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April 3, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 1353 April 3, 1943

Number 161. April 2nd.

Para 1. Naval. No reports. (To USFOR
rptd AGWAR Troopers 5 Army Mideast, 18th Army Gp,
Hq Liaison Gp, AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF from G-3
AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 1353 3rd April
nil. Sitrep part 2).

Para 2. ML 90 Prkltz * completed. 67 CA AA
Regt less first and third BT FDOB 2 434 CA Bn sep
AA have arrived Tebessa from Oran coming under command
2 Corps. 353 CA Bn sep AA searchlight has arrived
Telerna from Oran.

No Sig.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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CCND
April 3, 1943
1535 Z

URGENT
SUPPLEMENTARY
CORRECTION

From: Freedom Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0397 April 3, 1943

Please insert the following at omission:

" Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A 2) 2 US Corps
1st Army 9 Corps 0397 3 Apr TOO 0555 A. From
18 Army Group). From AFHQ signed C in C. Part
1 begins.

Section 1. Eighth Army. (4A) Patrol activity
continues among the Akarit Posn. (B) 2 730 Corps."

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NOTE: Supplemental correction to CM-IN-1581 (3 Apr 43)
OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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CM-IN-1798 (3 Apr 43) 2029Z ems

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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In Reply Cite: 1257 April 3, 1943

Little enemy contact Sedjenane area. (To AGWAR Troopers rptd 18 Army Group, advance NAAF, EAC, 12 Air Force, MBS, ABS, Malta, Mideast advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 1257 3rd). Slight shelling Medjez Sector No activity Ousselitia Valley. Weather bad in these areas. Foregoing Northern Tunisia Part 1 land G-2 report for 2 hours ending 2400Z 2 April.

Central Tunisia, Fondouk Area 1 bn reinforcements now estimated in support enemy forward troops. Maknassy nothing to report. Guettar Sector 32 enemy tanks reported 0715Z Y 4166 engaged by artillery. No subsequent activity reported. Akarit positions. No activity reported. Furtyis grouping forces defending pass Z 0954 likely. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group pass One Army and Two Corps ADV NAAF EAC 12 Af MBS as Malta Mideast Adv Ln Gp AFHQ 5 Army Pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. German. 2 COY 961 IR 0 7421 by PW. Captured code list 21 Panzer shows March Bn 29 now 4 Bn 104 PGR, March Bn 18 now Bn 104 B. Italian. None. General. No change enemy intentions or situation. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

No Sig

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-1686 (3 Apr 43) G-2.

ACTION: G-2

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

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WOCC
April 3, 1943
1212Z

From: Casablanca
To: War

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In reply cite: 1171 April 3, 1943

Destroyers operated in the Gulf of Hammamet on the nights 29/30 and 30/31 March without incident. During the night 29/30 March motor torpedo boats operated off Sfax. Two of our merchant vessels in convoy were torpedoed by U boat and subsequently sank about 70 miles west of Algiers. One of our submarines returning from a patrol off the north coast of Sicily reports that two enemy tankers, one of 10,000 tons and one of 3000 tons were both probably sunk after being hit by torpedoes.

6. Air. On 29th and 30th March weather prevented all bombing operations by the Strategic Air Force. Throughout 31st March aerodromes in Sardinia and shipping in Cagliari harbour were attacked. Large fires were started on aerodromes. Successful shipping sweeps were also carried out on 31st March and several enemy merchant vessels received direct hits. Over the whole front our tactical air forces operated in close cooperation with our land forces. Enemy aerodromes were successfully attacked and enemy transport and troops were bombed both by day and night. (To Troopers info to rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Arminia Delhi PAIC Land forces Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from G-3 Section AFHQ 1171 2nd April TOO nil). During the night 30/31st March, 50 fires were observed in one mile of road south of Sfax. A very promising attack on a U boat was made by a Hudson of the Coastal Air Force on 29th March.

7. Political. General Giraud has appointed Gen-
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In reply cite: 1171 April 3, 1943

eral Bousait chief of his mission to De Gaulle in London. It is expected, however, that the major negotiations will take place in Algiers with General Catroux. Definite progress is being made in an atmosphere of practical understanding. UR Peyrouton has removed Tempce as Prefect of Algiers and several other Sous-Prefects. He is replaced by Muscatelli, one of our friends. The move may be considered a further step towards efficient democratic administration.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

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CM-IN-1987 (4 Apr 43) 0121Z ems

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4-3-43
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Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite; AMSME 5416 April 3 1943

Posted on 4/11/43
Night April 1st/2nd 51st Div moved to area south Akarit position vice 2nd New Zealand Div. Two zero one Guards Brig astride road area just south Oglar El Rekrana Z 2054. During day 2nd, 69th Brig moved to forward area. Patrolling Akarit position continued. Air rcn reports enemy mechanical transport movement area El Ayacha Y 5074 Skhirra Z 2878.

From Brereton day 2nd escorted RAF light bombers made 5 missions on motor transport and gun positions north of Akarit position encountering much ack ack. Two Baltimores shot down. Fighter bombers made 3 missions same target. Enemy intercepted 2 formations result 1 ME 109 destroyed. 2 damaged, 1 Warhawk missing. Enemy fighter opposition to forward areas fighter patrols increased. Three ME 109's destroyed 5 damaged without Allied loss. Ninth Air Force April 2nd, 2 bombers of bomber command dropped 8,000 lbs of bombs each, 1 target Messina ferry terminous and other San Giavanni ferry terminous, both buildings destroyed and 1 ferry boat each place. One JU 52 destroyed 1 JU 88 damaged. Four bombers 178th Squadron RAF dropped 8,000 lbs of bombs each from 12 to 15,000 feet on Messina ferry, 1 bomber dropped 8,000 lbs of bombs on Chotonn Airdrome or Catania Airdrome. One bomber dropped 1,000 lbs of bombs

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To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5416 April 3 1943

returning with 7,000 lbs. Twenty four planes of 376th Group carried out mission target Palermo. Clouds obscured vision. Fifteen planes returned bombs, 3 unaccounted for believed landed Malta, 35,000 lbs of bombs jettisoned. Twenty seven planes 98th Group carried out mission report not definite. Planes returned, some jettisoned bombs, 1 returned early due sickness, 1 missing with wounded man aboard. No operational report 12th Group. Fifth Seventh Group carried out 72 Sorties as armed rcn. One hundred twelve planes of 79th Group carried out 6 missions as fighter bomber escort dropping 12,000 lbs of bombs. One enemy aircraft destroyed 1 damaged, on 1 of our P 40's missing pilot bailed out.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 1353 April 3, 1943

Number 161. April 2nd.

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AGWAR Troopers 5 Army Mideast 18 Army Gp HQ Liaison
Gp AFHQ Malta Adv NWAAF from G-3 AFHQ signed Eisen-
hower cite FHGCT 1353 3 April nil. SITREP Part 2)

*Added
info*
Para 2. Movements completed. 67 CA AA regt less
first and third Bns and 434 CA Bn sep AA have arrived
Tebessa from Oran coming under command 2 Corps. 353
CA Bn sep AA search light has arrived Telerma
from Oran.

No Sig

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-1818 (3 Apr 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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Filed 1607A/3
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CCWD
Apr. 3, 1943
1728 Z

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 1316, April 3, 1943.

Part 3. Naval. Nothing to report. (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps advance NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 1316 undated nil) G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 2 April.

Part 2. Air. Of which 1 enemy bomber recce Algiers region 0645 Z and remaining 3 occupied searching eastbound convoy Oran area (1st located about 0915 Z), recce active off Algerien Coast. Near Balearics further 2 and in Sicilian Straits 2 more probably against submarine patrols. With finally 1 more morning over Tripoli. Against same convoy above mentioned about 4 enemy JU 88's torpedo bombers active late afternoon between Algiers and Oran of which 2 claimed damaged with convoy apparently unscathed. General. Predominantly defensive but larger was German fighter activity Southern Tunisia with irregular patrols operated over battle area 1st half morning. Against ours operating over Chekira area and Sfax-Gabes Road protective and interception enemy patrols airborne rest of day. Late afternoon 1 enemy raid on Gabes reported with no observation activity by Italian aircraft for 2nd straight day. Over Gafsa-Maknassy area with

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To: War

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exception of interception patrol about 3 offensive raids performed. Near La Fauconnerie engaged by ours were 18 ME 109's and FW 190's. Restricted to fighter patrols enemy activity in north much reduced.

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ACTION: G-2

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

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CCWD
4-3-43
1021

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: SITREP 161 April 3 1943

Part 1 SITREP no 161 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 2 Apr. (To Troopers USFOR (Troopers pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta Personal for Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army Jacques 242 Group Bone area for Sois Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Gp * 51 Div relieved 2 NZ Div during last night without incident. 201 gds bde Astride Rd area just south Oglat Er Rekrana (t) Z 2054 .69 bde moved to fwd area during the day. (C) Corps. No changes Section 2. Southern Algiers. 17835 Z-6. Our arty active on northern sector. Section 3. 2 US Corps. 1 Inf Div continuing slow advance. No further progress by 9 Inf Div. Leading element of Bensen Force at Y3755 (3765) no change in Maknassy and Fondouk sector. Section 4. To follow. Section 5 to follow. End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN, CC/S, Adm. King, Log.

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April 3
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 161 April 3, 1943

Nr 161 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 2 Apr
(from 18th Army Group 0/398 3 Apr TOO 0700 A to G
Troopers USFOR (Troopers Pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor
Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast Fifth
Army (R) Jacques 242 Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq
NAAF C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Gp Adv NAAF 2
US Corps First Army 9 Corps. Part One. SITREP))
From AFHQ signed C in C. Part One continues. Section
four. First Army. (A). 19 Corps. Welvert Div.
Intense patrol activity along whole front. (B)
5 Corps. 48th Div. Patrol of one Para Bn suc- *Schyanne area*
cessfully engaged enemy patrol of 30 at J 308 killing
26 and taking one PW. Own casualties slight. Loca-
tions Bns 138 Inf Bde J 2473-J 2474 and Mine J 1974.
Bns 36th Inf Bde J 2675-J 2177 J 2075. 6 Tabor Dj Aboid 15
Tabok Mine De Tabouna J 2384. Section five. Air.
(A) the Western Desert Air Force continued to harass
the enemy north of the Akarii Kosn. Elsewhere
weather severely curtailed operations. Light and
fighter bombers made several attacks on well dispersed
Met targets. Enemy fighters attempted interception
and 4 ME 109's were destroyed and 7 damaged for loss
of one Warhawk 2 Baltimores shot down by AA in the
centre despite bad weather which prevented operations
until late afternoon one successful raid was made on
enemy landing ground by medium bombers. One ME
109 destroyed one probable for loss of one B 25 other
fighter sweeps El Guetjar Area uneventful.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

G-2, CG AAF, CGGN, GEN DEANE (CCS),
ADM. F. M. J.

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WDCC
April 3
1459Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 1257 April 3, 1943

Little enemy contact Sedjenane area. (To AGWAR Troopers rptd 18th Army Group.. Advance NAAF, EAC, 12th Air Force, MBS, ABS, Malta, Mideast. July once Liaison Group AFHQ five ddvny from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 1257 3rd) Slight shelling Medjez Sector. No activity Ousselitia Valley. 50'-3 weather bad in these areas. Foregoing northern Tunisia part one land G 2 report for 2 hours ending 2400Z 2 April. Central Tunisia. Pondouk area one Bn reinforcements now estimated in support enemy forward troops. Maknassy nothing to report. Gust-tar Sector 32 enemy tanks reported 0715Z Y 4166 engaged by artillery. No subsequent activity reported. Akarit positions grouping forces defending pass Z 0954 likely. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers Pass USFOR 18th Army Group pass one Army and two Corps ADV NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS as Malta Mideast Adv Ln Gp AFHQ 5th Army Pass one Arm Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. German. Two Coy phoyatik one IR O-7421 by PW. Captured code list 21 Panzer shows March Bn 29 now 4 Bn 104 pxr, Darch Bn 18 now bbagwa 04 B. Italian. None. General. No, Z.*

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

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April 3, 1943
1250Z

From: Casablanca
To: War

In reply cite: 1171 April 2, 1943

29 to 31st March. (To Troopers information to rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington and India. Delhi Paiva and forces Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from G-3 Section AFHQ 1171 2nd Apr TOO nil. Summary of operations). Sitrep 34.

1. Eighth Army. New Zealand Forces entered Gabes at 1100 hrs on 29th March. By evening our forward troops contacted enemy rear guard positions in the areas Metouia and Oudref: on the following day these two towns were occupied by our forces. Our patrols advanced and came into contact with enemy prepared defense positions on the general zone from Djebel Zemlet El Beida, 18 miles north west of Gabes, to the Coast the concentration of our forces continued on 31 March. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHQCT. Action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, resident minister Achimota, Brihmilat Ankara for Marshal C Akmak, defender Wellington for Puttick.

2. South east Algerian force. Camel Troops occupied Douz and Kebili.

3. Two Corps. Little change occurred in our forward positions throughout the period. Our forces attacked in the area south east of Gafsa along the Gafsa-Gabes road but enemy resistance was stubborn and minefields hampered the forward movement of our armoured forces. There was no change in the Fondouk

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sector.

4. First Army. In the French Sector our patrols increased their activity in the area west of Pichon and in the region of Ousseltia. El Ala, six miles west of Pichon, was occupied by our forces. In northern Tunisia the attack which was begun during the night 27th and 28th March progressed satisfactorily in spite of bad weather and stubborn fighting our troops occupied Sedjenane on 30th March. French irregular troops on the northern flank carried out valuable operations and captured a large number of prisoners during the attack. Hand to hand fighting occurred in many places where the enemy resistance was stubborn. On 31st March our forces progressed in the hills east and north east of Sedjenane and it appears that the enemy is retiring to positions in the area of Jefna.

5. Naval. A demonstration and feint landing, including bombardment by two destroyers, was carried out on evening 27 March about six miles south west of Ck Guerrat.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

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To: War Office (for information)
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G.H.Q. India,
Persia & Iraq Force H.Q.
L.H.Q. Australia,
Union Defense Force, Capetown,
G.H.Q. East Africa.

Number 1171, April 2nd, 1943

Cite PHQCT. (Sgd Eisenhower) Cipher. SITREP 34.

Summary of Operations, 29/31 March.

1. 8th Army. New Zealand Forces entered Gabes at 1100 hrs on 29th March. By evening our forward troops contacted enemy rear guard position in the areas Metoul and Oudref: on the following day these 2 towns were occupied by our forces. Patrols advanced and came into contact with enemy prepared defensive positions on the general Djebel Zemlet El Beida between Mild North West of Gabes to the Coast. The concentration of our forces continued on 31st March.

2. South East Algerian Force. Camel Troops occupied Douz and Kebil.

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many places where the enemy resistance was stubborn. On 31st March our forces progressed in the hills East and north east of Sedenale and it appears that the enemy is retiring to positions in the area of Jefna.

5. Naval. A demonstration and feint landing, including bombardment (by 27) destroyers, was carried out on evening - 27th March about 6 miles south west of (CKSWUER-RAT?). Destroyers operated in the Gulf of Hammamet on the nights 29/30 and 30/31 March without incident. During the night 29/30 March motor torpedo boats operated off Sfax 2 of our merchant vessels in convoy were torpedoed by U-boat and subsequently sank about 70 miles west of Algiers. One of our submarines returning from a patrol off the north coast of Sicily reports that 2 enemy tankers, 1 of 10,000 tons and 1 of 3,000 tons were both probably sunk after being hit by torpedoes.

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Secret*

6. Air. On 29th and 30th March weather prevented all bombing operations by the strategic Air Force. Throughout 31st March aerodromes in Sardinia and shipping in Cagliari Harbour were attacked. Large fires were started on aerodromes. Successful shipping sweeps were also carried out on 31st March and several enemy merchant vessels received direct hits. Over the whole front our tactical Air Forces operated in close cooperation with our land forces. Enemy aerodromes were successfully attacked and enemy transport and troops were bombed both by day and night. During the night 30/31 March, 50 fires were observed in 1 mile of Road south of Sfax. A very promising attack on a U boat made by a Hudson of the Coastal Air Force on 29th March.

7. Political. General Giraud has appointed General Bowsiat Chief of his mission to De Gualle in London. It is expected, however, that the major negotiations will take place in Algiers with General Catroux. Definite progress is being made in an atmosphere of practical understanding. Peyrouton has removed Temte as Prefect of Algiers and several other Sous/Prefects. He is replaced by Muscatelli, one of our friends. The move may be considered a further step towards efficient democratic administtry.

Action; War Office pass to H. M. Ambassador Madrid for US, US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Accimota, British Military Attache, Ankara for Marshal Chakmak, N.Z. Forces H.Q. N.Zealand for Puttick.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CGCN, Gen Deane (CCS), Adm King.

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April 2, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR - British War Office (action)
Middle East (information)

In reply cite: 1061 April 2, 1943

Prisoner of war 961 Inf Regt gave us following details: (Troopers AGWAR information Mideast from G 2 Freedom 1061 nil. Signed Eisenhower, cite FHGBI). Afrika Division 999, formerly Afrika Brigade, composed 961, 982 Inf Regts each 2 battalions. No regimental companies. Each battalion has pioneer company, each regiment an Artillery Abteilung. Personnel political offenders or ordinary criminals, all violently Anti-Nazi. Officers and NCO's tried Nazis. Division formed Heuberg - October, 1942, moved Hournhout January and Tarascon - February, 1943.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF

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YQV B15
Filed 0340/2
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CCWD
Apr. 2; 1943
1104 Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0383, April 2, 1943.

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 1st April.
(From 18 Army Group Number 0383 dated 2nd April. To
(1) Troopers pass USFOR (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Free-
dom (5) Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort
(6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) Jacques (9) 242
Group (10) Bone Area for Sois (11) Hq L of C (12) ASC
(13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Group (15) Adv NAAF
for Col McDonald A 20 (16) 2 US Corps (17) 1st Army
(18) 9 Corps. Part 1 SITREP number 180 0310A) from
AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. Eighth Army. To
follow. Section 2. South East Algeria. Quiet day.
Contact maintained with enemy positions which are
still strongly held. Reasonable heavy artillery
activity camel troops maintaining liaison 8th Army
Units in Kebili Area. Section 3. Two Corps. In
Fondouk Area the situation is unchanged. Vicinity
of Feid no activity. Our forces on the outskirts
of Mehers T 7723. Traffic has been observed on the
Gumtree Road moving east but is not considered heavier
than normal. One tank on patrol captured 4D prisoners
2 anti tank guns and destroyed 1 Mark 4 tank. Section
4. First Army. (A). 19 Corps. Welvert Div. Follow-
ing posts reached. Elements 3 RSA and 1 Recce Regt
respectively 07017 and 07020. 1/1 Rts Area O 6524.
2/7 Rts with sqn 51 Rts Area O 6827. 2/9 Rts Area O
7145. 3/9 Rts Area O 6947 with outposts to area
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To: War

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T 7450. Enemy avoided close contact withdrawing outposts when pressed. Mathenet Div. N T R. (B) 5 Corps. One Div. Night 31 Mar/1st Apr 1 Loyals ambushed area J 678282. Casualties 1 offr 4 ors wounded 6 missing. Beja Sector no change. Enemy resistance 2574 cleared. 36 Bde less 1 Bn area J 2775-J 2573. Bridge at J 2675 reported blown. One Para Bde less 1 Bn and one Tabor held up by enemy resistance strength unknown area J 2487-J 2488. Section 5. Air. To follow. End of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

CM-IN-1023 (2 Apr 43) 1301Z ems

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INCOMING MESSAGE

YQV B28
Filed 0803A/2
ACM

CCWD
Apr. 2, 1943
1307 Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers - Twelfth Air Force
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0/384, April 2, 1943.

Part 1 SITREP No. 160 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 1st Apr. (To Troopers USFOR (Troopers pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques 242 Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF TAC Bomber Group Adv NAAF (For Col. McDonald A-2) Constantine Area.

Part 2. US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps No. 0/384 2nd April TOC 0735A from 18 Army Group.) From AFHQ signed C N C. Part 1 continues. Section 1. 8th Army. Patrol activity along the Akarit position where enemy defensive preparations continue. (A). 30th Corps. 2nd NZ Div reverted to command 30th Corps remaining present positions with patrols in contact with enemy to east of Z 13 easting grid. (B) 10th Corps. Patrols in sector to west of Z 13 easting grid. Section 5. Air (A). The scale of air operations reduced by bad weather. Heavy and successful medium bomber attacks on enemy landing and continued bombing and strafing of enemy ground forces in the south marked the days activity. The Western Desert Air Forces successfully attacked Sfax El Maou landingground with medium bombers escorted by fighters. In the centre El Djem and La

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To: War

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In reply cite: 0384, April 2, 1943

Fauconnerie were attacked with good results. Fighters flew (end of continuation Part 1 Part 2 follows. Cite FHOCT) offensive sweeps escort and recces 9 enemy aircraft were destroyed for the loss of 6 with the pilots of 2 safe.

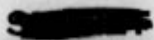
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ACTION: OPD

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

From: Algiers
To : War

In Reply Cite: 160 April 2, 1943

Part 2 SITREP April 1st number 160.
(Action USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast
18th Army Group HQ, Liaison Group AFHQ Malta Adv
NWAAP for information from G3 section AFHQ 1123 2
April 43) Navnl. No reports. Signed Eisenhower.
Cite FHGCT.

Movements. 12th Infantry Brigade, 4th
Infantry Division, commenced moving from Algiers
to area Souk El Arba by sea and motor.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE April 2, 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 1010, April 2, 1943

Enemy cleared from areas west and south Sedjenane after resistance J 2574 (J 2572) overcome. (To AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group pass 1st Army and 2nd Corps Adv NAAF RAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Arm Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 1010 nil) Continued opposition north Sedjenane area J 2487. Minefields extensive on main road. Rearguards encountered J 2675 where bridge reported blown. Little opposition Kef Zilla J 2289 in coastal sector. Ten Bersaglieri Regt believed virtually destroyed as PW total 600 including nearly all officers. Sidi Nsir - Medjez Bou Arada sectors nothing to report. Enemy avoiding close contact and withdrawing outposts Ousseltia Valley. Foregoing northern Tunisia part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 1 April. Central Tunisia. Fondouk area enemy encountered some strength O 6819 - O 6827 - O 7445. Maknassy area no important changes. Enemy contacted outskirts Meheri Zebbeus. Guettar area enemy defense active. Unidentified tanks reported Y 4265. TAC recce reports fresh digging Y 7351 - Y 9348 extending western flank Akarit line. No defensive works seen Mezzouna Achichina line. Identifications. German. Bn T 4 east Sedjenane 1st Bn PGR Afrika Guettar area. Italian. None. General. Enemy intentions generally unchanged. Akarit position believed held by Italian 20th and 21st Corps with

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To: For

In Reply Refer to: **INCOMING MESSAGE**

21st Panzer in support on western flank and in
pass Z 0854 with 90th Light and 164th behind
main defense line. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

CM-IN-1160 (2 Apr 43) 1827Z ems

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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EW

CCWD
4-2-43
1505

Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5401 April 2 1943

Kebill Y 3002 occupied by Camel Troops 30th and 12th lancers arrived 31st. Ninth lancers penetrated enemy positions east of Djebel Haidoudi 31st. No details. Much enemy defence activity observed 31st along in rear Akarit Dj Xenlet El Baida position. Patrols 2nd New Zealand on right and 1st Arm Div on left contacting enemy this position. Second New Zealand Div under command 30th Corps April 1st remaining in position with patrols contacting enemy east on 2 13 easting. Air rcn indicates enemy defense preparation high ground Y 9349 TE Y 7352.

From Brereton 31st. 52 medium bombers RAF successfully attacked Sfax El Maou landing ground leaving 5 enemy aircraft burning on ground. Second attack by 17 medium bombers encountered intense ack ack. Two Force landed in S A. Fighter bombers made 3 attacks on mechanical transport in Wadi Z 1566 report target well dispersed. One plane missing. Ninety medium bombers with 7 squadrons fighters escort attacked Sfax El Maou landing ground. Buris covered landing ground and dispersal areas on which 20 to 30 aircraft seen. Three fires seen after bombing. No enemy air opposition encountered.

Ninth Air Force bomber command reports no operations March 31st. Seventeen planes of 12th Group dropped 60,400 lbs of bombs. Thirty six planes of 57th Group dropped BK

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To: AGWAR

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In Reply Cite: AMSME 5401 April 2 1943

13,680 lbs of bombs during fighter bomber operations
bombing motor transport. Seventy two planes of 79th
Group carried out 4 missions as bomber escort March
31st. April 1st bomber command reports no missions.
No report yet from 178 Squadron RAF. Report not yet
received for 12th and 57th Groups. Thirty six planes
79th Group carried out 3 missions as bomber escort.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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CCWD
Apr 3, 1943
1102Z

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite 3031 Apr 2, 1943

Sixty tanks light M3 "General Stuart" 1 heavy being made available from US Forces 30 immediately. (To MILSTAF Washington rptd Troopers London G-3 (ORG) DDOS 1st Armed Co 1 BOD from Freedom Algiers AF/WS/3031 2nd Apr too nil) reply stating if one half set all maintenance spares scheduled N A 3 can be shipped immediately. Also require urgently good supply all literature T. MS and S.N. 15. Consign 5 copies each by air to D O S Brit Ord AFHQ reply.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD

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April 1, 1943
1315Z

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

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0371 , April 1, 1943

New Zealand Div on right and 1 Brep Armd Div on left in contact with enemy on this position 12 Lancers Patrol report Kebili Y 20 clear of enemy. Section 3. 2 US Corps. No change. Section 5. Air. (A) The intensive bombing and strafing of the enemys transport and landing grounds in Northern Tunisia continues with considerable success.

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FOOTNOTE: Supplementary copy of CM-IN-417 (1 Apr 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CGGN
Sec. Gen. Staff
Gen Deane CC/S
Adm King

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 758, April 1, 1943

Enemy withdrawal eastwards from Sedjenane continues (to AGWAR Troopers information 18th Army Group Adv NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Group AFHQ 5th Army EAC 12th Air Force 758 1st TOO nil) after stiff resistance at Mine 2 miles south west Sedjenane. Considerable booty taken. Unsuccessful counterattack area J 2069. Indications probable withdrawal to original Jefna positions. Marked air activity road Djebel Aboid-Mateur. Some regrouping Sidi Nsir Area. Enemy showing nervousness at night Medjez and Goubellat Areas. Area Bou Arada TAC 4 Recce reports few enemy tanks at J 7608. Patrols in pass O 7977 south Djebel Chirich found former enemy positions unoccupied. No contact Djebel Touila O 77 and Dgebel Trozza O 62. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 31 March. Central Tunisia. Fondouk Area little activity. Slight enemy penetration area O 8004. Reinforcements about 1 Bn debussed during afternoon O 8525. Mobile recce elements with MCS and 4 tanks entered Sidi Bou Zid from east, probably Italian. In Maknassy Area small enemy inf attacks. Three Tiger tanks reported at T 8713 suggest continued presence heavy Bn this area. In El Guettar sector enemy defense continues stubborn. Extensive mining area Y 4065. Thirty tanks and much MT moved on to road from south out of Wadi at Y 4759. Believed Centauro Div. Enemy defenses contacted Djebel Semlet

*12 East
Sedjenane*

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In Reply:

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El Beida-Wadi Akarit, reported manned by Italians including Spezia. Ninety Light believed north of Akarit, 15 PZ Area La Suirrha. Reliable indications supply Point 10 PZ moving back to Sousse. Identifications. German. First Bn 47 GR Area J 2069, 2nd Bn 755 IR J 3446 1st Bn 755 North Sidinsir road. (Part 1 ends part 2 and last follows) 50 March Bn, 961 IR area Fondouk.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

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URGENT

CORRECTED COPY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: Unnumbered, April 1, 1943

Prisoners state 961 (part 2 and last cipher part of rff number 758 too 011409 A) and 962 IR compose 999 Afrika Bde. Above identifications by PW. Italian. None. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast ADC Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. General. Pressure in north has necessitated reemployment certain reserves. Tanks in Bou Arada sector probably recent arrivals or small reserves to meet possible direct threat to Tunis. Reinforcements Fondouk Area indicate decision to block by all means thrust towards coast. Recce in Sidi Bou Zid area probably due fear similar thrust. Approaches from Maknassy and Gueitar still blocked. Protracted defence Akarit position unlikely. 15 and 21 PZ believed much reduced. Probable 10 PZ and 501 total some 90 runners. Concentration sailing vessels between Sfax and Kerkennah Islands possibly indicates attempt to introduce supplies all possible means. Parts 2 and 3 (follow) I will.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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April 1, 1943
1807 Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR
WAR (info)

In Reply Cite: 788 April 1, 1943

March 31. (Action USFOR added AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Gp Hq, Liaison Gp AFHQ Malta Adv NWAFF for information from G 3 Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 788 1 April 43). SITREP part 2 number 159.

Para 1. Naval. Two of our destroyers operated in the Gulf of Hakmamet during night 30/31 March without incident. MTB operations from both Bone and Malta arranged for night 30/31 March were cancelled owing to weather. Two of our merchant vessels were torpedoed by U-boat 80 March and subsequently sank about 70 miles west of Algiers.

Para 2. Movements completed. 437th CA Bn AW SEP arrived Telergma from Casablanca.

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Action: OPD
Information:

G-2
CG AAF
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Gen Deane (CC/S)
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From: Freedom Algiers
To: WAR

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Twenty four hours (Fm 18 Army Group to Troopers (pass USFOR) USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta (personal for VV8/V97, 5 X 945) Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques 242 Group Bone area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC Nasak Tactical Bomber Group Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A 2) 2 US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps. Part 1 SITREP No 159 for most secret 0371 1st April TOO 0815) ending 2359 hours 31 Mar. From AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues.

Section 1. 8 Army. Forward troops in contact with enemy throughout day 31 Mar on general line Wadi Akarit-Dj Zemeet El Beida. Air reports indicated enemy defense preparations on high ground (Y) 9349-(Y) 7352. (A). 30 Corps. Concentrated in Gabes-Mareth area. (B) B L Bt Force. Under command 10 Corps. (C). 10 Corps. Much enemy defense activity observed during day along and in west of the Akarit-Dj Zemlet Elkbeida position. Patrols 2 New Zealand Div with considerable success. For the loss of 9 of our aircraft 15 enemy aircraft have been destroyed and 7 damaged. Offensive sweeps maintained throughout

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day over El Guettar Sector. Many motor transport including troop carriers and tanks destroyed. Western desert night bombers started 50 fires in 1 mile of road south of Sfax. Light bombers successfully attacked Sfax landing ground in morning but bad weather prevented operations after midday. End of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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*Being serviced.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 2314A/31

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Time: 0529

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F.O. G1b.
NOIC Malta
A.F.H.Q. London
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From: CINC Med,

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- (1) My 1822/28th* para 7, EMPIRE ROWAN is (now?) total loss all possible gear being salvaged. Amend last sentence to read 7 enemy aircraft claimed shot down and 2 damaged by fighters, 1 shot down by A/A fire from H.M.S. FLUELLEN.
- (2) Demonstration and feint landing included bombardment by H.M.S. LAFOREY and O.R.P. BLYSKAWICA carried out near Cape Serrat at 2200/27th according to plan.
- (3) H.M.S. PALATIN and G.S. QUEEN OLGA carried out sweep in Gulf of Hammamet during night 29th-30th March. Nothing was sighted. H.M.S. BAKANHAM PETARD operated similarly night 30th-31st March
- (4) M.T.B.'s from Malta were off (?Sfax) night 29th March 30th March. Further M.T.B.'s operation arranged from both Bone and Malta for 30th March 31st March were cancelled owing to weather.
- (5) S/S FORT A LA CORNE and S/S HALLAMGER in convoy E T 16 were torpedoed by U-Boat at 1945 30th and subsequently sank in position 036° 55' North 001° 39' East.
- (6) (H.M.S. SPLENDID?) reports (A) at 1040 17th off Trapani fired 4 torpedoes at 10,000 ton southbound tanker escorted by 4 destroyers, 3 hits ship believed sunk.
(F) In position 038° 05' North 014° 10' East fired 3 torpedoes at damaged 3,000 ton eastbound tanker in tow at 1502 21st. One hit, ship believed sunk,

2314A/31

*Not held in N.S.R.

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
COMINCH (2)
C.O.S.
Plans

Plans M (2)
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
Lt. Col Cook
S.O.(0) Personal
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