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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

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February 15, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The following estimate was submitted to me orally this morning by our Military Intelligence Division. I had the officer who gave it to me dictate it as being of possible interest to you.

Possible German Change of Command on Eastern Front

During the past week many rumors have emanated from neutral European capitals indicating that Hitler has given up command of the German armies. A close inspection of recent German moves on the Eastern Front suggests that these rumors have a basis in fact.

Since about the first of February and for the first time in over a year German operations have followed the strict military principles laid down by the Kriegsakademie and no longer do geopolitical and economic objectives seem to dominate the German military moves. It is today quite apparent that the governing motive of the German high command is to preserve their armies intact, no matter whether this or that important city must thereby be given up. Rostov was evidently evacuated without much hesitation, a decision in sharp contrast to that taken at Stalingrad when disaster was incurred as a result of seeking to maintain too long an important strategic locality.

Press reports from Switzerland indicate that Field Marshal von Manstein has assumed command of the German armies on the Eastern Front. This is an entirely logical procedure. General von Manstein was regarded in 1938 in Berlin as one of the two most capable staff officers of the German Army. The other was General Halder. General von Manstein comes from an old, extremely aristocratic German military family. His grandfather was one of the principal Corps commanders in the Franco-Prussian War. Neither from birth, tradition, nor character can he be regarded as a Nazi. Nevertheless he has always gotten along extremely well with Hitler and his star has been increasingly in the ascendancy since his capture of Sevastopol in May, 1942.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

By **RHP**, NARS Date MAY 25 1973



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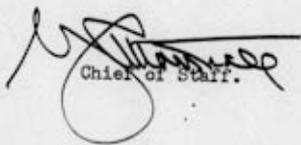
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Axis Attack in Tunisia

The Axis attack in southern Tunisia on February 14th apparently was at 6:00 P.M. The initial objective of this Axis attack is undoubtedly the general area Feriana-Kasserine-Sbeitla. Two Axis columns of considerable strength were apparently taking part in the attack. One column embracing the 21st Panzer Division of Marshal Rommel's Army as well as other German units is striking due west from Faid Pass towards Sbeitla. This column has captured the town of Sidi-Bou Zid and is now approaching Sbeitla.

A second column embracing the Italian "Centauero" Armored Division moved simultaneously from the Sened-Maknassy area north-westward towards Sbeitla. This column had apparently crossed the Gafsa-Faid road by dawn February 15th. No attacks have yet developed towards Gafsa, Pichon, or in the Ousseltia Valley up until dawn of February 15th. It is not at all certain, however, that such attacks will not develop during the course of today.

It is apparent that the Axis forces in southern Tunisia have been considerably reinforced in recent weeks and it is probable that the 21st Armored Division has received sufficient replacement tanks to bring it approximately to full strength.


Chief of Staff.

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From: USFOR London
To: WAR

No. 7278, February 15, 1943

" I send you my sincere best wishes for the great interallied command you are assuming. I subscribe heartily in so far as French forces are concerned. Of course you know that a French Division under the command of General Larminat now forms part tactically of the British Eighth Army. The same is true of General Leclercs group and the Armored Regiment of Colonel Reni. These elements are being reinforced notably with artillery and with tank units. Almost all have had experience in several battles. All are ardent and resolved. I am expecting to review them in March. I would be happy to meet you in Africa at that time." (For Marshall this message sent from De Gaulle to Eisenhower cite ETGBI signed Andrews.

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Action: SGS

Information: OPD
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 25 1973

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From: Algiers
To: War

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BY DSS, DATE MAY 25 1973

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Ali B Aoun. Enemy truck column area Djebel Meloussi T 62 successfully attacked by our aircraft 1530A. During after noon 16 enemy tanks observed vicinity of Send. CC C and 1 Armd Bn from CC B concentrating under command 1st Armd Div. Evacuation of Gafsa begun night 14-15 Feb.

3. Central Tunisia. 16/5 (16/4) Lancers joined CC B night 14-15 Feb. Balance 26th Armd Brig joining Guards Brig Siliana in Army reserve. First RPA moved to Sbiba night 14-15 Feb. Hq 34th Div now El Ala O 62.

4. Northern Tunisia. 11th Inf Brig relieved 18 RCT area east of Medjes El Bab. 18 RCT less Bn now 5 corps reserve area Teboursouk J 21. One Bn 18 Fl11 moved night 14-15 Feb under comd 46th Div.

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BY DSS, DATE MAY 25 1973

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. A 8870, February 15, 1943

Assisted by US Army Twelfth Fighter Command planes (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR Rptd Troopers information One Army Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS Rptd Six Corps ABS One Armad Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI) attack 1845Z 12 Feb begun against enemy submarine southwest Cape Figalo position 35 degrees 38 minutes north 01 degree 13 minutes west of HMS Westray Woodstock and Hundax considered sunk by Naval Office Oran is submarine after continuous engagement 18 hours in position 35 degrees 43 minutes north 01 degree 10 minutes west. By RM Submarine UNISON Gulf of Hammamet 3 laden motor auxiliary vessels attacked with gunfire 0828Z 8 Feb. One beached herself 2 sunk. Southbound 1, 400 ton laden motor vessel Gulf Hammamet attacked by same submarine with gunfire 1724Z 11 Feb blew up. Torpedoes air attack 1810Z 29 Jan HMS Podarica capsized 2127Z 13 Feb Bougie after being towed there. No loss of life. Foregoing part 3 Naval G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 14 Feb.

Air. During day reported off North African Coast 2 enemy bomber recon of which 1 shot down 15 miles north of Phillippeville 1415Z. Active Sicily - Tunis area 8 enemy aircraft of which 6 during morning. Flown also meteor flight over Central

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Mediterranean, with nothing reported in Southern Tunisia between 60 and 70 aircraft nearly all JU 52's arrived Tunis morning 13 Feb. Area south of Sicily dawn and dusk few enemy bombers reported. With no attacks against sea or land targets 6 to 7 aircraft active off North African Coast night 14 - 15 Feb. P-39's engaged recce Fon Ouk Road attacked at 0700Z by 2 ME 109's. Near Kairouan at 1000Z Spitfires same mission attacked by 4 to 5 FW 190's. Escorting A 20's on bombing mission Faid Pass formation P-39's P-40's attacked by 8 enemy aircraft. Claimed destroyed 1 FW 190 by Spitfires providing high cover. Intercepted were flight ME 109's and FW 190's at 1430Z by Spitfires escorting A-20's on bombing mission near Maknassy. Bombs jettisoned by enemy fighter bombers.

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From: Algiers
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No. 1073, February 15, 1943

Eisenhower's report on Faid operation and estimate situation -

Hostile attack that developed against our Faid position on the morning of the 14th succeeded through out flanking operations supported by considerable number of tanks, estimated between 90 and 130, (to AGWAR and USFOR from Freedom Algiers; to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower, cite FHSGS, this is NAF 149 and review 30)
In breaking into the plain west of the ridge and during the course of the day confused fighting took place in the region west of Faid and east of Sbeitla. It is believed that no part of the 10th Panzer Division is yet engaged in this battle and consequently it is necessary to hold strong mobile reserves to the west of Pichon, however, Anderson has released from his army reserve 1 battalion of medium tanks belonging to CCB and today a counter attack is in progress to clear up the situation in the valley between Sbeitla and Faid and to permit the orderly withdrawal of two battalions of infantry from the Faid position toward Sbeitla. The 2nd Corps commander estimates that this counter attack has good chances of accomplishing this object.

Due to lack of adequate reserves, it is no longer possible to hold a line so extensive as that which we had formerly been attempting to occupy, which we had done in order to keep the enemy pinned into the narrowest possible corridor and to facilitate later offensives. Gafsa was evacuated last

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evening and the 2nd Corps is taking up a position in defense of the general line Feriana-Sbeitla. Any further contraction of this line will result in the loss of the Thlepte airfields which the air corps commander and I both consider are of great importance to future operations. By means of the present withdrawal troops heretofore held in reserve in the Feriana region are made available for assisting in todays counter attack and for establishing the new defensive line.

Anderson and I have been working hard to regroup all units so as to reestablish divisional organizations, both among United States and British formations. This has not yet been accomplished but will remain one of our immediate purposes.

In the meantime Anderson is reinforcing combat command B, under Robinette, with a battalion of armor from the 6th Division so as to keep available one strong mobile reserve.

Our present tactical difficulties result from my attempt to do possibly too much coupled with the deterioration of the French resistance in the central mountainous area, which began about January 17. That deterioration has absorbed the bulk of the United States 1st and 34th Divisions, which formations had originally been pushed forward to provide general reserves and to permit us to attack from the line which we were then holding.

I have spent the past two days in 2nd Corps headquarters and in the regions eastward thereof, but since General Alexander is not reaching Algiers before the 17th, I am remaining in my forward command post today and possibly tomorrow. I am in constant

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touch with the 1st Army Commander and I support his view that reasonably adequate reserves must be maintained for neutralizing any thrust that may develop westward from the Ousseltia valley region.

Neither our own nor the enemys losses in the fighting of yesterday can be roughly calculated, but last evening combat command A, which had been stationed in the Faid area, reported it had lost about 50 percent of 1 battalion of medium tanks.

Provided that the operations planned for today are reasonably successful, I consider that our position will be satisfactory but will not be so favorable from the standpoint of launching eventual offensive operation.

Air fighting has been continuous and bitter and it is of transcendent importance that the flow of fighter aircraft and light bombers, particularly of the A-20 type (Bostons) be expedited.

Bombing operations by heavy formations against the enemys ports continue.

Now stationed at Canrobert is a group of FOxy British squadrons under Group Captain Sinclair. This group is considered by both United States and British air authorities as one of the most highly trained, experienced, and capable organizations in the whole theater. From the beginning it has operated with the Bisley type of plane and at very reduced strength; whereas if it could be immediately supplied with A-20's or DB-7's (Bostons), the
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tactical efficiency of the group would be many times multiplied. All air formations are operating at reduced strength. For example, the United States air forces operating in the southern sector, under Colonel Williams, should have 266 airplanes and when I visited them two days ago there were only 124 available. I do not know the air losses during the past two days.

The Air Commander in Chief will submit a more detailed account of our air position and requirements, but it is obvious that we are absorbing and battling with an important part of hostile air, and we firmly believe that with the battle experience our people have gained, we can damage the enemy very badly here in this respect as long as we are adequately maintained. Moreover, with a definite preponderance of air force we will be assured of the ability to keep setting the stage for the eventual destruction of the forces lying between the 8th Army and this one.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: General Strong
General Arnold
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
General McNair
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To: WAR
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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date **MAY 23 1974**

No objections from our point of view are perceived with respect to the possible visit of the 2 Soviet consular representatives. (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) Reference your 2056 February 100326Z. AGWAR action Hull information combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff. Signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy. NAF 148. In this connection it may be of interest to the Soviet govt to know that arrangements are under way to ship the Soviet internees known here on an early passenger convoy to England. It is hoped that approximately 129 will depart shortly. The Soviet estimate of 400 internees is not supported by the information now in our possession. It would be helpful if we could be more fully informed of the basis of this estimate for the departments information the French authorities seem hesitant to receive Soviet consular representation until the local political situation is further clarified. They point out that the Soviets never had consular representation in France. It is anticipated however that after further consideration of the political issues involved they may agree to temporary representation limited to work on behalf of Soviet internees.

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INFORMATION: OPD, General Arnold, Admiral King,
General Strong (S.D.), Log.

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From: Algiers
To: War
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*Aid to French
air forces -*

It is understood here that policy of building up French Air Force has already been decided on (Eisenhower to Marshall, reur 2143 dated February 11) with extent and rate of build up still subject for discussion. When Arnold was here it was decided that immediate objective was 1 fighter and 1 light bomber group. Answers to following questions urgently required: 1. When can we expect planes for above groups? 2. Can we send approximately 500 student pilots to United States for training beginning as soon as possible with more to follow later? 3. Can we send light bomber and transport crews to United States for transition training as originally requested? 4. Essential that some 29 transports be allotted at once to replace French transports rapidly wearing out in Allied service. Single engine aircraft not suitable.

Morale of French Air Force suffering severely due to lack of concrete evidence of equipment and assistance which they have been led to believe from press and high authorities would be rapidly forthcoming. It is suggested that Major Wildman of General Arnold's staff is thoroughly familiar with French situation here.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ACTION

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Message No. 776 Date Feb 14, 1943 From Algiers

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| To: JC/S | Col Hammond |

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. #, February 14, 1943.

Enemy patrols contacted south of Sidi
Mannsour J 4371 and 2 miles east Chassert Teffafa
J 6042 night 11-12 Feb. Minor casualties on enemy
at latter point. Foregoing northern Tunisia part 1
G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 13 Feb. Cen-
tral Tunisia. No Mans Land 2 miles northeast Kef
Taourit) 7640 occupied by enemy night 12-13 Feb.
Twelve tanks observed southeast Faid area T 8553.
Our aircraft strafed enemy motor transport moving
southwards from Faid in area Maatleg Pass T 84.
At T 9639, 15 vehicles moving northeast attacked
and claimed destroyed. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR
reptd Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th
AF MBS reptd 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast
Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower
cite FHGBI. Southern Tunisia. Motor transport
column reported moving east from Maknassy T 70 at
1830 Z. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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ACTION: G-2 EA
INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 787, February 14, 1943

Italian Fleet. Photographic recce. (To AGWAR for
WDGBI USFOR repta Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps
EAC 12th AF MBS rept 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast
Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite
FHGBI 787) Spezia 13th shows 1 Littorio Class Battleship
Roma departed this port since 5 Feb. Submarine dispositions
Western Mediterranean. German. 1, 15 miles West Cape
Cazine reported by Antisubmarine Patrol 1800Z 13 Feb.
One vicinity 37 degrees 00 minutes North and Greenwich
Meridian East or West. One between Sened and Algiers.
One or 2 between Alboran Island and Oran. 7 Italian.
Two between Bougie and Philippevilles. Probably 5 or
more between Philippeville and Bizerta. General. In
succession to acting Vice Admiral Sir Neville Sypret
KCB Acting Vice Admiral A W Willis CG DSO was appointed
Flag Officer Commanding force H. Tripoli. On 12 Feb
2000 tons cargo discharged. Buerat West of Syrte closed
as supply port. Eastern Mediterranean. 1500 ton merchant
vessel in tow in position 39 degrees 16 minutes North 17
degrees 11 minutes East (off Cotrone) reported torpedoed
sunk by HM submarine P 51 at 1633 Z 4 Feb. Foregoing part
3. Naval G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 13 Feb.
Part 2 Air. Enemy air activity. Reported over Western
Mediterranean were 7 aircraft. Several aircraft active
over sea area South of Balearics. Convoys off Bougie
were contacted during day. Usual recce of sea round
Sicily carried during day. Over Central Mediterranean

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To: War

No. 787, February 14, 1943

Meteoro flight carried out few JU 88 bomber aircraft reported in Central Mediterranean during morning and convoy off Benghazi was shadowed. During evening further aircraft operated in same area. Off North African Coast were attacks against shipping. From Naples and Sicily usual formation JU 52's landed in Tunis during morning. Other enemy activity. No report of attacks received when 3 FW 190's approached Souk El Arba 1500Z. During attacks by B 26's escorted by P 38's on Tunis El Aouina 1405Z allied aircraft attacked by 20 to 30 ME 109's. 4 ME 109's claimed destroyed 3 probable 4 damaged. B 25's P 38's on antishipping mission between Tunis and Sicily sighted 35 to 50 JU 52's and 3 ME 323's at 1400Z. 4 JU 52's and 1 ME 323 claimed destroyed.

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ACTION: G-2-EA

INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 723 February 14, 1943

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BY DSS, DATE MAY 25 1973

Feb 13th SITREP 108.

1. Naval. No reports.
2. Southern Tunisia. General patrol activity.
2 German prisoners captured Fa'd area.
3. Central Tunisia. Night 12/13 Feb enemy occupied area 2 miles NE Kef Tsaurit O 73. Previously unoccupied by either side. 3/6 RTA arrived Siliana.
4. Northern Tunisia. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT. Arty and patrol activity both sides. Night 12/13 Feb patrol encountered enemy 4 miles MNE Medjez El Bab killing 2 Germans. Wounding others. Own loss nil.
5. Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast pass to main 8th Army.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

G-2
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-War

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BY DBS, DATE MAY 25 1973

No. 678, February 13th, 1943

Correction to para 2: Change Faid to Gafsa.
Feb 12th SITREP 107 Para 5 Air all heavy bomber
operations ~~Sened~~ cancelled due to weather.
(Action and acknowledge USFOR information AGWAR
Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass to Main 8th Army
from G-3 section signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.)
Six A 20. Boston. Aircraft escorted by 12 P 39's.
Airocobra. Attacked enemy gun positions west of
Sened. Claim four 88 MM guns destroyed and 3
silenced. Rcns flown over forward areas. Dis-
tribution operational aircraft: Souk El Khemis.
Seventy eight fighters. Fifteen light bombers.
Thelepte S 84. 92 fighters. 13 light bombers.
Souks Les Bains. Twenty light bombers. One
troop carrier. Five Rcn. Bone (Tingley). Forty
five fighters. Four Rcn. Oul Mene M 71. Nine-
teen light bombers. Jemapps G 32. Nine fighters.
Constantiner 17 light bombers. Ain Mlila L 94.
Four fighters. Thirty three heavy bombers.
Canrobert M 32 three light bombers. Berteaux
L 85 thirteen medium bombers. Pelergma L 75.
Seventy five fighters. Forty nine medium bombers.
Two photo rcn. Thirty six troop carriers.
Chateaudun Du Rhumel L 55. Seventeen fighters.
Twenty four heavy bombers. Iskra. Fourteen
fighters. Taher F 22. Fifteen fighters. Setif.
Twenty six fighters. Algiers including Blinda
and Maison Blanche. Forty eight fighters. Seven-
teen medium bombers. Fifteen photo rcn. Thirty
six troop carriers. Twenty four rcn. Oran in-
cluding La Senia. Tafercui. Nouvion Q 18 and
Relizane Q 59. Thirty nine fighters. Fourteen
medium bombers. Forty nine troop carriers. Oujda.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-War

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Four fighters. One medium bomber. One photo
rcn. Seven rcn. Port Lyautgy. Nine fighters.
Casablanca including Mediouna. Seven fighters.
Agadir. Two troop carriers.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-War

No. 631, February 13th, 1943

East of Heidous (to AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR
rptd Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC
12th AF MBS rptd 6 Corps ABS 1 Armed Corps
Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom
signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI J5744) 10 enemy killed
1 German PW captured patrol clash 10-11 Feb.
Intermittent south of Medjez El Bab has been
enemy artillery fire. Observed moving eastward
from areas northeast and east Bou Arada J 60 were
civilians and cattle. Southwest Djebel Mansour
(O 6788) 22 Italian PW'S and 31 same Djebel Et
Touila O 7975 by our patrols night 11-12 Feb.
Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

Part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending
2400 Z 12 Feb. Central Tunisia. Night 11-12
Feb repulsed area O 7541 Cusseltia sector was
strong enemy patrol. Observed 11 Feb concentration
35 enemy tanks area Sidi Ahmed O 8237. Twelve
Feb area O 8038 were reported 100 motor transport.
Southern Tunisia. Three Italians night 11-12 Feb
captured south of, and German patrol encountered
in Faid area T 75. Area Djebel Goussa T 30 active
with small armoured enemy patrols. Captured our
patrols 11-12 Feb T 4202 were 11 Italians. North-
west Ston De Sened Y 4798 reported enemy battery
positions. Identifications German, perhaps re-
lieving part of Bn T 3 identified 10 Feb in
Jefna area is corps parachute Bn Witzig indicating
latter again Jefna area. Information from PW Wit-
zig, from PW indicated area 3 Bn 754 Grenadier
Regt northeast Medjez El Bab, are elements 755
Grenadier Regt. Probably from regimental support

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No. 631, February 13th, 1943

Coy same area is reported presence troop 7.5 CM mountain guns and troop 15 CM hows. Italian, at El Ksar O 6788 identified by PW was night 11 Feb 3 Bn, 92 Infantry Regt. Comment, 3 miles northwest Djebel Mansour (O 71) 1 PDB this unit last identified, at J 3284 and J 3499 respectively to northwest Djebel Anzag identified are 34 Bn and 63 Bn 10 Bersaglieri Regt, comment. Although to Kairoun area unconfirmed report indicated 1 Coy 63 Bn with number of 20 MM machine guns has moved, foregoing agrees with previously reported location these units. South of Fais 11 Feb PW taken from 1 Coy 5 Blackshirt Bn. Coming from Tripolitania to take over Krechem-Mastleg defense area (subdivision of 50 Brigade Area) believed this unit correction G 2 report no 928 Feb 1, now identified as 22 Engineer Bn from depot 11 Corps Engineer Regt Italy PS unit reported to be 22 Bersaglieri Bn 9.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 630, February 13, 1943

Sicilian Channel 0755 Z 27 Jan convoy consisting
1 merchant vessel 10,000 tons, (To AGWAR USFOR inf
1 Army 2 Corps Eastern Air Command 12th AF MBS ABS
1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast FAirfield 5 Army from Freedom
630 undated nil) 1 merchant vessel 600 tons (escorted by
3 destroyers) 2 motor launches and about 12 aircraft
attacked by HM Submarine Turbulent. With escort making
ineffective counterattack against 4 torpedoes scoring
1 hit on merchant vessel considered probably sunk convoy
proceeding direction southwesterly. Sunk immediately
was unescorted laden merchant vessel 5,000 tons 1111Z 1
Feb by 2 torpedoes both hits eastbound near Cape San
Vito (Northwest Coast Sicily). Afterward at 1308 one
Feb attacked by Turbulent was halted 3000 ton armd
merchant cruiser. Missed by 1 torpedo account drawing
ahead was cruiser. From Tripoli probably motor torpedo
boat joined action. Turbulent withdrew. Probably sunk
y Turbulent is 6000 ton tanker escorted by 3 destroyers
1 motor launch hit by 2 out of 4 torpedoes fired 0549Z
5 Feb off Cape Cefalu (North Coast Sicily). Train hit
6 times by Turbulent in St Ambrocio Station (North Coast
Sicily) 1153Z 7 Feb. Turbulent on westbound merchant
vessel escorted by aircraft off Cape Gallo (Northwest
Palermo) 1014Z 8 Feb made unsuccessful attack. Out of
range reported by Turbulent were many destroyers motor
torpedo boats aircraft several northbound convoys.
Intercepted sunk by HM Submarine Torbay off Cape Oropesa
(West Spanish Coast) 0750Z 11 Feb was Gretm German

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From: Algiers
To: War
No. 630, February 13, 1943

controlled Danish 1563 ton fruit carrier active since 1940 blockade running. Foregoing part three. Naval G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 12 Feb. Part two air. Reported bomber recce enemy were 3 aircraft off North African Coast daytime. North and Northeast of Oran 2. Over Central Mediterranean and contacting shipping Bengasi area 1. Sea area south of Sicily meteor flight also flown. Morning between Sicily-Tunis about 50 JU 52's transport. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR rptd Troopers info 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS reptd 6 Corps ABS 1 Arm'd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. 630 undated nil). Claimed destroyer from few probably Italian bombers active over Bone and North of Algiers first half night 12-13 Feb 1. Probably searching shipping afternoon evening were enemy bombers sea area off Bengasi. Over forward battle area enemy activity restricted weather conditions. Of enemy operations no reports. Part 1 will follow.

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From: Algiers
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BY DSS, DATE MAY 25 1973

No. RUF 530, February 13, 1943.

Feb 12th Sitrep 107.

Para 1 Naval. No reports

Para 2 Southern Tunisia. Signed Eisenhower.
Cite FEBCT. Raid by first Ranger Bn night 11/12
Feb. Sitrep 106. In area 4 miles NW Sened. 11
Italians captured. Slight increase enemy activity
south and east of Faïd.

Para 3 Central Tunisia. Enemy attack in
area of point 710 O 7541 night 11/12 Feb Repengiu.
Successful patrol action by 4 RSA took 31 Italian
prisoners 3 miles NE Mausolee O 77. French patrol
captured 22 Italian prisoners 3 miles SW Djebel
Mansour night 11/12 Feb. Third Bn 135 RCT relieved
1/9 RTA and 1 Co 2/9 RTA night 12/13 Feb. First
Bn 133 RCT moved from Maktar to Sbiba and 3rd Bn
133 RCT moved to Maktar night 12/13 Feb. Movement
16/5 Lancers Group to army reserve area Ebba Ksour
Gan 95 completed.

Para 4 Northern Tunisia. Night 10/11
Feb patrol clash area of Heidous K 54. Ten enemy
killed. One German captured. Our loss 3 wounded.

Para 5 Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers,
5th Army, Mideast pass to Main 8th Army.

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BY DSS, DATE MAY 25 1973

From: Algiers
TO: War

No: 556 Feb 13, 1943

We agree local Axis offensive operations must be expected to widen bridgehead. This likely to be defensive in character until Axis have built up forces to state when larger operations may be possible. Ref your 2149 (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) AGWAR from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

2. Consider only 2 armies likely in Tunisia.
 - A. Von Arnims in area from Bizerta to Sfax.
 - B. Rommel's south from Sfax to Mareth line.
3. Consider 15 panzer division will have to be maintained in Mareth area. Most unlikely Rommel will denude himself of all tanks. This division will not therefore be available for operations westwards. Consider proportion at least of 10 Panzer Division must be retained in area of our 6th Armoured Division. Part of 10 Panzer Division may however well be used to clear up Ousseltia Pichon area. Operations at present likely to be confined to:
 - A. Attempt to clear up Ouseltia Pichon area.
 - B. Maintenance of present Faid positions until 21 Panzer Division has been strengthened.
 - C. Attack on Gafsa by forces which are predominantly Italian including some 40 tanks. Probably Centauro Division believed to be in Gabes area will take part.
4. Reinforcements for Rommel known to have arrived Tunis lately. These may include one or more Marsch battalions. Consider Ariete Division will not be reformed but that elements now in Bages area will be absorbed by Centauro.
5. Any exploitation of successful Axis attack beyond general line Gafsa Sbeitla Pichon unlikely owing to strength of forces and supply position. Axis cannot risk at this moment to embark on operation which might mean heavy losses of men and equipment.
6. Shall be grateful to receive the weekly review.

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By RHP Date MAY 25 1973

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 398, February 12, 1943

The "Secretary of State of the French Navy" has transmitted through the French Military Attache Madrid a request to the British Ambassador to permit women and children, (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) members of families of French Military personnel, to be repatriated by hospital ships to Marseilles from Tunisia. (to Operations Division for Combined Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower). This is NAF 145 I have approved and NCF has set the following conditions which must be fulfilled. Notification to NCF 48 hours in advance of date and time of sailing. Names of ships to be reported. Ships must be illuminated in accordance with Geneva Convention, follow, prescribed course on which they will be liable to examination. Provides for Lit and named Italian pilot vessel to meet ship at prescribed point. Ship must berth in Mizerta Lake. Follow same course on return voyage sailing in daylight from Bizerta with provision for examination enroute and that pure precise instructions will be used when speed of ship is known.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD, General Arnold, General Strong,
Admiral King, Log.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR (action)

No. 411 February 12, 1943

Part 2. Air. Shadowed between Oran-Algiers were convoys by enemy bomber recce. Also three JU 88's daytime off North African coast reported. Shot down evening 1 of the 3. On convoy routes and sea area south of Sicily from Sicily 3-7 aircraft operated of which between Bengasi and Tripoli during morning 1 contacted convoy. Over Central Mediterranean 1 carried out meteor flight. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 11 Feb. Performing usual transport were JU 52's with fewer than reported 10 Feb between Italy and Sicily-Tunis. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR rptd Troopers information One Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS rptd 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Attacked at dawn 10 Feb by about 4 JU 88's was Tripoli Harbour also during evening between Bengasi and Tripoli additional bombers reported. With no attacks but active off North African coast 1st half night 11-12 Feb were enemy aircraft. Enemy activity forward Tunisia area unreported.

Part 3. Naval. Nothing to report.

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ACTION: G-2 *air*
INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 458 February 12, 1943

Para 5. First Ranger Bn is (SITREP 106 Feb 11 Southern Tunisia) reported to have made successful raid (action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 8th Army Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from G-3 Section AFHQ) from Gafsa night 11-12 Feb. No further details.

Para 6. Fifth Army. Third Inf Div less 30 Inf Rgt replacing 9th Inf Div in Port Lyautey area. Thirty Inf Rgt is guarding L of C Guercif-Oujda area. Ninth Inf Div replacing 34th Inf Div in Oran-Tlemcen area.

Para 7. Movements completed. From Oran remainder 34th Div consisting 133 Rct less A Bn to Maktar coming under command 1st Army.

Para 8. Air. All bomber operations cancelled due to weather. Twelve A 20's (Boston) aircraft escorted by 12 Spitfires and 10 P 40's (War hawk) attacked Sened. Hits on highway and in town. One enemy plane shot down into sea by Beaufighter on practice flight.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, COGN, General Deane (CCS),

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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

No. 413 February 12, 1943

By our troops enemy localities West of Mateur at J 3384 and J 3385, 10 Feb were cleared. Also burned out by same were several hostile Arab villages used as patrol bases. Captured were about 15 Italians and 6 Germans. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 11 Feb. Central Tunisia. Nothing. At Y 3274 between Y 1547 and Y 1751 Southern Tunisia southeast of Gafsa defensive line reported under construction by enemy. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR repta Troopers information One Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS repta 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI number 413) indenifications. German. Confirmed by PW from 10 Coy area North Djeben Ahmerk J 5942 night 10-11 Feb presence Three Bn 754 Grenadier Regt. To relieve 9 Coy purpose of 10 Coy stated by PW. In area Jefna J 37 by capture PW from 2 Coy 10 Feb is shown continued presence Bn T 3. Ten Feb area Jefna J 37 Two Coy 501 Heavy Tank Bn reported by PW. North of Medjez J 5150, 20 Jan and during occupation Robaa Valley 0 7083 and 0 6781 between

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31 Jan and 5 Feb personnel this Coy previously identified. In other localities possibly for terrain recce may be elements this Coy although greater part believed area Pont Du Fahs. Noted however 26 Jan probable presence tanks West of Jefna. See G-2 weekly summary number 23. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 498, February 12, 1943

Identification any part 74 Artillery Regiment in Tunisia false, rear 2087, (AGWAR from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) unit at first so reported actually from 22 Artillery Regiment. Refer our 8912 dated 4 February. Copy land G 2 report 19 January being forwarded by air.

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Footnote: 2087 is CM-OUT-3506 (2-10-43) G-2

Action: G-2 *EA*

Information: OPD
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BASEGRAM SITUATION REPORT NO. 62.

1. BONE. HMS ITHURIEL HAS BEEN REFLOATED AND IS WAITING TOW.
2. HMS TURBULENT REPORTS AN ATTACK ON TWO WESTBOUND MERCHANT VESSELS ESCORTED BY THREE DESTROYERS TWO MLS AND ABOUT 12 AIRCRAFT IN POSITION 037046' NORTH 011014' EAST AT 0855/27/1. 4 TORPEDOES WERE FIRED, ONE HIT AND ONE SHIP WAS PROBABLY SUNK. AT 1211/1/2 TURBULENT FIRED TWO TORPEDOES INTO POSITION 038013' NORTH 012050' EAST AT 5000 TON UNESCORTED EAST BOUND MERCHANT SHIP. BOTH HIT. SHIP SANK. AT 1408/1/2 TURBULENT FIRED ONE TORPEDO AT 3000 TON AMC WHO WAS HUNTING HER. TORPEDO MISSED. AT 0649/5/2 OFF CAPE CEFALU TURBULENT OBTAINED TWO HITS ON 6000 TON WESTBOUND TANKER ESCORTED BY TWO DESTROYERS AND ONE ML. TANKER PROB-

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 TRAIN IN ST. AMBROCIO STATION. SIX HITS. AT
 1114/8/2 TURBULENT FIRED TWO TORPEDOES AT
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To: WAR

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Para 1. Naval. No reports. Sitrep 106 Feb 11 (action and acknowledge USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from G-3 section 393 12th Feb).

Para 2. Southern Tunisia. Patrols Derby Yeomanry report enemy preparing defensive positions along line of road between Djebel Askere Y 14 and Djebel Bou Jerra Y 15 and at Pass 4 miles east of El Guettar. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT.

Para 3. Central Tunisia. Bn 135 RCT relieved 3/1 RTA and Co 2/9 RTA area Pichon-Maison Des Eaux O 7328 night 10/11 Feb. Second Bn 16 RCT relieved 2nd Bn 26 RCT area Djebel Rihana O 7546. All units relieved now area Kera O 43. Two Bns 1st guards Brig now area Silliana O 46 in Army reserve.

Para 4. Northern Tunisia. Small force 139 Inf Brig raided enemy localities 6 miles NNW station De Jefna 10 Feb and took prisoners. Several hostile Arab villages used as enemy patrol bases were burned.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2, CG AAF, CCGN, Gen. Deane CCS),
Adm. King, LOG

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No. 243, February 11th, 1943.

Night 9-10 Feb Mateur Sector enemy contacted 6 miles north Bir Sayem J 3484 and J 3284 these believed coy positions. (To AGWAR, USFOR information One Army Two Corps EAC 12th AF MBS ABS One Armd Corps Malta MidEast Fairfield Five Army from Freedom Algiers). While identifications unrecorded thought in area are Italians. Observed south of Jefna enemy movement 9 Feb areas J 4174 and J 4273. By enemy machine guns 4 miles North Munchar from area J 3445 fire opened night 9-10 Feb. Contacted 9 Feb northeast Goubellat areas J 6927 and J 6926 was enemy. Held by machine guns mortars was village latter point. Foregoing northern Tunisia Part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 10 Feb. Central Tunisia. Except force about 40 infantry 09499 air recce road Pont Du Fahs J 80-road junction P0696 revealed nothing. Reported however south of Pont Du Fahs concentrations enemy tanks. Under construction south of Djebel Serdouck 08056 battery position. From trucks western end Kranguet Ouechtatia (085) 9 Feb estimated 100 men enemy. Reported moving westward north and south Djdbem Bou DaSunnss enemy infantry and cavalry. Recently Kai-rouan reported arrived further enemy tank reinforcements. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers Information One Army Two Corps EAC 12th AF MBS reptd Six Corps ABS One Armd Corps Malta MidEast Fairfield Five Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite

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To: USFOR
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No. 243, February 11th, 1943.

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FHGBI. Southern Tunisia. Nothing to report. Identifications. German. Continued presence Marsch Bn 22 upper Osseltia Valley confirmed by prisoners of war taken 9 Feb northeast Mausolee O 7771. Prisoners of war 1 coy and documents 3 coy taken 12 Jan last identified this unit area Karachoum O 8568. Italian. Belonging to Disperata (suicide) coy attached 1 Guperga Division 2 prisoners of war by French captured 30 Jan Ryines Byzantines O 76. Reported consisting 50 men 2 platoons this coy. Comment, new identification. Part 2 and 3 will follow.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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From Algiers
To: War

No. 271, February 11th, 1943

In Water. (2nd cipher part my 271 THI 111714Z from AFHQ) Rcns flown in forward areas during course of which attacks made on enemy weapons post. Troop concentration and a few trucks in Sened Area. 1 P 39 shot down and 1 Spitfire missing. Fighters from Bone intercepted enemy formation of about 12 planes. 1 enemy plane damaged. 1 Spitfire missing.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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Para 3. Additional Naval. Sitrep 101 Feb 6. Minelayer Abdiel completed successful lay night 6/7 Feb and returned to Bone. Destroyer Ithurial. Previously beached. Refloated at Bone. Fishing vessel picked up German Q mine complete with sinker. Perfect condition. Off Philippeville. Convoy KMS 8. Merchant ship Empire Webster torpedoed and sunk by submarine 7 Feb west of Algiers. Five eight survivors in Corvette Camrose. Three missing. Merchant vessel Empire Banner torpedoed by submarine and sunk by aircraft torpedo. Crew saved by Camrose. Destroyer lookout has 3 officers and 47 ratings from Louisburg. Camrose attacked submarine on surface during air attack. Convoy now at Algiers. Force H sailed Oran 7 Feb with minelayer Adventure for GWB. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT.

Para 4. Air. All bombing missions cancelled due to weather. Night 5/6 Feb hurribombers attacked troops and transport southwest Pont Du Fahs. One escorting Spitfire destroyed. Eighteen fighters flew ground support missions Sidi Bou Zid-Sfax area. Ninety one transport sorties flown. Action and acknowledge USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast pass to main 8th Army.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN, SGS, General Deane (CCS),
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR
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BY DATE MAY 25 1973

No. 245, February 11, 1943.

Hit by bomb foredeck set on fire now resting on bottom total loss is merchant vessel Et Merriel during air raid Bone 1-2 Jan (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) Western Basin submarine dispositions. German. Vicinity 37 degrees 30 minutes north 05 degrees 00 minutes east l. From Oran perhaps moving eastward l. Within 60 miles of 38 degrees 30 minutes north 04 degrees 30 minutes east l. Italian. Between 05 degrees east-Bone 5 or more. Assumed duty Commandant Unit. States Naval operating bases Oran area 8 Feb Captain F T Spellman USN foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 10 Feb.

Part 2. Air. Enemy bomber recce 1 between 0830Z and 0900Z Algiers area other sighted 1430Z same area. From Sicily about 7 on convoy routes usual patrols. Morning on meteor flight west northwest Sardinia 1 JU 88. Sicily-Southern Tunisia 9 Feb transport active late in day while near Tunis morning over 100 JU 52's. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information One Army Two Corps EAC 12th AF MBS reptd Six Corps ABS One Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfiled Five Army for G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI. Bombers, night 10-11 Feb

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near Tripoli few JU 88's also morning escorting con-
voy Sicilian Straits. One ME 109 claimed damaged
out of formation 12 enemy aircraft active Bone area.
On recce mission without encounter P 39's and Spit-
fires observed FW 199's number unspecified. Beja
Area on bombing operations engaged were 12 enemy
fighters and fighter bombers.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CC/S)
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Para 1. Sitrep 105. Ten Feb. Naval. (Action
USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast
pass to main 8th Army from G/3 section AFHQ 15) no
reports.

Para 2. Southern Tunisia. First Ranger Bn.
Btry C 213 CA and Co B 805 TD Bn arrived Gafsa
night 9/10 Feb.

Para 3. Central Tunisia. One Bn Singoth RTA
arrived Siliana. One Bn 135 Rct arrived Maktar.
Two Bns 135 Rct at Le Ker

Para 4. Northern Tunisia. Dispositions 46th
Div, 138th Inf Bde 8 miles east Beja with Bn under
command 78th Div. One two eight Inf Brig 12 miles
NE Beja. One three nine Inf Brig area station De
Jefna.

Para 5. Fifth Army. East bound troop train with
part 47th Inf of 9th Div derailed west Oujda. No
injuries. Investigation in progress.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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SITREP 105, 10 Feb.

Para 6 L of C. Italians in rubber boats. (Action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army Mideast pass to Main Eighth Army from G-3 section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.) Sitreps 102 and 103 stated launched from small ship for purpose of sabotage. Explosives jettisoned due to rough sea. Had only food and maps with them.

Para 7. Movements. A. Dispatched from Casablanca 2 Btrys 443 CA AA Bn to Tebessa. From Oran 2nd Bn 62 CA AA to Telergma. B. Completed 135 RCT to Maktar coming under command 1st Army.

Para 8. Locations: Gafsa. Third Bn 26th Rct. First Ranger Bn. First Derby Yeomanry less 2 Sqdns. Feriana. First Bn 168th Rct. Sidi Bou Zid. CC A incl 1st Bn 25th RCT. 168th RCT less 1st Bn. Sbeitla. First Arm'd Div less CC AB and C. Hadjeb El Aioun. CC C. Area Ousseltia. 16th RCT. Second Bn 26 RCT. One Btry 23rd FD Regt. Co A 70 Tank Bn. Area Maktar. CC B incl 23rd FD Regt less 2 Btrys. 135th Rct. South of Robaa. First Guards Brig less 2nd Hampshire plus 8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. East of Robaa. Thirty sixth Inf Brig less 8th Bn Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. South of Bou Arada.

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First Para Brig. Bou Arada-el A Sussa. Twenty
sixth Armd Brig. North of Bou Arada. 38th Inf
Brig. Se of Medjaz El Bab. Eighteenth RCT. Second
Hampshire. Medjaz El Bab. Eleventh Inf Brig. One
NN 138th Inf Brig. East of Bija. 138th Inf Brig
less 1 Bn NE of Beja incl Sidi Nair. 128th Inf Brig
Ston De Jefna-Ston Del Acusana. 139th Inf Brig.

Para 9. Air all bombing missions again at land
targets cancelled due to weather. 9 B 25's escorted
by 16 P 38's on anti shipping sweep between Sicily
and Tunisia. Attacked 4 vessels believed Siebel
ferries north of Cap Bon. One vessel sunk. Another
left in sinking condition. (Part 2 follows) men and
debris seen.

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Action: OPD
Information: G-2
CG AAF
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General Deane (CC/S)
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Fighting French General Catroux recently gave following resume Mareth line to War Office: between Tunisian frontier and Gabes area near coast very flat rising gradually and undulating toward hills. Country between hills and sea generally passable. Hills rise to 2200 feet and passable only by narrow passes in area north of Tatahouine and fairly broad gap north west of Foun stop gaps more frequent and easier south of Foun.

(Sgd Hughes) Mareth line defensive system incorporating number outposts. Bengardane, Foun and Medenine developed as defended localities. Catroux mentioning development Bengardane for all round defense with antitank ditch on south and groups of pill boxes (4 to each group) and much wire at Medenine. Old French built works possibly largely dismantled by Italian Armstrong Commission generally described by Catroux as follows; stream widened and deepened to make antitank ditch between main road and sea. Antitank obstacles made of railroad lines to east thereof and continuous wire covering numerous strong points to west.

Less continuous antitank obstacles, wire and strong points south of main road, with medium and field artillery in emplacements taking advantage good observation from Matmata Massif.

Corridor 40 miles wide west of line of hills between them and sand dunes was believed impracticable

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for any attack but Catroux sent 350 MT along it from Dehibat. Though drivers had no local knowledge, got through with little training on compass bearing. Catroux thinks possible 2 or 3 divisions to move by corridor turning north east towards Gabes northern end and mentioned possibility of shortening detour by cutting through gaps in hills about Foun although surprise would be jeopardised thereby. Water sufficient for 20000 men Dehibat, none thereafter until Chott Djerid Saltmarsh reached. Rain normally ends mid February.

French planned employ 2 divisions in line 2 reserve to hold Mareth line but 1 or 2 additional Dive would be required to occupy defensive works at Matmata-Djebel Tebaga line when corridor possibilities discovered.

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No 9953 February 10, 1943

General Catroux arrived yesterday and will depart Friday. (To USFOR AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) (to USFOR action for DeGaulle signed Eisenhower from Giraud cite FHLIA) have released in agreement with him the communication submitted by preceding telegram. Have sent Mr De Panafieuto London to arrange in detail arrival liaison mission which I am to send. He has already contacted General Catroux at Gibraltar. I should be grateful for a warm welcome to him.

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Action: OPD

Information: Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR & USFOR

No. 40, February 10, 1943

Obituary. Announced Tunisia reliably reported by official German News Agency death Lt Gen Wolfgang Fischer formerly GOC 10 Panzer Division this officer in this capacity came Tunisia Nov 42. Awarded Oak Leaves to Knights Cross of Iron Cross for directing Axis early December battle Tebourba successfully. Subordinated recently to his command were 90 "Fischer" Korps Tunis under which including number non divisionalized units plus 190 and 501 Tank Bn were 10 Panzer Division 334 Infantry Division Herman Goering Regt. Circumstances of death unknown. Northern Tunisia. Nothing to report Mateur - Medjez sectors. From area northeast Bou Arada (J60) enemy machine gun and mortar fire reported by patrols. Southern Sector. Vicinity Mezzouna (U00) east of Maknassy 200 Italians strafed. Believed 100 Italians killed 3 trucks destroyed when enemy motor transport southwest Mezzouna strafed on road at Y 8595. Eastward to Aine Zennouch (Y 38) withdrew force 7 enemy tanks which from direction Maknassy approached Gafsa. Driven slightly northward were French by small Italian mechanized patrol approaching Djbel Mdilla (Y 06) from 10 miles south of Gafsa. By 1400Z situation restored. AGWAR or WDGBI USFOR reptd troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS reptd 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Airfield

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FHGBI. Parts 2 and 3 will follow. Central
Sector. Shelled by 2 enemy guns was Sidi Bou Zid
(T 85) night 8 - 9 Feb. Foregoing central
sector part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending
2400Z 9 Feb. This is a paraphrase of the original
message. No new identifications.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. Y-5978, February 10, 1943

104. 9 Feb. Southern Tunisia. (To USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from G-3 (3) section AFHQ 116 (113) 10 Feb. Para 3 SITREP. Enemy activity increasing vicinity Gafsa. Italian arm car patrol drove French slightly north from Mdilla YO 6. Small mobile force from Gafsa restored situation. 7 enemy tanks from direction Maknassy approached to about 4 miles of Gafsa. Withdrew east. Enemy shelled Sid Bou Zjid night 8-9 Feb. No damage para 4 Central Tunisia. No reports. Para 5 Northern Tunisia. Patrols of both sides were active. Action and acknowledge USFOR 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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To: WAR USFOR

No 37 February 10, 1943

1. Naval No reports.

2. Air. Ten Wellingtons attacked Trapani Sicily. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army Mideast pass to Main Eighth Army from G-3 Section AFHQ Sitrep 104 Feb 9). With HE and incendiary bombs night 9-10 Feb. Nineteen B 17 aircraft dispatched to attack Gabes Airdrome returned with bombs due to clouds over target. 24 B-17 aircraft dispatched to attack landing ground 5 miles west of Gabes. Target obscured by cloud. Attacked Kairouan Airdrome with 33 tons of bombs. Bursts covered airdrome where about 22 enemy aircraft seen dispersed. A few bombs fell in railroad yards. Formation attacked by enemy aircraft or which one was destroyed. Many rons flown in forward area during course of which attacks were made on enemy transport vicinity Enfidaville. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed near Ousseltia and 2 were damaged near Souk El Erba. One p 40 crash landed near base. Bone Harbour attacked by enemy planes. No reports of damage.

Para 3 follows.

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

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From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR
No. 20, February 10, 1943

Between Italy Tunisia morning 8 Feb large formation JU 52's, night 9-10 Feb between Sicily Gabes usual formation. Foregoing transport AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information One Army Two Corps KAC 12th AF MBS reptd Six Corps ABS One Armd Corps Malta Mid-east Fairfield Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Part 2 Air. Bombers, over Tahyrka about 0730Z enemy aircraft active. Claimed destroyed 1 FW 190 from 8 engaging B 17's P 38's attacking at 1320Z Kairouan Aerodrome. Active North of Gafsa formation unknown number enemy aircraft with no attacks reported at about 0700Z. Engaged recce mission over Gusseltia-Pichon P 40's P 39's attacked by 7 FW 190's 1300Z near Djebel Bou Dabouss, claimed destroyed 2 FW 190's Harbor Bone attacked 1415Z by 3. Active at 1412Z but no contact, 15. Approaching Bone 1110Z 5 enemy aircraft. No attacks reported night 9-10 Feb. Area Bone and Souk El Arba although little effective bombing considerable enemy activity, with no attack no number known between 0900Z-1000Z aircraft reported area Souk El Arba. Also no details available flight 20 enemy aircraft 1430Z. 5 over at 1315Z no attack. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 9 Feb. Over Axis shipping lanes daytime near Sicily were usual 5-6 aircraft. Reported Algerian-Tunisian Border morning 1 long range recce. 2 enemy bomber recce of which 1 contacted convoy Oran-Algiers morning other afternoon Algiers area. Part 3 Naval. In Oran after being

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To: War - USFOR
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torpedoed by T bomber attack on KMS 8 was motor vessel Fort Babine. 1 hit engine room bulkhead either side holding well cargo transferred another ship extent damage Fort Babine. Messages being sent at hand speed by submarine cable Tripoli-Malta to which no damage found. This is a Paraphrase.

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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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REFERENCE COB 30. PUBLIC OPINION HERE STRONGLY ADVOCATES LIBERALIZATION OF CLOSED ECONOMY OF PAST 2 YEARS. GOVERNMENT GENERAL RECOGNIZES THIS OPINION IN RECENT STATEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT DESIRES MERCHANTS THEMSELVES PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN WEST AFRICAN ECONOMY THE 2ND HALF THIS CALENDER YEAR. SAME STATEMENT IMPLIES UNITED NATIONS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTED ECONOMY FOR FIRST 6 MONTHS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND AS WEST AFRICA IS NOT WITHIN ACTIVE MILITARY ZONE, IT IS BELIEVED DECISION TO STOP COMMERCIAL COMSOLIDATION WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE AND IS

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1. BONE. DIVERS EXAMINATION AND UNDERWATER CUTTING OF AVONDALE BEGAN ON 6TH FEBRUARY.

2. PHILLIPPEVILLE. MOORED MINES WERE LAID IN GULF OF STORA PROBABLY ON SECOND OR THIRD FEBRUARY.

3. A U-BOAT WAS ATTACKED AT 2340/8 IN POSITION 37-10 N 6-42 E BY H.M.C.S. REGINA ESCORTING STRAGGLERS OF H.M.S. 8. U-BOAT SURFACED AND SURRENDERED. U-BOAT WAS TAKEN IN TOW BY TUG BUT SANK AT 0510/9. 27 PRISONERS WERE TAKEN.

4. AT 0944/30 JANUARY IN POSITION 39-50 N 15-41 E P.211 SANK BY GUNFIRE TWO SOUTHBOUND SCHOONERS OF 100 TO 200 TONS, ONE FULL OF AMMUNITION. AT 1438/2 IN POSITION 40-35 N 14-29 E P.211 TORPEDOED AND SANK A 2,500 TON MERCHANT VESSEL. SHIP WAS CAMOUFLAGED AND RESEMBLED A WARSHIP WITH ENGINES AFT. P.211 THEN SURFACED AND SANK BY GUNFIRE A 700 TON SHIP FOLLOWING ASTERN.

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To: War-USFOR

No. 9874, February 9, 1943

~~Nothing reported Mateur and Nadix sector.~~ (To
AGWAR USFOR 1 Army 2 Corps sec 12 Air Force 1 Arm
Corps MBS ABS Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from
G-Two. Freedom signed Eisenhower) At cross roads
(J 7123) observed was enemy troop concentration Goubellat
sector. To west 1 mile road mined. Moving northwest
from (J 6714) 18 tanks seen 8 miles south Goubellat.
Stationary at point 8 miles southeast Goubellat on road
north of Sebkret El Kourzia were tanks motor transport.
Our forces 1 mile south of Mausolee area Djebel Cheurfa
(O-7468) 7 Feb engaged heavily Ousseltia valley sector
by enemy patrol. Reported occupied at height at (O-7868)
east of foregoing point by enemy. Believed occupied by
Italians western slopes Djebell Touila (O-8063) and
Serdouk (O-8056), farther south. Foregoing Northern
Tunisia part 1 land of G 2 report for 24 hours ending
2400Z 8 Feb. Parts 2 and 3 will follow. Southern
Tunisia. Area Aine Zannouch (Y 38) east of Gafsa 15
miles reported operating 7 Feb 7 enemy tanks. MBS pass
6 Corps. (None) Identifications.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - USFOR

Number: 9772, February 9, 1943

British submarine reports sinking (para 1 Naval. Sitrep 103 Feb 8) 2 south bound schooners off Italian Coast (to USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5 Army Mideast pass to 8 Army from G 3 Sec AFHQ 9 Feb) 30 Jan by gunfire. One full of ammunition - 2 Feb hit merchant ship with 2 torpedoes off Capri. Ship camouflaged like warship. Submarine then surfaced and gunned 700 ton steamer following astern. Both sunk. Two motor torpedo boats from Bone patrolled vicinity Cani rocks night 7/8 Feb. Minelayer Abdiel missed by 2 torpedoes from submarine 7 Feb NW Philippeville. Minesweeping trawler Tervani while towing French water boat blew up and sank off Cape Bougaroun. Two survivors reported so far. Mine sweeper Rothesay attacked submarine NE Djidjelli 8 February. Landing craft Infantry (large) 162 which sailed Arzeu for Algiers 7 Feb in company with 2 other landing craft Infantry exploded and sank 4 miles off coast. Seven survivors. Fort Babine arrived Oran in tow 8 Feb. Convoy MKS 7 Gibraltar section attacked by submarine NW Tangier 7 Feb. Merchant vessel Mary Slessor torpedoed and sunk. Empire Mordred torpedoed. After half still floating 9 hours later. Ten officers and 46 crew members of Mordred saved. Three officers and 2 crew believed killed.

Para 2 Southern Tunisia. First Derby Yeomanry less 2 Sqdns operating from Gafsa. One six eight Rct less 1st Bn now area Sidi Bou Zid. First Bn at Feriana.

Para 3 Central Tunisia. Enemy hold west slope Djebel Serdouk O 85 and Djebel Touila O 86. First Guards Brig moved night 7/8 Feb to area Djebel Bargou O 66 in Army Reserve. First Parachute Brig with 3

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AGWAR

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French Bns holds line O 8083-O 6686- O 6692 - O 7096.
One Parachute Bn on each flank and 1 in reserve.
Nineteen Corps Hq opens Djerissa N 73 Feb 091100 Z.

Para 4 Northern Tunisia. No reports.

Para 5 L of C. Italians in rubber boats. Sitrep
102. Landed 24 miles east Algiers. Results inter-
rogation unknown.

Para 6 follows. Action USFOR information AGWAR
Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass to main 8th Army.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR

No. 9725, February 9, 1943.

Can you provide us with information as to cost free alongside Pembark of Lend Lease consumer supplies such as flour, sugar, milk, tea, tinned vegetables, soap, matches, copper sulphate, and any other standard products for which price can be easily determined. Action AGWAR Combined Boards information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHAEB Short and Cutler BOC 66, Lend Lease 48, also landed cost in North Africa is any higher, also description type and size of container. 2. In addition to prices can you also air mail commercial descriptions specifications and if possible samples for all varieties of cotton cloth, clothing, shoes and other consumer products which will be shipped regularly so that we and French will be able to discuss allocation and pricing intelligently without delaying distribution. Cotton cloth and clothing shipped to date have been late in reaching consumer because of necessity of opening crates to determine quality and quantity of merchandise as prerequisite to allocating goods among wholesalers and retailers and to setting of consumer prices. If you can air mail us this information once and ship similar varieties in each convoy thus sorting operation need not be repeated. As alternative suggest sending information along with manifest now travelling on fast convoys.

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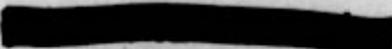
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INFORMATION: OPD
G-2 (Col Sands)
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The Joint Chiefs of Staff

February 9 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 2027

The last paragraph of your number 9570 (BOC 58) February 8th states that certain policies should apply to activities of OSS and OWI but states that these agencies do not fall within jurisdiction of your civil affairs section. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Does this indicate that there is a question concerning your control of the OSS and OWI in Africa? Is any clarification on this subject necessary or desirable?

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INFORMATION: OPD
G-2 (General Strong)
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T.O.O. 1813A/9

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Addressed: ADMIRALTY

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BY DSS, DATE **MAY 25 1973**

From : N.C.X.F.

Situation report Number 61.

1. BONE. Divers examination and underwater cutting of AVONVALE began on 6th February.
2. Phillippeville. Moored mines were laid in Gulf of Stora probably on second or third February.
3. A U-boat was attacked at 2340/8 in position 37 10 North 6 42 East by H.M.C.S. REGINA escorting stragglers of K.M.S. 8. U-boat surfaced and surrendered. U-boat was taken in tow by tug but sank at 0510/9. 27 prisoners were taken.
4. At 0944/30 January in position 39 50 North 15 41 East P.211 sank by gunfire two southbound schooners of 100 to 200 tons, one full of ammunition. At 1438/2 in position 40 35 North 14 29 East P.211 torpedoed and sank a 2,500 ton merchant vessel. Ship was camouflaged and resembled a warship with engines aft. P.211 then surfaced and sank by gunfire a 700 ton ship following astern.

1813A/9

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
COMINCH (2)
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Plans
Cdr. Coleridge (8)
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook
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Joint Security Control
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February 9, 1943

FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 2016

Questions raised by your 8415 referred to Combined Chiefs of Staff. From Marshall and Strong for Eisenhower decision by Combined Chiefs of Staff delayed pending reply from British London. You will be promptly informed of policies adopted.

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

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MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY

SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers

To: WAR

No. 9860 February 9, 1943

Mr MacMillan British Minister has today sent the following telegram (for General Marshall's Eyes Only from Eisenhower). "General Eisenhower has shown me telegram which he is sending today to Joint Chiefs of Staff at Washington (BIGOT personal for Prime Minister from MacMillan). Following is text "Here is quoted my BIGOT 9682." I agree with General Eisenhower's presentation of the problems involved and I should be grateful if you could have these questions studied urgently and let me know the views of HM Government". end of message from MacMillan.

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ACTION: SGS

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From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR

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No. 9895 Feb 9, 1943

Sitrep 103 (action and acknowledge USFOR information AGWAR troopers 8th Army Mideast Pass to main 8th Army from G-3 section, AFHQ 9th Feb) 8th Feb. Command in French sector. British forces in sector of Frencap div under orders Gen Mathenet. Div Comdr. Mathenet admits his communications. Do not permit command of troops NW of inclusive road Pont Du Fahs-Robaa. These forces, brand French, temporarily under orders 6 Armd Div, signed CINC, cite FHGCT.

Tank Destroyer Bn

Para 7 MOQC ements completed, to Tebessa 805 TDBN coming under command 1 Army for attachment to 2 corps, to Algiers 1st and 3rd BNS 68 CA AA for attachment to number 1 base sub area.

Para 8 Aim, 15 B 26 aircraft and 18 B 25 aircraft escorted by 18 P 38's attacked Gabes Airdrome with 28 tons of bombs, bursts observed on airdrome, rail-road yards and buildings, large fire started, formation attacked by enemy aircraft of which 18 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 2 damaged, 4 B 25 and 1 P 38 shot down. Forty two B 17 aircraft escorted by 24 P 38-s attacked Soussse shipping and docks with 90 tons of bombs, bursts observed on buildings, outer jetties and among 14 to 16 small vessels, 2 vessels hit, docks and seaplane base well covered, formation attacked by enemy fighters of which 2 probably destroyed
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To: War

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and 3 damaged. Sixty A 20 aircraft escorted by 22 Spitfires attacked concentration enemy troops and transportation 10 miles east of Faid, bursts observed on target area, 3 A 20's slightly damaged by anti-aircraft fire. Twelve A 20 aircraft escorted by 24 Spitfires attacked same target east of Faid all bombs in target area. Twelve P 39 and 12 P 40 aircraft dispatched to attack landing ground at Kebili Y 20, no enemy aircraft or activity seen at target. Fighters flew rcn Sened-Maknassy area attacking enemy transportation. Medium bomber operations night 8 9 Feb cancelled due to weather.

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Information: G-2
CG AAF
General Deane (CC/S)
Admiral King
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FROM N.C.X.F.

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(1) TWO M.T.B.'S FROM BONE PATROLLED VICINITY OF CANI ROCKS NIGHT 7/8.

(2) ^{OR messenger} ABDIEL WAS MISSED BY 2 TORPEDOES FROM U-BOAT AT 2330/7 IN POSITION 37-28 ^{N. Bone} NORTH 06-18 EAST.

(3) ^{OR messenger} ROTHESAY ESCORTING L.S.T.'S SIGHTED AND ATTACKED U-BOAT AT 0015/8 IN POSITION 37-10 NORTH 06-01 EAST. RESULT NOT KNOWN.

(4) L.C.I. (L) 162 WHICH SAILED ARZEU 1000/7 IN COMPANY WITH L.C.I. (L) 7 AND 210 ^{OAS} FOR ALGIERS EXPLODED AND SANK AT 1700/7 4 MILES OFF ~~COAST~~. 7 SURVIVORS.

(5) M.K.S. 7 GIBRALTAR SECTION ATTACKED BY U-BOAT 2359/7 IN POSITION 35-55 NORTH 06-01 WEST.

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IN

Received: 9th Feb. 43

Time: 0151

From: N.C.X.F.

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BY DSS, DATE MAY 25 1973

Part 2 final of Situation Report No. 60.
Part 1 already circulated under T.O.O. 1803/8.

MARY SLESSOR torpedoed and sunk. EMPIRE
MORDRED torpedoed after half still floating at 0945/8th.
Captain, 9 officers, 46 crew of EMPIRE MORDRED saved.
3 officers and two crew believed killed. BALTONIA
believed also torpedoed and sunk. Details not known.

(6) FORT BABINE arrived Oran in tow 8/2.

(7) TER V ANI WHILESSING French water boat
MORY AZOUT blew up and sank about 2200/7th off Bougaroni.
2 survivors reported so far.

(8) P. 211 reports at 0944/30th January in
position 39 56 North 15 41 East sank 2 Southbound schooners
100 and 200 tons by gunfire. One was full of ammunition.
At 1438/2nd, hit 2500 ton merchant ship with 2 torpedoes
in position 4 035 North 14 29 East, ship was camouflaged
like a warship with engines aft. P. 211 then surfaced
and gunned 700 ton steamer following astern. Both sunk.

1830/8

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
COMINCH (2)
C.O.S.
Plans
Commander Coleridge (8)
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Lt. Col. Cook
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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. 9728, February 8, 1943

Catroux accompanied by his Aide Burin Des
Roxiers arrived today. (This is NAF 140 pass to
Hull from Murphy signed Eisenhower, cite FHCIV,
to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR
for British Chiefs of Staff). He was met by French
officials and has been in consultation with Giraud
with whom he is staying. Until an agreed announce-
ment can be made no publicity is being given to his
arrival.

We will telegraph when the conversations have
proceeded further.

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ACTION: General Deane (CC/S)

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong (for SD)
Admiral King
General Arnold
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

No. 9653, February 8, 1943

Arrangements being made for rearmament of French raise several questions of Lend Lease policy such as (action AGWAR Combined Boards information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHAEB Short and Cutler BOC 65) Lend Lease number 50. A. Whether any cash payment is to be made. B. If not whether any charge is to be entered against French on Lend Lease books. C. Whether any Lend Lease agreement is to be signed. D. Whether any reverse Lend Lease arrangements should be made against delivery of military supplies here. Joint Rearmament Committee AFHQ has instructions to coordinate with Lend Lease Administration. Our opinion has been asked information several of these problems. Will these questions be explored here or in Washington. If here instructions requested.

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From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR (Information)

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By RHP, NLR, Date

MAY 23 1974

No. 9570, February 8th, 1943.

The question discussed in my 3575 December 301911Z is raised by message from Fitzgerald quoted in your 1743 February 021905Z (AGWAR action Combined Boards and relay information Dakar information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHAEB Murphy) BOC 58 as to my present view and procedure suggested after discussion here see my 54 of February 6. I am not impressed by argument that conditions in AOF differ from those in North Africa. Within AOF itself there are a variety of differing conditions which must be integrated by French and Allied agencies. Plan recommended by Glassford gives responsibility and discretion to local board to adapt policies of NAEB to vary conditions. I suggest that you discuss the question with Rosenthal who joined in Glassford's recommendations. These are quite inconsistent with the plan to disassociate AOF from North Africa. While the foregoing relates to economic matters I feel that the same policies and same general procedure should apply to activities of OSS and OWI but as to these agencies I have no specific recommendations since they do not fall within the jurisdiction of civil affairs section here.

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SUPPLEMENTARY CORRECTION

From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. 9748; February 8th, 1943

Para 6 SITREP 102 7th Feb correction. Para 2
SITREP 102 change coordinates T 2817 to T 3817

Note: Correction made in number and date.

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Footnote: Supplementary correction of CM-IN-4485
(2-9-43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
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General Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR and
USFOR London

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No. 9685, February 8, 1943

Operating at J 2383 J 3445 J 3750 (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information 1 AFMy 2 Corps Eastern Air Command 12th Air Force MBS repted 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta MidEast Fairfield 5 Army from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) Mateur and Medjez sectors were enemy patrols, with mission to identify Italians Chassert Teffafa (T 5842) (G 2 report 90) one our patrols night 6-7 Feb found no enemy either above area of southern slopes Djebel Ahmera (J 6244), North and Northeast Bou Aradagk (J 60) in 5 mile radius patrols failed locate enemy. Unoccupied was enemy outpost J 6609, from O point 8096 to Djebel Mansour (079) South of East West Road between, enemy infantry motor transport observed, engaged at 0900 hours was enemy patrol area Ruines Byzantines (07367), crest Djebel Bou Dabouss (085) East of Ousseltia held by Italians in western slopes reported clear, between Kairouan and Djeloula Area 084 reported considerable movement motor transport by French. In hills North South Djeloula pass 5 battalions reported unconfirmed. Unconfirmed also evacuation natives same place. East Djebel Er Rihana area 07846 South of Kairouan-Ousseltia Road enemy patrols active. Foregoing Northern Tunisia Part One Land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 7 Feb.

Southern Tunisia. No activity reported. Identifications. Equallinl British troop, 69 Battery of 100 Artillery Bn 205 Artillery Regt by further questioning Italian P/W's taken Sened 1 Feb. Comment. Last identified in Tripolitania was this unit of 75/27 guns belonging there to 30 AA and CD group. Probably later

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assigned 205 Artillery Regt of 25 Bologna Division but had not joined regt time its destruction El Alimein. Indicated identified at Sened following, unconfirmed: 22 Bn 5 Bersaglieri Regt, elements 2 Bn 92 Infantry Regt, Coy I 134 Signals 4 Engineers Regt, stating detached from unit captured Sened were 2 Lorry drivers from 3 Coy 15 Tank Bn 31 Tank Regt.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
General Desne (CC/S)

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MARY SLESSOR TORPEDOED AND SUNK. EMPIRE MORDRED TORPEDOED AFTER HALF STILL FLOATING AT 0945/8TH. CAPTAIN, 9 OFFICERS, 46 CREW OF EMPIRE MORDRED SAVED. 3 OFFICERS AND 2 CREW BELIEVED KILLED. BALTONIA BELIEVED ALSO TORPEDOED AND SUNK. DETAILS NOT KNOWN.

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8. P.211 REPORTS AT 0944/30TH JANUARY IN POSITION 39-56 NORTH 15-41 EAST SANK 2 SOUTHBOUND SCHOONERS 100 AND 200 TONS BY GUNFIRE. 1 WAS FULL OF AMMUNITION. AT 1438/2ND, HIT 2500 TON MERCHANT SHIP WITH 2 TORPEDOES IN POSITION 40-35 NORTH

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From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR

No. 9591, February 8, 1943.

Para 1. Naval. No reports. Sitrep 102 7th Feb (to USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass to main 8th Army from G 3 Section AFHQ 9591 8 Feb.)

Para 2. Southern Tunisia. CP first Derby Yeomanry opened at cross roads 16 miles ESE Sbeitla. Moved to crossing 4 miles SW Zanfria T 55 during night 6/7 Feb. Rcn by Derby Yeomanry reports no enemy NW line: T 2817-T 3500-T 6427-T 7328.

Para 3. Central Tunisia. Leading elements 6 Rgt Tirailleurs Algeriens arrived Ouenza N 3246 enroute French Div area. Enemy arty fire area Kef Taourit O 7539. Patrol activity area Djebel El Rihane O 7846. Italians hold crest Djebel Bou Dabouss O 85. West slopes clear. Enemy patrol engaged area Ruines Byzantones O 7267. Enemy troop movements SW from O 8096 north of reservoir successfully engaged by our arty.

Para 4. Northern Tunisia. Enemy patrols in area 3 to 7 miles NE Munchar J 34. Patrol contact 4 miles NE station De Sedjenane J 28 night 6/7 Feb.

Para 5. L of C. Ten Italians came ashore in 3 rubber boats in No 1 Base Sub area (Algiers area)

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all captured. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT.
Ceremonial parade Bougie. French. British and
USA Forces participated.

Para 6 follows. Action USFOR. Information
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Para 6. SITREP 100--27th Feb correction.
Para 2. SITREP 102 change coordinates T 2817 to T 3817. Para 7. Movements. A dispatched from Oran remainder 34th Div for Maktar. B completed. Ranger Bn from Tafaroui to Youks Les Bains coming under command 2nd Corps. Para 8. French. Juin closed forward Cp 4 Feb. Opens NDW CK Palais Dhiver Algiers 8th Feb. Locations: under comd 2 Corps Constantine Div and Groupement Du Vigier. Constantine Div consists of 1 Goum, det 2/15 RTS, Toxeur, 1 Goum, 2/15 RTS less Det, Metlaoui, 76, 1/15 RTS, 2/7 RTA, misc arty, area Gafsa, 2/3 RX, Feriana, 1/3 RX. Misc arty, Sidi Bou Zid, 2/2 RTA, Sbeitla, Groupement Du Vigier consists of 1/2 RTA 1/7 RTA, 3/2 RTSX rpt RTAJX 1/4 RCA. Misc arty, area SW Fondouk. Nineteen Corps consists of troops under comd of 1st U S Inf Div, a French Div and reserves. French troops under comd 1st Div consist of 1/1 RTA, 3/1 RTA, 2/9 RTA. Misc arty, area Picnon, 2/1 RTA, 2/9 RTA 2 Tabors. Misc arty, area Dj Ousselat, 1/4 RTT, 12 miles NW Picnon, French Div consists of Groupement Carpentier and Groupement Schmeltz. Groupement Carpentier under command 36 Brig consists of 1/29 RTA, 3/29 RTA, 1/7 RTM, 3/7 RTM, area Robaa. Groupement Schmeltz under command First Para Brig consist of 1/1 REI, 2/4 RTT, 3/43 RIC, 2/4 RCA, misc cav, area S of Bou Arada. Reserves consist of 3/3 REI Siliana, 1/4 RX, 2/4 RX, El Akhouat 038, 2/7 RTM, Gafour 039 BS French troops under comd 5 Corps consist of 1/3 RTA, 3/3 RTA, 3/9 RTA, 3/4 RTT, area Medjex El Bab.

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Para 9. Air. 41- B17 aircraft escorted by 25 P38's attacked Elmas airdrome and seaplane base Cagliari Sardinia with 67 tons of bombs. Bursts covered airdrome and observed among buildings. Formation attacked by enemy planes of which 2 destroyed and 3 damaged. Signed Eisenhower, cite FHGCT. 19 B26 aircraft attacked same target. Bursts observed on hangars and dispersal areas, large fires. Formation attacked by enemy planes of which 2 destroyed. Sixteen Wellingtons dispatched to attack Villacidra airdrome Sardinia night 7-8 Feb. Difficulty locating target. Eight aircraft bombed Villacidra. Three aircraft bombed Decimomannu airdrome. Four bombed Elmas, bursts observed among dispersed aircraft Villacidra. Other results unobserved. Youksble Bains attacked by 3 enemy aircraft. One A20 on ground destroyed and 2 slightly damaged. Beaufighters intercepted force of enemy aircraft approaching a convoy. One enemy plane destroyed and attack broken up. Rcns flown in forward areas. One F 4 missing. Ninety three transport sorties flown (action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, MidEast pass to Main 8th Army.)

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This precedes part 1 part 2 air K some damage aerodrome Youkes Les Bains 1510 Z by 6 or more ME 109's. Five destroyed 3 damaged claimed during successful raid by B 17's B 26's at 1410 Z and 1445 Z on Cagliari-Elmas. Recce from Sicily daytime by few long range aircraft. One Tripoli area performed meteorite flight. One destroyed from formation 7 Feb 16 enemy aircraft attacking Oran-Algiers large eastbound convoy (report 6 FKB) E seen each attack were about 10 enemy aircraft. Claimed destroyed 1 ME 109 by P 40's area Sened attacked 1000 Z by ME 109's on cover mission for ground troops. Active Italy and Northern Tunisia daytime about 8 JU 52's transport. Spitfires scrambled prevented attack 1440 Z by 6 enemy aircraft approaching Bone from north of Tabarka. On Recc Fondouk-Kairouan area P 40's at 0900 Z with no encounter observed 6 enemy aircraft, with no attacks on shipping first half night 7-8 Feb of which 1 shot down a few enemy aircraft were off North African Coast. Off North African Coast 3 enemy aircraft reported. At 1000 Z and 1330 Z 2 contacted shipping off Algiers respectively. Northwest Oran 1800 Z neighborhood British Force 3rd.

Part 3. Naval Western based submarines, Italian, attacked unsuccessfully 2136 Z 7 Feb off Cape Bougaroni was fast minelayer HMS Abdiel re-turning home after successfully laying mine field Northeast Bizerta night 6-7 Feb. Between Bone-Bougie 4-5 within 60 miles coast, German, within 80 miles 37 degrees 30 minutes north 01 degree 00 minutes east 0254 Z 7 Feb one, within 60 miles 38 degrees 30 minutes north 02 degrees 30 minutes east 1851 Z

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6 February one, one within 40 miles 36 degrees 30 minutes north 00 degrees 30 minutes west 0001 Z 7 Feb. Possibly one between Oran-Tenex and one north Cape Tenex. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 7 Feb. To AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS reptd 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Armd from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. On escort duty to KMS 8 off Tenex 0500 Z enemy submarine attacked by HMS Cadmus, sunk at 0415 Z and at 0512 Z respectively were M/V Empire Webster and M/Empire Banner torpedoed by enemy submarine off Tenex. Hit by aircraft torpedo in subsequent attack on KMS 8 was latter. East of Brindysi torpedoed sunk BR HMS Tigris was 1 M/V 4000 tons 2nd Feb. All safe Empire Banner but Empire Webster had 58 survivors 3 missing. This is paraphrase of 9673. Unknown is cause landing craft infantry barge exploded sunk off Algiers 1600 Z, by enemy submarine torpedoed at 35 degrees 55 minutes north 06 degrees 01 minute west was M/V Mary Slessor MKS 7 Gibraltar section 2259 Z. With depth 4 fathoms gap Tripoli channel now 100 feet wide. In perfect condition German Q type mine and Ginker recovered by fishing vessel off Philippeville. Bombed grounded Bone 27 Nov 42, HMS Ithuriel refloated.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

Number: 9390, February 7, 1943

The Council of Governors of North and West Africa referred to as the Imperial Council concluded its last session on February 5 (AGWAR action Hull information Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FRCIV Murphy. NAF 139) announcing various changes in the structure of the local authority in this area. These changes mark a complete break with the Vichy Regime. You will recall that in the period immediately following the arrival of Allied Forces it was considered necessary to induce all elements to join in the common war effort to preserve a semblance of legal form provided by existing statutory provisions. For that reason the formula of a high commissioner in French Africa was adopted. As the position has become better consolidated this formula has now been abandoned and in lieu thereof a French War Committee replaces the Imperial Council. General Giraud assumes the title of French Civil and Military Commander in Chief retaining broad powers with respect of national defense, foreign relations, supervision of the budget and the protection of French interests. He has the power of appointment of Governors General, Residents General and other high officials. The War Committee which supplants the Imperial Council is composed of heads of the several territories in French North and West Africa and will preserve a certain elasticity of membership permitting additions as the situation may demand. The committee will serve as an advisory body on important political matters meeting regularly each month with special

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meetings when necessary. An economic council is also established for the purpose of coordinating the economy of various areas in order to insure a maximum war effort. This council will be composed of 5 members from each of the territories appointed by the Governors or Residents General. It will meet every 3 months with special meetings when necessary. The Commander in Chief will be assisted in addition to his military staff by a Secretary General. Bergeret is appointed to this position. A Delagate General is also provided to maintain liaison with the Allied Forces on problems relating to armament, shipping etc. At the present meeting of the Council certain decisions were taken regarding the racial laws and the restitution of Jewish property sequestered under Vichy laws was ordered. It was also ordered that schools be reopened (AGWAR action Hull information Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy. NAF 139.) to Jewish children in the primary and secondary schools. According to General Giraud it was also decided to increase the percentage of persons of the Jewish faith permitted to practice certain liberal professions. Thus the percentage of Jewish doctors is raised from 5 to 10 percent and of Jewish lawyers from 2 to 5 percent. Giraud also stated that there is no justification for complaint that persons of the Jewish faith are discriminated against in respect to military service, as an important percentage of the armed forces consists of Moslems the same rules respecting military service to Jews in this area he states cannot be applied but he has devised a procedure which will enable every Jew desiring to volunteer for service with combat units to do so without prejudice. Those not desiring service in combat units may serve in labor battalions. General Giraud also informs me the activity of the French Legion of War Veterans will be limited to welfare work for veterans. The section of the Legion known as the Solm 34 Vice D Ordre De La Legion, whose activities in the past have been criticized as anti Ally is disbanded the War committee it is

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announced will take additional measures to liberate internees and it is stated that the cases of internees desiring to join fighting units are to be examined immediately and similar measures are to be taken with respect to holders of military citations. I feel that these decisions mark a forward step in a direction most favorable to the Allied cause and that General Giraud deserves credit for moulding the present local authority along lines consistent with French pre War traditions. He tells me that he expects soon to have the assistance of additional qualified personnel about whose pro Allied and democratic sentiments there can be no question. He is continuing his efforts to develop cooperation between the French National Committee and his own organization. He expressed the hope that the French National Committee will cease antagonistic propaganda in the same manner in which he is abstaining from public and private criticism of De Gaulle and his adherents.

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From: USFOR London
To: AGWAR

No. 9478, February 7, 1943

Off Mostaganem 7,000 ton M/V Fort Babine torpedooed by enemy aircraft 1815 Z taken in tow. Same place from KMS 8, 1824Z torpedooed sunk was HMCS Louis-berg. Western Basin submarines. German. No change. Italian. Between Algiers and 08 degrees east 5. Cleared sufficiently is harbor Tripoli at 1700Z to allow entrance 4th Feb 2 M/V-s 1st convoy. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 6 Feb.

Part 2. Air. Daytime Western Mediterranean about 7 bomber recce reported. Shadowed 1010Z until evening were large eastbound and westbound convoys north-west and east northeast Oran respectively. Between Sicily-Tunisia by long range bombers recce patrolling performed during day. Weather flight Western Mediterranean made by aircraft daytime. Transport 6 Feb not received. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS reptd 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mid-east Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI. Bombers. 10-20 torpedo and bomber aircraft during 1st and 2nd half night attacked eastbound convoy sighted earlier. Over westbound no attack but flares were dropped. Recce 0950Z carried out Tebourba-El Aroussa by 2 ME 109's.

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INFORMATION: OPD, CGAAF, General Deane (CCS).

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No. 9754, February 7, 1943

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1. Naval. Naval trawler Stroncay sunk East of Philippeville harbor 5th Feb. Uncertain whether explosion mine or torpedo. No casualties. Enemy aircraft dropped flares on convoy MKS 7 night 5/6 Feb. No attack. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Convoy KMS 8 attacked by enemy bombers and torpedo bombers NE of Oran 6 Feb. Canadian Corvette Louisburg sunk. Merchant ship Fort Babine torpedoed, now in tow.

2. Central Tunisia. French Goums captured 30 prisoners in raid area Djebel Touila 07877 Feb 5th. First Guards Brig and First Parachute Brig now reorganized on general line point 512 06494-Djebel Guettar 069-07298. Enemy casualties Djebel Mansour area 4 and 5 Feb estimated 300.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, General Deane (CCS),
CGGN, Admiral King.

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By RAP Date MAY 25 1973

From: Algiers

To: WAR
USFOR (information)

No. 9244 February 6, 1943

As a result of the meetings of Imperial Council which have been taking place here this week it has been decided to change the Council into a "War Committee" (Comite De Guerre). AGWAR action Hull information Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff. NAF 137. Signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy. It will be composed of General Giraud as Commander in Chief, Nogues Peyrouton and Boisson. The title of High Commissioner is being discarded by Giraud and the Office of the Deputy High Commissioner is being abolished to be replaced by a Secretary General for liaison with the Allied Forces and for internal affairs. Bergeret the former Deputy High Commissioner is being given this post. The use of the term Commander in Chief and War Committee is intended to mark the definite break with Vichy and any legalistic succession. Public announcements of these changes is expected shortly. General Giraud has decided to send Francois De Pannafieu former French Counselor in Washington to London to establish the first contact with De Gaulles Headquarters pending the successful conclusion of arrangements to bring a certain General from France to head Girauds Military Liaison in London. Pannafieu informs us that he will

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endeavor to establish particular relations with Massigli if the latter has already joined the French National Committee. If not Giraud hopes he can be induced to come to North Africa.

Nine of the 12 persons arrested after Darlans assassination have now been released. The 3 who remain and who are Henri D'Astier, Abbe Cordier and Garritazi are still being held pending further investigation of the serious charges levelled against them which have been supported by material evidence. Giraud has not yet decided whether these men should be brought to trial in view of probable political repercussions.

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Action: Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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Para 4. Sitrep 100 Feb 5 Fifth Army. 30 Inf Rgt less 1 Co detached from 3 Inf Div and attached to 6 Corps 3 Feb. (Action USFOR information attacked Troopers Fifth Army mid-east pass to main 8 Army from Freedom Algiers signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT 9237 6 Feb secret).

Para 5. Air. All bomber operations cancelled due to weather. All four P 38s reported missing in attack on landing ground west of Gabes in Sitrep 99 have returned. Pilots of 2 spitfires reported missing safe. Theappte Airdrome attacked by 10 enemy aircraft 3 Feb. P 40s intercepted. Destroyed 2 enemy planes and probably destroyed 1. Two P 40s on ground destroyed. Hurribombers dispatched to attack enemy positions Djebel Mansour returned due to weather. Rcns flown over forward area during which enemy vehicles were attacked at Djebel Chemsil Y 57. Five enemy aircraft operating west of Algiers in search of shipping. Beaufighters made contact but no combat. Forty transport sorties flown.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2, Gen. Deane (CC/S)
CG AAF, Adm. King
CGGN LOG

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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

No. 9235, February 6, 1943

Enemy shelled on 4 Feb Bir Salem J 3576. Regained by enemy Waskpoint 678 and position in Djemel Allilliga O 6993 after heavy counterattack Djebel Mansour area O 79. Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

see map

G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 5 Feb part 1 land. No activity reported Southern Tunisia. Parts 2 and 3 will follow. Identifications. German. 4 Feb Dj Mansour O 79 1st Co 756 Mountain Inf Regt. Remainder of 1st Bn stated in immediate reserve by PW. Italian. Believed Italian were troops encountered night Feb 5 patrol clash Chassart Teffaha J 5742. Comment. Heard spoken by patrol 30 Jan was Italian on Dj Boulahouachjeb J 5850, by enemy posts, North Chassart Teffaha 5 miles. No positive identifications this area. On Dj Touila O 77 on 4 Feb 92 Inf Regt. Comment. Believed 1st Bn identified 16 Jan Hir El Arima O 8177. Captured 3-4 Feb PW identified at Sened Yoje 491st Co 16 Bn 10 Bersaglieri Regt. Comment. Conjecture in G 2 report 79 25th Jan, that 16 Bn with 10 Bersaglieri Regt main body in Mateur sector not supported. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR repta Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12 AF MBS repta 6 Corps ABS Malta 1 Armd Corps Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Correction. Comment identifications para 1 CG 2 report 89. 0001-

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2400 hours 4 Feb to read "This unit is part of 15 Panzer Division. If correct the identification may indicate that elements of this formation are already operating from Gabes. It is not thought that the whole of the division has yet completed its withdrawal to this sector, and the report should be treated with reserve for the time being."

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR (Action)

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No. 9253, February 6, 1943

By underwater explosion believed mine, minesweeper HMS Stronsay damaged aft finally sunk no casualties near Philippeville 1905Z. Submarine dispositions. German. Vicinity 37 degrees 30 minutes north 00 degrees 01 minute west, 1. Between Oran and Alforan Island about 2. 3 vicinity Cape Palos Cape Tenex Oran. Italian. Probably all south of 37 degrees 40 minutes north between 06 degrees and 08 degrees east 3 or 4. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 5 Feb.

Part 2 Air. Bomber recce. Large convoy off Algiers 1500Z contacted afternoon by 1 bomber recce another morning reported off North African coast. Active Sicilian straits were recce flights antisubmarine operations with normal recce flights from Sicily daytime. Over Tripoli 1 enemy aircraft reported. Recce night 5-6 Feb performed by 2 HE 111 off African coast. During morning from Sicilian area was 1 meteoro flight westward. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR repta Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12 AF MBS repta 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Bombers. Attempted attack on convoy Algiers area made by about 5 probably Torpedo Carrying HE 111 during first half night. Continuing normal transport Italy Sicily Tunisia, in early afternoon about 50 JU 52 arrived Tunis 4 Feb also to southern Tunisia regular night formation flown. Engaged

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on sweep Goubellat Medjez El Bab Testour area were
4 ME 109 at 1345Z. Active northwest Pont Du Fahs
were enemy aircraft. Prevented by weather was
other enemy activity battle area.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 9370 Feb 6 1943

At a meeting of PAEB Thursday the status of economic matters in AOF was discussed in the light of State Departments 139 of January 25 and unnumbered of February 2 and Admiral Glassfords NCR 4072 of January 25. (AGWAR action combined boards and relay information Dakar. Information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHAEB Murphy). BOC 54. Developments since my 3575 of December 30 have confirmed my view that economic matters in AOF should be integrated with North Africa under general supervision of NAEB. The fundamental fact is that the French Administration here and in Dakar has established policy of integration and our failure to parallel their method of dealing with AOF to such extent as is practicable would not only make for administrative confusion but would carry political implications which I am anxious to avoid. My recommendation is as follows.

Para 1. A combined economic board will be set up by NAEB at Dakar composed of British and American economic and other technical personnel. This local board will act locally in AOF necessarily with a large measure of autonomy as indicated in 2 and 3 below but within the framework of principles and policies established by NAEB.

Para 2. The relationship of the local board to NAEB and the extend of supervision of NAEB over the local board would be as set forth in the recommendations contained in

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 9370 Feb 6 1943

Admiral Glassfords NCR 4072 except that a chairman would be appointed in the manner specified in section 7 of departments 139.

Para 3. This local board would advise Washington and London directly as well as NAEB of action taken. I feel that for administrative reasons and in order to avoid dual responsibility of the local board action of CCNA and combined boards affecting AOF should be communicated to NAEB for transmission to local board.

Para 4. Personnel of the local board would consist in the first instance of the British Economic Mission now at Dakar and temporary American personnel which will be sent to Dakar from Algiers shortly. Permanent American personnel will be the subject of a later wire. Please advise whether this summary of the procedure suggested by the various cables referred to is satisfactory. Slater of War Shipping Administration stated at NAEB meeting that instructions to British and American shipping representatives in Algiers place in NASBO responsibility for coordination of shipping in AOF as well as North Africa. He recommends that the shipping situation likewise be clarified and that definite instructions be given to all concerned. Referring to departments 139 section third no communications have been sent to Admiral Glassford on economic matters; section 5th no agreement was reached on January 4 as stated in Dakars 17 of January 15. Cables apparently referred to discussions in regard to the general terms of the export arrangements which are now being embodied in a memorandum the text of which will be cabled when final. MacMillan has seen and is prepared to accept the foregoing.

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Action: Gen. Deane (CCS)
Information: OPD, SGS, SOS-TAG, LOG
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (Action) WAR UKW WOUJ (Info)

No Z 0511 February 6, 1943

1. Naval. No SITREP 100 5 Feb.

2. Southern Tunisia. (Action USFOR Information AGWAR Troopers 5 Army Mideast pass to main 8 Army from FREEDOM Algiers signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 9216 6 Feb) CC A maintained contact with enemy about Faid. First Derby Yeomanry less 2 sqdns moved from 6 Armd Div to Sidi Bou Zid coming under command 2 Corps. 168 Rct concentrated at Eleitla night 4/5.

3. Central Tunisia. Second Bn 16 Rct reverted from 36 Inf bde to Command First USA Div. Bn 1 Para Brig with Sqdn tanks (about 19 tanks) now 2 miles south of Mausolee 07671 covering cross roads one mile SE Maunolee. Enemy counterattacks forced withdrawal of Bn Parachute Brig from Djebel Mansour 07093 and Bn 1st Guards from Djebel Allilig to 6992.

4. Follows.

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INFO: G-2, CG AAF, CCGN, GEN. DEANE (CC/S), ADM. KING
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From: Algiers
To: War USFOR

No. 9085 February 5, 1943

Mined by enemy 4 February was area J 5919 4 miles south west Goubellat. At J 6512 no Goubellat-Bou Arad Road was reported additional enemy line laying. Enemy activity afternoon 4 February reported southwest Pont Du Fahs (J 80) by our patrols. Fighting Djebel Mansour Area indicates our troops attacked enemy position 06992 west of Djebel Mansour at 1545Z 3 February and point 678 in our hands by 1600Z 4 February number PWS and 3 machine guns captured. Indicate by patrol reports that clear of enemy night 3-4 February was all of Oued Leboua (08249) Ousseltia area as yet no confirmation. Foregoing northern Tunisia.

Part 1. Land G2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 4 February. Southern Tunisia, reported unconfirmed that in area T7646 8 miles southwest Faid enemy infantry infiltrated. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS reptd 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications unconfirmed is 5 company 8 Panzer Regt Sened (Y 49) Area. 21 Panzer Division of which foregoing unit is a part Cam operating Faid area and believed based on SFAX. Equipment. By actual measurement following figures indicate below those quoted by PW in G 2 weekly summary number 23-30 January. Front plate 4 inches 102 MM, turret 3 and 1/4 inches 82 MM, sides (approx) 3 inches 76 MM.

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

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From: Freedom, Algiers
To: AGWAR (information)
USFOR London

No. 9123, February 5, 1943.

5. Air Sitrep 99 Feb 4. (Action USFOR, information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers Nr 9123 5th) 18 B-25 aircraft dispatched to attack landing ground Ifadj Toual 20 miles SSW Gabes, weather prevented attack. Sixteen B-26 aircraft dispatched to attack Bordj Touan, attack prevented by weather. Formation attacked by enemy aircraft of which 1 destroyed and 3 damaged, 2 P-38's shot down. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. Twenty four B-17 aircraft attacked Gabes airdrome with 25 tons of bombs, bursts observed in target area and fires in dispersal area. Formation attacked by enemy planes of which 9 destroyed, 3 probably destroyed, and 8 damaged. Twenty four B-17 aircraft attacked landing ground 5 miles west of Gabes with 31 tons of bombs, bursts and smoke in target area. In combat 15 enemy planes destroyed, 9 probably destroyed and 1 damaged, 1 B-17 shot down and 4 escorting P-38's missing. Eight medium bombers attacked Bizerta docks night 4-5 Feb with HE and incendiary bombs. During rcns of forward areas 1 enemy plane destroyed and 1 probably destroyed, 3 Spitfires shot down. Enemy attempted 2 attacks on Souk El Arba, intercepted and turned back, 2 enemy planes damaged. Seventy two transport sorties flown.

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Action: OPD

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

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

February 5, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL, FREEDOM, ALGIERS--Number 1903

USFOR, LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, ENGLAND--Number R-5645

Combined Chiefs of Staff today directed (For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 94, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff) that forces held in the United Kingdom for operation backbone be released at once.

ORIGINATOR: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
Admiral King
General Arnold
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

No. 9084, February 5, 1943

North African coast bomber recce performed daytime by 3 to 4 enemy aircraft (to AGWAR, USFOR information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from Freedom Algiers) neighborhood 2 convoys northeast and northwest Algiers was 1 aircraft morning. Aircraft long range recce type carried out recce Tunisia. Active western Mediterranean meteor flight was an aircraft. Active transport between Italy northern southern Tunisia were about 50 JU 52's 3 Feb. This part 2 Air of G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 4 Feb. Part one will follow. Bombers, no activity. Prevented by Allied fighters was attack on Souk El Arba at 0620Z by 6 enemy at 20,000 feet. Spitfires intercepted and claimed 2 ME 109's damaged from formation FW 190's and ME 109's approaching Souk El Arba at 0925Z 19000 feet. Bone approached 1420Z by 5 enemy aircraft. Not intercepted by scrambling Spitfires but reported shot down by GDN were 2 enemy. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army MBS pass 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI. Over Fondouk Ousseltia area 1 recce were P 39's and Spitfires attacked by 4 ME 109's and 2 FW 190's of which 1 ME 109 claimed destroyed. Claimed destroyed are 24 enemy fighters 12 probably out of large formation intercepting B 17's P 38's

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To: WAR-USFOR

No. 9084, February 5, 1943

attacking airdromes Gabes area. Nothing to report part three Naval.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
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From: Freedom, Algiers
To: USFOR London
WAR (information)

No. 9045, February 5, 1943.

Feb 4. 1. Naval. (to USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers 5th Army, Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from Gaekel section AFHU 5 Feb. Sitrep 89) Motor torpedo boats sweeping vicinity Cagliari night 42 Feb sank fishing smack. Two prisoners taken. Boat manned by 15 Italians including 6 Naval ratings in plain clothes. Landing ship Infantry Ferry Service with troops from KMF 8 arrived Bone 2 Feb. Mine layer Abdiel carried out successful lay night 23 Feb. Now reloading mines at Mers El Kebir. Hudson aircraft attacked submarine 3 Feb between Oran and Algiers. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.

2. Southern Tunisia. Our elements at station De Sened withdrew to Gafsa night 3-4 Feb. CC D concentrated Bou Chebka 666.

3. Central Tunisia. One Co Guards Brig holding point 678 O 6992. Being reinforced by another Co.

4. Northern Tunisia successful patrol action by 38 Brig in area J 6710 night 3-4 Feb.

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Information: G-2, CG AAF, CCGN, Gen. Deane (CCS)
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From: Freedom, Algiers
To: USFOR London
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No. 8889, February 4, 1943.

With 10 hits by gun HM submarine off Hammamet attacked large schooner 0854Z 23rd, schooner sunk by torpedo from submarine submerged after sustaining fire shore battery, undamaged submarine. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR rept Troopers information One Army Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF ABS MBS rept Six Corps, One Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) Firing 2 torpedoes small tanker off Hammamet sunk by second 1203Z 25. Left water logged was caique off Tunisian coast after 9 hits by HM submarine with gun 0222Z 26th. North of Sousse 2 miles attacked by HM submarine was at 1402Z 31st 2000 ton merchant vessel escorted by torpedo boat, counterattack against submarine ineffective. PRU shows merchant vessel beached. Of 4 torpedoes fired some were hits, unknown is result of attack on enemy sub off Tenex sighted surface by HM mine sweeper 0240Z 4th. Foregoing part 3 Naval of G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 3 Feb. Part 1 follows.

Part 2 Air. Enemy bomber recce performed near Algiers by 1 aircraft morning. At 1525Z convoy north of Oran contacted by 2nd. During day over Tunisia and between Sicily Tunisia about 7 long range recce aircraft active, between 50 to 80 JU 52's 2nd Feb between Italy, Sicily Tunisia carried out normal transport. Airdrome Souk El Arba attacked 0800Z with partial success by 9 ME 109's and 6 FW 190's. Three claimed destroyed 2 pro-

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bably of formation ME 109's attacking P 38's B 25's about 10 hours Z Gabes. No contact between A 20's with fighter escort and observed ME 109's east Ousseltia 1300Z. Claimed destroyed 2 ME 110's 1 JU 88 and 1 ME 10 probably result formation 10 to 12 enemy aircraft off Cape Bon escorting shipping attacked by B 26's P 38's on antishipping mission. Kairouan area 0750Z tactical recce with fighter escort engaged by 8 FW 190's. Same area 4 FW 190's observed strafing troops. In southern sector was recorded active air opposition.

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Action: G-2
Information: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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No. 8920 Feb 4, 1943

For joint US Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower.
Cite FBGCT. Comear in (to AGWAR from Freedom
Algiers) proposal in your 1761 of 2 Feb reference
dismounting backbone.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No 8859 February 4, 1943

98 Para 1 Naval. No reports.

Para 2 Southern Tunisia (Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR information AGWAR Troopers 5 Army Mid East pass to main 8 Army from Freedom Algiers signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT. Feb 3 Sitrep) One reinforced Inf Bn 26 RCT remains Gafsa with one co reinforcing French at El Guettar. Remainder Corps forces being regrouped.

Para 3 Central Tunisia. CC Baker arrived Maktar coming under command 19 Corps. One Para Bn captured point 648 Djebel Mansour 07192. Subsequent enemy counterattack with unknown results.

Para 4 Northern Tunisia. 46 Div assumed command area Excl Medjez El Bab incl 139 Brig sector.

Para 5 follows.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN, General Deane (CC/S)
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From: Freedom, Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR London

No. #, February 4, 1943.

Vicinity Bir Meherga (J 9122) NE Pont Du Fahs J 80 by 10 miles recce revealed considerable enemy movement. Driven from point 848 O 7192 enemy counter attacked on Djebel Mansour O 79. Position not clear. In north from area Djebel Bargou (O 67) east of Robaa enemy completely withdrawn, contact lost with forward elements. In area O 8666 considerable enemy movement northward on road to Karachoum. 75 lorries seen southeast of Djebel Halfa (O 84) on Ous-seltia Krirouan road. Foregoing northern Tunisia.

Part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z Aekel 3rd January. At Faid southern Tunisia reports are enemy well dug in camouflaged positions southeast of Ston De Sened (Y 49) 20 tanks cornered 1300Z 2nd. AG-WAR for WDGBI USFOR rptd Troopers information 1st Army 2 Corps EAC 12 AF MBS rptd 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FBGBI. Identifications. German. Two Bn Arty Regt 22. In Pichon and Fonndouk sectors PWS report 4 and 6 troops now in Tunisia assigned Inf Regt 47. Eight-7.5 CM MTN guns reported with 4 Troop Arty Regt 22 and 4 15 CM Howitzers with 6 Troop same regt. In Robaa sector are reported 2 and 3 bns 756 Inf Regt. Two Bn Panzer Grenadier Regiment number unknown. Two Five March Bn. On Djebel Mansour (O 79) is reported again T 5 Bn February rumours Italians to have replaced Germans 1 February notwithstanding. Statement deserter indicates 4 Bn 754 Inf Regt relieved in area north of J 7133 1 February bn of 86 PGR. 1st

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Bn 86 PGR reported by deserter therefrom to be relieved this area by Infantry agrees with foregoing. Unknown is RCD ACF location 86 PGR. Two Bn 86 PGR thought in Oued Kebir by PW. Italian. Probably 3 Bn 756 Regt German, reported relieved by 3 Bn 92 Inf Regt 1 February Arwa Djebel Mansour (O 79). Elements 3 Bn 756 Regt known to be Arka Djebel Mansour.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Freedom, Algiers
To: WAR

No. 8976, February 4, 1943.

Your plan JCS 170 for OBS Western Mediterranean approved in principle (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) here. For JCS through JSP from Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT.

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ACTION: JCS

INFORMATION: OPD

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From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR
No. 8631, February 3, 1943

After negotiation with the Belgian Consul General. AGWAR action Hull information Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy. NAF 132. The French High Command has approved the liberation of Belgian Nationals enlisted in the French Foreign Legion subsequent to June 22, 1940 date of the Franco German Armistice.

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ACTION: GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

INFO: OPD
GEN. STRONG
ADM. KING
GEN. ARNOLD
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From: Algiers
To : WAR

No. 8763, February 3, 1943

(To AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) After discussions with Alexander and Chiefs of Staff ANFA, the operations against Gabes and Sfax, reported in my last review, were postponed. (Review number 29, NAF number 134, to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower, cite FHDSC.) I agreed with Alexander that my policy in Tunisia would be offensively defensive until 8th Army were able to advance from Tripolitania.

On the 20th of January the enemy attacked the French in the central mountainous sector North and East of the Ousseltia Valley. He captured the dominating feature, Djebel Chirich, and the approaches into the Ousseltia Valley from the North and Northeast. The situation was partially restored by the action of British 5th Corps in the North and US 2nd Corps in the South. Our present dispositions have been reported in situation reports.

Some French detachments fought magnificiently but these operations proved that the French have not the equipment nor the moral fiber to stand up to German attacks even in mountainous country where tank action is very restricted. As a result, Giraud concurred in the relief of several French units by American and British units and in First Army assuming command in Tunisia.

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A. British 5th Corps on the Coastal Sector with 46th and 78th Infantry Division and 6th Armored Division under command.

B. French 9th Corps in the Central Mountainous Sector with 1st US Infantry Division and selected French troops under command.

C. US 2nd Corps on the Southern flank with 1st US Armored Division and Constantine Division under command.

French troops are to be gradually relieved as British and American troops become available.

The build-up of Allied forces in Tunisia depends upon,

A. The unloading of trucks to provide the organic transport of American units which have not yet been brought up to scale.

B. Transportation to take units to the front.

C. Transportation to maintain them there. The situation is improving daily but it takes time. //

Forecast dates of concentration in the forward area are:

A. 34th US Infantry Division by 15 February.

B. 25th British Armored Brigade Group (Churchill's) by 28 February.

C. 11th British Armored Division by 15 March. In addition, the 6th British Armored Division will be reequipping with Shermans in the forward area during February and 9th US Infantry Division is now concentrating at Oran so as to be more readily available. The 2nd US Armored Division and 3rd US Infantry Divisions have been stripped of trucks to provide for the needs

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of Tunisia.

In spite of naval and air successes against enemy shipping at sea and in harbor, the enemy is importing about 75 percent of his requirements into Tunisia. According to prisoners the 21st Panzer Division withdrawn from Tripolitania was reequipped, at least partially, at Sfax and went into action at Faid on the 1st of February. This process may be repeated and 1st Army may have to bear the brunt of Arnim's and Rommel's combined forces until 8th Army can advance and threaten the enemy from the South. Alexander is fully aware of the importance of time and is doing everything possible to push forward into Tunisia.

I anticipate that the enemy will continue to make a series of limited attacks in Tunisia with the object of gaining ground to the West to protect his lines of communication in the coastal plain. He knows that our soft spot is the French who are dispersed from Pichon to Gafsa. He will attack them whenever possible and with limited objectives.

I have ordered Anderson not to leave the French unsupported in isolated positions and to concentrate his mobile forces in the South so that he may counter any enemy move immediately. In this way I hope substantially to maintain our present position in Tunisia but the possibility of the enemy forcing us back to the area Sbeitla-Feriana can not be ignored.

Alexander hopes to be here by February 8 and to take command in Tunisia about the middle of February.

The termination of the campaign in Tunisia depends largely on the extent to which we can interrupt the enemy's lines of sea communication. This is a matter of cardinal importance. We are harassing these continuously and will continue to do so to the limits of our naval and air resources.

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ACTION: GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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

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From: Algiers
To: War USFOR

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No. 8630 Feb 3 1943

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Peyrouton last evening explained to me at considerable length his desire to give to the Allies his wholehearted cooperation. AGWAR action Hull information Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff, signed Eisenhower cite GHCIV Murphy. NAF 133. He states the urgent necessity of a reconciliation of all French elements if the French nation is to survive. He said that while he has respected the patriotic motives of Frenchmen who joined De Gaulle his conviction is that in France popular movements start within the country. That never in French history has any movement of a revolutionary character been brought about by organizations outside the country. Peyrouton said that he had no illusion over his inability to succeed in his present task without allied support. His primary purpose he said is to inspire an enthusiastic spirit to prosecute the war on the part of the Algerian population and he is confident that the Allies understand the present need for material support both in respect of military equipment and economic supply. Peyrouton is acutely aware of the adverse reception by part of the British and American press to his appointment. He knows that these critics give him no credit for the part he played in the arrest of Pierre Laval in December 1940 and his then disagreement with the Laval policy of active collaboration with the Axis. Peyrouton's undoubted executive ability is having a good effect on the administration of the government general.

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I believe he desires a fair trial to see what he can accomplish and I have no doubt regarding his earnest desire to cooperate with the Allies and prosecute the war. He has an intimate knowledge of the North African situation and the difference between conditions prevailing here and those in Metropolitan France. Our conversation occurred in the Government General Building a wing of which was partially destroyed in the German air attack a few days ago.

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ACTION: General Deane (CCS)

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong (for SD)
General Arnold
Admiral King
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From: London USFOR
To: AGWAR

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#6953, February 3, 1943

Military. Nil.

Naval. Nil.

Civil. Nil.

Air.

1. Recce. February 2nd photos show Palermo 8 SOG/R, 3 large M/V's, 1 small M/V departed, 1 small M/V arrived. Aerodrome. 21 fighters, 2 SM 81's, 1 ME 323, 44 SM 79's, 3 CA 310's, 26 JU 52, 1 Caudron 445, 4 medium aircraft Pachino. No aircraft visible. Trapani. Nineteen JU 88's, 1 JU 52, 30 ME 110, or 210, 5 HE 111, 1 SM 79, 2 ME 323, 1 FI 156, 1 FW 200, 1 large, 6 medium, 4 small aircraft, 20 unidentified fighters. Comiso. 86 JU 88's, 1 Dornier, 2 FI 156, 33 fighters, 4 medium aircraft. Sciacca. 16 fighters, 1 SM 79, or 84, 25 SM 82, 5 CZ 1007, 4 SM 81's 12 unidentified aircraft. Pantellaria. One SM 82, 32 fighters, 1 medium aircraft. Castelvetrano. 18 CZ 1007, 10 JU 52's, 1 JU 88, 23 SM 82, 2 SM 84 or 79 BIS, 14 fighters. Borriszo. 50 fighters, 1 SM 81, 10 SM 79's, 8 JU 88's, 2 medium, 1 small aircraft. Biscari.

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17 fighters, 1 Dornier, 1 FW 58. (This is a paraphrase of HE/7161 February 2 1943, Malta Intelligence summary 2000/1 to 2000/2 from Governor Malta) (signed Hartle).

Shipping at sea. 0925 hours 020 degrees, Bianco 2 miles, 1 tanker 6000 tons, 1 M/V 2000 tons, 1 D/R course north.

2. No enemy air activity.

3. Strikes. Night 1/2 February. Intruder Mosquitoes destroyed 1 probable JU 88 landing at Comiso. On offensive sweeps South East Sicily and Lampedusa, 2nd February, Spitfires found no targets.

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ACTION: G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

#8773, February 3, 1943

5. Movements completed. (Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR. Information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, mideast pass to Main Eighth Army from Freedom Algiers. Sitrep 97 Feb 2. One Three Eight Inf Brig to forward area coming under command One Army PC Third Bn 168 Inf Rgt to Tebessa coming under command 2 Corps. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

6. British and USA locations. Gafsa-Sened. CC D incl Second Bn 168 RCT. Sidi Bou Zid. CC A. Twenty six RCR less 2 bns. Sbeitla. One Armd Div less 4 combat commands. Oadjeb El Aioun CC C. Tebessa. One six eight RCT less 2 bn. Maktar. Mlbaker Ousseltpa 16 RCT less 2 bn plus 2 bn 26 RCT. Area Robsa 36 Inf Brig less 8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders plus 2 bn 16 RCT. West of Dj Mansour. One Para Brig. South of Bou Arada. One GDS Bde. Bou Arada-El Aroussa. Six Armd Div. SE of Medjez El Bab 18 RCT plus 5th Bn Northhamptons, Medjez El Bab. 11th Inf Brig less 5th Bn Northhamptons. East and NE of Beja. One Three Eight Inf Brig. Stationed El Aouana. One Three Nine Inf Brig. 1 and 6 Commandos.

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7. Air. Seventeen B 26 aircraft attacked Sfax airdrome with 15 tons of fragmentation bombs. Large fires on airdrome. Three of 10 aircraft on field left burning. Escort attacked by 5 enemy planes of which 1 damaged. Eighteen B 25 aircraft attacked Sfax airdrome with 12 tons of bombs. One enemy plane crashed taking off. One B 25 crashed. Six B 25 aircraft escorted by 16 P 38's on anti-shiping sweep between Tunisia and Sicily sighted enemy convoy covered by 21 planes. P 38's attacked by enemy escort of which 7 were destroyed. One probably destroyed and 3 damaged. One P 38 crashed into sea. Eight fighters on RCN engaged by about 5 enemy planes near Kairouan. Two enemy planes destroyed. Two P 40's crash landed in enemy territory. One P 39 missing. RCN formation attacked by 3 enemy planes over Sebkret Kelbiaz 1 Spitfire damaged and 1 Spitfire missing. Five A 20 aircraft escorted by 15 P 40's dispatched to attack bridge 5 miles north Maknessy. Attacked from rear by 6 enemy planes of which 1 destroyed, 1 P 40 shot down and 1 crashed landed at base. Target not located, bombs returned. Ten fighters on ground support mission attacked enemy formation of 25 JU 87's escorted by 9 ME 109's, 1 JU 87 destroyed, 5 P 40's shot down, 2 pilots safe. Six A 20's escorted by 18 fighters attacked enemy ammunition dump 20 miles east of Faid, large explosion. About 10 enemy planes dive bombed Souk El Khemis airdrome, 10 bombs dropped, 2 Hurricanes destroyed on ground, 4 badly damaged, 2 slightly damaged. The attack on Bone night 1-2 Feb made by 12 enemy aircraft, no bomb damage, 2 enemy planes destroyed by antiaircraft fire. Hurricanes intercepted and damaged enemy plane 10 miles north of Car De Fer. Eighty seven transport sorties flown.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN, GEN. DEANE(CC/S)
ADM. KING, LOG

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From: Algiers

To: USFOR (Action)
AGWAR (Information)

No. 8739, February 3, 1943

Attacks on enemy units (To AGWAR, USFOR, ADV 1 Army 2 Corps Eastern Air Command 12th Air Force MBS ABS 1 Arm Corp Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from Freedom Algiers) offensive sweep vicinity Cagliari light surface force sank fishing smack probably on patrol crew including 8 Naval ratings in plain clothes 2 prisoners taken. Two attacks by torpedo carrying Wellingtons from Malta as follows (1) Italian destroyer off Pantellaria left with heavy list night 30-31. 2nd Despite heavy smoke screen convoy 1 medium merchant vessel 2 destroyers 3 motor torpedo boats attacked 1 torpedo released bright orange flash resulting night 31-1. Tripolitanian Harbours. Tripoli. 5 ships blocked Harbour. Gap 15 ft by 50 ft cleared. One Feb 1600 tons cargo cleared. Second Feb 1st store ship entered Harbour. Zuara. Occupied 31 Jan. 8 wrecks all schooners in entrance others along Northern Mole. Gap 150 ft by 15 ft indicated by preliminary reports. Foregoing part three Naval G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 2 Feb. Part 1 will follow part 2 Air. Enemy air activity. Bomber recce. Larger number recce Sorties than previous days noted along North African Coast. Between 0930Z and 1000Z over Algiers Bag was 1 enemy

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aircraft probably on photo recce. Convoys between Algiers Bone shadowed during afternoon. During day over Tunisia about 5 long range recce aircraft active. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers Information ADC 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12 AF MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Armd from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Bombers. Allied shipping between Algiers and Bone operated against by 10 HE 111's during evening. Transport 1 Feb. Daily service Italy Northern Tunisia carried out by between 50 and 80 JU 52's probably few other types. Other enemy activity. During attacks by B 26's on Sfax/El Maou at 1140Z escorting P 38's engaged enemy fighters reported from airfield Northeast of Sfax 1 aircraft claimed damaged. 21 enemy aircraft engaged by B 25's P 38's on shipping mission Tunisia and Sicily. Three ME 109's 1 ME 110 one JU 88 One Ju 52 one Seaplane destroyed. Formation enemy aircraft reported as 25 JU 87's and 9 ME 109's attacked by 10 P 40's and P 39's on recce mission of Faid Area 1 JU 87 destroyed. Four to six FW 190's engaged by P 40's and P 39's near Kairouan 0730 Z 2 destroyed, At 1325Z 10 to 12 JU 87's escorted by similar number ME 109's observed in stoned area no engagement. A 20's and P 40's on bombing attack near Maknassy attacked by 6 ME 109's 1 of which claimed destroyed. Souk El Khemis airdrome bombed by 9 to 12 FW 190's with some success. No interceptions effected. Tactical recce aircraft attacked by 3 FW 190's over Lake Sebra others over Medjez El Bab Tebourba area attacked by 4 ME 109's. No contact made with 6 enemy aircraft over Bone Harbour.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD CG AAF GEN. DEANE(CC/S) LOG

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To: AGWAR
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No. 8740, February 3, 1943

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Enemy driven back over road between Sidi Said O 68 and Mausolee O 77 at 2 points (to AGWAR USFOR ADV 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS 1 Armcd Corps Malta MidEast Fairfield 5 Army from Freedom Algiers) 200 trucks observed moving west 8 miles east of DJ. Halfa O 7130, Fondouk O 81 reported clear of enemy PM Feb 2, foregoing Northern Tunisia.

1. Land. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 2 Feb, Southern Tunisia, Faid T 75 still in enemy hands, Rebou Pass T 8053 and Matleg Pass T 8547 under enemy control, enemy not finally repulsed Ston de Bened Y 49 1530Z Feb 1 but post captured by US Feb 2. (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 FRGBI) identifications, PWS 1 and 4 Companies 334 Abteilung reported captured Bened Y 49, tanks and MT 21 Panzer Div identified Faid area from ground sources.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD, CG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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Sitrep 97 Feb 2.

Para 1. Naval. No reports.

Para 2. (Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR. Information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast pass to main 8th Army. From G-3 section 8674 3rd secret) Southern Tunisia. CC D captured station SE Sened. Report of capture of Sened previous day incorrect. Action by CC A at Faid temporarily broken off. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

Para 3. Central Tunisia. Small attack on enemy position 8 miles SE Gusseltia failed.

Para 4. Northern Tunisia. One guards Brig moved to area 2 miles south of Bou Arada under command 6 Armd Div. Eleventh Inf Brig relieved 1 Guards Brig at Medjez El Bab. One hundred thirty eighth Inf Brig relieved 11th Inf Brig at Beja.

Para 5 follows.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGGN, Gen Deane (CCS), Adm King,
CG AAF, Log

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From: Algiers

To: WAR

No. 8593 February 2, 1943

Build up forces likely to be 800/900 per day possibly higher (to AGWAR rptd Troopers from Freedom Algiers) foregoing para 1 G 2 estimate number 3 for period 1-15 Feb.

Para 2. Expected by 15 Feb Rommels forces will be in Mareth Lifx with only light covering force in front.

Para 3. General intentions Tunis-Bizerte-Sousse area. Activity between Dea and Pont Du Fahs likely be confined active patrolling with view creating small diversions and countering allied thrusts. Possible troops in Jefna area will be relieved a probable fairly strong effort may be made to improve present positions in area Ousseltia Valley and eastern Dorsale. So long as Pichon remains on allied hands as jumping off place for attack on Kairouan Axis will not be happy. Unlikely that exploitation of any attack beyond Ousseltia-Pichon area would take place. AGWAR Troopers from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

Para 4. Sfax area. Present Faïd operations if successful unlikely extend beyond general line

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T 54 for present. Forces employed this area
probably not exceed 2 Battalions Lorry Borne Infantry,
50/60 tanks, 10/15 armoured cars and small recon-
naissance unit.

Para 5. Gabes area. With withdrawal Axis
Forces from Tripolitania high priority will be
given maintenance present positions. Endeavour
likely be made to improve them by advance on
Maknaisy-Gafsa Road. Not believed sufficient forces
at present exist this area for anything but small
scale attack on Gafsa. Position may rapidly change
however with troops withdrawn from Tripolitania.

Para 6. Conclusion (A). Main Axis effort
confined to improving defensive positions Pichon-
Faid-Gafsa. Attacks on Sbeitla-Feriana improbable
however before consolidation of positions Axis
might get in present operations. (B) About 15000
men expected arrive in Tunisia from Italy of which
about 10000 German.

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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 1761

The following is a paraphrase of message received from the British Chiefs of Staff:

"The risk of Spain giving trouble has, according to our information, been reduced and we feel that reduction of backbone insurance is acceptable. In addition mounting of backbone would seriously delay date of Husky. We propose therefore to release the backbone force at once in the UK.

Eisenhower should be sent instructions on these lines if US Chiefs of Staff agree."

For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Joint US Chiefs of Staff. In view of recommendation contained in para 2 of your 8200 dated January 31st US Chiefs of Staff desire your comments on British proposal indicated above. It is not known whether this action is necessary to enable British to meet June date or July date for Husky. Unless you express disagreement the US Chiefs of Staff will concur in British proposal

ORIGINATOR: GEN DEANE (JCS)

INFORMATION: OPE, ADM KING, LOG.

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From: Algiers*
To : AGWAR -USFOR

No. 8532, February 2, 1943

Italian. Since 31 Jan photographic recce 0940Z first shows Messina 3, 6 inch cruisers sailed 2, 6 inch cruisers by visual recce 1415Z first Taranto shown arrived since 30 Jan, arrived at Naples since 26 Jan by photographic recce 1430 Z first Feb 1 six inch cruiser, light surface force attacked damaged probably 1 enemy tank landing craft 1200Z first near Kuriat Islands, torpedoed sunk by enemy submarine 1 mine layer 1743Z first off Tobruk, above part 2 Naval of G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z one Feb.

3. Air. Believed shadowed morning allied shipping between Cape Tenez and Algiers 1 JU 88. In afternoon Algiers area approached by another. Enemy recce north African Coast little known believed small scale. Over Tunisia and east coast during day estimated about 5 JU 88 engaged recce. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR repts Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF ABS MBS 1 Armd Corps 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Transport. Daily service Italy Northern Tunisia employed about 30 to 50 JU 52's. Details unknown attack on Bone evening. Reported night 1-2 Feb activity JU 88's North African coast. P 38's escorting B 17's attacking shipping harbor Tunis AA

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about 1220Z lost 1 B 17 claim enemy fighter 9 destroyed 2 probably, damaged 4. Three ships hit fires started. In Maknassy-Mezzouna area 0630Z 24 JU 87's escorted by 12 to 15 ME 109's attacking ground troops engaged by P 40's 12th Air Support Command. Claimed destroyed 3 JU 87's 2 probably. 2 P 40's lost. 2 ME 109's engaged P 40's 1220 Sened area. Same area 1445Z not engaged but seen were 2 ME 109's. South of Maknassy 1440 hours before could be engaged 4 single engined aircraft took evasive action fled. During day with no attack developing Bone approached by 6 enemy aircraft. Vicinity Robaa Roads strafed by 4 ME 109's.

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Information: OPD
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Gen. Deane(CC/F)
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MAY 25 1973

From: Algiers
To: USFOR
War
British War Office
No. X4529, February 2, 1943.

Feb 1 SITREP 96.

1. Naval. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. Mine laying (action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR. Information AGWAR TROOPERS, 5th Army, Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers 2nd) E boats active vicinity Bone nights 29/40 and 30/31 Jan. Second night 8 engaged in gun action by 4 motor torpedo boats. Mines jettisoned. Mine layer Abdiel sailed Phillipville 31 January unable to lay mines because shadowed by aircraft and contact with E boats. HMS Pozarica in Bougie Harbor and grounded. Leaks under control, salvage in hand. Destroyer Avonvale requires temporary bow for passage to UK. KMF 8 arrived Algiers without incident. Personnel ship Empire Pride and Ferry Service sailed Algiers for Bone. Now reported 1 enemy aircraft crashed during attack on convoy TE 14 due to close range fire from destroyer and corvette.

2. Southern Tunisia. CC D Captured station De Sened FG 1 hour later patrols made contact with patrols CC C 10 miles NNW Maknassy. Attack by CC A against enemy positions West of Faid made little progress. CC A claims 22 tanks destroyed by arty fire 31 Jan for loss of 6. One Army CP opened Tbhessa Feb 011600Z.

3. Central Tunisia. Enemy attacks night 31 Jan 1st Feb in 36 brig sector effected penetration 1 mile NW Mausolee O 7570 and 3 miles SE Sidi Said O 68. Situation now restored with same positions held as be-

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fore attack. Two reinforcing French Bns have arrived. Attempts to recover Mark 6 tank failed. Photos and measurements taken, tank destroyed.

4. Northern Tunisia. Night 30-31 Jan 18 RCT raided enemy position 2 miles East Goubellat. One Officer and 17 men captured. Remainder enemy killed. French Bn occupied area Heidous J 54 31 Jan. Patrols attacked enemy 3 miles NE Sidi N'sir J 46 31 Jan and inflicted casualties. During 48 hour ending 1600 Z 1 Feb 5 Corps captured 2 Officers and 43 others RAQS all Germans.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No. 8584 Feb 2, 1943

Para 5 SITREP 96 (to USFOR, AGWAR, Troopers 5th Army Mideast Pass to Main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers) movements. Despatched from Casablanca 9th Inf Div less 39 RCT to Oran. From Casablanca 68 CA AA less 1 gun Btry to Algiers. From Oran HQ 34 Div and 135 RCT to Maktar. From Oran Bn 17 FA to Tebessa. From Algiers 138 Inf Brig (BR) to Chasdimaux. From Algiers 3rd Bn 168 Inf to Tebessa. From Algiers 805 TD Bn to Constantine.

Para 6 Air 9 medium bombers attacked Elmas airdrome Sardinia night 1st 2nd Feb with HE, delayed action, incendiary and fragmentation bombs. Hangar on fire, delayed action bombs across airdrome. Antishipping sweep flown, no ships sighted, bombs returned to base. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT, 24 B 17 aircraft attacked Tunis Harbor and shipping with 59 tons of bombs. Hits claimed on 1 ship at docks, another set fire, fires in harbor area, attacked convoy of 5 or 6 ships entering La Goulette Harbor, 1 direct hit and many near misses, formation attacked by enemy planes of which 9 destroyed, 2 probably destroyed and 4 damaged, 1 B 17 lost and 1 severely damaged both by air collision with enemy aircraft. Spitfire sweeps over forward area during course of which enemy vehicles were attacked east of Pont Du Fahs. Twelve P 40 aircraft attacked enemy formation of 24 JU 87 escorted by 15 ME 109 vicinity Faid, 3 JU 87 destroyed, 2 probably destroyed and 5 damaged, 2 P 40 shot down and 1 missing. Six

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S 20 aircraft and 10 P 40 attacked tank and vehicle concentration Faid, direct hits scored. Many fighter sweeps in forward areas on ground cover mission. Base attacked by enemy aircraft, reports not yet received. One F4 missing from Pru mission. 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
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 8147 February 1, 1943

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Yesterday General Giraud made a declaration to the press, with reference to the ANFA Conference, the salient points of which were as follows: (To USFOR and AGWAR from Freedom 8147 30 Jan 43) We are fighting beside the United Nations in the same cause and the same ideal. We are receiving the complete support of the United States and Great Britain. (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff pass to Hull and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Murphy signed Eisenhower cite PHLIA 127). They recognize in us an ally which has never ceased fighting either externally, thanks to the volunteers of General DeGaulle, or internally, thanks to Frenchmen who prepared themselves to take up arms again and thanks to the will of resistance of the entire country. For the future there is only one policy for Frenchmen; make war and win it. We must not be stingy with our blood or our effort to free the millions of prisoners in Germany and in France. In order to fight and work we must have order. This is not the time for political agitation but for political discipline. The government does not intend to install any form of Regime but only wishes to assure good administration of the territory remaining free. It is only the provisional depository of French Sovereignty until such time as the forty million Frenchmen of the Metropolis can freely express their opinion. Unity must be accomplished among all Frenchmen. I saw General DeGaulle and we have the 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.

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To: Var

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After the prepared statement, General Giraud replies to certain questions the most significant of which were: the Jewish question is an internal one. Property of which the Jews have been disposed will be returned to them and the numerous clauses in the professions will be abolished and schools opened to Jewish children.

He stated that he had made arrangements for rearming French forces and that this, to a large extent, would be accomplished before this summer.

Local public opinion continues to approve the results of the ANFA meeting.

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GEN. ARNOLD
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GEN. STRONG (S.D.)
ADM. KING

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - War
No. 8397, February 1, 1943

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Relief forward troops indicated by increased movements in Jerna Area (J 47). (To AGWAR, USFOR Adv One Army, Two Corps, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force, MBS, ABS, One Arm Corp, Mideast, Malta, Fairfield, Five Army from Freedom Algiers) including 2 mark 6 models enemy although gaining a little ground lost 6 tanks destroyed in 2 attacks south of Sidi Zid (O 68) during day with 2 companies Infantry supported by tanks estimated. On crest of Djebel Ousselat between O 7729 and O 7733 enemy forces north of Pichon (O 72) have established themselves. Foregoing Northern Tunisia para part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 31 January. Southern Tunisia, still obscure is situation area bounded by Sidi Bout Zid (T 65) Faid (T 75) Ston De Sened (T 49) Maknassy (T 70). Indicated controlled by enemy in pass east of Faid also positions maintained on high ground of Djebel Kralif (T 86) and Ksaira (T75) north and south of town respectively. At 1600Z 31st enemy being held near Ston De Sened 3 miles west of town. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR Reptd TROOPERS information Adv One Army Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS One Arm Corp Mideast Malta Fairfield Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identification. Third Bn 756 Inf Regt, 2nd Coy 501 heavy Panzer Abteilung

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both identified in Si Zid area (O 68). Enemy material, following dimensions and weight of PX KW VI tank from captured loading table, weight 561, overall length including gun 27 ft 3/4 inch length 27 feet 4 inches height 9 feet 5 1/2 inches width 10 feet 11 3/4 inches.

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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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To: AGWAR
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Para 4. Situr 93 Jan 29 movements completed. To Pelergma 2nd Bn 209th CA (AA) Regt coming under command 1st Army.

Para 5. Air. 12 B 26 aircraft attacked El Aouina Airdrome with 11 tons of bombs. Burst observed on target. Buildings destroyed. Formation attacked by enemy planes of which 4 destroyed. 5 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. 1 B 26 crash landed at base. Crew safe. 12 B 25 aircraft dispatched to attack El Aouina Airdrome found target covered by cloud. Proceeded to Djedeida and alternative target also covered by cloud. Bombs brought back. Escort attacked enemy aircraft destroying 1 and damaging another. 32 B 17 aircraft attacked docks and shipping Bizerta with 29 tons of bombs. Hits claimed on 3 vessels in harbor. Near misses on 3 others. Building seen to explode. Hits among oil tanks. 1 B 17 crash landed Djebel Abiod. 15 medium bombers attacked Bizerta night 29/30 Jan. 6 B 26 aircraft on antishipping sweep between Tunisia and Sicily attacked enemy convoy 50 miles NE Bizerta. Hits on 2 ships. Formation attacked by 16 enemy planes of which 4 were destroyed and 3 probably destroyed. 1 B 26 crashed in the sea. 2 vessels attacked 40 miles NE Bizerta. Hits on 1 caused it to explode. Trawler strafed North of Cape Bizerta. Rcns flown in forward area during which 2 P 40's collided over enemy territory. Pilots bailed out. A 20 aircraft dispatched to attack enemy concentrations. Unable to locate. 1 A 20 smashed

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on take off with full bomb load. Plane and crew lost.
Night 28.

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

No. X 3845 February 1, 1943

**** Bn 168 Inf Regt closed Gafsa from Bou Chebka daylight. CC D consisting one Bn Medium tanks, 1 Bn 168 Inf Regt and 1 Bn Armd FA, advanced East from Gafsa, attacked Station De Sened, attack-held by enemy who had been reinforced, our rcn elements worked around Sened to within 8 miles of Maknassy. CC C moved NE from Gafsa to cut Sidi Bou Zid-Maknassy Road, reached Sidi Bou Zid afternoon and turned south towards Maknassy. CC A attacked Faid in morning, enemy tanks, inf and arty block Eastern and Western exits Faid Pass where our forces held up chiefly through being outranged by arty, attack continue during day. Our troops advanced North from Aine Rebaou, 5 miles south of Faid, along Eastern slopes Djebel Bou Dzer T 85. In foothills North of Faid fighting continues against enemy prepared positions, cite FHGCT, signed Eisenhower.

Para 3 Central Tunisia, 36 Brig repulsed 2 enemy attacks by Inf and tanks near Sisi Said O 6781 with slight loss of ground in hills 3 miles ESE of SIDI Said, 6 enemy tanks including 2 Mark 6 destroyed, attempts to recover Mark 6 intact failed due to weight.

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Twenty nine Jan Bisleys attacked road and rail targets north of Pont Du Fahs. Bursts observed on targets. Bombs dropped on Pont Du Fahs. Twenty eight Jan 3 enemy planes strafed field near Gafsa destroying 3 30 Jan 43 and last part A 20 aircraft on ground. Twelve enemy planes bombed Bone airdrome. Two Swordfish destroyed and 2 damaged on ground. Airdrome rendered un-serviceable. One enemy plane damaged by antiaircraft fire. Night 29/30 Jan 12 enemy aircraft attacked Algiers. No reports of bombs on land. Four enemy planes destroyed. Hurricane destroyed 1 enemy plane off Algeria coast. Sixty one transport sorties flown. Air distribution: Souk El Khemis. Thirteen fighters. Twenty four light bombers. Thelepte 84. Fifty seven fighters. Sixteen light bombers. Souk El Arba. Forty eight fighters. Youks Les Bains. Eight fighter rcn. Eight fighters. eighteen light bombers. Bone (Tinley). Twenty fighters. Oul Mene M 71. Nine medium bombers. Ain Milla L 94. Ten fighters. Seventeen heavy bombers. Canrobert N 32. One light bomber. Rerteaux L 85. Eighteen medium bombers. Telergma L 75. Forty eight fighters. Seventeen medium bombers. Biskra. Thirty fighters. Thirteen heavy bombers. Taher F 22. Fourteen fighters. Setif. Fifty three fighters. Algiers including Blida and Maison Blanche. Forty five fighters. Eighteen medium bombers. Thirteen photo rcn. Forty three troop carriers. Twenty four bomber rcn. Oran including La Senia. Tafaroui. Nouvion Q 18 and Relizane Q 59. Thirty four fighters. Eleven medium bombers. Thirty four troop carriers. One bomber rcn. Oujda. Nine fighter rcn. Four fighters. Ten bomber rcn. Port Lyautey. Four fighters. Casablanca including Mediouna. Thirty four fighters. Fifteen troop carriers. Signed E1-

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AGWAR. Information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mid-
east pass to main 8th Army.

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S U P P L E M E N T A R Y C O R R E C T I O N

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No 8397 Feb 1, 1943

Last few lines of text should read as follows:
"Following dimensions and weight of PX KW VI tank
from captured loading table weight 56 tons, overall
length including gun 27 feet 3/4 inch length 20 feet
4 inches height 9 feet 5-1/2 inches width 10 feet
11-3/4 inches."

No Sig

Supplementary correction of CM-IN-472 (2/2/43) G-2

Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAP
Gen. Deane (CCS)
Adm. King

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR
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BY GSA DATE MAY 25 1973

No. 8452 February 1, 1943.

Understand from G 2 that Colonel Adams War Department has been examining here (Action AGWAR combined BOTR, information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff from signed Eisenhower cite PHAEB Gullion 8452 1st Feb nil. The proposal to send out a small joint intelligence collecting agency to extract from G 2 other sections in Allied Force Headquarters and from civilian agencies information required in United States. BOC 27 Army Intelligence here states that it hopes economic intelligence organization will be able to act on similar lines and will maintain a close touch.

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BY DBS, DATE MAY 25 1973

From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

No. X 3845 February 1, 1943

Following is portion of message which was undecipherable:

Para 1 Naval SITREP 95 (Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR, information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers Nr 8432 secret) Jan 31 no reports.

Para 2 Southern Tunisia. First Armd Div less CC A, CC B and CC C with one

No Sig

Supplementary copy of CM-IN-578 (2 Feb 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2 Gen. Deane (CC/S)
CG AAF Admr. King
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JCS LETTER, 7-8-72
BY DBS, DATE MAY 25 1973

From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. Y 9825, February 1, 1943

13 medium bombers attacked Trapani airdrome Sicily night 31 Jan 1 Feb. (Action USFOR do not repeat AGWAR, information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from G-3 Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FEGCT 1st Feb nil).

Para 4 Air SITREP 95. 40% of bombs on target. 12 B 26 aircraft attacked Gabes airdrome with 11 tons of fragmentation bombs. Bursts over entire airdrome, on 30 to 40 small aircraft causing many to catch fire. 6 large transports caught fire. Hits on railroad yards and military camp. Formation attacked by enemy planes of which 5 destroyed. 1 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. 1 escorting P 38 shot down and 1 missing. 26 B 17 aircraft attacked Bizerta shipping with 34 tons of bombs. Hits on East portion of town along channel and on ships. 1 vessel reported sunk. Large fires on quay and dock area. Formation attacked by enemy planes of which 8 destroyed. 2 probably destroyed and 6 damaged. 1 B 17 crashed SE of Bone. 6 B 26 aircraft escorted by 12 P 38's on antishipping sweep between Tunisia and Sicily. Sighted enemy convoy heading NE. Mission abandoned when about 80 enemy aircraft approached from direction Bizerta and Tunis. 2 enemy planes shot down by P 38's. 5 A 20 aircraft and 12 fighters attacked station De Bou Thadi U 36 with 2 tons of bombs. 6 buildings and water tower destroyed. 8 Bisleys bombed targets Mateur. Pont Du Fahs and Djedeida

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night 30/31 Jan. Hurribombers attacked concentration
27 motor vehicles SW Pont Du Fahs. Bomb hits on 3
tanks and 7 Lorries. 1 plane crashed near El Aroussa.
9 A 20 aircraft escorted by 8 P 40's dropped 4 tons
of bombs on railroad and adjacent buildings 3 miles
east Maknassy. Nine fighters strafed about 15
tanks East of Fakc. One P 39 hit by antiaircraft
fire exploded in air. Eight P 40's on ground
mission Sened area attacked by enemy fighters of
which 1 destroyed and 2 probably destroyed. Three
P 40's lost. Sixteen enemy aircraft approached
Bone night 30-31 Jan. Four bombs dropped on town.
During day 12 enemy planes approached Bone 6 of
which dive bombed airdrome. Spitfires shot down
3 enemy planes. Two Spitfires destroyed on
ground. Sixty three transport sorties flown.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 55.

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(V) K.M.F. 8 ARRIVED ALGIERS 14⁰⁰/1ST WITHOUT INCIDENT. EMPIRE PRIDE AND FERRY SERVICE SAILS TONIGHT MONDAY FOR BONE.

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IN

Received: 2nd February 43

Time: 0751

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: C. in C. Med.
V.A. Malta
V.A. Gibraltar
S.O. Force "H"
Allied Force Headquarters London
B.A.D.

From: N.C.X.F.

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BY DMS, DATE MAY 25 1973

Situation Report No. 55.

H.M.S. ABDIEL sailed Philippeville p.m. 31st/1st but was unable to lay mines owing to being shadowed by a/c and contact with E-boats. Will try again tonight.

(11) BONE. Minelaying by E-boats night 29th/30th and 30th/31st. On 2nd occasion, 8 were engaged in gun action by 4 M.T.B.'s. Mines were jettisoned. Chase lasted 15 miles. No damage to M.T.B.'s.

(111) T.E. 14. H.M.S. BICESTER now reports 1 a/c crashed during air attack after close range fire from H.M.S. ZANZIBAR and H.M.S. NASTURTIUM. 4 German airmen picked up by INCHCOLM off Cape Sigli.

(iv) BOUGIE. Depot ship unit now in harbour and grounded. Leak under control. Major stern damage. Main machinery intact. Salvage in hand. H.M.S. AVONDALE fore end completely destroyed before bridge. Fore magazine exploded. Aft about 52 station undamaged. Capable of being steamed sternfirst. Temporary bow will be required for passage U.K.

(v) K.M.F. 8 arrived Algiers 1400/1st without incident. EMPIRE PRIDE and ferry service sails tonight Monday for Bone.

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Admiral
Air Marshall
General Macready
COMINCH (2)
C.O.S.
Plans
Cdr. Coleridge (8)
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook
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To: Joint Staff Mission
From: Chiefs of Staff
Dated: 1st February, 1943



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Following from Chiefs of Staff C.O.S.(W) 455,
Reference Algiers 8200 to C.C.S.

All our information goes to show that risk of
Spain giving trouble has receded and we therefore agree
that reduction in "Backbone" insurance can be accepted.
Added to this mounting of "Backbone" would give date of
"HUSKY" serious setback. We therefore propose to stand
down "BACKBONE" force in U.K. at once.

2. If U.S. Chiefs of Staff agree, suggest
instructions on above lines be sent to Eisenhower from
Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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IN

Received 31 Jan 43

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-28
BY DRS. DATA

MAY 25 1973

Situation report No. 54.

Bone. 6 Messerschmitts 109 fighter bombers attacked aerodrome at 1040/29th 1 Swordfish destroyed 3 damaged. 2 Naval ratings killed and 3 wounded. Bad weather prevented MTBs. (completing?) sweep to Canirocks night 28th/29th.

2. (T?) E 14 H.M.S. POZARICA torpedoed aft at 1910/29th in position 37 04 N 04 36 E. Ship now anchored outside entrance of Bougie and reported aground drawing 42 feet aft. Hurricanes claimed 1 enemy aircraft shot down at 1900/29. (173?) ratings from H.M.S. POZARICA and 12 seriously injured landed at Bougie, at about 2200 29th. H.M.S. AVONVALE'S bow blown off by (aircraft torpedo?) in position 37 (01?) North 04 44 East. Arrived Bougie in tow (A.M. 30th?) January (?) One officer and 40 ratings reported missing. H.M.S. SHAMPHIRE sunk by U-boat at 0918 30th in position 37 07 North 05 32 East. 3 officers and one rating rescued. High speed launch and aircraft searching for survivors (30th?) January. All ships of convoy reached destination safely.

3. Algiers air raid night 28th/29th. 7 bombs fell in dock area but did no damage to installations. Slight civilian damage. DEWDALE slightly damaged above waterline. HARMATTAN damaged by near miss. Beaufighters claim one enemy aircraft destroyed. During air attack night 29th/30th Beaufighters claim 3 enemy A/C shot down. 2 German airmen picked up in Bay. No damage reported.

4. 12th Air Force. 22 B.17's bombed shipping in Bizerta A.M. 29th Jan. and claim hits on one large and 2 medium size M/V's. Later 5 B.26's reported sighting 8 M/V's escorted by 4 destroyers 50 miles North-east (Bizerta?). 2 hits with bombs claimed on one of the larger ships.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 54.

1 BONE. 6 MESSERSCHMITTS 109 FIGHTER BOMBERS ATTACKED AERODROME AT 1040/29TH 1 SWORDFISH DESTROYED 3 DAMAGED. 2 NAVAL RATINGS KILLED AND 3 WOUNDED. BAD WEATHER PREVENTED MTB'S (COMPLETING?) SWEEP TO CANIROCKS NIGHT 28TH/29TH.

XCL (antiaircraft)

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37 07 NORTH 05 32 EAST. 3 OFFICERS AND 1 RATING RESCUED. HIGH SPEED LAUNCH AND AIRCRAFT SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS (30TH?) JANUARY. ALL SHIPS OF CONVOY REACHED DESTINATION SAFELY.

3 ALGIERS AIR RAID NIGHT 28TH/29TH. 7 BOMBS FELL IN DOCK AREA BUT DID NO DAMAGE TO INSTALLATIONS. SLIGHT CIVILIAN DAMAGE. DEWDALE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED ABOVE WATERLINE. HARMATTAN DAMAGED BY NEAR MISS. BEAUFIGHTERS CLAIM 1 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED. DURING AIR ATTACK NIGHT 29TH/30TH BEAUFIGHTERS CLAIM 3 ENEMY A/C SHOT DOWN. 2 GERMAN AIRMEN PICKED UP IN BAY. NO DAMAGE REPORTED.

4 12TH AIR FORCE. 22B.17'S BOMBED SHIPPING IN BIZERTA A M 29TH JAN. AND CLAIM HITS ON ONE LARGE AND 2 MEDIUM SIZE M/V'S. LATER 5 B. 26'S REPORTED SIGHTING 8 M/V'S ESCORTED BY 4 DESTROYERS 50 MILES NORTH-EAST (BIZERTA?). 2 HITS WITH BOMBS CLAIMED ON 1 OF THE LARGER SHIPS. RECEIVED FROM CAD IN HAND. 3 COPIES DELIVERED TO 20 G.

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