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T.O.O. 011544

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Addressed: ADMIRALTY

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N.L.O. Eighteenth Army Group
N.L.O. Eighth Army

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From : C. in C. Med.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 87

note motor temp. load patrol off Tunis and Bizerte

1. On 28th April M.T.B.s from Sousse on daylight sweep of Cape Bon Peninsula sank 3000 ton merchant vessel and damaged 2 motor minesweepers, an R boat and two aircraft. M.T.B.s were attacked by shore batteries and fighters. One M.T.B. had to be sunk by own forces. One fighter was shot down. (2 Patrols) have been reported in my 011528 not to all addressees.
2. Three magnetic mines swept in approaches to Casablanca on 29th and 30th April and one more type Q mine in approaches to Bone on 27th April.
3. During night 29th April/30th April H.M.S. NUBIAN and PALADIN on sweep South of Merittimo sank 2000 ton merchant vessel at 0955/30 in position 37 degrees 14 minutes North 13 degrees 04 minutes East, escorting E-Boats withdrew. M.T.B.s from Bone operated off Gulf of Tunis and American M.T.B.s in approaches to Bizerta. M.T.B.s from Sousse swept Cape Bon Peninsula.
4. M.T.B. operation from Bone on night 30th April/1st May were cancelled on account of weather.

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F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
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4-30-43
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War (and all other interested Stations)
No. 8173 April 30, 1943

Operations. Sector coast to Jefna Road, enemy has apparently withdrawn to General Lily J 43 Easting. (AGWAR Troopers information 18 Army Group 1 Army 3rd Corps Adv NAAF RAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 8173 30 April nil). No enemy contacted Sedjanone Valley J 4494 night 28th-29th April. Heavy fire North Kef En Nsour J 4591 forced our patrols to withdraw. East Sidi Mair road, strong enemy resistance encountered Djabal Tahant 4461. Intense fire reported between hills J4561 and J 4460. Local counterattacks El Mair valley J 4460 repulsed. Haidous sector, enemy pushed back to area 7 miles North Haidous J5656-J5585. North of Medjerda River, enemy counterattacks continued and gained ground on Ali Ben Aouane J 6247 and J8145. Sidi Ahmed J 6246 and Bou Bakar J 6245 now reported in enemy hands. South of Medjerda River enemy counterattacks during afternoon 28th April in Area J 7441 with force of about 40 tanks and 2 Bns Infantry. This force divided half going Northwest, remainder Southwest Northern Force reached area West Djebel El Asoud J 6943, but very fierce engagements ensued and enemy subsequently withdrew after considerable losses, leaving small force of 5 tanks and some infantry at point 2157144. Further South, severe fighting all day for possession Si Abdallah

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To: War (and all other interested Stations)
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J 7232. Enemy force including 12 tanks attacked and recaptured Area J 7234 but not Sidi Abdullah. Suffered casualties (Heavy) including 10 tanks claimed knocked out. Sebket El Koursia sector J 71, situation materially unchanged. Enemy forced give ground on Western slopes Djebel Kournine J8016 night 28th-29th April. South of Pont Du Eahs, small counterattacks supported by tanks in direction of O8795 and O9295 repulsed by our artillery. On 8th Army front, nothing to report. Part 1 land G2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 29th April. Identifications. German from PWS on 29th April. 1 Bn 47th Inf Regt North Heidous J5751. Confirmatory. 2nd Bn 756th Mtn Inf Regt in Ali Ben Aouane Area J6247 (follows cipher part 2).

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: War, British War Office

Number 8173 April 30. 1943

Confirmatory. 1 Bn 962 Inf Regt in Bou Baker Area J 6445. (Part 2 cipher our 8173 dated 30 April) This Bn believed very much below strength after losses on Djebel Tannougche. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army PasslArm Corp and 8 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. General, in north enemy withdrawing slowly but continues fierce resistance from successive hills where well sited fire positions produce heavy volume of fire. South of Medjerda very heavy fighting and determined enemy counterattacks. Proportion of tanks used believed to have moved north from Bir Meherga area. General picture. Unchanged, with enemy still capable of active defence. Parts 2 and 3 follow

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Information: OPD
CG AAF

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April 30, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War and all interested addressees

No. 188 April 30, 1943

(Sitrep number 188 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 29 April Troopers pass ~~DEFOR~~ AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd 242 Group Bone area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Advance NAAF NASAF O 819 dated April TOO 0645 from 18 Army Group) From AFHQ signed CINC.

1. 8th Army. Local attacks by our troops last night secured all objectives. There was little immediate enemy reaction but later enemy elements infiltrated into our newly gained positions forcing our troops back slightly. Remainder of front quiet.

2. 1st Army (A) 19 Corps. No change on Corps front. Much MT both ways reported on roads north of Pont Du Fahs & E Corps. Confused and very bloody fighting all day in ~~East~~ Division Area. Sidi Abdullah J 720322 was captured early * J 7234 but not Sidi Abdullah. Casualties on both sides have been heavy. One British Infantry Division. During afternoon enemy counter attack on 24 Guards Bde front from direction point 105 J 7041 with force of approx 40 tanks and 2 Bns of Infantry. Very fierce fighting ensued and casualties on both sides heavy. Small enemy force of approx 5 tanks plus one company Infantry established at point 212 J 7164 but remainder have now withdrawn. 78 Division. Enemy captured point 160 J 6247. Enemy also in Sidi Boy B J 6545.

3. 2nd United States Corps. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen Desne (CCS), Adm King, Log.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

WDCC
April 30, 1943
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U R G E N T

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

Number 8264 April 30, 1943

One of our coasters was mined or torpedoed east of Algiers, night 27/28 (to USFOR rptd AGWAR troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group HQ Liaison Gp AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv) NWAAP from G-3 AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite PEGCT (8264) 30 Apr nil. Part 2 SITREP 188 29th April.

1. Naval - April 26

Our destroyers operated off Marittimo, same night MTBS from Sousse carried out sweep along east coast of Cape Bon Peninsula while American MTBS from Bone patrolled northwest of Gulf of Tunis. Following night our destroyers encountered E Boats and U Boats 30 miles off Marittimo, one E Boat rammed by destroyer and cut in half, 2 others damaged by gunfire of which one probably sank. The destroyer sustained slight damage forward. Same night MTB and MGB from Bone operated off Gulf of Tunis, other MTBS carried out sweep to Bizerta Roads.

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already reported

2. Movements - nil.

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Philippeville Harbour attacked by 8 enemy aircraft, no damage or casualties No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN DEANE (CCS), ADM KING, LOG

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

Unnumbered, April 30, 1943

April 29, Part 3 187. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGT ((to AGWAR Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Group H.Q. Liaison Group, Middle East, Malta, from Spaatz HQ NNAF Adv)) Northwest African Strategic Air Force. Night 28/29 April. Wellingtons attacked El Aouina airdrome, target well covered. Burning ship 10 miles off Z Islands hit amidships and blew up. Day 29 April, P-38s on counter shipping mission scored direct hit on single funnel vessel 10 miles south of Marettimo Island. 1 ME 109 destroyed, 1 ME 109 and 1 MA 202 damaged. B-25s on shipping sweep destroyed 3 ME 109s, 2 P-38s destroyed. 3 P-38s bombed railroad bridge at Cagliari, bridge not hit. B-26s on shipping sweep destroyed 3 ME 109s. Probably destroyed 2. 5 P-38s destroyed. B-17s took off to attack shipping at Bizerte mission abandoned due to weather but 90,000 leaflets dropped in target area. B-26s took off to attack El Aousna landing ground, no aircraft on ground at target, thus they attacked beached M/V at E 0004, hits and near misses were scored on stern of ship. P-40s some carrying bombs attacked beached ship at K 8490, target hit also ((end of part 1 part 2 follows.)) One small-

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)

ADM KING
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April 30, 1943
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. A 1793 E April 30, 1943

April 28 part 3 186 signed Eisenhower cite FHGT (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp Mideast Malta from Adv. NAAF Hq A 1793 E 29/4. Part 1, part 2 follows) NWA Strategic AF. Dly 28/4. B25 Mitchells on shipping sweep sighted 2 unescorted M/V and report direct hit O * pget and report and report 2 hits on second M/V. Report destroyed 4 ME 109, 1 ME 210, 1 MC 202 and 1 unidentified E/A, damaged 1 unidentified E/A. Three shipping sweeps by P 39's not completed due to weather. One P 38 missing. B 17 mission to Terranova Sardinia not completed due weather. NWA Tactical AF. Day 28/4. Mediums and light bombers flew several missions against enemy positions but weather hampered ops. Results unobserved. Kittybombers, Warhawks and Spits flew offensive sweeps in Gulf of Tunis. Report 1 Naval auxiliary blown up, 2 Naval aux's set on fire and 1 3,000 ton M/V left beached and burning, destroyed 4 MC 202 and 2 ME 109, damaged 1 MC 202 and 2 ME 109. One Spit destroyed and 1 Kittyhawk missing. Spitbombers, Hurribombers, Spits and P 40's bombed enemy positions and flew offensive sweeps on battle area. Weather prevented observation of bombing results but report many hits in target area and enemy M/T strafed. Report destroyed 4 ME 109, 1 FW 190 and 1 unidentified E/A probably destroyed 1 ME 109 and damaged 6 ME 109 and 1 FW 190, 2 Spitfires missing. Northwest African Coastal

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To: WAR
No. A 1793E April 30, 1943

Air Force. (Part 2 our A 1793 E from Advanced Hq NWAAF April 29) night 27/28 April. Beaufighters flew defensive patrols Souk El Khemis and Bone Area. No incidents. Beaufighters flew intruder patrols over Sardinia and report destroyed 1 JU 88. Day 28 April. Hudsons, Swordfish Beaufighters Spitfires and P 39's Aircobras flew convoy escort, U boat hunts and defensive patrols. No incidents. Marauders flew rcn of Sicilian Straits and approaches to Naples. No incidents. Action USFOR. Information AGWAR.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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May 1, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War
First Army advance at Constantine

No. O 823, April 30, 1943.

Period ending 1900 hours 30 April. (number O 823 dated 30. TOO 22 DA. From 18 Army Group to Troopers Pass USFOR. AGWAR. Freedom. Governor Malta-personal for FM Viscount Gort. Mideast. Fifth Army. Rptd UWRW Group Bone Area for SOIS. Hq L of Ochlywkwyl ASC Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF ~~for~~ Col MacDonald A 2. NASAF. Part 1 SITREP number 189). From AFHQ signed C in Cum.

Part 1 Begins. Section 1. Eighth Army. N T R

Section 2. First Army. (A). 19 Corps. Now organized as 3 divs under General Conne Mathinet and Boisseau with Armd Force under Le Coulteux in reserve. No change in main dispositon. 15 RTS still hold high ground Sidi Mabrouk J 7306. (B). Nine Corps. Patrols 46 Recce Regt operating south and southeast Sebket D1 Kosrzia report no contact. Enemy still hold eastern slopes Dj Bou Kournine J 8116. To north 1 Armd Div captured Argoui J 7720. Forward elements 2 Armd Bde last reported in area to east this feature in face of strong enemy resistance * supported by many guns. 46 Div disposed as follows. 138 Bde Area J 7715 1139 Bde high ground * Bde on Argoub Sella J 6814. (C). Five Corps. Fkur Div.

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To: War
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Fierce fighting all Dayurhogku Areas Sidi Abdullah J 7232 and PT 133 J 7234. Sidi Abdullah last reported in enemy hands. One Dihcw enemy attack supported by tanks against areas J 6942 and J 7143 developed approximately 2. At former place enemy reached Pt 132 but did not advance beyond. Irish Guards repulsed attack area J 7143 which was later repeated twice without success. 78 Div. 36 Bde supported by Nih reached J 6546 J 6247 J 6148. Five enemy tanks reported at last place and engaged. Form rd elements 36 Bde on line J 5948 J 5849. 11 Bd 8, 43/34 V 3.

Section 3. Two US Corps 1 UE Inf Div captured Pt 823 J 476. 34 US INF DIV reached Pt 609 J 4561. Nine US Inf Div attacking area north of Green Hill J 3677. 60 CT Aod CFA preparing to attack. 4494 with Tabor on left.

Section 4. Air follows. End of part 1. Cite FROCT.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0823 April 30, 1943

For period ending 1900 hours 30 April. (number 0823 dated 30 TOO 2200A from 18 Army Group to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast. 5th Army rptd 242 Group Bone Area for Sois. Hq L of C. 12 ABC Tactical Bomber Force ADV NAAF for Col MacDonald A 2 NASAF part 1 Sitrep number 189) from AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army N T R.

Section 2. 1st Army.

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No 0823 April 30, 1943

J 7715; 139 Bde high ground J 7416; 128
Bde on Argoub Sella J 6814.

C. 5 Corps. 4 Div Fierce fighting
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J 4561. 9 US Inf Div attacking area north of
Green Hill J 3677. 60 Ct AOD CFA preparing
to attack J 4494 with Tabor on left.

Section 4. Air follows. Cite FEGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office (Action)
USFOR, Cairo (Serves Hq. Middle East, India,
B.A.S. Washington, PAIC Baghdad, VMA, DECHIEF
Pretoria, ZCZ, East Africa Nairobi. (Info)

No. 8239, April 30, 1943.

OLD
LINREP number 42. Summary of operations 26th to 28th April. (Action Troopers information rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Arminia Delhi PAIC Landforces Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from G-3 Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 8239 30 April).

1. Eighth Army. During the period our troops have made further gains on the left flank of the Enfidaville position. In the coastal area activity has been limited to Artillery exchanges. Action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota, Britmilat Ankara for Marshal Chakmak, Defender Wellington for Puttick.

2. First Army.

A. 19th Corps. French troops have made considerable progress against the withdrawing enemy in the mountainous country southeast of Pont Du Fahs. Important high ground overlooking the village has been captured, and Pont Du Fahs itself has been entered by patrols. These were subsequently withdrawn. Strong forces have advanced to the Northeast, across the Road Enfidaville-Pont Du Fahs, and that they are fighting for possession of the
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high ground to the north of this road.

B. 9th Corps. Fierce fighting has continued northeast of Sebket El Kourzia. In armored engagements in this area over 20 enemy tanks are claimed destroyed. On the 27th April 6th Armored Div was withdrawn into reserve, and 1st Br Arm Div made a slight advance.

C. 5th Corps. Dj Amera, an important feature 9 miles east of Medjez El Bab has been captured. Bitter fighting has continued in the hills north east of Heidous, where our troops have desisted enemy counter attacks, destroying a number of enemy tanks, and where our advance progresses slowly but steadily.

3. 2nd (US) Corps. Northeast of Medjez, 1st US Inf Div have made progress in the high ground. This Division is now reorganizing on account of the difficult nature of the country. On the left flank, units of the Corps Franc D'Afrique have pushed forward to positions 14 miles east of Cap Serrat.

4. Enemy. Enemy has continued to offer bitter resistance on all sectors of the front. In the North he has been forced to give ground. (End of 1st part, 2nd part follows).

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

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May 1, 1943

From: Algiers
To: British War Office (Action)
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East Africa Nairobi (Information)

Number 8293 April 30, 1943

(Second and last part of message ref no. 8293 dated 30 April from G-3 Section AFHQ). South of Medjerda Valley enemy endeavouring to maintain his strong defensive positions by counter attacks. Our Forces being opposed by strong Anti Tank Screen and Infantry with enemy's Armour in reserve. Withdrawal from Northern Dorsale complete and enemy has regrouped his forces and is holding line on high ground SE of Pont Du Fahs. Enemy has retained cohesion of his line, but is forced to move Battalions from one part of the front to another in order to plug holes as they occur.

5. Naval. Our light forces have carried out sweeps to Marrittimo and MTBS and MGBS have been active off the approaches to Bizerta in the course of these letter operations FP 5 '91/DFC E sunk 1 small merchant man vessel and 2 * lighters carrying petrol. Our submarines report the sinking of 3 enemy merchantmen and 1 * strategic Air Force * bombed enemy land * Sardinia and Italian medium bombers have made attacks on enemy shipping, in the course of which 2 enemy merchantmen received direct hits. Our fighters and light bombers have concentrated a heavy scale of attack in support of our forward troops. Enemy airdromes and shipping in the Gulf of Tunis have also been attacked.

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To: British War Office (Action)
US War Dept (Action) BAS
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Africa Nairobi (Information)

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7. Political. Admiral Muselier has been requested to come to Algiers by Giraud. There is good possibility of Giraud-De Gaulle negotiations reaching a final stage in the next 10 days (end of 2nd and last part).

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* Omissions being serviced.

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Action: OPD

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

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

No. O 816, April 30, 1943.

Advanced elements J 500607. (Second and last part of O 816 from 18 Army Group to usual addresses). One United States Armored Division advanced elements J 3656 J 5555 J 5650 J 5749. Section 4. Air follows.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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April 29, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-British War Office (action)
GHA-1st Army Advance-LIAI-LDAD-LYXV-LFYV-
Oran-Casablanca-Malta-Cairo-LAEE-Oudjda (info)

No. 7925 April 29, 1943

See Map

Operations. In coastal and Jefna sectors, no important change in situation. (ACWAR Troopers information 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv RAAF RAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. 7925 29th April). Enemy withdrawal continues. At last light had reached areas J 4298 and J 4491. Sidi Nsir sector, enemy driven back in high ground north of Djebel Sidi Meftah J 5256. Counterattacks against our positions on hill J 4461 and Djebel Ann J 5160 repulsed by artillery fire. In Heidous area, enemy cleared from high ground J 5750 after severe fighting. Resistance continues 3 to 4 miles north north east Heidous at J 5848. North of Longatop feature (J 6243), enemy expelled from Sidikahmid J 6246. South of river Medjerda, enemy at 1st driven from Djebel Bou Aoukaz J 7146, but during afternoon 28th April counterattacked from south with about 35 tanks and 1000 infantry. Comment. These tanks probably same as those reported in area J 7142, 2 days ago. Believed to form part unidentified tank Bn hitherto held in reserve Northern sector. Enemy counterattack succeeded in recapturing Djebel Aoukaz. Seven enemy tanks claimed destroyed. Remainder withdrew at 1810 Z. In

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Oran-Casablanca-Malta-Cairo-LAKE-Oudjda (info)
No. 7925 April 29, 1943

area north east Sebket El Kourzia, situation remained unchanged, enemy still holding Djebel Kournine J 8016 and reinforcing area. In Pont Du Fahs sector, enemy resistance stiffening. Enemy holds Pont Du Fahs and high ground east of town. Extensive minefields reported south of Pont Du Fahs, and artillery fire encountered during day from high ground. Southeast of Pont Du Fahs, enemy has withdrawn into foothills north of main Pont Du Fahs-Enfidaville Road. Djebel Der Halfa P0692 cleared of enemy. Strong enemy resistance on western flank Enfidaville position held up our advance. Fighting continues remainder of southern front, with little change in situation.

Part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 28th April. Identifications. German on 28th April. Documents captured Dar Amrous area J 4750 dated (Part 2 follows) 18th April.

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Action: G-2

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

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April 29
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR
British War Office
(Info all others concerned)

No. 7925, April 29th, 1943

Identity Brigade Eder with March Bn 20 as part of brigade. Brigade Eder part 334th Division and on 31st March consisted of (1) Kampfgruppe Mayer-West of Sidi Nsir Road with 2nd Bn 755th Inf Regt, Heavy Inf Gun Platoon, Heavy Antitank Platoon, Medium Antitank Platoon, Arty Abteilung Mayer and 10th Coy 52nd AA Regt.

(2) Unnamed Kampfgruppe-East Sidi Nsir Road to Excl Toukabeur, with 1st and 3rd Bns 755th Inf Regt, 1st Bn 334th Arty Regt, (Part 2 our 7925 dated 29th April) 2 Light Inf guns and 3 Medium Antitank Platoons.

(3) Eastern Kampfgruppe-Toukabeur and Heidous, with 1st and 3rd Bns 756th Mtn Inf Regt, 2nd Bn 334th Arty Regt and 3rd Coy 334th Engineer Bn. Brigade Von Autorf is remainder of 334th Division and apparently contained 754th Inf Regt and rest of divisional support troops (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI).

General. No change in general picture of tenacious resistance by enemy. Ineffective counterattacks East of Sidi Nsir reveal enemy weakness this area. Enemy appreciates that main Allied thrust South Medjerda will necessitate this area being further reinforced and indications are that part enemy flank forces from Bir Meherga moving further North.

10 mi N Pont du Fahs

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Enemy ability to supply bridgehead after prolonged heavy fighting must now be increasingly vital factor in his ability to continue resistance.

Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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Footnote: Part 2 of CM-IN-17718 (4-28-43) G-2

Action: G-2

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

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CORRECTED COPY

URGENT

From: Algiers
To : War

No. O 816 - April 29, 1943

Advanced elements J 500607. (2nd and last
cipher part of O 816 from 18th Army Group to us-
ual addressees) 1st United States Armoured Division
advanced elements J 3656 J 5555 J 5650 J 5749. Sec-
tion 4, Air follows.

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NOTE: Corrected copy to CM-IN-18021 (30 Apr 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

From: Maison Blanche
To: War

Number JMO 200 April 29, 1943

Correct line 18 in the first paragraph on
page 1 to read as follows:

J 75450, target area well covered. Ten air craft holed by..

No Sig

FOOTNOTE: Correction to CM-IN-111 (1 May 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, GEN DEANE (CC/S), ADM KING

CM-IN-253 (1 May 43) 0904Z new

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April 29, 1943
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5792 April 29, 1943

Strong enemy resistance held up forward troops
8th Army left flank April 28th. Fighting continued
on rest of front and all gains were firmly held from
Brereton P 40 E's RAF operated day 28th against enemy
shipping claiming 1 landing craft blown up and 2 set
on fire of 4 Tunis bound. Motor vessel approx 3,000
tons off Kelibia K 97 set on fire and beached. Spit-
fires claim 4 MC 202's, 1 ME 109 destroyed and 4 other
enemy aircraft damaged. One P 40 E pilot missing
believed safe. Light bombers made 2 attacks in low
clouds on enemy positions northwest Enfidaville.

Twenty nine bombers 98th Group dropped 174,000 lbs of bombs from 21 to 25,000 feet and 62 boxes incendiaries on Messina ferry slip. Observed numerous direct hits on ferrying slip and southeast end of ferry buildings. Four enemy aircraft destroyed 1 B 24 down in water. Twenty bombers 376th Group dropped 94,500 lbs of bombs on Naples observing direct hits on target. ABC report not yet received. One aircraft crashed in sea after take off. No operational report from 12th Group. Thirty six fighters 57th Group were to carry out fighter bomber mission but mission can-

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To: AGWAR
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called. Forty fighters 79th Group carried out 1 mission as bomber escort fighter bomber. Foregoing operations April 28th for 9th Air Force.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

GE Dist.	Action	Info
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRAITHEN	✓	✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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AIR		✓
E-A		✓
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N.L.O. 18th Army Group
N.L.O. 8th Army

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From: C. in C. Mediterranean

BASEGRAM

SITUATION REPORT NO. 86

1. On 26th April 4 mines Type Q were swept in position 37 02 North 07 52 East.
2. S.S. MEROPE was mined or torpedoed at 1345/27 off Cape Bengut.
3. During the night 27/28 April destroyers of Force K operated South of Marittimo. M.T.B.'s from Sousse carried out sweep along the East coast of The Cape Bon Peninsula and American M.T.B.'s from Bone were North West of the Gulf of Tunis.
4. During the night 28/29 April LAFOREY and TARTARON sweep encountered 6 E Boats and a U Boat 30 miles West of Marittimo. LAFOREY rammed and cut one E boat in half and 2 others were damaged by gunfire, one of these probably sank. LAFOREY sustained buckled stern and flooded fore peak and cable locker. M.G.B. and M.T.B. from Bone operated off Gulf of Tunis and other M.T.B.'s carried out sweep to Bizerte Roads.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

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N T R Section 2. 1st Army. (A). 19 Corps.
During night 18 Army Group number 0816 April 29
too 2100 A to Troopers USFOR Troopers pass X02
AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta - Personal for
Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) 242 Group
Bone Area for Sois HQ L of C 12 ASC Tactical
Bomber Force ADV NAAF (for Col MacDonald #2) NASAF.
Most secret. Part 1 SITREP number 188 for period
ending 1900 hours 29 April. From AFHQ signed
Cinc. Part 1 section 1 8th Army 28/29 April
enemy launched 2 small counter attacks supported
by a few tanks south and south east from Pont Du
Fahs. Most attacks were broken up by our arty and
our troops remained in position. (B). 9 Corps.
46 Div secured western slopes DJ Korning J8016
during night 28/29 April. 128 Bde located area
Argoib Sella J6814 139 Bde Seba Argout J6809. (C).
5 Corps. 4 Div attacked 1800 hrs 28 April with
objectives point 133 J7234 and Sidi Abballee J7332.
Both objectives captured and heavy enemy counter
attacks by Inf and tanks were broken up. 10 tanks
claimed knocked out and prisoners taken. Sidi
Ahmed J6246 not in our hands as previously reported.
Section 3. 2 Corps US. 9 US Inf Div. Advanced
elements 1/39 Inf at J 353844. Forward elements
during night to J 380852. 3/39 Inf J 405934 sent
patrol during night to J 438944. No enemy contacted.
Patrol to J 446907 encountered heavy fire and with-
drew. 34 Inf Div. Strong resistance encountered
on hill 609 J 456610. Most advanced elements from
J 415625 to J 455600. 1 US Inf Div. Local counter
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attack on hill 531 J 445600 at dusk 28 April re-
pelled by 1 Coy 16 Inf. 2/16 Inf attacking hill
523 J 4861 and hill 545 J 4861. Considerable enemy
fire on 16 Inf from area between hills 609 J 4561
(End of first cipher part. Second follows) and
531 J 4460. 1/16 Inf most.

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ACTION: OPD

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

From: Algiers GHA
To: War
Oudja
British War Office
Malta

No. O/816 April 29, 1943

Advanced elements J 520807 (500807). (Second and last cipher part of O/816 from 18 Army Group to usual addressees) 1 United States Armoured Division Advance enemy: IG (3656) (3556) J 5555 J 5650 J 5749. Section 4. Air follows.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR London (action)
WAR (info)
(Info) all other addressees concerned

No. 8018 Apr 29, 1943

~~One hundred and eighty seven.~~ (action USFOR
rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Group Hq,
Liaison Group AFHQ, Mideast, Malta, Adv NWAAF from
G-3 Section AFHQ 8018 29th signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT SITREP) Part 2 April 28.

1. Naval: Nil.

2. Movements commenced. 62nd Ca Regt (less
3rd and 3rd Bns) departed Telergma for Algiers coming
under command 62nd AA Bde on arrival. Movements com-
pleted. 21st Tank Bde arrived Souk El Arba from Bone.
Third Bn 213th CA Regt arrived Beja from Telergma.

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3. L of C. Ten enemy aircraft bombed Phillippe-
ville. Casualties and damage slight. Small number
aircraft attacked Bone. No damage or casualties re-
ported. Two aircraft claimed destroyed in latter
raid.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-3
CGAAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR - Ouidja

No. 0810 April 28, 1943

(Part 1 SITREP no 187 for period ending 1900 hrs 28 Apr. 0810 28 April TOO 1955 A from 18 Army Group to Troopers USFOR (Troopers pass) AGWAR FREEDOM Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) 242 groups Bone area for Sois Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force ADV NAAF (for Col MacDonald A 2) NASAF from AFHQ signed C in C.) Part 1 begins:

Section 1. Eighth Army. N T R.

Section 2. First Army.

A. 19 Corps during day 6 RTA and 2 RTA advanced and now occupy line Pt 299 J 9601 Pt 288 J 9303 Pt 274 J 9104 mech J 8903. 9 RTA have 2 Bns in areas P 0592 and P 0292.

B. 9 Corps. N T R.

C. 5 Corps. Guards Bde attacked today and have taken Dj Bou Aoukas. Not yet known whether Djebel is completely cleared enemy counterattack believed coming in from north at midday but no report yet.

Section 3. 2 US Corps. 1 US Inf Div now occupies following posns: 18 RCT at J 5157 and J 4958. 26 RCT at J 5159 and J 4859. 16 RCT in area J 4759. This division is now reorganizing this being necessary owing to difficult nature of country. 9 US Inf Div no material change.

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Section 4. Air. Follows.

End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FBGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane(CC/B)
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INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0812, April 29th, 1943

Part 1 SITREP number 187 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 28 April. (From 18 Army Group 0812 to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta Personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd 242 Group Bone Area for Sois Hq L of C main 8th Army 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Advance NAAF 1st Army 2 United States Corps NASAF) from AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 4. Air, Light and medium bomber attacks on targets in battle area on reduced scale. Fighter bombers attacked and sunk shipping in Gulf of Tunis. Enemy fighters active but unwilling to engage our fighters in combat. End of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT. Too 0720 dated 29 April.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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To: AGWAR

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Date FEB 19 1974

No. ANSME 5783 April 28, 1943

Forward patrols pushed forward several miles left flank April 27th in spite heavy demolitions and mines. British forces reported in close contact with French troops in left. Several sharp artillery engagements during day in coastal sector. (from Brereton) night 26/27 RAF reports fighters destroyed 2 Cant Z 1007's in Soussse area. During following day fighters destroyed one 202 while carrying out shipping reconnaissance. Other dispatches against shipping found no targets. 9th Air Force April 27th reports no operations 98th and 376th Groups. Report not received from 12th Group. 36 fighters 57th Group carried out 1 mission on fighter sweep. 24 fighters 79th Group carried out 1 mission as fighter bomber. Delayed report April 26th 4 bombers 178th Squadron RAF dropped 18000 lbs of bombs from 12 to 15,000 feet on Bari. Burst observed at pin points. 1 aircraft failed to return.

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INFORMATION: G 2, Cg AAF, Gen Desne (CCS), Adm King.

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Apr 28, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0806, April 28, 1943.

186 for 24 hours ending (18 Army Group No. 0 806
28 Apr TOO 0700 to Troopers USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor
Malta personal for FM Viscount Gorp Mideast 5th Army
rptd 242 Group Sois Bone Hq L of C Main 8th Army 12 ASC
Tactical Bomber forw'd NASAF 1st Army '2 US Corps ADV NAAF
(for Col McDonald A 2). Part 1 SITREP No 188 2359 Hrs
27 Apr from AFHQ signed CINC)

Part 1 continues. Section 4. Air. Light and
fighter bomber effort on considerable scale concentrated
in close support of our ground forces with good results.
Continuous fighter sweeps met few enemy aircraft. Night
bombers active over Sidi Ahmed landing ground. End of
continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FEGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office. War.

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BY *SL*, DATE FEB 19 1974

No. 0/807 April 28, 1943

(To Troopers (pass USFOR) USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mid East 5th Army 242 Group SOIS Bone Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF NASAF from 18 Army Group No 0/807 TOO 0530 A 28 Apr) Part 1 SITREP No. 186 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 27 Apr from AFBQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues.

Section 3. 2 US Corps 1 US Armd Div CCA had forward troops in area J 5650. Enemy may possibly have withdrawn from Dj Badjal. Reportee that at 0300 hrs 28 Apr 1 I US Inf Div was to attack. 18 RCT to make Djietjd area of Dj Badlal J 5458. 26 CT will attack Dj El Anz and will then follow ridge eastwards if possible as far as hill 220 J 580602 18 CT to secure area J 4960. 26 CT met with considerable fire at J 4758. Patrols of 91 recce reached J 3669 and J 3671. 47 CT advancing on Bald Hill and Green Hill area J 3776 have reached J 3573. CFA and 80 RCT made slight progress during day.

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To: War
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Hill 401 J 3994 taken by CFA. 60 CT advanced elements had reached J 385878 by 2000 hrs objective believed to be hill F 292. J 443916 .

Section 4. Air. Follows. End of continuation part 1 part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
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April 29, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR London (Action)
WAR (Information)

No: 7815, April 29, 1943

186 (action USFOR rptd AGWAR, Troopers,
5 Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group HR, Liaison
Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAP for information from
G-3 section AFHQ 7815 28th signed Eisenhower
cite FHGCT Sitrep) Part 2. April 27.

1. Naval. Night 25/26 April. 1 Cruiser,
with 2 destroyers escort, carried out sweep to
Marrittimo. Same night MTBS from Bone sank 2
large lighters carrying petrol off Bizerta.
Another MTB reported what appeared a tanker blow
up and burst into flames in same area. Night
26/27 April. Destroyers from Bone carried out
sweep to Marrittimo. MTBS and (MGBS) again
operated off Bizerta, sinking small merchant
vessel. Submarines report sinking 3 enemy merchant-
men and 1 escort vessel.

2. Movements commenced. 3rd Bn 213 CA
Regt departed Telergma for Beja coming under
Command 2 US Corps on arrival.

3. L of C single Savoia aircraft shot
down by AA fire while attacking harbor. No
damage or casualties.

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BY *SR*, DATE FEB 19 1974

From: Algiers GHA
To: War

Number: 0805 April 28, 1943

On left flank in spite of heavy demolitions ((18 Army Group number 0805 April 28 TOO 0420 to Troopers USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Medeast 5th Army Group Sois Bone Hq L of C (12) ASC Tactical Bomber Force NASAF Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A2. Part 1 sitrep number 186 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 27 April. From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 1. 8th Army) And mines patrols pushed forward several miles and are in close contact with troops of 19 Corps. In coastal sector Arty activity only. Section 2. 1st Army. (A). 19 Corps. Forward elements have now crossed the road at 09797 and have reached the general line J 9060 J 8600. Patrols which entered Pont Du Fahs found it lightly held and have been withdrawn. (B) 9 Corps. Situation generally quiet during the day. Strong patrols were to be sent out during the night. (C) 5 Corps during evening enemy counter attacked Ri Abdallah J 7232 with tanks and infantry and our troops withdrew to Sidi Salem J 7132. During afternoon 1 British Inf Div attacked Dj Bou Aoukaz J 7146 and by 2200 hours leading Bn 24 Guards Bde was within 400 yards of Crest (Section 3. 2 US Corps. follows. Section 4. Air. Follows. End of continuation part 1 part 2 follows. Cite PHGCT) Having taken 30 prisoners 38 Inf Bde continuing their advance in the mountains took 30 PW and forward elements reached J 6147.

This combat is more or less a stalemate. I believe that they are still far from 0-9060

ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR (action)
British War Office (action)
(info) all other addressees concerned

No. 7673 Apr 28, 1943

Thirteen Degs 05 mins east course east 7 knots.
(2nd part 7673) Attacks by HM submarines. Torpedoed and sunk off Bastia were a liner Francisco Crispi 7,500 tons carrying troops and 1 MV, 6,100 tons on 19th April. On 22th April 1 MV, 5,700 tons, in convoy with 1 MV and minelayer in position 42 Degs 03 mins north 09 Degs 48 mins east southbound blew up when torpedoed. Attacks by HM surface forces. Night 25th April 2 petrol carrying liners Gulf of Tunis attacked by HM torpedo boats, 1 sunk prisoners taken. HM motor torpedo boats reported seeing tanker type vessel blow up in position 39 Degs 14 mins north 10 Degs 21 mins east at 0140 Z 26th April presumably mined. At 0130 Z 27th April small MV with E boat escort off Cani Rocks attacked and sunk by HM motor torpedo boat. Sunk off Cape Bengut was own small coaster.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: WAR (action)
British War Office (action)
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No. 7654 Apr 28, 1943

One Bn 33rd Arty Regt north Djebel Garci P 2189. (Third and last Part 7654 from Freedom) 2n Bn 33rd Arty Regt Oued L Brek P 2691. Hq 1st Bn Aari North Djebel Garci P 2391. Third Bn Aari Djebel Garci area P 1988. GAF Bn area Si Salah P 2786. Italian. Following locations of Italian units from map quoted above. One Bn 36th Inf Regt on Djebel Garci P 2189-2 188. Third Bn 65th Inf Regt antitank ditch east Djebel Garci. Two eight Complement Bn area northwest Takrouna P 2585. One Bn 66th Inf Regt in Takrouna. General. Enemy resistance in north weakening and has been compelled to withdraw in sector from coast to JERNA. Indications are he will hold positions immediately covering Bizerte on high ground north of Gareat Achkel. Fierce opposition and believed reinforcement by at least 1 Bn from southern front in area south of Medjerda-Pon Du Fahs indicates Axis appreciate main Allied thrust directed on Tunis. General picture unchanged but enemy endeavouring at all costs to retain cohesion of his forces, thus avoiding split. To accomplish this possible he may transfer 1 or more Bns to central sector. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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SW Bizerte

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF, GEN DEANE (CCS)

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To: WAR (action)
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No. 7654 Apr 28, 1943

J 7232 but counterattacked with Infantry and Tanks during evening and recaptured ground lost. (2nd part 7654 from Freedom 3rd parts follows). In area northeast of Sebket El Kourzia J 71, situation remained generally unchanged, the enemy contesting every inch of ground by screen of anti tank guns is still being used to hold off our Armour. During morning, enemy reinforced the area east and southeast of Djebel Kornine J 8016. West and South of Pont Du Fahs, enemy withdrawal accelerated, and during 27th April enemy rearguards were contacted on a line covering Pont Du Fahs approximately from Birel Djeraf J 8210-J 8407-J 8706-J 9509. Pont Du Fahs is believed lightly held but enemy met our patrols towards the town with Artillery and MG fire. Minefield reported in area J 8705, immediately south of Pont Du Fahs on Southern Front, situation is substantially unchanged. Heavy demolitions and mines encountered on left flank, but enemy forces pushed back several miles to P 95 northing. In coastal sector there were sharp Artillery engagements during the day. Four tanks were reported in area P 0689.

1. Land G-2 Report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 27th April Identifications. German. Following by PWS on 27th April Witzig Parachute Engineer En in area J 3484 north of Jefna Road. Third Bn 754th Inf Regt in Heidous Area J 6346. Bn now considered virtually destroyed. Second Bn 756th Mtn Inf Plat in area

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J 6346. Last identified area J 3783. First Bn HG
Jaeger Regt east of Medjez El Bab J 7032. Following
locations German units on Enfidaville line from un-
dated captured map. Hq 361st PGR in area north
Takrouna P 2690. Elements 361st PGR Djebel Garci
P 2389.

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Information: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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No. 7654, April 28, 1943.

In extreme north enemy compelled to withdraw rapidly along coast east of J 41 north. (To AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group for FM Viscount Gort NAAF EAC 12th MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1 Armad Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 7654 28th. Operations.) Contacted by patrols of Kef El Kradem J 4197. PW states enemy intention this sector to withdraw to high ground 12 miles west Bizerta. Hills at 3995 and J 3892 evacuated by enemy, while further south Djebel Dardys J 3489 and area east of Dj Ainehouna J 3282 now reported clear of enemy. General impression enemy thinning out in sector coast to Jefna Road, enemy holds feature Djebel El Ajred J 3875 covering Jefna from south-west. MG and mortar fire encountered on eastern slopes Kef Haksour J 3573, while further resistance encountered area J 3670. In Sidi Nsir sector, enemy holding line astride road J 4080-4360, but has been pushed back further east over high ground south of road. No enemy contacted by our patrols north and east of Djebel Sidi Meftah J 5257 and to area Dr Bed J 5352. Heidous sector, enemy withdrawal has now reached area 4 miles north of Heidous village J 5851. High ground around Ali Ben Aoune J 6847 evacuated during day. Thirty prisoners taken in fighting this area. South of Medjerda river, enemy forces driven off greater part Djebel Bou Aoukaz J 7146 but at 2100Z 27th April still held line 400 yards forward of Crest. ((First part-second follows) Thirty prisoners captured during day. East of Medjez El Bab, enemy at first expelled from SI Abdullah, *Continue*

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

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The following contains the missing portion of
the above message.

Advance continued on front of both divisions in
face of little resistance. 57 PWS claimed. Forward
elements Algiers Div last reported at 09089. Moroccan
Div with light armoured force area O 8199. Report
bridge blown at J 8503. (B). 9th Corps. 1st British
Armd Div and 6th Armd Div in action etc.

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NOTE: Supplementary copy to CM-IN-16632 (28 Apr 43) OPD.

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April 27
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - London - WAR

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No. 0/798, April 27, 1943

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(From 18 Army Group to Troopers (Pass
USFOR) USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta -
personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th
Army rptd 242 Group SOIS Bone HQ L of C
Main 8th Army 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force
NASAF 1st Army 2 US Corps ADV NAAF No.
0/798) Part 1 SITREP No. 185 for 24 hours
ending 2359 hrs 28 Apr from AFHQ signed C in
C. Part 1 continues.

Section 4.

Air. During night 25/26 and day 26th.
Intensive heavy effort continued by light
and medium bombers concentrated on Army
objectives in battle areas. Enemy landing
grounds also successfully attacked. Our
fighter activity countered strong scale
enemy air effort maintained over forward lo-
calities. End of continuation Part 1 Part 2
follows. Cite FHGCT. TOO 0735 A 27 Apr.

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

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Rptd: USFOR
Middle East
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GHQ India Delhi
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US Ambassador MADRID, Resident Minister LCHIMOTA,
Brit. Mil. Attache ANKARA for Marshall CHAKRAK, NZ
Forces HQ Wellington for PUTTICK

NO :- 7404 of 27th April.

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WINREP No. 4A. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 22nd TO 25th APRIL.

PARA ONE. EIGHTH ARMY.

On the 23rd April 51 Inf. Div relieved 4th Indian Inf. Div. Operations were reported to be progressing according to plan. An enemy counter attack in the Central Sector of the ENFIDAVILLE position was driven back with considerable loss. Further local gains were made during the night and were firmly held during 24 April. 56 Division, consisting of 169 Inf Bde and a Guards Bde took over command of the Coastal Sector from 50th Inf. Div. During the night 24/25 April 2nd (NZ) Div and 201 Guards Bde launched an attack three miles NORTH WEST of ENFIDAVILLE, taking 50 prisoners and reaching their objective.

PARA TWO. FIRST ARMY.

(A) 19th Corps.

On the 25th April the MATHENAT Div made considerable progress on the SOUTH WEST slopes of DJIBOU KRIL, 14 miles SOUTH EAST of BOU ARADA. Latest reports state that our troops have gained ground along the whole front, where the enemy is reported to be withdrawing. /continued.....

(B) 9th Corps.

On 22nd April an attack was made on the high ground in the general Area 3 miles NORTH NORTH EAST of BOU ARADA. Strong opposition was encountered. Further NORTH, our troops penetrated to positions 7 miles NNE of BOU ARADA, but our progress was slow. 6 Armd Div followed up this attack and reached Areas NORTH and SOUTH of SEBAST EL KOURZIA. On the 24th April 1st (Br) Armd Div moved forward on the left of 6th Armd Div and a series of tank engagements resulted. On the 25th April 6th Armd Div drove back many enemy counter attacks, inflicting losses in men and armour. Meanwhile 1st Armd Div advanced to Area 2 miles NE of SEBAST EL KOURZIA.

(C) 5 CORPS.

GOURELLAT was occupied without opposition on the 22nd April. Our attack continued during the following day when 1st Br. Inf. Div captured CRICH EL OUED, NORTH EAST of MEDJEZ. Further NORTH our troops met with stiff opposition. On the 24th April patrols of 4th Div reached SIDI MEDIEN, 6 miles EAST of MEDJEZ EL BAB. The next day, Forward elements of 4th Div advanced EAST of SIDI MEDIEN. Enemy counter attacks further NORTH were again checked.

PARA THREE.

2ND (US) CORPS.

Patrol activity continued on 22 April. The following day 9th Inf. Div. started its attack. By 1100 hours the first day's objectives had been taken by all Units. 1st US Inf. Div advanced in the high ground some 14 miles NORTH of OUED ZARGA. On the 25th April 9th Inf. Div was launching attacks in the General Area 6 miles SSE of SEDJENANE, while 1st Inf. Div. had reached positions 4 miles SSE of SIDI NSIR.

ENEMY.

In the NORTH, the enemy has been forced to withdraw steadily. The strong ALLIED attacks WEST and NORTH WEST of

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PONT DU FAHS has apparently forced him to commit most of his remaining armour in a battle which is proving very costly. Over 70 tanks have already been put out of action. He has appreciated that the whole NORTHERN DORSALE will shortly be untenable and a withdrawal is now in progress. On the 8th Army Front our pressure has so far prevented him from moving any of his Infantry to the vital PONT DU FAHS Area.

PARA FIVE.

NAVAL.

Our submarines have sunk two medium sized merchant vessels off MARITTIMO, and a third large vessel in the SICILIAN NARROWS. Mts operating from MALTA and BONE have been active in the GULF of TUNIS and off ALBERTA. On 22nd April one of our destroyers was mined off BONE and was towed into harbour. The same night one of cruisers, with destroyer escort, carried out a sweep SOUTH of MARITTIMO without incident. Night 24/25 April destroyers from BONE and MALTA operated in the SICILIAN Channel.

PARA SIX.

AIR.

Throughout the period aircraft of the Tactical Air Force have continued to attack enemy positions, troops and motor transport in the Battle Area. Aircraft of the Strategic Air Force cooperated in these attacks and in attacks upon enemy landing grounds. In addition, FORTRESSES sank a large merchant vessel off the coast of SICILY on 23rd April. Unfavourable weather conditions interfered with other missions.

PARA SEVEN.

POLITICAL.

Substantial arrivals of FRENCH rearmament equipment have had excellent results. Continued progress is noted in the C.TROUX - GIRAUD conversations.

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From: Algiers
To: War and all interested addressees

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No. 7272 April 27, 1943

Weekly AFHQ G-2 report number 3 for period ending 2400A 25 April. (To AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers Mideast from G-2 Freedom 7272 27th signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI).

2A Italian dispositions. Bersaglieri Dafrica (young Fascists) Division still in coastal sector of Enfidaville position as indicated by identification from PW on 25 April of 8 Bersaglieri Regt and 9 Autonomous Bn of young Fascists. In sector Excl Dj Garci P-28-incl Takrouna P-3084 are located remnants 65 and 66 Infantry Regiments Trieste Division while Takrouna feature held by Folgore Bn formed from survivors Folgore Parachutist Division. Dj Garci P-28 held by miscellaneous Italian units supported by infantry of 164 Light Division. Italians include 304 Frontier Guard Bn remnants Pistoia and Centauro Divisions and Novara Lancers Group.

B No indications Italian strengths. Tank strength still estimated at 35 of which some 15 may be runners.

3. Total effectives now estimated at 157900 consisting of 112800 Germans and 45000 Italians. Casualties since 18 April 5100 reinforcements 1700 less about 1000 believed left Tunisia as wounded and surplus L of C troops.

4. Capabilities. No evidence at present of enemy evacuation of Tunisia. Infantry forces now fully committed in front line as is indicated by use of engineers and mobile troops in infantry role. Enemy has suffered heavy losses in armour but is still able to maintain tenacious opposition in plain north of Pont Du Fahs. Resistance very stubborn on all fronts and withdrawals only

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occurred after heavy losses and against superior forces.
Withdrawal to smaller bridgehead around Tunis and Bi-
zerte and possibly into Cap Bon Peninsula will be bit-
terly contested. Lack of reserves and losses sustained
by enemy has probably resulted in very strained posi-
tion for Axis though it is to be expected he will con-
tinue in face of our pressure to offer stubborn resis-
tance until his troops exhausted.

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office (Action)
War (Info)
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No. 7320, April 27, 1943.

First US Armd Div J 2653. Three Four Inf Div
J 3347. Nine Inf Div J 2277

3. Movements in progress. Twenty April.
Foue Tabor left Fez for Soyk El Arba. One Para Bde
left Beja for Boufarik. Movements completed. One
Ranger Bn arrived Oran from Gafsa.

4. Comparison of strength. Read Allied Axis.
Inf Bns 8th Army Sector 39. 32. 19 Corps 29.
139th Corps 18. 75th Corps 24. 82nd Corps 29.
17th Reserve 0. 6 total 139. 83 artillery pieces
8th Army Sector 554. 315 19 Corps 189. 499th
Corps 236. 615 Corps 327. 522 Corps 312. 48
total 1620. 525 serviceable Allied tanks. Total
Axis tanks. 8th Army 290. 20 19th Corps 129. 0
9th Corps 274. 565 Corps 219. 22 Corps 219. 0
Reserve 0. 15 total 1131 QM 111.

5. Casualties. Read officers and other. 8th
Army week ending 23 April killed 12. 110 wounded
60. 837 missing 3. 65 total 75. 1012. First Army
excluding 19 Corps week ending 23 April killed 17.
181 wounded 43. 532 missing 15. 359 total 75
1072. Of those weekly summary no 5 as missing 51
others have returned to their units. Two Corps

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killed 13, 63 wounded 475. Five Corps J 4829. Two
Corps J 1744. 19 Corps consists of Schwartz Div
O 7328. Mathinet Div O 5976. Conne Div O 926. 69
Corps consists of 46 Div (4th part of 7320) 765
missing 1. 449 total 61, 1277.

6. Prisoners. Read German Italian. Eighth
Army 8 days ending 22nd April 321, 595. 1st Army
excluding 18 Corps 950. 35 and unclassified 226.

7. Administrative summary. General adminis-
trative situation 18th Army Gp satisfactory.

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

No. 2100 A, April 27, 1943.

((Part 1 SITREP number 186 for period ending 1800 hours 27 April. (From 18th Army Group O 804 dated 27th. To Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mid-east 5th Army rptd 242nd Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C 12th ASC Tactical Bomber Force NASAF Advance NAAF)) From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 begins. Section 1. Eighth Army. Nothing to report.

Section 2. First Army. (A). 19th Corps. 7th RTM have reached P 0097. 29th RTA are following up and are to take line point 310 J 9502 Brechma J 9203. 2nd RTA on line Hir El Tahouna O 9297 to point 207 O 875995. Matfinet Division now firmly established on hills overlooking Pont Du Fahs. Patrols towards Pont Du Fahs this morning were shelled and machine gunned. They later captured machine gun at J 825043. They also detected minefield in area J 8705. (B). 9th Corps. During morning Rnejy reinforced area east and southeast Dj Bou Kournine J 8016. Bn 138 Bde and 51st RTE now in area west of Djebel. Armor of 1st British Armored Division now in area south and southwest of Sebkra Djabeur J 7819. 6th Armd Division withdrawn to area Keelif J 5816. (C). 5th Corps. Black Watch attacked Si Abdellah today and captured it after heavy fighting. Our troops now occupy high ground around Sidi Ali Ben Arune J 6347.

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To: War

No. 2100 A, April 27, 1943.

Section 3. Two United States Corps. Recce by 1st US Armd Division reached J 5457 and 5352 without contact. Forward Troops 6th Armd Infantry reached J 5750 and 5851 33 (34) Division troops now on line J 380594 399598 J 41560 J 425601 J 437595. Now apparent Bald Hill J 3775 still held by enemy. But 47th CT are patrolling vigorously towards this position. In the North CFA have reached hill 298 J 3892 and Djes Sema J 3995 with Goum Patrols.

Section 4. Air. Follows. End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT. 2100 A to J 4197.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR - British War Office- Cairo
No: 17271 April 27, 1943

23 April. Whole German armour thus now in area north Pont Du Fahs except possibly (second and last cipher part to AGWAR Troopers Mideast from G-2 Freedom 17271 undated Too nil) Some tanks from 8th Tank Regt left in support Enfidaville line and tanks of a heavy tank bn where arrival predicted some time ago by PWS. TAC/R reports of tanks in Medjerda Valley suggests this battalion forms armoured reserve in north.

Para B. No indications German strengths but believed considerably depleted. Tank strength. German casualties in tanks up to 2400A 25th April estimated from reliable claims as follows. Destroyed 21 April 26 tanks. 23rd April 16 tanks. 24th April 25 tanks. 25th April 16 tanks. Total 83. Estimated total German tanks in Tunisia now number about 100 of which about 68 runners.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
British War Office
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No. 7405, April 27, 1943

Enemy opposing our armoured advance with tanks infantry and screen of antitank guns (part 2 of 7405 from Freedom). Total of 27 tanks seen in battle area during the day and enemy losses in tank battles for 26th April claimed to be 3 Mark 6 and 2 Mark 4 tanks. Total claimed enemy tank losses for 25th April 19 including 3 Mark 6. Enemy still holds Djebel Kournine J 8016 and high ground J 8414 in both of which areas considerable fighting was reported. Tenacious opposition also encountered J 8119. In area South of Pont Du Fahs enemy withdrawal Northwards from Dorsale towards Pont Du Fahs continued little opposition being encountered. By last night enemy had been driven back on road approaching Pont Du Fahs from Southwest to 08199. Further East 2 enemy tanks attempted hold our advance in area Hir Ech Salfia at 0 8888 but later enemy evacuated area to 0 9089. Forward line generally West of Dj Fkirine from 0 9192-0 9284. Enemy withdrawal continues. Prisoners taken 26th April this area total 60. On Enfidaville position further ground was gained from enemy on his Western flank. Otherwise no change is reported in situation and no indications tanks on this front during day. Identifications. German on 25th April. 4th Bn 47th Inf Regt in area North Djebibina PO191. 1st GAF Bn at PO 190. 7th Coy 115th PGR in area Djebel El Farch P1390. 1st Bn 69th PGR and 1st Bn 88th PGR in area East Sebket El Kourzi J 71. Unconfirmed. Parachute Engineer Bn (Witzig), 3rd Bn 756th Mtn Inf Regt, 1st Bn 962nd Inf Regt all in general area Heidous J 54. German-Arab Lehrinheit (presumably

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part 287th Force) in area J 3991. Captured document indicates 501st Heavy Tank Bn and 7th Tank Regt now amalgamated. 26th April from captured documents. 2nd Bn Hermann Goering Grenadier Regt 2nd and HG 1st Battalion Hermann Goering Tank Regt (end of Part 2--part 3 follows) identified from documents. Believed only small part of these Bns have arrived in Tunisia.

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Gen Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: British War Officer (action)
War (info)
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J 53 to high ground reached by 78th Div in Heidous area J 54. (7320 from Freedom) regrouping was uninterrupted till night 21st Apr when enemy attacked with Herman Goering Div supported by 50 to 70 tanks from 501st Tank Bn and 10th * not seriously interfered with by attack and 46th Div attacked 22nd April on 9th Corps front with objectives Dj Melah J 6707 and Argoub Sella J 6913. 128th Bde on night captured objective but were counter attacked and only held western slopes high ground J 6605, J 6609. 138th Bde failed to gain Melah but secured most objectives. 6th Armd Div then moved round south. 138th Bde offensive directed on gap north of Sebket El Kourzia. This enabled 46th Div to gain their objective and by evening 22nd April, 26th Armd Bde was in area J 7415, J 7013 J 7015. Enemy was still holding. 6th Armd Div on 23rd April was directed NE and was engaged by tanks NE of Sebket El Kourzia. Guards Bde secured the area J 7317 1st Br Armd Div was directed north-eastwards on Desanys corner J 7024 and by evening was in area J 7020, J 6517. 6th Armd Div during this day destroyed 16 tanks. Our own tank losses light. 5th Corps attack started 23rd April on front 1st and 78th Div. Despite fierce opposition 1st days objectives mostly gained and 1st Div was on general line J 6835, point 151, J 6836, point 128, J 6739, Sidi Mansour J 6438 Grich El Oued.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSMEAF 44 Apr 27, 1943

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On April 23rd 36 B 25s 12th and 340th Groups attacked Solomon south landing ground bursts observed in target area and at least 1 large enemy aircraft hit. One of our aircraft shot down by anti aircraft fire no chutes seen to open. Same date 6 aircraft 12th Group and 12 aircraft 340th Group attacked enemy troop concentrations and gun emplacements Tunisian battle area observed fires and smoke and 1 direct hit on a gun position. Many personnel believed destroyed. April 23rd P 40s 79th Group made 24 sorties bomber escort 1 aircraft crash landed on return to base but pilot safe. April 24th 36 sorties fighter sweep made by P40s 57th Group plus 48 sorties as fighter bomber no results reported. Book message for Arnold Eaker Bissell Spaatz and Doolittle signed Brereton. Thirty six sorties fighter sweep and reconnaissance made same date by P 40s 79th Group.

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0/797 April 27, 1943

To relieve 36 Bde in this area. 38 Bde advance continued against slight opposition (second and last part of my 0/797 of 27 April) and reached line J5849-J5948. Hq 78 Div now Medjes railway station J5835.

3. 2nd US Corps. 1st US Inf Div with 6th Armd Inf Regt under command made progress towards objectives at J6058-J5662-J5459. 26th CT reached J4959 18th CT J4856-J4855 6th Armd Inf J5651-J5750-J5850. Div Hq at 399518. 34th Div with 135th and 168th CTS forward relieved 26th CT area J4060. 168th CT on general line J3758-J4157. 26th CT now reserve. 91st Recce Sqn with patrols between J3563 (2563) and J3567 protecting left flank of 34th US Div. 9th US Div preparing to attack position area J3776 with CFA and Goums making good progress on left. Forward elements 60th CT reached J3787 39th CT J3483-J3581-J3479 and 47th CT J3777-J3673. Most advanced troops CFA last reported (Section 4. Air. Follows. Cite FHGCT) J4095. 133rd CT moving up from Roumes Souk H63 to Beja J23.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0797, April 27, 1943.

Some further gains were made in ((18th Army Group number 0797, April 27th 0735 A to Troopers (Pass USFOR) USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta- Personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) 242nd Group SOIS Bone Hq L of C 12th ASC Tactical Bomber Force NASAF Adv NAAF for Col MacDonald A 2)). Part 1 SITREP number 185 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 26th April. From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 1. Eighth Army left Sector. Otherwise nothing of importance to report.

Section 2. First Army. (A). 19th Corps. Advance continued on front of both divisions in face of little resistance. 57 PWS claimed. Forward elements Algiers Div last reported at O 9089. Moroccan Div with light armored force area O 8199. Report bridge blown at J 8503. (B). 9th Corps. One British Arm Div and ~~51st~~ Arm Div in action throughout the day in area both east and west of Sebka Sidi Djabeur J 7719 against strongly defended enemy positions of infantry and anti tank guns supported by 20 to 30 tanks. Enemy still holds Dj Kournine J 8216 and east end of feature J 8414. 1 (A) Arm Div is now concentrating area Goubbelat J 8422. 13 8th Bde area J 7417 with 1st Bn and 51st R tanks taking over from 6th Arm Div north east of

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To: War
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Sebkret El Kourzia J 71. Total of 19 enemy tanks destroyed 25th April with a further 5 yesterday. (C). 5th Corps. 4th Div. Area Sidi Salem J 7131 point 164 J 7033 now firmly held by 12th Bde supported by tanks. Patrols report enemy holding line J 7134 J 7234 - J 7355. 1st Br Inf Div. 3rd Inf Bde hold line of 692 eastern grid between 35 and 39 northings. 24 Gds Bde Patrolling towards Djoubou Aboukax J 7145 with 56th Recce Regt at on Ley attacked general line J 7041-J6643 without contact. (End of 1st part. Part 2 follows). 78 Div. Longstop J 6243 incl Dj El Rhar now firmly held. 260 PWS taken this area during afternoon and still more to count. 11 Bde moving.

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (action)
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No. 7491, April 27, 1943

185. Part two. (To USFOR information to AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta Adv NAAF from G-3 Section AFHQ 7491 27 Apr too Nil. SITREP) April 26.

1. Naval. Nil.
2. Movements commenced. Nil. Signed Eisenhower. cite FHGCT. Movements completed. 4th Tabor arrived Souk El Arba coming under Command 2 US Corps. Action USFOR. Addsd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NAAF information for.

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

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office
War - USFOR London (Information)

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On either side of Heidous the 78th Div had gained ground and secured footing on their main objectives Dj Ahmer J 6244 and southern slopes of Dj Tangouch J 5645. Enemy still held Heidous Village. During this day, 4th Div not committed ((3rd part)) 200 PWS captured. Two US Corps was to take over area on left of 5th Corps to sea. First Army was to coordinate plans for 2nd US Corps objectives. Concentration 2nd US Corps in the Northern Sector continued during period 17th-21st April and at 1800 hrs April 18th 2nd Corps assumed command this Sector. Corps was disposed by 21st April with 1st US Inf Div Hunts Gap J 34, 9th US Inf Div Sedjenane, 34th US Inf Div Roumes Souk, 1st US Armd Div less 1st CT Beja area. Morning 23rd April, 2nd Corps began attack and by end of day reached following general line. 18th Inf J 4649, 6th Armd Inf J 5146. 16th Inf J 4253, 47th Inf J 3372, 26th Inf J 4155, 60th Inf J 3389, 39th Inf J 3180, with the Goums and the CFA conforming on left. 100 PWS taken.

Location statement. Eighth Army with Tactical Hq at P 4366 consists of 30th Corps U 9047 and 10th Corps P 4366. Tenth Corps consists of 7th Armd Div P 1472. Five One Div Square P 76. Fifty Div Q 767. 4th Indian Div P 2771. Two New Zealand Div P 3074. Five Six Div Tac P 3970.

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L Force with under command Fighting French Flying
Column. First Army J 1319 consists of 19th Corps
O 4072. ((4th part follows)) 9th Corps.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: War

Number 7271, April 27, 1943

Three for period ending 2400A 25th April.
(To AGWAR Troopers Mideast from G-2 Freedom signed
Eisenhower 7271 undated TOO nil. G-2 AFHQ weekly
review number). Paras 2, 3 and 4 will follow.

Para 1 A. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers Mideast
from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.
German dispositions. No major change German dis-
positions except in Medjez El Bab-Pont Du Fahs sector
where redistribution and reinforcement took place in
preparation enemy attack 21st April and to meet
allied offensive. 754th Infantry Regt and 10 M/C
Bn located east and southeast Medjez El Bab. Whole
of Hermann Goering Jeager Regt and 2nd and 3rd Bns
HG Grenadier Regt disposed from northeast Coubellat-
Sebkret El Kourzia (J 71). 2nd Bn 7th Tank Regt
identified in fighting north of Goubellat and later
in tank battles north of Sebkret El Kourzia but
number of tanks engaged suggests whole regiment
present. 69th PGR and 86th PGR identified from
Yorker west of Pont Du Fahs. 2nd Bn 69th PGR and
2nd Bn 86th PGR later identified in action North
Sebkret El Kourzia at J 8018 and probability is
one Bn of each regiment still disposed Pont Du Fahs
area south of Sebkret. 501st Heavy Tank Bn was
identified North of Goubellat and later with 7th
Tank Regt in area J 71. Yorker indicates 5th
Tank Regt cooperating with or under command 10th
Panzer Division. Remainder 21st Panzer Division

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N.L.O. 8th Army

From: C. in C. Med.

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 85.

1. During the night 25 April/26 April
 - (a) AURORA ESKIMO and LOOKOUT carried out sweep to Merittimo.
 - (b) M.T.B. 639 and 635, on (?passage) from Bone to Zembretta and Southern half of Sicilian Channel, sunk two large lighters carrying petrol, by combination of gun and torpedo fire in vicinity of Plane Island at 2305/25. 10 survivors were recovered.
 - (c) Other M.T.B.'s from Bone operated in Bizerte Roads and M.T.B. 311 reports seeing at 0240/26 what appeared to be a tanker blow up and burst into flames in position 37 degs. 14 mins. North 10 degs. 21 mins. East.
2. During the night 26 April/27 April -
 - (a) TARTAR and LOYAL carried out sweep to Merittimo and M.G.B.'s and M.T.B.'s from Bone operated in Gulf of Tunis.
 - (b) M.T.B. 311 on Bizerte Roads sweep sunk small merchant vessel by torpedo at 0230/27 off Carl Rocks.
3. H.M.S. UNSEEN reports at 1103/18 in position 36 degs. 16 mins. North 13 degs. 11 mins. East attacked tanker escorted by 2 escort vessels and 2 E-Boats one of the escorts was sunk.

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4. H.M.S. SARACEN reports at 1325/19 sank FRANCESCO CRISPI Class Liner and merchant vessel resembling MONTELA in approaches to Eastwa. At 0102/22 attacked convoy of two Edda Class merchant vessels in position 42 degs. 03 mins North 09 degs. 48 mins East one ship which was apparently full of ammunition or petrol blew up.

5. H.M.S. SICKLE reports at 0830/23 attacked Italian MAURO CROCE North of Alencia torpedoes ran under but gun hits were obtained before ship escaped into territorial waters.

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No. 0/798 April 27, 1943

(From 18 Army Group to Troopers (*) Freedom
Governor Malta - personal for FM Viscount Gort
Mideast 5th Army rptd 242 Group SOIS Bone Hq L of C
Main 8th Army 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force NASAF
1st Army 2 US Corps Adv NAAF No. 0/798)

Part 1 SITREP No. 185 for 24 hours ending
2359 hrs 26 Apr from AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1
continues.

Section 4. Air. During night 25/26
and day 26th. Intensive heavy effort continued by
light and medium bombers concentrated on Army object-
ives in battle areas. Enemy landing grounds also
successfully attacked. Our fighter activity countered
(*) localities. End of continuation Part 1 Part 2
follows. Cite FHGCT. TOO 0735 A 27 Apr.

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office
WAR-USFOR London (info)

No. 7320 April 26, 1943

7th Weekly summary. (To Troopers rptd AGWAR
USFOR from G-3 Section AFHQ 7320 26th signed Eisenhower
cite FHGCT.

Para 1. Summary of operations 17th-23rd April.
8th Army. 17th-18th and most of 19th spent regrouping
and patrolling. At 2130 hrs 19th April 10th Corps
with under command 50th and 2nd NZ Divs, 8th Armd Bde,
4th Indian Div, 23rd Armd Bde, L Force and 7th Armd
Div launched attack on Enfidaville position. By 20th
Apr evening Enfidaville captured. Line ran 50th Div
from coast along 92nd north to road thence 2nd NZ Div
held Dj El Hamaid P 3087 part of Takrouna-Sidi El Kafi
P 4683 thence 4th Indian Div on southern slopes Dj
Garci with 7th Armd Div and L Force securing left flank.
Dj Garcé was captured by 4th Indian Div and Oakrouta
was cleared by NZ Div. During this whole period fighting
was fierce and bitter. Enemy launched series savage
counterattacks against our positions but all repulsed
with considerable enemy loss. Over 800 prisoners taken.
Decision made to make main thrust up coast. 4th and 2nd
NZ Divs to be relieved by 51st Div which moved forward.
4th Indian and 2nd NZ Divs were concentrated south
Enfidaville. 2nd NZ Div relief not yet complete. 167th
and 169th Bdes of 56th Div have moved up relieving 50th

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Div which returns to Delta. 1st Army. Regrouping for offensive east starting 22nd April. 19th Corps. Re-organized in 3 Divs and continued normal patrol activity. 9th Corps 1st British Armd Div, 46th Div, 6th Armd Div concentrated with latter in area Fedj El Attia J 5212. 56th Div in area J 5806, J 5017, J 6505. (1st part 2nd follows). 1st Armd Div area Ali El Agued J 5208. 5th Corps. 1st, 4th and 78th Divs were in area from west of Goubellat J 62, Medjex El Bab.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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To: War
British War Office
Fifth Army

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No. 1513, April 26, 1943.

Part 3 124 Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGT. Northwest African Strategical A F. (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Gr Up Hq. Liaison Gr Up FRHM NWAAF Adv Hq A 1513 E 26/4 April 25). Day 25th April. B 26 Marauders mission to attack Milas landing ground not completed and bombs jettisoned. One B 26 Marauder exploded in mid air. Other bomb missions cancelled due TM weather and field conditions. Weather and rcn missions flown by P 38 Lightnings. NWA Tactical AF. Night 23/24 April. Wellingtons attacked Soliman south landing ground. WE hampered operations. Results unobserved. Day 24 April. Hurribombers bombed Heint Du Fahs and 1 fire started. Spitfires flew bomber escort mission and many fighters sweeps over battle area. Guns: motor transport and troops successfully attacked Urjeriport destroyed 4 ME 109 and 1 JU 88 and damaged 4 ME 109 1 Spitfire destroyed 9 Spitfires missing and 2 Spitfires damaged. Day 25 April. Concentrations of attacks in support of 1st Army throughout day produced heaviest air effort this far in this Command. Medium and light bombers attacked motor transport, tanks, guns and troops with good results. Many fighter sweeps flown bringing total sorties for day to more than 900. Enemy air activity was slightly increased but seemed unwilling to engage. Report destroyed 1 MC 202. Probably destroyed 3 ME

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To: War
British War Office
5th Army
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109. Damaged 8 ME 109. Lost 7 Spitfires 2 Hurri-
bombers and 2 P 39 Airocobras. NWA Coastal A F.
Night 23/24 April. Hudsons (Part 2 comes) searched
for missing Beaufighter and Hurricane without re-
sults.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN DRANE (CC/S)
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From: Amara
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5650, April 26, 1943

New Zealand Division occupied line P 2786
P 2866. 25th report enemy outpost P 3088. 10th
Armd Div tanks concentrating area J 7514. Indi-
cations enemy artillery moving east covering
coast road. Prisoner war stated 8th Bers Regt
P 4096. Prisoners war report 115 PGR P 1389. Hq
15th Armd Div P 2299. Hq 164th now K 1902. 90th
Lt Div unchanged. 8th Tank Regt moving to area
Depienne J 9818. 3 Rcn unit to move via Cmsan
Dif Tunis La Moha Media K 04 to area Bir Meherga
J 92. Young Fascists area P 3290. Mine fields
500 feet deep on Razor Back Ridge. Heavy fighting
reported P 2889. From Brereton tank battle rag-
ing J 81 J 72 J 73 indications all Dak probably
involved. Tank strength 10th Armd Div 47 of which
8 with battle group remain.

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To: War

No. 0795 April 26, 1943

For 24 hours ending 1900 hours 26 Apr (from 18th Army Group number 0795 dated 26. TOO 2020A. To Troopers USFOR (Troopers pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort. Mideast 5th Army rptd 242 Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C 12th ASC Tactical Bomber Force NASAF Adv NAAF for Col MacDonald A-2 (part 1 sitrep number 185) from AFHQ signed C in C.

1. 8th Army. NTR.

2. 1st Army. (A) 19th Corps. Advance of Mathinet Div continues, and is reported to have met with little opposition. At 1100 hrs first groupement de Tabors advance was held up in area O 8888 by two enemy tanks by 1230 hours 1st Bn 2nd RTA has reached O 8095 and another O 8494. At 1245 hrs 15th RTS was moving southeast from 7393 to area O 7592 with Div reserve. Algerian Division has reached general line O 83860 8887 O 9386. The Moroccan Div encountered some opposition but 29th RTA have reached O 7878 and O 7882. French tanks are now reported O 8598 (B) 9th Corps. Heavy fighting has continued with both 1st British Arm'd Div and 6th Arm'd Div. Our tanks have reached J 8119 and are meeting with stiff opposition. An attack by an armoured regiment on J 7620 was in progress this morning. The result not yet known. Armoured fighting was in progress round Dj Bou Kourinee J 8016. 7 (C) 5th Corps long stop J 6243 has now been completely cleared of the enemy. At 1030 hours black watch were in area Mediene J 7131 and a squadron of our tanks was reported at J 7335. Patrols from 24 Gds Bde have pushed northeast towards Dj Bou Aouka J 7145 and indications are that the enemy have pulled out from

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3. 2nd US Corps intention of 9th Inf Div is to attack Bald Hill and Green Hill J 3775 and J 3777. In the north CFA are advancing and patrols have crossed the J 40 eastings grid line.

4. Air. Follows. Cite FHGCT.

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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: War - British War Office

No. 7116, April 26, 1943

South Jefna Road, enemy forces engaged on high ground Kef Maksour in area J 3573. (To AGWAR Troopers information to 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 7116 undated. Operations.) Local withdrawals in this sector but resistances still stubborn. In Sidi Nsir sector, enemy driven back from area station De Sidi Nsir and from high ground of Kef El Goraa to South of road. Front line last night 25th April ran from J 4260-J 4655-Dar Amrous at J 4652. In Heidous sector, last remaining enemy forces cleared from Heidous Village J 5544. 87 prisoners taken. 1st Bn 982nd IR hoisted white flag on Djebel Tanngouche (J 5645). East Medjez El Bab, no enemy contacted by patrols in Si Medienn area at J 6831, J 7228 and J 7229. Local enemy counterattacks reported on this sector, but front line remains unchanged. In area North of Sebkret El Kourzia J 71, enemy counterattacked strongly supported by tanks, and armoured engagements continued throughout the day. Losses in men, tanks and antitank guns inflicted on enemy, who was pushed back to Sebkret Sidi Djabeur J 7819 and Djebel Kournine J 8176. 16 enemy tanks claimed destroyed during day. South of Sejkret El Kourzia J 71, enemy was compelled to withdraw from feature at J 7306 to area East Dar Abd El Djellil J 7505, and was driven from Thibica J 7904 by last light

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25th April. In Northern Dorsal, enemy withdrawal reported during night 24th-25th April from main heights of Djebel Mansour O 7092, Djebel Bou Kril 07381, Djebel Edjehaf and Djebel Sefscuf O 8679. (First part second and last follows) Hir Magra O 7799 also clear of enemy, and by evening 25th April front line was reported to run from

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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To: WAR

No. 7116, April 26, 1943

Part 1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 25th April. Identifications. German. By PWS on 24th April 1 BN 200th PGR in area P 3290. 7 COY 115th PGR in area P 1389. 1Bn 961st Inf Regt on Djebel Tangouche J 5645. Italian. By PWS on 24th April. 9 Autonomous Bn, Young Fascists in area P 3290. (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Arm Corps and 8th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI). General comment. Tenacious resistance by enemy on all fronts. Bulk of enemy armour now believed in area square J 81, with small armoured reserves to support infantry on south bank river Medjerda. Tank runners believed low and enemy resiting our armour mainly with infantry and guns. Enemy withdrawal from whole Northern Dorsale possible in view our threat in Pont Du Fahs area. In general, enemy strength reduced, but will continue to resist stubbornly as long as possible.

2. East Hir Magra J 8000-Djebel Solbia O 7892-road junction 07587-Hir Oum Ech Salia 08988. (To AGWAR Troopers info to 18th Army Gp 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 7116 undated) on Southern Front, enemy cleared from hills northeast Takrouns at P 3189 during night 24th-25th April and prisoners taken. Heavy engagement during afternoon 25th April and enemy cleared from strongpoints in Djebel Garci-Takrouna

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSME 5749 April 26, 1943

Enfidaville area 56th Div with 169th Brig and 201st Guards Brig under command relieved 50th Div 24th and 51st Div relieved 4th Ind Div 24th extended their boundary to east to include Takrouna P 2786. Night 24th-25th further advance made and number of prisoners taken. Afternoon 25th after sharp engagement enemy cleared from strong points central sector. Heavy artillery engagements continued throughout day.

From Brereton, April 25th RAF reports 144 light and medium bomber sorties against enemy positions Razor Back Ridge and P 3695. Thirty six light bombers attacked Soliman south landing ground. Ten fires reported by fighter escort. Fighter bombers claim many near misses on enemy shipping off Cape Bon from several attacks. Fighters destroyed 1 ME 110, 1 MC 202 and damaged 1 ME 109 during day. Four Spitfires lost. Two pilots safe.

April 25th, 9th Air Force reports no operations 98th or 376th Groups. Thirty seven bombers 12th group carried out 2 missions dropping 32,700 lbs of bombs from 8 to 9,500 feet on enemy concentration and landing grounds. Observed as near misses on buildings, group of motor transport hit at Pin Point, fires at Pin Point.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR
No. AMSME 5749 April 26, 1943

Two B 25's lost due to collision, not enemy activity.
No operations of 57th Group. Two hundred five fighters
carried out 5 missions as bomber escort and fighter
sweep. Five bombers 178th Squadron (RAF) night 23-
24th dropped 30,000 lbs of bombs from 11 to 17,000
feet on Naples observing bomb bursts at Pin Points.
April 23rd 58 fighters 79th Group carried out 3
missions as bomber escort.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: War

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No. 0767, April 26, 1943.

For 24 hours ending 1900 hours 26 Apr. ((From 18 Army Group number 0767 dated 26. TOO 2020A. To Troopers USFOR (Troopers Pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal * 242 Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force NASAF Adv NAAF for Col MacDonald A 2.

Part 1. SITREP Number 185 * from AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 begins. Section 1, Eighth Army. N T R.

Section 2. First Army. (A) 19 Corps. Advance of Matinet Div continues. And is reported have met with little opposition. At 1100 hrs 1st groupment De Tabors advance was held up in area O 8838 by 2 enemy tanks. By 1230 hours 1 Bn 2 RTA has reached O 8095 and another O 8494. At 1245 hrs 15th RTA was moving South East * 07393 to area O 7592 with Div reserve. Algerian Division has reached general line O 8386 O 8887 O 9386. The Moroccan Div encountered some opposition but 29 RTA have reached O 7878 and O 7882. French tanks are now reported O 8598. (B). Nine Corps. Heavy fighting has continued with both 1 British Armd Div and 6 Armd Div. Our tanks have reached J 8119 and are meeting with stiff opposition. An attack by an Armored Regiment on J 7620 was in progress this morning. The result not yet known. Armored fighting was in progress round Dj Bou Kourine J 8016. (C). Five Corps. Longstop J 6243 * Oihuyov been completely cleared of the enemy. At

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From: Algiers

To: War

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1030 hour Black Watch were in area Qediene J 7131 and a squadron of our tanks ‡ reported at J 7335. Patrols from 24 GI Bde have pushed northeast towards Dj Bou Aouka J 7145 and indications are that the enemy have pulled out from this area.

Section 3. Two US Corps. Intention of 9 Inf Div is to attack Bald Hill and Green Hill J 3775 and J 3777. In the north CFA are advancing and patrols have crossed the J 40 Eastings Grid Line.

Section 4. Air. Follows. End of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FBCT.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR London (action)
War (info)
Info to all others concerned

No. 7252 Apr 26, 1943

Sitrep 184 Part 2 (action USFOR rptd AGWAR.
Troopers, 5 Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq,
Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, adv NWAAP for information
from G-3 section AFHQ cite FHGCT signed Eisenhower.
7252 April 25. No part 2 Sitrep 183 issued.

1. Naval. Night 23/24 April. MTBS from Malta
and Sousse operated in Sicilian channel. Other MTBS from
Sousse swept eastern shore gulf of Tunis and then pro-
ceeded Bone. MTL from Bone operated Bizerta roads
and shot down 1 JU 88. Night 24/25 April. Destroyers
carried out sweep to Marittimo. Others operated
Sicilian channel. Latter force was attacked by
fighters off Pantepalaria, sustaining minor damage.
Same night MTBS and MGBS from Bone operated Gulf of
Tunis and Bizerta roads.

2. Movements. Nil.

3. L of C. Twenty four April. Coast Battery
Cap De Garde fired 12 rounds at 2130 A hours on infor-
mation from Navy. No results reported.

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Action: OPD
Information: G-2, CG AAF, Gen Deane CC/S, Adm King, LOG

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From: Casablanca
To: WAR

No. 0789, April 26, 1943

(Part 1 sitrep number R 184 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 25 April (From 18 Army Group to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd 242nd Group Bone area for Sois Hq L of C 12th ASCYU Tactical Bomber Force NASAF advance NAAF Colonel MacDonald A 2 number 0789 dated 26 to 0513). From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 1. 8th Army a further advance was made during the night 24/25 April and a number of prisoners taken. During afternoon 25 April after sharp engagement our troops cleared the enemy from strong points in the central sector. Artillery engagements continued throughout the day. Section 2. 1st Army. (A) 19th Corps. Enemy had withdrawn before 19th Corps attack had started. Div D ° Alger advanced without contact to O 9277. O 9080 O 8275. Div Du Maroc similarly to general line Henchi Magra O 7699 Dj Bou Kehil O 7481. (B). 9th Corps. Armoured engagements in 9th Corps area have continued today with equal intensity. 2nd Armd Bde making slight progress Northeast of Sbkret El Kourzia J 7512 Tosebkra Sidi Djabeur J 7819. 6th Armd Division on the right in area Dj Kournine J 8116. At least 16 enemy tanks in area claimed destroyed and number US anti tank guns. (C) TUWL Corps. 78th Division

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To: WAR

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captured Dj Tanngoucha J 5645 Heidous J 5544 and have
taken 87 PW. Section 3. 2nd United States Corps. Fol-
lows. Section 4. Air. Follows. Cite FHGCT.

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Action: OPD
Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane. (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: War - British War Office (Action)
(Information - all others concerned)

Unnumbered April 26, 1943

Enemy withdrew without opposition area northwest Takruna P 2886. Stiff counter attacks against our positions replused with losses.

Part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 24th April. Identifications. German. 24th April. Two Bn 962 Inf Regt area J 3585. 334 Engineer Bn area J 5353. Prisoners state unit is being employed as infantry. Two Bn 86 PGR and 2 Bn 69 PGR area J 8018. Five Tank Regt and 501 Heavy Ack Bn in area north Sebker E J Kourzia J 71. Tunisian volunteer Lebrea J 3590. Four Bn 47 Inf Regt identified area P 0585 on 23 April. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF AC 12th AF NBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armcd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. General enemy hard pressed in all sectors opposing 1 Army and obliged use Engineers and MC Troops as ordinary infantry. ~~Fraxwing~~ heavy tanks losses 21-23 April, reasonable to expect whole enemy armour except probably unidentified heavy tank Bn north brought up in support 7 Tank Regt and 501 Heavy Abteilung. Tenacious resistance all fronts and enemy intention clearly maximum op-

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 6984, April 26, 1943

Cancel our previous message herewith check and repeat. Message ref number 0/756. (To Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Governor Malta personal for Fm Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd 242 Group Sois Bone Hq L of C area 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Con area for Adv NAA (for Col McDonald A-2) NASAF from Freedom 6984 25 TH TOO NIL) From 18th Army Group signed Eisenhower, Cite FMGCT. Amend SITREP 17 9 to read SITREP 180.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-15477 (26 Apr 43) OPD

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

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 0788 April 26, 1943

Guards Bde and NZ div attacked last night (18th Army Group number 0788 April 25 too 2045555 Troopers USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governer Malta personal for PM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rpt 242 Group Sois L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force NASAP adv NAAAF (for Col MacDonald A2 (*) sitrep number 184 for period ending 1800 hours 25 April. From AFHQ signed CINC.) Part 1 begins. Section 1. 8th Army and captured Terhouna feature P 3189. Guards Bde took 50 prisoners and are now well placed for assault on Djebel Mengoub P 3091.

Section 2. 1st Army. (A) 19th Corps. Early this morning patrols found enemy had withdrawn in some places. Mathet Div is now advancing in area 07080 and 06787. (B) 9 Corps. 139 Bde attacked at 0200 hrs and captured the Si Marrour feature J 7308. The position is now being consolidated with patrols forward to J 3608 and J 7695 in the 26 Armd Bde area. Hard fighting continued again early this morning. Despite enemy counter attacks supported by tanks our forward positions remained intact and losses of men and tanks were inflicted on the enemy's M2 Armd Bde moved to area J 7617. (C) 5 Corps 4th Div patrols at Si Medienne reported no contact at Pt 109 J 6831 and J 7228 and J 7229. 121 Div front remains unchanged despite focal counter attacks. Section 3. 2 US Corps. 1 Inf Div. Most advanced elements of 26 Inf J 4280 16 Inf J 4635 18 Inf J 4652. 9 Inf Div. 39 no change during night. 47 Inf attacking towards hill 502 J 3573 and towards hill 598 J 3572 60 Inf no change during night. Div Arty harass fires fired by all units (end of part 1. Part 2 follow. Cite FHQCT) during

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INFORMATION: G-2 CGAAF CCS (GEN. DEANE) ADM. KING LOG

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To : War-USFOR

No. 0/791 April 26, 1943

SITREP no 184 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 27
Apr. From 18 Army Group 0/791 26 Apr TOD 0725 A. To
Troopers USFOR (Troopers pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor
Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army 242
Group base area for SOIS HQ L of C Main 8th Army 12 ASC
Tactical Bomber Group NASAF 1st Army 2 US Corps Adv
Naaf (For Col MacDonald A2). From AFHQ signed C in C.
Section 4 AIR heavy scale of air effort directed to assist-
ing the progress of the land forces. Target selected main-
ly in battle area. Enemy air activity on increased scale.
Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 7405, April 25, 1943

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In Northern Sector between coast and Jefna Road enemy forces finally cleared from Djebel Ainehouna J 3382 and pushed back with little resistance east of north south line through J 3590. Enemy contacted north Djebel Khata at J 3787. This operations paragraph of G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 26th April. (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers Pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv La Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Arm Corps and 8th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 7405). On Jefna road enemy withdrew to area Bir Salem J 3676. Further south forces on high ground Kef Maksour J 3473 were pushed back to area J 3767 which was later reported strongly held. South of Sidi Nsir road enemy was forced to give ground east of Kef Ef Gbraa J 45 which was finally cleared of enemy troops. Our attack forced him to withdraw to area Djebel Touta J 4857-western features Djebel Sidi Meftah J 4855 - Southeast Dar Amrous J 4850-east J 5449. Enemy withdrawal under pressure continues. In Heidous sector enemy has been driven back about 3 miles north of Heidous to J 5849-J5948. Slight opposition only encountered during day. Djebel El Ahmera J 6243 now completely cleared of enemy and prisoners counted during 26th April from this operation total 260. South of Medjerda river no enemy contacted on general line J 6643-J 7141, 8 miles northeast of Medjez El Bab. No opposition was encountered by our patrols northeast to Djebel Bou Acoukajd J 7146 and indications are that enemy is pulling out of this area. During morning 26th April 22 tanks reported in area J 7142 probably part of reserve tanks from unidentified bn believed to be in Northern Sector. In sector east of Medjez El

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 7405, April 25, 1943

Bab enemy held our attack from Si Medienne J 7032 in area of Si Salem J 7132. Resistance stubborn but at last light enemy FCL's reported in area of J 7134-J 7234. Northeast of Sebkret El Kourzia heavy engagements continued throughout 26th April (2nd part follows.)

Note: See CM-IN-16367 (4-27-43)G-2

Action: G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office-USFOR- WAR-Malta-Cairo-Oujda
No. O 784 April 25, 1943

Pressure was maintained on the front throughout the day and further gains made night 23/24 April were firmly held. (From 18 Army Group O 784 to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd 242 Group Bone area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force NASAF Advance NAAF for Colonel MacDonald A 2. Part 1 SITREP number 183 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 24 April. From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 1. 8th Army) At last light 51 Division extended their boundary to east to include Takrouna P 2786. Hq 56th Division with 169 Bde and 201 Guards Bde under command have taken over coastal sector.

Section 2. 1st Army. During the day a general improvement in our positions has taken place which has resulted in hard fighting against bitter opposition on all fronts. (A). 19th Corps. Quiet. (B). 9th Corps 1st Arm'd Division made a little progress today. Forward elements of 2nd Arm'd Bde reached J 753210 J 753228 J 736225 where the advance was checked by a heavy anti screen and mines. Forward element of 26th Arm'd Bde reached J 7915 J 7717 J 7518 where attempts to break through to the northeast developed into a number of tank accidents. There was very strong enemy opposition

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on Dj Kournine J 8016 and high ground Dj Rouissate J 8213. Enemy aircraft were particularly active in this area with strafing and bombing. 1st Guards Ede cleared high ground ~~St Delfallah~~ J 7417 and consolidated gains on general line J 7616 J 7518. (C). 5th Corps. Leading elements 4th Division reached Sidi Medien J 7031 contacted enemy and withdrew leaving standing patrols. Very fierce fighting on the 1st Division front has continued since last night and casualties have been heavy on both sides. Two Foresters made a successful counter attack on point 174 J 6937 under smoke screen with Churchills in support. (Cipher Part 2 follows). The attack pushed forward to point 170 J 6938 and both positions were firmly established.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING
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From: Algiers
To: WAR - British War Office (action)

Number Y 3487 April 25, 1943

Seven Tank Regt and 501 Heavy Tank Bn in area north Sebket El Kourzia J 71. Tunisian Volunteer Bn area J 3590. 4 Bn 47 Regt identified area P 0585 on 23 April. (second and last cipher part of 6913 date nil. Too Nil. From G2 Freedom) General. Enemy hard pressed in all sectors opposing 1st Army and obliged use Engineers and MC troops as ordinary infantry. Following heavy tank losses 21 - 23 April, reasonable to expect whole enemy armour except probably unidentified heavy tank Bn in north brought up in support 7 Tank Regt and 501 heavy Abteilung. Tenacious resistance all fronts and enemy intention clearly maximum opposition. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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From: Algiers
To: War (and all other interested stations)

No. 6913, April 25, 1943

Operations. Northern sector coast to Jefna Road, enemy forced withdraw to approximate line J 3297-J 3692-J 3690-Djebel Ainehouna J 3281. Enemy forces contacted East Side Jefna Road and on Kef Maksour J 3372. Local withdrawals only on hills around Dar Amrous J 45. Heidous sector enemy driven from Djebel Tangouche J 5645, but last night 24 April still held Heidous village J 5644 strength about 1 coy. During afternoon 24 April enemy pushed from most Djebel Ahmera J 6144 but maintained footing North West slopes and later reoccupied whole feature. (AQWAR for WDGBI, Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group (18th Army Group pass 2nd Corps) 1st Army, 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC, 12th Air Force MBS ABS, Malta, Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower, cite FHGBI 6913 date NIL. TOO NIL.) East Medjez El Bab, fierce opposition encountered enemy resisted after being overrun and counterattacked evening 24 April. Tanks used in support of unsuccessful counterattacks. Enemy then driven back to line J 6840-J 6938-J 7135-J 7034. Prisoners taken 24 April in Heidous-Medjerda Sector total 350. East Giubellat, extensive minefields encountered on Axis road in area Hir El Berouik J 72. Enemy antitank screen area Si Aissa J 7521-J 7522 checked our further advance. North Sebket El Kourzia J 71, enemy forces driven back to J 7518-J 7915 and engaged our armour this area. Further East,

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Djebel Kournine J 8016 and high ground J 8113 held in strength and 30 enemy tanks seen this line during day. Further South, enemy infantry withdrew from West Sebket El Kournia to line J 7308-J 7200. Northern Dorsale situation quiet except for patrols. Enfidaville position enemy withdrew without opposition area North West Takrouna P 2886. Stiff counterattacks against our positions repulsed with losses.

Part 1.

Land.

G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 24 April. Identifications. German. 24 April. 2 Bn 962nd Inf Regt area J 3585. 334th Engineer Bn area J 5353 Prisoners state unit is being employed as infantry. 2nd Bn 86th Pgr and 2nd (end of 1st cipher part 2 part follows) Bn 69th Pgr in area J 8018.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Number 0784 April 25, 1943

First Kings Shropshire Light Infantry occupied point 158 J 6838. Enemy counter attacked with tanks at 1700 hours against the Second Foresters who with Ch Churchill support drove the enemy back. (O 784 from 18 Army Group. Addresses as in part one). First Scots Guards repulsed successfully a counter attack on point 151 J 6840 at 1600 hours. During the afternoon 78 Division seized Dj El Bhar J 6144 but a few enemy continued to hold the northwest slopes. Subsequently it was decided to withdraw our troops to their original line on the main feature as the position could not be held. Section 3. 2 United States Corps. Most advanced elements Corps Franc D'Afrique reported 3rd Bn at J 3692, 2nd Bn J 3491 Goumes Bn area J 3297. 9th Infantry Division. One Bn 60 Infantry J 3690, 2 Bn 60 Infantry J 3489, 3 Bn 60 Infantry J 3788, 1 Bn 39 Infantry J 3281, 1 Bn 47 Inf J 3372 1st Infantry Division CP at J 3550. Most advanced elements 3 Bn 26 Infantry J 3759, 1 Bn 26 Infantry J 4025, 2 Bn 26 Infantry J 4225, 2 Bn 16 Infantry J 4353, 3 Bn 16 Infantry J 4453, 1 Bn 18 Inf J 4653, 2 Bn 18 Inf J 4750. (Section 4. Air. Follows. End of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT. TOO 0740 A) 6 Arm Infantry J 5147, J 5146, J 5245. 135 Infantry and 125 FA moving from Roumes Souk to

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 6984, April 25, 1943.

Message ref number O/756 from 18th Army Group.
(To Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Governor Malta personal
for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army information to
rptd 242 Group SOIS Bone Hq L of C Area 12th ASC Tactical
Bomber Force Con Area for Adv NAAF for Col McDonald A-2 NASAF
NASAF from G-3 Section AFHQ 6984 25th April). Signed
Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Amend SITREP 179 to read SITREP
180. Action Troopers pass USFOR, AGWAR, Governor
Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort, 5th Army rptd
242nd Group, SOIS Bone, Hq L of C, 12th ASC Tactical
Bomber Force, Con Area for Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald
A-2), NASAF for information).

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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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IN

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-73
BY SP DATE FEB 19 1974

From: C. in C. Mediterranean

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 84.

1. During night 23/24 April M.T.B's from Malta and Sousse operated in the Sicilian Channel. Other M.T.B's (operating) from Sousse swept Eastern shore of Gulf of Tunis and returned to Bone. M.G.B's and M.T.B's from Bone carried out sweep to Bizerta Roads one JU 88 attacked at 0120/24 and was promptly shot down, crashing close by and bursting into flames.
2. During night 24/25 April, Destroyers of Force Q carried out sweep to Marittimo and Nubian, PALADIN and PETARD operated in Sicilian Channel. Letter were attacked by enemy fighters North West of Pantellaria at 0405/25 minor damage was sustained and PETARD had 5 seriously wounded. M.T.B's and M.G.B's from Bone carried out sweeps in Gulf of Tunis and Bizerta Roads.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSME 5744, April 25, 1943

Pressure by 8th Army maintained on front throughout 24th. Gains made night 23rd-24th firmly held.

From Brereton night 23rd-24th RAF heavy bombers attacked Soliman south landing ground. Patrols maintained over Cape Bon, no losses, no claims. One fighter bomber attack enemy positions P 3691. Few sweep and ran only other operations due bad weather.

9th Air Force reports supplement to follow on operations 24th. April 23rd, 84 fighters 57th Group carried out 2 missions fighter bomber and fighter sweep. No observations. Only activity 1 plane hit by ack ack. 23rd 36 fighters 79th Group carried out 1 fighter sweep and Rcn. Report no other operations.

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OSD letter, May, 1, 1975

By SLR

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INFORMATION: OPD
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General Deane (CC/S)

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38th Army Group
N.L.O. 8th Army
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BY SR . DATE FEB 19 1974

From: C. in C. Med.

SITREP NO. 83?

1. DJIDJELLI was bombed at about 0500/21 one L.C.I. (L) was set on fire and two others damaged there were a small number of naval casualties.
2. During the night 21st/22nd April M.T.B's from Malta operated off Eastern Coast of Gulf of Tunis and those from Bone between Bizerta and Zembretta.
3. H.M.S. BADSWORTH was mined at 1655/22 in position 0036 degs. Cape de Gerde 4.3 miles ship was damaged aft and has been berthed in Boen. No serious casualties.
4. During the night 22nd April/23rd April PENELOPE ESKIMO and LOOKOUT carried out sweep South of Marittimo M.T.B's from Malta were in vicinity of Kelibia and M.G.B's and M.T.B's from Bone operated in Gulf of Tunisia.
5. Three German Type Q mines were swept on 23rd April in approaches to Bone.
6. H.M.S. UNRIVALLED reports at 0120/19 in position 38 degs. 15 mins. N 12 degs. 00 mins. E. sank 1500 ton merchant vessel which had been stopped as a result of bombing. Success of UNRIVALLED's attack was due to air co-operation. At 1547/19 in position 38 degs. 22 mins. N 12 degs. 36 mins. E. fired four torpedoes at 3000 ton Westbound Tanker all torpedoes hit and vessel blew up.
7. H.M.S. UNISON reports sank 5000 ton modern motor vessel Northbound in posit on 37 degs. 48 mins. N 11 degs. 32 mins. E. at 1211/21.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: 0772, April 24, 1943

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During day 1 GDS Bde concentrated in area O El Aied J 7316 Tat El Aied J 7317. During night 22/23 April 1 Brit Armd Div move to Fd Assembly (0772) areas about J 6213. 2 Armd Bde then moved out in order to operate on left flank in direction Delayneys Corner J 7024 and reached Si Nirane J 6919 and J 6821 before last light. 7 motorized Bde concentrated south of Cross Road J 6517. (C) 5 Corps. 12 Bde concentrated in area J 6330 to J 6431. 1 British Inf Div captured all objectives for day with 24 Gds Bde and 2 Inf Bde. Enemy counter attack with Inf and tks retook PT 156 J 6738 during night 22/23 April adv of 78 Div was much delayed by mines and hidden MMGR. By 1330 hours however 36 Bde succeeded in capturing Long Stop J 6243 except for north east slopes. Heidous still held by 1 Coy enemy but being mopped up. General line now runs J 6835-PT 151 J 6836 - J 6738 - PT 128 J 6739 - SI Mannsour J 6438 (6338) - Grich El Oued - Long Stop - J 5645. Total PW 5 Corps front so far over 200. Ref Sitrep 0770 of 23 Apr section 2 (B) delete 4 Div substitute 46 Div. Sect 3. 2 US Corps. Hard fighting most units throughout day. 100 prisoners taken. 9 Inf Div no change since last report. 1 Inf Div. No change. 1 Armd Div ordered to prepare plans to block any attempt on part of enemy to counter attack against left flank of 1 Inf Div. Other units nothing to report. Sect 4. Air. Follows. End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FRGCT .

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give the line at
Alman on map
just North of
Heidous El Bab*

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

Number 6664 April 24, 1943

Against our tanks road transport southeast of
Medjez El Bab and in Pont Du Fahs sector.

Bombed set on fired by strategic airforce 1525Z 1
large enemy vessel

Supplementary copy of CM-IN-14817 (25 Apr 43) G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: War - British War Office (Action)
(Information - all others concerned)

Unnumbered April 24, 1943

Djcherid Area

Northern Dorsdale, 1 Company Italians captured complete area O 8777. Eight four prisoners taken. On Enfidaville position enemy counter attacked Djebel GAFBI area repulsed by artillery with heavy casualties. Part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 23rd April. Identifications. German. 557 Hy Arty Bn in area P 2285. Three Bn 47 Inf Regt east Takrouna P 28. 340 Gaf Bn in Djebel Garci area. 125 PGR West Djebel Garci. One and 3 Bns, QHG Gren Regt are J 71. One Bn not yet identified OB ground. One Mc Bn area east and northeast Medjez reported acting in Inf role. March Bn 20 in area J 4748. Two and 3 Bns 334 Arty Regt and 1 and 2 Bns 754 Inf Regt in area J 6738-6938. Three Bn 754 Inf Regt north east Medjez. One Bn 962 Inf Regt and 1 Coy March Bn 26 north Heidous J 5645. French Falange Unit in area J 6938. No further information available this Unit. Italian. One Coy 103 Autonomous Bn area O 8777. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Coprs ADTC NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. General. General picture

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To: ~~WAR & British War Office (London)~~
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enemy of positions and intentions unchanged.
Stubborn resistance all fronts, with bulk armour
facing our attacks Medje ZZ-Bou Arada Sector.
15th Panzer Division still believed in support
Enfidaville while tanks seen Tebourba area
suggest armoured reserves for Heidoun, Sidi Neir
and Jefna Sectors. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 6665 Apr 24, 1943

Northern sector coast to Jefna road, strong enemy opposition encountered with centres resistance J 3392, Sedjanan Valley (To AGWAR Troopers from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 6665 24th operations) J 3287 South Djebel Garsia J 2880. By last night enemy evacuation of area to line Dfebel Mrata J 3389-Djebel Aine-Houna J 3180-Kef Maksour J 3473. South Sidinsir Road, enemy in strength held Kef El Goraa resisting our attack south west features J 4155. Withdrew from hill J 4253, now holding hill J 4353. Daramous area, resistance met on hills 350 J 4649 and 407 J 4552. Counter attack on latter during day. During afternoon. Enemy believed to have withdrawn 2 to 3 miles north east Dar Amous J 45. Total prisoners in days fighting coast to Dar Amous 100. North Medjex El Bab, enemy withdrew in area 2 miles north west Djebel El Ajg J 5446. Area north held us clear of enemy at J 5748 but Heidous Village still held in strength. East Medjex very fierce enemy resistance encountered. Strong counter attack early morning 23rd April with Infantry supported by tanks, artillery and mortars recaptured area J 6935. Enemy later repelled and front line now approximately J 65 38-J 6639-J 6838-J 6935-J 6834. Enemy driven out of Grich El Oued J 63 during afternoon. NT movement Eastwards reported Medjerda Valley J 7048. Tanks seen TSDourba area J 7157. Sector Goubellat-Bou Arada, enemy counter attacked with 40 to 50 tanks including some MK 6 area north Sebket El Kourzia J 7314. 18 tanks including 4 MK 6 claimed

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To: War

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knocked out. Reports as yet unconfirmed. Enemy later
withdrew east 76 Nothing, and 8 MK 6 seen area J 7614.
23rd April. Further south slight withdrawal from
Argoub El Mehala to 66808. Pockets enemy being mopped
up area Argoub-Sellah J 6813.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 6873 April 24, 1943

((Amendment 1 to ORBAT No 3 addressed Troopers information AGWAR signed Eisenhower cite FEGCT. ((To Troopers from G-3 Section AFHQ 6783 24th showing position on 24th April. Para 10 to 10th Corps add Hq 51st Inf Div, 152nd Inf Bde, 153rd Inf Bde, 154th Inf Bde. Under 30th Corps delete above))).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: War

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BY *sl* . DATE FEB 19 1974

Number 2130 April 24, 1943

Part 1 Sitrep no 183 for period ending 1800 hrs 24th Apr. (From 18th Army Group O/781 24th Apr 2130 to Troopers USFOR (Troopers pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for Viscount Gort Midesat 5th Army (R) 242 Group Bone area for SOIS Hq L of C 12th Div Tactical Bomber Force NASAF Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A2) from AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 begins. Section 1. Eighth Army. (A) 10th Corps 56th Div has relieved 50th Div in the Enfidville area. Relief of 4th Inf Div by 51st Div has been completed. (B) 30th Corps. NTR. Section 2. 1st Army. (A) 19th Corps. Contact made by patrols along entire front. GK Bulw 9th Corps. Mines and enemy shelling hampered advance of 1st Br Armd Div on Axis road junction J 7083 (7023) Si Chemane J 7521. Forward elements of 2nd Armd Bd reached area J 7321 by 1200 hrs with 7th Motor Bde following. 6th Armd Div of 26th Armd Bde continued advance eastwards reaching line J 8113 J 8016 which is strongly held by the enemy. 30 enemy tanks have been seen on this line. 1st GDS CFE engaged enemy positions on left flank in Si Merjane area J 7518. (C) 5th Corps 4th Div 2nd Royal Fusiliers attacked south from J 6935 during night met heavy resistance. Consolidating gains in area J 7034 7135. 78th Div attempt to clear NE slopes of Longstop J 7143 (6143) unsuccessful. 38th Bde patrol during night found enemy positions unchanged in areas DJ Tannough J 5645 and Heidous J 5544. Section 3. 2nd US Corps. 9th Inf Div. 60th Inf advancing on 3rd objective. Exact location not reported. 1st Bn 39th Inf moved to hill J 312810 prior to daylight found evidence of enemy withdrawal. 3rd Bn enroute same hill. 47th Inf maintaining pressure on enemys main position on Bald Hill J 3774 and Green Hill J 3790. 1st US Inf Div. 16th Inf

Kaibellat area
NW of Point du Fard on road
E of Moudjiz El Bab

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on hills 469 J 4354 491 J 4254 and 394 J 4353. Section
4. Air. Follows later. End of part 1. Part 2 follows.
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ACTION: OPD

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

No. 0772, April 24, 1943

24 hours (number 0772 240800A from 18 Army Group to (1) Troopers (2) USFOR Troopers Pass (3) ACWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) 242 Group (9) Bone Area for SOIS (10) Hq L of C (11) 12th ASC (12) Tactical Bomber Force (13) NASAF (14) Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A 2). Part 1 SITREP number 182 for ending 2359 hours 23 April. From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1. Section 1. 8th Army. In central sector an enemy counter move was frustrated and he was forced by NY arty fire to withdraw suffering considerable losses.

Section 2. First Army. (A) 19 Corps. Active patrolling did not detect any signs of enemy withdrawal. (B) 9 Corps. During night enemy withdrew from Mehalla J 6707 and Argour J 6809 which were occupied at once by 128 Inf Bde. 26 Arad Bde having passed through 138 Inf Bde pushed East from J 7314. Engagements took (end of first cipher part second follows) place with withdrawing enemy armour. Total of 16 enemy tanks claimed destroyed.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR London (action)
WAR (information)
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No. 6808, April 24, 1943

Eighty two. Part 2, April 23rd. No Part 2 SITREP
(to USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army
Group HQ Lisison Group AFHQ Malta Adv NWAAP from G-3
Section AFBDD 6808 24th April 43 SITREP 100 and) 181
issued.

1. Naval. Submarine Redor S sinking 1500 ton enemy
merchantman 19th April off Murrissimo. Later same submarine
hit with 4 torpedoes and blew up Westbound tanker of 3,000
tons in same area. 7 submarine reports sinking modern motor
vessel of 5,000 tons in Sicilian narrows 21st April. Night
22nd April MTBS from Malta and Bone operated respectively
in Eastern half of Gulf of Tunis and off Bizerta. 22nd
April 1 of our destroyers hit mine off Bone but reached
port safely. 8 2223 April A cruiser with 2 destroyers
carried out sweep South of Murrissimo without incident. Same
night MTBS from Malta and Bone operated respectively in
vicinity Kelibia and Gulf of Tunis. 23rd April, 3 German
type Q mines swept in approaches to Bone. (Signed Eisenhower
cite FRGCT.)

2. Movements completed. First Para Bde arrived
Boufarik from Beja. (Action USFOR rptd AGWAR, Troopers,
5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group HQ, Lisison Group AFHQ,
Malta (for information) Adv NWAAP.

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

From: 18th Army Group
To: War

No. 0 700, April 24, 1943

(From 18 Army Group to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army 242 Group Bone Area pass Sois Con Area for Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force NASAF Adv NAAF No. 0 770 too 0045 A 23rd Apr).

Part 1. SITREP no. 181 for 12 hours ending 1200 hours 23 Apr. From AFBQ signed C in C. Part 1 begins. Section 1. 8th Army. NTR. Section 2. 1st Army. (A). 19 Corps, patrols KDG made contact with 7 Armd Div East of O 5989. 9 Corps, 4 Div, 128 Bde. Patrols found enemy had withdrawn from Argoub El Mehalla. Advance continued on left and western edge too Tree Hill J 6808 was reached. 138 Bde. Pockets of enemy being mopped up area Argoub Seli J 6814. 6 Armd Div, 26 Armd Bde. Enemy Armour encountered J 7514 ten tanks claimed including 1 MK VI. Advance continues and reached 76 grid line by 1200 hrs. (C) 5 Corps. 1 QL Div attacked this morning. 2 Bde on right captured first objectives by 0537 hrs. Enemy attacked strongly with Infantry supported by Tanks and Artillery forcing our Fwd Troops off PT 174 El Atach J 6837 but position was later regained. 2 Bde now hold A Zrucuina J 6835 PT 174 J 6835 western slopes PT 174 J 6937. 24 Gds Bde conformed on left and now hold PT 130 J 6639 PT 133 J 6538. Grich El Oued also in our hands. Against (CM-IN-14596 24 Apr 43)

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From: 18th Army Group
To: War

No. 0 700, April 24, 1943

considerable opposition. 4 Div. 78 Div. attacked during night making slow progress 4 Recce Regt passed through DJ Djaffa Gap J 5923 during morning and Fwd elements reached Goubellat. Section 3. 2 US Corps. 9 Inf Div. Attack made rapid progress and all first objectives were taken by 1100 Hrs. GO Inf holds DJ Mrata J 3369. 39 Inf holds SW slopes DJ Ainchouba J 3180. 47 Inf holds Kef Maksour J 3372. 1 Inf Div. 18 Inf attacking PT 350 J 4649 and PT 407 J 4552. 16 Inf captured PT 473 J 4253 and attacking. (Part two follows).

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ACTION: OPD

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

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No: 181 April 24, 1943

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Y1 374 J 4353. (Cipher part 2D of part 1
SITREP nr (181) 23 Apr) Two Bns 26 Inf engaging
enemy strong points near St 575 J 4155. 168 ct
moving to J 3550 end of part one cite FHGCT.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0766, April 23, 1943

Firmly held and all enemy counter attacks (18th Army Group number 0766 April 23 TOO 0740A to Troopers USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army 242nd Group SO18 Bone Hq L of C 12th ABC Tactical Bomber Force Adv Hq (for Col McDonald A-2 NASAF Part 1 SITREP number 181 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 23 April. From AFHQ signed C in C.

Para 1.

Section 1. 8th Army. All gains defeated.

Section 2. 1st Army.

(A). 19th Corps. Patrol activity only.

(B). 9th Corps. Corps attacked this morning on right 128th Inf Bde on left 138th Inf Bde. 128th Inf Bde reached a line Koukrat Si Barka (J) 6805 to high ground (J) 8709 following counter attacks however they were pushed back off this feature to a line on high ground (J) 6807 (J) 6808 and (J) 6809. Squadron Churchills advanced with Bde but suffered heavily on minefields before reaching objective. 138th Bde were at first held up but later made good progress and reached Argoub Sellah J 6813. At this stage 8th AFMD Div were ordered to attack. Two Armoured Regts passed south of Argoub Sellah and are now in areas (J) 7415 and (J) 7013. The Third Regt has reached (J) 7015.

(C). 5th Corps. Goubellat occupied without opposition. Our troops now occupy the high ground (J) 5743. Patrols north of Heidous not in contact.

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From: Algiers
To: War

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No. 0766, April 23, 1943

Section 3. 2nd US Corps. Front line
of 9th Inf Div now reported as being (J) 3171
(J) 3172 (J) 3075 (J) 2976.

Section 4. Air. Follows.

Part 2 follows, cite FHGCT.

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Action: OPD

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

From Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0768, April 23rd, 1943.

(From 18 Army Group to Troopers Pass USFOR AGWAR
Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort
Mid-east 5th Army 242 group Bone for SOIS Hq of 12 ASC Tactical
Bomber Group Con area for Adv Maaf 1st Army Main 8th Army
2 US Corps NASAF no. 0768 to 0740 A 23 Apr.

Part 1 Sitrep no. 181 for 24 hours ending 2350 hrs
22 Apr. from AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues.
Section four. Air. Our air activity on heavy scale.
Main weight of air operations in support of First Army.
Enemy air activity slightly increased but entirely de-
fensive. Enemy air transport activity again dealt a
crippling blow with Kittyhawks and Spitfires of Western
Desert intercepted and destroyed a large force of ME-323's
with fighter escort in the Gulf of Tunis. EBD of
continuation part one. Part two follows. Cite FRGCT.

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S) no sig
Adm King
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April 24, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Number 1420 April 24, 1943

Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army, 18 Army Group HQ Liaison Group Mid East AFHQ Malta from NWAAF Adv HQ A 1420 E 23/4. April 22 (part 3 180) NA Strategic AF. Day 22 April. B 25 Mitchells bombed Mabtouha and Utique landg grounds report target well covered and bomb bursts among dispersed aircraft observed. Report destroyed 1 FW 190. B 26 Marauders bombed Carloforte Harbour. NWA Tactical AF. Day 22 April. Fighter bombers light bombers and medium bombers bombed landing grounds and enemy concentrations; in northern Tunisia Spitfires and Hurricanes. Escorted strategic medium bombers and flew offensive fighter sweeps. Spitfires P 39 Airocobras and P 40 Warhawks flew fighter sweeps in Tebourba - La Sebala areas. Results of tactical missions. Report destroyed 4 ME 109 2 MA 202 and 1 JU 52 probably destroyed 1 ME 109 damaged 2 ME 109 and 2 Spitfires missing. And 1 A 20 Boston damaged. Kittyhawks attacked army targets and bombed gun positions near Enfidaville. Kittyhawks and Spitfires on patrol of Gulf of Tunis encountered formation of ME 323 transports and strong fighter escort. Report destroyed 20 ME 323 8 ME 109 1 MA 202 and 1 ME 200. Damaged 1 ME 109 4 Kittyhawks lost. NWA Coastal AF. Night 21/22 April. Hudson Beau-fighters Spitfires and P 39 Airacobras flew U boat hunts convoy escort sea sweeps and defensive patrols. No incidents. Day 22/4. Hudsons Swordfish Beaufighters Spitfires and P 39 Airacobras flew

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

Number 6238 April 22, 1943

SITREP 180. Part 2. April 21st.

1. Naval. No reports received. Signed
Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT.

2. Movements commenced. Twenty April 4th
Abor departed Fez for Souk El Arba, coming under
command 2nd US Corps on arrival. ((To USFOR AGWAR
Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison
Group AFHQ Adv NWAAF Malta from G-3 Section AFHQ
6238 April.)) First Para Brigade departed Beja
for Boufarik. Movements completed. First Ranger
Bn arrived Oran from Gafsa.

3. L of C. Djidjelli bombed early morning.
One LCI burnt out, 2 damaged. Phillispeville raided
by 7 plus aircraft. No damage. Action USFOR. Rptd
AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group
Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for infor-
mation.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: War

Number A 1362 April 22, 1943

April 21 part 3 (to AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Group H. Q. Liaison Group. Madest, AFHQ Malta. From NAAF Adv No A1362 part 1 part 2 to follow April 22) 180 signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGT. Northeast African Strategic Air Force. All missions cancelled due to weather. Northwest African Tactical Air Force. A 20 BOSTONS Carried out 6 bombing missions and B25's Mitchells 1 mission against landing grounds at J-8815, J-8875, J-9283, J-9684, targets well covered. One ME 109 probably destroyed. One B-25 missing, 1 destroyed crew safe. Leaflets dropped. Night 20/21 Bisleys attacked traffic on Faads Mateur-Medjez-Djedaida, Tunis-Massicault, La Seblal landing ground and railway station at Mateur causing large fire followed by 3 explosions. Day 21st April numerous sorties were flown by Spitfires on reconnaissance, fighter sweeps, TAC/R nd escort to bombers. 3 ME 109's three FW 190 probably destroyed, 2 ME 109's and 1 FW 190 probably destroyed 1 ME 109, 1 FW 190 damaged. Two Spitfires were destroyed and 7 damaged. Kittyhawks and Warhawks carried.

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From: Cairo
To : AQWAR

ANSME 5715 - April 23, 1943

Forward line 1200 hrs GCT 21st runs 50th Div from coast along 92 northing to road thence second New Zealand Div Dj Da Hamaid P 3087. Confused and bitter fighting Takrouna area. 4th Inf Div hold southern slopes Dj Usfci until forced to retire by counter attack. Midnight 22nd enemy resistance stiffening, more guns and troops brought forward. All 8th Army gains held and enemy counter attacks defeated. 51st Div now forward area coastal road vice 50th Div.

From Brereton RAF reported night 21st-22nd patrol activity Cape Bon and attempt to intercept JU 88's bombing El Djem area no results. Day 22nd Fighters patrolling Gulf of Tunis encountered heavily escorted formation ME 323's. Claim 21 ME 323's, 8 Me 109's, 1 MC 202, 1 ME 2001 destroyed and 1 ME 109 damaged. 4 P-40 E pilots missing. Fighter bombers claim only near misses on gun positions P 3397 account of bad visibility.

Ninth Air Force Bomber Command 22nd reports no operations. No report yet received from 12th Group. Forty three Fighters 57th Group carried out 1 bomber sweep. Forty eight Fighters 79th Group carried out 1 Fighter sweep during which 1 P-40 was forced down.

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Gen Deane (CC/8)

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 19th TO 21st APRIL.

LINREP 40.

PARA ONE. EIGHTH ARMY.

At 2130 hours 19th April an attack was launched by 10th Corps on the ERVIDAVILLE Line. Under command of 10th Corps were 50th Infantry Division, 2nd New Zealand Division, 4th Indian Division, M* Force and 7th Armoured Division.

50th Division occupied ERVIDAVILLE by 1100 hours 20th April and patrolled to the NORTH. 2nd New Zealand Division occupied a firm base to the NORTHWEST of the town, from which Eighth Armoured Brigade were operating to the WEST, 4th Indian Division occupied DJEBEL GARCI, 7th Armoured Division operated on the left flank.

During 20th April 4 enemy counterattacks were repulsed along the front. On 21st April two major counterattacks were repulsed by our massed artillery fire with heavy losses to the enemy. All our gains have been held and bitter fighting continues.

Signed EISENHOWER. CINE PRGOT.

Action War Office pass to HM Ambassador MADRID for US Ambassador MADRID. Resident Minister ACERINOTA, Brit. Mil. Attache AMARA for Marshal CHARNAK, N.Z. Forces HQ Wellington for PUTTICK.

PARA TWO. FIRST ARMY.

(A) 19th Corps.

There was patrol activity only throughout the period.

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(B) 9th Corps.

First BR Armoured Division has concentrated in the Area LE KRIB J 19. 6th Armoured Division moves into a concentration Area 8 miles NORTH of EL AROUSSA. 46 Infantry Division now holds the line from BOU ARAMA to GOUBELIAT.

(C) 5th Corps.

On 20th April 1st Br Infantry Division occupied a ridge without opposition three miles EAST of MEDJEZ EL BAB. During the night 20th/21st strong enemy attacks supported by 50 - 70 Tanks were made against the positions occupied by Fourth and First BR Infantry Divisions from 10 miles South of MEDJEZ EL BAB to exclusive MEDJEZ EL BAB. Confused fighting took place during moonlight but all our positions were held and on the morning 21st April the enemy withdrew. A counter-attack was launched by our Forces during the afternoon. 27 Enemy Tanks are so far reported destroyed and at least 450 prisoners captured. By nightfall the Divisional Areas were reported clear of the enemy.

PARA THREE. 2nd U.S. CORPS.

Patrols were active throughout the period. First U.S. Infantry Division has taken over the area Northeast of BEJA with 9th Infantry Division on the Northern flank.

During 21st April, 34th Inf Div started to move from MAKTAR to a reserve position at ROUH ES SOUR. The concentration of the Corps Artillery continued.

PARA FOUR. ENEMY.

No major change has taken place in the Northern Sector. Reinforcements here included an Armored Force of about 25 Tanks, identified near MEDIDOUS. Further confirmation of the enemy's intention to hold this area was given by his spoiling attack carried out in the MEDJEZ - GOUBELIAT Area.

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During this attack, the purpose of which was to disrupt Allied preparations for the offensive, the enemy suffered heavy losses in men and armour.

On the ENFIDAVILLE line, fierce resistance has been maintained at the expense of severe casualties and many taken prisoner. The enemys intention is to hold his present defenses and to delay the Eighth Army as long as possible.

PARA FIVE. NAVAL.

Operations have been carried out with Landing Party to occupy the KEREMNA Islands. The Force has now been withdrawn and the Gendarmes left in charge.

Two MTBs operating from BONE encountered three E boats off BIZERTA night 19th/20th April. All E boats were hit and one left on fire.

On 20th April two ships of a Convoy approaching DRAN were torpedoed in thick fog and sunk. One ship was carrying French Troops from CASABLANCA to ORAN and about 600 survivors have been picked up.

Submerines on patrol report 6 enemy ships of various sizes sunk, one probably sunk and one hit. Another small vessel was sunk by destroyers on a sweep from BONE.

PARA SIX. AIR.

The main weight of our bombing attacks has been directed against enemy airdromes in TUNISIA. One 20th April bombing attacks against enemy landing grounds were carried out by the strategic and Tactical Air Forces on the heaviest scale yet seen in the Mediterranean. On 21st April all bombing missions of the Strategic Air Force were cancelled due to adverse weather.

From information so far available a total of 87 enemy aircraft were destroyed during the period, 21 probably destroyed and 24 damaged. 7 of our aircraft were destroyed 29 are missing and 24 damaged.

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One Merchant Vessel and one Barge were hit and one Barge was left on fire.

PARA SEVEN. POLITICAL.

Negotiations between CATROUX and CRAUD indicate that there is NO difference in principle between them. A proposal, sponsored by CATROUX, for Joint Leadership, awaits CRAUDS return on Saturday for further discussion. It is hoped that some agreement will be reached shortly.

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No. 6398 April 23, 1943.

Coast of Djebel El Ang J 5446 normal patrol activity, with enemy patrol at J 2970. (Added AGWAR for ~~WDM~~BI Troopers pass USFOR rptd 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force H BS A BS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom. 6398. 23rd Apr. Signed Eisenhower cite ~~FHCB~~I. (Operations Northern Sector) Front line Jefna Road runs J 2976 J 3075 Djebel Fedj El Bab J 317L. Contact with enemy Dar Amrous area J 45. Heidous Sector enemy evacuated Chassart Teffaha J 5741. No enemy North Heidous at J 5644 Medjez El Bab-Goubellat sector. Further to enemy attack 21st April reported in G-2 cable of 22nd April. East Medjez enemy driven back to area J 6937 but maintained foothold with tanks and antitank elements at pass North Djebel Djaffa J 593245. Engaged evening 21st April on western slopes Djebel Djaffa J 5924 but held positions on Djebel. Night 21st-22nd April some armour withdrawn and remainder of sector clear of enemy. Total tanks destroyed 21st-22nd April now confirmed 33 including 3 Mark 6. Goubellat Plain reported clear of enemy, 22nd April. Northeast Bou Arada, fierce enemy resistance encountered by our attacking force, and extensive minefields reported. Enemy at 1st held our attack on line of road at J 6514 and later from ridge J 6714-J 6715. Subsequently withdrew north of Sebkrat El Kourzia to area J 7415. Mark 6 tanks reported during day in this area. Further South, enemy withdrew from J 6706-J 6709 but later counterattacked strongly recapturing ground West to J 6605-6609. Enemy unidentified this area, but may be elements 69th and 89th PGR, 10th Panzer Division, believed moved this area. Northern Dorsale enemy in strength West Djebel Cyquchi O 6086

Review
Medjez
attack 9/21

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 6398 Apr 23, 1943

Remainder Enfidaville position, no information received operations 22nd April 6398 23rd April.

1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 22nd April. Identifications German. 2nd Battalion HG Grenadier Regt from PWS captured area J 6919. 1st Bn, HG Grenadier Regt reference this paragraph G-2 cable of 22nd April. 1st Bn HG Grenadier Regt not identified in action but from captured documents. Undated capture code list refers to HG Gren Regt as HG Gren Regt 1. This suggest possibility 2nd HG Regt in Division. Also mentioned are Jaeger Regt Koch, HG Flak Regt of 3 Bns. (3rd Bn formerly Flak ABT 211), HG Recce unit, 1st Bn HG Tank Regt, 1st Bn and 5th Assault Bn HG Arty Regt. (Presence these units Tunisia not proved by document but at lease considered imminent when code list published). Dispositions. enemy tanks believed disposed as follows: 15th Panzer Division in support Enfidaville position. 2nd Bn certainly and probably whole 7th Tank Regt 10th Panzer Division in sector Medjez-Bou Arada, with 501st Heavy Tank Bn. 21st Panzer Division unlocated but possibly in central reserve. Possible also part or whole another Heavy Tank Bn in area southwest Tunis. General Stiff enemy opposition especially Bou Arada Goubellat and Enfidaville-Takpouna sectors indicates intention German command Tunisia contest every step Allied advance. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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MC		✓
STRONG		✓
KRUMER		✓
BRAITON	✓	✓
SIT	✓	✓
CURR.	✓	✓
DISS.		✓
ALR		✓
E-A	✓	✓
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April 22, 1943
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5696 April 22, 1943

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OSD letter, May, 3, 1972
By SLR
Date FEB 19 1974

*Summary
Enfidaville
action*

Operation Enfidaville area progressed according to plan. Attack began 2130 GCT hrs 19th. At 1100 hrs GCT 50th Div occupied Enfidaville patrols to northeast P 3889 and P 3787. Second New Zealand Divn secured firm base P 3187 with 8th Armd Brig operating north and northwest facing heavy mortar and arty fire. Few enemy tanks reported area P 2788 and considerable number enemy Infantry P 2486 * th 23rd Armd Brig on right flank and L force close protection on left, successfully repulsed 2 enemy counter attacks. Forward troops rnc 41st Inf Brig line P 1385 P 1885. Forward troops 22nd Armd Brig P 1186. All forward positions established and held against 4 counter attacks during day. Eight hundred prisoners captured many enemy killed.

From Brereton some RAF fighters have been acting top cover for 9th Air Force sweeps and RAF also reports accomplishment these missions.

Ninth Air Force report night mission 19th 20th not yet received from 178th RAF Squadron. No report from 12th Group. Seventy three fighters 57th Group carried out 2 fighter sweep missions. Ninety six fighters 79th Group April 20th dropped 8,000 lbs of bombs result 2 near misses on docks, bombs hit causeway and small buildings. Three ME 109's destroyed 1 damaged, 2 JU 88's destroyed 1 JU 52 damaged. April 21st, 57th Group reports no operation. Report not yet received from Bomber Command or 12th Group. Five bombers 178th

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR
No. AMSME 5696 April 22, 1943

Squadron BAF dropped 30,000 lbs of bombs from 15,000 to 17,000 feet on Naples. Two fires observed, bursts in target area at pin points. Thirty eight fighters 79th Group dropped 12,000 lbs of bombs target 3 motor barges in target area, all bombs near misses. Three ME 109's destroyed 1 damaged. One P-40 lost pilot bailed out.

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From: Algiers

To: War-action

British War Office-action

GHA, 1st Army Advance at Constantine, LIAI, LDAD,
LYXV, LYYW, Oran, Casablanca, Malta, Cairo, (Serves
Hq Middle East, LAEK, WOUJ-info.

No. 6146 April 22 1943

One Bn 962nd IR identified by deserters from 2nd Coy in Heidous area (to same addressees from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 6146 22nd Apr nil). Identifications. German. Area J 5444 2 BN 962nd IR reported by PWS from 1 Bn 754th IR to have relieved them east of Rief Grich El Oued J 63. Following identified by PW. One Bn 754th IR, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Bns Hq Jaeger Regt and 1st Bn HGGR in area J 63. One Bn HGGR is 1st identification on ground. Two Bn HGGR confirmed in area J 6212. Two Bn 7 Tank Regt and 501 Heavy Tank Bn area J 63. Three Bn 47 Gr in Takrouna area P 3084. Autonomous SAF Bn on Djebel Garci P ~~YML~~ 8. New identification. PW states this Bn 400 strong. Six Coy 2 Bn 961 IR in area P 0481. Confirmatory. Three Gp AAR 1 area east of Takrouna. Confirmatory. Italian. Following from PW taken in Takrouna area P 3084. One Bn and possibly Folgore Coy of 66 IR and 21 Arty Regt all survivors Trieste division 3 Novara Lancers Group. Autonomous Frontier Guard Bn. Comment, Folgore Coy formed from surviving Folgore Parachutist Div and believed part of 3 Bn 66 Inf Regt. High Command. Captured document dated 20th Feb 43 signed by Arnim as GOC 5 Panzer Army shows

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No. 6146 April 22, 1943

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Lt Gen Ziegler GOC DAK. Captured document dated 19 March 43 signed by Arnim as GOC Army Group Africa indicates Rommel had handed over supreme command confirms rumour that latter has left country. General, Enemy attack in Medjco area with Hermann Goering Div and strong arm forces from 7 Tank Regt and 501 Heavy Tank Bn probably intended to delay our preparations for possible attack. MT movement and other reliable indications suggest Infantry and other elements 10 Panzer Div now disposed in area covering Pont Du Fahs. On Enfidaville line, fierce opposition suggests enemy attaches great importance to this position which he may be expected to defend to utmost. No changes in general enemy dispositions in Enfidaville position where line probably held on considerable depth. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-13624 (23 Apr 43) G-2

ACTION: G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 5989, April 22, 1943

Captured document dated 19 February 43 signed by Arnim as GOC 5 Panzer Army ((to Troopers - AGWAR from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 5989, 22nd nil) and shows Lt General Ziegler Commanding DAK. Captured document dated 19 April signed by Arnim as GOC Army Group. (Troopers, AGWAR from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI). This supports rumors from PW sources that Rommel left Afrika and handed over command to Arnim.

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also from Colonel Boone sources

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF
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MC	✓	✓
STRONG	✓	✓
SHONER	✓	✓
BRADTON	✓	✓
SE	✓	✓
CURR	✓	✓
DESS	✓	✓
AIR	✓	✓
E-A	✓	✓
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NA		
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April 22, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 6146 April 22, 1943

Strong enemy attack against our positions between (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group pass 2nd Corps 1 Army Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Group AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 6146 22 April nil) operations. First Army front small Exclusive Medjez El Bab and Sidi Mahmoud J 6019 during night 20/21 April '43, Main thrust against ridge J 6334, J 6633 with 1 Bn 754th IR north of ridge 1, 2, 3 Bns HG Jaeger Regt plus 1 Bn Hggr south of ridge. Armour in support from Seuc En Tank Regt and 501st HG Tank Bn total tanks about 80 including at least 6 MK 6. Enemy penetrated across Medjez-Koubellat road and infiltrated areas Djebel Djaffa J 6024 and 1 mile east Medjez J 6334. Confused fighting but enemy checked. Suffered considerable casualties and began withdrawal at dawn 21st April. Counterattack by 501st Bn during afternoon in which 2 MK 6 tanks destroyed. Area now believed clear of enemy who has withdrawn to original positions. South of Sidi Mahmoud at J 6212 enemy attacked post 251 but failed to capture it. Two coys 2 Bn HGGR severely mauled. In whole fighting, 27 enemy tanks claimed knocked out of which some stated captured. Firm figures not yet available however PWS estimated about 500. Fighting is reported in area Oued El Kebir O 8284.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. 6146 April 22, 1943

No details yet. On southern front, stubborn enemy resistance encountered in area Takrouna P 3084 and Djebel Garci P 28. By last night enemy driven off feature overlooking Takrouna from west. Two major enemy counter-attacks during day repulsed by massed artillery fire. Enemy suffered heavy casualties and withdrew in disorder. PW on this front about 1400 up to 2300Z 21st April. Part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 21st April.

Part 2 and last part to follow.

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ACTION: G-2

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

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

No. 6055, April 22, 1943

SITREP 179. Part 2. April 20. (To USFOR AGWAR Troopers 5th Army, 18th Army Group, Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv NWAAP from G-3 Section AFHQ 6055).

1. Naval. Night 19th/20th April destroyers carried out sweep in Sicilian Channel. 2 MTBS operating from Bone encountered 3 E boats off Bizerta. All E boats were hit and 1 left on fire. Enemy night fighters attacked unsuccessfully and appeared to score hit on E boats. Only superficial damage to MTBS. Early morning 20th April 2 ships in convoys UGS 7 sunk by U boat northwest of Oran. One ship was carrying French Troops from Casablanca. About 600 survivors picked up. Night 20th/21st April destroyers on sweep from Bone sank small enemy vessel north of Marittimo. Submarines on patrol report 6 enemy ships sunk, 1 probably sunk and 1 hit. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

2. Movements completed. 3rd Bn 62nd CA AA Searchlight Regt arrived Algiers from Oran.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
GEN. DEANE. (CC/S)
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From: Bern
To: Milid

Number 625 April 22, 1943

Withdrawals Tunis thought too costly April 17 plan hold til Allied attack continent expected week after Easter evacuation progressively Pantalaras selected O elements IMP Officers plan veto Italy this Italian same 570 may be plant.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF

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STRONG		
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BRATTON		✓
SIT		✓
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April 21

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 5582 April 21, 1943

Information from Yorker (to AGWAR Troopers Mideast from Freedom 5582 signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI my 5558 and 5560 dated 20th April) is specified in text remainder information from PW and other open sources.

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5558 is CM-IN-12254 (20 Apr 43) G-2
5560 is CM-IN-12480 (21 Apr 43) G-2

Action: G-2

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

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BY SR, DATE FEB 19 1974

From: C. in C. Med.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 82

1. During the night 19/20 April Destroyers of Force K, carried out sweep in Sicilian Channel. MGB 644 and M.T.B. 640 operating from Bone encountered 3 E-Boats in vicinity of Cape Guardis. One E-Boat was badly hit and retired on fire under smoke screen others also hit and proceeded to cover badly damaged boat. Enemy night fighters attacked unsuccessfully but appeared to score hits on E-Boats. No casualties only superficial damage to our boats.
2. At 0747/20 French Ship SIDI BEL ABBAS and S.S. MICHIGAN in Convoy UGS 7 were sunk by U-Boat in position 35-59 North 01-25 West about 600 survivors recovered. SIDI BEL ABBAS was carrying French troops from Casablanca to Oran.
3. During night 20/21 April Destroyers of Force Q proceeded on sweep from Bone and sank small vessel North of Marittimo. ASHANT and ADRIAS proceeded to Malta. M.G.B.'s and M.T.B.'s were also operating from Bone.
4. H.M.S. UNRULY reports probably sank 1000 ton M/V off Port Vendres at 1445/12.
5. H.M.S. ULTOR reports at 2255/12 attacked two 3000 ton merchant vessels in position 43-13 North 06-52 East. Two hits were obtained on one ship and one on the other. Both apparently sunk. At 0751/14 in position 43-32 North 07-12 East sank Westbound French ship PENERF.
6. H.M.S. TAURUS reports 500 ton Southbound ship apparently Portuguese gunned and then sunk by torpedo at 0030/13 in position 42-19 North 09-53 East. 500 ton tanker sunk by gunfire in position 42-16 North 09-36 East at 1420/14 at 2205/15 torpedoed 1000 ton sailing ship which blew up in position 41-32 North 10-56 East.

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7. H.M.S. SIBEL reports obtained one hit on 2000 ton merchant vessel in convoy of three ships heavily escorted in position 38-degrees 19 mins. North 13 degs. 00 mins. West at 1554/11.

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Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

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OSD letter, May, 3, 1972

By SLR Date FEB 19 1974

No. ANSME 5691 Apr 21, 1943

Hergla P 4774 location of 151st Brigade and 69th Brigade moved to area approximately 2 miles SE Sidi Bou Ali April 19th. 131st Brigade located at P 1579 April 19th and 22nd Armored Brigade 4 miles Se Djebibina. Enfidaville position pierced by 8th Army night 19/20 April. Enfidaville captured April 20 and patrols continued advance towards Bou Ficha. Enemy counterattacks beaten off, heavy enemy casualties, many prisoners. To left of main attack ground in mountains also gained from enemy.

For Marshall from Brereton morning April 19th Kittyhawk P 40 Es intercepted 20 German transports, claim 12 JU 52s, 2 SM 79s, 1 RE 2001 destroyed, 4 JU 52s, 1 SM 79 probably destroyed. Later fighters destroyed 1 JU 87, with 1 JU 87, one JU 88, 2 ME 109s probably destroyed and 1 ME 109 damaged. 72 Baltimores and Mitchells attacked Korba south LG 7 fires and 2 direct hits on enemy planes observed. Five Spitfires 2 Warhawks and 1 Kittyhawk pilot missing.

Night 18th/19th 22 Wellingtons and Halifaxes attacked LGS SE Tunis Hurricanes strafed remaining JU 52s force landed area Cape Bone, 3 set on fire.

April 20th RAF reported fighter patrolling Cape Bone area during day destroying 9 ME 102s, 6 ME 109s 4 JU 88s and damaging 6 fighters without loss. Warhawks bombed buildings in Korba area and barge off La Goulette.

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To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5691 Apr 21, 1943

Night 19th/20th Cmeteville and Soliman IGS
attacked. Hurricanes straffing Cape Bon area blew
up JU 52 and set 1 barge on fire. Three Wellingtons
reported missing.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To : War

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BY SP-6 DATE FEB 19 1974

5797 - April 21, 1943

No reports enemy activity First Army fronts. Southern fronts enemy's Enfidaville positions penetrated (to AGWAR, Troopers from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 5797 21st mil. Operations.) night 19-20 April. Enemy abandoned Enfidaville morning 20 April and positions in hills to the west. Local counter attacks during day. All unsuccessful. Enemy casualties heavy. Prisoners taken.

Part 1. Land.

G-2 report 24 hours ending 2400Z 20 April. Dispositions. Coastal flank 90 light with forward troops area Takrouna. Advanced elements are 200 PGR, 2 Bn 155 PGR, 3 Bn 47 Gr latter relieving 361 PGR on 17 April. 164 light area Djebel Garci stiffening Italians. 433 PGR on Djebel Garci with 125 PGR to west and 1 Bn 382 PGR area P 1684. Italians from Trieste this area. No indications other divisional locations. Reliable source indicates 1/43 flak originally under 164 light moving during day Pont Du Fahs area. Identification. German, all by PW. 200 PGR, 3 Bn 47 Gr, Italian. Novara Lancers area P-28, 1 Bn 86 IR west of Takrouna. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FBGBI. General. Identifications and other indications suggest Infantry of 1 Army all on southern front. Fifteen Panzer also disposed there. Movement of flak to area Pont Du Fahs possibly connected supposed intended attack by Hermann Goring Division reported by PW. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

ACTION: G-2

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INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF, Gen Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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No. 0/740 April 21, 1943

Herewith repeat of my Z 1801 THI 202350A.
Freedoms Svc 178 refers. RF/33 from 18th Army Group
21st April. Begins. To Troopers USFOR (Troopers
pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta Personal for FM
Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd 242 Group Bone
Area for Sois Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force
Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A-2) NASAF from 18th Army Group
No. 0/740 20th. Part 1 Sitrep No. 179 for 12 hours
ending 1200 hrs 20 Apr. from AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army. Tenth Corps with
under command 50 Div 2 Nz Div 8 Armd Bde 4 Ind Div
23 Armd Bde L Force 7 Armd Div attacked enemy position
in coastal belt area enfidaville P 3284 at 2130 hrs
19 Apr. Preliminary reports indicate that operation
progressed according to schedule and by 1100 hrs 50
Div had occupied Infidaville with patrols to north-
east at P 3889 and P 3787. Two Nz Div has secured
fire base area P 3187 from which 8 Armd Bde was
operating north and northwest in face of heavy mortar
and arty fire. A few enemy tanks were reported area
P 2786 and considerable number of enemy inf P 2486.
Five Ind Bde in area P 2185 with 23 Armd Bde on right
flank and L Force giving close protection on left had
successfully repulsed 2 enemy counter attacks. For-
ward troops 131 Inf Bde were on approx line P 1385-
P1885. Forward elements 22 Armd Bde were in area
P 1186. No reports received of enemy reactions up to

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Section 2. 5th Army. Follows.

Section 3. 2nd US Corps. Follows.

Section 4. Air. Follows.

Part. 2. Follows. Cite FBGCT.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War - British War Office (Action)
(Information - all others concerned)

Number 5882 April 21, 1943

Three Recce Aircraft reported off Algerian Coast, 1 as far west as Oran from Sardinia morning. Second aircraft possibly from south of France was destroyed north east Oran 0800-0900Z. Third aircraft active off Algiers evening. In Balearics Area and between Balearics and Sardinia during day was [±] west. (((To AGWAR Troopers 18th Army Group (18th Army Group pass to 2nd Corps) 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Group AFHQ 5th Army 5882 date nil. TOO nil))) One probably 2 destroyed by Allied Fighters. No damage reported to shipping. Number of hostile aircraft reported 0415Z 21st April over Djidjelli, later flying towards Philipville and Bone where 2 JU 88's claimed destroyed. Reported on escort in Sicilian area were 8 to 10 JU 88's, 5 ME 110's. No reports of JU 52's landing Tunisia during day. Attacked by Allied Fighters was formation of about 15 Italian aircraft flying to Tunisia of which 12 claimed destroyed.

Part 2 Air Force 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 20th April. At least 200 sorties flown by enemy fighters based in Tunisia. Defensive patrols consisting about 10 to 15 ME 109's and FW 190's maintained over Tunis and Bizerta areas, others covered Gulf of Tunis and Cape Bon. Interception

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To: **INCOMING MESSAGE** Page 2
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patrols flown in Mateur area. Escorted ME 109's made recce of southern front in late afternoon. At least 3 fighter bomber raids made Enfidaville area. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Advance NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

Part 3 Naval. Nothing to report.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: War (Action)
British War Office (Action)
Information - For all interested parties.

No. 5882, April 21, 1943.

Insert the following at omission.

Sardinia during day was considerable recce activity. From Sicily recce included flights by several aircraft over Tunisia and meteor flight (meteor aircraft probably destroyed) south towards Tripoli. Between 0315 and 0450 Z 21st April 6 torpedo aircraft operating singly reported near convoy approaching Algiers from west.

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Information: OPD
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URGENT

From: 18th Army Group
To: War

No. 0/756 April 21, 1943

Part 1 SITREP 186 for 12 hours ending 1200 hours 21 April. (From 18 Army Group 0/756 21 April TOO2 20A to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast Fifth Army rptd 242 Group Sois Bone Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Con Area for ADV NAAF to Col McDonald A 2 NASAF) from AFBQ signed C in C.

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army. Fwd line now runs 50 Div from coast along 92. Northing to road thence 2 N Z Div hold Dj El Hamad P 3087. Confused and very bitter fighting has been in progress for Takrouna but not yet certain if we have cleared it. 4 Inf Div hold southern slopes of Dj Garci but were driven off the top by a counter attack.

Section 2. 1st Army. A. 19 Corps. NTR. B. 9 Corps. NTR. C. 5 Corps. During night enemy estimated at least 3 Inf Bns supported by 50-70 tanks attacked 1 and 4 Dives between Sidi Mamoud J 6019 ~~PAND EXCL.~~ Medjez. Some infiltration took place in area J 6024 and J 6334 but after confused fighting all our posts are still firmly held and considerable casualties have been inflicted on enemy. By dawn enemy were starting to withdraw and the area is now clear except about J 6024 where some tanks and Inf remain. These are now being

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To: War
No. O/756 April 21, 1943

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dealt with. 25 enemy tanks destroyed 21 by 1 4 by 4
Div at least 450 PW also taken.

Section 3. 2 US Corps. NTR.

Section 4. Air follows. End of continuation of
part 1.

Part 2 follows. CITE FBGCT.

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Action: OPD

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

No. 0945A, April 21, 1943.

((Part 1 SITREP No 179 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 20 April. (From 18th Army Group 0/751 21st April TOO 0945 A to Troopers to Freedom pass USFOR AGWAR Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd 242 Group SOIS Bone Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Con area for Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A 2) NASAF)) from AFHQ signed CINC.

Part 1. Section 1. 8th Army. All ground gained now securely held. 4 enemy counter attacks during course of day all successfully beaten off. Many enemy killed and some 800 prisoners taken.

Section 2. First Army. (A) 19 Corps. Enemy activity reported in area Oued Kebir 08593 night 19/20 (B). 9 Corps. 6 Armd Div now moving into concentration area J 5215. (C) 5 Corps. 1 Div occupied ridge J 6334 without incident. Main Hq 1st Army opened area J 1419 1800 hrs.

Section 3. 2 US Corps. To follow. End part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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Information:

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To: AGWAR

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GSD letter, May 4, 1972

No. A-1221 April 21, 1943

By SLR

Date ~~FEB 19 1974~~

Northwest African Strategic Air Force (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from Spaatz (Hq NWAAF Advanced) ref no A 1221 April 20 April 19 Part 3 178 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT) Day 19 April. B-17's Fortresses mission to Bizerte not completed due to weather. Other B-17's bombed Tunis harbor, with bombs covering main basin and some bursts in town. Report one ME-109 damaged and 14 B-17's Fortresses damaged. B-25's Mitchells mission on shipping not completed. Other B-25 missions bombed La Sebala landing ground and bombs fell in dispersal areas and on runways. One B-25 Mitchell destroyed. P-38's Lightnings flew shipping sweeps and weather rcn. No encounters and no sightings. Northwest African Tactical Air Force. Night 18/19 April. Bisleys bombed La Marsa landing ground but results unobserved. Other Bisleys bombed beach near Reyville and report direct hits on ship near Meline. One Bisley missing and one damaged. Day 19 April. Spitfires flew weather and shipping rcn and numerous fighter sweeps on northern Tunisia and report destroyed one ME-109, probably destroyed one ME-109, damaged three ME-109. One Spitfire missing and one Spitfire damaged. Spitfires flew escort for numerous bomber missions and report destroyed three ME-109's, probably destroyed one ME-109 and one FW-190 and damaged two ME-109's. Two Spitfires missing. A-20's Bostons bombed La Sebala landing ground and dispersal area covered. Burribombers bombed tanks west of Tebourba. Western Desert Air Force. Day 18 April. Claims to read.

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

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

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No. 5642, April 20, 1943.

178 Part 2. April 19th. No Part 2 SITREP
177 issued.

1. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army
18th Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv
NWAAF from Freedom 5642 20th signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT SITREP) Naval. During night 18/19 April MTBY
from Bone operated in Bizerta area and also in Gulf
of Tunisia MTBS from Malta operated off Kelibia. On
18th April during air raid on Algiers harbour HMS
Torbay was damaged by near miss. Minesweeping con-
tinues in the approaches to Sousse Harbour. Operations
have been successfully carried out with landing party
to occupy Kerkenna Islands. On 17th April force was
withdrawn and Gendarmes left in charge.

2. *SFAX* Movements completed. 436 CA Bn AA Sep arrives
Constantine from Oran coming under command 18th Army
Group. Movements commenced. 3rd Bn 62nd CA AA Regt
Searchlight departed Oran for Algiers.

3. L of C. Evening of 18th April approx 25
enemy aircraft raided Algiers. Some damage to civilian
property.

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Footnote: Corrected copy of CM-1N-12297 (4-21-43) OPD

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Information: G-2, CCWD, Lt Col Deane (CC/S), *Comdr J. King*

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From: Algiers
To: War

Number 5554 April 20, 1943

With the Fondouk Gap secured by 3rd
Armor US Div on the south and 128th Brig and
French Welwert Div on the north the 6th Armd
Div broke through the Gap on 10th Apr and moved
rapidly on Kairouan. ((To Troopers AGWAR USFOR
From Freedom 5554)). The Derbyshire Yeomanry
preceded the 26th Armd Brig on a wide front.
Following the break through the enemy became
disorganized small groups of enemy tanks were
encountered but Kairouan was cleared by 11th Apr.
The 6th Armd Div then moved to the north and on
12th Apr Sbikha P 05 was occupied by the 26th
Armd Brig. The night 12th/13th Apr 9th Corps
was withdrawn. Concentrating in the area
Foretrde Kessera 0 43 and leaving the pursuit
to 8th Army. During these operations 1500
prisoners were captured. Twenty four enemy tanks
and 50 guns mostly self propelled 75's were
destroyed. Nineteen Corps. French troops
operated on the west flank of 8th Army along the
hills extending north from Fondouk. Slow progress
was made over the hilly country, but 900 prisoners
were captured. At end of period of this report
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fighting for Djebel Sefsouf O 8678 continues. First Army. Attacks continued in the difficult terrain of the Medjaz El Bab-Munchar-Bejak sector. The 78th Div with 11th, 36th and 38th Inf Brigades advanced along the mountain range NW of Medjaz. Djebel El Ang J 5445 and the hill at J 5645 changed hands several times. Djebel El Ang now in our hands. The 4th Div astride the Beja-Mateur road has reached J 4055. Pack transport is still necessary for supply in this area.

2. Location statement. Eighth Army with Tactical Hq at P 5639 consists of 30th Corps U 9047 and 10th Corps P 5639. Thirtieth Corps consists of 51st Div U 7828. Tenth Corps consists of 50th Div P 3035. Four Indian Div in square P 34 2nd New Zealand Div P 4862. Seven Armd Div (in square P 06. Eighth Armd Brig, L Force and Fighting French Flying Column. First Army N 8498 (part 3 follows) consists of.

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INFORMATION: G-3
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General Deane (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: 5494, April 20, 1943

Operations little operational activity in any sector. Part 1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 19 April. (To AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers Pass USFOR 18 Army Group (encipher for 2 Corps) 1 Army Adv NAAF EAC 12 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 FHGB1 5494 Nil Nil). Considerable movement J 6447 including 24 tanks. Local enemy counter attack O 691863 replused. No reports Southern Front. Part 2 will follow. Identifications. Locations 1/47 Gr and 3/756 MTN IR confirmed. 1/962 IR reported reduced strength. No major change in general picture. Tanks reported in north possibly heavy unit of which prisoners have spoken.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0/724 April 20, 1943

From AFHQ signed CINC.

Part 1. (Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd 242 Group Bone area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Constantine Area for Advance NAAF for Colonel MacDonald A 2 NASAF from 18th Army Group number 0/724 dated 20 TOO 0745) Sitrep number 178 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 19 April)

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army. Normal patrol activity.

A. 10 Corps. 151 Brigade moved to area Hergla 0 47 and 69 Brigade to area 1/2 mile south-east S'Bou Ali 0 4466. 151 Bde and 22 Arm Bde positioned areas S Nassri P 1579 and 4 miles southeast of Djebibina P 0779.

B. 30 Corps. Nothing to report.

Section 2. 1st Army.

A. 19 Corps enemy counter attack on Dj Hejjj 0 68 night 18/19 April repulsed.

B. 9 Corps. Regrouping continued. 1 British Arm Division now in concentration area 0 19.

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No. 0/724 April 20, 1943

46 Division. 128 Bde area J 5806. 138 Bde area J 5017
with 1 Battalion at J 6014, 139 Bde area J 6505.

C. 5 Corps. Hq moved to J 4829.
One British Infantry Division, 3 Brigade area J 5128.
24 Guards Bde occupied Smidia J 5939 night 18/19 April
unopposed. 78 Division, 8 A and SH Patrol to point
485 to J 5245 4 Division. 10 Infantry Bde relieved
by 26 Charlie Tock.

Section 3. Two United States Corps.
Patrols to J 2981 fired on by automatic weapons and
artillery. 39 Infantry now in area J 2681. Outpost
of 10 men at J 2881 attacked during night. Two killed
and 8 missing 47 Infantry fired on enemy O P at J
3181. 84 FA Battalion ammunition dump set afire by
enemy shell. Intermittent artillery fire on 34 FA Bn.
9 recce troop reports artillery piece at J 3275. Large
anti tank minefield with antipersonnel mines at J 3772,
J 3778.

Part 3. Follows. Cite FBGCT.
Section 4. Air. Follows.

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CORRECTION

From: Algiers
To: British War Office
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JCS memo, 1-4-74

By RHP, NLR, Date

MAY 23 1974

No. 5560 April 20, 1943

On page 1 paragraph 2 line 20 insert the following:

Info. of enemy

P 1590 on 13 April. Hq ECLAT Tank Regt K 2803 April 16 in contact with 164 light P 2199. Foregoing and identification by prisoners suggests East West alignment is 90 light 15 Panzer 164 light 21 Panzer 10 Panzer. Yorker indicates 21 Panzer controlling PGR Afrika and part 10 M/C Battalion also 10 Panzer still in battle groups as during recent withdrawal. 33 AR in support in supposed 15 Panzer sector also 3/190. GAF Battacipa also under 15 Panzer 190 recce attached to 580. Some indications intention move parts 10 and 21 Panzer Divisions Area northwest Aghouan. Hq 90 AR at O 9292 supports view 10 Panzer on western flank. 9/155 AR under command 90 AR on 14 April suggests close cooperation 10 and 21 Divisions. B. German strength based on reports received from formations in contact and prisoners. Manteuffel 4500, 6 Infantry guns 17 anti tank; 334 division 9450, 21 infantry guns 19 artillery pieces 24 anti tank; Goering Division 10,000, 24 Infantry guns 21 artillery pieces 24 Ack Ack 39 anti tank; 999 Division 5800, 18 artillery pieces 31 anti tank; 10 Panzer 10,000, 18 infantry guns 40 artillery pieces 5 Ack Ack 75 anti tank; 15 Panzer 5600, 10 infantry guns 20 artillery pieces 25 anti tank; 21 Panzer 5600, 5 infantry guns 25 artillery pieces 30 anti tank; 90 light 6,000, 4 infantry guns 18 artillery pieces 28 anti tank; 164 light 3,000, 10 artillery pieces 15 anti tank;

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To: War
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501 Heavy Battalion 500; March battalions 17, 22, 23,
24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 43 and presumably 44 to 55 as PW 55
captured El Hamma 14950.

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ACTION: G-2

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G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		✓
BIGATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓
E-A		✓
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JIC		✓
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From: Algiers
To: WAR - British War Office - Cairo

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

Allied Force Headquarters weekly review no two for period ending 2400 A 18th April. (Action AGWAR Troopers Mideast from G-2 Freedom 5560 20th signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI). Para One.

Paras Two, Three and Four will follow. A. German dispositions. No major changes Northern Sector except arrival 1st and 2nd Bns 962nd IR. Prisoners state strength 2nd Bn 250 only owing losses in transit. March Battalion 34 reinforcing 47th GR and 26th March Battalion. 2/756 MTN IR now located in North. 2/754 believed Medjez area. Thus no obvious reserves in North except Witzig and 2nd Barenthin at present Mateur area. No changes Goubellat Bou Arada Sector. Reinforcement rate suggests one Hermann Goering G R probably now present also other elements this division. Units in Southern Defense Line presumably composed all survivors units formerly on Eastern Dorsale, in Fondouk Gap area and withdrawn recently from South. Only identifications by prisoners war are 334th Moblie Abteilung north of Djebibina, 69th PGR area DJ Sefsouf, 104th PGR Djedjbina area. Following indications from Yorker. 115th PGR at P 1590 on 13 W 55 captured El Hama 14950, 41st Anti Tank; 47th GP Group 2500, 8th Infantry guns 8 Artillery pieces 34 Anti Tank; PGR Afrika 700; recce units 1900, 4 Infantry guns 34th Anti Tank; Army and miscellaneous Artillery 3900, 24 guns; 19th and 20th Ack Ack Divisions 13,000, 180-88 MM.

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guns; miscellaneous units 3400; rear services
14000. Divisional service included in formation
totals. Total 114800. Armoured cars 56 tanks 175.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 1205 Apr 20, 1943

Outstanding in past few days operations have been performance of Aviation Engineers and Royal Engineers in rapidly preparing airdromes for the forward movement of the Tactical Air Force, together with the movement of technical supplies, bombs, ammunition etc to sustain operations. (to Arnold from Spatz Hq NAAF Adv) During the shifting of units forward, operations were maintained and on April 15th, the date movements were completed, * 67 percent of aircraft assigned to combat units as being in commission. Report further shows only 19 aircraft in combat units out of commission awaiting parts. This latter is due partially to rapid movement forward of combat units which necessitated a redistribution of supplies of spares. In operation against JU 52 convoy April 18th, 4 Squadrons of P 40s of Western Desert Force covered by 1 Squadron of RAF Spitfires participated. Final score of this operation: 58 JU 52s, 14 ME 109s, 2 ME 110s destroyed, 1 ME 109 probably destroyed, 19 JU 52s, 9 ME 109s, 1 ME 110 damaged. On 19th April a further 15 JU 52s destroyed in same area.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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April 20, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War - British War Office - Cairo

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Number 5558 April 20, 1943

Weekly Allied Force Headquarters review
nr 2 for period ending 2400 A 18th April. ((AGWAR
Troopers Mideast from G-2 Freedom signed Eisen-
hower cite FHGBI 5558 20th))).

2. A. Italian dispositions. Puperga Div-
ision presumed western flank of new Dsrenhj line.
Elements 92IR still in DJ Mansour area. No in-
dication exact location remaining divisions.
Probably similar alignment to that at Mareth and
Akarit with young Fascists in coastal sector.
Deserter states division not remained Bersaglieri
Africa and recently reinforced 1st Battalion.
Following from Porter. Hq 1st Army Nabeym (Nabeul)
13th April Grombalia 14th April. Rear Hq Porto
Farina 16th April. Artillery Hq Korba (Kofba) 14
April. Engineers Hq La Marsa 15th April. Insen-
dancè Tunis area. Lisison Hq between 1 and 5
Armes Protville 16th April 21st Corps Grombalia
14th April 30th Corps Ain Hallouf 12th April.
Services and now all Hq Sup Rga Grombalia formerly
at Saouaf. Centaurc operations Enfidaville 12 April
Bou Ficha 14th April. 31st tank Regt still under
command indications general grouping 1st Army
administrative headquarters Tunis Bizerta region,
following units Tunis area 32 Anti Tank Regt,
1 Auto Ragruppamento 20 Special Auto Park 161
Section CCRR. Personalities 1st Army Engineers Lt
Ippolito 1 Auto Ragruppamento Lt Col Annibaldi.

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Average Italian strength based on reports received from formations in contact and prisoners. Super GA 6500 60 FD guns 60 Anti Tank including 40 SP, young Fascists 4500, 48 FD guns 48 Anti Tank, Pistoia 1500, 3 Sapg FD guns 12 Anti Tank Survivours almost entirely 3 AR. Triest 1000, 15 Field guns 8 Anti Tank Survivours 1 Battalion 66 IR and bulk of 21 AR, Spezia 500, 16 FD guns 6 Anti Tank, centauro 2500 30 FD.

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ACTION: G-2

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

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April 20, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-British War Office-GHA-1st Army Advance- UAI-
LDAD-WHAB-LYXV-Oran-Casablanca-Malta-Cairo-LAEE-Oudjda
French Morocco

No. 5590 April 20, 1943

Off Algerian coast three JU 88's enemy bomber
recce of which 1 as ((to Action AGWAR for WDGBI
Troopers pass USFOR information 18th Army Group 1st
Army 2nd Corps (18th Army Group pass) Adv NAAF EAC 12th
AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass
1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed
Eisenhower cite FHGBI 5590. Part 2 Air G-2 report for
24 hours ending 2400 Z 19th April)) far as Algiers
morning another making weather flight to same point
from Sicily and third destroyed off Philippeville 1700 Z.
Pursuit shot down near Djidjellr ME 210 reported Cape
Corbelin area. Over Balearics 2 reported 1 morning 1
afternoon with second departing toward North African
Coast. During day from Sicily 10 to 12 recce flights
reported. One enemy aircraft on recce mission Gulf of
Sirte probably failed return to base. Operating off
northeast Tunisian coast during night 3 to 4 further
recce. From Sicily night time a few enemy bombers active.
Reported on escort duties Sicilian area three JU 88's
and four ME 110's. By German transport 18th April to
Tunisia over 120 sorties flown of which half occurred
early morning remainder afternoon. Claim destroyed
return flight foregone by our fighters about 50.
General. Smaller than usual but with fighter sorties

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Oudjda French Morocco.
No. 5590 April 20, 1943

reaching estimated total of over 150 was enemy activity over Tunisia. Chiefly defensive and interception was this activity reacting to our attacks in Mateur Tunis and Bizerta areas. Covering shipping and arrival of transport aircraft were both German and Italian fighters. North of Ed Djem and east of Kairouan German fighter bombers attacked targets. Also carried out 1 raid on Souk El Khemis landing ground.

Part 3 Naval. Attacks on enemy shipping by HM submarines. Hit probably sunk 12th April northbound M/V of 1000 tons off Cape Bear Gulf of Lyons. East-bound position 43 degs 13 mins north 06 degs 52 mins east 2 M/V's each 3000 tons escorted by destroyer were each hit 3 times both believed sunk. 14th April hit sunk one M/V 2000 tons westbound position 43 degs 32 mins north 07 degs 12 mins east.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF
GEN DEANE (CC/8)

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office
War - USFOR London (Information)

Number 5554 April 20, 1943

With the Fondouk Gap severed by 34th US Div on the south and 128th Brig and French Welvert Div on the north the 6th Arm'd Div broke through the Gap on 10th Apr and moved rapidly on Kairyuan. ((To Troopers AGWAR USFOR from Freedom 5554)) The Derbyshire Yeomanry preceded the 26th Arm'd Brig on a wide front. Following the break through the enemy became disorganized. Small groups of enemy tanks were encountered but Mairouan was cleared by 11th Apr. The 6th Arm'd Div then moved to the north and on 12 Apr Ubikha P 05 was occupied by the 26th Arm'd Brig. The night 12th/13th Apr 9th Corps was withdrawn. Concentrating in the area Foret De Kessera O 43 and leaving the pursuit to 8th Army. During these operating 1500 prisoners were captured. 24 enemy tanks and 50 guns mostly self propelled 75's were destroyed. 19th Corps. French troops operated on the west flank of 8th Army along the hills extending north from Fondouk. Slow progress was made over the hilly country, but 900 prisoners were captured. At end of period of this report fighting for Djebel Sbfouf O 8678 continues. First Army. Attacks continued in the difficult terrain of the Medjez El Bab-Munchar-Beja sector. The 78th Div with 11th 36th and 38th Inf Brigades

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advanced along the mountain range NW of Medjex Djebel El Ang J 5445 and the hill at J 5645 changed hands several times Djebel El Ang now in our hands. The 4th Div astride the Beja-Mateur Road has reached J 4055. Pack transport is still necessary for supply in this area.

Para 2. Location statements 8th Army with Tactical Hq at P 5639 consists of 30th Corps U 9047 and 10th Corps P 5639. 30th Corps consists of 51st Div U 7828. 10th Corps consists of 50th Div P 3035. 4th Indian Div in square P 34. 2nd New Zealand Div P 4862. 7th Arm Div in square P 06. 8th Arm Div. L Force and Fighting French Flying Column. 1st Army N 8498 (part 3 follows) consists of

WDCMC invites attention to CM-IN-12200 (20 Apr 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

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

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To: WAR (info)
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No. 5642, April 20, 1943.

178 Part 2. April 19th. No Part 2 SITREP
177 issued.

1. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army
18th Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv
NWAAP from Freedom 5642 20th signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT SITREP) Naval. During night 18/19 April MTBY
from Bone operated in Bizerta area and also in Gulf
of Tunisia MTBS from Malta operated off Kelibia. On
18th April during air raid on Algiers harbour HMS
Torbay was damaged by near miss. Minesweeping con-
tinues in the approaches to Sousse Harbour. Operations
have been successfully carried out with landing party
to occupy Kerkenna Islands. On 17th April force was
withdrawn and Gendarmes left in charge.

2. Movements completed. 436 CA Bn AA Sep arrives
Constantine from Oran coming under command 18th Army
Group. Movements commenced. 3rd Bn 82nd CA AA Regt
Searchlight departed Oran for Algiers.

3. L of C. Evening of 18th April approx 25
enemy aircraft raided Algiers. Some damage to civilian
property.

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

No. 5534 April 20, 1943

6th weekly summary. Signed Eisenhower. Cite
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1. Summary of operations 9 to 16 April. ((To Troopers AGWAR USFOR from Freedom 5554.)) 8th Army. Sfax was reported clear of enemy the morning 10th Apr. The same day 8th Army regrouped and concentrated as follows: Under 10th Corps the 2nd New Zealand Div in area of La Hencha and 1st Br Armd Div in area Fauconnerie U 25. Under 30 Corps the 51 Div and 7th Armd Div in the Sfax area. Also under 30th Corps the 50th Div and 4th Indian Div continued clearing the battlefield and consolidating the Ankarit position. The following day patrols of 2nd New Zealand Div and 4th Light Armd Brig advanced northwards against minor opposition but delayed by demolitions and mines. Sousse was occupied the morning of 12th. Contact was made with the enemy positions along the Enfidaville line 13 Apr. The same day the 50th Div 4th Indian Div. and 7th Armd Div were placed under command 10th Corps and began advance to the north. On 14 Apr the 7th Armd Div was concentrated south of Kairouan and the 4th Light Armd Brig under command 7th Armd Div was in area of Djebibina P 07. Patrolling continues along the Enfidaville position. The night 15/16 Apr the 1st Br

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To: British War Office (action)
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No. X 0184 April 20, 1943

Armd Div began move to area of 1st Army. 2 US Corps. Clearance of Djebel Chamsi Y 57 and Djebel Ben Kreir Y 67 was completed by 1st US Inf Div. After concentrating in area of Bou Chaka S 66 the 9th Inf Div on 10th Apr began movement north to area of 1st Army and assumed cmd of the northern sector relieving the 46 Div on 14 Apr. The 1st UK Armd Div completed concentration in Sbeitla area with detachments left to clear the Maknassy-Faid Passes. 2 Corps troops began movement north 15 Apr and at 1600 A the Corps CP opened in Beja area. (Part 2 follows). 9 Corps

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

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 5558 Apr 20, 1943

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Six anti tank 20 and 21 Corps Arty 6000
(to AGWAR Troopers Mideast from G 2 Freedom signed
Eisenhower 5558 20th 2nd and last part) 40 guns,
ack ack and CD 5000 98 guns miscellaneous
units staffs and services 20,000 10 FD guns 28
antitank. Remaining armoured cars all units estimated
30 tanks 35. Total strength 47,500.

3. Total effectives now estimated at 162,300 comprising 114,800 German 47,500 Italian. Casualties since 11 April 4900 reinforcements 5200. Later evidence increases previous casualty figures by 6000. Between 16 March and 18 April estimated 25,000 killed and seriously wounded including 15,000 Germans. 30,000 prisoners including 7,000 Germans. 143 tanks of which 125 German 264 guns over 47 MM of which 140 German.

4. Capabilities. Enemy still determined maintain line on northern sector. Reinforcements committed soon after arrival. Probable grouping some mobil forces in Tunis plain. Defense preparations continue. Enfidaville Line which will given over largely to Infantry as soon as positions ready, no indications evacuation schemes and information suggests continued reinforcement of Tunisia with troops. Consider that non essential personnel and surplus L of C troops are being evacuated. This normal in circumstances.

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To: WAR-British War Office (action)
GHA-1st Army-FAOG-WMA-BDN-Oran-Casablanca-
Malta-Cairo-WFEK-Oudjda French Morocco (info)

In Reply Cite: 5310 April 19, 1943

Of which 1 to Oran area morning, 2nd to (Part 2 Air G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 18th April. To AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 5310) Algiers area afternoon and 3rd performing weather recce to 3 degs west, three JU 88's enemy bomber recce detected off Algiers coast. Covering from Southern France Balearics, sea Arga west of Corsica were 3 additional. On anti submarine missions morning afternoon were number from Sicily while reported off North and East Tunisian coasts at night were other recce aircraft. On Algiers at dusk 20 to 30 enemy JU 88's bombers attempted attack with 5 claimed destroyed by our fighters and AA with several others claimed damaged, 1 over Algiers and another near bases in Sardinia. Near Sicily on escort duty between 20 and 30 bombers operated. Arrived Tunis 17th April 2 large groups of about sixty JU 52's each, 1 morning, 1 afternoon. Also 2 formations 8 to 10 ME 323's landed Tunis while 40 to 50 JU 88's (probably transport) landed Bizerta. General. Enemy activity Tunisia high scale. Believed about 200 Fighters sorties operated on defensive patrols interception missions escort duty and protection of transport aircraft. Offensive operations were stepped

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up with fighter bombers plus FW 190's carrying out
3 raids on our aerodromes at Souk El Ahenis following
our bombers to bases and combining their approach
with high divers and fighter sweeps. Also south of
Enfidaville enemy fighter bombers made 1 morning 1
afternoon raid. Mt Pont De Fahs attacked by aircraft.
Early morning by an escorted Me 109 and later by one
JU 88 recce made southern front. Part 3 Naval.
Nothing to report.

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G2 Dist.	Action	Info
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON	✓	✓
SIT	✓	✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR	✓	
E-A		✓
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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
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LINREP No: 39.

Summary of operations 15th to 18th April.

Para One. Eighth Army patrols were active throughout the period along the enemys new defensive line from ENFIDAVILLE to the WEST. The forward concentration of our forces continued. First British Armoured Division commenced to move to the area of First Army during the night 15/16 April.

Para two. First Army. Enemy counter attacks in the mountains DJEBEL SEFSOUF area forced French troops to withdraw slightly 16 April. Fighting continues in this area. Southwest of DJEBEL MANSOUR local advances have been made and some prisoners captured. Mipg Corps consisting of the 46 Inf Div, 1 British Armoured Div and 6 Armoured Div has taken over the BOU ARADA - GOUBELLAT sector. In the 5 Corps sector attacks continued in the MEDJEZ EL BAB - MUNCHAR - BEJA area over difficult country. The 78 Div with 11, 36 and 38 Inf Bdes

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advanced along the mountain ranges Northwest of MEDJEZ. Confused fighting took place in the area of DJEBEL EL ANG throughout 15 Apr. The enemy made a successful attack on our positions but a counter attack by our troops in the evening recovered all lost ground and the hill remains in our hands. During the night 16/17 Apr: a successful attack was made by our infantry on DJEBEL TANNGOUCHE, one mile North of HEIDOUS, but owing to the destruction of the mule transport bringing forward tools and blasting powder our troops were compelled to withdraw. The 4 Div ****(9 words missing check requested) MATEUR Road reached J 4055 before being relieved by the First USA Infantry Div.

Para Three. 2 USA Corps. The concentration of 2 USA Corps on the left flank of First Army continued. The 9 on the left and First USA Infantry Divs on the right are now complete in this sector with the Corps CP at BEJA. Patrol activity only has so far been carried out. 2 Corps assumed command of the sector from nine miles Northwest of MEDJEZ EL BAB to the sea during the evening 18 Apr. Supply in the area Northeast of BEJA still necessitates pack transport.

Para Four. Enemy. In the Northern Sector the enemy maintains a stubborn defense, and is employing recently arrived reinforcements in the line. In the centre there has been NO(NO) major change but it is appreciated that a mobile Armd Reserve may be grouped in the plain of TUNIS. The enemys withdrawal on the Northern features of the DORSALE appears to be coming to an end. Defence preparations continue on the new Southern line to

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ENFIDAVILLE this line is screened by mobile patrols.

Para Five. Naval. During the night 15/16 Apr: two destroyers on a sweep to the South of MARITTIMO sighted two large Italian Destroyers and sank both of them. One of our destroyers received some damage and was taken in tow by the other, but the ships were attacked by enemy aircraft and, in view of the close proximity to enemy airfields and the long distance from MALTA for fighter cover, the damaged destroyer was sunk by our own forces. Night 16/17 April an enemy convoy of 2 merchant vessels and four destroyers was attacked. One merchant vessel was sunk by MTBs and the other was hit by aircraft of Fleet Air Arm. Submarines returning from patrols report sinking 4 ships, probably sinking 3 ships and damaging one other.

Para Six. Air. Night 14/15 April Bombers of strategic air force attacked enemy airdromes in SARDINIA. On the following day bomber missions were cancelled due to weather. PALERMO was attacked by Flying Fortresses on both 16th 17th and 18th April. Other attacks were made on BIZENZA, FERRAYVILLE, and enemy airdromes in SARDINIA and SICILY and TUNISIA. Light bombers and fighterbombers of tactical air force made many successful attacks on enemy landing grounds. Fighters carried out offensive sweeps over Northern Tunisia. On 18th April a total of 88 enemy aircraft were destroyed including 45 transport aircraft which were shot down by fighters of the Western Desert Air Force.

Para Seven. Political. Gen CATROUK arrived yesterday in Algiers to resume active negotiations on French Union agreement. Gen GIRAUD issued a statement on Friday declaring

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political rather than military activities and it is expected that there will be further clarification of GIRAUDS position shortly.

Para Eight. Reference Linrep 38 para two. Amend 11 Inf Div to read First US Inf Div.

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Situation Report No. 81.

1. During night 16th/17th April motor torpedo boats from Malta operated between Hammamet and Kelibia. M.T.B.s 634 and 656 on sweep from Bone attacked convoy of 2 merchant vessels and 4 destroyers between Zembra and Zembretta and hit a 4,000 ton ship which burst into flames. Escort opened fire on M.T.B.'s but caused only superficial damage. Aircraft of 826 Squadron attacked a convoy in same position shortly afterwards and estimated a hit on one merchant vessel which appeared to stop.
2. During night 18th/19th April motor gunboats from Bone operated in Bizerta area and motor torpedo boats carried out sweep in Gulf of Tunis. Motor torpedo boats from Malta were in Scilian Channel.
3. Algiers Harbour was raided by about 12 aircraft on 17th April and 18 on 18th April at about 2000 each night. No naval damage on first night. H.M.S. TORBAY slightly damaged on 18th April from near miss. An unconfirmed total of 4 certain and 1 probable claimed shot down by Fighters and 3 by anti-aircraft fire.

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From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 5281, April 19, 1943

Part 1. Land.

Increased enemy activity and heavy MG fire
Djebel Ainehouna (to AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass
USFOR 18th Army Gp 1st Army 2nd Corps ADV NAAF EAC
12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th
Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from Freedom
5281 nil nil signed Eisenhower cite FBGBI operations)
J 2980. During night 17-18 April shelling area
Chassert Teffsha heavier than usual. Much movement
during day 18 April Goubellat Area. Indications
armour regrouping north west Zaghwan K 02. Enemy
driven from point 666 on Djebel Hejij O 6987 evening
17th April. 64 prisoners all Italian. No enemy
counter attack. Quiet day southern defence line.
Enfidaville now reported held also Takrouna P 28.
Forios Djebel Garci P 2187 mainly Italian. Part 1
Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 18th April.

Identifications. All by PW.

German. 3 and 4 Coys 1 Bn 962 IR J 5645.
1 Bn 47 Gr reidentified J 5245. PW states 26 March
Bn and 47 Gr reinforced by 34 March Bn. 104 PGR area
Djebibina P 08.

Italian. 3 Bn 92 IR area O 68.

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Dispositions. 8 Tank Regt area K 2802 with 164 Division on leftflank. Probably also in contact with 90 Light. Identifications indicate part 21 Panzer still in line. Probable alignment west-east is 10 Panzer, 21 Panzer, 90 Light, 15 Panzer, 164 Light. Armoured elements 10 and 21 nevertheless possibly withdrawn or withdrawing.

General. No general change. Enemy continues improvised reinforcement northern sector. Possible transfer of armour to more suitable area suggests infantry now organized in new defence line.

Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War - British War Office - Oudjda - Cairo - GHA
WFEK - Malta

In Reply Cite: 177, April 19, 1943

Part 3 SITREP 177. Signed Eisenhower FEET
(AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Gp
Hq Liaison Gp APHQ Malta from NAAF Adv. Hq A 11 O
19/4 April)) NWA Strategic AF. Night 17/18.
Wellingtons attacked Tunis docks and marshalling
yards. 30 tons bombs dropped in target area. Two
Wellingtons missing. Day 18 B 17 for recces
escorted by P 38 Lightnings attacked marshalling
yards at Palermo and Bocca Di Falco A/D. Targets
well covered resulting in large columns black
smoke. B 25 Mitchells escorted P 38 attacked
Alghero-Tertilla A/D Sardinia and shipping at
Porto Torres. A/D and harbor well covered causing
large fires, 1 M/V left sinking and another in
flames. NWA Tactical AF. Night 17/18. Bisleys
attacked La Marsa L/G greater part of target hit.
Fighters carried out numerous fighter sweeps TAC/R
and interception sorties. One JU 88, 1 FW 190
and 3 ME 109 destroyed, 9 ME 109 and 2 FW 190
damaged. Two Spitfires damaged. Western Desert
Air Force. Night 17/18 Wellingtons attacked L/G
in Korba-Marie Du Zit area. Hurricanes patrolled
over Sousse-Sfax area and searched for transport

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A/C in Hammamet area ((part 1-part 2 on the way)) Day
18 strong fighter formations were maintained over
Cap Bon Peninsular for long periods. Four Sqdns
Warhawks and 1 Sqdn Spitfires encountered approx.
100 JU 52 with strong fighter escort.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR
WAR-British War Office-Oudjda French Morocco-
GHA-WFEK-Cairo-Malta-OG (information)

In Reply Cite: 5162 April 18, 1943

176. Part 2. April 17th.

Para 1. Naval and movements nil. Signed
Eisenhower. Cite FRGCT.

Para 2. L of C. Remaining parachutists (to
USFOR AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group Hq
Liaison Group AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv NWAAP from G-3
section AFEQ 5162 18th April TOO nil.) (85430)
captured area Canrobert. Action USFOR addsd AGWAR,
Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison
Group AFHQ, Mideast, Malta, Adv NWAAP.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DRANE (CC/S)
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 4998, April 18, 1943

Operations. Quiet day all sectors. (AGWAR TROOPERS information 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps ADV NAAF EAG 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast ADV Liaison Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 4998 18 April nil considerable NT movement both directions roads Tunis-Mateur, Tunis-Tebourba, Tunis-Hammamet. Enfidaville Town reported not held by enemy.

1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 17 April. Identifications. 2 Bn 756 Mtn Ir J 3182 by deserter. Dispositions. 8 Tank Regt moved up in Enfidaville area. 15 Panzer still commanding GAF Bn. 10 Panzer Division Hq possibly 11 miles Southeast of Zaghuan. Some indications young Fascists now independent formation, supposedly re-named Bersaglieri Dafrika. At present holding coastal sector. AGWAR for WDGBI TROOPERS pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps ADV NAAF EAC 12 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. General. No indications any change enemy situation. Fighting quality 962 or not noticeably lower than that of other German Infantry. Movement of tanks reported yesterday possibly 21 Panzer Division not yet located.

Parts 2 and 3 will follow

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INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF

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BROATON		✓
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AIR		✓
E-A		✓
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0755 A

In Reply Cite: SITREP 176, April 18, 1943.

1. Sitrep NR 176 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 17th Apr (To Troopers USFOR, Troopers pass AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) 242 Group Bone area for SOIS HQ L O F G 12th ABC B Tactical Bomber Force Con Area for Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A-2 2 US Corps First Army, 9th Corps Main Hq 8th Army NASAF from 18th Army Group O/707 18th Apr TOO 0755 A.)) From APHQ signed CINC.

Part 1. Section 1. 8th Army. 201st GSD BDE now in area P 3774 otherwise N T R.

Section 2. First Army. (A) . 19 Corps. 7th RTM now in Area 08774 9th MTA now in area 09172 during day yesterday little activity 19th Corps area. (BL) 9th Corps. N T R. (C). 5th Corps. During night 16/17 Apr Bn 38 BDE attacked Djebel Tennialou Hem. Attack successful but mule transport bringing entrenching tools and blasting powder were killed on way up and Bn was compelled to withdraw which they did without enemy interference. Patrols to J 3559-4354 no contact. (D) 9th US Div. Patrols to J 3182 and J 2982 and J 3182 in contact patrols to J 3072 missing.

Section 3. Air. Our aircraft were harassing the enemy in the forward areas continuously during the 24 hours. Night 16/17. Raids by light and medium bombers on enemy landing grounds continued successfully.

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Day 17th escorted light bombers attacked army targets northeast of Medjex. Fighters escorting heavy bombers and on sweeps over the forward areas and Gulf of Tunis encountered little enemy opposition but successfully interrupted enemy air transports.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN DEANE (OCS)
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 5060 April 18, 1943

Off Algerian coast 2 enemy bomber recce of which 1 between Algiers - Oran late morning while other, covered Oran-Bone (AGWAR Troopers Rptd 18th Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps ADV NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast ADV Liaison Gp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 5060 18th April) with 1 early morning other afternoon 2 additional reported between Spain and Balearics. Possible these from Southern France. On Anti-submarine missions Sicilian Straits were 4 JU 88's and at night 1 performed recce over sea between Bizerta-Bone. Going as far as Algiers was usual weather flight. Of which 1 claimed destroyed with few bombs dropped on Maison Blanche (no damage reported) about 15 enemy JU 88 bombers attacked Algiers dusk. Toward Souk El Arba from Cape Serrat 10 to 12 JU 88's attacked 2000Z with bombs.

Part 2. Air G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 17th April. Miscellaneous. Of which several claimed destroyed large number ME 110's and ME 210's plus JU 88's reported during our raid Palermo. Many JU 52's enemy transport 16 April arrived Tunis morning with smaller group afternoon. Also operations toward Tunis were number of ME 323's. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps ADV NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast ADV LN Grp AFBR 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps. General. With scale of activity over Tunisia maintained enemy fighter patrols operated Mateur, Tunis, Pont Du Fahs and Soliman areas. Also performed interception our bombers against Ferryville. East of Beja 1 offensive sweep reported. From

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early morning to midafternoon over Straits were Italian fighters on escort mission. Over Ferryville at noon were about 18 ME 109's and FW 190's with 2 FW 190 and 5 ME 109's over Mateur late afternoon.

Part 3. Naval. Nothing to report.

No Sig.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: A 1043 April 17, 1943.

Mideast (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18 Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp Mideast AFHQ Malta from HQAF Adv. Hq A 1043 17/4 Part 3 175 signed Eisenhower cite FRGCT ANAAF strategic AF April) day 16-17. B 17 Fortresses and P 38 Lightning attacked Palermo Harbour. Probable hits and near misses on several merchant vessels hits on power stations, stations, warehouses and seaplane station. Report damaged 1 ME 109 and one P 38 lost. B25 (Mitchells escorted P 38 shipping sweep, no target found. B 25 attacked Oudna L/G target well covered. B 26 Marauders attacked Oudna L/G target well covered report 1 ME 109 destroyed and 1 damaged. P 38 on bombing mission report hits 2 M/V and 1 large barge. One P 38 lost. NWA tactical AF. Night 15/16, offensive sweeps by Hurricanes, report destroyed 1 JU 88 1 returned due weather (*) JU 88 day 16/4 2 Bostons escorted by Spits flew 5 bombing missions, 1 returned due weather. Other report targets east of Medjez well covered and hits on M/V and troop concentrations. Report damaged 3 ME 109 and 1 A 20 lost (action USFOR information all addressees) Spitfires and Hurribombers flew photo and weather recon, report destroyed 1 JU 88 Spits fighters sweeps and shipping searches report destroyed 1 ME 109, 1 FW 190, 2 ME 109 probables, 4 ME 109 damaged. Naw Coastal AF night 15/16, Beaufighters P 39 Airocobras and Hudsons flew convoy escort and U/B searches without incident day 16. Spits, Hurris, Airocobras, Hudsons flew

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convoy escort, defense patrols and U/B searches without incident. Marauders flew recce Sicilian Channel and approaches Naples.

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite 0697 Apr 17, 1943

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 16 Apr (from 18 Army Group number 0697 17 April to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army 242 Group Bone area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A-2) 2 US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps main Hq 8th Army. Part 1 Sitrep number 175 from AFHQ signed C in C.

1. Section 1. 8th Army (A) 10 Corps. Patrols in contact with the Enfidaville position report little enemy activity. 201 Gds Bde now under Comd 50 Div 23 Armd Bde under Comd A Ind Div (B) 30 Corps. NTR. Section 2. South east Algeria. NTR. Section 3. 2 Corps. NTR. Section 4. 9 Corps NTR. Section 5. 1st Army. (A). 19 Corps. One Bn 7 R T M now returned from area Dj Sefsouf O 8 780 and concentrated area 08772. Two Bns 19 R T A now up on right flank of 7 R T M Inqerea J 9372 J 9173. Hq 19 Corps closes Maktar opens at O 4072 0800 HRS 17 Apr. (B). 5 Corps. Vigorous local activity 78 Div front position generally unchanged. Section 6. Air. Follows later. End of part. Part 2 follows. Cite FBGCT.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: London - USFOR
AGWAR - (For Info and other interested
Stations)

In Reply Cite: 4899, April 17, 1943

Part 2 SITREP. 175, (USFOR Troopers 5th
Army, 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group, AFHQ
Mideast, Malta, Adv NWAAF from G-3 Section AFHQ
(4899) 17th April NIL) April 16th

1. Naval. night 16/17th April 2 MTBS on
sweep from Bone sighted enemy convoy of 2 MVS
and 4 destroyers in vicinity of Cap Bon. One
MV was sunk. Shortly afterwards aircraft of
fleet air arm attacked same convoy and estimated
1 hit on other MV which appeared to stop. 4 other
MTBS operated from Malta between Hammamet and
Melibia. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

2. Movements commenced. 1st Ranger Bn de-
parted GAFSA for Oran 17th April.

3. (L of C). All parachutists landed Constan-
tine area night 12th/13 April have now been captured.
Morning 16th April reported 11 parachutists dropped
area Aine Milla TL 94 1 Officer 5 men all Italians
captured during afternoon. Search continues. Action
USFOR. Added AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Gp
Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Mideast, Malta, Adv NWAAF.

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INFORMATION:

G-2 CG AAF

GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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April 17, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: O/699 April 17, 1943

Part 1 Sitrep No. 175 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 16th April (to Troopers USFOR (Troopers Pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta Personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) 242 Group Bone area for Sois Hq L of C 12 ASC tactical bomber force con area for Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A 2) 2 US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps Main Hq 8th Army from 18 Army Group O/699 17th April too 0720 A.) from AFHQ signed CINC.

Part 1. Continues.

Section 6. Air. Extensive recess and continued attacks on enemy landing grounds and communications together with direct support of the army comprises the day's activity of tactical Air Force. Western desert Wellingtons Bostons and Hurricanes operated during night of 15/16 April. The Wellingtons dropped 49 tons of bombs on St Marie Duazit and the Bostons and Hurricanes searched for shipping. The Hurricanes claim 2 JU 52 destroyed 1 probably destroyed and 2 damaged. Day 16 April continued patrol activity with Spitfires intercepting and destroying 5 SM 82's 2 JU 52's and 3 ME 109's with 1 FW 190 probably destroyed.

Part 2. Follows. Cite FHGCT.

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From Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: 4737, April 17th, 1943
NR. X5216

Enemy operations. Enemy abandoned Kef Bou Eadjela J 5545 and point ((to AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers Pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armad Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. 4737)) 622 J 5645 but still holds Heidous J 5544 and point 620 on Djebel Tangouche J 5645 enemy maintained position Djebel Mahdouana J 5444 local counter attack in Dorsale sector recaptured Djebel Sefsouf 087. No activity reported Enfidaville sector. Part 1 land G-2 report 24 hours ending 2400Z 16 April. Enemy dispositions. PWS from 1 BN 962 IR state 2 BN now in Tunisia. Arrived by air 11 and 13 April. Believed in same general area of front 054. PWS from 334 Mobile Abteilung captured 8 Army Front 11 April state Goring Division will shortly attack. Divisional sector J 30 northing exclusive Djebel Mansour. 60 tanks of which some 10 in tow reported between Enfidaville and Hammalif moving north 11 April by French officer escaping from Bizert K. Tanks had desert camouflage. Identifications. 1 BN 756 Mtn Ir area Djebel Tangouche J 5645. 2 Coy March Bn 30 J 3074. General. No change general picture. Reported movement tanks possibly connected regrouping mobile forces in Tunis plain as (parts 2 and 3 will follow) already appreciated.

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From: Algiers
To: War and British War Office (Action
GHA, First Army Advance at Constantine, FA, OG,
Maison Blanche Algiers, Oran, Casablanca, Maita,
Cairo, WKUK, French Morocco. (Information)

In Reply Cite: 4803, April 17, 1943.

Three aircraft reported off Algerian Coast, 1 active over Oran 0815 ((AGWAR Troopers rptd 18th Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Group AFHQ 5th Army 18th Army Group (encipher for 2nd Corp)) from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 4803 undated secret) Z, 1 over Algiers 1545 Z, 3rd as far west as Cape Tenez Area on weather flight. Two aircraft 1 in morning 1 afternoon active between Spain and Balearics. Four JU 88's probably engaged in Sicilian Area on anti submarine and shipping escort duties, morning. Six aircraft probably JU 88's reported from Bone 0610 Z later in morning 5 JU 88's active Sardinia-Tunisia on shipping recce. Several unidentified raiders reported west Tabarka 2305 Z. Between Z 1900 and 1000 Z about 40 JU 52's landed Tunis. Reported on route Sicily-Tunis were 10 ME 323's during day. Enemy activity Tunisia on usual high scale, main effort Medjez Sector, where continuous fighter patrols maintained. Over this area Allied aircraft during day encountered formations of 2, 7, 9 ME 109's. ME 109's attempted intercept of Allied aircraft attacking Oudna landing ground 1615 Z. At least 11 enemy aircraft, FW 190's included, raided Souk El Arba landing ground late afternoon. As usual enemy fighters airborne to cover arrival transport aircraft Tunis and Bizerta. Foregoing part 2 Air G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 16 April.

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Maison Blanche Algiers, Oran, Casablanca, Maita,
Cairo, WKUK, French Morroco. (Information)
In Reply Cite: 4803, April 17, 1943, Page two,

Part 3. Naval. Night 14-15 HM motor tor-
pedo boats hit beached MV off Cape Zabib and
attacked 2 large surfaced submarines escorted by E
boats off Bizerta. One E boat damaged. Two large
enemy destroyers attacked and sunk by HM destroyers
off Marittimo Island. AGWAR for WDGP1 Troopers pass
USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th
AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army
pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G 2 Freedom
signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Photo recce of Spezia
0930 Z shows departure 3 Retorio class battleships
that were seen at same time 4 miles off Spezia
escorted by 6 destroyers on westerly course.

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N.L.O. 8th Army
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H.Q. N.W.A.A.F.

From: C. in C. Med.

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 80

1. During night 14th April/15th April 2 Destroyers of force 'Q' carried out sweep to Marettimo and two to Cagliari. M.T.Bs from Bone proceeded to vicinity of Bizerta, destroyed recent wreck near Cape Du Ebib and reported attacking two large U-Boats on surface without success but damaged one of two escorting E-Boats.

2. During night 15th April/16th April, "PAKENHAM" and "PALADIN" carried out sweep from Malta sinking two Destroyers as reported in My 161234 not to all addressees. M.T.B's from Bone were on offensive sweep in area of Tunis, M.G.B's 646 and 645 also from Bone encountered three E-Boats ten miles North West of Ras Engela at 2225/15th April. M.G.B's engaged but E-Boats escaped under smoke. Later M.G.B's were engaged by shore battery near Cape Guardia and withdrew undamaged.

3. H.M.S. SAFARI reports about 1300/3 sank minesweeping trawler and schooner off East coast of Sardinia by gunfire. In approaches to Cagliari at 1345/6 hit 4,000 ton merchant vessel with torpedo ship (Corrupt group) later seen making slowly to harbour. Sank 300 ton BRIGANTINE by gunfire at 1218/9 April, and at 1719/10 April attacked convoy of 3,500 ton tanker 5,000 ton A.M.C. and 3,000 ton laden merchant vessel.

Remainder indecipherable - repetition called for.

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Admiral	Plans
Air Marshall	N.I.
Gen. Macready	Lt. Col. Cook
Cominch (2)	S.O.O. (Personal)
C.O.S.	S.O.
	Brigadier Redman(8)
	N.M.C.S.

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From Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: 0/4688, April 16th, 1943.

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 15 Apr (04688 dated 16. Apr TOO 0745A. From 18 Army Group to Troopers Pass USFOR. USFOR. AGWAR. Freedom. Governor Malta Personal for FM Viscount Gort. Mideast. 5th Army. Rptd Jacques. 242nd Group. Bone Area for SOIS. Hq L of C. 12th ASC. NASAF. Tactical Bomber Force. Adv NAAF for Col McDonald A 2. 2nd US Corps 1st Army. 9th Corps. Main Hq 8th Army. Part 1 SITREP number 174). From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army. Patrol activity along Enfidaville position continues.

Section 2. Southeast Algeria. NTR.

Section 3. 2nd Corps. NTR.

Section 4. 9th Corps. NTR.

Section 5. 1st Army.

(A) 19th Corps. Tabours operating on right flank of Conne Div advanced to north slopes of Djed Jehaf O 9080 were counter attacked and withdrew to position area O 8877 O 9075 having taken 50 PW. Fighting continues.

(B) 5th Corps. 78th Div. Confused fighting took place on Dj Ang J 5546 and Dj Tangouche J 5645. Enemy attack during morning beaten back but subsequent attack captured Dj Ang

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and a portion of D1 Tangouche. 78th Div counter attacked during evening and regained D1 Ang which remains in our hands. 11th Inf Bde now on northern and of D1 Tangouche and Southern slopes Kef El Tiour J 5545. One combat team 9th US Inf Div relieved 1 Para Bde area J 2482.

Section 6. Air. Night bombers continued offensive against enemy LG's with attacks on St Marie Du Zit K 2311 and Korba S K 7144. Night fighters operated offensively in Tunis area. Day 15. Escorted light and fighter bombers in support of 1st Army made 6 attacks on enemy positions. Fighter sweeps over forward area throughout day. Two ME 109's destroyed without loss. Weather restricted operations throughout period. End of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FBGCT.

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April 16, '43
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (Action) War and all interested stations

In reply cite: 4643 April 16, 1943

SITREP 174 part 2. USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18 Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv NWAAF from G-3 Section AFHQ AAAA 4643 16 April) April 15th.

1. Naval. Night 14th 15th April destroyers carried out sweep to Marittimo and also to Cag Yari. Same night MTBS from Bone proceeded to vicinity of Bizerta and destroyed wreck near Cape Zebis. Later MTBS attacked two large E boats on surface without success but damaged one escorting E boat. Night 15/16 April HMS Plenham and HMS Paladin sank two enemy des-
troyers south of Marittimo. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT. Plenham received damage and was taken in tow but owing close proximity enemy airfields was later ordered to be sunk. Submarine HMS Safari returned from patrol sank a 3000 ton merchant vessel and three smaller ships, probably sank one tanker and a 5000 ton ship and damaged a 4000 ton merchant vessel. Submarine HMS Unshaken probably sank a 4000 ton merchant vessel and shelled road bridge over Wadi Korba at K 7035.

2. Movements commenced. 436th CA Bn (AA) (Sep) departed Oran for Beja.

3. L of C. Further three parachutists captured in Constantine area. Philippeville area 62nd HAA Regt and 47th LAA Regt took over from 78th HAA and 39th LAA Regts respectively. Action USFOR, Addsd, Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ, Mideast, Malta, NWAAF for information.

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 4468, April 16, 1943

Operations. Jefna and Sidi Nsir sectors. (AGWAR Troopers rptd 18 Army Group 1 Army, 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army (18 Army Grp Pass to 2 Corps) from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 4468 undated Nil) Nothing to report. Djebel Ang sector. Enemy counter attacked unsuccessfully during morning on Djebel Ang J 5346 but in second attack during afternoon captured the feature and part of Djebel Tangouch J 5645. Enemy subsequently abandoned Djebel Ang, northern slopes of Djebel Tangouch and southern slopes KeF El Tiour J 5545. Medjez-Goubelat-Bou Arada sectors. No activity reported. Dorsale sector. Enemy counter attacked strongly northern slopes Djebel Edjahaf O 9080 with Infantry and some tanks presumed German. 50 prisoners taken. Djebibina-Enfidaville sector. No activity to report. Rear areas. Heavy MT both ways road Tunis-Pont Du Fahs. 500 MT dispersed between K 1607 and K 2312. Air recce reports 20, 50 foot lighters Hammamet Harbour. Other to north and east. Protected by anti aircraft and searchlights. Part one Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 15 April. Identifications. 1 Bn 47 Gr Djebel Ang J 542 Bn 962 IR and 3 Bn 756 Djebel Tangouch J 541 Bn 69 PGR Djebel Edjahaf O 98. Elements 115 PGR P 1879. 2 Bn 962 arrived Tunisia 11 April. Sent direct to line without contacting parent unit. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers

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pass USFOR 18 Army Group pass 2 Corps 1 Army Adv NAAF
EAC 12th AF MBS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5
Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 8 Corps from G-2 Freedom
signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. General. The enemys
continued concern for his positions in norther sector
indicated by employment newly arrived troops. Resist-
ance evidently stiffening high features north of
Dorsale. Traffic movements suggest continued build
up of forces in Tunis plain. Incomplete evidence
precludes accurate interpretation lighter activity
Hammamet. Parts two and three will follow.

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