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March 15
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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: No. 6770, March 15, 1943

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Captured documents covering period summer 1941 to January 1943 (to Troopers rptd AGWAR from Freedom 6770--15 Mar nil from G-2 signed Eisenhower cite FHGBW) indicate components Hermann Goering Division as follows Headquarters, Schutzen regiment possibly Jager regiment, Panzer regiment, artillery Abteilung or regiment, Flak regiment, Wach regiment, probably also Panzer Pioneer Battalion and Panzer recce battalion. Division and all components called Hermann Goering. Schutzen regiment now probably either GR or even PGRX consisted 3 Bns September 1942. Not finally certain that Jager regiment to be component of division. Panzer regiment has 2 battalions. One or both may have mark VI. Prisoners have stated 1 Bn training with Tigers in Vienna. Artillery Abteilung equipped with SP guns. Presumably full regiment of 3 Abteilungen envisaged. Prisoners state all guns to be SP. Flak regiment consists 4 Abteilungen. Wach regiment formerly Wach battalion 46. Detachment from division envisaged. Divisional Commander General Major Conrath. Fuller details appear our weekly summary 29. Documents follow immediately by fastest air addressed troopers N.B.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: NAAF 1400 March 15, 1943.

Weather caused cancellation of practically all missions (from Spaatz for Arnold signed Eisenhower: NAAF msg nr 1400) fighters broke up enemy bomber attack on convoy. Western desert light bombers and fighters ran into considerable enemy opposition and heavy ack ack fire on 13 March in Southern sector. Statistics: sorties: Hudson, 3 Beaufighters, 6: P 38s, 4; Spitfires, 20. Losses: nil. Victories: 1 He 111 destroyed, 3 He 111s probably destroyed and 2 He 111s damaged.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

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CCWD
March 15, 1943
2347 Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

In Reply Cite: 6794 March 15, 1943

Off North African Coast 2 enemy bomber recce. Shadowed morning contacted (to AGWAR USFOR rptd 18 Army Gp NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison GP AFHQ 5th Army (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Gp pass 1st Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass each and 12 AF 5th Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps) signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI 6794 nil) Again near Bone afternoon Allied Naval forces between Bougie Philippeville. Also sighted North East Oran morning our Naval forces. Covered by aircraft from Southern France afternoon Balearics area. Over Eastern Tunisia coast and West from Sicily morning usual meteorol flight. Foregoing bomber recce.

Part 2 Air G-2 report for 24 hrs ending 2400Z 14 Mar. Part 1 will follow. Bombers. Without attacks developing enemy torpedo bombers approached Naval forces sighted earlier between Bougie Philippeville both morning early afternoon with two BE 111's destroyed by Allied fighters at 1620Z 9 these made unsuccessful attack Naval forces approaching Bone. Transport. Reported between Tunis-Sicily-Naples 13 March about 60 transport of which majority landed Tunis morning and a few reported afternoon leaving

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Bizerta. Other enemy activity. With no attack seen South of Sousse by P 38's on recce mission. Two ME 109's Northern Tunisia only 3 enemy aircraft active. Unfavorable weather restricted activity generally.

Part 3 Naval. Submarine dispositions Western Mediterranean. German. Between Alboran Island and Oran 2. NW Cape Tenez 2. Off Algiers possibly 40 mins 1. Italian. Increased to 8 or 9 in Western Mediterranean. Between 04 mins and 06 mins East 3 or 4. Vicinity Cape Bougaroni 2 or 3. North of Bone 1 or 2. With no damage nor casualties to our ships torpedo bombing attacks by Italian and German aircraft early evening 14 March off Cape De Arde. Claimed destroyed 1, probably 3, damaged 2. Small Port of Zarzis Southern Tunisia now in operation for landing craft carrying supplies.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
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CCWD
March 15
2259Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR
USFOR London

In reply cite: No. 6793, March 15, 1943

Correction. Ref Annex A to G-2 report for 24 hour ending 13 Mar. On Nebelwerfer 41 read 6 rounds in 90 seconds not 6 rounds 90 minutes. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass One Army and Two Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12 AF NBS ABS Malta MidEast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ Five Army pass One Arm Corp and Six Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 6793 - 15 Mar) In occupation Dj Sidi Ahmed J 1363 enemy reported 13 Mar. Holding Dj Nabel area J 4041, 4444 - 4044 about one Bn Infantry. Found heavily wired Medjez sector East bank river J 7128 (9 miles South East Medjez). Road Sedjenane-Jefna afternoon 14 Mar considerable movement MT. Hill at J 110785 (4 miles Northwest Dj El Harch) Tamra front attacked by enemy who subsequently withdrew. Nothing to report sectors Oued Zarga Medjez and Bou Arada. Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 14 Mar. Central Tunisia. Nothing to report sectors Dj Mansour and Ousseltia. Located Southwest El Ala O 6117 Pichon sector enemy infantry. In Sbikha area afternoon 12 Mar considerable MT moving North and South reported by air recce. Area T 8843-T9862 (Dj Matleg-Road Faid-Sfax) unconfirmed reported large armoured force, Moving Southwest road Sidi Bou Zid Gafsa at T 3326 German tanks reported 13 March. Holding Dj Goussa 14 Mar enemy inf reported. Comment. Perhaps Tenth Arm Div whose headquarters Sbikha before Kasserine battle this movement MT. In Faid area no identification arm formations but if report accurate

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From: Algiers

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To: WAR

USFOR London

In reply cite: No. 6793, March 15, 1943

resumption offensive operations that area suggested as probable.

Southern Tunisia. Nothing to report Gafsa-Metlaoui sectors. 13 Mar Mareth front slight increase enemy arty activity. Unidentified Italian recon unit and third recon unit probably still vicinity Ksar-Rhilane. At Z 100500 and at Z 207568 (Northwest and West of Gabes respectively) photo recon reports earthworks and anti tank ditch. This location between Dj Zemletrel Baida and coastal road and railway at Z 207568. Evacuated after mining and demolitions Kreddache and Ksar El Hallouf reported. Uncertain present whereabouts 164 Div. On Mareth front no indications any thinning out. Reported thinning out from Bordj Toual flank bit thickening at Gabes where evident enemy trying to deny area to our aircraft. Identifications. German. By PWS. Area Northwest Ouedkzarga night 12/13 Mar Ninth Coy 756 Mtn Inf Regt. Area J 6505 night 12/13 Mar Ninth Coy Hermann Goering Grenadier Regt. Comment. This unit may be coy of former Schutzen Regt of Goering Bde now Goering Div of which elements since early January arriving Tunisia. Area J 1276-14 Mar Second Coy Von Konen Bn. Comment. This Bn last reported area Tunis provided glider crews for attack on Kasserine and Morsott area. Organized into 4 coys each between 80 and 100 men this unit contains number trained saboteurs from Brandenburg Regt. In Tamora 14 Mar First Bn 69 PGR. Comment. This Bn 10 Mar removed from old position North of Goubellat. Italian. None.

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

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March 15, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: Y 3520, March 15, 1943

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Troopers USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for F M Viscount Gort Mideast Fifth Army from 18 Army Group 0/186 15 Mar TOO 1100 A.

Part 1. Sitrep no 137 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 14 Mar from AFHQ signed C in C. (1) 8th Army (A) 30 Corps. Light activity only. Night patrol to (T) Z 6306 fired on and withdrew patrol to (T) Z 6205 found posn unoccupied. Extensive trip wire system with mines and booby traps area (T) Z 6103. Digging and movement at (Y) E 5292.7 A and SH relieved by 6 Gren Gds during night. Patrol line 11 H (Y) E 6382 (Y) E 6275 (Y) E 6373 (Y) E 6763 (B) 10 Corps. N T R.

Part 2. Cite FHGCT.

Remainder of part 2 to follow.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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Mar. 16, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR London
War (Information)

In Reply Cite: 6834, March 15, 1943.

Sitrep number 137, March 14. (Action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5 Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ 6834 15th March Part 2. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FEGCT.

Para 1. Naval. Convoy KMS 10 attacked off Cherchel by E boat March 9 two ships torpedoed both arrived Algiers. Same convoy attacked by aircraft Bone Harbour March 11. No casualties. E boats operated Gulf of Bone night 11-12 March. HM destroyer sunk by E boat March 12. About 170 survivors.

Para 2. Movements completed. Three six Field Artillery Regt and 26 Field Artillery Bn arrived Tebessa from Algiers March 13 coming under command 2 Corps on arrival.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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 March 15

URGENT

From: Algiers
 To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: Unnumbered March 15, 1943

SITREP no 137 for 24 Fm 18 Army Gp 0/184
 Mar 15 to 0335A to 1 Troopers 2 USFOR 3 AGWAR
 4 Freedom 5 Governor (personal for FM Viscount
 Gort 6 Mideast 7 5th Army (1 pass 2 and 5(4) pass
 3 6 7 (3) hours ending 2358 hrs 14 Mar from AFHC
 signed C IN C. Part one begins. Section one.
 Eighth Army. Follows Later. Section two. South
 east Algeria. Quiet day. Djebel Eszstah Pass
 occupied by 2 inf coys 1 75MM gun tracked battery
 1 tank destroyer squadron. Section three. 2 corps.
 Normal patrol activity and clearing of mine fields.
 Section four. First Army (A) 19 corps NTR. (B)
 5 corps. Attack by Bn 139 BDE 13 Mar much
 hampered by weather and not successful section
 five. Air. Follows later. End of part one. Part
 two follows, * CITE FHGCT - (corrected by CM-N-2101
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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
 CG AAF
 CGGN
 Sec. Gen. Staff
 Gen. Deane (CCS)
 Adm. King

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 6771 March 15, 1943

Since his arrival here Monnet has accomplished much. (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) From Eisenhower to General Marshall for eyes only. He deals with local problems on the basis of principle and much good will eventually come out of his work. Assuming that the U S Government approves of the pronouncements made by General Giraud on Sunday, which pronouncements are going out in the form of actual decrees, each checked by Monnet, he believes that some expression of Presidential approval would be most helpful to further progress.

Monnet informed me today that within a few days he may ask me to make a short announcement as the Allied Commander in Chief with a view of reassuring all concerned that none of the operations conducted by this Allied Force has as its objective the purpose of securing local territorial advantages for either the United States or Great Britain. I issued such a statement in the early days in strict conformity with the language of Presidential proclamations. However, it appears desirable to Monnet that this assurance be repeated. I will be careful to confine myself strictly to the purposes of the present military operations and of the Allied Forces now in this Theater and will not go farther afield.

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Information: Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Gen. Marshall
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BMS

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0956z
March 15

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: Unnumbered March 15, 1943

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Sec.Gen.Staff
Gen. Deane (CCS)
Adm. King

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Mar 15 1943
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OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: USFOR London
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: Unnumbered, March 14, 1943

Part 1. SITREP nr 136 for 24 hours (from 1st Army Group 07178 March 14 T 00 0440A to Troopers pass USFOR Milstaf for AGWAR Freedom Malta personal for Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army Jacques Batna 24(242) Group Bone area for SOIF Hq L of C 12(11) a svc). Ending 2359 hrs 13 Mar. From AFHQ signed C in C.

Section 1. 8th Army. Follows later.

Section 2. South East Algiers. Organization by French forces of strong point at Metlaoui and Djfhel as Stah pass X 8478 in progress.

Section 3. 8 (5) Corps. No change forward positions. Patrol 1 Derby Yeomanry reported 15 enemy tanks moving sout west with head of column at T 5348 at 0815 hrs.

Section 4. 1st Army.

(A). 19th Corps. 3/43 948 V left for re-organization in Oran area.

(B). 3575 Corps. Y Division. Local enemy attack J 6505 repulsed. 78th Division. Patrols found east bank Oued J 7128 heavily wired. Patrol blew up enemy ammunition dump of SAA and grenajos at J 6726 l. 46th Division. Enemy approximate strength 1 battalion area J 4041 J 4044. Battalion 139 Brigade attacking high ground

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J 1375 details later. Enemy still in area J 1363.

(C). Adv Hq 1st Army opened N 8598
from 1200 hrs 13 March.

Section 5. Air. Follows later.

End of Part 1. 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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Mar 14
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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 6536 March 14, 1943

Text of the declaration which General Giraud will make this (AGWAR from Freedom) afternoon has been telegraphed to Washington this morning. To the Adjutant General for immediate and personal delivery to Mr Harry Hopkins from Monnet signed Eisenhower cite FHCOS. I believe that it deals adequately with the questions mentioned in my telegram 11 March to you, also action is already being taken to cancel all Jewish laws, reconvene the popularly elected Social Council et cetera. I am working on follow up actions and believe that it will happen all along the line. The foregoing was para one.

Para two. In fact General Giraud's declaration and actions re-enact the French principles of liberty and democracy and implement in practice the principles of the Atlantic Charter. It would be of the greatest importance to public opinion in France and here if the President could in his own way respond warmly to Giraud's declaration. Murphy is telegraphing to the President on this most important question. I agree fully with the views he expresses.

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ACTION: White House

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 6530 March 14 1943

Tamera sector at J 1375, 1600 Z 13 March Strong enemy machine gun position located. (AGWAR USFOR information 18 Army Group NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower --- 6530 --- 14 Mar --- Nil ---) Nothing to report from either Sedjenane or Oued Zarga-Medjex Sectors, Blown up 3 March enemy ammunition dump J 6727 (3 miles northeast Goubellat). On farms 3 miles N TTH Bou Arada 2200 Z 12 March unsuccessful attack by about 30 enemy. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 13 March. Central Tunisia. Reported withdrawing to T 7237, 11 March Italian with 12 tanks. Ousseltia Area nothing to report. Apparently extensive no mans land with patrol only encountered in valley Pichon area nothing to report. Moving north Gafsa-Sidi Bou Eid road 1030 Z 13 March 10 tanks observed. Moving west at Y 3897 (Mir Bou Rsmli) 6 tanks observed. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF Pass RAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv LN Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Arm Corp and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Southern Tunisia. South and east of Gafsa enemy located following positions Y 1171 Y 0979 Y 0581 Y 0886. Through pass at E 4989 in both directions enemy NT reported 1600 Z 12 March occupied by armoured patrol Djebel Kloutid E 1546. Still in area 10 miles northeast Ksar Khilane enemy NT armoured cars. 8th Army report Nebelwarfer 41 in action 6 March. Performance described as noisy but negligible.

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

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR (Action)
WAR (Information)

In Reply Cite #26833, March 14, 1943

March 13.

Part Two. Nil (Action USFOR Information AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army Mideast 18th Army Group Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G 3 Sec AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHQCT 6809 date nil SITREP 136.)

Part Three. Air. B 17's Fortresses escorted by P 38's Lightnings searched for shipping NE Bizerte, no shipping sighted. All bombing missions cancelled due weather. Offensive reconnaissance and photo reconnaissances were flown over the La Faudnnerie-Gafsa Area, light Italian tanks were attacked, results unobserved. Spitfires and P 39's Aircobras dispatched to attack a landing ground west of Dj Et Telil (U25) were attacked by enemy aircraft, the Spitfires flying high did not see enemy, 7 P 39's missing. Tac/r, offensive sweeps, and interception patrols were flown in the Medjes-Beja-Sedjenane Areas no combats. The usual anti sub and coastal protection Sorties were flown. Nothing to report. Disposition operational aircraft, Casablanca 12 troop carriers Tataroui 32 fighters. 14 medium bombers. 11 bomber recon Oujda 5 fighter recon 1 fighter. 43 medium bombers. 1 bomber recon 2 troop carrier. Port Lyautey 3 heavy bombers. La Senia 8 fighters. 2 light bombers. 4 heavy bombers Nouvion 20 troop carriers Relizane 23 troop carriers Blida 19 medium bombers. 28

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bomber reconnaissance. 37 troop carriers Maison
Blanche 65 fighters. 10 light bombers 20 photo
recon. 9 troop carriers Thelepte number 2 30
fighters Constantine 14 light bombers (Taher)
9 fighters Bone 40 fighters Telergma 60 fighters
26 medium bombers. 11 troop carriers Jemmapes
17 fighters Chateau Dun 55 fighters. 44 heavy
bombers St Donat 27 heavy bombers Souk El Khemis
63 fighters. 19 light bombers Youks Les Bain
17 fighter recon. 2 fighters. 6 bomber recon
Canrobert 8 light bombers Oulneme 20 light
bombers Setif 47 fighters. 19 light bombers
Berteaux 45 medium bombers Tebessa 49 fighters
Ain Rerard 59 fighters Orlans Ville 4 fighters.

No Sig

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INFO: G-2
CG AAF
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GENERAL DEANE (CC/S)
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From: London USFOR
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 178 March 14 1943

Part 1 SITREP no 136 for 24 hours (from 18 Army Group 178 March 14 to Troopers pass USFOR Milstaf for AGWAR Freedom Malta personal for Viscount Gert Mideast 5th Army Jacques Batna 242 Group Bone area for S O P S Hq L of C 12 A SGC) ending 2359 hrs 13 Mar. from AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 begins. Section 1. 8th Army. Follows later. Section 2. Southeast Algiers. Organization by French forces of strong point at Metlaoui and Difhel ES-Stah pass. 8478 in progress. Section 3.5 Corps. No change forward positions. Patrol 1 Derby Yeomanry reported 15 enemy tanks moving southwest with head of column at T 5348 at 0815 hrs. Section 4. 1st Army. (A) 19 Corps 3/43 94 8 V left for reorganization in Oran area. (B) 5 Corps. Y Division M local enemy attack J 6505 repulsed. 78 Division M patrols found east bank Oued J Yeraie Oued J 7128 heavily wired. Patrol blew up enemy ammunition dump of SAA at J 6726 46 Division. Enemy approximate strength 1 battalion area J 4041 J 4444 J 4044. Battalion 139 Brigade attacking high ground J 1375 details later. Enemy still in area J 1363. (C). Adv HL 1st Army opened N 8598 from 1200 hrs 13 March. Section 5. Air. Follows later. End of part 1. 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

Action: OPD

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

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March 14-43
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

In Reply Cite: 6538 March 14 1943

Three Naval nothing to report, G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 13 March, (Action AGWAR USFOR Information 18 Army Group NAAF, NBS, ABS, Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 6538 14 Mar).

Part 2. Air. Active off North African coast 4 enemy bomber force of which 2 reported between Algiers Oran. British Naval forces northeast of Oran sighted morning. Of Allied fighters interrupted were remaining 2. Probably searching for our submarines were 5 reported northwest Mediterranean. On usual western Mediterranean route as far as Algiers weather flight performed morning. From Sardinia early morning few torpedo bombers and JU 88's attacked Bone 0440 Z. To power station by bombs slight damage. With no attacks evening at least 12 bombers active between Algiers Oran. Bone area additional 11 operated. Harbor attacked by 7 or 8 between 1800 Z and 1850 Z of which 2 planes destroyed. Landed at Tunis morning 12 March about 60 transport including few 6 engined machines. From Sicily afternoon additional 20 or 30. * pass 1 Arm'd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI, Tebarka area 20 enemy aircraft reported active. On offensive sweeps Mateur Beja Sedjennane and Kairouan areas about 25 enemy aircraft active. With no claims about 12 ME 109's and FW 190's attacked Spitfires and P 39's attacking airfield near La Fanconnerie. Against 8th Army positions number unspecified dive bombers and ME 109 fighters active. Over Gabes and Matmata areas defensive patrols flown with 12 enemy identified over Gabes area.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY COPY

From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

In Reply Cite: 6538 March 14 1943

Insert following at omission:

From Sicily afternoon additional 20 or 30. After unloading all returned to Sicily or Italy. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv LN Grp AFBQ 5 Army.

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INFO: OPD
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From Algiers:
To: WAR

In reply cite: No. 1261, March 14th, 1943.

Weather interfered with all bomber missions. 7 of 12 P 39's (to AGWAR Nr 1261) reported missing due to an enemy aircraft interception which was not seen by 24 American spitfires high cover. From SPAATZ for Arnold signed Eisenhower. Fighters carried out numerous patrols. Statistics: Sorties: B 17s, 24; Hudsons, 17; A 20's, 2; Beaufighters, 4; P 38's, 27; P 39's, 18; American Spitfires, 84; British Spitfires, 95. Victories: Nil. Losses: 7 P 39's missing.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 6404, March 13, 1943

Enfidaville dropping 21 tons of bombs.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR (Action) War (Information)

In Reply Cite: 6406, March 13, 1943.

135 12 March 5 signed Eisenhower. (Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta from G-3 Section, AFHQ 6406 (6496). Part 2 Sitrep number) cite FHGCT.

1. Naval. No reports.

2. Movements complete. Second Bn 509th Parachute Regt arrived Oujda from Algiers coming under command 5th Army. Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 6404 March 13, 1943

March twelve part 3 sitrep 135. Air. Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT. (to USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Bq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ 6404 12th March B-17's Fortresses escorted by P-38's Lightnings attacked docks and Marshal-ling yards Sousse. 120 tons bombs dropped, bursts seen in Rq yards, docks, on oil storage and near power house. large fires started. In combat bombers report one ME 109 destroyed one damaged. Fighters escort report one ME destroyed, 2 probable destroyed, and one FW 190 damaged. One P 38 Lightning shot down. B-26's Marauders escorted by P 40-s Warhawks attacked RR bridges and supply dumps at Enfidaville *ppuwufpy tralty one tons of bombs. Hits observed on supply dumps. In combat bombers report two ME 109's destroyed. One B 26 was shot down. Fighter escort report damaging one ME 109. B-25's Mitchells escorted by P-38's Lightnings on shipping sweep attacked 18 Siebel ferries 20 miles NNW Cap Bon, 500 pound bombs were dropped, 3 ferries are reported sunk, 3 probable sunk, near misses others. One B 25 Mitchell shot down. Fighter escort report two cant Z 1007 destroyed. Spitfires and Hurribombers carried out tactical reconnaissance in Northern Tunisia where M-T trucks and Staff Car were attacked. Spitfire swept the Pichon area. Offensive patrols in the Medjez El Bab-Mateur-Aeboursouk area encountered ME-109's one is reported damaged. Spitfires and P-39's reconnoitred the Faid area. Number of interception patrols flown in the Bone area without incident. Western desert 11 March.

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Bostons and Kittyhawks with Spitfire escort attacked Mareth position no results observed, some air opposition but not determined. The usual harbour and base patrols were flown without incident. During night 10/11 Beau-fighters patrolled no contact. Enemy activity, the advanced airdrome at Thelepte was attacked twice during the day by ME 109's and FQ-190's, Incomplete reports state that fighters destroyed one ME-109 and damaged 2, that ground forces destroyed 4 ME 109's and damaged 2. Three Spitfires were damaged on the ground. Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta.

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Mar. 13, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR
Twelfth Air Force (Information)

In Reply Cite: 6329, March 13, 1943.

Tamers Front 12 March no activity. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12 AF NBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armad Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FBGBI 6329 13 Mar nil) area J 235543 (south of Djebel Tabours) occupied by 1 Coy enemy. Including tracked vehicles enemy MT Oued Zaega Sector heard moving night 11/12 March. Reported clear of enemy area 3 miles southwest Toukabour. Also clear of enemy line Chasert Teffaha J 5841-Smidia J 5933 (J8939) - Fara J 6737-Medjez. Point 414 O 7197 (north of Djebel Ma Sour) shelled heavily by enemy 0915 Z 12 March. Foregoing Northern Tunisia Part 1 Land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 12 March. Central Tunisia. Point 705, Ragoubet El Hejjij O 6788 reached by 7 enemy patrols 12 March. This point astride Pont Du Fahs-Robas Road. Subsequently enemy withdrew. Located at Bir Esszi O 7745 (in Ousseltia-Kaluouan Pass) small number enemy. Ten PWS taken. Reported occupied by enemy Djebel Es Stah X 8978. Southern Tunisia. During 11 March point 10 kilometers east of Metlaoui X 76 reached by enemy patrols. Patrol activity only Mareth Front. Reported still occupying Y 8902 south-east Arram is enemy. Lost by enemy 18 vehicles 7 guns (including long 76 MM gun) result attacks with Armoured cars Artillery Ksar Rhilane Area. Identifications. None.

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

In Reply Cite: 6330 March 13 1943

Off North African Coast 4 enemy bomber recce reported, between Bone and Bougie convoys contacted also shipping off Algiers. Meteor flight performed Western Mediterranean morning. Near Bone and over sea area northeast Bone evening about 10 torpedo bombers and at least 5 JU 88's active. Over Bone 1840 Z claimed shot down by gunfire 1 JU 88. Also probably 1 HE 111. Transport flights to Tunisia daytime about 80 Ju 52's reported of which 40 landed Bizerta. Cape Serrat area 12 ME 109's active. (To AGWAR USFOR 18 Army Group NAAF MES ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 6330) date nil too nil. Morning Kairouan-Feriana area fighters identified. On roads Kasserine-Sbeitla area afternoon fighter bomber attacks. By Italian fighters area Sicily and Gages-Sfax defensive patrols flown in response to Allied bombing attacks, of which 1 claimed destroyed 1 damaged 12 to 15 enemy fighters engaged over Soussa Allied bombers attacking harbour. From formation reported as 15 ME 109's and FW 190's P 38's attacked thereby claim 1 ME 109 destroyed 2 probably 1 FW 190 damaged BG of which 2 shot down were 3 ME 109's engaging Allied bombers attacking targets Enfidaville area. Encountered by escorting P 38's were 9 ME 109's of which 1 damaged foregoing part 2.

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To: War-USFOR
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Air G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 12 March.

Part 3. Naval. Wrecked merchant vessel torpedoed by HM submarine while flowing crane unloaded cargo 1 1/2 miles north of Sousse north of Cape Guardia HM destroyer sunk by E boat. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18th Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 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 submarine disposition SW Western Mediterranean. German. Between Alboran and Oran 2. Vicinity Cape Teneze 2 of which 1 sighted 36 degrees 50 mins north 01 deg 26 mins east at 0700 Z 13 March by our aircraft. Off Algiers 1. Italian. Bout 7 between Algiers- Bone of which 3 probably between 04 degs east and Cape Bougromoni. Entering Bone evening 11 March KMS 10 attacked by enemy aircraft of which 1 JU 88 shot down and 1 probably by HM destroyers. No damage to ships. Night 11-12 March off Bone E boats engaged BR coast defense battery. Off Bone 10 and 11 March 6 German mines swept.

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 1189 March 13 1943

Heavy bombers attacked Sousse hitting 1 medium sized ship. From Spaatz for Arnold signed Eisenhower nr 1189. B 26s attacked Enfidaville dump area. B 25s attacked convoy of 11 Siebel ferries, sinking 4, probably sinking 4 and making near hits on balance. Wellingtons hit Tunis docks and bombed houses severely. Light bombers and fighters carried out many patrols and tactical reconnaissances. Weather good. Statistics: Sorties; B 17s, 39; B 26s, 15; B 25s, 15; Wellingtons, 11; Hurribombers, 9; Hudson C, 19; P 38s, 71; P 39s, 2; P 40s, 36; American Spitfires, 8; Beaufighters, 10; British Spitfires, 178; Hurricanes, 64. Losses; 1 P 38, 1 B 26 and 1 B 25 destroyed, 1 Hurricane missing. Victories: 9 ME 109s, 2 CZ 1007s and 1 JU 88 destroyed, 2 ME 109s probably destroyed, 7 ME 109s and 1 FW 190 damaged.

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T.O.O. 1528A/13

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From : C. in C. Med.

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Situation Report No. 70

1. Convoy KMS 10 was attacked by U-Boat at 1918/9 in position 36 51 north 01 09 east, 2 ships were torpedoed both have arrived Algiers; same convoy attacked by bombers and torpedo bomber aircraft as it was entering Bone at 1859/11; no casualties. One enemy aircraft claimed certain by H.M.S. VANOC, one possible H.M.S. VERITY, 3rd by fighters.
2. Algiers Harbour attacked by enemy aircraft at 1923/9 as KMF 10 B was entering; no damage or casualties.
3. Ferry service was attacked by torpedo bomber aircraft at 0804/10 without success.
4. E-Boats operating in Gulf of Bone on night 11th/12th March probably minelaying, were dispersed by shore battery. MTBs endeavoured to intercept, but did not make contact.
5. 6 German R mines swept in approaches to Bone on 10th and 11th March.
6. H.M.S. LIGHTNING hit by E-Boat torpedo at 2218/12 in position 37 53 north 09 50 east during a sweep by force Q, H.M.S. LIGHTNING subsequently sank. About 170 survivors including the Commanding Officer, were picked up by H.M.S. LOYAL.

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March 12
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR
USFOR London

In reply cite: No. 6108, March 12, 1943

(To AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 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 6108 date nil.

2. Air. Identified off North African coast between Bone and Algiers 3 enemy bomber recce JU 88's. Convoy Eastbound contacted between Phillippeville Bone afternnon. From Sicily over Eastern Tunisia and sea area to East meteoro flight performed. At dusk area convoy near Bone afternnon more than 10 JU 88's plus few torpedo HE 111's enemy bombers operated. Shot down 1 JU 88 claimed. To shipping no damage reported. On convoy escort during day number JU 88's HE 210's and ME 110's engaged of which claimed destroyed by bombers 1 ME 110 and by fighters 2 JU 88's in process of shipping strike between Sicily-Tunis by B-26's escorted by P-38's. On transport duty during day 10 March about 80 enemy aircraft including more than 10, 6 engined bombers. To and from Tunis great majority of flights reported. Off Bizerta P-38's weather recce sighted 2 ME 109's without encounter. Off Sicily 2 ME 109's also sighted.

3. Naval G-2 repprt for 24 hours ending 2400Z 11 March. Nothing to report.

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March 12, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 6107 March 12, 1943

Tamers sector 11 March additional enemy attacks. No success. (AGWAR for WDEBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps RAAF pass EAC and 12th AF NBS ABS Malta Mideast ADVLN Grp AFHQ 8 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-3 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FROBI. 6107) in area J 2956 (10 miles north northeast Beja) enemy located. In areas Qued Sarga, Medjes-Gouballat and Bou Arede nothing to report. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-3 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 11 March. Central Tunisia. Taking 3 PWS German patrol DGR disguised as Americans night 10-11 March attacked our post at 07388 north of Djalal Mansour. Allied operations Ousseltia area encountered weak enemy resistance. Sidi Bou Eid area normal patrol activity and clearing of minefields. Otherwise nothing to report. Southern Tunisia. Evacuated by enemy Metlaoui. Qued El Aredj E 2032-E 1640 reached by 30 enemy armored cars supported by artillery 10 March. Accompanied by heavy air bombing plus artillery heavy attack also on Ksar Khilane D 93, throughout day. Less vigorous but with continued fighting A E I enemy attacks. Identifications. German. By PWS. Area O 7244, 11 March 2nd COY March Bn 28. Comment. Continued presence this Bn Djebel Halfa Sector confirmed. Tamers front 11 March Bn T 4 Bn T 3, 11 COY Barenthin Regt. Comment. Para flak Bn reported Tamers area 8 March unconfirmed, may be new 3rd Bn apparently added to Barenthin Regt. Area J 2956, 11 March 1st Bn 47 Inf Regt. Area Djebe A 10d 10 March 2nd COY BN T 4. Comment. From Tunis this unit brought forward. Italian. None.

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BY SK DATE FEB 6 1974 No Sig.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF, General Deane (CCS).

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CCWD
Mar 12, 1943
2048Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite Sitrep 134 Mar 12, 1943

(Part 1 Sitrep 134 (134) for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 11. Mar. (Troopers Pass USFOR Milstaf for AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta, personal for F M Viscount Gork Mideast 8th Army rptd Jacques Batna 242 Group Bone Area for S O I S L of C 2 Corps for 12 A S C from Hq Army Group to 146 March 12 too 1220A). From AFHQ signed C in C. In 2 parts. Part 1 Ground Forces begins. 1. 8th Army. 2. Southeast Algeria. To Rollop. First Army. 3. 2 Corps. Patrol activity continued throughout the day along entire front. Enemy Forces contacted at X 8988. 4 19 Corps. Recce force 2/7 RTM supported by Churchills and Lt American Tanks reached Bir Essadi 07745 and withdrew as ordered after capturing 10 PWS Enemy patrols to O 705 O 67818 (O 6788) repulsed. GIAC E. 5 Corps. Enemy attacked 1 Para Bn Area J 1175 3 times during day 1st and 2nd repulsed PWS taken. Details of 3rd not yet available. End of part 1 8th Army. To follow).

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ACTION: OPD

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

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YQVB 76
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CCWD
Mar 12, 1943
2037Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: SITREP 134 March 12, 1943.

Eighth Army. (Number 0/12 dated 12 March TOO 1502. From Hq 18 Army Group To Troopers (2) USFOR Beel AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta-personal for Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) Fifth Army rptd (8) Jaques Bataa (9) 242 Group (10) Sois Bone (11) L of C (12) RQW ASC 2 Corps pass 12 ASC). Part 1 SITREP 134 continued. (Para 1 and 2).

1. 30 Corps. Normal patrol activity. Point T (Z) 5902 still occupied by enemy. L Force. Last nights patrols reported 18 enemy vehs and 7 guns incl long 75 MM destroyed. Enemy has withdrawn to the north. In Corps NTR. Southeast Algeria.

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2. Enemy Armd Patrols located 10 kilos east of Metlaoui. Organization of Metlaoui continues.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Sec Gen Staff
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

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

In reply cite: No. 6124, March 12, 1943

Sitrep number 134 March 11th. (Action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5 Army MidEast 18th Army Group HQ Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from Freedom Algiers 6124--12th too nil.

2. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.

(1) Naval. No reports.

(2) Movements completed. 776th TD Bn from Casablanca to Constantine coming under command 18th Army Group. Movements commenced. Second Bn 509th Parachute Regt from Algiers to Oujda coming under command 5th Army on arrival.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Sec Gen Staff
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

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From: Algiers
To : USFOR London Info War

No. 6198
In Reply Cite: NAAF OPSUM 19 March 12, 1943

March 11 part 3 Sitrep 134 (Action USFOR information Agwar, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast, Eighteenth Army Group HQ, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta from G-3 section Freedom 6198) (NAAF OPSUM number 19. All operations of the heavy bombers of the Strategic Air Force were cancelled due to weather. 2 shipping sweeps were carried out by the medium bombers of the Strategic Air Force, the first consisting of B 25s Mitchells escorted by P 38s Lightnings found no merchant shipping but were fired on by small naval vessels 18 miles NE Cap Bon no attack made. The 2nd consisting of B 26s Marauders escorted by P 38s Lightnings attacked a convoy of 7 Siebel Ferries escorted by 4 escort vessels 4 miles W of Maretimo Island. Hits are reported on one Siebel Ferry and near misses on others. In encounters with enemy fighters the bombers report destroying 1. 1 B 26 Marauder was shot down. The fighter escort report destroying 2 enemy aircraft. Weather RCN followed by a sweep by 36 P 40 Warhawks was carried out over the Sicilian channel nothing of interest and no enemy aircraft sighted. Coastal defence sorties were restricted due to weather.

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ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CCGN, Gen Deane (CCS),
Admiral King, Log

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filed 1648Z/11
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Mar 11, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR (action)

In Reply Cite: 133 , March 11, 1943.

No 133 Mar 10. Part 2. (Action USFOR
information AGWAR, Troopers Five Army Mideast
18 Army Gp Liaison Gp AFHQ Malta from G-3 Freedom
signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT 5803 11 Mar nil. SITREP)

Para 1. Naval. No reports.

Para 2. Movements commenced. 26 FA Bn from
Algiers to Tebessa coming under command 2 Corps on
arrival.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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March 11, 1943
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U R G E N T

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

In Reply Cite: 5804 March 11, 1943

NASAF 41 B 17's Fortress attacked El Couina airdrome dropping (action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18 Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp AFHQ Malta from G-3 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FBQCT 5804 11th March. March 10 Part 3 Sitrep 133 3Z) 6330 by 20 pound fragmentation bombs. Three large aircraft on ground hit, 8 to 10 aircraft left burning. In combat bombers report 5 ME 109's destroyed, 2 probable and 2 damaged. Thirty Six B 17's attacked landing ground La Marsa dropping 4824 by 20 pound fragmentation bombs. Airfield well covered with bursts, 20 to 25 JU 52's some taking off seen on ground. In combat with 20 ME 109's and FW 190's bombers report 1 ME 109 destroyed, 2 damaged. Escort for these 2 missions flown by 36 P 38's Lightnings. In combat fighters report 2 ME 109's destroyed and 2 damaged. Twelve B 26's Marauders escorted by 36 P-40's Warhawks attacked town of Gafsa dropping 1080 by 20 pound fragmentation bombs. Town well covered, concentration east and south parts OZ NACAF 9 Hudson and 3 Swordfish anti submarine patrols flown no sightings. Two Albacore, 38 sorties flown in harbour patrol and convoy escort. Eleven Beaufighters sorties flown night 9/10 no contacts due weather and atmospheric. Enemy activity 5 torpedo aircraft and 6 JU 88's operated Algiers area evening 9 March, 2 bombs outside harbour no damage. Six enemy aircraft operated 0600 10 March no bombs.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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March 12, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

No. 5900

In reply cite: BOC 200 March 11, 1943

Personnel. (To AGWAR info USFOR from Freedom Algiers). Sanger has arrived with BEW group and has conferred closely with Gullion on work background files contacts et cetera for fortnight. Action AGWAR Combined Boards information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FRAKB Gullion. BOC 200. It is believed continuity of work fully assured in both the enemy intelligence and trade intelligence fields the latter in cooperation with newly arrived treasury representatives and Gullion is proceeding shortly to London where he will discuss personnel question with MEW and EWD. Organization. Arrangements are proceeding for establishment of joint trade intelligence center and coordination of all economic warfare activities. Prisoners of war. Selection of prisoners for London proceeding satisfactorily. Summary of economic intelligence so far gained from prisoners being compiled. It is expected Prisoners of War Interrogation Service from Mideast may be transferred here. Refugees. Arrangements being completed for evaluating economic intelligence possessed by first group of 1500 French refugees expected shortly from Enainon basis of preliminary screening. Diamonds and of past investigation of whereabouts of industrial blockade running will be taken up on the highest political level to secure results so far not forthcoming. Radio monitoring. A directive is being prepared for the

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In reply cite: BOC 200 March 11, 1943

army in event military monitoring is in position to pick up economic material from the continent. Joint information collecting agency for navy war. Basis of cooperation with Colonel Sharp's mission newly arrived from Washington established. Report follows later.

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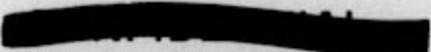
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U R G E N T

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

In Reply Cite: 5780, March 11, 1943.

Area Djebelgel March J 1274 (action AGWAR USFOR
Information 18th Army Group MAAP MBS ABS Malta Mid-
east Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5th Army from Freedom
Algiers 5780) -J 1276 afternoon 10 March Tamera from
unsuccessful enemy attack. Supported by artillery
Stukas elements 4 Bns engaged. Active against our
WT road Djebel Abiod-Baja night 9-10 March enemy Inf.
Observed Toukabour J 5039 enemy activity. Reported
clear of enemy Sidi Mamoud J 6020. At farm J 6211
north of Bou Arza destroyed by our troops was enemy
ammunition dump. (Foregoing Part 1 Land Northern
Tunisia G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 10 March.)
Central Tunisia. Nothing to report Ousseltla Area.
Shelled by enemy 10 March Sidi Bou Zid. Reported de-
stroyed 20 miles northwest of Gafsa was bridge at G
9603. Southern Tunisia. On road Kebili-Gafsa 1630 Z
10 March about 40 enemy WT seen moving north. Apparently
abandoned, Chott Djerid Area, Kris and El Hamma Du
Djerid. Bareth front slight patrol activity. Now
shown to be 52 including 2 additional Mark 3's is
number German tank losses recent fighting. AGWAR for
WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18th Army Group pass 1st
Army and 2nd Corps MAAP pass EAC and 13th AF MBS ABS
Malta Mid-east Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Army
Corps and 6th Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower
cite WDGBI. Identifications. German. Area Tamera
9 or 10 March unconfirmed 3rd Bn Barenthin Regt (Luft-
waffe). Comment. This is not Bn T3. Tamera Sector

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USFOR
Maison Blanche (Information)
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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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March 11 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 5779 March 11 1943

Without damage or casualties (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln GRP ANHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 5779 undated nil) were our 2 troop transports with escort attacked by 6 Italian torpedo bombers off Cape Bougaroni 0710 Z 10 March. Now safely in Algiers are both merchant vessels torpedoed off Capt Tenex 9 March as previously reported. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 10 March.

Part 2 Air. Off North African Coast 2 enemy bomber recce reported of which 1 returning to Sardinia before noon 1st contacted shipping south of Spanish coast. Off Algiers 1340 Z 2nd reported. Off east coast Tunisia morning weather flight performed. Sicilian area no further recce identified. Arrived Tunisia 9 March between 70 and 80 JU 52 transports of which half at Tunis landed remainder Bizerta. Between Philippville and Bougie 0705 Z unsuccessful attack against shipping by 6 enemy torpedo bombers. Night 10-11 March no activity reported. On convoy escort Sicilian area afternoon number JU 88s. Of which 2 claimed damage 6 ME 109s encountered Jafna by Spitfires on offensive patrol. Of which 5 claimed destroyed 2 damaged 15 ME 109s engaged by B 17s attacking El Aouina. La Marna airfield attacked by B 17s. Observed were 20 to 25 JU 52s. Our bombers claiming 1 ME 109 destroyed 2 damaged attacked by formation of 20 ME 109s

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and FW 109. Also attacked were P 38s escorting bombers claiming 2 enemy aircraft destroyed and 2 damaged. East of Thelepte on recon missions Spitfires sighted 2 ME 109s without encounter. Cipher correction for troop transports with escort please read troop transports with destroyer escort.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: War-London USFOR

In reply cite: Unnumbered, March 11, 1943

24 hours ending 2359 hrs 10 Mar. (Troopers USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) 1st Army 8th Army Jaques Batna 2 US Corps 242 Group SOIS Bone L of C 12 ASC. (10 pass (2) Bone area pass (13) from 18 Army Group 0/135 11 Mar to 1510 A.

Part 1 SITREP 133 from AFHQ signed C in C. In 2 parts.

Ground Forces:
8th Army.

1. 30th Corps. 7th Armd Div patrols located approx 1 enemy platoon at each (Y) E 5588 (Y) E 5587 (Y) E 5487. L force patrols attacked at first light by 30 enemy armd cars and artillery withdrew as ordered to line (Y) 2032 (Y) E 1040. Enemy then attacked and surrounded our main position around Ksar Rhilane which was subjected to continuous bombing and shelling throughout the day. Very effective support given by RAF and by 1700 hrs although the attacks appeared to be dying down fighting was still in progress.

2. 10th Corps. NTR.

3. South East Algiers. Metlaout occupied by our troops forward elements reach Oued Gound.

4. 2nd Corps. Enemy arty fire on Sidi Bou Zid. Normal patrol activity and clearing of enemy minefields. 1st Army.

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5. 19 Corps NTR.

6. 5th Corps. 7th Div patrol destroyed freshly constructed ammunition dump J 6101(6111). 78th Div NTR. 46 D 192. Enemy delivered an attack estimated 4 battalions Sedjanane Area J 1073 J 1375. Attack successfully repulsed own positions unchanged.

End of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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Action: OPD

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

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March 10, 1943
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From: GHA via London
To: AGWAR - London USFOR

In Reply Cite: O/137 March 10, 1943

Eighth Army. Day 9th Mar. (From Hq 18 Army Group number O/137 to (1) Troopers (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta-Personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) Fifth Army Corps repeated (8) First Army (9) Eighth Army (10) Jacques Batna (11) Two US Corps (12) 242 Group (13) SOIS Bone (14) L of C (15) 12 ASC Bone area pass (13) too 1125.

Part 2 Sitrep 132 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 9th March. From AFHQ signed C in C. Part 2 84 mins. 1. Dust in forward areas and LGS restricted air activity on both sides. Two enemy fighter bomber attacks in Medanine area in evening. Spitfires prevented a 3rd from bombing but no combat resulted. No claims or losses all day. 2. First Army. Day 9th March. TAC/RS Pont Du Fahs and Sedjenane areas reported little movement or offensive patrols over Beja from 1625-1750 hrs. Offensive sweep over Bizerta met no E/A or flak. Morning TAC/RS by 12 ASC revealed 12 Mt just North Tozeur and practically NMS in pass north Maknassy. Total sorties for day Spitfire RAF 47 USA 4 P/9S 4. No Eus a seen.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, CGGN, GEN DEANE (CC/S), ADM KING, LOG.
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: ~~5535~~, March 10, 1943

Sunk by HM destroyer on offensive sweep from Malta 2240Z 8 March Italian tank landing craft North Pantellaria Island, west Cape Tenex 2 merchant vessels from KMS 10 torpedoed presumably by enemy submarine 1818Z, from Oran rescue tugs dispatched, reached Algiers 1 ship, submarine dispositions Western Mediterranean. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass TROOPERS 18 Army group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass eac and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta mid east ADVLN grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGRR) (5535) German. At 37 degs north 01 deg east 2210Z 9 March, 1 between Greenwich-Algiers another 2 probably. Between Oran and Alboran Island 2. Italian. 4 believed between Algiers Bone. Attacked at 1710Z 5 March was Malta convoy previously reported by 12 JU 88 dive bombers of which 1 destroyed by gunfire. At dusk 7 March Tripoli raided. By near miss damaged HM tug. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 9 March. Part 2 Air. Enemy air activity. Bomber recce. During day off North African coast 3 aircraft reported and close watch kept on 2 eastbound convoys between Oran Algiers. During morning meteor flight carried out over Western Mediterranean. Sicilian area no long range recce aircraft reported. Bombers. Large convoy shadowed by recce aircraft during day was attacked during evening

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probably by torpedo aircraft 3 of which reported in Algiers area. Hit and damaged were 2 merchant vessels. In same area further 6 JU 88's also active. Transport. Arriving Tunis 8 March between 40-50 aircraft including number of 6 engined planes and further 10 at Bizerta before 0900Z. Between Sicily-Sfax in evening few aircraft also reported. Other enemy air activity. Only activity. Reported was by few ME 109 in Halifut area which attacked Allied fighter bombers on mission against MT and tanks. Destroyed was 1 ME 109. In evening 3 fighter bomber attacks (unspecified number aircraft) were made on Medenine.

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

In Reply Cite: Sitrep 132, March 10, 1943.

For 24 hrs ending 2359 hrs 9th March. (Number 0/134 dated 10 March. From Bq 18 Army Group to (1) Troopers (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta-Personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 8th Army rptd (8) 1st Army (9) 8th Army (10) Jacques Batna (11) 2US Corps (12) 242 Group (13) SOIS Bone (14) L of C (15) 12 ASC Bone Area pass to 13.)

(Part 1 Sitrep 132) From AFAQ signed C in C. In 2 parts. Part 1 Ground Forces begins. Eighth Army. One 30. Corps. During last night little enemy activity reported except that 1 patrol contacted enemy patrol at (Y) E 6089 and wire digging and new movement was reported from area Reintzia (Y) E5485. Five One Div carrier screen (T) 26306-(T)26505-(T) 26203. Patrols 12 L (Y) E6181-(Y) E5571. Two Nz Div Cav patrols area Kef El Aneba (Y) E56 rd and track junc (Y) E7359. Two further German tks destroyed by our sappers making 52. Fifty Div under Comd 38 Corps Bq (Y) E9885. Two 1st Corps. N T R. 3 L Force. N T R. 4. French Forces. Chott Djerid Area. Mar 9th. Eight Italians were taken prisoner in an ambush near Metlaoui. Occupation Tozeur continues. Recce to Keis and El Hamma did not contact enemy. First Army. Five Two Corps. Ninth March. Enemy Recce in force to pass at 04603 reported but our patrols unable to gain contact with enemy. Pass found heavily mined. Six. 19 Corps. N T R. Seven. Five. Y Div. Considerable enemy Mt Movement north and west Sebket El Kourzia J71. Seven eight Div no change. Four six Divn enemy area J 4340 appears to be on defen-

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To: War
In Reply Cite: Sitrep 132, March 10, 1943.

sive. Offensive patrols towards Sedjenane this afternoon encountered enemy strong points both sides of rd. Persistent enemy shelling our posns V9 vering Tamara J17 caused approximately 60 casualties. (Part 2 follows) end of part 1.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CGGN
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 5599, March 10, 1943

Part 2 sitrep 132 March 9th

Para 1. (To USFOR Rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ 5599 10th) Naval. Mines were laid on 8th March off Bizert and in the Sicilian Channel.

Para 2. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FEGCT. Movement commenced. Fifth Armd Arty GM from Casablanca to Tebessa coming under command 2nd Corps on arrival. Action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite 5598 Mar 10, 1943

March 9th part 3 SITREP 132 (action USFOR.
Air Ministry Whitehall, information AGWAR Troopers,
5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group
AFHQ, Malta from G-3 section AFHQ 5598 (NAAF OPSUM
number 17). All bombing missions cancelled due to
weather. Eight P 38s lightning and 4 Spitfire
reconnaissance sorties flown in Gafsa and Maknassy area
no encounters. Forty three Spitfire offensive reconnais-
sance flown in Pont Du Fahs-Sedjenane-Baja-Bizerte area,
no combats. Three Beaufighters and 62 Spitfires and
Hurricane sorties flown in convoy escort and base patrol.
Six Hudsons sorties on convoy escort and 5 Hudson sorties
on A/S patrols. Western desert 3 fighter bomber attacks
in 1 Squadron strength were carried out on transport
and tanks retreating in Halnoug area on day 8 March, 1 ME
109 destroyed.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CGGN
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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From: New Delhi
To: CG AAF-Chungking

In reply cite: AQUILA R 281 E March 10, 1943

Operations from Agartala March 8th: 6 B-25's bombing altitude 15,000 feet, bomb load 12, 100 pound demo each. Twenty four bombs dropped on flak positions at Myitnge Bridge no hits scored, location hazy and bridge covered by smoke screen. Due bomb rack malfunction following targets attacked instead continuing attack on Myitnge flak positions. Twelve bombs on Honywa railroad yards results unknown. Three six bombs dropped on industrial section of Myifgyan starting fires (CGAAF from Bissell info AFDIS MILID AMMISCA).

Operations from Dinjan March 9th: 4 attacks of 6 P-40's each made on Mogaung from 1100 to 1510 hours. Twenty three 500 pound demo, one three two 20 pound frag bombs and 20000 rounds 50 caliber ammunition expended. All frag bombs nit in town starting fires and hitting ammunition dump causing violent explosion. Seven direct hits scored on railroad bridge destroying north span and center span observed to be sagging. Airdromes at Kamagno and Manywit strafed, Tingpai and Wasat strafed and 12 trucks at Tingpai strafed. Six P-40's hit by 50 caliber explosive bullets, 1 requires second echelon maintenance.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 0829, March 10, 1943

Weather interfered with all missions. (from Spaatz for Arnold signed Eisenhower NAAF Nr 0829) fighters carried out several sweeps. Statistics: sorties: Hudson, 11; Swordfish, 3; Beaufighters, 3; P 38, 4; P 39, 10; American Spitfires, 4; British Spitfires, 38; Hurricanes, 27. Losses; nil. Victories; 1 ME 109 destroyed.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR
Twelfth Air Force (Information)

In Reply Cite: 5536, March 10, 1943.

Tamera Area 8 March 200 PWS taken from enemy who
by small tank attack was (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass
Troopers 18 Army Gp pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass
EAC and 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ
5 Army pass L Army Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom
signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 5536 10 Mar nil) badly
disorganized. This area his casualties heavy. In
defensive Oued Zarga-Medjez Sector is enemy with
positions on Djebel Nahel J 4240 and in farms J 4340
J 4341 J 4539. Activitiy up to 1100Z 9 March un-
reported north due rain. Evidently extensive reorganiz-
ing carried out by enemy. By PW reported relieved 3 or
4 March Djebel Mansour Area was 3rd Bn 756 Mtn Regt.
Area J 4338 into line 8 March this unit. Toukabur
Sector 1st Bn left of 3rd Bn and on latters right up
to J 3544 was 754 Inf Regt. Relieved by 756 Regt was
755 Regt apparently now in reserve. Relieved by 47
Inf Regt was 754 Regt reported withdrawn. Toward Gobel-
lat 1200 Z 9 March road north of Sebkret El Kourzia J 71
considerable MT movement observed. From this Sector
nor from Bou Arada Area no further reports. Foregoing
Northern Tunisia Part 1 Land G 2 report for 24 hours
ending 2100 Z 9 March. Central Tunisia. In position
Djebel Bou Kril O 7282 was enemy. Morning 9 March
definitely deserted Ousseltia reported. Reoccupied by
German night 8-9 March Kef El Abmar Pass O 40. Pass

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heavily mined. Nine March enemy withdrew. Southern Tunisia. While point 2 miles west thereof reported clear of enemy Gafsa said to be in Italian hands. Evacuated is Tozuer possibly Kriz (northeast of Tozeur) Chot Djerid Area. Into hills toward Kasr El Hallouf EAM 46 dawn 8 March some enemy movement. At E 54917 seen digging some Inf. No further reports this Sector. Identifications. German. By PWS. Area Tamera J 17, 8 March, March Bn 30. By Documents. Area Tamera unconfirmed by Paybook Parachute Flak Bn 8 March. Italian. Area O 8880 from 101 Antitank Bn 2 deserters surrendered. Comment. From this unit Sidi Zid same area 1 March other prisoners taken.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
Gen Deane (cc/s)
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To: WAR

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heavily mined. Nine March enemy withdrew. Southern Tunisia. While point 2 miles west thereof reported clear of enemy Gafsa said to be in Italian hands. Evacuated is Tozeur possibly Kriz (northeast of Tozeur) Chot Djerid Area. Into hills toward Ksar El Hallouf EAM 46 dawn 8 March some enemy movement. At E 54917 seen digging some Inf. No further reports this Sector. Identifications. German. By PWS. Area Tamers J 17, 8 March, March Bn 30. By Documents. Area Tamers unconfirmed by Paybook Parachute Flak Bn 8 March. Italian. Area O 6880 from 101 Antitank Bn 2 deserters surrendered. Comment. From this unit Sidi Zid same area 1 March other prisoners taken.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
Gen Deane (cc/s)
LOG

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Mar. 9, 1943
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From: Algiers
TO: USFOR
War (Information)
British War Office (Information)

In Reply Cite: 5372, March 9, 1943.

Number 131 Mar. 8. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers
5 Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ
Malta from G-3 section AFHQ 5372 9 Mar 43 nil. Signed
Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Sitrep.

// Part 2. Para 1. Naval. A submarine on patrol //
// in Gulf of Genoa sank 2 enemy ships by torpedoes and //
2 enemy ships by gunfire.

Para 2. Movements. No reports.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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CCWD
Mar 9, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USSOS (action)
War (info)

In Reply Cite 5282 Mar 9, 1943

March 8 part 3: ~~sitrep 131.~~ (NAAF OPSUM number 16) (USFOR Air Ministry AGWAR troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from Freedom most secret 9th nil) 22 B 17s Fortress escorted by 34 P 38s lightning attacked a ~~convoy~~ north of Cap Bon, 240 by 500 pound bombs dropped, near misses on vessel reported. In combat are reported 10 ME 109's destroyed, 1 JU 88 and 6 ME 109s probably destroyed and 3 ME 109s damaged all by bombers. Two ME 109s collided and crashed in sea. Fighters report 5 ME 109s and 2 FW 190 destroyed, 4 ME 109 and 1 FW 190 probably destroyed and 2 ME 109s and 1 FW 190 damaged. No losses. 22 Spitfires acted as high cover for this operation. 107 Spitfire and 17 Hurribombers offensive sorties and sweeps over Sidinsir-Sedjanane-Beja-Jefna-Cap Serrat-Tabarka-Bizerte. In combat over Tabarka 1 ME 109 damaged. In Sweep of Bizerte 6 ME 109s damaged and 1 Spitfire lost. 6 P 39s Airocobra reconnoitred Gafsa and 4 Spitfires reconnoitred Pichon-Fondouk, 1 FW reported destroyed, 1 Spitfire destroyed and 1 Spitfire missing. 14 Hurricane sorties Phillippeville, 14 Hurricane sorties Maison Blanche in defensive patrols. 12 Hurricane sorties from Setif on cnvoy patrol. 11 Hudson sorties flown on anti submarine patrol, 1 Hudson

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U boat search no sightings. Two Beaufighters sorties night 7-8, no enemy activity. Western Desert reports day 7th attacks on enemy retreating along passes to Halluf and Toujane and constant patrols by Spitfires, in encounters with MC 202s and ME 109, 9 enemy aircraft reported destroyed 6 probably destroyed and 11 damaged, no losses.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

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In Reply Cite: Z9526 March 9, 1943.

Active off North Affican coast 3 enemy bomber recce. One performed weather flight. 1 active morning 3rd in afternoon. Between 1600 and 1700 Z convoy off Algiers contacted. Stilian area morning 1 enemy aircraft reported. Foregoing bomber recce.

Air G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 8 March. Bombers. No activity reported. ACWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th A F MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv In Grp APHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armed Corps and 6 Corps from 62 Freedom signed Eisenhower number 5311 cite FHGBI From Tunis for Sicily-Italy during day 7 March 40 to 50 enemy transport including a number of 6 engined planes departed. Less than usual was transport activity. Spitfires SE of Tabourka intercepted 5 M E 109S of which 1 claimed damaged. Claiming 6 damaged Spitfires over Bizerta in offensive sweep encountered 10 M E 109 Claiming 1 destroyed Spitfires nearing Pichon intercepted 4 F W 190S. Attacking shipping north of Cape Bon B17S P38S encountered large number enemy fighters with following claims by bombers. Destroyed 10 M E 109S probably 1 J U 88 and 6 M E 109S damaged 3 M E 1 S. By P38S. Destroyed 5 M E 109S and 2 F W 190S probably 4 M E 109S and 1 F W 190 damaged 2 M E 109S and one F W 190. From 8 Army area no reports

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: Z9526 March 9, 1943.

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(nothing to report) Naval.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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C9/1505Z
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From: Algiers
To: UEFOR (London)
Maison Blanche, Oran, Casablanca, Maita
Cairo, Oudjda. (Information)

In Reply Cite: 5310 March 9, 1943.

Identifications. German. By PWS. (This is part 2 and last of our ref number 5310 the C091505Z area Jimonemo E 935, March 7, 10th Troop Africa Artillery Regiment 2. Comment. For about 2 months this unit has been operating Medjex-Pont Ju Fahs sector with elements of 90 AR or 334 AR. While possible 4th Troop may be in North, believe this is only troop of AAR 2 in Northern sector. 12th Company 756 Mountain Infantry Regiment identified 8 March by 2 deserters road Medjex-Oued Zarga. In area J4537, 9th Company same Regt also 3rd Battalion they say. 1st Battalion 756 Mountain Infantry Regt said to have moved to area Tebourba then to new position by PWS taken 4 March just North of Medjex. Looking for unit when captured statement of PWSK. To be in Medjex-Oued Zarga sector 1st and 3rd Battalions 756 Regt thus indicated. Area Tanera J17 from Battalion T3, 2nd Battalion Barenthin Regt, corps.

Engineers Battalion, were 157 PWS taken 8 March. Captured Eastern front PW from 86 PGR states that unit as well as Battalion of 89 PGR engaged. Comment. In Si Nair sector, at variance with foregoing is 1st Battalion 86 PGR believed, since already identified from PWS and documents. In south 10th PZ Div Batt Group apparently consists of 1 Battalion 7PZ Rgt 2 Bn

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From: ~~Algeria~~
To: USFOR (London)
Maison Blanche, Oran, Casablanca, Maita
Cairo, Oudjda. (Information)

69 PGR 2, 3 and possibly 4 Bns of 90 Arty Regt.
At hadjeb El Aïoun T69 night 7th 8 March identified
by PW was 7th Company 2nd Battalion 91 Infantry
Regt. Comment. In reserve on Djebel Bou Dabous
085 second Battalion last reported.

No Sig.

NOTE: WDCMC unable to identify 5310 Part I.

ACTION: G-2 EA

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

3-2 Distribution

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| MC | STRONG |
| RS | CHODER |
| BRATTON | EA |
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| TIB | CIG |
| SW | SEP |
| AIR | FIN |
| NA | TRNG |
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

In reply Cite: 0795, March 9, 1943

Heavy Bombers escorted by P-38's heavily attacked by enemy (RAAF nr 0795) to Arnold from Spatz signed Eisenhower) aircraft before bomb run on 3 ship convoy. Light Bombers and Spitfires successfully attacked installations and motor transport in Northern sector. Mediums held for targets of opportunity. Weather good in Northern and Central sectors, poor in South. Statistics: Sorties: B 17's, 20; P-38's, 36; American Spitfires, 10; British Spitfires 145; Hurricanes, 43; B-24's, 2; Hurrifibombers; 17; Hudson and Swordfish, 12.

J-2 Distribution:
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 RS KRONER
 BRATTON MA
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 TB CIG
 SW SSB
 AR FIN
 NA TRNG
 FE POW
 LA PERS
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No Sig.

Action: OPD
Information: G-2
CG AAF

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 1500A/9

IN

Received: 10 March 43

Time: 0555

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: C in C Levant
AFHQ London
FOC Gih.
V.A. Malta
B.A.D. Washington
F.O.S.
From: C in C Med.

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BASEGRAM

SITUATION REPORT NO. 69

- (1) H.M.S. TORBAY. Gunred minesweeper off Ajaccio at 1151/25. Vessel stranded after being hit. At 0312/26 in position 043 degs 20 mins North 008° 15' East sank French OASIS by gunfire. In position 047° 37' North 009° 25' East at 0152/27 sank A/S schooner with gun and demolition. Sank 5000 ton vessel by torpedo off Portofino at 1256/28. Fired at olive oil tanks at Imperia at 1814/1 with little result. Shore battery obtained hit on after casing without causing damage.
- (2) H.M.S. ABDIEL carried out further lay in Sicilian Channel on 8th March and then proceeded to Malta.
- (3) M.T.B.'s again laid mines off Bizerta on 9th March after several days inactivity owing to weather.

1500A/9

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
COMINCH (2)
C.O.S.
Plans
Cdr. Coleridge (R)
N.I.

Lt. Col Cook
S.O.(O) Personal
S.O.
N.M.C.S.

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Mar 8, 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

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No. 5161

SM 522-71

In Reply Cite NAF 173 Mar 8, 1943

By SR Date FEB 6 1974

After the failure of his drive towards Tebessa and Le Kef the enemy transferred 21st Panzer Division and half 10th Panzer Division to Gabes-Mareth area. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This is NAF 173 review number 33, as a diversion he attacked on a wide front in the northern coastal sector where heavy fighting continued until March 6th during which we inflicted many casualties without losing any tactical features of major importance. The move of his armour to the south and the diversion of forces for the attacks on the coast forced him to withdraw in the center to the Faid Maknassy Gafsa ridges.

Following is my appreciation of enemy situation, he has probably abandoned offensive in North after considerable losses and only limited successes, his tank losses in north amounting to not less than 30 must be serious and tank serviceability in north will remain very low for some time. He has thinned out in the center to a degree which he can only justify by an optimistic appreciation of the damage he has inflicted on our forces in that sector. He is now devoting all his efforts to an attack on 8th Army in the hope of delaying indefinitely our offensive. A failure for Rommel would render difficult a successful defense of the Mareth line since with his German forces still further depleted he could not rely on the Italians for the defense of Mareth

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By SR FEB 6 1974

and Gafsa. I personally believe he will discontinue his attacks on the 8th Army.

Second US Corps comes under direct command of 18th Army Group today, leaving British 5th Corps and French 19th Corps under command 1st Army.

On a date to be decided later, depending on situation in 8th Army sector, intention is that 2nd Corps will secure Gafsa and be prepared to operate towards Maknassy to threaten Rommels communications.

Docks and shipping successfully attacked at Cagliari, Sardinia, Bizerte, Palermo, Tunis, La Goulette, Naples, Messina, by heavy and medium bombers. Convoys have been attacked in the Tyrrhenian Sea along the coast of Sicily and between Sicily and Tunisia, as well as landing grounds in Tunisia, rail bridges between Sfax and Sousse. Fighter bombers and light bombers continuously attacked enemy airdromes and concentrations in the northern and southern zones. French bombers attacked enemy concentrations at Nefta and Tozeur, enemy night bombing effort on Tripoli has caused little if any damage.

Sweeping of enemy minefield to west of Gibraltar has been continued and several mines swept, 1 merchant vessel and 1 tanker were torpeded by U boat in convoy but both reached harbour. Counter attacks by surface vessels and aircraft have included 1 very promising attack by latter. Minelaying programme continued by minelayers, submarines and MTB's.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: General Strong, General Arnold, Sec. Gen. Staff, General Somervell, General Deane (CCS), Admiral King, General McNair, Log.

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March 9

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Supplementary Copy

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Site: O/115 March 8, 1943

But enemy attacks were not renewed. Day before seven Mar: in the North patrol 51 div advanced to lines of Wadi Bus (Y) E 6199 at 1140 hrs a concentration of enemy inf was reported at (Y) E 6190. Our patrols had then reported that square E 68 was clear of enemy and Rd Medenine-Foum Tetouin was also clear of enemy as far south as (Y) E 7256 during

Note: Correction in 13th line of your original msg

Footnote: Supplementary copy to CM-IN-4218 (9 Mar 43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGW
General Desne (CC/B)
LOG
Admiral King

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March 8 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

In Reply Cite : 0/115, March 8, 1943

(For 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 7 March. Number 0/115 Dated 8th March 3 from Hq 18 Army Group to (1) troopers (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta-personal for Viscount Govt (6) Mid-east (7) 5th Army (8) rptd 1st Army (9) 8th Army (10) Jacques Batna (11) 2 US Group (12) 242 group (13) Sois Bone (14) L of C (15) 12 RSC. 11(51) pass to 12 Bone Sub Area pass to 13. Part 1 SITREP 130). From AFHQ signed C in C. In 2 parts.

Part 1. Ground Forces begins. 8th Army. 1. 30 Corps. During night 6/7 Mar our patrols failed to contact enemies forward elements but enemy attacks were not renewed. * In the north patrol 51 Div advanced to line of Wadi KUB (Y) E 6199 at 1140 hrs a concentration of enemy inf was reported at (Y) E 6190. Our patrols had then reported that square E 68 was clear of enemy and rd Medenine-Foum Tatouin was also clear of enemy as far south as (Y) E 7256. During afternoon the enemy began to withdraw from the plains in direction towards Toujane and from Medenine towards the hills west of Medenine. At last light patrols 12 lancers reached (Y) E 6479 and (Y)-E6579. In the south our patrols reached (Y) E 6868-(Y)523 7060-(Y) E 7456-(Y) E, (7754) (query). Casualties. 33 German tks were blown up by our Sappers. Our tk losses nil. 2. 10 corps. N T R. 3. Southeast

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To: War-USFOR

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In Reply Cite: O/115, March 8, 1943

Algeria. French forces occupied Redevaf 4972.
Patrols from Tamerza X 4070 towards Tozeur reached
Bir El Hanek X 5952 and Oued Gouifua X 5845. Met
Laour and Tozeur are reported still held by enemy.
1st Army. 4. 2 Perby Ygo reached T 8328. 5. 19 corps.
N T R. 6. 5 corps. 7. Div Recce by 10 RB sup by tks
reach pt J 470376 before being ordered to withdraw.
46 Div 128 Bde made a successful attack in area J 3444
(7344). No details but believe considerable casualties
inflicted on enemy. Enemy reported digging in area J 4244-
J-3944-J 3745- 4745. -J 3746. Y Div. N T R. Seic En.
Moves. 1 C R U from Testour J 42 to Souk El Arba. 1
Para Bde less 1 bn has relieved 139 Bde area Tamara. 139
Bde now in area K 1258 DJ Aboid J 0866. Part 1 ends.
Part 2 follows cite FEGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGW
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

In reply cite: 6016 March 8, 1943

March 7.

3. Sitrep 130 (action USFOR Air Ministry
Whitehall information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army
Mideast 18 Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta
from G-3 section AFHQ 6016 8th March nil) Signed
Eisenhower. Cite FRGCT. Six B-25's Mitchells es-
corted by 18 P-38 Lightnings took off to attack
shipping between.

no sig

FOOTNOTE: Supplementary correction of CM-IN-4299 (3/9/43)OPD

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
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(CC/S) GEN DEANE
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR
War (info)

In Reply Cite: 6015 March 8, 1943

SITREP number 130 Mar 7. (USFOR reptd AGWAR Troopers
5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group from G3
Section AFHQ 6015 8th March too nil)

Part 2. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Naval and
movements. No reports. Action USFOR information AGWAR
Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison
Group AFHQ, Malta.

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NOTE: No external precedence shown.

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CC/S)
Admiral King
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - War (info)

In reply cite: 6016, March 8th, 1943

March 7 Part 3 SITREP 130 (action USFOR Air Ministry Whitehall information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18 Army Group HQ Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ 6016 8th March nil) signed Eisenhower. Cite FEGCT. 6 B 25's Mitchells escorted JW * to attack shipping between Tunis and Sicily. Convoy consisting of 3 merchant ships and 5 to 7 Naval escorts sighted. 35 by 500 pound bombs dropped from 200 feet. reports state 1 small merchant vessel sank immediately. One large merchant vessel left sinking and 2 vessels left on fire. Convoy was strafed by bombers and fighters. Enemy aircraft attacked B 25's 1 ME 109 destroyed and another probably destroyed by B 25's. P 38's destroyed 2 JU 88's, 1 Cant Zebra 506, 1 unidentified 2 Seater fighter, and damaged 1 ME 109 and 1 ME 110. All aircraft returned to base. 19 B 17's and 20 P 38's airborne to attack convoy reported in Gulf of Tunis. Convoy of 6 to 3 vessels of unreported type sighted. 225 by 500 pound bombs dropped from 14,500 feet. Reports state hits observed on 3 vessels, 1 of which blew up and sank within 3 minutes, 2 left burning. 4 enemy aircraft attacked formation. Bombers report destruction of 1 FW 190. P 38's report 1 ME 109 probably destroyed and 1 FW 190 damaged. All our aircraft down safely. 18 B 17's escorted by 19 P 38's attacked shipping and marshalling yards at Sousse. 192 by 500 pound bombs dropped from 24,500 feet, hits observed on 1 large ship in harbour and warehouses and buildings along east Jetty. No enemy aircraft encountered all our aircraft returned

Same as obs's

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safely. 4 escorted Taccir's flown covering Med-
Jez El Bab, Sidi Nsir, Cak Negro areas. Some M/T
seen and battle in progress. 1 Beaufighter Sortie
flown from Setif and 2 from Maison Blanche. No
enemy activity. 18 Hurricanes flew local and con-
voy patrols in the Philipeville area. 15 Hudsons
flew escort convoy and A/S patrols. Nothing to
report. 51 Sorties flown on patrol in Oran area.
32 Sorties flown by transport aircrafts and fight-
er escorts 1 Spitfire P R U Sortie flown.

No Sig

* Portion omitted being serviced.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2
CG AAF
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite 0688 Mar 8, 1943

B 25's escorted by P 38's attacked convoy sinking 1 small merchant vessel, leaving 1 large merchant vessel in sinking condition and 2 on fire. (NAAF nr 0688 from Spaatz to Arnold signed Eisenhower). B 17's escorted by P 38's 3 and 1/2 hours later attacked same convoy which was then circling a ship and made direct hits on 3 vessels. One blew up and sank instantly. One vessel apparently a tanker, and another vessel were left burning. Another formation of heavy bombers attacked Soussse. Several direct hits observed on large ship in harbor. Light bomber and fighter operations were on reduced scale. Weather good over target area. Statistics: sorties: B 17's, 37; B 25's, 8; Hudsons, 15; Albatrosses, 4; P 38's 59; P 39's, 60; P 40's, 9; American Spitfires, 8; British Spitfires, 121; Hurricanes, 29; Beaufighters, 3; Pru Spitfires, 1. Losses: 1 Albatross missing; 1 B 25 damaged. Victories: 1 ME 109, 1 FW 190, 12 seater single engine fighter, 2 JU 88's, 1 CZ 506 destroyed; 2 ME 109 probably destroyed; 1 ME 109, 1 ME 110, and 1 FW 190 damaged.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War (Info-USFOR)

In Reply Cite: 5156 March 8, 1943

Gunned stranded by HM submarine small enemy minesweeper 1050Z 25 Feb (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 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) off Ajaccio (Corsica). Gulf of Genoa enemy seized French merchant vessel 1300 tons westbound attacked with torpedo gunfire sunk 0210Z 26 Feb by HM submarine eastbound to Savona enemy controlled → Spanish merchant vessel 3500 tons iron ore escorted by aircraft torpedoes sunk 1330Z 26 Feb by HM submarine. By gunfire demolition charges vicinity Spezia 80 ton antisubmarine schooner patrolling sunk 0050Z 27 Feb westbound off port Ofino (east of Genoa) 5000 ton merchant vessel torpedoes sunk 1155Z 18 Feb by HM submarine. Bombarbed by HM submarine 1715Z 1 March olive oil tanks at Imperia. After casing hit by shore batteries once without serious damage or casualty. Off Cape Sigli (west of Bougie) by HM minesweeper enemy submarine attacked 1710Z 7 March. From Bougie to assist without known results were HM motor launches. Submarine dispositions western Mediterranean.. German. Between Alboran Island and Algiers believed 4. Italian. Between 04 degs and 06 degs east possibly 1 or 2. 24 hours ending 2400Z 7 March.

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Part 2 Air. No reports enemy bomber recce offshore North Africa although morning weather flight performed, as far west as Algserj W of Eastern Tunisian Tripolitanian coasts 1 enemy aircraft active also Sicilian straits another. Between cape Bougaroni and Bone believed 2 or 3. Arrived safely Tripoli our convoy 6 store ships, troop transport and tanker. Dusk 5 March section detached from Malta convoy attacked by aircraft. Able to continue reduced speed was tanker damage by near miss. Foregoing part three. Naval G-2 report for

No Sig

Action: G-2 EA

Information: OPD
CG AAF

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| G-2 Distribution | |
| MC | STRONG |
| RS | KRONEE |
| BRATTON | MA |
| SIT | FL |
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Mar 8, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War USFOR

In Reply Cite 5155 Mar 8, 1943

On hills at J 1273 and J 1472 (7 miles southwest Sedjenane Station) morning 7 March 100 enemy observed digging. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Arm'd Corps and 6 corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI 5155 Mar nil near Sidi Askour reptg MI in positions at J 3053 and J 3052 is enemy. From road between J 2154-J 2954 enemy withdrawn apparently. Contact in pass J 3151 not maintained. Believe clear area south of Qued Bounch J 44 in Qued Zarga sector is enemy. No further activity reported north of Djebel Nahel-Medjez-Bou Arada sector. Infantry artillery transferring to central sector indicates enemy will not press attacks further. Foregoing northern Tunisia part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 7 March. Central Tunisia. Nothing to report. Southern Tunisia. Reported occupied by garrison believed Italian is Moulares X 5985. Northwest and west of Metameur and Medenin afternoon several enemy attacks also (Y) E 6285 at 1330 Z attacked by Infantry Tanks. Occupied ridge (Y) E 6087 attacked by Infantry 1630Z. Retaken at 1800Z. At 1520Z by Infantry but withdrew last light. Held was Infantry attack 1745Z (Y) E 6479 area (Q) E 6675 and (Y) E 6675 attacked by 30 enemy tanks and 1000 infantry 1736Z small number tanks supported by some Infantry guns advanced northward on road Medenin-Foum Tatouin. Identifications. Italian. Belonging to 1st Coy 18th Carabinieri Bn were 83 reported

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captured West of Gafsa (G2 daily report number 119).
Comment. This unit part of garrison of Tripolitania.
From 1st Bn 131 Artillery Regt were PW taken 6 March
2 miles north of Gafsa.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2 *EA*

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

CM-IN-4219 (9 Mar 43) 0251Z ems

4-2 Distribution

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| RS | KRONER |
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| SW | SSB |
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

In reply cite: 4953, March 7, 1943

Beyond Se Jenane enemy did not follow up and contact not maintained this sector. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABB Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 4953 date/nil on which 30 observed immobilized Sidi Nsir (Dsir) area enemy has lost 4/5 tanks in that and Goubollat sectors. Destroyed by Royal Engineers 20 of 45. Enemy mortars in action at J 3254 but no encounters road junction J 3053 (11 miles north-east Beja). Found clear of enemy las Djebel Nahel J 4340. South of Medjez no activity with enemy apparently withdrawn across road Goubellat-Bou Arada. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 6 March. Central Tunisia. No reaction yet to Pichon push. In hills north and south of town and on Djebel Trozza O 71 enemy positions located. On our patrol 5 March enemy fired from Kef Mazir O 6328. Reported clear midday 6 March area 3 miles southwest Hadjeb El Aicun also area west of Djebel Kralif T 86-Djebeo Seagdal T 73. At T 7653 road Sidi Bou Zid-Ain Reboua shelled by enemy. Gafsa area 6 March 83 PWS taken at X 8377 and X 7477 also 2 miles north of Gafsa 12 taken. Still held by Germans is Metlaoui unconfirmed. Reported in area are tanks. Southern Tunisia. Indicated Mareth sector main enemy attack down Axis main road by 15th and 21st

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To: WAR-USFOR

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PZ Dive and 90th Light Div. In Jsar El Hallouf areas 10th PZ Div battle group will apparently execute flank attack identifications. Italian. By ~~Pwhom~~ area Ousseltia O 64 4th Coy 1st Bn 91st Inf Regt. 5th Coy 2nd Bn 92nd Inf Regt. 1st Coy 70th Bers Regt. Comment. Last identity ~~ass our~~ O 54 western Dorsale 1st Bn 91st Inf Regt and 1st Coy 70th Ber Bn. Last Identified Sened-Mak-nassy area 2nd Bn 92nd Inf Regt. That last named unit has moved north this first indication. German. None.

No Sig

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INFORMATION: OPD
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Mar 9, 1943
0143Z

From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR

In Reply Cite: 4954, March 7, 1943.

Submarine dispositions Western Mediterranean. German. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv La Group AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Arm Corp and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI 4954) operating between Algiers Aeborin Island 5 or 6 of which 2 between Albrag Island and Greenwich Meridian 1 or 2 off Cape Tenex 1 possibly northwest Algiers 1 position 38 Degs North 03 Degs 30 Mins east at 0210Z 6 March. Italian. Indications of decrease in number reckoned to be on patrol between Bougie and Bone are 5 of which 2 considered off Cape Bougaroni. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 6 March, Part 2. Air. Morning reported North African coast 2 enemy bomber recce. Third, shot down, reported northeast Algiers 1545Z. Northern sector Western Mediterranean further enemy aircraft. Active Sea area near Sicily and Central Mediterranean 5 to 6 aircraft usual recce active. Morning south and west of Sicily weather flight performed. Reported 5 March flying toward Tunis small transport formation and arriving Tunis afternoon another. Long range bomber activity unreported. Beja area no claims Spitfires engaged by 5 ME 109s, 1400Z claiming 1 FW 190 probably destroyed 1 damaged Spitfires Beja area 1430Z engaged 5 ME 109s, 5 FW 190s. Attacked by Spitfires Beja area without known results 8 FW 109s, 1545Z. Against our forward troops early reports indicate

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from southern battle area main Axis effort directed.
Seen mostly ME 109s FW 190 fighter bombers but
against Nefatis landing ground about 20 ME 210s
operated. With tanks main target about 50 JU
87 Sorties apparently.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2 AIR

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

- 2 Distribution*
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 - RS KRONER
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite 5025 Mar 7, 1943

Hurribombers escorted by Spitfires attacked enemy transport 8 miles NE of Medjez El Bab, hits on farms and transport, 1 Hurribomber destroyed. Continuous Spitfire offensive sweeps of the Sedjenane Beja areas, 4 Spitfires attacked 8 ME 109's, 1 Spitfire destroyed. Eight Spitfires attacked 5 FW 109's, 1 FW 190 damaged. Two Beaufighters sorties flown from Maison Blanche, no contact. Nine Hudsons flown on escort convoy and A/S patrol. One Hudson crashed on landing. A JU 88 recon plane was destroyed by a Spitfire 40 miles north of Cape Corbelin. Two Hurricanes on coastal patrol damaged a JU 88 30 miles north of Philippeville.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR London

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In Reply Cite: NAF 171, March 7, 1943

Declaration following was given to the press this evening by Giraud (for Combined Chiefs of Staff information Hull and for British Chiefs of Staff information Matthews USA Embassy from Eisenhower cite Murphy) to AGWAR and USFOR from Freedom Algiers (this is NAF 171) "The Journal Officiel of Algeria of March 2, 1943, published 2 decrees of October 19, 1942, issued at Vichy relating to the status of native Algerian Jews. This publication was made without my authorization. It was issued by the direction of Jewish affairs of the Government General of Algeria which I hereby suppress. Monsieur Bouny, Directeur of the Office, is hereby dismissed. All copies of the Journal Officiel of March 2, 1943, are withdrawn from circulation. A decree signed in Vichy has no effect in North Africa. German occupation of France has interrupted the free exercise of the national sovereignty. This must have its logical consequences. The necessary steps will be taken.

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Information: OPD, General Arnold, Admiral King,
General Strong (For State Dept.),
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: London - USFOR
AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 337 , March 7, 1943

Part one Sitrep 129 for 24 hours ending 062400Z
((action USFOR information Troopers AGWAR Freedom
Malta Middle East 5th Army from Freedom Ref No 337
7 March)). Part Two follows. Signed CINC cite FHGCT.
8th Army.

1. "30 Corps. Enemy made 2 main attacks. First soon after dawn, 2nd at 1430 A hrs was heavy attack by 2 PZ Divs supported by Arty and Air Bombing. Attacks developed from direction of Hallouf (Y) E 46 and Toujane and were aimed at high ground South of road Mareth - Medenine on 30 Corps front. From information up to 1820 all attacks repulsed and no enemy penetration. 30 enemy tks destroyed. Own casualties negligible.

2. 10 Corps. NTR.

3. Southeast Algeria. Quiet day. Two reconnaissance made in Djebel Mrata (T) X 48 and Moulares (T) X 68 area Ljve encountered enemy. Metlaolj (T) x 76 reported strongly occupied. First Army.

4. 2 Corps. Armd patrols to X 7477 and X 8377 captured 83 Italian prisoners. 12 Italian prisoners also captured 2 miles North of Gafsa. In view of enemy forces located North and South of Pichon Recce force 34 Div did not press further East. Force now back in original positions area El Ala 06419.

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5. 19 Corps. NTR.

6. 5 Corps. Patrols West of Bou Arada - Goubellat Rd made no contact East of grid line J 53. Patrol Oued Zarga J 43 - PT 132 J 3840 thence line of Oued Bounch J 4341 no contact so far. One Bn first Para Brig reached pass J 3050 without contact. Rd from J 2154 to J 2954 clear. Enemy positions located J 3053 - J 30 FIAC E 2. Enemy patrol reached J 1172 own patrol attempting to intercept. ((Action USFOR information Troopers AGWAR Freedom Malta Middle East 5th Army)).

7. Moves First Bn Seventh RTA arrived Maktar. L Gds Brig less 1 Bn Beja to Munchar 1 Bn Taera to Beja."

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INFO: G-2
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CGGN
GENERAL DEANE (CC/S)
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR London
War (Information)

In Reply Cite: 4952, March 7, 1943

Mar 6 129. (Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army; Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta from G-3 Section Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. 4952. Sitrep part 2).

1. Naval. No report. Part 2. Movements completed. Three nine RCT (less 1 battalion) has joined 9th Divan from L of C area coming under command on arrival. One seven eight FA Regt has arrived Constantine from Oran coming under command 18 Army Gp.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2
CG AAF
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: London USFOR (Info WAR)

In Reply Cite: 5025 March 7, 1943

March 6 part 3 Sitrep 129. (Action USFOR Air Ministry Whitehall information AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army Mideast 18 Army Group Hqs Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from Freedom 5025 7 March)(NAAF Opsum number 14). Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Fifteen B 25's Mitchells escorted by 26 P 38 Lightnings took off to attack shipping between Tunisia and Sicily no shipping seen. Three P 38's Lightnings flew weather recon sorties over east and north east Tunisia. Spitfires flew tactical recon of the Medjez El Bab Tebourba and Sidi Nsir areas. Hurribombers escorted by Spitfires attacked enemy transport 8 miles NE of Medjez El Bab. Hits on farms and transport. One Hurribomber destroyed APD * continuous Spitfire offensive sweeps of the Sedjenane Heja areas. Four Spitfires attacked 8 ME 109's. One Spitfire destroyed. Eight Spitfires attacked 5 FW 109's. One FW 190 damaged. Two Beaufighters sorties flown from Maison Blanche. No contact. Nine Hudsons flown on escort convoy and AD */S Patcmlbam * 1 Hudson crashed on landing. A JU 88 recon plane was destroyed by a Spitfire 40 miles north of Cape Gorbelin. Two Hurricanes on coastal patrol damaged a JU 88 30 miles north of Philippeville. Sixty Hurricanes sorties flown on convoy patrols in the Bougie-Philippeville area. Twenty Spitfire sorties flown on convoy patrol. One hundred sorties flown on patrol of Oran area. Ninety sorties flown by transport aircraft. Disposition operational aircraft, Casablanca 18 troop carriers. Oujda 8 fighter recon. Forty seven med bombers. Twelve bomber recon. One photo recon. 12 troop carriers. La Senia 8 fighters. Six troop carriers. Tafaraoui.

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To: London USFOR Info WAR
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Thirty four fighters. Thirteen med bombers. Nouvion.
Thirteen light bombers. Thirty one troop carriers.
Relizane. Twenty two troop carriers. Algiers area
Blidaog 16 light bombers. Twenty five bomber recon.
Twenty seven troop carriers. Maison Blanche 71 fighters.
Seven photo recon, three troop carriers. Ani M'Lila,
9 fighters, 35 heavy bombers, Constantine, 19 light
bombers, Taher, 7 fighters. Bone, 37 fighters.
Telergma, 74 fighters, 19 med bombers, 12 troop carriers.
Jemmapes, 11 fighters. Chateaudun, 49 fighters, 37
heavy bombers. Le Kouif, 14 fighters, Souk El Khemis,
53 fighters, 19 light bombers. Youks Les Bains, 5
fighter recon, 20 light bombers. Canrobert, 23 light
bombers. Oulmens, 15 light bombers. Setif, 45 fighters.
Berteaux, 66 fighters, 37 med bombers. Tebessa, 46
fighters. Action USFOR, Air Ministry Whitehall,
information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast,
Eighteenth Army Group Headquarters, Liaison Group AFHQ,
Malta.

No Sig.

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ACTION: OPD

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Mar. 7, 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR

In Reply Cite: 4953, March 7, 1943.

Beyond Sedjenane enemy did not follow up and contact not maintained this sector. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 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 4953) of which 30 observed immobilized Sidi Nsir Area enemy has lost 45 tanks in that and Goubeljat Sectors. Destroyed by Royal Engineers 20 of 45. Enemy mortars in action at J 3254 but no encounters road junction J 3053 (11 miles northeast Beja). Found clear of enemy was Djebel Nahel J 4340. South of Medjez no activity with enemy apparently withdrawn across road Goubellat-Bou Arada. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 6 March. Central Tunisia. No reaction yet to Pichon push. In hills north and south of town and on Djebel Trozza 0 71 enemy positions located. On our patrol 5 March enemy fired from Kef Mazir 06328. Reported clear mid-day 6 March area 3 miles southwest Hadjeb El Aïoun also area west of Djebel Kralif T86-Djebel Seagdal T73. At T7653 road Sidi Bou Zid-Acn Rebous shelled by enemy. Gafsa Area 6 March 83 PWS taken at X8377 and X7477 also 2 miles north of Gafsa 12 taken. Still held by Germans is Metlaoui unconfirmed. Reported in area are tanks. Southern Tunisia. Indicated Mareth Sector main enemy attack down Axis main road of 15th and 21st Pz Divs and 90th Light Div. In Ksar El Halloof Area 10th Pz Div battle group will apparently

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To: War
USFOR
In Reply Cite: 4953, March 7th, 1943.

execute flank attack. Identifications. Italian. By
PWS. Area Ousseltis 064 4th Coy 1st Bn 91st Inf Regt.
Fifth Coy 2nd Bn 92nd Inf Regt. First Coy 70th Bers
Regt. Comment. Last identieq Essatoure 054 Western
Dorsale 1st Bn 91st Inf Regt and 1st Coy 70th Bers
Bn. Last identified Sened-Maknassy area 2nd Bn 92nd
Inf Regt. That last named unit has moved north this
first indicatinn. German. None.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2 EA

INFORMATION: OPD
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 3673 March 7 1943

7th Armd Div main BQ (Y) E 7180, 7. 10 Corps.
N T R (second part RF/28) from 18 Army Group) Air.
1st Army. 8. Night 24/25. Enemy withdrawal followed
up by heavy attacks by Bisleys on Gafsa and Sbeitla
and road movements west of these towns. Large fires
started in both towns and among suspected MT supply
and ammunition dumps in olive groves near by. Large
explosion in Sbeitla. Direct hit claimed Gafsa station.
Slight Southward MT movement north of Gafsa which was
also machine gunned. Day 25 Feb. Offensive recess loc-
ated 100 MT east of Kasserien. Other recess success-
fully shot up trucks (second part follows) near Pont
Du Fahs.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR

In Reply Cite: 4954, March 7, 1943.

Submarine dispositions Western Mediterranean. German. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass to Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv La Group AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. 4954) operating between Algiers Alboran Island 5 or 6 of which 2 between Alboran Island and Greenwich Meridian 1 or 2 off Cape Tenex 1 possibly northwest Algiers 1 position 38 degs north 03 degs 30 mins east at 0210 Z 6 March. Italian. Indications of decrease in number. Reckoned to be on patrol between Bougie and Bone are 5 of which 2 are considered off Cape Bougaroni. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 6 March.

Part 2, Air. Morning reported North African Coast 2 enemy bomber recce. Third, shot down, reported northeast Algiers 1545 Z Northern Sector Western Mediterranean further enemy aircraft. Active. Sea area near Sicily and Central Mediterranean 5 to 6 aircraft usual recce active. Morning south and west of Sicily weather flight performed. Reported 5 March flying toward Tunis small transport formation and arriving Tunis afternoon another. Long range bomber activity unreported. Beja Area no claims Spitfires engaged by 5 ME 109's, 1400 Z. Claiming 1 FW 190 probably destroyed 1 damaged Spitfire Beja Area 1430 Z engaged 5 ME 109's, 5 FW 190's. Attacked by Spitfires

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From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR
In Reply Cite: 4954, March 7, 1943, Page 2,

Beja Area without known results 8 ME 109's, 1545 Z.
Against our forward troops early reports indicate
from southern battle area main Axis effort directed.
Seen mostly ME 109's FW 190 fighter bombers but
against Nefatia landing ground about 20 ME 210's
operated. With tanks main target about 50 JU 87
sorties apparently flown

No Sig

Action: G-2 AIR
Information: OPD
CG AAF

- G-2 Distribution
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR (action)
Maison Blanche Algiers (info)
Oran
Casablanca
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Cairo
Oudjda French Morocco

In reply cite: 4739, March 6, 1943

South of Sedjanane 5 March Bn T 3.
(Second and last part 4739 area J 1478, 5
March Bn T 4. From reserve area southwest
Pont Du Fahs to Teboueba first Bn 756 Inf
Regt (taken near Medjez 4 March) PWS state.
By documents. Found area J 5 217 about 2
March dated 4 Feb document of 14th Coy PGR
104 (14/BGJR) identifies 190 P 8 recce unit.
Comment. To Tunisia December last but no-
where committed to offensive action nor be-
lieved involved current activities front 5
Corps came this unit intended originally ap-
parently for 90 Light Div. Italian. Seen
among captured equipment by observer Kasserine
area 2 Italian 47 MM (SP) guns. Indicated
thereby at least 1, 47 MM SP guns Bn has re-
joined 131 Centauro Armd Div. These detached
from 31 Tank Regta to first Superga Div.
Numbered 1st, 133, 136 last identified Djebel
Fkirine O 98-Djebel Mapsour O 79 area these
Bns.

- G-2 Distribution
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Mar. 7, 1943
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Maison Blanche
To: AGWAR
USFOR

In Reply Cite: NAAF, 0519, March 6, 1943.

All bomber missions cancelled on account of weather. From Spaatz NAAF Nr 0519 for Arnold and Air Minstry signed Eisenhower fighter operations in reduced volume and uneventful. Statistics: sorties: Hudson, 15; P 38's, 6; P 39's, 5; US Spitfires, 24; Beaufighter, 8; British Spitfires, 128; Hurricanes, 36. Losses, nil. Victories, nil.

No Sig

Action: OPD
Information: G-2 E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E)
CG AAF OSD letter, May. 3, 1972
By SLR Date FEB 8 1974

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR

In Reply Cite: 4740, March 6, 1943.

G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 5 March.
(Action AGWAR USFOR information 18 Army Group, NAAF,
MBS, ABS, Malta, Mideast, Advance Liaison Group, AFHQ,
5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 4740. Nil.
Part 3, Naval, nothing to report).

Part 2. Air. Morning reported Western Mediter- :
rsnean 2 enemy bomber recce of which as far west as
Melilla contacting shipping between Algiers and Philippe-
ville midday, 1 operated. Weather flight as far west
as Algiers carried out by other. Sicilian Area and
Central Mediterranean 7 reported. Shadowed morning
afternoon convoy between Misurata-Tripoli. AGWAR for
WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army
and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 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.
From Sicily 1st half night number enemy bombers re-
ported active. Earlier morning than usual 4 March
about 60 JU transport 52's landed Tunis. Reported
same area later number other transports. No reports
enemy activity Tunisia received.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2 AIR

INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Constantine
To: London USFOR - WAR - British War Office -
Algiers - Gibraltar - Oudjda.

In Reply Cite: 334 March 6, 1943

Part 1. Sitrep 128 for 24 hrs ending 5th
2400 A hrs.

Part 2 follows. Signed C in C cite FHGCT.
(To action USFOR information Troopers AGWAR Freedom
Malta Middle East Fifth Army from Freedom 334 6th
Mar) Eighth Army. 1 "30 Corps. 1st Light Fifth
March aerial reconnaissance covering Mareth-Zeltene-
Gatmata-Te Chin- Ksar El Hailouf-Toujane reported
very little movement. During afternoon 5th March
slightly increased activity in area Krerachefa Ksar
YE 55. Heavy shelling area YE 5248 and YE 6145.
Medium Arty 7th Armd Div engaged enemy Mt Moving
south YE 5990. In front of 2nd New Zealand Div
small working parties were dispersed by our fire
YE 6557. At YE 6255 enemy minelaying parties were
engaged. Last light 5th March aerial reconnaissance
showed 200 Mt moving north on road at YE 4090.
2. L 5 force. 1100 A hrs 4th March 1 tank 3 armored
cars and 10 trucks seen YE 2354. Attempts by other
parties of enemy same area to advance south frustrated.
Two patrols operating towards Hallouf during with-
drawal to Ksar Rhilane area encountered enemy infan-
try at YE 4658 and YE 4754. Track YE 4042 to YE
4060 under observation our patrols. 3. Ten Corps.
NTR. 4. Southeast Algeria. Patrols sent towards
Tozeur Metlarui and Mounarjs M Metlaoui still
occupied by enemy and tanks reported in this area.
Liaison established with Le Clerc. Area Ksar
Rhilanel YD 9733. First Army. 5. 2nd Corps. 34th

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From: London USFOR, WAR, British War Office, Algiers
To: Gibraltar, Oudjda.
In Reply Cite: 334 March 6, 1943

Div RCN in force entered Pichon O-72 at 1630 hrs and advanced 1 mile to east of Own. Withdrew and is reported holding hills north and south of Pichon and northern slopes of Dj Trozza O 71. Our troops withdrew some distance to secure position for night. Remainder Corps front no change. 6. 19 Corps. RCN force operating with 34th Div advanced to objectives Oued Kerd O 5733 light tanks came under enemy fire from Kef Mazil O 6328 and withdrew behind Oued Kerd. 7. 5 Corps. 4 March. Y Div. attack by 1 Bn 38th Brigade on hill J 6606 successful. 15 to 20 enemy casualties. Night 4/5 March 1175. 139th Brigade established new position east and north road J 1175 with 1 Bn and RCN Sqn protecting right flank J 1467. No contact during day 5 March. Second Coldstream guards patrol reached J 1677 without contact. Day 5 March slight enemy activity in morning area Tougabour J 53 Oued Zarga J 43. Enemy withdrew from Dj Nahal J 44. Local enemy attack southwest from J 3151 was broken off. Five Corps claim 45 tanks knocked out in corps sector since 26th Feb of which 30 are observed immobilized in Sidi Nsir area. Nineteen of these tanks have been blown up by our sappers. 8. Moves. 19 Corps. 1st Bn 15th RTB moved to Hjsiana from Tebessa. (Action USFOR information Troopers AGWAR Freedom Malta Middle East Fifth Army) 5 corps 1st Para Brigade was relieved by 26th CT and moved to under command 46th Div".

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
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CGGN
General Deane (CC/S)
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Admiral King

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR London
War (Information)

In Reply Cite: 4796, March 6, 1943

Sitrep Part 2 Mar 5th 128. Naval. (Action
USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th
Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G 3
Section Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 4796
Mar 43) mines laid off Bizerta during night 3-4 Mar.
Mines also laid Sicilian Channel 5 March. Ship attacked
by enemy aircraft. No damage.

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ACTION: OPD

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

From: Algiers
To: USFOR
British War Office
War(info)

In Reply Cite: 4795 March 6, 1943

March 5 Part 3 SITREP 128. (Action USFOR Air Ministry Whitehall information AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army Mideast 18 Army Group Hq Liason Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT. 4795 6 Mar too nil) All bomber operations cancelled due to weather. Two Spitfire tactical recon sorties flown in Faid Pass and Pichon areas. Fourteen Spitfire sorties on tactical recon Jefna area. Ninety seven Spitfires flown on tactical recon in Jefna, Jamera, Medjez El Bab, Sidi Nsar, Sedjanane area. Twenty Spitfire sorties flown on harbour and airdrome patrol at Bone. Twelve Spitfire sorties on recon over Faid-Fondouk area. Twelve Spitfire sorties flown on recon over Sbeitla-Fondouk-Pichon area. Night of 3/4 March Halifax and Wellingtons of Western Desert Force attacked road transport in Matmatu area. Day 4 March Kittybombers escorted by Spitfires all of Western Desert Force attacked road transport and tanks in Toujane-Halluf area. Two ME 109's destroyed and 1 Kittyhawk lost. Seven Hudson sorties on anti submarine sweeps and 8 on escort missions. No sightings. Four Beaufighters sorties in Algiers area and 4 in Bone area. No contacts. Ten sorties by Hurricanes on patrol of Phillipeville and Bougie. Two scrambled after hostile aircraft. No interceptions. Twenty four Hurricane sorties on escort and convoy patrols from Maison Blanche and 2 on recon patrol.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CGAAF, G-2, CGGN.
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King, Log.

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War
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In Reply Cite: 4739 March 6, 1943

Sedjenane sector enemy failed to retain contact with our forces withdrawn night 4-5 March. (to AGWAR USFOR rptd 18 Army GP NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Gp AFHQ 5 Army from Freedom 4739 6th) hills near Sidi Asker J 2852 and Djebel Menndel J 2768 and Djebel Tabouna J 2364 occupied by enemy Inf. Small attack 1100Z 5 March unsuccessful on J 3050 (5 miles north northwest Munchar). South of Toukabeur enemy reported still occupying high ground. No activity Medjex-Bou A Ada sector except 4 miles southeast Goubellat enemy observed. Foregoing northern Tunisia part one land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 5 March. Central Tunisia. No enemy encountered nor any guns demolitions located Pichon Sector 0-6228. In position on line 0-5930-El Ala 0-61-Djebel Trozza 0-61 enemy Inf. Also 6 tanks 0-5730 possibly Italian. Either too weak or surprised to oppose our seizure Pichon was enemy. One coy with 10 light AFVS in enemy force holding Hadjeb El Aoun. As far as T-3020 (halfway Sidi Bou Zid-Gafsa) no enemy encountered. Southern Tunisia. Reported 7 miles south of Meblaoui (Philippe-Thomas) moving north midday 5 March enemy Inf and AFVS. Area Djebel El Star and Kef Eddour Italians reported. Also reported unconfirmed Germans Tozeur and German tanks Meblaoui. Completely from Nefta area enemy withdrawn. Reported moving southeast from Gabes toward Ksar El Hallouf E 46 midday 4 March 800 MT and 60 tanks. Between Maret-Arram much MT movement. Observed in position at E 4658 and E 4754 area south of Ksar El Hallouf

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enemy Inf. 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 La Grp AFHQ five Army pass one Arm'd Corps and six Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications of German. By PWS. Unconfirmed Ninth Coy Seven Five Five Inf Regt Area J 5534, 5 March. Comment. Third Bn previously reported by PWS of Second Bn on their right. This places Third Bn in Si Nsir Sector.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2 EA

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

G-2 Distribution

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U R G E N T

From Algiers
To: War, USFOR

In reply cite: No. 332, March 6th, 1943.

Part 1 SITREP 127 for 24 hrs ending 4th 2400 A hrs. Part 2 follows, Signed C in C cite FHGCT. (To action USFOR information Troopers Agwar Freedom Malta Middle East 5th Army from Freedom 332 5 Mar) 8th Army. 1 " 30 corps. Night 3-4 Mar quiet except for activity and noise heard by 51st Div Patrols which ceased at 0100 Hrs and was not heard again. Enemy withdrew to area (T) Z6403 and 4 carrier screen was established in original position. Carrier patrol in contact with enemy inf at (Y) E 6295. Carrier patrol 131 Brig to (Y) E 5685 NTR. Patrol line Royals unchanged. Fighting French flying column patrols covering northwest and southwest of Haddada (Y) E 64. Staffs YEO (Y) E 7874 Royals (Y) E 75752 KRRC Djel Haddada (Y) E 53 L Fighting French flying column (Y) E 7351. 2nd Cheshires under command 30 Corps concentrated area (Y) E 8679. During afternoon air RCN and fighter reports showed much enemy movement from Gabes toward Toujane (Y) E 39 and Hallouf (Y) E 46 and to a less extent down mainroad to Mareh. 300 MT Kettana (T) Z 42-Arrama (T) Z50. 300 Mt moving towards Zeltene (Y) E 39 from Northwest. 600 Mt and 12 Tanks on or near RJ (T) Z 2608. 80 MT and 60 tanks area Cheguini (Y) E 42 Seclen 9-(Y) E 4070-Brio-(Y) E 4576 2. 10 Corps. 102 A/T regt arrived Ben Gardane and moving Medenine Area. 3. L force. Patrol line (Y) E 3737-(Y) e 1545 intermittent contact with enemy armd cars. 4. Southeast Algeria. Van Guards of

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French Force occupied ONEFTA with RCN towards Moularen Redeyef and Tozeur. Reported #itlins area Djebel El Stah and area Kef Ed Dour unconfirmed re Port German tanks in Metlaoui (T) X 76 and Germans Intozeur 1st Army 52 Corps. Patrols and clearing of minefields continues patrols Drew enemy small arms fire from area Hatuab El Aicou T-69. 6. 19 Corps. Patrols reached 06228 and 06134 without contact or locating enemy guns or demolitions. 7. 5 Corps, Y Div and 78th Div no change. 46 Div, Enemy attack with 15 tanks and 3 Cos Inf reported area J 3347. Situation in Sedjanane not yet stabilized close fighting all day. Street fighting continues. 8. Moves 2/7 and 3/7 RTA from Youks les Bains to Maktar." Action USFOR information Troopers, AGWAR, Freedom, Malta, Middle East, Fifth Army.

No Sig.

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-2735 (6 Mar 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - Cairo - Malta

In Reply Cite: 4646, March 6, 1943.

March 4 part 3 SITREP 127 (MTO USFOR rptd AGWAR Troop-
ers 5th Army Mideast 18 Army Group Hq Liaison Group
AFHQ Malta from G-3 section AFHQ 4646 5th
signed Eisenhower cite FROCT) (15 B 17s Fortresses es-
corted by 24 P 38's Lightnings any convoys northwest of
Bizerte. 165-500 pound bombs dropped on convoy of
6 vessels. Four vessels reported sunk and 2 damaged.
Escort attacked ME 109's and FW 190s over target. One
ME 109 reported probably destroyed and 2 damaged.
Fifteen B 25's Mitchells escorted by 20 P 38's Lightn-
ings and 9 B 26's Marauders escorted by 18 P 38's Lightn-
ings despatched to attack shipping between Tunisia and
Sicily. B 25's Mitchells sighted no shipping. B 26's
Marauders dropped six 500 pound bombs on convoys of 6
MVS. Results unobserved. One P 38 Lightning crashed
into sea cause unknown. Twelve B 25's Mitchells escorted
by 24 Spitfires attacked Djedaida. Hits on town landing
ground and dispersal area. One Spitfire slightly damaged
by Flak. Seventy four offensive Spitfire sorties and 9
Hurribomber sorties flown in Mateur-M Beja- Medjez El
Bab area. One Lorry shot up. Bombs dropped on MT
starting fires. Fifteen/20 Junkers 87's escorted by 10
ME 109's encountered. Enemy aircraft jettisoned bombs.
Two Junkers 87's reported destroyed, 1 probably destroyed
and 4 damaged. Seven ME 109's reported damaged during
offensive sweep add 1 damaged Spitfire force landed.
Twenty two Spitfires provided huge cover for B-17's

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To: AGWAR
In Reply Cite: 4846, March 6, 1943.

attacking Bizerte docks. Twelve Spitfires recon Faid-Sbeihla area. Fourteen antisubmarine and convoy sorties flown by Hudsons. One U-boat reported sunk. Seven Beaufighter sorties flown. Twenty four convoy and harbor patrol sorties flown by Hurricanes. One JU- 88 reported destroyed.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CGGN
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR London

In Reply Cite: 4541, March 5, 1943

Part 2 Air. Off North African coast daytime
3 enemy bomber recce JU 88's of which 1 in Algiers
area 1330 Z remaining 2 engaged shadowing between
Bohe Philippeville afternoon. Of latter 1 shot down
by Spitfire. Performed off Balearics usual recce
flight morning. At 1750 Z Philippeville area about
15 enemy bombers reported of which 1 claimed destroyed
2 damaged. During day between Italy Sicily and Tunis
3 March about 80 to 100 transport. Reported Northern
Tunisian area increased enemy air activity with at
least 60 ME 109's and 20 JU 87's observed by tactical
air force. Details of encounters and sightings follow.
In mateur area with no combat 0555 Z 3 enemy aircraft
sighted by Spitfires on tactical recce. Sighted and
attacked by Spitfires 0700 Z 6 ME 109's Beja area of
which 4 reported damaged. On patrol Beja area 3 ME
109's of which 2 damaged attacked by Spitfires 1225Z.
Providing high cover 1300 Z for Fortresses over Bizerta
Spitfires engaged without claim 3 ME 109's. Beja area
at 1330 Z 6 ME 109's engaged without claim by Spitfires.
Engaged by Spitfires Jefna-Sedjenane area 1700 Z 15 to
20 JU 87's escorted by at least 10 ME 109's. When
attacked enemy jettisoned bombs. Claimed destroyed 2
JU 87's 1 probably 4 damaged. Also claimed damaged
3 ME 109's on antishipping missions north-west of
Bizerta B 17's P 38's engaged over target ME 109's and
FW 190's. Probably destroyed 1 ME 109 2 damaged. By
unspecified number enemy aircraft bombing attacks
reported Mejez Sedjenane and Djebel Abiod area.

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Part 3 Naval. Nothing to report. (AGWAR
for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18th Army Group pass
1st Army and 2nd Corps NAAF pass EAC and 13th AF MBS
ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass
1st Arm'd Corps and 6th Corps from G 2 Freedom
signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. 4541) G 2 report for
24 hours ending 2400 Z 4 March.

No Sig

Action: G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

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BY SC, DATE FEB 6 1974

In Reply Cite: 4506 March 5, 1943

Appreciation present enemy position and future intentions. (Action AGWAR USRO from Freedom Algiers 4506 5th).

1. Enemy attacks in north intended to improve positions and possibly force allies to move troops from central and southern areas to north. Gains so far have not been commensurate with his losses and he has failed in his main objective the capture of Medjez El Bab. Identification of Grenadier Regiment 47 previously located in Pichon-Fondouk area, is indicative of his determination to attempt to gain maximum success. At same time enemy has taken considerable risk in Pichon-Hadjeb El Aiouin area by thinning out German troops. This area probably only now held by Italian Bersaglieri and 1 German Marsch Battalion.

2. German Infantry identified in recent attacks includes all regiments of 334 Infantry Division, all Herman Goering Regiment, GR our 7, all Barenthin Regt, 1 Bn PGR 69, 1 Bn PGR 86, T 3 T 4 and T 5 Bns, 30 Marsch Bn, 33 Marsch Bn (now known as PGR Afrika 33) and 24 Marsch Bn. One Bn 7 Tank Regiment and recent identifications suggest both companies 501 Panzer Abteilung also employed. Thus large proportion all available German Infantry now employed in north.

3. Central sector-enemy appears to have withdrawn to hills running north and south through Faïd. Possible enemy intends hold general

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line Pichon-Faid-Maknassy. This he must do at all costs, and is relying on holding gaps afforded by chain of hills. Troops probably Italian stiffened with Germans. Battle group 10 Panzar Division and 21 Panzar Division unlocated, but our reconnaissance and other reports suggest they are concentrating in Gabeco area. These forces could be held as mobile reserve or more likely they will be used in a rapid thrust from the Mareth position against the 8th Army with a view to inflicting maximum damage and at same time attack on Mareth position which they must appreciate will soon come. Evident from captured documents Rommel commanded recent attacks in Centre. He will not sit down and wait for attack and therefore we must expect rapid armoured thrusts on narrow front either east from Mareth position or west from Faid-Maknassy area. AGWAR USFOR pass troopers from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

4. Strengths. Consider rate of build up
Axis forces about 800 per day.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 4603 March 5, 1943

1. Naval. No Reports (Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast, Eighteenth Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower, Cite FHGCT 4603 5 March Sitrep Part two Mar 4 127).

2. Movements dispatched FC Thirty Ninth RCT less one Battalion from L of C to Tebessa coming under command Eighteenth Army Group on arrival.

No Sig

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 4606, March 5, 1943.

Y Force also termed Y Division. Your 3210 of Mar 031956Z, Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Is that part of British 6th Armd Division which remained on Bou Arada front reinforced by adjacent units on south. Composition varies but now is British 38th Inf Brig and 1st Para Brig with 3 French Inf Bns. First Para Brig being relieved by 2 Bns 26th Inf today.

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From: Algiers USEFOR
To: War

In Reply Cite No # Mar 5, 1943

Hq 36th Brigade and 5th Buffs moved to area J 4831. Hq and (part 2 and last of cipher version of Sitrep SOC 126 originators no 331 dated 4 March. Most secret) 1 squadron 142nd Royal Armored Corps moved to under Command 78th Div. First Guard Brigade Group now under Command 46th Div. Eighth Army. 5. 30 Corps. Little enemy activity until afternoon when aerial reconnaissance showed 800 enemy Mt moving south from Gabes to Mat Mata. At 1715 hrs 3 parties each approx 150 strong attacked 51st Div carrier screen at TZ 6505-TZ 6403 and TZ 6102. After being engaged by arty enemy went to ground. At 1830 hrs 30 enemy tanks moved forward to TZ 6304 and carrier screen withdrew to next ridge. Casualties inflicted on Italian Infantry who advanced in north with little arty support. Enemy met later observed moving north on road Toujane-Mareth. Twenty Third Arm'd Brigade under Command 51st Div area YE 7291. Twenty Second Armored Brigade concentrated area YE 6892-YE 6688 with 8th Armored Brigade concentrated approx 6 miles east in area Bir Er Rebaia YE 7589. One Thirty First Brigade Area YE 6286. Two Hundred First Guards I Brigade area YE 6883. Second New Zealand Div completed concentration and in position by 1500 hrs. Sixth New Zealand Brigade area YE 7681. Fifth New Zealand Brigade area YE 7275. Staffordshire Yeomanry under Command 2nd New Zealand Div and moving to YE 7671.

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Fourth Lt Armd Brigade under Command 2nd New Zealand Div. Patrols no change. 6. L Force. ntr. 7. 10 Corps. Rcn Hq Ben Gardane. 8. Southeast Algeria. French patrols report Douz strongly occupied by Germans. Enemy armored patrols on tracks Douz YD 37 en-Hadj Brahim YD 66 and towards Mannsoura TY 20." Action USFOR information Troopers, AGWAR, Freedom, Malta, Middle East, 5th Army.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

From: 12th Air Force Algiers
To: War - USFOR London

In Reply Cite: NAAF 0399, March 5, 1943

Heavies and mediums attacked convoy and reported sinking 4 vessels damaging 2. (To AGWAR and USFOR from Spaatz signed Eisenhower NAAF nr 0399) Weather interfered with some shipping strikes. Ten tenths cloud cover over Bizerte. Light bombers and fighters were active. Increased enemy air activity. Refer cable previous days operations should have read light bombers attacked Mateur and an area 16 miles NE of Medjex El Bab. Statistics: sorties: B 17's, 36; B 25's, 15; B 26's, 9; P 38's, 77; P 39's, 73; American Spitfires, 14; Mitchells, 12; Hudsons, 15; Hurribombers, 9; Beaufighters, 7; Hurricanes, 24; British Spitfire, 120. Losses: 1 P 38 destroyed and 2 Spitfires damaged. Victories: 2 JU 87's and 1 JU 88 destroyed, 1 JU 87 and 1 ME 109 probably destroyed, 11 ME 109's and 4 JU 87's damaged.

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CSD letter, May, 3, 1972

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INFORMATION: G-2

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To: War - USFOR London

In Reply Cite: 4539, March 5, 1943

Strong pressure maintained 4 March by enemy on Sedjenane. (Action AGWAR USFOR information 18th Army Group NAAF NBS SBS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from Freedom Algiers 4539 5th) Along Beja road J 3347, 1200 Z unsuccessful attack by 3 Coys Infantry supported by 15 tanks. En suggested withdrawn from eastern Dorsale transferred to Medjex sector is 1st Bn 756 Mtn Inf Regt by their truck blown up by mine near Medjex station. Enemy reported in farms at J 6410 and J 6111 area Medjex-Bou Arada. Foregoing northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 4 March, Central Tunisia. Reached by enemy patrols Dret Manssoura O 54. None encountered at O 6134, O 6129, O 6129 (west of Pichon). None encountered line running north south through Hadjeb El Aïoun 3 March. Area mined beyond this line. From Hadjeb El Aïoun 4 March some small arms enemy fire reported. On line Djebel Rechaib-Faid T 8260 enemy reported in position. (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF NBS ABS Malta Adv La Group AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI, Southern Tunisia. Observed moving south from Gabes toward Matmata afternoon 4 March 800 enemy Mt. On line running northeast southwest 10 miles east of Mareth attack carried out subsequently 1615 LD ED. Involved were 3 enemy groups with strength of 180 each. No success. To Area Z 6304 east of Mareth 30 tanks then moved forward.

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Heavy casualties sustained by Italian Inf who advanced northern part of front. Armored patrols in general direction southeast toward Hadj Brahim D 65, sent Germans reported occupying Doux in strength.

No Sig

Action: G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR London

In Reply Cite: 4506, March 5, 1943

Estimate by March 15 strength, (this Part 2 and last of our ref number 4506 THI 051301 Z excluding GAF personnel connected with flying duties, (A) Germans Von Arnim 68100, Rommel 57700 (B) Italians Von Arnim 25300 Rommel 53500 total 204600. GAF some 16,000 and IAF some 4,000. Grand total 225,000. Para 5. Forces likely comprise the following (A) Germans 2 full strength divisions (1 armoured) equivalent 5 divisions of which 2 armoured (all 30-40 per cent below establishment) with some 390 tanks in all. In addition possible part 1 further division (possibly light armoured) may have arrived. (B) Italians. Two full strength division (1 armoured) and equivalent 5-6 weak divisions (30-40 per cent below establishment) with some 110 medium tanks. (C) Above excluding casualties.

ACTION: G-2 EA

INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF

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From : C. in C. Med.

Situation Report Number 68

- (1) At 1001/4 R.A.F. Aircraft probably sank U-boat in position 37 degs. 10 mins North 00 degs. 05 mins. East. About 25 bodies were seen.
- (2) M.T.B.'s laid mines off Bizerte during night 3/4th March.
- (3) H.M.S. ABDIEL carried out ley in Sicilian Channel on 5th March. Ship was attacked by 2 aircraft RT 151-4 without damage. One JU 88 was brought down by Fighters.
- (4) H.M.S. EASTON and GS. MIAOULES arrived Malta 4/3 from West.

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Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
Cominch (2)
C.O.S.
Flens
Cdr. Coleridge (8)
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook
S.O. (0) Personal
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR-AGWAR

In reply cite: 4423, March 5, 1943

3 part 3 SITREP 126. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18 Army Gp. Hq Liason Gp AFHQ Malta from G-3 Freedom 4423 4 Mar signed Eisenhower cite FHCCI March) 19 B 17's fortresses attacked El Aouina airdrome escorted by 24 P 38 lightnings. 2015 20 pound frag bombs dropped. Bursts seen in target area. 1 P 38 missing near Beja. 12 ME 109 D attacked formation M 1 ME 109 reported destroyed, 2 damaged. 1 P 38 lightning last seen near Tunis being attacked by 4 ME 109's missing. 20 B 17's fortresses escorted by 25 P 38's Lightnings attacked landing ground NW of Gabes. 1728-20 pound frag bombs dropped. Hits seen on target. 10 B 26's marauders and 20 P 38's Lightnings attacked enemy landing grounds. Bursts seen among enemy aircraft. 1 P 38 Lightning shot down by flak. 1 B 26 marauder damaged by flak. 18 B 25's Mitchells attacked landing ground NW of Gabes. 1152-20 pound frag bombs dropped on target area. 41 Spitfires on recon Paid, Gafsa, Sidi Neir and Cap Serrat areas. 1 FW 190 damaged. 24 Spitfires made offensive sweep of Matbur area. 3 ton lorry set on fire, and several damaged. 22 Spitfires acted as high cover for fortresses bombing El Aouina airdrome. 7 Mitchells escorted by 23 Spitfires bombed Mateur. All bombs seen to fall on town. Attacked by enemy aircraft. One Spitfire missing and 1 destroyed. 14 Spitfires on offensive sweep in Mateur. Transport was attacked and hit. 22 Spitfires escorted 17 Mitchells. Attacked Badier El HSD station. Hits on north side railway line. No results seen. 1 Spitfire missing and 1 destroyed. 37 sorties P 39's on escort and patrol of Oran area. 15 (35) Hudson

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To: USFOR-AGWAR

In reply cite: 4423, March 5, 1943

sorties were flown on anti submarine sweeps. 12
Hurricane sorties flown on convoy patrols. Correct-
ion after several damaged. Insert 22 Spitfires on
special recon Post El Fahs-Robaa area and Mateur-
Jefna area. 20 Spitfires swept Bizerte area and
attacked road to Mateur. 3 lorries in flames. 6
lorries and 2 recon cars damaged.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

In reply cite: 3314, March 5th, 1943

Ending 3rd 2400 A hrs. Part 2 follows.
(Action USFOR information Troopers AGWAR Freedom
Malta Middle East 5th Army from Freedom ref No
3314) March. Part 1 SITREP 126 for 24 hrs) signed
CINC cite FHGCT. 1st Army. 1 "2 Corps 1st Derby
Yeomanry in contact with French elements at Bir
El Ater S 3612 and Mides X 2874. Redevef X 5073
clear of enemy. Armored reconnaissance in contact
with enemy on line Rebou T 8052-Faid. Patrols
34th Div made no contact with enemy in line north
and south through Hadjeb El Ainun further progress
slow owing to enemy mines. 2. 19 Corps-ntr. 3.
5 Corps. Day 3 March. Raid east of Goubellat
captured quantity enemy ammunition yesterday 2
March. Enemy activity area Medjez station early
morning. Heavy harrasing fire by own artillery.
We attacked enemy area Hunts Gap J 3347 this morning
no details yet. Enemy strength 2 battalions with
some tanks attacked and surrounded battalion 139th
Brigade area Sedjenane yesterday afternoon. Very
heavy casualties inflicted on enemy. 120 officers
and enlisted men own battalion so far returned.
Enemy continued attacks today. Own positions now
appear to run north and south through J 2277 artillery
engaging enemy this area. Y Div patrolled area west
of road Bou Arada-Goubellat and made successful
attacks on enemy in Farms J 6410 and J 6111. 78th
Div patrols to J 5915 no contact. Enemy mt reported
debussing inf area Bordj Moun J 6749 considerable
activity this area. 4. Moves. 2 Corps. 2nd Bn
26 Inf from 19 Corps arrived in corps area. 19 Corps.
A following Bns moved into the line night 2/3 March
1st Bn 9th Regiment Algerian Inf ad O 4934 2nd Bn
6th Regt Algerian Inf at O 6883. 1st and 3rd Bns

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From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR

In reply cite: 3314, March 5th, 1943

3rd Regt Algerian Inf now at Le Kef. HQ General
Wilvert now at Makpaj. 5 Corps. 1 squadron 51st
Royal Tank Regiment moved to under command Y Div.
138th Brigade HQ moved to J 5730.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane(CC/S)
Adm. King
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PARAPHRASE OF COMINCH 1617/14 FEB. FOLLOWS.

ADMIRALTY REPEATED N.C.X.F. FROM COMINCH.
 OPINION OF COMINCH THAT POLICY OF MAKING MAXIMUM USE OF
 FRENCH CAPABILITIES INDICATES THAT FRENCH SHOULD BE
 EMPLOYED IN OPERATION OF ALL NAVAL LOCAL DEFENCE
 EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED QUALIFIED BY
 N.C.X.F. TO INCLUDE AVAILABILITY OF AS MUCH EQUIPMENT AS
 CAN BE RELEASED TO THEM. RECOMMEND INFORMATION NOT
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR (action)

In Reply Cite: 4322, March 4, 1943.

North of Beja and east of Sedjenane pressure maintained March (to AGWAR USFOR information 18th Army Group NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Group AFHQ 5th Army from Freedom 4322 too nil 4 Mar) not withdrawing as reported but with reliefs taking place was enemy. Area Sedjenane at 1400Z attacked 3 March by 2 Bns enemy Inf supported by some tanks without success. Taken after local enemy attack J 3347, 25 PWS. Area Ouet Zarga-Toukabeur no activity. Night 3-4 March without contact established some activity near Medjex El Bab. To positions east of Medjex-Bou Arada road enemy withdrawing on Medjex-Bou Arada front. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 3 March. Central Tunisia. Encountered line Faid-Aise Rebaou T 8182 was enemy, reported moving southeast from Triaga U 45, 100 MTS. No movement observed road Gafsa-Badjene Bel Abbes S 71. Encountered Loulares X 5784 Italian patrol. Reported apparently deserted by air recce Gafsa. Near town large explosion seen. Southern Tunisia. Lightly held by enemy to Zaur reported, occupied intermittently only is Nefta. In Kebili no movement seen. Area road Mareth-Medenine considerable movement Inf and M T observed indicating preparations early spoiling attack on Eighth Army to AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers Eighteen Army Group pass One Army and Two Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12 AF MBA ABS Malta Mideast Adv La Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass One Arm Corp and Six Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. Germans. By

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To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 4322, March 4, 1943

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PWS, area J 3150, 2 March First Bn 86 PGR and Sixth Coy 47 Inf Regt. By documents. Area J 3348, 2 March 2nd Coy 500 OZ ABT. Comment. Apparently elements both Coys 501 Tank Bn in Mateur Sector as identified from documents 27 Feb same area as 2nd Coy, was first Coy area J 55836, 3 March First Bn 754 Inf Regt. Italian, None.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF
GEN DRANE (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR USFOR

In Reply Cite: 4321 March 4, 1943

3. Nothing to report. G 2 report for 24 hours ending (Action AGWAR, USFOR information Eighteen Army Group, NAAF, MBS, ABS, Malta, Mideast, Adv Liaison Group AFHQ, Five Army from G 2 Freedom Signed Eisenhower 4321 undated. Part three Naval.) 2400Z 3 March.

2. Air. Reported off North African Coast during day 2 enemy bomber Recce of which one Philippeville Harbor Zerckwaven 15 ~~OD ED~~ made Recce. Area Balearics morning 1 enemy aircraft active FG during evening from Recce flight at least 1 landed Sicilly. Western Mediterranean Weather flight carried out. Between 1900 and 2000 Z Northwest Algiers about 15 enemy bombers active. Against shipping town or harbor Algiers no attacks developed. Between Sicily Tunisia transport activity 2 March very reduced scale with only 10-20 JU 52's operating. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers Eighteen Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Ghp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite PHGBI. By A 20's and Spitfires bombing mission Mateur number ME 109's encountered west thereof. No engagement. Claim 1 FW 190 damaged from 2 seen by Spitfires Recce Faid area. P-38's escorting B-17's attacking El Aouina were engaged by 12 ME 109's. By P-38's

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claimed destroyed 1 ME 109 damaged, 2. Spitfires providing top cover saw enemy made no contact.

No Sig

Action: G-2 AIR.

Information: OPD
CG AAF

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Mar 5, 1943
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR
No 289
In reply cite: NAAF 285 March 4, 1943

Heavy bombers bombed airdromes at Tunis and near Gabes. From Spaatz for Arnold and Air Ministry: NAAF msg NR 283. El Aouine airdrome well covered particularly in area of dispersed aircraft. Mediums also attacked Gabes. Enemy aircraft attacked in Tunis area but no contacts in Gabes area. Light bombers attacked Mateur and Medjez El Bab. Spitfires carried out numerous recon and harrasing sweeps. Weather good. Statistics: Sorties: B 17's, 39; B 26, 10; B 25, 18; Wellingtons, 9; Mitchells, 34; Hudson, 15; Beaufighter, 13; P 38, 96; P 39, 37; British Spitfires, 190; Hurricanes, 12; PRU Spitfires, 2. Losses: 2 P 38's and 2 Spitfires destroyed, 2 Spitfires and 1 P 38 missing and 1 B 26 damaged. Victories: 1 ME 109 probably destroyed, 2 ME 109 and 1 FW 190 damaged.

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ACTION: OPD

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From: Algiers
To: London - USFOR
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In Reply Cite: 4332, March 4, 1943

March 3rd Sitrep 126 part 2. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT. (Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta from G-3 section 4332 4th)) Naval. Two groups enemy E boats were active in Bone area night one two March. One group engaged by shore batteries and retired. Other group intercepted and chased off by motor torpedo boats. Mines were laid on 25 Feb West of Sicily and on 27 28 Feb and 1st March off Bizerta. A trawler attacked U boat North West of Bone on 2nd March. No details yet. Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta.

No Sig.

Action: OPD
Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CC/S)
Admiral King
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From: Algiers
To: War

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By R. H. Parks Date: FEB 6 1974

In Reply Cite: 4219 March 4, 1943

In a speech opening the 1st session of The Economic Council of French North and West Africa Giraud declared formally. AGWAR information Hull. Signed Eisenhower FHCIV Murphy. That he wholeheartedly and without reserve adhered to the Atlantic Charter whose principles were those which France had always proclaimed through its history. His speech was intended to demonstrate the necessity of a complete war effort in order to restore confidence in France and to show that his only policy was to achieve victory. With the help of the Allies he said that once more he was again waving war and he emphasized the need for maintaining order and authority and of putting aside all thought of politics or ideology until victory could be achieved. From an internal point of view he did not believe in the necessity of a revolution in disorder and anarchy but in the necessity of practical reforms which should give to the state and to the individual their proper place. His faith was placed in social justice. In professional organization outside of political agitation, in class cooperation, in the merit system of promotion, in youth, good humor and spontaneous effort. Speaking as a soldier he further placed his trust in the Army which had no pretensions but was essentially democratic serving no man or party but only France itself. His speech was followed by that of the Secretary of Production Blondel who dealt with the immediate problems imposed upon the economy of North Africa through its separation from Metropolitan France; the difficulties of transportation et cetera.

ACTION: G-2 (for State Dept.) No Sig
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - London USFOR

In Reply Cite: GR 65 March 3, 1943

All over the place (relayed from Freedom to USFOR Troopers AGWAR Freedom Malta Middle East Fifth Army from Fairfield GR 65) Sitrep number 125 for 24 hours ending 2nd 2400 hours.

Part 2 follows. Signed CINC cite FROCT. First Army. Case "2 Corps. First Arm Div Patrols reached Sidi Bou Eid and areas T 4946-T 5554 and 50780 contact with enemy. Thirty Fourth Div patrols to O 5014 made no contact. Will proceed Hadjeb El Aicoum T 69 Third March. First Derby Yecmanry contact with Italian Patrol area X 5784. 2. 19 Corps. NTR. 3. Fifth Corps. Reports contained in last nights Sitrep that enemy was withdrawing proved premature. Relief was taking place and enemy maintained pressure north of Beja and east of Sedjenane during today. Clearance of J 4900 * this morning. Two tanks knocked out 1 stopped remainder withdrew NE. Heavy Arty concentrations on enemy positions this area 1830 hrs. Enemy attacks area Sedjenane were held after confused fighting. Four armd cars knocked out area J 2874 during afternoon 4. Moves 19 Corps. Second Bn 26th Infantry area O 4935 due to be relieved tonight by First Bn Ninth Regiment Tirailleurs Algerienne. After relief to under command 2 Corps. Third Bn Fifteenth Senegalese Inf from Maktaf to Siliana. Second Bn Sixty Seventh Regiment Artillerie Algerienne northern part French Sector to under command Five Corps. Five Corps. First Guards Brigade and supporting arms not moving to Bejaoujig 13. Eighth Army. 5. Thirty Corps. Considerable movement of enemy Infantry and M/T seen by patrol Fifty First Div in the area Raad Mareth-Medenine indicating very strongly

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that enemy attack will be launched morning 3 March, One Fifty Third Brigade in area where track crosses Wadi T Z 6802 with forward troops T Z 6505-6504-6503. Patrols 154th Brigade active but NTR. No change patrols 4th Lt Armd Brigade under command 7th Armd Div and concentrating Medinine area. Fifth New Zealand Brigade concentrating area Y E 94766. L force. Seven enemy armd cars Y E 1547. Enemy Armd * 5. 7. Ten Corps. Hq 50 Div R Z 0066. 8. Southeast Algeria. Night 27/28 Feb reported Toxeur lightly occupied by enemy Nefta occupied intermittently. Patrols will be sent towards Matlaoui and Toxeur.

No Sig.

* Omissions, being serviced.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CGEN
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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IN

Received: 4 March '43.

Time: 1430

Addressed: Admiralty
Repeated: C. in C. LEVANT
A.F.H.Q. London
VAM
B.A.D. Washington
F.O.C. Gibraltar
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BY SA DATE FEB 6 1974

From: C. in C. Mediterranean

SITUATION REPORT No. 67.

- (1) Minelaying - H.M.S. RORQUAL off Marittimo. 25/2...H.M.S. ABDIEL off Ras Edgela(728/2) M.T.B'S off Plane Island 27/2.. and Bizerta 1/3.
- (2) E--Boats were active in Bone area night 1/2 March. One Group engaged by shore battery and retired. Other group intercepted and chased off by MTB's.
- (3) H.M.D. STROMA attacked U-Boat at 1300/2 in position 37° 10' North 07° 25' East. No details yet.
- (4) H.M.S. UNRUFFLED reports sinking 2500 ton merchant at 0941/21 in position 36° 56' North 11° 23' East.
- (5) H.M.S. THUNDERBOLT shelled schooner off Brindisi at 0625/8/2. In approsches to split at 0931/12 fired 5 torpedoes at Convoy. Explosions were heard but results unobserved. Several gun actions resulted as follows. 0905/14 in position 44 10 North 014 59 East sank small minesweeper. 1720/18 off Pola scored hits on small Naval Auxiliary vessel. 0805/19 hit tug and dredger off Ortona until forced to dive by shore battery. 1756/19 hit train and bridge at Penna Point. 0838/20 off Bari left schooner DERLICT.

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| Admiral | Lt. Col. Cook |
| Air Marshall | S.O.(O) Personal |
| Gen. Macready | S.O. |
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Mar 3, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War
London (Information)

In reply cite: No. 4027, March 3, 1943

After reviewing the proposed economic setup for AOF with McCloy who stopped at Dakar (AGWAR action Hull information Combined Boards USFOR British Chiefs of Staff and Dakar paraphrased signed Eisenhower cite FHAEB Murphy. BOC 168) we believe that the instructions and recommendations concerning AOF as outlined in your 5834 COB 49 and 1650 February 182157Z are generally satisfactory subject to express recognition that NAEB at Algiers will have final overall power of decision on policy if occasion arises just as Governor Boisson recognizes final authority of French High Command (DGE) at Algiers. For this purpose we recommend that a joint office shall be established at Dakar which will necessarily have broad powers of local action and direct communication but which will act on NAEBS direction in all matters involving general economic policies or discussion with DGE. NAEBS decisions of course being in turn subject to overriding approval of CCNA and the Combined Boards. Such joint office would operate generally in accordance with plan outlined in "joint recommendations by the British and American Cadnomia Missions at Dakar January 25, 1943" with such modifications in procedure as from time to time shall be indicated by experience. Subject to such general overall approvals of NAEB the joint office at Dakar would determine local needs supervise distribution locally and communicate as necessary directly with London and Washington repeating to Algiers. It is

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believed that in practice Algiers would not have to intervene to any material extent and that joint office at Dakar will operate just as efficiently as though it were an autonomous agency. Reasons for emphasizing necessity for express and specific recognition of such ultimate control from Algiers are: 1st. French High Command at Algiers desires to maintain central control and views with concern any tendency to former decentralized status of local governments at Algiers Rabat Tunis and Dakar. French High Command will certainly be disturbed if economic group at Dakar were divorced from NAEB organization and would probably prefer a more detailed control from Algiers than we believe would be efficient. From our point of view it seems desirable to this view so far as possible and to avoid giving impression that we are contributing to any centrifugal forces which would tend to weaken authority of High Command. 2nd. In the last analysis whatever powers of local action and decision may be vested in a particular office or group for practical operating efficiency the ultimate authority in the theatre should be in an agency operating under AFHQ. Regarding personnel for joint office at Dakar British mission now at Dakar will constitute the British members of the joint office. NAEB sent Mister Putnam, Lend Lease, from Algiers to Dakar on February 26 and he will be available there. NAEB also has two Treasury personnel now in training who are expected to proceed to Dakar within a fortnight. Additional American staff for Dakar joint office can be supplied as soon as personnel is available. Further answering your 1728 February 020640Z in view lack of definitive organization at Dakar NAEB has not sent any formal "instructions" to Dakar as yet although NAEB has been discussing certain requisition matters with French at Algiers for Dakar. Information concerning all directions agreements and policies so far developed can

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be supplied joint office promptly after it is established. Will appreciate your prompt approval foregoing as it is necessary determine definitive economic setup for Dakar at earliest possible date. In Mac-Millans absence this wire has been discussed with Makins and Herbert who concur.

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INFO: OPD
G-2 (Colonel Sands)
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March 3, 1943
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From: Algiers
To : War (Info London USFOR)

In Reply Cite: 4033 March 3, 1943

3 of the group of 12. AGWAR information Hull and Combined Chiefs of Staff USFOR British Chiefs of Staff information Matthews USA Embassy signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy. ENAF 162. Who were arrested in connection with Darlan's assassination and subsequently released are being appointed immediately by Peyrouton to important positions in the Algerian government. Reference our 5169. NAF 99. The appointments are Muscatelli former director of the Securite Generale to be inspector general of all police in Algeria. Bringard former assistant director of the Securite Generale to be director general of that organization. And Achary former director of counterespionage to be chief inspector under Muscatelli. All three of the above are friendly toward us and were of material assistance prior to and during D day operations. Local reaction in all faction seems favorable to their appointments. It is understood that one of Muscatelli's first acts will be to remove from the police force all members of PPF any SOL.

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ACTION: Gen. Deane (CC/S)

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF (Gen. Arnold)
SGS
Adm. King
Gen. Strong
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To: AGWAR - USFOR London

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Insert at first omission in line 15, on first page:

Clearance of J 4908 continued. Arty dispersed small numbers enemy adv from north and ne towards Medjez. Enemy made no progress area J 3347 during day. Medium arty engaged 6 out of 30 to 40 enemy tanks reported between J 3655-3552 this morning.

Insert at second omission in line 8, on second page:

Enemy armd cars appear to be massed Kefi Tarcine Y E 15. 7. 10 Corps.

FOOTNOTE: SUPPLEMENTARY COPY OF CM-IN 2235 (3-5-43) OPD (SITREP #125)

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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GEN DEANE
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR- AGWAR

In reply cite: 4154, March 3rd, 1943

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March 2 Part 3 SITREP 125. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FEGCT. (Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers 5th Army, Mideast, 18 Army Group HQ Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta from G-3 Section, AFHQ 4154 3rd) 20 B 17's Fortresses attacked docks and shipping Tunis. 216-500 pound bombs dropped. Hits on east side north quay, on south quay and industrial and warehouse districts of city. 18 B 17's Fortresses attacked shipping and peler plant La Goullette Harbor. 213-500 pound bombs dropped. Hits on power house, shipyard and dry dock areas. 2 ME 109 and 1 FW 190 destroyed. 20 P 38 Lightnings provided escort. 14 Spitfires offensive recon northeast Beja. 1 Aircraft hit and force landed in enemy territory. 8 Spitfires reconnoitred Bou Arada-Goubellat-Pont Du Fahs area. Transport strafed, results unobserved. 9 Hurribombers with 19 Spitfires attacked farm northeast Beja scoring direct hits. 9 Hurribombers with 18 Spitfires attacked concentration of Mark 6 tanks northeast Beja. Very near misses with possible direct hits scored. 10 Spitfires high cover for Fortresses over La Goullette. 1 ME 109 destroyed. 17 B 25's Mitchells with 24 Spitfires attacked Mateur. 3 ME 109's probably destroyed, 1 Spitfire damaged. 18 B 25's Mitchells with 23 Spitfires attacked Mateur. Bombs dropped on road and rail junction west northwest of town. 14 Spitfires and 9 Hurribombers attacked tanks and transports Sidi Nsir. Bombs dropped on column of 20 motor transport. Near misses observed. 3 Spitfires damaged by flank. 18 Spitfires escorted by 8 Hurribombers. Bombs fell among motor transport. 20 Spitfires offensive recon between Cap Serrat and Mateur. 1 aircraft damaged by flak. 20 Spit-

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fires and 9 Hurribombers attacked tanks and transports northeast Beja. All bombs fell in target area. No results observed. 1 ME 109 destroyed. 12 Spitfires recon Faid-Pondouk-Pichon area 8 Spitfires recon Gafsa area. 10 Spitfires recon Faid-Pichon area. 12 Spitfires Sorties escorting transports. Spitfires of Western Desert Force destroyed 2 out of 3 Macchi 202's near Hadzub landing ground. Escort to Kittyhawks which attacked target in Mareth area destroyed 3 out of 9 ME 109's. Night of 1/2 March 3 patrols and 1 Scramble by Beaufighters in Algiers area. No contacts. 6 patrols in Bone area. 1 Piaggio 109 destroyed. 6 Beaufighter patrols in Souk El Arba area. 1 Cest Z 1007 Bis destroyed. 6 Sorties by Hurricanes on airdrome and base patrols at Djidjelli and 12 Sorties in convoy escort. 4 convoy Sorties by Hurricanes in Algiers area. 1 Scramble by 6 aircraft. 13 convoy escorts and anti submarine Sorties flown by Hudsons and 3 by Swordfish. No sightings.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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CGGN
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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To: War
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No important change. After repluse feeble attack by 1 Bn 4 Sec en gren regt and 2 Bn Bacefthin Sidiunsir reported quiet (to AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass KAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Arm Corp and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 4127 3 Mar too nil) for further push enemy may be pausing. Abandoned here reported 25 tanks. Believed Beja Road Area among other tanks yesterday Coy PZ KW 6 engaged. Area J 6036 at 0730 Z 2nd March just east Medjex estimated 1 Coy attacked foregoing Northern Tunisia.

Part 1 Land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 2 March. Central Tunisia clear of enemy Kef El Ahmar pass. MW also clear El Als O 62 but heavily mined. Sbeitla clear of enemy. No enemy reported up to 15 miles east thereof morning 2nd March. No contact with enemy at Sidi Bou Zid or on road 12 miles southwest. Road Feriana-Oued Wbir S 80 (15-20 miles northwest Gafsa) no enemy seen. From Faid toward Sfax much MT movement took place. Southern Tunisia, On road from Gafsa toward Gabes much MT movement observed. Fires observed in Gafsa and El Guettar. Located just east Arram Z 50 enemy positions. Point just west of Arram large concentration enemy identifications. German. By PWS. Area J 2180 2nd March 4 Coy Bn T4. Area J 5241 1st March 7 Coy 755 Inf Regt. Area J 3048 2nd March 2 Bn Bare-

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thin Regt. Area J 3152 2nd March 86 Pgr. Comment. Mid Feb 2 Bn to Sbeitla-Kasserine front accompanied 10 Pz Div battle group. Since end this operation not definitely located. Believed in reserve recently area Pont Du Fahs 1 Bn. Area J 3347 night 1-2 March 1 Bn 47 Inf Regt. Comment night 26-27 Feb area O 5235 this unit last identified. Believed now Mateur Sector also 2 Bn. By equipment. Area J 2674 2nd March from 10 armd cars knocked out 10 MC Bn. Comment. Operating with 10 Pz Div battle group Central Sector about 20 Feb this unit last identified. By reliable sources. Operating east of road Sinsir-Munchar (having moved north 26 Feb from old positions west of Fondouk) 2 Bn 47 Inf Regt. Apparently moved south 1 March from former zone Central Sector with obvious destination Mareth, joint battle group 10 and 21 Pz Divs. Italian, none.

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- RS ERONER
- ~~BRATTON~~ MA
- ~~SIT~~ PL
- ~~21B~~ CIG
- SW SSB
- ~~AIR~~ FIN
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From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR London

In Reply Cite: 4206, March 3, 1943

Part 2 Sitrep 125 2nd Mar Para 1. (Action USFOR Information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta from Freedom Algiers nr 4206 3rd signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT) Naval. No reports. Para 2. Movements dispatched. Thirty Sixth FA Regt from Oran to Constantine coming under command 18th Army Group on arrival.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-3
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 4128 March 3, 1943

(To AGWAR for WDGBI) USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv La Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Arm'd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 4128 between Cape Der Fer and Bone off Cape Takouch enemy submarine at 1200Z attacked by HM Trawler. Believed damaged was submarine. HM destroyer sent to assist. Minor damage during air raid on Bone sustained by HM destroyer and HM motor torpedo boat at 0420Z 1st March. Driven off behind smoke screen to northward night 1-2 March were enemy E boats (motor torpedo boats) approaching Bone for mine laying operations engaged by Naval shore battery also. Foregoing part 3 Naval G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 2nd March. Part two Air. Enemy air activity. Bomber recce. During day off North African coast 4 aircraft reported, 1 engaged on meteor flight as far west Algiers other aircraft kept watch on Bone and Bougie Harbors and shipping between Bougie-Algiers. Over Balearics further aircraft reported morning. Single recce aircraft active between Bougie-Algiers night 2-3 March. In Sicily N area about 3 aircraft were active one being reported afternoon off coast eastern Tunisia. Bombers during evening south of Sicily 7 reported but no attacks developed along North African coast. Transport. About midday (1st March) very large formation JU 52's landed Tunis and flew off towards Sicily soon afterwards. Other enemy activity. Heavy bombing of Allied positions reported north of Bou Arada 1500Z further details

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unknown. Spitfires on recce mission saw 3 ME 109's in Bou Arada Goubeltat area no contact. Claimed destroyed by Allied aircraft attacking Mateur are 3 ME 109's. Four ME 190's seen by Hurribombers and Spitfires attacking tanks and transport near Beja. One ME 109 claimed destroyed. B17's attacked by 10 to 15 ME 109's and FW 190's destroyed 2 enemy ME 109's and 1 FW 190's during attack on La Goulette Harbor. Providing high cover for B17's Spitfires reported sighting 20 to 30 aircraft during raid and claim 1 ME 109 destroyed. Part one will follow.

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Action: G-2 *AIR*

Information: OPD
CG AAF

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BS | KRONER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRATTON | MA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TIT | FL |
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To: WAR-USFOR

In Reply Cite: 3935 March 2, 1943

Daytime reported off North African Coast 2 enemy bombers recce of which morning 1 contacted small convoy north west Philippeville. (To AGWAR, USFOR rptd 18th Army Group, NAAF, MBS, ABS, Malta, Mideast, Advance Liaison Group AFHQ, 5th Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 3935 2nd) other sighted by second small convoy afternoon west of Algiers. Performed afternoon Recce northeast coast of Spain. Active from Sicily a few of which one crossed coast northeastern Tunisia afternoon. Probably against Bone early morning 1 March about 10 enemy bombers operated (see report 28 Feb) Nok Nolu reports activity during day. Arrived Tunis daytime 28 Feb between 80 and 100 JU 52's plus number 6 engined aircraft. With 1 claimed destroyed 1 as damaged daytime Cape Serrat Mateur area 30 enemy aircraft reported. By unspecified number enemy aircraft road Beja-Oued Zarga at 1620 Z heavily bombed. Claimed 1 ME 109 with 1 probably and 3 damaged from formation enemy aircraft approaching daytime airfield Souk Elkkhemis. Attacked by unspecified number enemy aircraft B 17 escorted by P 38 raiding Palermo Harbour (hits observed dock shipbuilding area and on 1 large and several small

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merchant vessels). Bombers claim destroyed two ME 109 one FW 190, three RE 2001 one M 200. Probably destroyed one FWW 190 03 2001 damaged one ME 109 two RE 2001. By P 38 one M 200 claimed destroyed. Engaged by enemy fighters B 26 escorted by P 38 successfully bombing railway bridge at La Hencha bombers claim destroyed four ME 109 one FW 190. By P 38 five enemy aircraft claimed destroyed 4 damaged. Foregoing part 2 air of G 2 report for 24 hrs ending 2400 Z 1 March. AGWAR for WDGBI pass Troopers 18th Army Group pass One Army and Two Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Gp AFHQ 5 Army pass One And Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Part 3 Naval. Attacked by HM submarine at 1803 Z 17 Feb 2 enemy merchant vessels of 5000 and 4000 tons respectively escorted by 2 destroyers and sloop westbound off Cape St Vito (northwest coast Sicily). From 6 torpedoes fired 2 hits on 5000 ton and one on 4000 ton. Both sank. Counter attack by escort fairly accurate but no damage our submarine. Exploding 2000 ton laden tanker 0524 Z 24 Feb escorted by sloop eastbound Cape St Vito attacked by HM sub. 4 torpedoes fired 1 hit. Awash aft with cargo intact still under tow to Oran US tanker reported torpedoed 27 Feb slightly damaged by near misses Tripoli 2 merchant vessels from enemy air raids 24th 26th 27th 28th Feb. Mine sweeping operations Mersa Matruh have collected 52 mines.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - London USFOR (Info to Maison
Blanche, Cairo, Casablanca, Maita and Oudjda.

In Reply Cite: Unnumbered March 2, 1943

Area O-7498 on 28 Feb 2nd Bn 756 Mountain Regt.
Comment. Apparently in reserve since end Jan this
first identification by contact of 2nd Bn. 3rd Com-
pany Bn T 1 (March Bn 17) 1st March area J-5217.
Comment. Apparently operating as 2nd Company Goring
Inf Regt this unit which was last reported 10 Dec
Arks Tebourba after which believed to be in reserve
Mateur Sector. Considerable casualties suffered by
this unit action east of Mateur early Dec. Started
by PW 2 other companies in Tunis. Same time as T 1,
12th Company Goring Inf Regt. West of Toukabour 1
March 7th Company 75 Inf Regt. Area J 6212 1st March
1st Company March Bn A 24. By reliable source. After-
noon 28 Feb area south of J-3274 1st and 2nd Bns Baren-
thin Regt concentrated. Identified area Kel El Ahmar
(O-40) 27 Feb 580 recce unit moved south through T-6837
to area T 8019 on 28 Feb. Apparently cooperating
with elements tee Panzer Div Headquarters 21 Panzer
Div has moved further south than expected. Italian.
From 101 Antitank Bn 1 March PWS taken Sidixid 06983.
Comments reported consisting 2 Companies each with 8
by 47 MM guns of Dutch manufacture this unit belongs
to 1st Superga Division. In G-2 daily report dated
24 Feb number 108 1st Anti Tank Bn reported same area.
That this unit in fact 101 Anti Tank Bn made clear
by later information and not 1st Antitank Bn from 31st
Tank Regt as conjectured. Correction. See G-2 daily
report number 113 of 1st March. Italian identification.
For 23 Artillery Regt 4th Livorvo Div read 28 Artillery
Regt.

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

In Reply Cite: 3975, March 2, 1943.

No further reports Cape Serrat area. (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 Grp AFBQ 5th Army pass 1st Arm Corp and 6th Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI 3975 2nd March 43.)

Part 1. Land northern Tunisia part of G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 1st Mar. Parts 2 and 3 will follow. Tunnel at J 2675 reached with enemy artillery. Six tanks abandoned 3 withdrawing north at 1400 Z 1st March after attacks area J 3347 repulsed. In enemy hands farm at J 3647. Heavily bombed at 1630 Z Beja. From Toukabour enemy appears to have withdrawn. East of road Medjez El Aroussa withdrawal to east was observed. Morning 1st March 12 tanks seen moving northwest at J 7216. Supplies reported dropped by parachute to enemy area J 5314. With 97 wounded PW previously unreported our hands estimated this front enemy last 3 days has lost 300 killed. Central Tunisia. Active area Kef El Raria (O 53) patrols. Reported clear of enemy early March 1st Northern edge Sbeitla. During day also reported clear road and river junction S 8603 road 2 miles east of Sbeitla. And Road Sbeitla-Faid. Southern Tunisia. 28 Feb little enemy activity. Enemy position at Z 6206 also mines at Z 6309. Area northeast and southwest Arram Z 50 reported wired with enemy digging. Mareth line reported enemy to be neglecting French casemates and digging between and to east thereof.

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To: WAR - (London USFOR Info)
In Reply Cite: 3975 March 2, 1943

On troop movements areas Chott Djerid and Chott El
Pharsa armed natives reported spying. Identifications.
German: By PSS(PWH). Area road junction J 7133 on
28 Feb 2nd Battalion Goring Infantry Regt.

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March 2, 1943
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From: Constantine
To: USFOR
AGWAR (info)

In Reply Cite: 327 March 2, 1943

First Army. 1 "Two Corps. Arm'd Rcn found Sheitla clear of enemy and Penetrate 3 miles to east without contact and continuing eastwards. (Action USFOR information Troopers AGWAR Freedom Malta Middle East 5th Army from AFPCAL 327 02 1337 2 March) Patrols to south reached Oued El Kbir S80 without contact consider Gafsa occupied by enemy. Patrols saw no enemy 06403. 2. Nine-teen Corps. NTR. 3. Five Corps. (Y) Div column from El Aroussa met 78 Div column from north on road Atlj (J) 5112 and captured quantity enemy material including 2 tanks AT guns ML and arms. Enemy withdrawn into hills east of J 5112. Arty engaged 200 enemy who moved into Chassart Teffaha J 5741 this morning.

Part 1 SITREP number 124 for 24 hrs ending first 2400 A hrs.

Part 2 follows. Signed CINC cite FHGCT. Enemy appear to be withdrawing from area Toukabour. Enemy Infantry attacked area J 3347 1730 hrs. No details yet but enemy are now definitely withdrawing from this area. Sedjanane area, enemy

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From: Constantine Page 2
To: USFOR
AGWAR (info)
In Reply Cite: 327 March 2, 1943

reached Tenna J 2675. 4. Casualties. Estimated 12 enemy tanks destroyed today. 97 enemy wounded PW since 26 Feb in addition to those previously reported. Eleven Brig estimate at least 300 enemy dead their front same period. During last 3 days estimated enemy has committed 17 Infantry Battalions in a series of widespread attacks on 5 Corps front supported by 2 or 3 companies of tanks. Total tanks knocked out is conservatively estimated at over 30. Estimate of total enemy casualties in personnel cannot be made until the Batjse Field has been regained. 5. Moves. One Armd Regimental Group of the 6 Armd Div and 10 RB to Teboursouk, under comd 5 Corps night 28 Feb-1 March balance Sig Armd Div to Lekrib night 1-2 March 6 RWK to under comd 78 Div and 3 Welsh Gds (action USFOR information Troopers, AGWAR Freedom, Malta, Middle East, 5th Army) to under comd one Gds Brig night 28 Feb- 1 March. Two Battalions 3 RTA from 78 Div to 19 Corps night 1-2 March. 1/168 to Ain Beida 1 Ranger Bn to Dj Kouif. 6. Nineteen Corps. French forces occupied Bir El Ater an (T) S 3611 and customs house Tamerza (T). 3071 occupied on 1 Mar. 7. Eighth Army. NTR."

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Action: OPD

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

In Reply Cite: 3986 March 2, 1943

March 1 Part 2 SITREP 124 (action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group HQ Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G 3 Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 3986 2 Mar 43).

Para 1 Naval. Submarine sunk 2 enemy merchant ships off North Coast Sicily on 17 Feb. Two ships in convoy damaged by U boat 27 and 28 Feb. Both ships towed into port.

Para 2. Movements despatched. 178 FA Regt from Oran to Constantine. Movements completed. First FA Observation Bn arrived Constantine from Oran coming under command 18th Army Group.

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PARAPHRASE

March 3, 1943.

From: Ankara

Dated: March 2, 5 p.m.

Telegram no. 392

Rec'd: March 3, 11:46 a.m.

Turkish intelligence agents in Belgrade have reported to their headquarters here to the effect that the evacuation of Tunisia is contemplated by the Axis who will transfer their forces now in Tunisia to the Balkans, forming a first line of defense near Mount Olympus with a second one through Nish. The offensives recently launched in Tunisia by the Axis may be considered as rear guard action covering an anticipated withdrawal, according to this report.

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U R G E N T

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

In Reply Cite: 3960, March 2, 1943.

March 1 part 3 SITREP 124, Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideset 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ 3960 2nd) 18 B-17's Fortresses attacked docks and shipping Palermo, Sicily, 213 500 pound bombs dropped. Bursts on 1 large merchant vessel and several smaller merchant vessels in Houblour, in drydock area, in warehouses near dock and in town. Two ME 109's 1 FW 190, 1 PE 2001 and 1 Macchi 200 destroyed. One FW 190 probably destroyed and 1 ME 109 damaged. Twenty B 17's Fortresses attacked Palermo. Forty 2000 pound bombs dropped. Hits on drydock and shipbuilding areas. One large explosion seen. Two PE 2001's destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 2 damaged P-38 Lightning escort destroyed 1 Macchi 200. Fifteen B 26's Marauders bombed railway bridges at La Hencha, Tunisia. Forty five 500 pound bombs and two four zero 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped railway bridge destroyed FLAK positions silenced. Four ME 109's destroyed and 1 FW 190 destroyed. Escort of 17 P 38's Lightnings destroyed 8 enemy aircraft and damaged 4. Two B 26's Marauders lost over target. Nine B 25's Mitchells searched for shipping. None sighted. Night of 28 Feb 1 March 18 Wellingtons attacked Bizerta. Two 4000 pound bombs, four 1000 pound bombs forty four 500 pound bombs and ninety six 30 pound bombs dropped. Bursts seen in town, docks and passenger and goods stations. Fourteen Spitfire and 1 photographic Hurricane photo recon north of Bou Arada Abd Fl Aroussa Road. Eighteen Spitfires and 9 Hurrihombers attacked tanks and transports north east Beja. Bombs landed on or near transports.

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To: WAR
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Two aircraft collided, 1 crashed and other force landed.

Part Two. Eighteen Spitfires and 9 Hurribombers attacked motor transport and troops south Mateur. Results unobserved. Eight Spitfires and 2 tactical recon carried out recon over Pont Du Fabs and Bou Arada area. Spitfires on airdrome patrol of Suuk El Kheims. Report 1 ME 109 destroyed, 1 probable, and 3 damaged. Twenty four Spitfires and 12 Mitchells bombed rail and road junction east Mateur. Four Spitfires recon Kasserine Pass -Sbiba area. Seven Spitfires recon mission. One Beaufighter destroyed cant Z 1007 in Philippeville area. One JU 88 damaged by Hurricane convoy escort.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: London USFOR (Info WAR, British War Office, Oudjda, Constantine, and Maita.

No. 3781 March 1, 1943

Feb 28 part 3 Sitrep 123. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ 3781 1st signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT) 26 B 17's Fortress attacked docks and shipping Cagliari, Sardinia. Two six four-five hundred lb bombs dropped. Bursts on jetty, warehouse railroad yards and town. Twenty three B 17's fortress attacked Cagliari. Two seven four-500 lb bombs dropped. Direct hits on 1 vessel, docks, railroad yards, town. Two Macchi 200 and ME 109 destroyed, 2 ME 109 and 1 Macchi 200 damaged. Fifteen B 25's Mitchells attacked positions at La Hencha. Eighteen-1000 lb bombs, 26-20 lb frag bombs, 36-500 lb bombs dropped. Direct hits on RR bridge and highway north of bridge. One ME 109 destroyed 2 ME 109's damaged. Nine B 26's Marauders attacked shipping. Two four-500 lb bombs dropped. No direct hits. One Me 109 destroyed. Five Spitfires recon Mateur Teburba area. Eleven Hurribombers and 18 Spitfires attacked Sidi Nsir area. Direct hits on transport and tanks. Eleven Hurribombers and 18 Spitfires attacked Sidi Nsir area bombs landed in target area. Eighteen Spitfires on sweep over Medj Ez El Bab, Pont Du Fahs area. Six Hurribombers and 17 Spitfires attacked transport and tanks. Bombs fell in target area silencing Area gun and machine guns. Twelve Hurribombers and 18 Spitfires attacked Beja area. Results unobserved. Twelve Mitchells 24 Spitfires attacked Mateur. Bombs fell NW of town. Eight Hurribombers and 18 Spitfires attacked Busa Area. Bombs dropped on tanks. Fourteen Spits recon over Pont Du Fahs, Goubellat area. Twelve

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From: Algiers
To: London USFOR (Info: WAR, British War Office,
Oudjda, Constantine, and Malta.
No. 3781 March 1, 1943

Hurribombers and 18 Spitfires attacked Bejaw Area 3 motor transports destroyed. One Me 109 damaged. Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ MA Malta.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

In reply cite: 3752, March 1, 1943

Successfully towed into Algiers by HM tug sent from there was our merchant vessel torpedoed at 1617Z by enemy submarine off Dellys 28 Feb. (AGWAR USFOR information 18 Army Group NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 3752 1 Mar) counterattacked by escorting Corvette no claims made was submarine. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 28 Feb.

Part 2 Air. Eastbound convoy between Oran-Algiers (see report 27 Feb) shadowed early morning by 4 torpedo aircraft enemy bomber recce. Again at 1140Z off Algiers and shadowed afternoon was convoy contacted. Over Gône Harbor at 1700Z recce aircraft reported. Covered by JU 88 afternoon Balearics. Attacked east of Algiers by 11 torpedo bomber aircraft was same convoy shadowed during day. Also attacked same area second convoy. No hits reported. In Bougie area with 1 Italian plane shot down in sea further bombers active 1915Z for AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 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 reported between Sardinia-Naples afternoon 27 Feb number of transport JU 52's. No reports received landings at Tunis or

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From: C. in C. Mediterranean.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 66

1. At 0925/27 Tanker SEMINOLE was torpedoed by U-Boat in position 35° 53' North 01° 33' Mins. West while in convoy T.E. 16. Ship was hit in engine room and is being towed into Oran. Cargo believed intact. QUANTOEK attacked two good contacts but no evidence of destruction.
2. T.E. 16 was again attacked by U-Boat in position 37° 03' North 03° 58' East at 1715/28 when DANIEL CAROL was torpedoed forward. Ship has been towed into Algiers.
3. At about 1915/28 both convoy T.E. 16 and the Ferry Service were attacked by aircraft. No damage.
4. H.M.S. LIGHTNING sustained near miss at Bone A.M. 1st. March. Several casualties. Holes in ships side plates will be repaired by P.M. 2nd March.
5. H.M.S. SPLENDID reports an attack on 2 West-bound merchant ships escorted by 2 Destroyers and one Sloop in position 010° Cape St. Vito Three at 1903/17th February. Both merchant ships were sunk. At 0624/24 SPLENDID fired 4 torpedoes at Eastbound laden tanker escorted by one Sloop in position 38° 12' North 12° 47' East. One hit was obtained and the vessel exploded.

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To: USFOR
WAR-British War Office-Oudjda French Morocco-
Cairo-Constantine-Maita (info)

No. 3780 March 1, 1943

Feb 28 SITREP 123.

Part 2. Para 1. (To USFOR information
AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group
HQ Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 section A
HQ 3780 1 March Naval. No reports. Signed
Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

Para 2. Movements dispatched. 899 TD
Bn from Casablanca to Constantine. Action and
acknowledge USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers,
5th Army MA Mideast, 18th Army Group HQ, Liaison
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Action: OPD

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Constantine-Oudjda French Morocco (info)

No. 3751 March 1, 1943

Two seven Feb 580 Recce Unit GPDO 3751 now in area Hadjebel Aioun T 69-Si Bou Zid 21 Pz Div. By documents. Captured Italian order found J 2390 concerning area North of Jefna road mentions presence Bn T 4 (March Bn 21) and March Bn 30. Comment. Bn T 4 formerly believed to be in reserve or on lines of communication duties area Djedeida-Tunis. March Bn 30 apparently not yet completely disbanded provided reinforcements for other units Mateur sector. Italian. Actually 132 Antitank Regt is unit reported (G 2 daily report No 100 dated 16 Feb) as 132 Antitank Bn. This shown by examination PW documents captured Djebel Sehib Y 05 Feb 14. Largely static formation this Regt consisting of three subsectors, Ariete, Littorio and Trieste (formed apparently from these former divisions) is commanded by Col Domenico Ciccimarra. Ariete subsector comprises 1 Antitank Bn (47/32 MM guns). Three Coy, 60 Machinegun Bn. G 6 Btry (75/27 MM guns). 287 Btry (77/28 MM guns). Two AA Platoon (20 MM guns). Strength 600 men. Location area Bir Mrabott Y 36. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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From: Algiers
To: War, Maison Blanche, Oran, Casablanca,
USFOR, Malta, Cairo, Constantine,
Audjda French Morocco

No. 3752, March 1, 1943.

Successfully towed into Algiers by HM tug sent from there was our merchant vessel torpedoed at: 1616 Z by enemy submarine off Dellys 28 Feb. (AGWAR USFOR information 18 Army Group NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 3752) counterattacked by escorting Corvette no claims made was submarine. Foregoing part 3 Naval G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 28 Feb.

part 2 Air. Eastbound convoy between Oran-Algiers (see report 27 Feb) shadowed early morning by 4 torpedo aircraft enemy bomber recce. Again at 1140 Z off Algiers and shadowed afternoon was convoy contacted. Over Bone Harbor at 1700 Z recce aircraft reported. Covered by BU 88 afternoon Balearics. ~~Attacked~~ east of Algiers by 11 torpedo bomber aircraft was same convoy shadowed during day. Also attacked same area second convoy. No hits reported. In Bouvie area with 1 Italian plane shot down in sea further bombers active 1915Z. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers Eighteen Army Group One Army and Two Corps NAAF pass EAC and Twelfth AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ Five Army pass One Arm Corps and Six Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Reported between Sardinia-Naples afternoon 27 Feb number of transport JU 52's. No reports received landings at Tunis or Bizerta. One enemy aircraft damaged from 6 ME 109's engaged at about

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Morocco

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1100Z Spitfires escorting Hurribombers attacking tanks transport southwest Sidi Nsir. Spitfires Hurri-bombers area Beja at about 1400Z attacked by 5 ME 109's. Area Bou Arada 1615Z 3 ME 109's seen but not engaged. Of which 1 damaged 6 ME 109's Beja area about 1600Z seen by Spitfires Hurribombers. Over Beja unspecified hour 6 ME 109's engaged by Spitfires Hurricans. One ME 109 damaged. Allied aircraft successfully attacking docks shipping with hits on large merchant vessel harbor and on large vessel near docks at Cailiari and Elmas were attacked by 9 enemy aircraft including ME 109's and M 200's. Claimed destroyed 2 M 200's 1 ME 109 with 2 ME 109's and 1 M 200 damaged by p 38's escorting B 26's in attack on bridges at La Hencua attacked at about 1300Z by approximately 10 ME 109's of which 1 destroyed 2 probably 1 damaged. Same target second attack 1350Z (railroad bridge reported hit) 8 to 10 ME 109's attack-ed p 38's. Two ME 109's damaged 1 probably destroyed. Sighted near target with no engagement were 2 ME 109's and 2 JU 87's.

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Group AFHQ, Malta.

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Action: OPD

Information:

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No: 3751 March 1, 1943

Without success Cap Serrat 28 Feb attacked by 4 Italian Columns. OZ (AGWAR USFOR information 18 Army Group NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower) forces reported small. Columns of MT of which many reported destroyed during day moved on road Sidi Nsir-Munchar and Sidi Nsir-Road Junction J5659 operating area road Sidi Nsir-Munchar about 30 tanks of which 18 knocked out including PZ KW 6. Afternoon enemy attacked south toward Sedjenane but was held 2 miles north thereof. Line just north of Truksbeurn J 53 and Chaouach J 54 held by enemy. Area J 3348 held by Bn enemy Inf. Another from area J 4444 north of Oued Zarga is moving southeast and southwest. All of which unsuccessful enemy continued series of attacks area road Medjez El Aroussa and area Bou Arada. Enemy forces Medjez El Aroussa comprised 5 Bns. Inf 1 squadron tanks 2 Bns arty 1 Bn flak 1 Engr Bn. No enemy troops west of road Medjez El Aroussa. 11 PW taken. Since 26 Feb total number PW taken 1800 to 1900. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 28 Feb. Central Tunisia. With Kef El Ahmar Pass still in enemy hands their patrols active southern end Ousseltia Valley. Sbeitla reported clear of enemy 1600 Z 28 Feb. Seen at T 2190 (15 miles NNW Sbeitla) were 23 enemy vehicles including some tanks at 1700Z 28 Feb. Subsequently camouflaged with hay these vehicles reported moving north. Southern

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Tunisia. Only activity few patrols. Six miles northeast of Ksar Rhilane D9733, 5 enemy armored cars. Active in groups of 5 enemy AFVS. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 corps NAAF pass EAC and 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. By PWS. Area J 2281, 27 Feb Corps.

Engr Bn (WITZIG). Comment. This unit 28 Feb reported operating area Sedjenane. Area Kef Elahmar O 40.

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Action: G-2 EA
Information: OPD
CG AAF
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From Algiers
To: WAR

No. X3068, March 1st, 1943.

Feb 27 SITREP 122 part 2 (action USFOR information
AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group HQ
Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 section 3693 28th
Feb secret) signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT.

1. Naval. No reports.

2. Movements completed. HQ and HQ Btry 13 FA Brig
arrived Constantine. HQ and 1st BN 62 CA AA Regt arrived
Telejma.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2
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From: Constantine
To: USFOE-WAR-British War Office-Algiers-
Maits-Cairo-Oudjda French Morocco

No. 322 March 1, 1943

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"12 enemy tanks (end of part 1 part 2 and
last follows) destroyed by gunfire last 2 days.
More reported not confirmed."

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
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COMM. 3641
March 1st, 1943
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SECURITY CONTROL

From Algiers
To: War

No. 3641, March 1st, 1943.

We can handle additional 38000 personnel in unescorted ships (AGWAR from Freedom Bigot) and approximately 38 cargo ships in 2 convoys provided cargo ships are phased UGS 7, UGS 7 and 1/2, UGS 8, UGS 8 and 1/2. Personnel ships if entering Mediterranean must be escorted. Further consider most desirable to escort personnel ships final 400 miles to Casablanca or Gibraltar. Consider escorts of additional cargo convoys should also enter Mediterranean if necessary. For Marshall from Eisenhower reference AGWAR 2927 dated 26 February cite FBGCT Bigot.

2. Question of escorts for personnel ships should be settled between Admiralty and Cominch when dates firmer, Keeping CINC Mediterranean informed.

3. Units whose equipment will be in UGS 8 and 1/2 will be selected from those required between D day and D plus 28 and will be notified earliest possible.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: LOG

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From: Algiers
To: War-Usfor

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First Army. 1 GB 2 Corps. Night patrols 26/27 Feb reached line T. 2090-T.3190-0.4003-0.4213 without making contact. Action USFOR information Troopers AGWAR Freedom Malta Middle East 5th Army from Freedom 322 28 Feb (part 1 SITREP no. 122) for 24 hrs ending 272400 a hrs. Part 2 follows. Signed CINC cite FHGCT. Day 27 Feb. NTR 2. 19 Corps. Night 26/27 Feb. French patrol ambushed and captured 7 enemy at O 4934. Day 27. Patrol attacked enemy post at Bdj Flifet 06885 10 miles south of Bou Arada and captured 4 PW. 3. 5 Corps. Enemy continued to make a series of uncoordinated attacks in the following areas. West of the Medjez-Bou Arada road, in the Beja-Meterc valley Coina area approximately 3 miles north of Sedjenane J17, area between Medjez El Bab and Bou Arada. Where enemy had penetrated to Medjez-El Aroussa road on 26 Feb. 4.78 Div attacked from the north and re-captured high ground J6526. Patrols Y Div moved north from El Aroussa. Strength of enemy on Medjez-El Aroussa road SW estimated 1 bn. Road cleared from north to J5214 and from south to J5111. 5th Hampshires at Sidi Nsir overrun 26 Feb and contact lost, but 6 officers and 250 EM have rejoined 128 Bde and are now in action again. 46 Div mined road Mateur-Beja at Sidi Nsir but some tanks passed south along road and were successfully engaged by 46 Div area J3348. Enemy Inf strength approximately 1 Bn in this area with 2nd Bn moving SE and SW from area J4444. Concentration 100 mt incl 20-30 tanks between Sidi Nsir and road junction J55 and on road south of

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Sidi Nsir successfully attacked 3 times during morning by Hurribombers area NE Sedjenane J17. 16 Durham Light Inf counter attacked enemy and halted his avd 3 miles north of Sedjenane. Fighting continues. Area was to be reinforced night 27/28 Feb Italian advance towards Cap Serrat met by RAF Regt (Airdrome Defense Troops) and French Corps Franc D'afrique area J2392 with enemy casualties. 300 Italian PW reported taken not confirmed 12 enemy tanks (End of part 1 part 2 and last follows)

Destroyed by gunfire last 2 days. Hora/Z* reported not confirmed. Total PW taken since 26 Feb including the above is between 800 and 900. 5. moves. 1 Guards Bde Group less 1 unspecified Bn arrived Gafour 039. 3rd Welsh Guards rail party arrives Ghardimaou. Rojq party less carriers arrives Ghardimaou 28 Feb. 1 Guards Bde Gp now consists of Grenadier Guards Coldstream Guards and Welsh Guards. 2 Hampshires arrives Beja Kbeja 8 Argyll and Southerland Highlanders will arrive Beja night 27/28 Feb. All above under command 5 Corps. 6. Gen Juins forces. ntr. 7. 8th Army. 30 Corps. Intermittent shelling on both sides. Very little enemy activity. Our patrols at TZ 6400 and TZ 6203 were engaged by enemy. Forward troops 22 Armd Brig astride road east of Ye6579. 1 Buffs southern soutskirts Medenine. 2 Kings Royal Rifle Corps patrols approximately 5 miles north to east Ghoumerassen Ye64. 8. L Force. 26 Feb. 5 enemy armd cars engaged by patrol 1 reconnaissance coy approximately 6 miles NE Kasr Rhiland. Patrols 1 rcn coy Ghermessa Ye53 and Ye3044. L Force (long range range desert patrol goup) Hqs Yk5292. 27 Feb. Enemy armd Vehs operating in groups of 5 same shown increased activity. 9.

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10 Corps. NTR. Action USFOR information
Troopers AGWAR Freedom Malta Middle East 5
Army.

Message being serviced.
ACTION: OPD

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR etc.

No 3557 Mar 1, 1943
(Sitrep 122)

Feb 27 Part 3 SITREP 122. To USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Midesst 18 Army Group HQ Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 Freedom 3557 Signed Eisenhower. Cite FEGCT. 27 Spitfire offensive sorties over the Goubellat. Testour. Cap Serrat. Pont Du Gahs Area. One ME 109 damaged. 18 Spitfires and 9 Hurribombers attacked transport SW Mateur. Bursts on transports. 30 Spitfires and 9 Hurribombers attacked vehicles Sidi Nsir. Burst in target area. One Spitfire damaged. 16 Spits and 12 Hurribombers attacked tanks on road SW Mateur, bursts on roads. One Hurribomber destroyed. Eight Spits swept Pont Du Fahs area, one Spit missing. 18 Spits and 9 Hurribombers attacked transport NE Beja. Direct hits observed. 11 Mitchells (B) attacked enemy concentrations Sidi Nsir. Results unobserved. Wellingtons and Halifaxes Western Desert Force bombed Gabes W landing ground. Two enemy aircraft set on fire. Western Desert Force destroyed 11 enemy aircraft, 5 probable, 8 damaged in combat. Distribution operational aircraft, Oran area. Seven fighter recce. 21 fighters. Taf-aroui. 49 fighters. 14 medium bombers. Nouvoin. 16 troop carriers. Relizane 36 troop carriers. Algiers area. Blida. 13 medium bombers. 22 troop carriers. 28 bombers recce. Maison Blanche. 76 fighters. 7 photo recon. 7 troop carriers. Ain Milla. 14 heavy bombers. Constantyne. 16 light bombers. Taher. 8 fighters. Bone (Tingley) 38 fighters. Telergma. 84 fighters. 28 Med bombers. 13 troop carriers. Jemmapes. 13 fighters. Cheateau Dun. 43 fighters. 19 heavy bombers.

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Kalaat Djerda. 37 fighters. Fouk Fl Khemis.
49 fighters. 21 light bombers. Youks Les Bains.
6 fighter recon. 5 fighters. 16 light bombers.
Adigar. 2 troop carriers. Canrobert. 21 light
bombers. Oulmene. 23 light bombers. Setif. 48
fighters. Bertaux. 29 med bombers. Totals
excl Morocco. 13 fighter recon. 463 fighters.
97 light bombers. 84 med bombers. 32 heavy bombers.
7 photo recon. 98 troop carriers. 28 bomber
recon. Morocco. Casablanca. 54 fighters. 6
troop carriers. Oujda. 1 med bomber. 9 bomber
recon.

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