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SECURITY CONTROL

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR (action)
WAR (information)

No 3551 February 28, 1943

Concerns Eastern Task Force only (following).
(BIGOT from Freedom Algiers. Cite FBGCT. For British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. To USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff rptd Cinc Mideast pass to AOC in C Mideast CINC Levant British Joint Staff Mission Washington Governor Malta pass to GOC Malta and AOC Malta) Reference USFOR 1898 of 25 Feb to Freedom which was repeated other addresses as Troopers O Z 568. First. Most undesirable use M T ships in British shore to shore assault and 1st follow up from Tunisia. In addition Sousse and Sfax unsuitable for loading. Assuming M T ships not used landing ships and craft at present allotted to this division are inadequate and reallocation as between Mideast and Western Mediterranean is necessary. Second Capacity of Malta to accept and reembark troops and vehicles still in doubt. This capacity is unlikely to be employed for non assaulting Brigades of 5 and 56 Divs, but will probable be used for RAF ground staff and ancillaries. Malta will be used as a base for proportion of craft shown in "3rd" as allotted to North Africa and Malta. These craft will be used to speed up disembarkation of Eastern Task Force ship to shore assaults. Third. Proposed reallocation vehicle carrying ships and craft as follows. Subparagraphs refer to your para two. (A) LST allocated as follows: Mideast 13, North Africa and Malta 36, UK 8, total 57. (B) LCT North Africa and Malta.

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Part two follows all 85 , Mideast nil. (C)
Confirmed.

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Action: CC/S
Information: OPD
Admiral King
General Arnold
General Strong
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March 1, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: London USFOR - AGWAR'

No. 3551 Feb 28, 1943

(D) confirmed. (Part 2 and last of Freedom number 3551 BIGOT to USFOR rptd C in C Mideast pass to AOC in C Mideast C in C Levant British Joint Staff Mission Washington Governor Malta pass to GOC Malta and AOC Malta) (E) Confirmed. 4th. Based on above estimate of Mt / Store ship requirements is as follows: Ex Mideast D day together with D plus 3 day 60. D plus 14 Day 10. Total 70. Ex North Africa nil. Ex UK D plus 3 day together with D plus 6 day 40 grand total 110. 5th. Reference to arrival 4 Mt ships from UK D plus 14 not understood unless intended to sail them with D plus 3 convoy to be held North Africa and called forward on D plus 14. It is assumed First Eastern Task Force maintenance convoy from UK will arrive Husky D plus 42 and that turn round will permit use of proportion D plus 3 day Mt ships for this purpose. 6th. Ref your para 5 all lsts allocated will be used to best advantage but if additional lsts can be made available in time in Mideast, corresponding reduction can be effected in Mt ships. 7th. It is assumed shipping will be available in Mideast to transport forces and stores to Malta as outlined in our "2" between now and early June. 8th. It is assumed personnel and Mt ships for British reinforcing Division Ex North Africa to arrive D plus 28 will be found from shipping used in assaults from Mideast.

Action: CC/S
Information: OPD, General Arnold, General Strong,
Admiral King, LOG

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LLW-3 Nr 28
1528Z/28th
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CCWD
Feb 28, 1943
2100Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: London USFOR - AGWAR

No. 3535 Feb 28, 1943

Torpedoed west of Oran at 0825Z by enemy submarine US tanker with HM destroyer standing by. (From Freedom 3535) Now in tow for Oran is tanker by tugs therefrom. Believed undamaged cargo with engine room only damaged. Submarine dispositions Western Mediterranean. German. Little information available. Between Alboran Island and Algiers probably 6 of which 2 only west of Greenwich Meridian. Italian. Between Algiers and 06 degrees east 3 or 4. East of Cape Bougaroni 4. Foregoing part of Naval G-2 report for 2400 hours ending 2400Z 27 Feb.

Part 2. Air. Reported off North African coast 3 enemy bomber recce. West of Oran morning eastbound convoy contacted also carried out recce Harbor Oran. Over Balearics morning 1 additional aircraft. From Sicily few operated of which reported morning off coast eastern Tunisia 1. Probably against convoy sighted off Oran 10 bombers active Western Mediterranean operating singly throughout day and night. No attacks reported. Same area early 28 Feb. 3 additional bombers active. Landing N-Tunis 26 Feb between 0800 and 0900Z large formation JU 52's transport. Second formation almost as large landed Tunis afternoon. This included few 6 engined transport. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers Eighteen Army Group pass One Army and Two Corps NAAF pass EAC and Twelfth AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ Five Army pass One Arm'd Corps and Six Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Observed Sidi Nasr area 0900Z about 6 ME 109's. Avoiding combat 9 JU 87's escorted by 6 ME 109's observed by Spitfires at about

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1400Z Testour area. Of which 1 damaged 2 ME 109's
encountered at about 0730Z over Pont Du Fahs area
Spitfires on recce missions.

Part 1 will follow.

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Information: OPD
CG AAF

G-2 Distribution
✓ NO
✓ RS
✓ STANTON
✓ ST
✓ TID
✓ ST
✓ WTR
✓ RA
✓ FE
✓ E-A
AIC
FOEL
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. #, February 28, 1943

Italian Infantry from which 300 PWS taken advanced early 27 Feb direction Cap Serratgm reported 3 miles north of Sedjenane unidentified Bn Inf. Supported by about 20 tanks column Inf and MT advanced from Sidi Nsir, where station captured by enemy 26 Feb, direction of Beja. Point 5 miles north of Munchar was reached. Claimed destroyed 7 enemy tanks. High ground at J 4449 subsequently occupied by Bn Inf and consolidated Area J 4444 (6 miles Northeast Oued Zarga) were 2 coys Inf with APVS. Medjez-El Aroussa Road 7 miles north of El Aroussa morning 27 Feb reached by enemy tanks of which 1 claimed destroyed. Area J 5921 (3 miles southeast Goubellat) at 1900Z attacked by enemy force estimated 2 Bns. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 27 Feb. Central Tunisia. Reported still held by enemy at 1700Z pass at Kef El Ahmar with enemy patrols active during day Ousseltia Valley. Unopposed by enemy morning 27 Feb our patrols advanced through Djebel Gouboul Pass but encountered mines. (AGWAR for WDQBI USFOR PASS Troopers 18th Army Group pass 1st Army and 2nd Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Bn 47 Inf Regt) Also night 27 Feb 3rd Coy Bn A 25 Area O 6885. Also 3rd Bn 756 Mtn Inf Regt 26 Feb area Djebel Mansour O 68th also 27 Feb 9th and 10th Coy Goring Inf Regt area J 6126. Also road Junction J 51, 27 Feb 14th Coy 104 PGR.

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Comment. Last named is Antitank Cos Groing Inf Regt originally to be sent to 104 PGR 21 PZ Div. Area Road Junction J 51, 27 Feb 4th Coy Hermann Goring Flak Regt. Comment. Only unit Hermann Goring Div believed present Tunisia First Bn HG Flank Regt. This comprised of Headquarters and 5 Coy of which first 3 presumably heavy with 8.8 CM guns, last 2 light with 2.0 CM guns. Area J 3542, 27 Feb 6th Coy 755 Inf Regt. Comment. First identification of any part 755 Inf Regt which confirms statements of PWS as to its present right flank 754 Inf Regt. 26 Feb area El Ala O 6420, 334 Mobile ABT. Comment. Last located 23 Feb area Thelepte and still may have elements Gafsa sector. Identifications by documents. Area J 3348 1st Coy 501 PZ ABT 27 Feb. Comment. First identification this unit which heretofore believed present Sbeitla-Kasserine front with 2nd Coy about 22 Feb, probably not there that time area J 4808 6th Coy 7th PZ Regt and area J 4858 elements 7th PZ Regt 26 Feb. Command. 2nd Bn 7th PZ Regt in reserve during recent offensive operations Sbeiwia-Kasserine front. Now located both Mateur and Goubellat fronts. Italian. On Djebel Essatour O 5846, 27 Feb 1st Coy 70 Bersaglieri Bn. One mile west of Ousseltia at O 6345, 4th Coy 1st Bn 91 Inf Regt. Comment. These identifications confirm previously reported locations these units. When in Italy 70 Bers Bn used field post number of 4 Livorno Div PM 77 therefore appearance this unit Tunisia probably indicates actual arrival 4 Livorno Div this theater. From 10th Bers Regt were PWS captured in Italian advance towards Cape Serrat J 19.

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INFO: OPD
CG AAF
GENERAL DEANE (CC/S)
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- ~~SV~~
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- PERS
- CC
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- WH

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR - London USFOR

No. 3323 Feb 27, 1943

Nothing to report. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Feb 26.

Part 2. Air. Recce reported 1 JU 88 (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass One Army and Two Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mid-east Adv Ln Grp AFHQ Five Army pass One Armd Corps and Six Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 3323 27 Feb) reported 1 Northern Tunisia afternoon. Over Western Mediterranean as far as Algiers meteor flight performed. Bombers. No activity reported. Arrived Tunis during day from Sicily and Naples 24 Feb between 30 and 40 transports JU 52. Three additional JU 52's between Sicily and Southern Tunisia reported. On 25 Feb about 70 transport mostly JU 52's during day arrived Tunis of which half flew for Naples and remainder for Sicily. Reported between Sicily and Greece few transport. Active over or near Souk El Arba unspecified number very high FW 190 at 0900Z. Also at 30,000 feet 1415Z 1 JU 88. Also with 1 enemy aircraft shot down and 1 damaged enemy patrol 1430Z intercepted by Allied fighters. With 2 destroyed 2 damaged 8 ME 109's and few Italian fighters engaged B 17's at 1440Z attacking Elmas aerodrome. Escorting Hurri bombers Spitfires saw in Sidi Mair ares 2 ME 109's.

Action: G-2 *div*
Information: OPD, CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (action)
WAR (information)

No. 319 February 27, 1943
1846Z

Number 121 for 24 hrs ending 26 2400 hrs.
(to USFOR Troopers AGWAR Freedom Malta Mideast
5th Army from Freedom number 319 Feb 27 TOO
1846 A. Most secret. Part 1 SOTREP.

Part 2 follows. Signed CINC cite FHGCT
First Army. One "2 Corps. 34 Div now hold
general line O 2100-2500-3005. Clearing Mine-
field Kasserine area continues. Two. 19 Corps.
NTR 3. 5 Corps. Enemy attacked early 26 Feb
along whole 5 Corps front. Attacks were mostly
held and heavy casualties inflicted but the
enemy made some progress in Sidi Nsir area and
penetrated South of Medjez El Bab with a few
tanks. Area Bou Arada-Medjez. Enemy attack
estimated strength 3 Bns. 1 enemy battery desert-
ed by Dets J 6019. 163 prisoners so far in
Div cage. Enemy suffered very heavy casualties
inflicted both DJ Mansour and Medjez. Of enemy
tanks which turned south down road Medjez-El
Aroussa 7 destroyed for loss 1 Churchill area
J 4908 where road now blocked. Confused fighting
continues area Hill J 5923. 46 Div. Enemy
occupy Sidi Nsir station and original 5 Hamps
positions to North and East having overrum Arty
Btry which was last seen from OP firing at point

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blank range. Remsinder 5 Hampshirese strength not clear withdrawn mile further west. 100 enemy astride road J 3756 driven off by Rcn Sqn. Enemy tanks which attacked Sidi Nsir reported withdrawing east leaving 3 dead tanks. Enemy column of all arms incl 4 tanks moving SW J 3749 engaged by arty at 1345 hrs. Corps Franc Afrique. 2 Cos surrounded area J 2781 with enemy advancing down track from North to Sedjenane. 16 Durham light infantry preparing counter attack. 8th Army. 5. 30 Corps. Enemy positions remain unchanged. 51 Div and 7 Armd Div moved forward during night without opposition. 153 Bde TZ 6803 with forward troops (second part follows) TZ 6606 to TZ 63041 52nd Bde YE 6899 with forward troops (second and last part 319 from Freedom) TZ 6206 to TZ 8100 2 Bns and 50 Royal Tank Regiment YE 6595. 131 Bde YE 6288 forward troops YE 6292-YE 6191-YE 6183 12 Lancers patrol line YE 6098-YE 6293-YE 6089-YE 6186-YE 6181. 4 Lt Armd Bde YE 7149 patrol line unchanged. Enemy laid mines on road YE 7260 during night. 6. 2 N Z Div NTR. 7. 10 Corps. NTR. 8. Main Army Hq YE 9375" action USFOR informations Troops AGWAR Freedom Malta Mideast 5th Army.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
SGS
GENERAL DEANE (CC/S)
ADMIRAL KING
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From: London USFOR
To: AGWAR

No. # February 27, 1943

Complete paraphrase of message received from Algiers via 18 Army Group is as follows. Part 1 COSITREP number 7. CP 1st Army closed Le Keif re-joining Adv Army Hq Laverdue 1200 hours 25th Feb. 2. Two Corps. Attack by 26 Arm'd Bde and CCB on Kasserine Pass slope K94 started 0600 hrs. CCB 16CT and 3 Gren Gds SP by one Sqn 26 Arm'd Bde Cleared Kasserine Pass and by evening recce reached S9572. Mines and arty fire caused delay. 3. 19 Corps. Day 25 Feb patrols 34 Div reached area T2595 and 04602 without opposition. Culverts blown and roads mined. Otherwise NTR. 4. Five Corps. Successful raid point 286 J 6606 prisoners taken and casualties inflicted. 5. Nine US Div TS now forming round Tebessa on following programme. 26 Feb 47 RCT. 27 Feb Div tps. 28 Feb. 60 RCT. When complete 9 Div will relieve one US Div. One US Div will then go into reserve. 6. 30 Corps. Disposition of enemy generally unchanged. No change patrol line one 2L and 4LT Arm'd Bde. 51 Div forward troops advanced during night without opposition to general line (T) Z6907-(T) Z6504-(Y) E6496. 23 Arm'd Bde (Y) E7592. 154 Bde (Y) E7598. Forward troops 2 XERC at 1100 hrs reported Haddada (Y) E6148 clear of enemy. 7 Arm'd Div Main Hq (Y) E7181. 7. 10th Corps. NTR Air First Army. 8. Night 24/25 enemy withdrawal followed up by heavy attacks

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by Bisleys on Gafsa and Sbeitla and road movements west of these towns. Large fires started in both towns and among suspected MT dumps and ammunition dumps in olive groves near by. Slight southward MT movement (to AGWAR Washington from USFOR London secret) north of Gafsa which was also machine gunned. Day 25 Feb offensive recess located 100 MT east of Kasserine. Other recess successfully shot up. Part 2 follows. This is end of paraphrase of text.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2

CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
COGN

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No. X3672 February 27, 1943

By SLR

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Paraphrase of msg from Freedom via 18 army group.

Part 1. SITREP number 120 for 24 hrs ending 252400 A hours. (AGWAR from USFOR) CP 1st Army closed LE KEF rejoining Adv Army HQ Laverdure 12 hours 25 Feb. 2. Two Corps. Attack by 26th Armd Bde and CCB and 3 Gren Gds supported by one sqn 26 Armd Bde cleared Kasserine Pass and RCN reached S9572 by evening. Delay caused by mines and arty fire. 3. Nineteen Corps. Day 25th Feb. Patrols 34th Div reached area T2595 and O4602 without opposition. Roads mines and culverts blown. Otherwise NTR. 4. Five Corps. Successful raid point 286J6606 casualties inflicted and prisoners taken. 5. Nine US Division TS now forming round Tebessa on following program. 26 Feb 47 RCT. 27 Feb Div JRU. 28 Feb 80 RCT. When complete 9 Div will relieve one US Division. One US Division will then go into reserve. 6. Thirty corps. Enemy dispositions generally unchanged. No change patrol line 12 land four Lt Armd Bde. Fifty one Div forward troops advanced during night without opposition to general line (T) Z 6907-(T) Z 6504-(Y) E 6498. 23 Armd Bde (Y) E 7592. 154 BDE (Y) E 7598. Forward troops 2 KRRC at 1100 HR reported Haddada (Y) E 8148 clear of enemy. Seven Armd Div Main Hq (Y) E 71807. Ten Corps NTR. Action USFOR

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East, 5th Army.

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GEN. DEANE(CC/S)
ADM. KING
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR

No. 3322 February 27, 1943

Initiated in northern sector series of local actions.
In area of Sidi Nsir C 4160 at 0645 Z with Infantry and 11 tanks enemy attacked TAQWAR for WDGBI pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass one Army and two Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ Five Army pass one Armd Corps and six Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 3322 27 Feb). Enemy showed disinclination to press attack in confused fighting which ensued. Claimed destroyed 2 tanks. Southwest from Goubellat combined attack at 0600 Z by Lorried Infantry, some tanks developed and also northwest from Bou Arada. Former thrust made some initial progress with tanks reported reaching Medjez El Aroussa Road, presumably area J 52. Subsequently withdrew. Little success in thrust area Bou Arada. Most advanced enemy position by evening reported area J 6223 and J 6026. This action claimed destroyed 7 tanks. No progress additional local attack Djebel Mahsour Area O 7092. Patrol activity reported Ousseltia Valley. Contacted at El Qrrjo 6520, 1230Z was enemy. Entire Northern Tunisia 400 prisoners taken. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 26 Feb. Central Tunisia. Operated defensively area Kef El Ahmar O 4803 with armoured cars, 6 enemy tanks. At T 2580 slight enemy opposition encountered. On road Sbiba-Sbeitla mines placed bridges blown. Artillery fire reported Kasserine Area heavily mined by enemy. Also mined by enemy passes Djebel Gouboul S 7042 Fedj En Naam S 9042 Village Thelepte S 84. In these areas no contact made with enemy forces. Southern Tunisia. Generally unchanged enemy dispositions

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To: War
USFOR
No. 3322 February 27, 1942

Haddada E 6148 reported clear of enemy. In contact
our troops area E 1148 24 Feb enemy armd cars.
Road Halluf E 46 Bir Soltane E 06, patrols from 3
recce unit. Identifications. German. By 50 PWS 26
Feb areas O 7298 and O 7096 Bn T5. Attacking toward
Mediez El Aroussa 26 Feb by 90 PWS Bn A 28. PWS
stated drafted 25 Feb into 1 Bn 69 PGR.

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Action: G-2 EA
Information: OPD
CG AAF

G-2 Distribution	
SC	STROPP
ES	KROGER
BRATTON	MA
WIT	FL
FIB	CIG
SM	SPE
AIR	PLS
KA	THOR
FS	FR
Z-A	FR
AIC	FR
FOBL	FR
COLL	FR
PWB	FR

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From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR

No.3322 February 27, 1943

Comment. Last reported identified on 25 Feb area west of Ousseltia O 6148 was Bn A 28.

Part one Land G-2 report 24 hours ending 2400 Z 26/27 Feb. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGBI 3322 27 Feb Split up and at least partially employed as reinforcements for other units, this Bn. PWS captured 1 Feb area Goubellat stated 400 replacements for other units including one Bn 69 PGR provided by Bn A 28. Claiming to have been under command Herman Goerring Regt Division unknown since 8 Feb prisoners from third coy 33 PZ Gren Bn Afrika captured J 5922 in same attack noted above. Also stated in Africa landed 5 Feb. Comment.. Probably this is Marsch Bn 33. Use as motorized infantry inferred from designation. Italian. To 3 Bn 82 Infantry Regt 18 PWS captured area O 6889 belonged. Comment. Confirms previously reported location three Bn. Paris two and three will follow.

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Action: G-2 EA

Information: OPD
CG AAF

CM-IN-14193 (28 Feb 43) 0037 Z mvs

G-2 Distribution

✓ WAC	✓ STAFF
✓ BS	✓ KROGER
✓ BRATTON	✓ LA
✓ MIT	✓ FL
✓ TTB	✓ CIG
✓ ST	✓ EOB
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✓ SA	✓ TSG
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR (action
WAR (information)

No 3440 February 27, 1943

Feb 26 part 3 SITREP 121 Air. Eighteen B 17's
(Fortress) attacked shipping north of Sicily. (To
USFOR rptd AGWAR TROOPERS 5th Army mid east 18 army
group Hq liaison group AFHQ Malta from G-3 section
AFHQ 3440 27 signed Eisenhower. (Cite: FBGCT) One
ship in flames. Twenty B 17's attacked Cagliari.
Forty ix tons bombs dropped. Bursts on docks RR
yards industrial part of city and Elmas airdrome.
Bombers report two enemy aircraft destroyed 2 damaged.
Night 25 26 Feb 12 Wellingtons attacked Bizerte docks.
Nineteen tons bombs. Bursts in town and docks. One
Wellington destroyed. Twenty four Spitfires and 12
Hurribombers attacked enemy transport. Two ME 109
damaged. Eight Spitfires flew offensive patrol area
Medjez El Bab. Enemy vehicles and gun position des-
troyed. No enemy encountered. Forty eight Spitfire
sorties flown in battle area. One Hurricane crashed
on harbour patrol. Action USFOR information AGWAR,
TROOPERS, 5th Army, mid east, 18th Army Group Hq,
liaison group AFHQ, Malta.

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Action: OPD

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

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War USFOR London

No. 3371 February 27, 1943

One hundred twenty one . Part 2. (action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta from G-3 Section, AFHQ 3371 27. SITREP) Feb 26.

1. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Naval. No reports.

2. Movement completed. 35 M 4 replacements tanks for 2 Corps arrived Le Khroub M-07. Dispatched. To Constantine from Oran 1st FA Observation Bn.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CC/S)
Admiral King
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P R I O R I T Y By SR Date FEB 5 1974

From: Algiers
To: WAR - (Info to London USFOR)

No. 3420 Feb 27, 1943
(NAF 161)

High Command agrees to accept Soviet Representation.
(AGWAR action WDGBI for Bull information Combined Chiefs
of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff and Mathews
USA Embassy. Signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy. NAF
161. Reference your 161418Z 2493 State Department 278
and your 251437Z 2853 State Department's 329 on
condition that their visit be restricted to objectives
outlined in your 278. The French North African
authorities request that Soviet Government in turn
give consideration to the possibility of separating
Alsathian prisoners who have been forced to serve with
the German Army and of affording them treatment different
from that accorded German prisoners. British Government
will only accept Soviet internees in transit who have
been approved by the Soviet representatives here. As
soon as their inspection has been completed internees
will depart for United Kingdom in first convoy.

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Footnote: No. 2853 is CM-OUT-8894 (25 Feb 43) G-2
No. 2493 is CM-OUT-6333 (18 Feb 43) G-2

Action: CCS
Information: OPD, Gen. Arnold, Gen. Strong, Adm. King, LOG
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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date **MAY 23 1974**

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 3124, February 26, 1943

Northern Tunisia. Nothing to report. Central Tunisia. (AGWAR USFOR information 18 Army Group NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 3124) Now on defensive general Es-Satour area O 54 is enemy already cleared from Si Amara O 5 E845. From area East of Rae El Fedja O 3930 enemy also cleared. Reported clear is Kef El Ahmar pass O 4603. South of Sbiba O 2408 on road Sbiba-Sbeitla considerable demolitions effected by enemy. Areas mined. Apparently enemy forces withdrawing southward. No contact made 9 miles north of Sbeitla. Eastbound traffic heavy observed road Sbeitla-Faid, some westbound. Between Kasserine and Sbeitla also considerable movement vehicles but none seen between Kasserine-Feriana. Morning and early afternoon enemy artillery infantry operated in Kasserine Pass. Reported clear Eastern end of pass by 1400Z. Left by withdrawing enemy many booby traps still in enemy hands Djebel Goubeul S7040. In Sbeitla and Feriana fires observed. General withdrawal from Kasserine to Sbeitla and from Sbeitla direction Faid apparently being made by enemy. From Kasserine to Fahiana and Gafsa probable that other forces already completed withdrawal in view lack of movement seen by day on road between _____. Foregoing part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 25 Feb. Southern Tunisia. Nothing to report. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and

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To: **WAR**
No. 3124 February 26, 1943

12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army
pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed
Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. German. Last
identified southeast EN slopes Djebel Hal Aubboe 74
was Marsch Bn 28 by PW captured night 24-25 Feb area
Si El Ousfi O 6148. To positions general area Ousseltia
this unit probably has moved west. Expected also Marsch
Bn 27 formerly on northern slopes Djebel Ousselat
O 73 moved west across Ousseltia valley. Identified by
PWS captured 21 Feb place unknown is Feldgen-Darmerie
Section (motorized) 190. From captured documents and
other sources evidence Rommel personally conducting
operations Sbeitla-Kasserine-Thelepte front. Dated 22
Feb letter found near Thala states "Yesterday we were
again visited by General Rommel who is commanding here".
Italian. None.

no sig

Action: G-2 *F-A*
Information: OPD
CG AAF
LOG

✓ MC STRONG
RS KRONER
✓ BRATTON MA
✓ SIT FL
✓ TIB CIG
SW SSB
✓ AIR FIN
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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 3219, February 26, 1943

Agree that during initial stages the Tunisian program should be a Military responsibility. AGWAR action Marshall information State Department. Signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy. Reference your 2783 February 232319Z. A policy has been established in conjunction with French Authorities that as rapidly as Military situation permits Civil Administration of Tunisia be turned over to French Authorities. To this end a preliminary plan has been worked out by Colonel Holmes Chief Liaison Section Allied Force Headquarters who has just returned from activating program at Headquarters established Lekef. The Lekef group now consists of 4 American Officers, A British Civil Defense Officer and representative of Lehman Group. A British Officer for Liaison with First Army now on way and we are awaiting arrival from United States of Medical Officer requested in cable 248 of February 11. Included in group is Engineer Officer. Contemplating that this would begin as Military Operation and terminate as Civil Agency it has been designated Tunisian Detachment Civil Affairs Section Allied Force Headquarters. This group is working with General Jurion appointed by French as Vice Resident of Tunisia who has Staff familiar with territory and problems. They are charged with planning reestablishment Civil Administration and Public Services, prevention epidemics, creation stock piles and relief, are also performing valuable Intelligence Service. Will shortly send Detaillan including French Officials to join 8th Army and enter Tunisia from South.

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From: War
To: War

No. 3219, February 26, 1943

Program provides transition to control of Civil Agencies as rapidly as conditions warrant with objective of division of responsibilities identical with that prevailing in Algeria. The planning group now making estimates of rapidity of transition and the necessary Military Personnel can be furnished here. Request forwarding Civil Affairs Section all information and detailed plans which you have assembled. Are now correlating all information Civil program which will be furnished within a week. In meantime have earmarked U G 4 and U G 5 approximately 3,000 tons for Emergency Relief which will be added to stock pile of 3,000 tons already here.

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2783 is CM-OUT-8356 (23 Feb 43) OPD
284 is CM-IN-5943 (12 Feb 43) SOS

Action: OPD

Information: Gen. Strong (SD)
SOS
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Maison Blanche Algiers
To: War USFOR

No: 1785 Feb 26, 1943

Heavy bombers attacked Bizerte at noon February 25 and were followed by Wellingtons on night of February 25/26. (From Spaatz to Arnold and Air Ministry signed Eisenhower nr 1785) fighter operations proceeded normally although weather conditions interfered to some extent. Statistics; sorties flown: B17's, 40; Wellingtons, 12; Bisleys, 29; Hudsons, 14; P-38's, 35; American Spitfires, 47; British Spitfires, 112; Hurricanes, 25; Beaufighters, 8. Our losses: 2 P38's and 1 Spitfire destroyed; 1 Spitfire missing; 1 Spitfire damaged. Victories: 3 ME 109's destroyed; 3 ME 109's probably destroyed; 6 ME 109's, 2 FW 190's and 1 CX 1007 damaged.

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By SLB: Date FEB 5, 1974

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

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- RS KRCHER
- BRATTON MA
- SIT FL
- TIB CIG
- SW SSB
- AIR FIN
- NA TRNG
- FE POW
- E-A PERS
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- PUBL JIC
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SUPPLEMENTARY COPY

From: London
To: Milid

No. NR 4332 February 26, 1943

Complete our 4254 with following:
Estimated strength March 1st Rommel,
Italians 51,400 and Germans 59,100 with
120 tanks. (Sgd Hughes).

Note: This is Supplemental Correction
to msg. No. 4254 dated Feb 12, 1943.

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Footnote: Supplementary copy of CM-IN-6376
(2-13-43) G-2

Action: G-2 *EA*

Information: OPD
CG AAF
LOG

G-2 Distribution

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DATE FEB 5 1974

From: Freedom Algiers
To: USFOR London - War (Action)
Gibraltar - 12th Air Force - Oran - Maita - Cairo
Constantine - London (Information)

Number: 3131, February 26, 1943

G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 25 Feb.
(AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 13th Army Group
pass 1st Army and 2nd Corps NOAF pass EAC and 12 EGF
MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Group AFHQ 5th Army pass
1st Arm Corps and 6th Corps from G 2 Freedom signed
Eisenhower cite FEGBI 3131 26 Feb).

Part 1 will follow.

Part 2 - Air.

Off North African Coast morning 2 JU 88's
enemy bomber recce reported. One as far west as area
north of Oran. Afternoon active off west coast Sar-
dina 1 additional. Probably on antisubmarine patrol
1 of several operating Sicilian area. At night recce
also active, over Northern Tunisia 1 reported. Western
Mediterranean usual meteoro flight. Transport. Report
24 Feb not yet received. With no attacks reported
about 10 enemy bombers operated daytime from Sicily of
which active north of Sicily 4 engaged probably convoy
escort mission. Over Cape Serrat 1500 Z 6 ME 109's
and 6 FW 190's engaged by Spitfires. To Bone pro-
ceeded 4 enemy. One ME 109 destroyed 2 damaged. No
bombs dropped at Bone. Formations B 17's escorted by
P 38's raiding Bizerta attacked by 3 FW 190's and by
11 unspecified fighters respectively 1105 Z. Claimed
destroyed 1 ME 109 and 3 damaged. Engaging 10 ME 109's
and 4 FW 190's escorting P 38's destroyed 2 ME 109's
and 2 ME 109's probably. Damaged 4 others. Engaged
ground strafing 1025 Z Teboursouk - Aroussa area 11 ME
109's observed at 0920 Z 2 ME 109's ground strafing

*Claim
DESTROYED
4 ME 109
PROBABLE
2 ME 109
DAMAGED
9 ME 109
No reported
allied loss.*

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Cairo- Constantine-London (Information)
#3131, February 26, 1943

Souk El Khemis - Thibar Road.

Part 3 - Naval.

Attacked by HM Destroyer off Dellys was at
2030 Z enemy submarine. Carried out before destroyer
returned to convoy 5 good attacks. Towed to
Ostaganne with salvage work commenced was our merchant
vessel torpedoed northeast of Oran at 1255 Z 24 Feb.

very low

No Sig

ACTION: G-2 *AIR*

INFO: OPD
CG AAF
LOG

CM-IN-14017 (27 Feb 43) 1630Z med

G-2 Distribution

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~~RS~~ KRONER
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 3153 February 26, 1943

32 B 17S Fortress attacked docks and shipping Bizerte 90 tons (action USFOR information AGWAR trooper 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from Freedom Algiers signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 3153 26 Feb secret. Feb 25 Part 3 SITREP 120 Air). Bombs dropped bursts in dock area. In combat bombers claim 2 ME 109S probably destroyed 2 damaged. Fighters claim 2 ME 109S destroyed 2 probably and 2 ME 109S and 2 FW 190S. damaged. 2 P 38S (Lightnings), shot down. 59 Spitfires flew offensive recco in coordination with B 17 attack on Bizerte well timed and assisted in breaking up enemy attack on bombers. 72 Spitfire sorties flown in Batemjrares no enemy encountered. 12 Spitfires flew offensive recco Mateur without incident. 12 Spitfires on defensive patrol of Bone destroyed 1 ME 109. One Spitfire missing. 29 Bisleys attacked Sbeitla and Gafsa night 24/25 large explosion Abeitla fires in both towns. 13 Hudson anti-subsorties flown and usual defense of harbors and bases by Hurricanes.

ACTION: OPD

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INFO: G-2 CG AAF CGGN
GENERAL DEANE (CC/S)
ADMIRAL KING
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February 26, 1943
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From Algiers
To: USFOR (Action) Agwar (Info)

No. 3152, February 26th, 1943.

Naval. No Reports.

2. Movements completed. HQ and 1st BN (action USFOR information AGWAR troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group HQ Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from Freedom Algiers signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 3152 SITREP 120 Part 2 February 25.

1. 17th FA Regt arrived Tobessa coming under command 18th Army Group.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR London

By SE Date FEB 5 1974

Number: 3127, February 26, 1943
NAF 160

Having captured Kasserine Pass on 20 February enemy advanced in 2 columns on Tebessa and Thala. (To AGWAR and USFOR from Freedom Algiers) to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. Review number 32. NAF 160. After some heavy fighting these columns were stopped. On 22 February the enemy began a slow withdrawal which was followed up closely and by 25 February we had reoccupied Kasserine Pass. Our Air Forces attacked enemy columns whenever the unfavorable weather allowed.

2. No accurate figures of enemy losses are available. Having regard to his available resources the enemy suffered more than he could readily afford.

3. Our policy in the immediate future is:

A. To establish our position securely on the hills west of Feriana and Sbeitla and thence along the western dorsal.

B. To reorganize our forces which have been very split up and reform into American, French and British sectors.

C. To form a reserve and thus regain the initiative.

D. To benefit immediately from the battle experience we have gained by the intensive training of all formations.

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4. Eighth Army's advance is causing the enemy to move forces south from Tunisia, thus relieving the pressure on 1st Army front.

5. Naval situation continues much the same as given in my previous review. Mining in Gibraltar straits still presents a problem, an escort vessel having been sunk and a merchant ship slightly damaged in last outward convoy. A number of attacks have been made on enemy submarines in the last few days, one at least of which was successful. Motor torpedo boats of Royal Navy have started a programme of minelaying with American mines in approaches to Bizerte.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. ARNOLD
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

No. 3131, February 26, 1943

Part one will follow.

Part 2 Air. Off North African coast morning 2 JU 88's enemy bomber recce reported. One as far west as area north of Oran. Afternoon active off west coast Sardinia 1 additional. Probably on antisubmarine patrol 1 of several operating Sicilian area. At night recce also active, over northern Tunisia 1 reported. Western Mediterranean usual meteoro flight. Transport. Report 24 Feb not yet received. With no attacks reported about 10 enemy bombers operated daytime from Sicily of which active north of Sicily 4 engaged probably convoy escort mission. Over Cape Serrat 1500Z 6 ME 109 and 6 FW 190's engaged by Spitfires. To Bone proceeded 4 enemy. 1 ME 109 destroyed 2 damaged. No bombs dropped at Bone. Formations B 17's escorted by P 38's raiding Bizerta attacked by 3 FW 190's and by 11 unspecified fighters respectively 1105 Z. Claimed destroyed 1 ME 109 and 3 damaged. Engaging 10 ME 109's and 4 FW 190's escorting P 38's destroyed 2 ME 109's and 2 ME 109's probably. Damaged 4 others. Engaged ground strafing 1025 Z Tebour-Souk-Aroussa area 11 ME 109's. Observed at 0920 Z 2 ME 109's ground strafing Souk El Khemis Thibar Road.

Part 3. Naval. Attacked by HM destroyer off Dellys

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was at 2030Z enemy submarine. Carried out before
destroyer returned to convoy 5 good attacks. (AGWAR
for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18th Army Group pass
1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12 AF MBS ABS
Malta Mideast Adv 1 Group AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Arm
Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower
cite FHGBI 3131). Towed into Mostaganem with salvage
work commenced was our merchant vessel torpedoed
northeast of Oran at 1255Z 24 Feb. Foregoing part
3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 25
Feb.

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 1239, February 26, 1943

From ADV AFHQ to USFOR rptd Troopers AGWAR
Freedom Malta MidEast 5th Army 310--25 Feb 1239.

1. Sitrep number 119 for 24 hours ending 2400 A hours signed CINC cite FHGCT First Army one 24 Feb Two Corps own troops including 26 Armd Bde and CCB pressed forward towards Kasserine Pass 697, rds heavily mined, advance elements reached line 68971-68982-69189. Some artillery fire from Pass. Two. 19 Corps. 34 Division patrols pushed South from Rohia 011 through Sbiba to 02504 and 03004 where artillery fire encountered at each place. French troops have completely cleared area St Amara 05845 and Eas El Fedja 03930 of enemy. Three. 5 Corps. N.T.R. 8th Army. Four. 30th Corps. All patrol lines remain unchanged and enemy defensive activity continues. Further enemy positions reported approx 5 miles NE and East area (Z 50. 51st Div) 7695. One French flying coln now on route Fumi T Amuin. Five. L force. Enemys AFVS watching rd Bir Solta NE which frequent armd C patrols recce Nallouf to Bir Soltane. Patrols 1 recce Coy (E 1158 with part Greek Sqn) E 1154. Remainder 1 recce Coy 3 Lorry Coys 1 there and some guns Lashrikane. L force NQ (K 5192. Six. 10 Corps N.T.R.

(Part 2 follows)

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2, CG AAF, CCGN, Admiral King, LOG
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (action)
War (information)

No. 3009, February 25, 1943

Sitrep 119 Feb 24. (Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group, Liaison Group AFHQNS Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. 3009) Part two.

1. Naval. No reports.
2. Movements, despatched to Constantine 107 CA (AA) AW Bn from Algiers. 56 M 4 Medium replacement tanks from Casablanca, Hq and first Bn 6th Bn 62 CA (AA) RGT from Oran. Hq and Hq Btry 13th FA Brig from (Part 3 follows 9 Oran.

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ACTION: OPD

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

No. X-1668, February 25, 1943

Feb 24 part 3 SITREP 119 Air. Signed (action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq liaison group AFHQ Malta from G-3 section AFHQ 2947) Eisenhower cite 5 FHGCT. 13 B-26's Marauders escorted by 21 Spitfires attacked El Aouina Airdrome. 1300 twenty pound bombs dropped. Hits on dispersed aircraft in combat bombers claim 5 ME 109's and 1 unidentified aircraft destroyed fighters claim 2 ME 109's destroyed 1 probable damaged 3 B-26's Marauders shot down. 9 A 20's Bostons escorted by 11 Spitfires attacked Sbeitla bursts in town and on railway. 6 A 20's Bostons escorted by 11 Spitfires attacked traffic Gafsa-Feriana Road. Weather prevented observation results. 24 Spitfires and 9 P-39's Airacobras swept Feriana area. 2 P-39's Airacobras shot down. 11 Spitfires and 4 P-39's Airacobras swept Thala-Kasserine-Sbeitla MT attacked results not known. 12 Spitfires escorted by 2 TAC/R Spitfires attacked MT NW NF Kairouan. 10 Bisleys attacked MT and communications in Kasserine Feriana-Gafsa areas. Results not observed. 4 Spitfires patrolling Beja destroyed 1 FW 190 one probable.

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INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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S U P P L E M E N T A R Y C O P Y

From: Algiers
To: USFOR- War

No. 2914, February 25, 1943

Spitfires intercepting. During raid on Tunis/El
Aouina Aerodrome by B 26 escorted by P 38 1100Z attack
made by number enemy aircraft. By bombers claimed
destroyed 5 ME 109. By fighters claimed destroyed 2
same. Shot down also transport enemy aircraft.

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CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-War

No. 2914, February 25, 1943

One battleship Littorio class shown by PRU Spezia 1030Z returned. (To AGWAR for WDGBI, USFOR pass Troopers rptd 1 Army, 2 Corps, Eastern Air Comd, 12th Air Force, MBS pass 6 Corps, ABS, 1 Armd Corps, Malta, Mideast, Adv GHQ AFHQ, 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 853. 2914 nil.) Ship left port between 5 and 13 Feb. 20 miles northeast of Ocean presumably by submarine 1955Z 1 US M/V torpedoed. Submarine dispositions western basin. German. Between Alboran Island and Greenwich Meridian 3. North of Cape Tenez 1 or 2. Vicinity Algiers at least 1. Italian. Between Algiers and 06 degs east 4 or 5. Probable between Capes Bougaroni and Rosa 4. Foregoing part 3 Naval of G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 24th Feb. Part one will follow. Part 2 Air. Off Bougie Philippeville and Algiers daytime reported 3 enemy bombers recce. One during morning twice contacted by Fighters. From Sicily few active. Tripoli recce performed morning. Night 24-25 Feb probably on recce 1 reported off North African Coast. Weather flight morning Tripoli-Gabes area carried out. Landed Tunis morning 25 Feb formation of over 30 transport JU 52's. Later in northerly direction flew off. Reported flying east over Sicily additional 15-20 JU 52 afternoon. Northeast Beja 1415Z bombing attack performed by 18 enemy aircraft.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-WAR
No. 2914, February 25, 1943

Claimed destroyed 1 PW 190 and 1 PW 190 probably by *.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-War

No. 2883 February 25, 1943

Governor General of Algeria has replaced the preumt. Information AGWAR Bull Combined Chiefs of Staff USFOR British Chiefs of Staff and MBS Larkinmond Amconsul signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy NAF 158. (To AGWAR, USFOR, Mediterranean Base Section from Freedom Algiers) At Cran Bounare about whose sentiments doubt has been evidenced. The successor Eugene Bawtistine was born at Vove Algeria in 1889 and has been a French state servant for past 25 years specializing in Administration of Communes Mixtes. His record is clean as far as we are able to ascertain and I believe him sympathetic to our cause. He is well qualified for his present position.

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Action: Gen Deane (CCS)

Information: OPD
Gen. Strong (ASD)
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Situation Report No. 65.

(1) P. 212 shelled 2 150 ton schooners at 1130 18th in position $038^{\circ} 09'$ North $014^{\circ} 38'$ East. Schooners were left derelict and abandoned.

2. P. 247 sank 2 tugs by gunfire off Cape Camarat at 1830/12th. At 0840/15th off Cape Nolcomb 4 torpedoes were fired at large Eastbound tanker escorted by (armed yacht). One torpedo hit. At 1735/19th bombarded schooner building yard at Cervo and scored hits on 2 schooners. Salvage operations were observed in progress on merchant ship torpedoed by H.M.S. TRIBUNE off Cape Cervo on 11th January.

3. An anti-submarine escort by aircraft and H.M. ships was begun at 2200 20th and concluded at 1300 23rd when H.M.S. BICESTER LAMERTON and WILTON attacked a contact in $036^{\circ} 55'$ North $002^{\circ} 23'$ East. (?Miscellaneous) wreckage was obtained including a door panel 4 feet x 2 ft. with East German script and possible human remains. U-boat considered sunk.

4. At 1350 23rd S.S. FINTRA was torpedoed by a U-boat and sunk in position $036^{\circ} 57'$ North $003^{\circ} 41'$ East. H.M.S. FELIXSTOWE attacked a contact which was eventually lost.

5. S.S. NATHANI

* 15 groups missing.

Ship was towed in and salvage operations started.

1153A/25

* Missing groups called for

F.M.	Cdr. Coleridge (8)
Admiral	N.I.
Air Marshall	Lt. Col. Cook
Gen. Macready	S.O.(0) Personal
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AGWAR AMSME 4838 February 25, 1943

Both British and I approve (for Deane for
Joint Chiefs of Staff from Brereton reur 3524)
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Action: Gen. Deane JCS

Information: OPD

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Maison Blanche Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR

No. 1679, February 25, 1943

Medium bombers escorted by Spitfires bombed El Aouina airdrome on 24 February and destroyed a number of planes on the ground. Book message from Spaatz to Arnold and Air Ministry Whitehall. Although weather interfered with some missions, fighters and light bombers carried out numerous missions in Kasserine Feriana and Medjezel Bab Mateur areas. Bisleys operated on the night 23/24 February over the Kassorine area. Following are statistics: sorties flown: B 26's, 13; B 25's, 11; C 47's 99; A 20's, 15; Bisleys, 10; Hudsons, 15; Swordfish, 2; American Spitfires, 80; P 38's, 30; P 39's, 18; British Spitfires, 180; Hurricans, 17; Beaufighters, 8. Victories; destroyed: 7 ME 109's, 1 FW 190, 1 other; probably destroyed: 1 ME 109, 1 FW 190; damaged: 2 ME 109's. Losses: 3 B 26's, 2 P 39's; missing: 1 Spitfire; damaged, 1 B 26's, crash landed.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: London USFOR and WAR

No. 2934 Feb 25, 1943

Night 23-24 Feb enemy attacked Essatour 05946 reported now defensive. (To AGWAR for WDGBI, USFOR pass Troopers, rptd 1 Army, 2 Corps, Eastern Air Comd, 12th Air Force, MBS pass 6 Corps, ABB, 1 Armd Corps, Malta, Mideast, Adv Grp AFHQ, 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. 2934 nil) foregoing Northern Tunisia.

G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 24th Feb. part 1 Land. Central Tunisia. Enemy shelled patrols Sbiba 24 Feb. Enemy holding O 2601 5 miles south Sbiba. Four tanks same area patrol contact Kasserine Gap S 9375. Enemy Inf and Mt Feriana moving South 1700 hours. Southern Tunisia. Enemy activity northwest Foum Tatahouine slightly increased scale. Identifications. German 1 Coy Hermann Goring Regt J 5808. First Coy A 24 J 6607. Four Seven Five Sigs Bnk Bn (Afrika Corps) Kasserine Gap. All above by PW 24 Feb. Following by documents. Two five Frak Regt 190 Arty Regt Kasserine Gap 24 Feb. Following reliable source. Kasta OB withdrew Feriana area 23-24 Feb. Italian. Five PW 70 Bersaglieri Bn Col Sodga O 66 Feb 23. Three PW 24 Feb Essatour O 59 2nd Coy 1st Bn 91st Infantry Regt.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: WAR - London USFOR

No. 2758 Feb 24, 1943

Patrol clash Djebel Ouled J 3579. 15 PW 7167 Ruines Byzantines. PM 2 Bn attacks Beld West Ousseltia Valley O 6149 and O 5947. Enemy activity day O 3930. Foregoing Northern Tunisia Part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hrs ending 2400Z 23 Feb. To AGWAR USFOR for EDGBI USFOR pass Troopers information First Arm Corps EAC 12th AF MBS pass Sixth Corps ABS One Arm Corps Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ Fifth Army From G-2 Freedom Signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 2758 Central Tunisia. Enemy withdrawal Kasserine Gap. 300 Italian PW claimed captured. 1800Z Valley 2 miles North West pass reported clear. Southern Tunisia. Nothing to report. Identifications: German. Following by PW Bn T 3 J 3577 Feb 23. PW landed Tunis 30 Jan March Bn 30 subsequently divided various units. Following reliable source 334 Mobile ABT apparently operating area Thelepte. Italian. Three Bn Libyan Inf provisionally reported West Kasserine Pass. Captured French Kef En Negroe 5 miles North Mausolee 2 Coy 92 Inf Regt. Deserter 1 Antitank Bn 1 Superga Div North Road Robaa Pont Du Fahs. 70 Blackshirt Bn report no 107 believed located Essatour Area O 54. Enemy dispositions. From identifications order battle Sbeitla Gafsa line. German Sbiba Sbeitla sector elements 220 Engr Bn Platoon Kasta OB 580 Recce Unit Bn 104 PZ Gren Regt Bn Inf Bn 5 PZ Regt Bn 90 Army Regt Coy 501 PZ ABT Second Bn 25 Flak Regt. Kasserine sector Arko 104 PGR Afrako Sttoten Tank Bn First Bn 7 PZ Regt Coy 501 PZ ABT Second Bn 69 2nd Bn 86 PGR Bn 90 Arty Regt 10 Motorcycle Bn 4 Flak Bn 90 Arty Regt 190 PZ ABT Bn 104 Pgr March Bn 18 Two Bns 155 Arty Regt Thelepte Gafsa

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From: Algiers
TO: WAR - London USFOR
No. 2758 Feb 24, 1943

Sector Bn AAR 133 Recce Unit 334 Mobile ABT Ten PZ
Divisional battle group reserve area query mark O
96632 Bn 7 Pz Regt 1 Bn 69 PGR 1 Bn 86 PGR Bn 90 Arty
Regt unlocated 200 Engr Bn 612 AA MG Bn Coy 39 Antitk
Bn. Following Italian. Kasserine Sector 3 Bn Libyan Inf
14 Bn Bers Regt elements 31 Tank Regt. Thelepte Gafsa
Sector 2 Bns 7 Bers Regt 557 Assault Bn.

No Sig.

ACTION: G-2 ~~ARR~~ E A

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

✓ MC	STRONG
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR London

No. 2713 February 24, 1943.

Recce Bombers 2 in number JU 88 off North African Coast 1 of which contacted shipping off Algiers at 1240Z. Part 2 air of G2 Report for 24 hours ending 24010Z 23 Feb. Another Recce reported over Tripoli early afternoon. Weather flight carried out Central Mediterranean morning. 5 enemy bombers reported off Coast of North Africa dropping bombs near Algiers and circling around Algiers Bay 2nd half night 23-24 Feb. between 70 and 80 transport JU 52's from Naples and Sicily landed in Tunis 22 Feb. morning operations enemy tactical airforce were observed as follows. Near Thala at about 0820Z 2 ME 109's. At about 1000Z in Thala Area 4 of same were attacked by Spitfire with one claimed destroyed. Engaged road strafing mission, Kasserine-Thelepte force of A 20's and Spitfires attacked at 1545Z by 4 ME 109's of which 3 damaged one probably destroyed. Strategic airforce reports follow. 2 enemy aircraft were observed by P 38's in Kasserine Pass Area at about 1530Z no attack followed. B 25's and P 38's attack traffic area Sbeitla at approximately 1530Z 7 ME 109's with no encounter. Mixed Italian and German SE fighters were engaged during antishipping operations by P38's escorting b 2 m's off Northern Tunisia approx 1500Z. No claims. 12 enemy aircraft active near Thalanseme time. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12 AF MBS PGFS 6 Corps ABS 1 ARMD Corps Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Part 1 will follow. Part 3 Naval follows now. Our merchant vessel torpedoed, and sunk 1252Z West of Mellts, 10 of crew missing. YM Destroyer sent to hunt attack sub sighted 23 Feb between Algiers and Cape Tenez at 0530Z.

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ACTION: G-2 *Air*
INFORMATION: OPD, CGAAF

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Feb 24
1555Z

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 2628 February 24, 1943

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Following is omission from the original message:

On Feb 22 many missions were flown over Kasserine Pass. Columns of troops and vehicles were heavily bombed and strafed. For Arnold from Spaatz signed Eisenhower. Weather interfered with a number of missions. Nine tenths clouds prevailed a good part of the day over targets. One large freighter was sunk in convoy consisting of two freights escorted by three Naval vessels. The following sorties were flown: B 17's, 48; B 27;

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NOTE: Supplementary copy of CM-IN-12343 (24 Feb 43)
CG AAF.

ACTION: CG AAF

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INFORMATION: OPD E. O. 11652, Sec. 2(E) and 8(D) or (E)
G-2 CSD Index, May, 1, 1972

By SLR Date FEB 5 1974

CM-IN-12458 (24 Feb 43) 2223Z ems

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✓	AIR	FIN
✓	NA	TRNG
✓	PE	POW
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filed 1430Z/24
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Feb 24, 1943
2181 Z

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 2712, February 24, 1943.

Feb 23 part 3 SITREP 118 Air (to USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18 Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from Freedom 2712 too nil 24 Feb signed Eisenhower). Cite FBGCT) Twenty four B 17s Fortress attacked Kairouan dropping 3000 twenty pound F bombs bursts covered target. Forty six B 17s attacked Kasserine dropping 3000 F bombs. Eighteen B 26s and 12 B 25s attacked Kasserine Pass. Two seven six zero F bombs dropped. Observation results difficult due weather. From dawn Spitfire and P 39 Airacobras carried out offensive sweeps and reecos over battle areas. Total of 166 bomber and 400 plus fighter sorties flown in support of ground forces. Casualties own. Nine destroyed 1 missing 5 damaged. Enemy 4 destroyed 2 probable 3 damaged. Bizerte attacked by 11 Wellingtons night 2223. Bursts on town. Station. And oil tanks. Air drome harbour and base patrols flown without incident. Alert Algiers night 2324 three hostile. Beaufighters airborne no claims. No bombs on land.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF,
General Deane (CC/S),
Admiral King,
Log, CGGH.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
2-24-43
1622Z

P R I O R I T Y

From: Maison Blanche Algiers
To: WAR

No. 1615, February 24, 1943

During February 23 weight of attack concentrated on Kasserine Pass and vicinity.

From SP3ATZ Headquarters Allied Air Force Nr 1615 to Arnold repeat Air Ministry Whitehall and Air Ministry. 6 B 25's escorted by 12 P 38's attacked 13 barges, dropping 26 times 500 pound bombs at 200 feet. Five barges carrying trucks sunk and several damaged. Intense flak brought down 3 B 25's. Weather fairly good for ground support and shipping sweeps at low altitude. statistics: Missions flown: B 17's, 91; B 25's, 24; B 26's, 18; A 20's, 10; P 38's, 77; P 39's, 32; American Spitfires, 83; P 40's, 8; C 47's, 94; British: Spitfires, 117; Hurribombers 23; Hudsons, 20; Swordfish, 5; Beaufighters, 2. Our losses: Destroyed 1 P 38, 3 B 25's, 1 B 26, 1 Spitfire; missing, 2 Spitfires, 1 Wellington; damaged, 1 P 39, 4 Spitfires. Enemy losses: Destroyed; 1 C Z 506, 3 ME 109's; probably destroyed: 2 ME 109's; damaged 3 ME 109's.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Log

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CCWD
Feb 24, 1943
2131Z

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From: Algiers
To: London USFOR - AGWAR

No. 2730 Feb 24, 1943

Part 2. Para 1. Naval: No reports.

Para 2. (US for AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army
Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta
from Freedom 2730 24 Feb. too nil. Sitrep 118,
Feb 23.) Fifth Army. Headquarters First Armd
Corps closed Casablanca opened Rabat Feb 231500Z.

Para 3. Movements. A dispatched. From
Casablanca 776 TD Bn to Constantine from Oran Hq 17
FA plus 1 Bn to Constantine. B completed. 813
TD BN to LE Kef coming under command 18 Army Group.
Hq 9th Inf Div. Forty seven RCT and 60 RCT to Ain
Mila coming under command 18 Army Group. Seven
five one Tank Bn to Le Kef coming under command
18 Army Group. Action USFOR. Information AGWAR,
Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group
Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CC/S)
Admiral King
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Feb 24, 1943
2318Z

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From: Algiers
To: WAR - London USFRO

No. 2713 Feb 24, 1943

3. Between Algiers and Cape Tenez 0530Z enemy submarine sighted 23 Feb. (To AGWAR USFOR info. One Army Two Corps Eastern Air Command Twelfth Air Force MBS ABS One Armd Corps Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ Five Army from G-2 Freedom 2713 undated nil) to hunt attack HM destroyer sent. Torpedoed sunk 1252Z west of Mellys with 10 of crew missing was our merchant vessel. Foregoing part three Naval G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 23 Feb.

2. Air. Off North African Coast 2 enemy bomber ~~Esce~~ JU 88's of which 1 off Algiers at 1240Z contacted shipping. Over Tripoli early afternoon another reported. Central Mediterranean morning weather flight carried out. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass ~~Troopers Info One Army Two Corps EAC~~ Twelfth AF MBS pass Six Corps ABS One Armd Corps Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Landed in Tunis 22 Feb between 70 and 80 transport JU 52's from Naples and Sicily during morning. Dropping bombs near Algiers and circling over Algiers Bay second half night 23-24 Feb 5 enemy bombers reported off North African Coast. Following observations of operations enemy tactical air force were made. Near Thala at about 0820Z 2 ME 109's. Attacked by Spitfire with 1 ME 109 claimed destroyed were 4 same in Thala Area at about 1000Z. Engaged road strafing mission, Kasserine-Thelepte force of A 20's and Spitfires attacked at 1545Z by 4 ME 109's of which 3 damaged 1 probably destroyed. Strategic airforce reports as follows. By P 38's observed with no following attack in Kasserine Pass area at about 1530Z were 2 enemy aircraft. With no encounter B 25's and P 38's attacking traffic area Sbeitla

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To: WAR - London USFOR
No. 2713 Feb 24, 1943

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at approximately 1530Z were 7 ME 109's. P 38's escorting B 26's off Northern Tunisia at about 1500Z during anti-shipping operations engaged mixed Italian German SE fighters. No claims. Active near Thala 1500Z 12 enemy aircraft. Part 1 will follow.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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February 24, 1943.
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From Algiers
To: War

No. 2628, February 24th, 1943.

*B 26's, 16; P 38's, 9 4; P 39's, 11; American Spitfires, 24; C 47's, 88; Hurribombers, 12; British Spitfires, 41; Beaufighters, 11. Enemy planes destroyed: 1 FW 190, 1 ME 210, 2 JU 88's, 1 JU 87, 2 CZ 1007. Enemy planes probably destroyed, 1 ME 109. Enemy planes damaged, 1 FW 190. Our losses: Destroyed, 2P 39's, 1 Beaufighter, 2 P 38's, 1 B 25. Our planes missing, 1 P 39, 1 British Spitfire, 2 P 38's, 3 A 20's paragraph tactical command reports are incomplete due to faulty communications.

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Action: CG AAF
Information: OPD
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From: **Algiers**
To: **WAR**

No 2576 February 24, 1943

Afternoon armored cars J 4479 northeast Jefna. Large enemy aircraft towing gliders over Sidi Asir area. J 45. Small enemy attack ridge J 6333 East Medjez. Considerable infantry activity 20-21 Feb Southeast Goubealbat. Enemy patrol estimated 50 suffered heavy casualties DJ Guettar O 6894. (Fore-foing Northern Tunisia part one land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 22 Feb. Central Tunisia) Enemy vehicles tanks again observed 10 miles south Abiba T 2893. Forces Kasserine Gap regrouped 21-22 Feb to form 2 columns each estimated 40 tanks. One column reached N 8904 and N 9505 Southeast Thala. Second column advanced west towards Dj El Hamra S 68 subsequently withdrew east. Italians including armored elements reported this area. Total 5 tank reported destroyed. Strong enemy positions Kasserine Pass. Southern Tunisia. No enemy reported Soumo E 5993 main road. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass troopers information 1st Army 2nd Corps EAC 12 AF MBS pass 6th Corps ABS 1st Armd Corps Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 FREEDOM signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI 2576 23. Identifications. German. Bn T 5 O 7699 21st Feb. 3rd Bn 756 Mtn Regt O 6795, 22 Feb. Two six Marsch Bn O 7167, 22 Feb. Seven FIAC E 5 Infantry Regt 21 Feb West Oued Medjerda. One Bn SEKWAEN PZ Regt 1 KM East Thala 21 Feb. All above by PW. Following reliable sources all North Kasserine. 2nd Bn 69 PZ Gren Regt 22nd Feb. Stotten Bn Group of 8 PZ Regt 24 tanks. PZ Gren Regt Afrika: 190 PZ WBE Doc tank area S 7980 Feb 21. Italia. Desecafre one coy 2 rado Marines Bn Dj Serdj

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From: London USFOR
To: WAR
No 2576 February 24, 1943

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20-21 Feb. PW 21 Feb 14 Bn Five Bersaglieri Regt.
Offr PW 7 Bers Regt Dj El Kelb states Italians
holding def psns S 7545. 7 Bers Regt also reported
Thelepte 21 Feb. 70 Bers Bn reported locality
obscure.

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INFO: OPD
CG AAF

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From Algiers
To: Agwar (Action) London USFOR (Info)

No. 2576, February 24th, 1943.

Correction of this message is the following:

*1 BN 7 PZ Regt 1 KM East Thala 21 Feb. All above
by PW. Following reliable sources all North Kasserine.
2 BN 69 PZ Gren Regt 22nd Feb. Stotten BN Group of 8
PZ Regt 24 tanks. PZ Gren Regt Afrika. 190 PZ WBE Doc
tank area S 7980 Feb 21. Italia. *Desecraers 1 Coy 2
Grado Marines Bn Dj Serdj 20-21 Feb. PW 2

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*Probably "deserters."
*Note this number should be 2576.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: USFOR - War

No. 2501, February 23rd, 1943

In his first broadcast to the population of Algeria today Peyrouton called upon the people to unite alongside the British and American troops who are fighting for a cause even more vital to Frenchmen than to their Allies. Information AGWAR Hull and Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy NAF 156. He paid tribute to the President and British Prime Minister and asked that United Frenchman show they are worthy of such Allies and of themselves. The speech was intended for local consumption and dealt at length on a general plan of social improvement for the Moslem population subordinate however to the basic policy of the maximum war effort. Pending further clarification of the Jewish problem no mention thereof was made. He pointed out that despite the efforts of their Allies to assist the supply problem to which he paid tribute a period of abundance had not been reached and further self help was necessary. In touching the European problem he pointed out that in the economic field the restoration of the superior economic council of Algeria and the financial delegations marked progress in the resumption of greater economic freedom. He promised a fair and benevolent administration looking toward the establishment of order which

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - War

No. 2501, February 23rd, 1943

would enable the French nation restored and impatient to fight alongside the Allies to take its part in achieving the victory of liberation.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFO: OPD
GEN. ARNOLD
GEN. STRONG (FOR STATE DEPT)
ADM. KING
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From: Algiers
To: WAR USFOR

No 2452 February 23, 1943

Paraphrasing in this cable all messages you stated in 2514 COB 53 not recieved (action AGWAR Combined Boards information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite PHAEB Culbertson BOC 139) 7655 BOC 17 January 280724Z is as follows. "Regarding your 703 cryptowar January 270028Z, about missing BOC telegrams here are reference and time numbers, 7418 BOC 1 our 261601Z, 7095 BOC 2 our 251402Z, 7096 BOC 4 our 251404Z, 7336 BOC 5 our 260854Z, 7554 BOC 8 our 271429Z, repeated to USFOR British Chiefs of Staff today are BOC 3 and 4". 9388 BOC 22 February 070856Z is as follows, "Satisfactory coordination now exists relative to request for civilian goods Ackerman Commercial Attache. Reference last paragraph your 1163 FAN 64, our Embassy Madrid stated to us on visit here he believes up to 2500 tons cotton cloth monthly might be obtained for this area from Spain if we make the raw cotton available to Spain. Before Ackerman undertakes definite negotiations he wants to explore possibilities of no Lend Lease financing raw cotton purchases. Inform Stettinius we have made no commitment but recommend in favor as Lend Lease assistance not to Spain but to North Africa. Ackerman also inquired in even it became necessary for diplomatic and blockade reasons to frame transaction as if French were making the purchases then would lend lease reimburse French for their perets expences. On this we recommend study but suggest decision be deferred until situation actually arrises. Lend Lease aspect of our discussions with Ackerman

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To: WAR
No 2452

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has not been communicated to French. Meanwhile we are not subtracting possible Spanish supply from our cotton cloth requirements (to AGWAR Washington, USFOR London from FREEDOM Algiers) for allied supply until something definite develops." Reference 8734 BOC 37 February 031610Z is as follows, "Following native early seeds for West Africa have been requested by French authorities, figures in kilograms, Lend Lease number 39, eggplant 50, Chicory for salads 150, climbing beans 250, lettuce Batavia 50, white onions 50, red beets 40, cabbage 50, white beans 250, turnips 200, leeks 350, tomatoes 150, carrots 150, short stalk beans 250, lettuce Romaine 50, red onions 50, white beets 50, radishes 350, total 2500 kilograms or 2 1/2 tons. Urge prompt shipment for earliest possible planting. Regard your FAN 67 January 19 1501 Z beans are for consumption as dry beans French have no opinion on pinto versus red kidney. Their best description is haricot nain a white grained bean growing on dwarf vine. Used after shelling. Cucumbers are for pickles chicory is for salads. French offer no substitute suggestion for leek. Red Cayenne pepper. They suggest same bean described above if edible soy beans not available. These answers also applicable West Africa if above specifications inadequate". 9382 BOC 54 our February 070850Z. "Executive committee of North African Economic Board would like to have Thibodeaux assigned on temporary basis at least and to arrive earliest possible moment. Lend Lease 52". 9573 BOC 57 February 072218Z. "Note that 9160 February 050818Z was sent you for relay to Dakar by mistake. Complete information and details of instructions were sent on February 1 direct to Commanding Generals, 5 Army, Allied Air Force, 2nd Corps, 12th Air Force, Atlantic Base Section,

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Air Transport Service Dakar, The Glassford
Mission Dakar, Commanding Officers, Adjutant
General, Finance Section, Headquarters Com-
mand, Commander, Sea Frontier Forces, North
West Africa Casablanca, Commander Naval
Operating Base Oran, Middle East also advis-
ed for their information. Refer to 41824(*)
February 041729 Z relating to this matter.

No Sig

(*) Note:

May be "our 1824"

Footnote: No. 2514 is CM-OUT-6463 (18 Feb 43) CCS

Action: CCS

Information: OPD
G-2 (Col. Sands)
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Feb 4, 1943
0043Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: London USFOR (Info AGWAR)

No. 2606 Feb 23, 1943

One hundred and seventeen Feb 22 (action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ 2606 SITREP).

Part 2. Naval. No reports.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DRANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING

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CCWD
February 23, 1943
2354Z

U R G E N T

From: Origin Unknown
To: USFOR & WAR

No. 117, February 23, 1943

This message is SITREP number 117 for 24 hours ending 222400 hours A time. Part 2 follows. Signed CINC cite PHGCT. 1, 22 Feb, 2 Corps. Heavy fighting continued in the Kasserline - Thala sector throughout the day. Elements 39th Inf on high ground S 7594. First Bn 6th Inf in passes at S 7393 - S7088 and S 6884. Second Bn 13th Armd Regt engaged in tank battle S 7384 2nd Bn 16th Inf S 7374. 26th Armd Bde contact with enemy 3 miles South East Thala. CCB and 16 CT had successful action against Italians who attacked in area S 7575 and a number of prisoners were taken. Arty concentrations by CCB destroyed a number of tanks and MT. Estimated about 40 heavy tanks engaged in each of these thrusts. Own positions at last light 22 Feb on southern slopes DJ EH Ajeredarea S 7689 - east of DJ EL Hamra area S 7485 - S 7880 to northern slopes DJ Noguexa area S 7774. Armd Recce by 26 Armd Bde 1st light today found no sign of enemy armour. NICK Force held enemy inf attack in afternoon and drove out enemy who had penetrated our positions. 26 Armd Bde now complete with 3 armored and NICK Force further reinforced by 1 BN 1 GDS BDE. HQ 1 US Armd Div assumed command NICK Force including CCB and 26 Armd BDE GP. Now known 10 enemy tanks destroyed by CCB and 8 by 26 Armd BDE in action 21 Feb. Attack by Italians repulsed at S 8080. About 40 prisoners taken. 2. 19 Corps. Enemy patrols active Ousseltia valley night 21/22 Feb but no contact. 34th Div front quiet night 21/22 Feb. Artillery

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To: USFOR & London
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engaged inf area T 2799 0730 hrs. Some enemy in Sbiba area today but inactive. 3. 5 Corps. Some enemy infiltrating to pt 678 O 6894 were repulsed and casualties inflicted. 4. 8 Army. 30 Corps. 22 Feb. Enemy positions NW Medenine (as reported in SITREP number 116 on 22 Feb) were under observation of patrols 12 Lancers and K D Guards. Digging and mining in progress throughout day and after which patrols were shelled spasmodically. Patrol line 12 lancers and K D Guards no appreciable change. Night enemy activity reported in area approx 10 miles NW FU Tatakinox 5. 10 Corps. NTR. Action USFOR information Troopers, AGWAR, Freedom, Malta, Middle East, 5th Army.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2
CG AAF
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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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ADM. KING

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dm

CCWD
Feb 23
2251 Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR
AGWAR (info)

No. 2587 February 23, 1943

Feb 22 Part 3 SITREP 117

Part 2. Air. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT 2587. Strategic Air Force B 26's marauders attacked convoy 1 vessel sunk. B 17's fortress attacked Kasserine Pass. Thirty seven B 25's Mitchells and 74 Fighters P 38's Lightnings and Spitfire sorties in support Army Southern Sector. Tactical Airforce A 20's Bostons and P 39's Airacobras also gave support to Army. Coastal Air Force flew defensive and anti sub sorties. Total casualties night 21/22 and day 27 as known. Enemy aircraft 11 destroyed 2 probable. Own 8 destroyed 5 missing. Weather hindered observation ground attacks. Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast, Eighteenth Army Group HQ, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
COGN
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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Filed 23/1729Z
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Feb 24, 1943
0500Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War USFOR (Action)

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No. 2577 February 23, 1943

Gunned sunk off Cape Camarat (French Riviera)
1730Z 12 Feb by HM Submarine 2 tugs respectively
350 and 650 tons flying Nazi flag. (to AGWAR USFOR
pass Troopers information 1st Army 2nd Corps EAC
12th Air Force MBS ABS 1st Armd Corps Malta Mideast
Avd Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisen-
hower 2577 undated nil) Attacked by torpedoes off
Cape Noli (Gulf of Genoa) HM Submarine with 1 pos-
sible hit large eastbound tanker escorted by armed
yacht at 0740Z 15 Feb. Tanker stopped pointed inshore.
Without damage or casualties HM Submarine at Cervo
(Gulf of Genoa) bombarded schooner building yard
1635Z 19 Feb. Hits observed on 2 schooners on stocks.
Ineffective return fire by shore battery. Mined and
sunk 1015Z HM Destroyer escort duty to MKS 8 west of
Gibraltar. Submarine dispositions western basin. Ger-
man. Between Alboran Island and Algiers now believed
7. Italian. East of 08 degs East probably 4 or 5,
from Algiers to 06 degs East 3 or 4, from 06 degs East
to 08 degs East 4. Foregoing Part 3 Naval G-2 report for
24 hours ending 2400Z 22 Feb.

2. Air. Off North African coast 3 enemy bomber recce
reported daytime. Morning northwest of Algiers shipping
contacted and again evening north of Cape Tenez. With
probable success afternoon Allied fighters attacked 1.
Sicilian area 8 reported of which 1 performed weather
flight central Mediterranean morning. Over Tunisia 3
additional JU 88's. About 50 transport JU 52 landed

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Feb 23, 1943
0009Z

From: Algiers
To: WAR - (Info to London USFOR)

No. 2281 Feb 22, 1943
(BOC 133)

Talked with Starr over telephone everything under control. Action AGWAR Combined Boards Information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHAEB Williams. BOC 133. This Williams 50. He is sailing fast convoy leaving Casablanca approximately 25 February.

No Sig.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
G-2 (Col Sands)
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Feb 23
1659Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 295 February 22, 1943

Part 1 SITREP number 116.

Part 2. Signed CINC. Cite FBGCT. 1. 1st Army 21 Feb. 2 Corps. For Troopers, USFOR, AGWAR, Freedom, Malta, Middle East, 5th Army. Enemy tanks and infantry which had been in possession high ground each side Kasserine pass night 20/21 Feb continued to advance north and northwest towards Thala and pass north of Dj El Hamre. CCB repulsed an attack in area east of Dj Elukamrinat 0300 hours and were in position 87980 at 0600 hours enemy forces consisted of at least 40 tanks and Inf. CCB defeated enemy attacks during day enemy later withdrew slightly, enemy lost 6 tanks during this action. One US Div less 2 combat teams in area Bou Chebka 86060. Main enemy attack by 40 tanks and Inf north of Kasserine Pass was held by 26th Arm Bde during morning. Four enemy tanks which were drawn into prepared positions were destroyed. Fighting continues. 2. 19 Corps, enemy infantry attack south of Sbiba Area Orange 2505 repulsed 0630 hours. Fourteen enemy tanks engaged by 9 Churchill area T2698. Four enemy tanks disabled 1 Churchill destroyed. Enemy armored elements in contact with our forward positions Orange 5946 were repulsed this afternoon. One Sqn 25 tank Bde arrived Rohia Orange 13 night 20/21 Feb. 2nd Sqn arrived night 21/22 Feb. 3. 5 Corps. Enemy attack on ridge

Just S + W of Dj El Hamre

NW of Sbiba

S + E of Maktar

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To: War

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(7 of Medjes Et Gals)*

J6333 repulsed today 2 PW taken. 4. Report dated 21 Feb FROM French Forces operating in the area Biskra-Negrine states that the enemy has occupied Nefta TX 2813. 5. 8th Army, 30 Corps. During the day patrols 12 Lancers and Kings Dragoon Guards moved NW from Medinine astride the main road which was reported clear as far as YE5983. Enemy positions were located on high ground area ~~YE5591-YES285-YES688~~ Hq 7 Arm Div ~~YES080~~. L Force forward troops Bear Rbilane YD93. L Force Hq Nalut. 6. 10 Corps. NTRC.

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Area*

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DRANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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Feb 22
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR
War (info)

No. 1575 February 22, 1943

1. Naval. No reports.

2. Movements completed. To USFOR information
AGWAR Troopas Fifth Army Mideast 18 Army Group Hq
Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 Freedom 2370 signed
Eisenhower Feb 21 part 2 BITREP. Cite FBGCT 16 M4
replacement tanks to Tebessa for Second Corps. 9 Div
Arty and two cannon companies to Tebessa coming under
command First Army.

3. Air. 6 B 25 aircraft (Mitchells) on
antishipping strike between Tunis and Sicily. No
shipping sighted. In combat enemy plane was shot
down. Two escorting P38 (Lightnings) were lost.
6 B25 on antishipping strike in same area. Attacked
convoy 30 miles south of Sicily. One vessel hit and
set on fire. Two small escort vessels claimed hit
and sunk. One Naval vessel damaged. Fighter escort
engaged enemy aircraft over convoy. Three enemy planes
destroyed. Two probably destroyed and 2 damaged.
One B 25 down in sea 40 miles NE Bone. Wellingtons.
Beauforts and Albacores from Malta attacked shipping
off Trapani night 20.21 Feb. One motor vessel hit and
left stationary out of control. Two convoys attacked
with unobserved results. 10 B25 aircraft attacked
Gafsa railroad yards with 12 tons of bombs. Bursts
observed on cars and tracks. Two P39 aircraft (Airacobras)
attacked 12 tanks and about 25 trucks 8 miles south
Sbiba with unobserved results. During antisubmarine
sweeps 2 sightings made resulting in 1 attack.

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INFORMATION:

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ADM: KING LOG

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Feb 23
0126 Z

SUPPLEMENTARY COPY

From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR

No. 2370 February 22, 1943

CM-IN 11638 (23 Feb 43) 0139Z Message
number should be 2370 instead of 1675.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
COGN
General Deane (CC/B)
Admiral King

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: London USFOR - WAR

No. 2367 Feb 22, 1943

Three hundred enemy digging in Djebel Azag area 12 miles west Mateur. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers information One Army Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS pass Six Corps ABS One Arm Corp Malta Mid-east Adv Gp AFHQ Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) patrol activity J 6535 night 19-20 Feb 5 miles east Medjez. Same area 21 Feb un-successful enemy attack hill feature. Patrols reported Goubellat clear enemy afternoon 20 Feb. Machine gun posts 8 miles east Bou Arada prevented penetration our patrols night 19-20 Feb. Foregoing Northern Tunisia Part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 21 Feb. Central Tunisia. Two enemy tanks reported destroyed O-5846 and O-5233 Ousseltia Valley. Early 21 Feb enemy patrols active area 0-3304 and enemy Infantry digging in T 2699. Concentration vehicles observed T-2795. Enemy tanks O-3101 shelled 1020Z. Of 14 tanks dispersed same area 1800Z 4 disabled 1 destroyed. Tactical reconnaissance reported 60 tanks T-2884. 1400Z. Last night 20 Feb enemy motorized Infantry occupied Kasserine Gap. 0200Z 21 Feb enemy attacked artillery support 4,000 yard front area S 3478. Right wing reached (S-928) and advances northwards. After regrouping area S-9385 attack launched supported 30 tanks of which 10 reached S 9390, 1630Z. Four tanks claimed destroyed. Left wing main attack supported estimated 25 tanks held (S 8080) After regrouping Bled Foussana S 87 twin thrusts developed westwards and northwards. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers information One Army Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS pass Six Corps ABS One Arm Corp Malta Mid-east Adv Gp AFHQ

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To: London USFOR - WAR
No. 2367 Feb 22, 1943

Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite
FMGBI 20 tanks Lofried Infantry 1400Z attacked west-
wards S 7882. Six tanks disabled enemy withdrew
southeast harbor S 8674. Northwards attack progressed
20 tanks 1500Z reached S 7886. Dernaia Pass PW 2
armored cars knocked out night 20-21 Feb. Southern
Tunisia. Twenty Feb enemy withdrew Medenine-Mareth
(Z 50) road and 1250Z western outskirts Medenine re-
ported clear. Enemy engaged our forces Metaneur E 67.
Last night our forward patrols reached E 6190.
Identifications. German. Identifications confirmed
2 coy 1 Barethin J 4458 and 1 coy 754 PZ Gren Regt
J 6333. Paybook found O 2602 identified (parts 2 and
3 will follow) 104 PZ Gren Regt.

No Sig.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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Feb 22, 1943
1730Z

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 2348 Feb 22, 1943

1. In general we agree with your estimate. Reur 2618 dated 20 Feb. Enemy have evidently appreciated our position and is now prepared to take risks, even to extent of withdrawing some mobile troops from Marath position, to press home their advantage in northern and central Tunisia. AGWAR for Strong from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

2. Enemy intentions evidently directed towards a strong thrust northwest on Le Kef and Maktar with view to cutting off or at least forcing withdrawal of Allies in the northern sector. This may be followed by attack west directed on the Lehoursouk with view to pinching out western Dorsale position.

3. We consider main thrust will be made from Kasserine-Sbeitla area in northerly direction directed on Le Kef, rather than an attack in southwesterly direction.

4. Enemy supply position now sufficiently favorable to allow large scale offensive provided supplies of petrol continue to arrive.

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✓ RB KRONER
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INFORMATION: OPD ~~SECRET~~

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0909Z

*Same as
paraphrase MIS #199*

URGENT

**From: Algiers
To: AGWAR**

#2334, February 22, 1943

Both badly damaged 2, 250 ton schooners (action AGWAR USFOR information 1 Army 2 Corps Eastern Air Command 12th Air Force MBS ABS 1 Arm'd Corps Malta Mideast adv grp AFHQ 5 Army from Freedom Algiers 22nd too nil) anchored Gulf of Hammamet by gunfire at 1110Z 1 Feb from HM submarine. Broken off was action due to fire of shore batteries. 1 casualty on submarine. Off southern Italy 1451Z 10 Feb attacked and sunk by HM submarine 1, 4000 ton merchant vessel escorted by 1 enemy aircraft. Submarine dispositions western Mediterranean. German. Within 60 miles of 36 degrees 30 mins north 01 deg 00 mins west 2 or 3. North Northeast Cape Tenec probably 2. Off Algiers 1. East of Gibraltar reported by aircraft 1. Italian. Between Galita Bank and Cape De Ferg 2 or 3. Probably 4 between Cape Bengut and Philispeville. Foregoing part 3 naval G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 21 Feb. Part 2 air. Daytime off North African Coast operated 4 enemy bomber reccn with during morning 1 destroyed off Algiers and during afternoon probably another destroyed. Active south of Sicily afternoon 3 of which reported off east Tunisian coast 2 and in Tripoli area 1. Weather flight performed morning western Mediterranean. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
No. 2334, Feb. 22, 43

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pass Troopers information 1 army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS pass 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast adv grp AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Early 22 Feb off Algiers 10 enemy bombers reported with no attacks developing against land or sea targets. Additional south of Sicily 10 bombers reported active. Landed at Tunis 20 Feb 40 to 50 transport JU 52's morning. Soon afterward toward Sicily flew off. Sicilian channel during day number enemy aircraft escorting convoy engaged.

No Sig.

ACTION: G-2 *Air*
INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

G-Z Distribution

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RS	KRONER
GRATTON	MA
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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. 2334 Feb 22 1943

Italian submarine dispositions western Mediterranean follow. (To AGWAR, USFOR information 1st Army, 2nd Corps, Eastern Air Command, 12th Air Force, MBS, ABS, 1st Armd Corps, Malta, Mideast, Adv Grp AFHQ, 5th Army from Freedom Algiers) 2 or 3 between Galita bank and Cape de Fer, between Phillippeville and Cape Bengut there are probably 4, German U boat dispositions, 2 maybe 3 are within 60 miles of 36 degs 30 mins north 01 deg 00 mins west. One off Algiers. One reported by aircraft east of Gibraltar, 2 maybe north northeast Cape Tenez. This is part 3 of G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 21 Feb. Naval continued-2, 250 ton schooners anchored Gulf of Jannanet by gunfire were both badly damaged 1110 Z 1 FE, HM submarine being the agressor. Shore batteries opened up and aggressive action was broken off by gunfire from same. One casualty on sub. One 4000 ton merchant vessel escorted by a single enemy aircraft was attacked and sunk by HM sub off southern Italy 1451 Z 10 Feb. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers info 2 Corps EAC 1 Army 12th AF MBS pass Sig Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Mideast Malta Adv Grp AFHQ 5 Army from Freedom G 2 signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Here is part 2 air activity. At Tunis 20 Feb 40 to 50 transport JU 52s were reported to land in morning. Soon after took off toward Sicily. During day number enemy aircraft escorting convoy were engaged over Sicilian channel. Again 21st daytime 4 enemy recce bomber operated off coast North Africa destroyed 1, probably another destroyed off Algiers during afternoon. One reported in Tripoli area, 2

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off east Tunisian coast and 3 active south of Sicily in afternoon. Western Mediterranean in AM weather flight was executed. Off Algiers early 22 Feb 10 enemy bombers reported but no attacks developed against land or sea targets. Ten bombers also reported active south of Sicily.

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ACTION: G-2 *AIR*

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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MBK 10
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Feb 21 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. 2174 Feb 21 1943

Part 2 Air. One each morning afternoon enemy bomber
recce reported off North African coast. Off Balearics
morning another. Meteoro flight from Sicily over Western
Mediterranean, with 2 flying south off Eastern Tunisian
coast 9 enemy bomber recce in Sicilian area reported. AGWAR
for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps
EAC 12th AF MBS pass 6 Corps ABS 1 Arm'd Corps Malta Mid-
east Adv Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower
cite FHGBI. Landed 19 Feb Northern Tunisia morning 80 to
70 transport JU 52s. Towards Sicily later flew off. On
convoy escort Sicilian area number enemy bombers reported
although no known aggressive action. Over battle area
no offensive action reported.

Part 3 Naval. Nothing to report. G 2 report for
24 hours ending 2400 Z 20 Feb.

Part 1 will follow.

ACTION:

G-2 *Aic*

INFORMATION:

OPD
CGAAF

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Feb 22 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. 2175 Feb 21 1943

Reliably reported no cattle allowed^{ed} by Germans to pass through forward defended localities Sateur sector after 27 Feb. Enemy patrol encountered night 19/20 Feb 1393 miles northeast Medjez. Ousseltia Valley patrolled afternoon 19 Feb. Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

Part 1 Land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 20 Feb. Central Tunisia. South Sbiba no progress made Sq enemy tank attacks throughout * 14, 12 miles northwest Gafsa enemy camp X 9396. Southern Tunisia nothing to report. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR repted Troopers information Adv 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12 AF MBS pass 6 Corps ABS 1 Arm'd Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. German. Documents found enemy tank Sbiba Sbgitla area 19 Feb indicate presence 8 COS 8 PX Regt also * 5 PX Regt. Prisoners same area 20 Feb identified 220 Pioneer Bn. Italian. Prisoners Dernaeu Pass 8 75 Feb 20 identified Senon Bersaglieri Regt.

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Action: G-2 EA

Information: OPD, CG AAF

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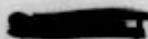
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To: WAR & USFOR
No. 2175, February 21, 1943

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1. Land G2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 20 Feb. Central Tunisia. South Sbiba no progress made Sq enemy tank attacks throughout 20 Feb. 5 enemy tanks reported destroyed. Enemy attack developed 20 Feb gap northwest Kasserine. Detachments infiltrated points S 9566 and S 9474. Forward infantry and tank elements reached S 9272 northern slopes Djebul Zebbeus 1700Z. North Thelepte Italian infantry reported Debussed road junction S 7951. Much motor transport observed area S 8019 to T 0414. Twelve miles northwest Gafsa enemy camp X 9396. Southern Tunisia nothing to report. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv 1 army 2 Corps EAC 12 AF MBS pass 6 corps ABS 1 Armad Corps Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI. Identifications. German. Documents found enemy tank Sbiba Sbgitia area 19 Feb indicate presence 8 Coy 8 PZ Regt and elements 5 PZ Regt.

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Prisoners same area 20 Feb identified 220 Pioneer Bn. Italian. Prisoners Dernaeu Pass S 75 Feb 20 identified Seson Bersagliere Regt.

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NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-11108 (22 Feb 43) G-2.

ACTION: G-2 EA

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR(Action)
WAR (Info.)

No. 2120, February 21, 1943

1. Naval. No reports.

2. Action USFOR Information AGWAR Troopers 5 Army Mideast Malta Fanfare Fairfield from Freedom Algiers signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT 20 Feb Sitrep 115 8 Army. 12 Lancers Patrols Je Medenine and Kings Dragoon Guards patrols SW of town shelled by enemy who still holds positions in area Metameur and western outskirts Medenine. 22 Armd Brig relieved 8 Armd Brig area 18 miles ESE Medenine. 8 Armd Brig withdrawn to area north Ben Gardane QT 10. 4 Light Armd Brig Patrol Line YE 7257 - YE 7353 - YE 7643.

3. 2 Corps. Enemy estimated strength 2 bns with tanks attacked our positions NW of Kasserine and occupied Pass S Louk S Oul with observation from Djebel Chambi S 96 and Djebel Semmama S 97. Enemy motor and foot elements entering plane firing long range MG on our stragglers. 26 Armd Brig and CC B now in action this area but Pass remains in enemy hands. At dark artillery falling vicinity S 9378 and near Thala. HQ First US Inf Div and 16 ECT moved from under command 19 Corps to under command 2 Corps area Bou Chebka S 66.

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To: USFOR (Action)
WAR (Info.)
No. 2120, Feb. 21, 43
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4. 19 Corps. Enemy Inf and tank attacks south and SE Sbiba were held. Enemy activity on 34 Div front area 6 miles east of Sbiba confined to arm'd rcn. Of 4 tanks penetrating position 2 left burning and claim 2 damaged. French bns took over positions occupied by 16 RCT on Western Dorsale.

5. 5 Corps. Patrol activity.

6. Follows.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DRANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
LOG

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 2211 February 21, 1943

Effective at once (to Fairfield Fanfare information Troopers USFOR AGWAR Malta Middle East 5th Army from Freedom Algiers TOO NIL) daily SITREP AFHQ will be prepared in two parts. Part 1 will contain ground operations. Part 2 will include naval and air operations and movement of reinforcements. Part 1 will be prepared by 18th Army Group Hq and submitted in draft form to Liaison Group AFHQ. Liaison Group AFHQ will prepare cable. Precedence urgent. For dispatch to Troopers USFOR AGWAR Freedom Malta Middle East and 5th Army. Part 1 will indicate in text that Part 2 follows. Signed CINC. Cite FHGCT. Part 2 will be prepared at AFHQ as at present and will be dispatched to above addressees. Less Freedom. With Fanfare and Fairfield added. Action and acknowledge Fairfield and Fanfare, information Troopers, USFOR, AGWAR, Malta, Middle East, 5th Army.

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Action: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR

No. 2174 February 21, 1943

Naval. Nothing to report. (AGWAR for WDGBI
USFOR pass Troopers information One Army Two Corps
EAC 12 AFN MBS pass Six Corps ABS One Arm'd Corps
Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ Five Army from G-2 Free-
dom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI G-2 report for 24 hours
ending 2400Z 4 20 Feb. Part 3)

2. Air. One each morning afternoon enemy bomber
recce reported off North African coast. Off Balearics
morning another. Meteor flight from Sicily over
Western Mediterranean. With 2 flying south off Eastern
Tunisian coast 9 enemy bomber recce in Sicilian area
reported. Landed 19 Feb Northern Tunisia morning 60 to
70 transport JU 52's. Towards Sicily later flew off.
On convoy escort Sicilian area number enemy bombers re-
ported although no known aggressive action. Over battle
area no offensive action reported. Part 1 will follow.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR - London USFOR

No. 2192 Feb 21, 1943

Para 6. Movements. (To USFOR AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army mid-east Fanfare Fairfield Malta from Freedom Algiers) 20th Feb Sitrep 115. Ninth Div: Divisional Arty and 2 cannon Cos reached Ain Mlilla 20 Feb. Forty Seven RCT leave Algiers 21 Feb by motor. Divisional Troops and 60 RCT arrive Orleansville 21st Feb where obtain motors for onward move.

Para 7. Air. Night 19-20 Feb. Twenty-two Bisleys dispatched to attack roads leading to Kasserine and Feriana. Thick haze over target. Bombs dropped Gafsa. Bridge. Railway and Roads. Five planes unable locate targets returned with bombs. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. One Bisley missing. Twenty four Bisleys dispatched to attack targets Thelepte-Kasserine area night 20-21 Feb. All other bomber missions cancelled due to weather. Four P 39 aircraft (Airacobras) on RCN attacked motor vehicles West and NW of Kasserine. Two P-39's are missing. Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mid-east, Malta, Fanfare, Fairfield.

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

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To: WAR - USFOR

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No. 2160, February 21, 1943.

The operations of the last few days may be summarized as follows: on 14 Feb enemy attacked our forces at Sidi Bou Zid [to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for Brity' Chiefs of Staff from Freedom Algiers signed Eisenhower] review number 31 NAF number 153.

Para 1. The main attack was from Faid and the subsidiary attack from area Maknassy. In spite of a counter attack on the following day by First Armoured Division from area Sbeitla and Hadjeb El Aloun, enemy overcame our opposition and advanced towards Kasserine and Feriana.

Para 2. This thrust by enemy left our forces at Gafsa and on the eastern Dorsale (north of Pichon) in an exposed position. The serious losses sustained by First Armoured Division ruled out the possibility if a second quick counter attack to restore the situation so I ordered the withdrawal of our forces to the high ground west of Feriana, Kasserine, Sbeitla, Ousseltia. This was successfully completed by the morning of 19 Feb.

Para 3. Enemy attacks on 19 Feb areas Kasserine and Sbiba were held. On 20 Feb enemy attacked and captured the pass west of Kasserine but no details yet available.

Para 4. While complete figures are not available, our losses were approximately 100 medium tanks 30 field guns and 260 vehicles. Tanks already largely

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made good and remainder will be made good by the end of this month. No estimate of enemy losses is available but I am confident that our forces took their toll.

Para 5. Enemy forces involved included 21 Panzer Division and half of 10 Panzer Division. Enemy succeeded in his object of gaining elbow room to cover his lines of communication in the coastal plain. He will probably try to exploit towards Tebessa and Le Ker.

Para 6. I regret the loss of Thelepte airfields. Our squadrons have evacuated successfully and there was no appreciable loss of material. Unfavorable weather restricted air operations during all this period and continues to do so.

Para 7. 18 Army Group (General Alexander) assumed command of First and Eighth Armies on 20 Feb, headquarters at Constantine.

Para 8. Action by air surface and submarine forces has achieved some measure of success in cutting down arrival of enemy supplies to Tunisia by sea. Enemy appears to date to be some 25 percent short on the figure estimated as his target requirement for Feb. Enemy submarines have achieved little success recently in Western Mediterranean and 5 have been sunk for certain in this area during past 4 weeks.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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GEN ARNOLD
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By SLR

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Military Intelligence Service
Intelligence Group/WDGBI/HHS

February 20, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
ALGIERS

Number 2618

Herewith War Department interpretation current Axis situation Tunisia for your consideration and comment (from Strong WDGBI signed Marshall for G-2).

A. Next phase in enemy operations will depend on his evaluation of Allied strength and dispositions with due regard for his own capabilities.

B. 2 lines of action appear open in Axis attempt to reduce Allied threat to vital Tunis-Bizerte area 1st to thrust North from Sbeitla-Kasserine towards Lekef to cut important lines of communication this area. This action unlikely if already blocked by sufficient Allied Forces in position.

C. 2nd to attack southwest from general line Medjez-El-Bab-Dj Mansour to dislocate Allied Forces from mountains west of Ousseltia and to threaten communications to Medjez-El-Bab. Axis of attack Bou Arada-Jama. This action likely to be accompanied by demonstration from Sbeitla area towards Sbiba.

D. A wide movement in direction Gafsa-Periana-Tebessa towards Bone although decisive if successful is considered unlikely due supply problem and limited forces available. A raid towards Tebessa would be contrary to Axis principles unless in furtherance of a main effort elsewhere.

E. Believed that Axis Forces will continue aggressive operations with mobile striking forces to widen their bridgehead. Exploitation of any weakness discovered or created in Allied lines to be expected.

F. A limited objective attack southwest from Bou Arada area considered most likely course of action at present.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No 1998 February 20, 1943

Oued Kebir reservoir is vulnerable to precision bombing and its destruction would reduce but not destroy Tunisian water supply. Reference your 2497. For ADEPT for his eyes only from SMILE. Part of this supply is drawn from other sources which are not particularly vulnerable. Most of the native population obtains water from local wells. We have so far refrained from attacking water supply of areas in which there are large mixed populations of French and natives because of effect on morale of French Troops who have relatives and families within enemy lines. Recently there were more than 150 desertions in 1 day from a French Battalion whose personnel is drawn from the Tunisian area. We will retain possibility of attack on Tunisian water supply as a live project to be undertaken if and when conditions warrant.

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ACTION: GEN MARSHALL

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OSD Letter, May. 3, 1972

Number 2641

By SLR Date FEB 5 1974

The President desires that you inform General Giraud (this is from Marshall for Eisenhower for his eyes only and refers to your 1453, February 17, 1620 and 1628, February 18) that it is the intent and desire of the United States government that French North African forces participate in the liberation of France shoulder to shoulder with American and other Allied troops, and that the French forces be equipped properly to do so; that the equipping of French North African forces will be accomplished as rapidly as shipping permits; that the allocation of shipping to transport the materiel to equip French North African forces can of necessity only be made in connection with consideration of the military needs of other forces in the area which this shipping serves; that the allocation of shipping between the requirements for the American forces in North Africa, the civil population in North Africa, and the French Military forces in North Africa must be determined by you.

In the conversations which took place at Casablanca, no commitments were made by the President, by General Somervell, or by me, as to how much equipment could be sent or when it would be sent. The paper entitled, "Resume of the agreements in principle resulting from the conversations at Anfa," prepared by General Giraud and submitted to the President was approved in principle by the President. This was not intended as an agreement that the specific amount of materiel would be shipped, nor obviously that it would be shipped within a specific period. Clearly it was to be sent as fast as possible, considering the whole war effort.

This paper contained the following statement: "In subsequent conversations with General Marshall and General Somervell it has been stipulated that this commitment will amount in all to sufficient materiel for 3 armored divisions and 8 motorized divisions, as well as a 1st-line Air Force

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composed of 500 fighters, 300 bombers, and 200 transport planes; and that of this there will be delivered in the course of the next few weeks 400 trucks and the equipment for 2 Armored Regiments, 3 Reconnaissance Battalions, 3 Battalions of Tank Destroyers, and 3 Motorized Divisions, and such aviation materiel as can be sent by air." Neither General Somervell nor I had made any detailed commitments as are directed in the paper submitted to the President. In our conversations with General Giraud, Somervell and I had dealt only in general terms, in which we did specifically agree to reequip the French forces in North Africa as rapidly as could be managed. We had informed General Giraud that because of the shipping limitations, the program which he proposed would be impossible of attainment immediately, particularly in view of our commitments with Russia and China and of our requirements in the southwest Pacific. The President had no opportunity to see either General Somervell or me after his receipt of the paper in question from General Giraud. The President's agreement in principle, therefore, was based on General Giraud's statement of a detailed arrangement with General Somervell and me which had not been reached. Furthermore, the President considered that his agreement "In principle" did not involve detailed commitments.

For your information your figure of 100,000 tons within the next 3 months for French in addition to 55,000 per month already set aside by you will be met. Plans are being made for a special convoy for French military supplies. This convoy will take care of Giraud's schedule of shipments to Morocco and Algiers as given in your 1628 of February 18.

Separate arrangements have already been made to ship the materiel for the French equipment for Ground Forces as listed in your 8496, February 2.

The 165,000 tons of French shipping which General Giraud has promised is being turned over slowly. Its availability will regulate the amount of equipment which will follow initial shipments. Energetic action must be taken to refit French tonnage and send it to the United States as fast as this can be accomplished. So far the availability

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of French tonnage is largely academic, only 1 ship being
in operation at the present time.

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INFORMATION: GEN SOMERVELL
GEN. DEANE (ADM. LEAHY)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

No. 1976 February 20, 1943

Small enemy detachment believed area Sidi Mohamed H 9977 (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th AF MBS pass 6 Corps ABS 1 Armad Corps Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 20th Feb 43) heavy patrol 2000 Z 18 Feb attacked our positions 06894 West Djebel Mansour. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 19 Feb. Enemy contacted 1100 Z 18 Feb 2 miles East Kef El Ahmar O 40. Evening 18 Feb advanced enemy elements moving North from Sbeitla reached point 697 Map Ref T 2895. Two enemy attacks first by 24 tanks second by 6 tanks supported by Company Infantry repelled south Sbiba O 20 afternoon 19th Feb. Eight enemy tanks destroyed. Attack 19 Feb involving enemy Armour Infantry and Artillery held area Djebel Chambi-Djebel Semama Gap S 97. Believed enemy forces Feriana S 83 include SP anti tank guns Field Artillery Infantry (part motorized) few tanks. Advanced enemy elements Dernaia Pass S 75 Djebel Kerech S 85 Djebel Goubal Gap S 84 and 7 miles west heavy 2 way traffic Gafsa-Feriana road morning 19 Feb. Foregoing Central Tunisia. Southern Tunisia. Foun Tathouine E 73 our hands but enemy guns in action 10 miles to North. (None). Identifications.

Just N+W of Kasserine
All just S+W of Kasserine

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INFORMATION: OPD CG AAF SEC. GEN. STAFF

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From: London
To: MILID

No. 4299 February 20, 1943

Nightfall 18th only couple 75 MM Axis guns remaining western outskirts Medenine Southeastern Tunisia (signed Hughes). 12th Lancers patrols located northeast and south Medenine. 4th Light Armored patrols Y E 7273-8246-7636-Y K 5680-4647. Tatahouine occupied by British, Axis guns engaging 4th Light Armored patrols 10 miles north.

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Information: OPD
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR WAR

No 2028 February 20, 1943

6. Movements SITREP 19 Feb. A dispatched. From Oran 813 TD BN for Constantine. B completed 2nd BN 68 CA AA to Algiers (Action USFOR Information AGWAR TROOPERS 5 Army Mideast pass to Main 8 Army from Freedom Algiers 2028 20 Feb) coming under command L of C. 2nd BN 213 CA AA to Tebessa coming under command 1st Army.

7. Air. All bomber and ground support missions cancelled due to weather. Locations Souk El Khemis. 65 Fighters. 19 Light bombers. Signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT. Le Kouif S 59. 65 Fighters. Youks Les Bains. 8 Fighter Rcn. 31 Fighters. 21 Light Bombers. 44 Troop Carriers. Bone (Tingler) 38 Fighters. Oul Mome M 71. 13 Light Bombers. Jemmapes G 32. 13 Fighters. Constantine. 16 Light Bombers. Ain Mlila L 94. 35 Photo Rcn. 3 Troop Carriers. Canrobert M 32. 10 Light Bombers. Berteaux L 85. 38 Medium Bombers. Telergha L 75. 39 Fighters. 36 Medium Bombers. 17 Troop Carriers. Taher F 22. 9 Fighters. Chateaudun Du Rhumel L 55. 30 Fighters. 22 Heavy Bombers. Setif. 46 Fighters. Algiers including Blida and Maison Blanche. 51 Fighters. 17 Medium Bombers. 15 Photo Rcn. 18 Troop Carriers. Uran including La Senis. Tafaroui. Nouvion Q 18 and Relizane Q 59. 2 Fighter Rcn. 57 Fighters. 20 Medium Bombers. 32 Troop Carriers. Oujda. 1 Fighter Rcn. 1 Medium Bomber. 1 Photo Rcn. 11 Bomber Rcn. Port Lyautey. 13 Fighters. Casablanca including Mediouna. 21 Fighters. 4 Troop Carriers. Agadir. 2 Troop Carriers.

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

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (act) AGWAR (info)

No #, February 20, 1943

Para 5. Additional 2nd Corps. (Action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mid-east pass to Main 8th Army from G-3 section AFHQI 1923 (1423) 19th Feb) SITREP 113 18 Feb. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.) Enemy attack made from Kasserine by RWG Bns Inf supported by Arty Feb 191300 A 9.

Para 6. Command. 6th Armd Div and 34th Inf Div at present under command 19 corps.

Para 7 Air. Night 17 18 Feb 12 Bisleys dispatched to attack motor transport on enemy supply roads leading to Sbeilta-Faid-Gafsp area. Visibility poor. A few vehicles and crossroads attacked. One Bisley missing. All day bomber missions cancelled due to weather. During course of offensive sweeps over forward areas attacks made on vehicles and MG posts. Troop concentration 3 miles south of Feriana was attacked.

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INFO: G-2 CG AAF CGGN Sec. Gen. Staff
Gen. Deane CC/S Admiral King LOG

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From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR
Maison Blanche (Information)
Casablanca (Information)

No. #, February 20, 1943.

Morning 1 enemy bomber recce reported off North African Coast. Sicilian area and central Mediterranean few same active afternoon of which Tripoli area 2. Western Mediterranean morning metero flight carried out. Daytime 18 Feb landed in Northern Tunisia about 80 JU 52's transport. Also reported few ME 323's. From Sicily early morning about 6 enemy bombers operated (see report for 18 Feb). Day or night 19-20 Feb no bomber operations reported. Foregoing Part 2 Air G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 19 Feb. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers information One Army Two Corps EAC 12th AF MBS pass Six Corps ABS One Armd Corps Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ Five Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

Part 3 Naval. Nothing to report.

Part 1 will follow.

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Information: OPD

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From: Algiers
To: London USFOR (Info to WAR, British War Office,
Oudjé, and Cairo)

No. 1978 Feb 20, 1943

To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass
to main 8th Army from G-3 section AFHQ nil.

1. Naval SITREP 114 19 Feb. No Reports.

2. Command. Effective Feb 200001A new system of
operational command effective North Africa. Under AFHQ
are CINC Mediterranean Admiral Cunningham. 18 Armd Y
Group Hq at Constantine Gen Alexander. Mediterranean
Air Command Air Chief Marshal Tedder. Under 18th Army
Group Hq are 1st Army. 8th Army and reserve. Under
Mediterranean Air Command are Malta A R Command Air Vice
Marshal Park. Northwest African Air Force General Spatz.
Middle East Air Command Air Chief Marshal Sholto-Douglas.
Under Northwest African Air Force are Tactical Air Force
Air Vice Marshal Cunningham. Coastal Command. Strategic
air force. Training Command. ~~Under~~ tactical Air Force
are 242 Group RAF. 12th Air Support Command. Western
Desert Air Force. Administration 1st and 8th Army remains
as before. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FRGCT.

3. 2nd Corps. Enemy attack NW from Kasserine made by
estimated BN. Some infiltration. Situation in hand
2100A. CP 2nd Corps established Leyjouif S 59.

4. 19th Corps. First guards Brig repulsed enemy
Yank and inf patrols during morning. Hits claimed on 6
enemy tanks and 6 SP guns. 34 Div contacted enemy armored
patrol SE of Sbiba night 18 19 Feb. French Goums took 40
prisoners in successful raid in area 4 miles NW Mausolee
O 77.

5. 5th Corps. Bn of 139 Brig moving to Kalsa Djerda
H 71 under command 26 Armd Brig.

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To: London USFOR (Info WAR, British War Office, Oudja,
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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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From: Algiers
To: War (action)
USFOR (information)

No. 1812, February 19, 1943

A preliminary discussion has been held with American and British Military authorities with a view to completing plans well in advance covering action which will be required on the capture of Tunisia. AGWAR Action Bull Information Combined Boards USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FBAEB Murphy. BOC 123. In general it is expected that the policies used here with respect to the civilian population can be adapted to meet the Tunisian situation although the latter will undoubtedly be more complicated particularly in the principal cities where water supply transportation systems and so forth will probably be badly damaged. Expected large number of prisoners will also be an important problem. The French authorities have already appointed a Vice Regent. General Jurion, to take over the Civil Administration of Tunisia as soon as the Military situation permits. He and his aides are now at LE KEP in Northwestern Tunisia. Members of the staff of this office expect to proceed there in a few days to discuss such problems as food stock piles billeting of Military personnel sanitation and Hygiene Etcetera. We also expect to have members of our staff join the Eighth Army and

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accompany its advance in order to care for civilian
problems as they develop. Information will be sent
as further plans develop.

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

February 19, 1943

CG, FREEDOM ALGIERS
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USFOR, LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, USFOR, LONDON, ENGLAND
Number R-8020

Combined Chiefs of Staff disapprove the suggestion contained in your number 6774 dated January 23rd, NAF 119, that a group of press and radio editors visit North Africa. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 99, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. They will not be sent.

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INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
Admiral King
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 1816 Feb 19, 1943

When may we expect further information (AGWAR
for WDOFD WDGBI from FHSIG signed Eisenhower reur
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INFO: OPD
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR

No. 1764 February 19, 1943.

From Bougie to assist 3 motor launches sent to join HM destroyer attacking submarine 0520Z position 37 Degs 08 Min north 04 Degs 42 Mins East (near Cape Sigli). On shipping between Algiers and Bougie with no damage nor casualties enemy torpedo bombers made attacks between 0300Z and 0500Z. Foregoing part 3 Naval G-2 report for 24 hrs ending 2400Z 18th Feb. Part 2 Air. Morning enemy bomber recce contacted large eastbound convoy west of Algiers also shipping off Bougie and Phillippeville by 3 JU 88. Additional aircraft active central Mediterranean and Sicilian areas. Reported west of Tripoli morning 1. Between Sicily - Tunisia morning 60-80 JU 52s transport 17 Feb active. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers infor First Army Two Corps EAC 12th AF MBS pass 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 1764 secret cite FHGBI. Against convoys east and west of Algiers early morning ineffective attack delivered by about 18 enemy bombers (see report 17 Feb). Western Mediterranean evening 1 or 2 enemy bombers active without attacks reported. South of Sicily central Mediterranean early morning 19 Feb few aircraft reported.

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Information: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CC/S)

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INCOMING MESSAGE CCWD
Feb 19, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: London USFOR - War

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BY *SK* DATE FEB 5 1974

No. 1766 Feb 19, 1943

Considerable enemy movement (Agwar for WDGBI USFOR Pass Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps Eastern Air Command 12 AF MBS Pass 6 Corps ABS 1 Armcd Corps Malta Mideast Adv Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. J 4080 North Djebel Azag. Enemy engaged 0700 Z Feb 18 Goubellat Area (J 62). Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

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1. Land. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 18 Feb. Central Tunisia. Enemy attack 1630 Z Pechon-Maison Des Eaux Area (O 72) repulsed 1730 Z. 1230 Z Feb 18 Armored Patrols Road Sbiba (O 20)-Sbeitla (T 27) had not encountered enemy. Enemy contacted 1200 Z Feb 183 miles southeast Kef El Ahmar (O 4901) Enemy assembled further forces Feriana area (S 83) and patrolling to north and northwest. Numerous vehicles throughout afternoon 18 Feb Djebel Gouboul Gap 7 miles west Feriana. Souther Tunisia. Last Bigot 17 Feb Rommels rear guard holding line from area Metameur (E 67) to south Medenine Foum Tatchouine (E 73) under observation our mobile patrols. Identifications. PW 334 Engineer Bn captured 16 Feb J 6622 suggests bulk unit moved south this point, same PW stated Weber new commander 10 PZ Div. PW 501 PZ ABT captured 10 Feb Jefna (J 37) suggests 2 more Tiger Bns 503 PZ ABT and Hermann Goering PZ ABT may arrive Tunisia. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-WAR

No. 1742 February 19, 1943

Feb Naval. No reports (action USFOR Information AGWAR Troopers 5 Army Mideast pass to Main 8 Army from Freedom Algiers signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT.)

Para 1. Sitrep 113.

Para 2. Second US Corps. No contact night 17/18 Feb. Occupation and organization new positions continues. First Arm Div completing concentration SE Tebessa. Third Bn 39 Inf under command 2 Corps in Pass NW Kasserine. Sqdn 56 Rcn Rgt and 86 Mortar Co from 5 Corps moving Tebessa as additional reinforcements 2 Corps. Enemy gathering strength Feriana and patrolling thence North and NW.

Para 3. Nineteen Corps. Enemy attack area Pichon-Maison Des Eaux O 72 repulsed evening 17 Feb. Withdrawal to new positions completed without further interference. Positions 6 Arm Div area held as follows Pass T 1590. Two Hamps. Kef El Korath O 2102 to Incl Road Sbeitla-Shiha. First guards Brig. Thence to point 820 O 3205. 18 Act. 34 Div junction points with 6 Arm Div and First US Inf Div point 820 O 3205 and Djebel Kasira O 32 respectively. First US Inf Div forward Bn positions O 4632 O 4935 O 5746 with French troops

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under command area Djebel Ksaira-Djebel Barbrou
O 3426. Brigade Legere Mechanique constructing
reserve positions South of Rohia O 12. 26 Armd
Brig less 2 Regts concentrating in Army reserve
area Thala N. 80. One Rct remains area Sbiba-
Rohia under command 6 Armd Div. HQ and 2 Bns 9
ETA moving to Thala.

Para 4. Five Corps. Patrol activity
both sides.

Para 5 will follow.

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ACTION: OPD

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

No. 1573 February 18, 1943

3. Naval. ((To AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR re troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps exactw * Alta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 18 Feb 43) off Cape Corbelin sighted on surface and attacked by HMS Wheatland Italian sub 0220Z. For about 7 hours continuous search carried out assisted by HMS Easton after which submarine surfaced surrendered. Taken off were 47 survivors. Submarine sank at 092 period ending 2400Z 18 February. Position of merchant vessel torpedoed sunk at 0927Z 9 February by HM submarine Unbending should be 40 degs 58 mins North 17 degs 36 mins East (Northwest Brindisi). Abandoned by crew after attack at 0940Z 17 Feb in Central Mediterranean was German submarine in company with anti submarine aircraft. Taken prisoner were 5 officers 36 Ratings. Submarine towed by HMS Gloxidia but finally sank at 1814Z 17 Feb. Forced down by RAF fighter was Italian aircraft previously reported found by HM Traler Ruskholm at Tripoli 18 Feb 3500 tons cargo discharged. Alongside Spanish quay berthing has not started. G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 17 Feb.

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2. Air. During day shadowing large East-bound convoy 4 enemy bomber recce made contact 0930Z Northeast of Oran. In Sicilian Area 6 NTI Ve of which reported off east Tunisian Coast 2. Central Mediterranean morning Meteor flight flown. By bombers during night large convoy sighted in morning off Oran attacked. First half night about 12 bombers operated and early morning 18 Feb rather more. Broken up by Beaufighters was attack against convoy with (no) damage. In Algiers Area a few bombs dropped. Afternoon 18 Feb between Sicily - Tunis usual transport formations JU 52 and few other types active. In all about 70 reported. General air activity enemy. Beja Area 1315Z 1 recce. Claimed destroyed 1 of 3 FW one nine zeros active 1330Z Pont Du Fahs Area. Without contact 1515Z sweep over Souk El Arba airdrome made by 15 FW one nine zeros. North of Thelbte at 0800Z 2 ME one zero nines probably recce active. On airdromes Southern Sardinia during raids by B 17's and B 25's attacked by formations Macchi 200 and ME one zero nines of which 3 former and 1 latter type destroyed.

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Information: OPD
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C O R R E C T E D S U P P L E M E N T A R Y

From: Algiers
To: USFOR- War

No. 1683, February 18th, 1943

Correction page 1 line 6

12, 105 MM How SP, 17, 75 MM gun SP, 3, 75 MM How

Correction page 2 line 5

S of Feriana, 1 Spitfire shot down.

Read as line 13 to end of message on
page 2

Beaufighters prevented attacks on shipping, 5
bombs dropped Maison Blanche, no damage. 5
bombs dropped Algiers. Reported 6 killed 17
injured. Action USFOR inf AGWAR, Troopers,
5th Army, Mideast pass to Main 8th Army.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 1619, February 18, 1943

Our appreciation of present operations on Southern and Central Fronts Tunisia as follows: (To Troopers AGWAR rptd Mideast from Geawkwi Freedom signed Eisenhower 18th Feb too nil).

1. Axis offensive in Faid sector designed to widen bridgehead and original objective was probably to be line Gafsa Dj El Hafey (T 34) -Sidi Bou Zid - Dj Es Souda (T 66) for this forces estimated as follows believed to have been used. Part 10 Panzer Division consisting 1 battalion tanks, 86 Panzer Grenadier Regiment (1 battalion identified) and part Artillery Regt 90 in conjunction with 21 Panzer Division consisting 1 Tank Battalion, 2 weak infantry battalions 1 battery artillery. Attack on Gafsa, not necessary because our withdrawal, might have been carried out by panzer division and possibly part Centauro reported to be in Gabes Area. Possibly also German elements with Centauro.

2. Degree of success of operation has enabled enemy to exploit by moving on Kasserine and occupation of Feriana, with probably battle group of 10 Panzer Division and 21 Panzer Division moving on Kasserine.

3. Must expect Axis to exploit their success to limit, which depends on enemys appreciation our disorganization. Their supply problem particularly fuel, and availability of troops to hold an extended bridgehead. Possible that thrust toward Tebessa may

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take place but this likely to be raid only. Permanent occupation Tebessa would be too great a strain on forces.

4. Seems probably therefore in view fact Axis must appreciate an attack on Mareth position within next few weeks, that they will not become too stretched out. Possible line which they will hold is Tozeur - Yeric - Sbeitla - Pichon and Ousseltia Valley Area.

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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. 1591 February 18, 1943

Northern Tunisia
Enemy mine laying J3876 (to AGWAR for WDGBY USFOR)
reptd Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps EAC 12th
AF ABS para 6 Corps ABS 1 Armcd Corps Malta Midesat
Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower
cite FLGBI North Djebel El Ajred, J7032-7 miles east
Medjez, J6812 East Bou Arada-Goubellat road. Enemy
patrols J5742 Chassart Teffara night 15/16 Feb, J7022
east Goubellat night 16/17 Feb. Considerable numbers
enemy Infantry farms between road junction J9301 and
Penitencier O 9395. Foregoing northern Tunisia.

1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 17
February. Parts 2 and 3 will follow. Central Tunisia.
Midday 17 Feb 10 enemy tanks 5 miles west Jadjob El
Aïoun 789. Evening 17 Feb enemy occupied Kasserine T06
end Thelapte 884 subsequently enemy reconnaissance north
Sbeitia. Enemy reconnaissance Djebel Serraguia 853.
Considerable enemy MT and Artillery Gafsa-Feriana road.
Southern Tunisia advanced elements reached line
A0864-A1665 18 Feb. One ABT H 90 AR identified
Sidi Bou Zid 18/16 Feb.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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BY *SR*, DATE FEB 5 1974

No. 1620, February 18, 1943

We have just sent to OPD 2 long technical messages prepared by the staff on the subject of French rearmament. For General Marshall for his eyes only signed Eisenhower. These are too involved to warrant your personal study but for your information the situation which I regard seriously is briefly as follows: Giraud has stated publicly his concept of the policy of rearmament agreed upon at Anfa. He is now gravely concerned that long delay in the delivery of new equipment may actually result in weakening his hold on the army and may react on morale to the point where the French Forces can no longer be relied on even for second line service and maintenance of internal order. We have had some local reverses and we now more than ever depend upon the French to garrison areas where the native population is known to be disaffected. One of the worst of these, the Nementcha area southwest of Tebessa, is really critical and unless held with a firm hand it offers a golden opportunity for some German Lawrence of Arabia. The French units which control these sensitive spots must be reliable and reasonably well equipped. In addition, as French battalions are withdrawn from the line and replaced by American battalions, they must be entrusted with the protection of numerous vulnerable points on our line of communications. When I discussed these questions with Giraud yesterday, he appeared to regard

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To: WAR
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the French military situation is so grave a light that I agreed to bring the matter to your personal attention as I am convinced that prompt action is imperative to meet in part the obligation implied at Anfa. I believe that the immediate situation will be met if about 100,000 tons of military supplies and equipment can be provided on a firm basis for delivery from the United States during the next 2 or 3 months. If this were supplemented by a definite schedule for future deliveries the matter should be settled. We have allocated to the French all the tonnage we can make available from our own shipping allocations but the amount we can spare is decidedly limited and the bulk of the tonnage must be transported in vessels provided by Somervell including French ships.

The project for equipping 3 armored and 8 infantry divisions has no relationship to the great question of whether France shall be rearmed after the war. The latter would be a gigantic undertaking covering many years.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - War

No. 1683, February 18th, 1943

Para 5. SITREP 112 17 Feb. Losses 2 Corps to 162100 hrs. (USFOR Inf AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass to main 8 Army from G-3 Section AFHQ nil) signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT Tanks medium 98, half tracks, 57, 155 MM How, 105 MM How SP, 17, 75 MM gun SP, 3, 75 MM How SP, 1 37 MM SP, 22, cars, scout, 5, 1/4 ton trucks, 77, 2 and 1/2 ton trucks, 64.

Para 6. A, movements completed. 894 TD Bn arrived Tebessa from Oran coming under comd 2 Corps. Movements in progress or ordered. 17 replacement M 4 tanks by sea arrive Philippeville 19 Feb. 35 M 4 tanks nd 250 Arm'd Force replacements by rail arrive Le Khroub M 0724-26 Feb. 1 Bn 1st Tank Group by road, rail, nd sea arrive Le Khroub 23 Feb. 1 Medium Bn FA, 2 lt Bns FA. 2 Cannon Cos, all from 9th Div, by road arrive Constantine 20 Feb. 1st TD Group less 2 Bns by road arrive Constantine about 23 Feb. 3500 replacements by rail at rate 800 per day. 1st Det arrives Ouled Rahmoun 26 Feb. Fifteen 105 MM How SP by sea arrive Philippeville 23 Feb.

Para 7 Air. 49 B-17 (Fortress) escorted by 26 P-38's (Lightnings) despatched to attack Elmas airdrome (Sardinia). 13 aircraft did not bomb owing to weather. 2 enemy aircraft destroyed. 12 B-25's (Mitchells) nd 17 B-6's (Marauders) escorted by 31 P-38's attacked Villacidro nd Decimomannu airdromes (Sardinia). Bursts among aircraft on ground started several fires. 3 enemy aircraft destroyed, 4 P-38's missing. 2 B-26's destroyed in collision over (CM-IN-9661 19 Feb 43)

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target. 6 A-20's (Bostons) escorted by 12 Spitfires and 4 P-39's (Airacobras) attacked vehicle concentrations S of Feriana, claimed 35 vehicles destroyed. 1 A-20 forced landed S of Feriana ~~Exx. ilo mittac~~* shot down. Throughout day Spitfires and P-39's carried out offensive sweeps over Sbeitla-Gafsa area. Many vehicles, 3 tanks, 4 guns destroyed. Hudson dropped bombs across track of U boat which submerged prior to attack, results not known. Night 17/18 Feb 10 enemy aircraft active off coast near Algiers. Beaufighters
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INFORMATION: G-2
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General Deane (CCS)
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Tanks, medium	98
Halftracks	57
155mm howitzer, 105mm howitzer, self-propelled.	17
75mm gun, self-propelled	3
75mm howitzer, self-propelled	1
37mm gun, self-propelled	22
Scout cars	5
1/4 ton trucks (jeep).	77
2 ¹ / ₂ ton trucks.	64

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 61.

Mediterranean

1. ITALIAN U BOAT ASTERIA WAS SUNK BY HEATLAND AND HMS EASTON IN POSITION 37-14 NORTH 04-27 EAST ABOUT 0900/17 AFTER A 6 1/2 HOUR HUNT. ASTERIA SURFACED AND WAS ABANDONED BEFORE SINKING. 47 PRISONERS INCLUDING THE COMMANDING OFFICER WERE TAKEN.

2. BETWEEN 24/1/18 AND 26/1/18 T/S AIRCRAFT ATTACKED CONVOY KES 9 AND THE FERRY SERVICE BOTH ENCLOSED. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED BY OUR FORCES. DURING THE SAME PERIOD A SMALL RAID WAS MADE ON THE ALCIERS AREA 2 BOMBS FALLING ON THE TOWN AND 3 NEAR MATHON BLANCHE AERODROME. NO MILITARY DAMAGE.

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From : N.C.X.F.

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Situation report Number 64.

1. Italian U boat ASTERIA was sunk by WHEATLAND and H.M.S. EASTON in position 37° 14' north 04° 27' east about 0950/17 after a 6 1/2 hour hunt. ASTERIA surfaced and was abandoned before sinking. 47 prisoners including the Commanding Officer were taken.

2. Between 0400/18 and 0600/18 T/B aircraft attacked Convoy KMS 9 and the ferry service both eastbound. No casualties were sustained by our forces. During the same period a small raid was made on the Algiers area 2 bombs falling on the town and 3 near Maison Blanche aerodrome. No military damage.

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Admiral
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To: WAR

No. 1358, February 17, 1943

Last paragraph of (information Dakar Amconsulate Barnes paraphrased AGWAR Combined Boards USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FRAEB Murphy BOC 114 CRYPTO WAR pass to Dakar, to Dakar paraphrased, AGWAR, USFOR from Freedom Algiers) my BOC 58 was intended to indicate that as a matter of staff organization OSS and OWI not responsible to Civil Affairs Section this theatre. Word jurisdiction not used in territorial sense. Reference 092030Z 2027. No clarification necessary.

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NOTE: BOC 58 is CM-IN-3391 (8 Feb 43) CCS.
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No. 7339, February 17, 1943

Much movement road Mateur to J 5269. Patrols active 15 Feb 2 miles west Icodous J 54. Enemy infiltrated 14-15 Feb J 6212 west Bourad-Goubellbt road. (To AGWAR USFOR rptd 1 Army 2 Corps Eastern Air Command 12th Air Force MBS ABS 1 Arm Corp Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 signed Eisenhower) following night patrols reached J 5212 Eljaroussa-Oedjez Road. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G report for 24 hrs ending 2400Z 16 Feb. Central Tunisia. Increased enemy patrolling North Djebel Mansour O-79. Defences area O-7642 North Djebel Ousselat. PM 16 Feb 60 vehicles observed O-8342 moving westwards Kairouan-Ousseltia Road 0700Z 16th Feb enemy held line Djebel Lessouda T-66 Sidi Bou Zid-Djebel El Kebar T-54 with infantry and antitank protection on flank. Enemy reserves east Faid Pass concentrations Djebel Hafey T-34 and pass North Djebel SS Zitoun T 24 own troops Djebel Ksaira T 75. AM 16 Feb enemy arm cars and 8 tanks T 4063 10 miles southwest Sbeitla. Midday 26 tanks moving northwest T-5366 Faid-Sbeitla Road. During afternoon 30 tanks moving west approached Djebel Hamra T 46. Believed these 2 columns combined to form force 40 to 50 enemy tanks reported 1730Z crossroads T 5267. Enemy inf 1300Z debussed T 4457 east Djebel Rakrmat. Morning 16 Feb enemy inf and artillery attacked Djebel Ksaira T 75 from west and dug in T 7348 midday. Southern Tunisia North Gafsa arm cars possibly 33 reconnaissance unit reported T 0213 Gafsa-Feriana

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road patrolled throughout day. Enemy force estimated 10 tanks 15 armd cars troop carriers reached 1800Z road junction S 7914. Enemy evacuated Ben Gardane 15 Feb. Few enemy guns hold line Oued Fessi between A 1555 and A 0549. 10 miles east ~~Four Tatsogins~~ E 73 enemy forces still road. Identifications. Prisoners of war Djebel Lessouda T 66 from 5 coy 2 Bn 88 PGR 2 Abteilung 90 ar reported same area. Addendum to Northern Tunisia. 12 armd vehicles seen 1500Z Arda J 6949 12 miles northeast Medjez moving southwest.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Peane (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 1398 February 17, 1943

4. Additional Southern Tunisia. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. SITREP 111 Feb 16. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass to main 8 Army from G-3 section) Our Inf still on GJ Ksaira early morning 17 Feb with enemy occupying SW slopes. Now estimated approx 150 tanks lost. New Northern bndry 2 Corps. All inclusive Rohia O 12-Djebel Sidi Ben Habbess O 31-El Ala O 62-Fondouk O 81.

5. Locations. Two Corps not included. Sbiba O 20. Third Bn 39 RCT. Djebel Trod O 61. One three three RCT less 2nd Bn. Pichon. One three five RCT. Co A 70. Tank Bn. Area Kesra-Ousseltie. Two six Arm'd Brig less 17/21 Lancers. Second Bn 26 RCT. Area E and NE Ousseltia. One six RCT. Co C 601 TD Bn Robba. Siliana. First Guards Brig less 1 Bn. Robba. Thru 6 Inf Brig. One Squadron 17/21 Lancers. Area SW Djebel Mansour. First Parachute Brig. Bou Arada. Three eight Inf Brig 17/21 Lancers less 2 Squadrons. Teboursouk. One eight RCT less 2nd Bn. SE Medjez El Bab. Eleven CNF Brig. Second Hampshire. Medjez El Bab. One three eight Inf Brig. NE Beja including Sidi Nsir. One two eight Inf Brig. Second Bn one eight RCT. Qston Del Aouana. One three nine Inf Brig.

6. Air. Six B 25's (Mitchells) escorted by 7 P 38's (Lightnings) dispatched to attack shipping between Tunisia and Sicily. No shipping sighted. Six A 20's (Bostons) escorted by 8 Spitfires attacked enemy gun emplacements south of Djebel Ksaira T75 claimed 6 Hows put out of action. All planes returned. Six A 20's, Bostons, escorted by 12 P 39's Airacobras, attacked enemy concentration NW of Gafsa. All planes returned. Throughout day Spitfires and P 39's, Airacobras attacked enemy ground targets in

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Knea Kwirouan Sidi Bou Zid Afsa. One Spitfire is missing. Fifteen Bisleys attacked enemy convoys and roads SW of Kairouan. One Bisley crash landed at base on return.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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February 17, 1943
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From: Algiers
Tot War

No. 1322. February 17, 1943

1. Naval. (Action and acknowledge USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, MidEast pass to Main 8th Army from G-3 section AFHQ. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT. No reports SITREP 111 Feb 16.

2. Southern and Central Tunisia. Enemy attacked Dj Hamra T46 at 1220 hrs with 40-60 tanks. Confused Armored and Infantry fighting continued all day to S and E of Sbeitla. Our medium tank losses so far estimated at 86. Considerable vehicle and gun losses. Large proportion infantry cut off Dj Lessouda T66 have been withdrawn minus most of transport. Our Infantry still reported on Dj Ksaira T75 at 1700 hrs. During afternoon withdrawal ordered from eastern Dorsale to general line western Dorsale. Incl Djebel Sidi Ben Habess O31-Krat En Nebikr O40-Djebel Mrhila T39 thence line covering Sbeitla T37-Kasserine T06-Feriana 583. Midnight 16/17 Feb 2 corps reported enemy attacking in moonlight and pierced covering position 3 miles east Sbeitla. Fighting on outskirts Sbeitla. 0130 hrs withdrawal ordered. (One Bn 26 RCT 4 Cos 18th Engrs, 1 Co Medium Tanks, 805 TD Bn less 1 Co ordered to hold line along Oued east of Kasserine at all costs for 12 hrs). Armd Div elements not engaged to move north through Kasserine pass in direction of Thala NEO. One Co Inf, 1 Btry Arty, 1 Co Light Tanks to hold Mait Ridge Feriana. Arrangements being made remove aircraft from Thelapte at daylight. Withdrawal commenced from Eastern Dorsale night 16/17 Feb covered by 26 Armd Brig on southern flank. Third Bn 39th RCT moving night 16/17 Feb from Souk Ahras to IGJBBIGIIBA O20 from south, to be joined by First Guards Brig morning 17 Feb. Two Army Field Cos with mines, 1 anti-tank Btry, 1 Bn 18 RCT moving area Sbiba as soon as possible.

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3. Northern Tunisia. Increased enemy patrol activity north of DJ Mansour. Enemy have infiltrated into hills 5 miles (para 4 follows) NNW Bou Awada.

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CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. 1456 February 17, 1943

(Interim SITREP 17 Feb. Southern Tunisia. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FROCT. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass to 8 Army from G-3 Section AFHQ) Morning 17 Feb.) Thelepte holding force in position. Thelepte Airdrome abandoned. Road junc S-84 under heavy artillery fire. Remainder of force from Feriana moving to block the pass at El Ma-El-Aboid 848. CC B now at pass NW of Kasserine. First Arm'd Div withdrawing through Sbeitla. Action and acknowledge USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast pass to main Eight Army.

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Information: G 2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CC/S)
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February 17, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 1357 February 17, 1943

Attacked by Polish destroyer Krakowiak ((to AGWAR, USFOR rptd One Army, Two Corps, Eastern Air Comd, 12th Air Force, MBS, ABS, One Armd Corps, Malta, Mideast, Fairfield, Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower) and HMS Eastern 1530Z 16 Feb off Cape Caxine was enemy U boat. While on bottom 6 depth charges were dropped on submarine. Fifteen miles south of Marittimo Island enemy convoy of 3 or 4 large motor merchant vessels escorted by 4 destroyers 3 early boats convoy attacked by motor torpedo boats from Malta 1930Z 15 Feb. Intensive opposition encountered by escort which on own ships opened fire in confusion. Definite list developed on one merchant vessel after hit by torpedo. Loaded with petrol at 0200Z 16 Feb merchant vessel northbound attacked further north. Ship blew up with Wellington torpedo bomber attacking same moment as motor torpedo boats. Small escorting destroyer chased northward by MTB during attack but unable to close. With First Lieutenant killed MTB suffered slight damage. No other damage or casualties to our ships. In position 40 degrees 56 minutes north 17 degrees 36 minutes east (Gulf of Taranto) at 0927Z 9 Feb attacked and sunk by HM Submarine Unbending was 2500 ton southbound merchant vessel. With no loss of life French salvage vessel Geir at 0810Z 16 Feb hit mine sank off Fedala. Submarine dispositions Western Mediterranean. German. Between Alboran Island and Algiers 5 probably. Italian. Between 04 degrees east and 06 degrees east 3. Within 60 miles Cape Bougaroni 2. East of 08 degrees east 5 or 6. Arrived at Philippeville and identified as Cant 2501 (Coastal Recce Flying Boat) is Italian aircraft found by HM Trawler Ruskholm. Foregoing part 3 Naval G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z (Part 2 follows) 16 Feb.

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2. Air. Between Naples-Tunisia

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Information: OPD
CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. Unnumbered Feb 17, 1943

Early morning 30 to 40 JU 52 transport planes (second and last part of 1357 from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower) were active 15 Feb. Between Sicily-Tunisia about 30 additional. Morning 1 enemy bomber Recce reported sea area between Algiers and Oran and in Sicilian area 5 to 6 more of which 1 over Tripoli harbor at 0920Z. Over Western Mediterranean and Tyrrhenian Sea Meteoro flight performed morning. From Sicily few enemy bombers operated early morning (see report 15 Feb). During day and night 16-17 Feb no activity reported. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR Reptd Troopers Information One Army Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS Reptd Six Corps ABS One Armd Corp's Malta Mideast Fairfield Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Over battle area Tunisia enemy activity slight. Recce of Medjez El Bab made 0625Z by 1 ME 109. (True THI 171419Z) Probably Recce over Medjez El Bab area 0925Z 2 ME 109's. At about 1030Z southeast of Sidi Bou Zid 2 ME 109's active.

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- ✓ ~~TH~~ C. CIG
- SW SSB
- ✓ AIR FIN
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Tunisia - Tripoli.

The following data regarding the situation in North Africa will be of interest to you.

During the period February 4th to February 10th the British have only succeeded in bringing an average of 1340 tons per day through the port of Tripoli. At the same time they have brought forward from Tobruk by motor an average of 700 tons a day.

Their hope is to get 3000 tons a day through the Port and 1000 by motor. This would support between five and six divisions. Apparently at the present time there are only three divisions in or west of Tripoli, one Armored and two Infantry. The other divisions so far as we know are far to the rear, probably near Bengazi, where they are being held until supplies can be assured further forward. Of course the transfer to Tripoli can be made rather rapidly once the supplies have been accumulated there.

Our information today suggests that the Germans are stalling off the British Eighth Army with a comparatively small force, and in all probability a fair portion of Rommel's troops are moving into southeastern Tunisia. This would be a normal procedure, and our problem is one of drying up the mud in northern Tunisia and expanding the port facilities at Tripoli. Apparently all that can be done is being done at high pressure at the present time.

W. H. Murray
Chief of Staff.



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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The following rather personal message from General Eisenhower to me, dated February 15th, will probably be of interest to you:

"To supplement the review I today sent to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, I am submitting the following as of interest to you.

"I left headquarters early Friday morning and had no time to express adequately my appreciation with respect to my recent promotion.

"I went immediately to 2nd Corps Headquarters, east of Tebessa, and there met commanders of 1st Army and 2nd Corps for a conference, which dealt primarily with our situation in view of hostile attacks which our reconnaissance seemed to indicate were impending along the whole line.

"While all of us have been earnestly trying to regroup forces into large nationalistic organizations, you will understand that the rapid deterioration of our center, which began on January 17, has absorbed troops without reference to other considerations. I feel that the dispositions, as they existed on Saturday afternoon, were as good as could be made pending the development of an actual attack and in view of the great value of holding the forward regions, if it could possibly be done.

"I spent the whole of Saturday night in visits to American Headquarters and troops in the 2nd Corps. By coincidence I happened to visit Combat Command A, which was holding Faïd and where the initial attack struck. My party and I left that place apparently about two hours before the attack actually hit.

"I spent the following day in Fredendall's Headquarters, and agreed with him and Anderson that the penetrations to our Faïd position compelled the evacuation of Gafsa. I really believe that the fighting of today will show that our troops are giving a very fine account of themselves, even though we must give up part of our extended line.

"Incidentally, it may not be understood at home that the major portions of the 1st Armored Division and the 1st and 34th Infantry Divisions are in the actual battle lines. I am working



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now on pushing the 9th Division up to the front, although the process is exceedingly slow because its transport is only 50% of normal strength. The arrival of the special convoy with truck transport will be a Godsend.

"I was impressed with Fredendall's thorough knowledge of his battlefield and of all his troop dispositions. He is working incessantly and for the past few days has had little rest. Yet he seems keen and fit, and I am placing a lot of confidence in him.

"I understand that Alexander's arrival may have again been delayed, possibly to the eighteenth. This is unfortunate, but I assume that he is having great difficulty in breaking away from his former command post. In the meantime, his Chief of Staff and certain other members of his staff are here and are getting facilities ready for execution of his later functions. The delay in his arrival is embarrassing me somewhat with respect to Husky planning.

"I had planned to be back at my main headquarters today, but am remaining at my forward Command Post so as to be in closer touch with Anderson until the present situation is better crystallized.

"The airfields at Thelepte are impressive in their extent and, therefore, in their value to us and the loss that we would suffer in case they were captured. Consequently, I expect to strain every nerve to hold the line covering Feriana-Sbeitla.

"I know you would have been impressed could you have seen the magnificent spirit displayed everywhere by the American enlisted men. In several instances I encountered troops that have been living for many days on our canned class C ration or its equivalent in the British ration. Not a man had a complaint, and while all spoke with delight of the prospect of white bread and some other items which are now beginning to become available, they seemed to realize that difficulties of transport made ammunition and fuel take precedence over bulky rations. Our soldiers are learning rapidly, and while I still believe that many of the lessons we are forced to learn at the cost of lives could be learned at home, I assure you that the troops that come out of this campaign are going to be battle wise and tactically efficient.

"Among American officers that I saw in front, other than the commander and staff of the 2nd Corps, were Generals Ward, Robinett and McQuillan, and Colonels Stark, commanding the

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26th Infantry; Drake, commanding the 168th; Hains, commanding the 1st Armored Regiment; and Summerall, commanding an artillery unit. I feel that they make up a good representative class of American officers and that the difficult operations they are now conducting are in good hands. "

W. H. Hase
Chief of Staff.

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Motorized Group in area T 2635 occupied pass between Djebel El Zitoun and Si Ali Bou Aoun. Reported evacuated 15 Feb was this pass with column believed moved eastward. To take our counter attacking forces on flank (From G-2 Freedom) possible purpose this column subtotal 130 tanks engaged suggested by reports. Therefore possible that 21 Panzer Division which originally occupied Faid again operating with support either elements 10 Panzer Division or 190 Tank Abteilung. Reported but not confirmed presence 4 MK 6 tanks. Possible however part 501 Heavy Tank Abteilung (23 MK 3 and 20 MK 6) engaged so although each column from south reported to be German MK 4's participation Italian tanks can not be entirely excluded. Foregoing part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 15 Feb. Southern Tunisia. Observed area Sened 9 enemy tanks 14 Feb T 4804 and 7 at Y 4093 during afternoon. Entered Gafsa Y 08 1535Z 15 Feb enemy force 3 tanks some armoured cars. Identifications. German. Reliably reported 10 Motorcycle Bn South of Pichon and in Faid area Atiptipl recce unit. Italian. Gabes El Guettar Area 132 Antitank Bn identified from prisoner of War which to 132 Ariete Armoured Division destroyed El Alamein this unit formerly belonged OD probably forming part reconstituted 131 Centauro Armoured Division this unit subsequently attached to Centauro Battle Group.

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To: WAR
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Positions Djebel Ainehouna at J 3384 and J 358
(AGWAR USFOR 1 Army 2 Corps Eastern Air Command 12th
Air Force MBS ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta Mid East Fairfield
5 Army from Freedom Algiers) 3 cleared by our patrols
10 Feb appear reoccupied by enemy West of Mateur. See
G 2 report No. 96, 12 Feb. Movement civilians cattle
North and South of Sebket El Kourzia J 71 apparently
because attractive German offers employment behind
lines. See G 2 report no 97, 13 Feb. Foregoing Northern
Tunisia.

Part 1 Land. G 2 report for 24 hours ending
2400Z 14 Feb. Central Tunisia. Supported by Infantry
Artillery 30 to 40 enemy tanks advanced Eastwards
early 14 Feb from Fald T 75. Control road Junction
T 6763 North of Sidi Bou Did Gained by enemy. Overrun
were our battery positions East of Djebel Lessouda.
Between Djebel Lessouda and Sbeitla were 20 German
tanks at 1130Z passing North after action mentioned.
Moving Northwards midday 30 enemy tanks Southwest this
area vicinity Bouel Hafca were reported. From Maknassy
a few further German tanks and motor vehicles reported
at RO T 37131 also moving Northward toward Sidi Bou Did.
Engaged in Sidi Bou Did area are estimated between 70
and 90 tanks. Along Northern slopes Djebel Meloussi T 62,
100 enemy motor vehicles reported 1300Z. AGWAR for
WDGBI USFOR repts Troopers information 1 Army 2 Corps
EAC 12th AF MBS repts 6 Corps ABS 1 Armd Corps Malta
MidEast Fairfield 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower
cite FHGBI. Southern Tunisia. With 1 destroyed 7 enemy
tanks attacked Stonda Dannouch Y 3088, 13 Feb.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 1286, February 16, 1943

Para four additional central ((To USFOR Action information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast pass to Main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers 1286 16th too nil)) Tunisia CP 1st Army now at Djerissa N 73 SITREP 110 Feb 15. Para five. Air. 21 B 17's (Fortress) attacked docks and shipping at Palermo (Sicily) with 54 tons of bombs. One ship hit and left burning. Oil tank hit and caught fire. All planes returned. 15 B 26's (Marauders) escorted by 24 P 38's (Lightnings) attacked Kairouan Airdrome with 14 tons of bombs. Six to 8 aircraft hit on ground. Formation attacked by about 7 enemy aircraft. One of which was destroyed and 1 damaged. All planes returned. Second attack made on Kairouan by 10 B 25's (Mitchells) escorted by 16 P 38's (Lightnings). Target covered with bursts. One large fire started. Enemy aircraft attacked formation. Six enemy planes destroyed. Three probably destroyed. One B 25 (Mitchell) shot down. Night 15-16 Feb 12 Wellingtons attacked docks at Bizerta with HE and incendiary bombs. One JU 88 was attacked and probably destroyed NE of Bizerta. Throughout day continuous offensive sweeps flown over Kairouan-Fondouk-Gafsa area. Large number of vehicles and MG posts were

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To: War

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attacked. One patrol intercepted enemy aircraft attacking Thelepte. Three enemy planes destroyed. One probably and 1 damaged. One Spitfire shot down. One A 20 (Boston) destroyed on ground. Another patrol attacked by 6 enemy aircraft of which 1 destroyed and 4 damaged. One P 39 (Airacobra) is missing. Fighter patrols damaged 1 FW 190 near Souk El Arba and forced down 1 enemy aircraft NE Cap Matefouch TG 66. Beaufighter destroyed enemy plane 14 Feb 20 miles north of Cap Bougaroun TF 76.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR USFOR

No 1197 February 16, 1943

Northern Tunisia. Nothing to report.

Central Tunisia. Southwest Si Nsar Allah 1500Z
14 Feb 40 to 50 motor vehs reported at T 8585. ((AGWAR
for WDCBI USFOR repta TROOPERS information 1 Army 2
Corps EAC 12 AF MBS repta 6 corps Rabse 1 Armcd Corps
Malta Mideast Fairfield 5 Army from G-2 FREEDOM signed
Eisenhower cite FHGBI 1197)) Neither altogether clear
for at present complete is information situation
battle for Sidi Bou Zid. Apparently early 14 Feb from
Faid overrunning our advanced batteries occupying cross-
roads at T 6763 force of about 20 tanks supported by
Infantry Artillery advanced westward. Same time advanced
westwards north of Djebel Lessouda additional force
40 tanks. Half these proceeded direction Sbeitla and
reached T 5686 by 1700Z. Our forces counterattacking
area crossroads T 6763 were engaged by remainder
supported by Infantry Artillery which crossed Faid-
Sbeitla road. Inflicted on enemy as result ensuing
engagement between Djebel Lessouda and Sidi Bou Zid
in which 40 to 50 enemy tanks engaged were casualties.
While retaining positions at Djebel Lessouda and
Djebel Kaaira Areas our forces were obliged to withdraw
southwest of Sidi Bou Zid. Probably subsequently
occupied by enemy was Sidi Bou Zid, Vicinity Bou El
Hafca T 34 same day 30 enemy tanks seen also at T
7231 on road from Makna Sy and unspecified number mov-
ing northward in each case. As result counterattacks

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our forces 15 Feb engaged enemy throughout day north and south of Sidi Bou Zid. From southeast group 15 MK 4 enemy tanks approached battle area. Apparently this was column seen 14 Feb at T 7231. Reported still in reserve at AE Rebdou T 8053 further group tanks estimated 1 coy. Armoured column main body consisting of 30 MK 4 tanks reported Bou El Hafca 14 Feb reached Oued El Fekka T 3950. Two further detachments each of 6 tanks mined road at T 3432 and advanced to Djebel El Hafca.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
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1332Z

CONTINUATION OF MESSAGE NR 982 of February 15th

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: Agwar - USFOR

No. 982 February 16, 1943

Sitrep 109 Feb 14 (Action and acknowledge USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast pass to main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers NR 982 15th secret).

Para 5. Additional Southern Tunisia. Signed Eisenhower, cite FHGCT, 1st Armad Div counter attacked 0630 hours 15 Feb southwards between Djebel Hamra T 46 and Djebel Lessouda T 66. We still hold Djebel Lessouda and Djebel Ksaira T 75. Gafsa force completed with Rawaa to area Feriana.

Para 6. Additional Central Tunisia. 135 RCT now area Pichon. 133 RCT holds ground between Djebel Trodda O 61 and Djebel El Abeid O 50.

Para 7. Air: 6 B 25 (Mitchell) aircraft escorted by 13 P 38's (Lightnings) dispatched to attack shipping between Tunisia and Sicily, no shipping sighted. All other heavy and medium bomber operations cancelled due to weather.

Throughout day many attacks made on enemy tanks, motor columns and concentrations in Gafsa-Maknassy-Faid area. Spitfires, P 38's (lightnings), P 39's (Airacobras), P 40's (Warhawks), A 20's (Bostons) all took part. Much damage believed inflicted. One P 39 (Airacobra) damaged and crashed landed on return. One P 39 hit by flak and

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crash landed NW of El Hamma Z 003. One P 39 missing, one Spitfire crash landed in friendly territory. One A 20 (Boston) exploded over base on return. One FW 190 destroyed. (Action and acknowledge USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast pass to main 8th Army 982.

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Footnote: Reference invited to CM-IN-7860 (16 Feb 43) G-2

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CC/S)
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February 16, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR-USFOR

No. 1431 February 16, 1943

1. Naval. No reports (sitrep 110-15th Feb).

2. Southern and Central Tunisia. Further details 14 Feb: CC A disabled 20 enemy tanks. Enemy did not commit entire Tank Force keeping at least 1 Co in reserve area 3 miles south of Faïd. Four to 6 MKS tanks included in attacking force. Enemy air forces active throughout day. Material losses suffered by CC A caused largely by dive bombing. At end of same day, 14 Feb our troops retained positions on high ground Djebel Lessouda and Djebel Ksaira. CC C and medium tank Bn from CC B concentrated south Hadjeb Fl Aïoun T69 under command 1 Arm'd Div night 14/15 Feb. (Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mid East pass to main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers 1431 at 0530Z 15 Feb) 1 Arm'd Div launched counterattack southward between Djebel Hamra T48 and Djebel Lessouda. Fighting continued throughout day against enemy tank and Inf forces in area Sidi Bou Zid. At 1600Z our forces north and south of Sidi Bou Zid. Our entire force at Gafsa withdrawn night 14/15 Feb to area of Feriana. Organization and defense of that area proceeding. Bn 26 RCT organizing defensive position 4 miles east Kasserine. Small enemy mechanized column entered Gafsa afternoon 15 Feb. Enemy withdrawn from pass T2635. During night 14/15 Feb following moves took place: 16/3 Lancers to Kesra 043 under command CC B. Hq 26 Arm'd Brig and Second Lothian and Border Horse armored to area El Akhonat 03385 to join first Guards Brig in army reserve. One Arm'd Rgt (British) less two Sqdns from area Robaa to Bou Arada reverting command 6 Arm'd Div leaving 1 arm'd sqdn still at Robaa. Night 15/16 re-

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To: AGMAN

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mainder CC B moved to Sbmilla under Command Second Corps. Hq 26 Armd Div reassume Command 16/5 Lancers and moved to Kesra. Two Lothian and Border Horse moved from El Akhonat to area 8 miles NE of Kesra.

3. Northern Tunisia. Active patrol activity all sectors. 2/18 RCT moved night 14/15 Feb to Manchar under command of 46 Div. Action and acknowledge USFOR information AGWIR Troopers 5th Army MidEast pass to main 8th Army.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
LOG

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 1167, February 16, 1943.

Sunk by torpedoes of HM submarine unseen 14 Feb 60 miles south Taranto was 1500 ton merchant vessel in tow. (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 Army from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 1167) found by HM Trawler Ruskholm approximate position 8 miles east Cape Takouch (between Philippeville and Bone) Italian flying boat 1730 Z 15 Feb placed on board were crew of 5. Flying boat taken in tow to Philippeville. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z. 15 Feb. Part two Air. Western Mediterranean daytime 2 enemy bomber recce by Beaufighters morning 1st contacted Algiers Area amt between Oran-Melilla 2nd reported evening. Tunisian Mainland and Sicilian Channel covered by 8 or 9 enemy aircraft from Sicily. Carried out over Central Mediterranean meteor flight M with fewer than usual 14 Feb trashport performed between Naples-Tunis and Sicily-Tunis. Off Sicily enemy bombers active on convoy escort daytime. During 2nd half night 15-16 Feb further aircraft operated from Sicily. Intercepted, with 1 PW 190 damaged were 4 enemy aircraft approaching Souk El Arba Aerodrome 0735Z. No bombs dropped. Between 0645 and 0915Z Medjez El Bab approached by a number enemy aircraft. At 1500 Z with escort of ME 109s 7 JU 87 bombed bridge near Medjez. With 3 claimed destroyed 6 ME 109s attacked Thelepte

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Aerodrome at 0600Z intercepted by Spitfires and P 39's. By formations of 8 to 9 and 15 to 20 enemy aircraft respectively B-26's and B-25's escorted by P-38's at approximately 1400 and 1430Z attacking Kairouan Aerodrome were engaged. Claimed destroyed 7 enemy. Seen on aerodrome of which a number claimed destroyed were 20 to 30 enemy aircraft. On mission Sisi Bou Zid area Spitfires and P-39's attacked by 6 enemy aircraft at 1100Z. Destroyed 1 FW 190. Active in Gafsa area at approximately 0645Z were 2 ME 109's.

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

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

CG FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 2364

TSPOR LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

Number R-5922

A request for urgently needed detailed information is passed on from Lehman in order to prepare for rehabilitation and relief needs of Tunisia. Lehman asks that Red Cross, Army, French and NAEB personnel together with other personnel available contribute in giving a comprehensive picture quickly. He further asks that Hoehler be responsible for assembling the information. To Eisenhower, Freedom Algiers, COB-58, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, for NAEB, Attention Hoehler.

1. Probable need of direct relief in Tunisia? Number of people? What special classes such as aged, nursing mothers, homeless, children and refugees. What will be the housing problem? Other similar problems?
2. What developments may be expected concerning agricultural and industrial production? Immediately after and during occupation specifically what production should be started in Tunisia value of which would accrue in military, operational or subsequent relief efforts to the United Nations. In order to get the production started what are the essential tools, repair parts, seeds and machinery needed? In order to make the population of Tunisia self supporting what else is essential?
3. What are needs in connection with sanitation and health?
4. For the initial stages what plans are being developed by the Army to take care of these items?
5. How will shipments from this side be affected by storage facilities in the present area or Tunisia? What

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bearing will port facilities and transportation have on shipments?

6. From all sources including available natives what personnel are already available for this work in North Africa? To be sent from here? What additional personnel is needed? What would their specialties be?

7. Will military destruction or other causes result in special problems for Tunisia? If so, please advise what special preparation should be made at this end?

8. What stockpiles intended for Tunisia have been created? What stockpiles have been planned from shipments through UG 6? Can stockpiles be increased depending on shipments requested subsequent to UG 6 and to what extent? Can shipments in excess of those requested subsequent to UG 6 be handled if tonnage becomes available?

9. Please forward all information as soon as available without necessarily completing above questions. Also any additional information pertinent to the Tunisian problem. Information is needed as to your program and policy thus helping to establish policy and program over here.

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ORIGINATOR: CCS
INFORMATION: SOS-OPER (Col. Mcgruder)
INTERNATL. (Col. Franks)
OPD
G-2 (Col. Sands)

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From: Algiers
To: War USFOR

No. 1267 Feb 16, 1943

It has been agreed that General Mast will proceed to Cairo within a few days for consultation with General Lerminat (to USFOR AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) AGWAR action Bull information Combined Chiefs of Staff AFND USFOR British Chiefs of Staff, signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy, NAF 150, looking toward the establishment of liaison between French forces now fighting in North Africa.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
G-2 (GEN. STRONG)
GEN. ARNOLD
ADM. KING
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