ress Al Koran night 19/20. L.C.T. transport service to La Calle was stopped and L.C.T.'s sailing for Algiers P.M. 20th to transport tanks East.
2. L.S.I. Ferry Service disembarked troops at Bone P.M. 18/1. When off Bougie westbound P.M. 19/1 Lemerton shot down S. 79 torpedo Aircraft. Crew of 5 taken prisoners.
3. MKS 6. PORT ARTHUR sank Italian S/M TRITONE in attack with depth charges off Bougie at 1425A/19. Commanding Officer, three Officers and 22 ratings captured. At 0640A/20 WALT WHITMAN was torpedoed aft by aircraft off Algiers. Arrived Algiers under own power. Vessel was light.
4. ALGIERS Tanks and vehicles ex ASAJERA now loaded in BACHAQUERO who sails to Phillippeville with KMS 7. L.S.I.'s leave on second ferry trip early A.M. 21/1 3 ships for Bone 1 for Phillippeville.
5. Merchant ship torpedoed by TRIBUNE P.M. SITREP 45 now reported as 7009 tons similar to SAN ANTONIO and total wreck on exposed Beach.
6. BRILLIANT claims 1 JU 88 shot down by escorts of L.S.T.'s SITREP 47. ENDS.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. #, January 20, 1943.

No Naval reports Para 1 SITREP 83 Jan 19.

Para 2 Central Tunisia. Enemy advance SW from Pont Du Fahs continued. Attack with Inf and tanks on Pont Du Fahs dash Robaa Road arrived (to USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army ABS Mideast rptd Main Eighth Army from G 3 AFHQ 6755 20th Jan 43 (secret) Sidi Said O 6781 during afternoon. Another column attacking SW from Djebel Chirich O 8076 reached area O 7368. French between columns badly disorganized. French withdrawal being made to line Djebel Halfa O Qirkirl A Silian O 46.

Para 3 First Army. On south flank night 18/19 Jan first guards brig moved to area Bou Arada. Sixth Armd Div regrouped in area Bou Arada - El Aroussa. 19 Jan contact with enemy high ground area Djebel Mansour O 7093. Observation established vicinity Magra O 7698 to permit shelling road Pont Du Fahs - Rabaa O 67. 38 Brig supported by tanks cleared enemy about one mile east road Bou Arada - Goubellat. 5 Corps conforming to French withdrawal by withdrawing south flank on general line from El Gnettar O 6895 west on high ground south of Bou Arada - El Aroussa with garrison still on high ground NE Bou Arada. Night 18/19 Jan on north flank Squeokgeol Brig took over area J 3074 from 36 Brig which moved to Bhaa Reverti G to 78 Div.

Para 4 Movements. Dispatched from Sbeitla 13th AR (less First and Third Bns). Second Bn Armd Inf, 27 Armd FA Bn, 601st TD Bn (less two Cos) and D Btry 106th

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CA (AA) Bn for AKTAR. From vicinity Guelma 26 th
Bgt (less 2 Bns) First Bn 13 th AR (less Co). Fifth
FA Bn (less Btry). One Btry 443rd CA (AA) Bn to Sbeitla.

Para 5 Air. 18 B 25 aircraft attacked Medenine with
19 tons of bombs from about 8000 feet. Hits observed
in town and on main road north and south of town.
8 P 38 aircraft on rcn of roads attacked enemy column
vicinity Mareth. 20 vehicles destroyed.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No 6455 Jan 20, 1943

One Pheikeil missing. 10 Bisleys attacked road and rail communications between Sousse and Tunis night 18-19th Jan. 1 train destroyed. Motor transport and bridges bombed. 28 B 17 aircraft attacked Tunis. 21 tons of bombs dropped in industrial area. Large fires in target area. 47 tons of bombs dropped in railroad yards at SE of Tunis. Many hits in target area. Night 18-19 Jan 4 Malta Wellingtons attacked shipping Bizerta Maritime area. Three attacks made. Two believed successful. Hurribombers escorted by spitfires attacked about 20 motor vehicles and about 350 troops on road SW from Pont Du Fahs. Hits on roads. Night 18-19 Jan Beaufighters Sorties Bone area. 1 enemy plane destroyed. Night 19-20 Jan Beaufighter destroyed 1 enemy aircraft Bone area. Two alerts Algiers area night 19-20 Jan. No bombs on land. Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR. Information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army ANFA Casablanca for Gruenther Mideast rptd main 8 Army signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. 1 Italian aircraft destroyed by Naval antiaircraft fire. 82 transport Sorties flown.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No 6321 Jan 20, 1943

1. Naval SITREP 82 Jan 18. Destroyers Lighting and Royal made sweep south Sardinia night 17-18 Jan. Unescorted enemy merchant ship sunk off Cagliari. Cargo exploded. Enemy air attack Bons Harbor 16 Jan damaged 1 quay only, similar raid 17 Jan, SS Recorder hit and damaged. Delay in sailing not expected but repairs in UK necessary, quay damaged. Three motor torpedo boats patrolled out of Bone night 17-18 Jan. Cased petrol carrier Polo blew up and on fire 17 Jan, cause unknown. HMS Tasaiera torpedoed by aircraft dusk 17 Jan 75 miles east Algiers, returned Algiers own power, of 191 American troops aboard 1 killed 3 injured, ship carried 30 tanks and 10 other vehicles, 2 tanks damaged.

2. First Army. Signed Eisenhower. Night 17-18 Jan 1 Bn 6th Armd Div with Arty occupied position 6 miles ESE Bou Arada. Eighteen Jan 2 enemy Cos attacked SW from 5 miles NE Bou Arada, 2 enemy Cos in reserve, same time about 50 enemy tanks approached Bou Arada from east, both attacks repulsed, 8 enemy tanks destroyed, claim destroyed 2 Cos enemy infantry, enemy withdrew to east, arty 6th Armd Div then engaged, concentration tanks and Inf between Pont Du Fahs and Bou Arada while 38 Inf Brig clearing area north Bou Arada. In center enemy occupied high ground 4 miles ESE Medjex El Bab, counter attack by 18 Rct. 56th rcn regt supported by arty advanced NE, right column 7 miles north Heidous under fire enemy mortars and arty, withdrew, left column to eastern slopes Dj Sidi Meftah J 5458, no opposition. On north flank 17 Jan 1 commando supported by arty attacked enemy strong point 4 miles NE station Del Aouana. Sixteenth Bn Durham Light Inf from 139 Inf Brig relieved 5th Bn Buffs 2 miles east

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station Del Aouana.

3. Central Tunisia. Cite FEGCT. Germans attacked SW from Pont Du Fahs to north of Reservoir De Loued Kebir. Jan 190400A reached road junction O 7588 with Inf and tanks. French out post at station De Sened attacked by 1 Co and 3 armd cars which withdrew at daylight.

111 4. Movement completed, first armd div less Co B and 3rd Bn 13th AR to Oued Seguin 20 miles SW Constantine coming under command 2 corps. 111

5. Air. 13 B 17 aircraft attacked Castell Benito Airfield near Tripoli with 24 tons of bombs from about 15000 feet. Results good. Intercepted by about 18 enemy planes. 3 enemy planes destroyed, 5 probably destroyed and 4 damaged. 1 B 17 shot down. 1 escorting P 38 missing. 6 Malta mosquitoes on intruder patrol attacked stationary vehicles between Gabes and Sfax night 17 18 Jan. Night 17 18 Jan 11 Bisleys attacked rail and road transport between Sfax ND Tunis. Hits observed. 5 B 26 aircraft on antishipping strike bombed trawler about 9 miles NNE Sousse. Near misses, 1 escorting P 38 force landed 20 miles south Pont Du Fahs due engine trouble. 10 medium bombers attacked Bizerta docks with high explosive and incendiary bombs. Target on fire. 8 medium bombers attacked Ferryville docks with high explosive and incendiary bombs. Good fire started. Hurribombers attacked Pen-intentiary SW Pont Du Fahs. Hits on target.

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Hurribombers dispatched to attack tank concentration NE Bou Arada. No tanks found. Escort attacked 15 enemy aircraft claiming 3 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, 1 Spitfire missing. 4 Beaufighter Sorties from Souk El Arba night 17 18 Jan. No contact. Harbor and base patrols Bone area. 6 enemy aircraft operating off Cap Matifou at low altitudes. 91 transports Sorties flown. Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR. Information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, ANFA Casablanca for Gruenther, Mideast rptd Main 8th Army.

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To: Joint Staff Mission
From: Chiefs of Staff
Dated: 20th January, 1943

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Following is repetition of telegram No. 1338
timed Jan. 20 1915Z to Freedom Algiers from British
Chiefs of Staff. (Also repeated to SYMBOL.)*

Reference your 5924 of 1214/17 Jan, NAF 106,
paragraphs 2 and 3.

1. We can make available one additional British
Division (three Infantry Brigades) to replace 45th W.S.
Division and a second additional British Infantry Division
(three Infantry Brigades) for the Oristano assault should
you require it.
2. The first additional Division will be trained
and ready to load by 13th March and loaded by 3rd April,
but the second additional Division for Oristano will not
complete training until 11th May and loading until first
June. Each Division will have two Brigades assault
trained with the necessary trained beach personnel. If
you will accept the second additional Division with only
one Brigade and beach personnel assault trained three weeks
can be saved. All dates approximate but based on quickest
possible programme.

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To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 6383, January 20, 1943

West bound convoy between Bougie Algiers shadowed during afternoon though not exceeding 2 JU 88s believed employed recce flights North African coast. Mainly Tunisian interior southward recce from Sicily by about 5 JU 88s. Foregoing bomber recce.

Part 2 air G 2 report for 24 hour ending 2400 Z 19 January. Transport 18 January. During day about 50 JU 52s operating between Italy Tunisia while Tripoli service apparently on considerably reduced scale. Bombers, 1 cant Z 1007 BIS was destroyed Bone area during night 18 19 January. No details. Other enemy activity. Only 1 enemy fighter encountered by B 17s P 38s about 1300 Z over Tunis, Medenine town and motor park attacked 1010 Z by B 25s P 38s during which 2 enemy fighters observed taking off from aerodrome. AGWAR USFOR Reptd Troopers Information Adv One Army Adv Two Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FBGBI. About 1030 Z 5 miles south Medenine 4 ME 109s observed by P 38s on recce Zuara Ben Gardane road. No encounter. Part 1 will follow. Part 3 Naval. Submarine dispositions western basin. All south 38 degrees north not more than 9 Italian between Bizerta Algiers. One German was within 40 miles point 36 degrees 40 minutes north .01 degrees west from Opase Cape Palbt Cape Tenez area. Attacks enemy qkits. HMS lanceuten off Cape Sigli shot down Savoia Marchetti 79 T bomber position 36 degrees 58 minutes north 04 degrees 47 minutes east during evening. Surface force sunk Italian

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naval trawler or corvette west Lampedusa Island night
18 19 Jan. 30 miles north east Bouvie HM Canadian
ship sunk Italian submarine at 1325 Z while on escort
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No. 6247 Jan 19 1943

Attacks on enemy units (AGWAR, USFOR Adv One Army Adv Two Corps Eastern Air Command Twelfth Air Force MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield five Army from Freedom Algiers) HM destroyer 2340 Z 17 Jan engaged and sank 3000 ton enemy merchant vessel position 38 degs 40 mins North 09 degs 33 mins east. Submarine dispositions western basin, German, bound for Spezia 1 within 60 miles position 41 degs North 07 degs East on 1 about 80 miles North or Northwest Cape Tenez. In Cape Tenez-Cape Palos-Cape De Gata-Oran area 3. Italian, probably all south of 38 degs North up to 6 between 08 degs 30 mins East and 08 degs 30 mins East. South of 37 degs 30 mins North 2 between Philippeville and Algiers. Foregoing part three.

Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 18 Jan.

Part one will follow.

Part two. Air. Bombers. During early morning unknown number HE 111s and JU 88s operated from Sicily and Sardinia. Possibly mine laying about 6

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aircraft during evening operated off Cape Matifou. Bomber recce. Mainly over Tunisian interior about 5 JU 88s from Sicily recce southwards. Normal North African coastal recce between dawn 1630 Z by about 3 aircraft 1 of which shadowed shipping off Cape Bougaroun and another over Algiers Bay both about midday. Particularly Bone air recce North African coast East of Algiers by 2 HE 111s before dawn. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv One Army Adv Two Corps eac Twelfth AF MBS ABS One Arm Corp Mid East Malta Fairfield Five Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. Transport 17 Jan. Between Sicily Tripoli flew very few German aircraft. Almost doubling number operating previous day between 60 and 70 JU 52s employed Sicily to Tunisia service. Other enemy activity. 15 to 20 enemy fighters intercepted B 17s escorted by P 38s attacking Castel Benito airdrome 1300 Z of which 4 enemy aircraft claimed destroyed 5 probably destroyed 4 damaged. During sweep southwest Pont Du Fahs 0700 Z 30 enemy aircraft observed by Hurribombers of which 4 ME 109s observed bombing roads in area. During sweep Lake Bizerta Mateur area Spitfires attacked but make no claims 2 FW 190s, claiming 3 destroyed 1 probably destroyed Spitfires escorting Hurribombers engaged 15 ME 109s 1500 Z Northeast Bou Aradaha.

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From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR

No. 6259, January 19th, 1943.

Enemy strong point J 3582 attacked 17 Jan. Enemy artillery and mortar fire of light armoured recce elements J5556. Enemy occupied area J6533 PM Jan 18. 2 coys enemy with tow more coys in reserve attacked southwest from J6809 at 0700Z 18 Jan. Enemy attack repelled with destruction of 2 coys. Remainder withdrew to east 0845 Z. Estimated fif tye* enemy tanks attacked from east of Bou Arada simultaneously with infantry. 8 enemy tanks destroyed J6704 at 0940Z remainder withdrew southeast towards J7003s. No major action since 1000Z though movement enemy tanks protected by fighters continued area between Pont Du Fahs and Bou Arada. Enemy infantry and tank attack southwest from Pont Du Fahs area penetrated French positions north of Kebir Reservoir 078. Position still obscure. Foregoing northern Tunisian.

G-2 report 24 hours ending 2400 Z 18 Jan. Southern Tunisia. Attacks on ston sened* Y 4798 made on 16-17 Jan by estimated 30 Germans on foot armed with mines booby traps light automatics and on 17-18 Jan by estimated 1 coy infantry supported by 3 afdae ued* cars (AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv 1 Army Adv 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS

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To: WAR
USFOR London

ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army
from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI)
identifications: March Bn T1 supported by ele-
ments 1st Bn Hermann Goring Regt reported east
of Bou Arada, remainder 1st Bn and 3rd Bn Her-
mann Goring Regt believed in reserve, no identi-
fications tank units, part artillery Regt 90 and
possibly part Artillery Regt 334 believed in support
of operation, no identifications French sector Oued
El Kebir 079 sector.

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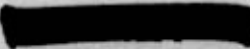
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objective widening and securing communication line Tunis
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From: Algiers

To: WAR -USFOR

No. 6181, January 19, 1943

Marcel Peyrouton arrived in Algiers on January 18 (to USFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) (to AGWAR for Combined Chief of Staff for Hull signed Eisenhower from Murphy and to USFOR for British Chief of Staff). (Cite FHLIA). Yesterday evening General Bergeret, Girauds deputy, stated that Peyrouton is replacing Chatel as Governor General of Algiers, that Chatel had been notified of his dismissal and that Peyrouton would assume office as soon as General Giraud returns from a short absence and signs the appropriate order. Chatel is to be given a noninfluential post in the French Red Cross.

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From: N.C.X.F.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 48

(1) H.M.S. LIGHTNING and LOYAL carried out sweep to Southward of Sardinia night 17th/18th. One unescorted merchant ship approximately 3,000 tons was sunk in position 38 40 North 09 33 East at 0040/18. Her cargo exploded. No other ships met.

2. Bone--Three M.T.B.'s patrolled off Rass Al Koran night 17th/18th. About 5 Fighter bombers raided Harbour at 1630/18. Damage to one quay only. Similar raid at 1345/17, S.S. RECORDER hit and damaged above water line. Delay in sailing not expected but repairs in United Kingdom necessary. Quay damaged.

3. Bougie. Cased petrol carrier polo blew up at 1817/17, and heavily on fire. Cause unknown.

4. H.M.S. TASAJERA torpedoed amidships starboard side by aircraft at dusk 17th January 75 miles East of Algiers. Ship returned to Algiers under own power. Of 191 American troops on board one killed, 3 injured. Ship carried 30 tanks and 10 other vehicles. 2 tanks are damaged.

5. Oran--One dock expected to be in use within next fortnight.

15304/18

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(3) BOUGIE. CASED PETROL CARRIER POLO BLEW UP AT 1817/17, AND HEAVILY ON FIRE. CAUSE UNKNOWN.

4. HMS TASAJERA TORPEDOED AMIDSHIPS STARBOARD SIDE BY AIRCRAFT AT DUSK 17TH JANUARY 75 MILES EAST OF ALGIERS. SHIP RETURNED TO ALGIERS UNDER OWN POWER. OF 191 AMERICAN ~~AMERICAN~~ TROOPS

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From: Algiers
To: War

No: 6134 Jan 18, 1943

This cable is for your information (for Operations Division for Combined Chiefs of Staff AGWAR for action, cite FHGAP, signed Eisenhower).

On six January Admiral Hall, Commander of the Sea Frontier Forces, Western Task Force advised me that on two nine December he had received a dispatch from the Secretary of Navy authorizing and directing payment by Naval Disbursing Officers from November 11, 1942. Of all officers and men of the French Navy in North and West Africa operating with and for the United Nations, since this matter was without my previous knowledge, I sent the following cable to Admiral Hall on January 15. "Has the matter of payment of French Naval personnel by the United States been presented to Admiral Michelier personally and has General Giraud been informed? Was request made to United States Government? My policy with respect to payment of French military forces has been that no sums would be tendered unless demand therefore was made by the High Commissariat. No demand has been made and it was my understanding that High Commissariat desired to maintain full sovereignty and would pay its own armed forces."

The following replies have been received:

"Vice Admiral Michelier has delivered to me the following verbal note. You have been kind enough to inform Admiral Michelier that the President of the United States of America had considered assuming the expenses in connection with the payment of military personnel in the French Navy." (To Freedom from Patton).

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To: War

No: 6134 Jan 18

Admiral Michelier was deeply touched by this proposal which seeks to give important assistance to the French Navy during a difficult period.

However, he does not consider that it is feasible to distinguish between the Navy personnel and the personnel of other arms, all of whom are sharing in the common struggle with equal devotion. It is desirable that their psychological and material status be regulated in a uniform manner.

For this purpose, the High Commissariat in French Africa has already taken necessary financial measures for the payment of these men in the three arms of land, sea and air. Necessary budgetary measures have been decided upon. (In these circumstances, Admiral Michelier does not think that it is possible for him to entertain the suggestion made, but he is profoundly touched by the generosity which has inspired this gesture and considers it as an important mark of esteem).

"Message from Commanding General, Western Task Force, your five six five two Admiral Michelier personally informed and replied as reported in my zero nine one zero zero which, through communication error this command, apparently has been unduly delayed in reaching you. Michelier also advised me Giraud, when consulted, was as surprised as he himself had been. My zero six one four two zero supplemented by my secret serial two one five of six January via Commanding General, Western Task Force reported to you the only knowledge I have of projects background. To SECNAV and JICE OPNAV for info by other channels."

Unless otherwise advised, it will continue to be my policy to respect the apparent desire of the High Commissariat to maintain the armed forces of North Africa without recourse to direct finance assistance from the United States.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 6063 January 18, 1943

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Only patrol line reported Northern Tunisia (to AGWAR, USFOR, ADV 1 Army, ADV 2 Corps, Eastern Air Command, Malta 12th Air Force, MBS, ABS, 1 Armd Corps, Mideast, Fairfield, 5 Army from Freedom Algiers) renewal enemy effort against communications indicated with reports demolitions effected railroad bridges 13 KMS southwest during night 16-17 Jan and 8 KMS northeast during night 17-18 Jan of Kasserlee TO6. Reoccupation our forces on Seyed Y4798 confirmed with report of repulse during night 17-18 MKN of enemy attack that outpost. No nes identifications. Foregoing part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 17 Jan.

Part 2. Air will follow. AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers information ADV 1 Army ADV 2 Corps each 12th AF MBS AES 1 Armd Corps Mideast Fairfield 5 Army Malta Krom G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower.

Part 3. Naval. Westbound enemy water store carrying vessel sunk 2259 Z 16 Jan about 30 miles east Dieba Island by surface force. During enemy air raid Bone 1245 Z 17 Jan 1 merchant vessel hit and damaged above waterline. At Bougie 1717 Z same date from unknown Cause 1 merchant vessel blew up set on fire. 1 landing ship tank torpedoed 50 miles east Algiers during night 1718 Jan. 3 German sub-

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR_ USFOR

No. 6063 January 18, 1943

marines disposed between Oran Cape Tenex south of 37 degs north and 1 within 60 miles 37 degs 30 mins north 01 deg 20 mins east. 1 Italian submarine reported 0500 Z 17 Jan 36 degs 50 mins north 02 degs 47 mins east with 3 or 4 between Algiers Philippeville and 2 Bone vicinity.

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To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 6064, January 18, 1943.

Rather fewer than on preceding days about 35 Ju 52's and a few ME 323's employed Sicily Tunisia service 18 January with between 15 and 25 Ju 52's flying between Sicily Tripoli (to AGWAR, USFOR adv 1 Army adv 2 Corps Eastern Air Command Twelfth Air Force MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from Freedom Algiers) foregoing transport.

Para 2. Air G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 17 January. Bombers, during day at least 7 JU 88's operating with ME 111's possibly Ju 88's between Algiers Bougie attacking Allied shipping during evening. Other activity. Bone Harbor attacked 1245 Z by 6 FW 190's and 1530 Z by at least 15 FW 190's and ME 109's dropping few bombs in harbor though no damage. Five enemy aircraft observed 1214 Z though no engagement ensued by B25's P38's attacking Graiba railroad junction. Both encounters at about 0830 Z B25's and P38's destroyed 2 JU 52's heading northeast and 1 JU 88 heading south west. AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers information adv 1 Army adv 2 Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI. Bomber Recce. Recce north African

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coast by about 5 JU 88's between dawn early evening
during which latter half of day shipping shadowed
between Algiers Bougie. Over Tunisia about 5 JU
88's operated between dawn dusk.

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1. BONE. 3 M.T.B'S OPERATED NIGHT OF 16/17 BUT HAD NO LUCK. IN AIR ATTACK P.M. 13/1 F W 190 BROUGHT (?DOWN). FIGHTER BOMBERS ATTACKED AM 14/1 SOME BOMBS DROPPED ON HARBOUR. NO DAMAGE REPORTED IN THESE ATTACKS.
2. PHILIPPEVILLE. 3 LST'S DUE TOMORROW MONDAY WITH 3RD LOAD OF TANKS FROM ORAN.
3. ALGIERS. NCXF ARRIVED CASABLANCA BY AIR 1500 TODAY SUNDAY. FOUR LSI WILL FERRY TROOPS EX KMF 7 TO BONE STARTING EARLY TOMORROW MONDAY.
4. ORAN. NO 1 DOCK RAISED AND STRUCTURAL REPAIRS IN HAND. ONE INSTALLATION BEING REPAIRED AND TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR WORKING DOCK BY COMPRESSED AIR. SCYTHIA NOW AT ORAN FOR REPAIRS AND DOCKING IN NO. 1 DOCK.
5. H.M.S. AJAX DUE GIBRALTAR P.M. TODAY SUNDAY.
6. CASABLANCA. SALVAGE OPERATIONS PROGRESSING. SAN PIETRO

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1. Bone. 3 M.T.B's operated night of 16/17 but had no luck. In air attack P.M. 13/1 F W 190 brought (2 down). Fighter bombers attacked AM 14/1 some bombs dropped on harbour. No damage reported in these attacks.
2. Philippeville. Three LST's due tomorrow Monday with 3rd load of tanks from Oran.
3. Algiers. NCXF arrived Casablanca by air 1500 today Sunday. Four LSI will ferry troops ex KMF 7 to Bone starting early tomorrow Monday.
4. Oran. No 1 dock raised and structural repairs in hand. One installation being repaired and temporary arrangements being made for working dock by compressed air. SCYTHIA now at Oran for repairs and docking in No. One Dock.
5. H.M.S. AJAX due Gibraltar P.M. today Sunday.
6. Casablanca. Salvage operations progressing. SAN PIETRO moved from Harbour and beached at Scrae. French have refloated JEAN BART and ALBATROSS intended to move former to Jetty Delure.

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Jan 17 1943
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR-USFOR

No. 5924 Jan 17 1943

Have received comments British Chiefs of Staff but not those of Combined Planners pending receipt of which am unable complete reexamination of plan (to AGWAR information USFOR from Freedom Algiers) to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff rptd USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower ref FAN 56 dated 030110 Z Jan. If TARGET date of first May is to be realized consider it essential for force planning to go ahead. This being held up by indecision as to composition of force. Concur with British Chiefs of Staff that desirable to mount operation with land forces either wholly from US or UK. Request instructions whether in the event of Brimstone being ordered Allied Force can count on 1 additional British division to replace 45th Division and on 1 additional British Division for Oristano should an assault on Oristano be decided upon. Request also information as to when these divisions would be ready from training aspect.

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From: Algiers
To: War- USFOR

No . 5951 Jan 17 1943 *old*

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Encountered enemy north of Pichon.

Para 4. Movements completed. Sixty Eighth CW
Mortar Co in area of Fifth Corps. 688 and 689 CA
(AA) sep airborne batteries to Tebessa coming under
command Twelfth Air Force.

Para 5. Air. 6 Bdsleys attacked road movements
Sfax area night 15 16.

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From: Freedom, Algiers

To: WAR

No. 6124, January 17, 1943.

SITREP 81.

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1. Naval. No Naval damage from enemy air attack Bone Harbor 14 Jan. 3 motor torpedo boats operated night 16 17 Jan from Bone without incident. Personnel ship Scythia at Oran for repairs. Salvage operations progressing Casablanca, merchant vessel San Pietro beached as scrap, Jean Bartand French warship Albatross refloated.

2. 1st Army (signed Eisenhower) in center enemy patrol activity area Medjez El Bab and 4 miles north Heidous night 16 17 Jan.

3. Central Tunisia. Liaison Officer reports: Station De Sened Y 49 still in our hands, railroad bridge 8 miles SW Kasserine blown up night 16 17 Jan, now repaired, railroad bridge 5 miles NE Kasserine blown up 17 18 Jan.

4. Movements completed, 139 Inf Brig Group less Bren carriers arrived 5 Corps Area.

5. Air. 4 Malta Mosquitoes on intruder patrols Tripoli-Gabes-Sfax area, several vehicles destroyed. 12 B 25 aircraft attacked railroad junction Graiba 35 miles SW Sfax with 11 tons of bombs from 6,500 ft, results unknown. 9 Bisleys attacked road and rail transport Tunis-Sfax area, hits observed on vehicles and road junctions. 6 Malta Beauforts laid sea mines entrance La Goulette harbor. 6 B 25 aircraft on shipping

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strike, 2 enemy transport planes and 1 JU 88 destroyed 70 miles NE Cap Bon, 1 escorting P 38 missing. Spitfires on Bone Airdrome patrol intercepted 15 enemy planes, 1 enemy plane damaged, 1 Spitfire missing, bombs dropped in harbor without damage. Hudson on antisubmarine patrol made 1 sighting and 1 attack. 75 transport sorties flown, (action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR, information AGWAR, Trooper, 5th Army, Anfa Casablanca for Gruenther, Mideast repeated Main 8th Army) Distribution: G-3. Coordinated with: Air Staff, Comdr Board, R.M., for C of S.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 7808 January 17, 1943

Contacted in skirmishes J 3875 J 4559 J 6913 J 7214. Part one land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 16 January. 30 enemy marking on railway J 4867. Enemy posts strength 1 company area J7130 J 7230. AGWAR USFOR rptd Troopers Information adv One Army adv Two Corps EAC 12th AF ABS MBS One Armad Corps Mideast Fairfield Five Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FFGBI IX5H too nil (enemy). Midday January 16 4 or 5 enemy tanks and 18 wheeled armoured car moved NW from Pont Du Fahs toward Sidi Daou J 7813. 100 enemy vehicles Se Pont Du Fahs January 15. Enemy defensive works DJ Chakaur 08444. Occupied by enemy are Ain Djeloula Pass 08442 and area 08239. Situation STON SENE Y 4798 obscure. No new identifications.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

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No. 3732 January 17, 1943

For Tunisia 64 JU 52's and 4 ME 323's departed Sicily from 1000Z onwards mostly departing again by 1400Z. American aircraft engaging formation approaching Tunisia during morning claim destruction 4 JU 52's 1 ME 323. Returning formation also intercepted by American aircraft claiming 2 JU 52's destroyed 3 probables with 5 damaged. At dawn 2 JU 52's landed Sicily from Tripoli. Foregoing transport para 15 January of part two Air G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 16 January. Bombers. Probably convoy escort 5 JU 88's active during morning north of Sicily. Probably over Tripolitania at least 10 JU 88's operated during early evening from Sicily (to AGWAR USFOR retd Troopers information Adv One Army Adv Two Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS One Arm Corp Mid East Fairfield Five Army from G 2 Freedom. Shortly after midnight 16 17 January between Algiers Bone HE 111 torpedo bombers operated along coast. Signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI. During night were reported 2 unidentified aircraft inland east of Algiers. Bomber recce. Between dawn 1530Z North African coast probably to Oran reced by 3 Sardinian based JU 88's. Off east coast and interior Tunisia 5 JU 88's active. All down by 1630Z 1 aircraft about midday over Nan-robert and Youks Les Bains probably on photo recce. Patrol recce. Patrol from southern France by one JU 88 during morning. Part one will follow. Nothing to report part 3 naval. Other enemy activity. Dropping no bombs 12 FW 190's over Bone 1520Z 2 of which destroyed. Unspecified number enemy aircraft observed by F4 over Gabes on photo mission. No enemy attack developed.

7 destroyed
3 probables
5 damaged

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To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 5899 Jan 17, 1943

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Jan 15 SITREP 79.

Naval. No reports.

Two First Army, signed Eisenhower, on south flank Sixth Arm Div patrol destroyed enemy post on hill 5 miles NNW Bou Arada. Reverse slope of hill strongly held. In center 1st guards brig 4 miles North Medjez El Bab shelled intermittently during night 14 15 Jan. Eleventh Inf Brig patrols reached western slope Djebel Sidi Meftah J 4855 without contact. On north flank 36 Inf brig patrol encountered about 60 enemy 3 miles SE station Del Aouna.

Three Central Tunisia. Italians captured station De Sazed Y 49.

Four Air. 18 B 26 aircraft attacked railroad and highway bridges over Oued El Al Arit 16 miles NNW Gabes with 24 tons of bombs from 7000 feet. Hits observed on railroad tracks and road. Attacked by about 11 enemy planes. One enemy plane destroyed. Two possibly destroyed and 1 damaged. Two P 38 and 1 B 26 shot down. One B 26 made forced landing 10 miles west of target. Three Malta Albatross laid mines in Kerkennah area. Twelve B 24 aircraft Nineth Air Force dispatched to attack Bizerta docks. Eight medium bombers dispatched to attack Ferryville docks. Five B 26 aircraft on antishipping strike between Tunisia and Sicily.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR No. 5899 Jan 17, 1943

Attacked large schooner with 5 tons of bombs. Vessel left in flames. 6 B 25 aircraft on antishipping strike encountered over 50 enemy transport planes 95 miles NE Bizerta heading SW. 5 transports destroyed. All our planes returned. 6 B 25 aircraft on antishipping strike encountered about 55 escorted enemy transport planes 30 miles NE Bizerta flying NE. 2 transports and 2 of escort destroyed. 3 transports probably destroyed. 5 transports and 1 of escort damaged. 1 P 38 destroyed and 1 missing. 4 P 40 aircraft on RCN Faïd dash Fondouk dash Pichon area 11 Jan engaged 4 enemy planes. 2 enemy planes destroyed and 1 probably destroyed. 2 P 40's damaged. Thelepte attacked 3 times. 7 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. 4 of our planes damaged on the ground. 2 P 40's destroyed in combat and 2 damaged. 2 of enemy planes destroyed shot down by Lafayette Escadrille. Youks Les Bains attacked by 12 enemy aircraft. 4 Beaufighter sorties flown Bone area night 14 15 Jan. 10 enemy aircraft flew over. 1 jettisoned bombs over land without damage. Enemy attack on Maison Blanche airdrome. Several of our aircraft destroyed and damaged. 4 enemy aircraft destroyed by Beaufighters. 1 shot down by ground antiaircraft and 1 by Naval antiaircraft. Air distribution: Thelepte S 84. 30 fighters. 9 light bombers. Youks Les Bains, 9 fighters, 16 light bombers. Souk El Arba, 43 fighters, 4 light bombers. Bone, 44 fighters. Oulmene M 71, 12 light bombers. Canrobert M 32, 14 light bombers. Constantine, 8 fighters, 8 light bombers. Berteaux L 85, 18 fighters, 24 medium bombers, Telergma L 75, 27 fighters, 21 medium bombers, 11 troop carriers. Biskra, 44 fighters, 34 heavy bombers. Taher F 22, 11 fighters. Setif, 24 fighters. Algiers including Maison Blanche and Blida, 43 fighters, 22 medium bombers, 2 photo RCN, 25 troop carriers, 22 bomber RCN, Oran including La Aenia, Tafaroui, Nouvion Q 18 and Relixane Q 59, 32 fighters, 11 medium bombers, 1 photo RCN, 54 troop carriers, Oujda, 3 fighter RCN

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To: AGWAR USFOR No. 5899 Jan 17, 1943

1 medium bomber. Port Lyautey, 35 fighters, 4 medium bombers. Casablanca including Mediouna D 06, 26 fighters, 5 troop carriers. Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR. Information AGWAR, troopers, Fifth Army CMW ANF RPR Anfa Casablanca for Gruenther, Mideast rptd main Eighth Army.

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From Algiers
To: War

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Unnumbered, January 17th, 1943.

Jan 16.

1. Naval. No reports.

2. First Army. (USFOR information AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army ABS Mideast rptd Main eighth Army from G 3 Freedom 5951 17th TOO NIL (SITREP 80) on south flank thirty eighth INF Brig now concentrated area Bou Arada. Sixth Armd div arty shelled about 60 enemy seven miles SSE Goubellat. In center second Hampshire regt under command 18 RCT located 4 miles SE Sloigia. 12 enemy killed and 3 captured in ambush 4 miles east Sid' N'Sir. On North Flank 36 Inf Brig patrols killed 15 enemy 3 miles east station El Aouana.

3. Central Tunisia. Patrols* Jan. Many vehicles destroyed and damaged.

4. Malta Beauforts laid mine entrance La Goulette Harbor night 15 16 Jan. 17 medium bombers attacked Bizerta. All planes returned. 4B 26 aircraft on anti-
shipping strike without incident. Hurribombers attacked railway sidings midway between Medjez Al Bab and Tebourba.
NOB (MOD) reported in one of attacks on Thelepte 15 Jan
all ten attacking planes destroyed. 12 enemy planes flew 40 mi
over Bone 2 of which destroyed by antiaircraft fire. SE Tebourba.
Routine patrols and ECNS flown. Action Usfor do not repeat Agwar. Information Agwar, troopers, Fifth Army, ANFA Casablanca for Gruenther, Mideast rptd main 8th Army.

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Secretary of State
Washington.
356, Sixteenth, (Section One)

Rome private despatch January 15 states political circles there report internal political situation Tunis characterized by arrival in power national Destouriens favoring Axis and whose anti-French activities frequently agitated past political life in Tunis. Day reportedly replaced Ministry by Cabinet of National Unity in which Nationalist element plays chief role although Hajjame Scenik remains Premier and represents to certain degree former French administration but important Ministries of Interior and Justice are held by Destouriens. Rome adds difficult see this development in Tunisian political life as favoring French interests in Tunis which now reenters zone of influence always claimed by Italy.

Harrison

Bern
January 16, 1943.
Rec'd 10:43 a.m.

Secretary of State
Washington
356, January 16, (Section Two).

Thus, it appears that Italy is being permitted by Germany to organize the civil administration of Tunis and thereby to endeavor during the period of occupation to establish its claim to this French territory. While Rome does not mention the status of Admiral Esteva, it appears from Paris despatches that he still occupies an important official position there, communicates regularly with Vichy and the second committee, the Axis and the German General Commanders on military matters.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Secretary

PARAPHRASE

January 17, 1943

Telegram no. 247

Dated: January 16, 3 p.m.

From: Rio de Janeiro

Rec'd: January 16, 7:33 p.m.

Following points are made by the Brazilian Ambassador at Madrid in most recent telegrams.

1. The intention is credited to the Germans of attacking Algiers before February 1 with a heavy force so as to take advantage of the disorganization prevailing among the Anglo-American forces.

2. The Germans are preparing to increase their submarine campaign along the coasts of Algeria and Morocco.

3. German Ambassador in Madrid reported to be trying to buy up all wolfram.

4. On the whole, public opinion in Spain believes in an ultimate victory for the Allies.

5. Reports received in Spain from Africa are at poles' end. Some sources report complete disorder and others complete order.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
USFOR

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No. 5804 Jan 16 1943

During morning 1 Sicilian based JU 88 made weather recce sea area Sicily Balearics turning northwards about 80 miles north Algiers. Shipping recce North African coast by 3 Sardinian based JU 88s between dawn 1630 Z, although others reached point off Oran during PM 1 aircraft probably flew no further than Algiers area shadowing shipping off Bone 0915 Z and ship off Cape Boifarouan shortly thereafter. Mainly interior Tunisia and off east coast recce southwards from Sicily by 5 JU 88s. From southern France by JU 88s at least 2 recce Sorties northern half western basin. Foregoing bomber recce.

G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 15 January. Nothing to report.

Part three. Naval.

Part 1 will follow. Bombers. Over Bone shortly before dawn were at least 10 probably JU 88s from Sardinia. During afternoon Thelepte attacked by 10 JU 88s. Maison Blanch Airdrome attacked by about 15

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from Algiers to AGWAR no 5804 Jan 16 1943

JU 88s from Sardinia during evening of which at least 2 failed to return. Transport for Tunisia from 0700 Z 33 JU 52 left Sicily departing again from Tunisia by 1000 Z. About 1100 Z for Sicily and Naples 25 JU 52s and 4 ME 323 departed Tunisia. Departing again by 1300 Z 18 JU 52s about 1215Z landed Tunisia. At dawn for Tripoli 4 FW 200s departed Sicily. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv 1st Army Adv 2nd Corps Adv CP AFHQ each 12th AF ABS ABS 5th Army 1st Armd Corps Mideast from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. Other enemy activity. At 1015Z over Thelapte were 8 ME 109s and FW 190s and 1350 Z were 10 JU 88s. Youks Les Bains attacked 0700 Z by 12 ME 109s and FW 190s with Tehlepte being attacked by further 8 fighters. During all foregoing attacks 7 enemy aircraft claimed destroyed. During attack by B 26s with P 38 escort on railroad and highway bridge north northwest Gabes 1200 Z our aircraft attacked by 8 or 9 ME 109s and 3 FW 190s. 1 enemy claimed destroyed and 2 probably. North-east of Bizerte B 25s and P 38s during anti shipping operations encountered large formations transport aircraft with JU 88 FW 190 ME 109 and ME 110 escort. During engagements following 6 JU 52s 1 ME 323 2FW 190s claimed destroyed 3 JU 52s probably destroyed 5 JU 52s and 1 ME 110 damaged (to AGWAR, USFOR for action and to ADV 1st Army, Adv Roman 2 Corps for information from Freedom Algiers.

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To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 5804 January 16, 1943

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were 8 ME 109s and FW 190s and 1350 Z were 10 JU 88s. Youks Les Bains attacked 0700Z by 12 ME 109s and FW 190s with Thelepte being attacked by further 8 fighters. During all foregoing attacks 7 enemy aircraft claimed destroyed. During attack by B 26s with P38s escort on railroad and highway bridge north northwest Gabes 1200Z our aircraft attacked by 8 or 9 ME 109s and 3 FW 190s. One enemy claimed destroyed and two probably. Northeast of Bizerte B 25s and P 38s during anti-shipping operations encountered large formations transport aircraft with JU 88 FW 190 ME 109 and ME 110 escort. During engagements following 6 JU 52s 1 ME 323, 2 FW 190s claimed destroyed 3 JU 52s probably destroyed 5 JU 52s and 1 ME 110 damaged (to AGWAR, USFOR for action and to Adv 1st Army CM Adv II Corps for information from Freedom Algiers).

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Road through pass at J3271 believed mined.
(To AGWAR, USFOR, Adv 1st Army, Adv 2 Corps, Eastern Air Command, 12th AF, MBS, ABS, 1st Armd Corps, Mideast, Adv CP AFHQ, 5th Army from Freedom Algiers) AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv 1st Army Adv 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Adv CP AFHQ 5th Army from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. 60 Germans contacted morning 14 January Sidi Ahmor J 3673. Spasmodic enemy artillery fire 14th-15th January Chassart Tefheha J5842. Medjex shelled PM 15 January. Enemy post J6809 destroyed otherwise situation this area unchanged. Substantial increase 14th-15th January enemy MT south and SE Pont Du Fahs. Enemy digging in DJ Hadjar 086 and occupying DJ Melex 086. Foregoing part 1 Land Northern Tunisia G2 report 24 hours ending 2400Z 15 January. Southern Tunisia: garrison DJ Krechem U06 being reinforced. Italians attacked and captured night 15th-16th January outpost at Stog Sened Y4798. No new identification.

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