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By RHE Date AUG 7 1972

EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 30 to 0700 January 31
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 233,788
British " " " " 140,000
French " " " " 150,000

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
80,900

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 916

1506 in Italy,
Sicily and
Tunisia

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 93,700

Estimated Total
Strength of
80,900

Combat Zone

U. S. 34,000
British 37,700
French 22,000
93,700

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

0

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Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

Axis

129

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Result of Air Raid on Continent January 27

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Allied Losses

Enemy Losses

Date- AUG 7 1972

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26 destroyed
5 probably destroyed
10 damaged.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 29	About 35 enemy aircraft operated as convoy escort during day and attacked shipping off Bougie and Algiers at night.		
Jan. 29	About 70 JU-52's and 4 ME-323's operated between Tunis and Sicily. About 8 JU-52's operated between Sicily and Gabes.		
Jan. 28	3 ME-109's attacked Gafsa Airdrome	Grounded aircraft damaged.	
Jan. 29	Encounters between P-26's and P-38 escorts and 10-12 ME-109's and FW-190's at El Aouina Airdrome.		4 ME-109's destroyed, 5 possibly destroyed.
Jan. 29	P-38 escort of B-26's attacking Djelida Airdrome engaged Fighters.		1 enemy destroyed.
Jan. 29	B-26's attacked shipping between Sicily-Tunisia.	2 enemy vessels hit. B-26's attacked by 16 mixed aircraft.	3 enemy destroyed, 3 probably destroyed and 1 damaged.
Jan. 29	Bone Airdrome attacked by 12 ME-109's	Some success	1 enemy aircraft damaged.
Jan. 28	16 enemy aircraft seen over Thames Estuary		
Jan. 28	Enemy coastal reconnaissance from Beachy Head to Portsmouth. 2 reconnoitered Shetland Islands.		

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AUG 7 1972

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GROUND

Enemy activity limited to patrol north of Bou Arada with increased activity north and northwest of Sebket El Koursia.

New enemy line established north of Cusseltia Valley.

Capture of prisoners indicate a battalion of the San Marco Regiment at Karachoum.

Italians infiltrated to high ground approximately 16 miles southwest of Faid and 32 miles south southwest of Faid.

Bersaglieri and machine gun units reported at Maknassy are probably part of the 50th Special Brigade.

Enemy garrison at Station De Sened estimated as being 3 companies of German Infantry.

NAVAL

Destroyer and antiaircraft cruiser hit by aerial torpedoes at Cape Iorbeliu.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 29 to 0700 January 30
(All messages paraphrased)

<u>Allied</u>	<u>STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA</u>	<u>Axis</u>
U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	233,788	Estimated Total
British " " " " "	140,000	Strength of
French " " " " "	150,000	80,200

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British	916	1505 in Italy, Sicily and Tunisia
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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength	93,700	Estimated Total
<u>Combat Zone</u>		Strength of
		80,200
U. S.	34,000	
British	37,700	
French	<u>22,000</u>	
	93,700	

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
3	9

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
129	313

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 28	32 B-17's attacked Sfax railroad yards, harbor and shipping with 79 tons of bombs.	Hits on docks. Enemy aircraft attacked.	4 enemy destroyed, 2 damaged.
Jan. 28	18 B-25's attacked Sfax railroad yards with 20 tons of bombs.	Hits on tracks, railroad cars, and military barracks. Enemy aircraft attacked.	2 enemy destroyed, 1 probable, 1 P-38 destroyed, 1 B-25 crash-landed northwest of Sfax.
Jan. 28	17 B-26's attacked Sfax Harbor with 13 tons bombs.	Much smoke from warehouses, near-misses on small vessels in harbor. Enemy aircraft attacked.	1 enemy probably destroyed, 1 B-26 crash-landed north of Thelapte
Jan. 28	3 B-26's escorted by 12 P-38's on antishipping sweep between Tunisia and Sicily.	Ships sighted. 2 enemy planes attacked. No claims.	
Jan. 28	Fighters attacked 15 medium tanks vicinity Ksar Tyr, and motor transportation 10 miles southwest of Pont Du Fahs.		
Jan. 28	12 P-40's attacked enemy troops and army in Ousseltia Valley.		
Jan. 28	16 antisubmarine, convoy escort and sea patrol sorties flown Algiers area.	2 submarines sighted, 2 attacks.	
Jan. 28-29	Algiers attacked by about 15 enemy planes.	Few bombs dropped in town.	2 enemy aircraft shot down by AA fire, 1 destroyed by Beaufighters.
Jan. 28	80 Transport sorties flown.		
Jan. 28	Spitfires over Sicily.	Hit railway line and barracks at Gela. Hits on airframes buildings at Lampedusa by bombing by 6 Spitfires night 27-28. 1 ME-110 destroyed in air.	
Jan. 28	Beaufighters and Mosquitoes attacked rail and road traffic toe of Italy and in Sicily.	Strafed trucks in sidings and 17 trains with 5 engines being damaged. 1 ME-109 damaged north of Malta.	

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GROUND

Enemy patrol activity continues with reconnaissance elements observed along Gafsa-Maknassy road, just east of Zannouch.

French outpost in the vicinity of El Guettar reported attacked by enemy motorcycle patrol.

16th Regimental Combat Team now complete in Ousseltia Valley area. One Battalion under command 30th Brigade.

1st Parachute Brigade 4 miles south southeast Bou Arada.

Movements Completed: 1st Battalion 209th Coast Artillery Antiaircraft Regiment, less 1 battery, to Telergma under command 1st Army. One battalion under command 12th Air Force to Biskra.

Armored Regiment and Armored Infantry Battalion of 1st Armored Division moved to Feriana night 27-28-January.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

60700 January 28 to 0700 January 29
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Troops Landed or in Port	233,788
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>523,788</u>

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
79,500

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 916

1505 in Italy,
Sicily and
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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

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Strength of
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	93,700

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied	Axis
5	4

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied	Axis
126	304

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ORD 11652, May 3, 1972
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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 26-27	5 JU-88's and a few HE-111's operated against a convoy between Bougie and Algiers.		
Jan. 26-27	15 JU-88's and a number of CE-1007's bombed Algiers.	Merchant vessel hit starting small fire. 4 gas trucks set on fire. Building in town hit.	2 enemy destroyed by Beaufighters
Jan. 27	12 or 13 JU-88's made reconnaissance over Tunisia and along coast.		
Jan. 27	50 to 70 JU-52's and 5 ME-323's flew between Italy and Tunisia.		
Jan. 26-27	Mosquitoes on patrol between Sfax and Ben Gardane.	Buildings shot up at Ben Gardane	
Jan. 27	1 JU-52 off Marseille damaged by a Mosquito.		
Jan. 26-27	Spitfires, on a sweep over Sicily, damaged one train and destroyed the locomotive of another.		
Jan. 26-27	Mosquito shot up a north-bound tanker off Cape Stilo.		
Jan. 26-27	4 Mosquitoes attacked railway traffic between Cape Spanivento and Cape Colonne, Italy.	3 locomotives damaged.	
Jan. 26-27	1 Wellington bombed a motor vessel escorted by a destroyer.		
Jan. 26-27	3 Albacores and 2 Beau-forts mined Kerkenna ATES.		
Jan. 26-27	4 B-26's and 19 P-38's abandoned mission on account of weather. Of 10 Medium Bombers dispatched against Bizerte, 3 bombed target, remainder returned on account of weather.		
Jan. 26-26	Bombardiers attacked railway station at De Jefna	Craters made in railway tracks.	2 escorting fighters collided over target.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 25-26	8 enemy planes bombed Souk El Arba Airdrome.	Spitfires intercepted. 2 enemy planes destroyed.	2 Beaufighters destroyed on ground, 2 damaged. 2 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probables and 3 damaged.
Jan. 26	63 Transport sorties flown.		
Jan. 27	3 Beauforts and 3 Albacores laid mines off Soussa, Sfax, Kerkenna.		
Jan. 27	22 P-38's strafed 12 trucks and 6 tanks along Sfax-Gabes road.		1 P-38 missing.
Jan. 27	6 P-40's and 4 P-39's strafed haystacks with heavy tracks leading to them.	Intense fires.	
Jan. 27	6 A-20's attacked Mergouna.	All bombs in target.	
Jan. 27	6 B-25's attacked 2 enemy destroyers between Tunisia and Sicily. (Decks loaded with men)	2 direct hits on one with 500-lb bombs. Left in flames. 4 near-misses stern of other.	
Jan. 27	4 B-26's sighted convoy off Tunis. Failed to attack due to weather.		
Jan. 27	18 B-26's to attack target southern Tunisia returned due to bad weather.		
Jan. 27	76 Transport sorties flown.		

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GROUND

In Central Tunisia, the enemy line extends along Djebel Hannikat, Djebel Halfa and Djebel Bou Dabouss. Our lines extends from Djebel Rihana north and northwest to Diet El Agraine.

Elements of the 1st Armored Division under General Robinett are in reserve in the Ousseltia area. The 26th Regimental Combat Team is astride the Ousseltia - Kairouan pass. The 1st Battalion 16th Infantry is now 14 miles north of Ousseltia.

Harassing enemy artillery fire reported in Mateur area.

Ston de Sened was reoccupied by the enemy.

Prisoners of war identifications:

756th German Motorized Infantry Regiment and Marsch Battalion
24 - 12 miles northeast Ousseltia.

6th Troop, 90th Artillery Regiment - southeast of Goubellat.

1, 2, 3rd Companies 86th Panzer Grenadier Regiment - south
southwest Tabourba.

NAVAL

One merchant vessel was damaged during enemy air attack on
January 26-27 at Algiers.

One German submarine between Algiers and Oran and up to 8
Italian south of 38°N and between 04°E and Bone.

Schooner sunk south of Naples by HM submarine January 20.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1700 January 27 to 0700 January 28
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 233,788
British " " " " " 140,000
French " " " " " 150,000
523,788

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
78,800

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 768

1508 in Italy,
Sicily and Tunisia

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 90,700

Estimated Total
Strength of
78,800

Combat Zone

U. S. 31,000
British 37,700
French 22,000
90,700

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

0

Accumulated Total Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

121

Axis

300

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 27	79 Bombers attacked Wilhelmshaven and other German targets.	Results considered good. Engaged approximately 45 enemy aircraft. Claims later.	2 B-24's 1 B-17

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 27 to 1700 January 27
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Combat Zone

U. S.	31,000
British	37,700
French	<u>22,000</u>
	90,700

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	0

Accumulated Total Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Axis</u>	<u>Allied</u>
300	121

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan 26	Spitfires from Malta attacked a train in Sicily	Engine was left enveloped in smoke and steam	
Jan 26	1 Wellington attacked a 6000 ton vessel north of Ustica	Results unobserved	
Jan 26	Mosquitos strafed trains in southern Italy	1 engine set on fire	

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GROUND

From Bou Arada northward, only patrol activity took place.

Eight enemy tanks were observed about 8 miles southwest of Djebel Chirich.

Our forward elements encountered little enemy resistance in Ousseltia Valley. The enemy still retain possession of the high ground north of Ousseltia - Kairouan road. The enemy was forced from the heights of Djebel Rihana during the night of January 24-25, and three hundred prisoners were taken.

Identifications of enemy units:

2nd Battalion 69th Panzer Grenadier and elements of 501st heavy tank Abteilung, Italian 6th Cavalry, southwest of Pont Du Fahs.

1st Battalion 69th Panzer Grenadier east of Goubellat.

334th Division believed to be in Maknassy - Gabes area.

Elements of the 6th Italian Cavalry Regiment may be operating with the 16th Cavalry Regiment in southern Tunisia.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1700 January 26 to 0700 January 27
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Axis

Estimated Total Strength of	78,100
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AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 768

507 in Italy and Sicily.

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 89,700

Estimated Total Strength of 78,100

Combat Zone

U. S.	30,000
British	37,700
French	22,000
	<u>89,700</u>

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

0

Accumulated Total Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Axis

300

Allied

121

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Patrolling and artillery activity only.

Central Tunisia: 26th Regimental Combat Team (less 1 battalion) occupied Djebel Rihana, approximately 6 miles east of Gusseltia. Enemy remains on northern slopes.

Robinett patrolled north without opposition to about 5 miles east northeast of Gusseltia where enemy was engaged.

2nd Battalion 16th Infantry Regiment moved to about 4 miles northeast of Fougra under command 36th Brigade.

36th Brigade in contact with enemy about 12 miles north northeast of Fougra.

Southern Tunisia: Later reports of raid between Sened and

McInnesy:

Enemy Losses 150 prisoners.

25 killed.

Our losses 2 killed.

3 wounded.

2 tanks lost.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Night Jan. 25	3 Malta Mosquitoes on intruder patrols over Gabes Sfax roads.	Machine-gunned transportation.	
Jan. 25	4 enemy aircraft attacked Chardinaou.	2 vehicles hit. 2 wounded.	
Jan. 25	Hurricanes damaged 1 enemy aircraft at Djidjelli.		
Jan. 25	Reconnaissance sorties flown over forward areas.	Without incident.	
Jan. 25	54 Transport sorties flown.		
Jan. 25	50 JU-52's and 5 ME-323's on service between Italy and Tunisia.		
Jan. 25	5 JU-88's on reconnaissance Sicily southward during day. 1 as far as Biskra.		
Jan. 25	5 JU-88's coast North Africa between Bone - Algiers driven off from convoy vicinity Cape Bug-aroun by our fighters. Convoy shadowed almost continuously. Reached Bone by dusk.		
Jan. 25	Spitfire patrol observed 2 ME-109's at Pont Du Fehn		
Jan. 25	1 ME-109 active north of El Aroussa		
Jan. 25	4 ME-109's east of Chardemaou attacked road.		

HEAVY, MEDIUM AND LIGHT BOMBING ACTIVITY PREVENTED DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

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NAVAL

Completion of sweep by 2 motor torpedo boats from Bone prevented by bad weather night 22-23 January.

No serious damage from enemy air activity over Bone 22-23 January.

3 motor torpedo boats on patrol off Geni Rocks night 24-25 January.

Submarines:

1 German	40 miles east of Algiers.
2 Italian	Between 05°E - Algiers
5 Italian	08° - 05°E
1 British	Sank German submarine, January 21, west of Straits of Bonifacio.
1 British	Sank enemy transport, 8,657 tons in Straits of Messina January 23.

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Combat Zone

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	<u>89,700</u>

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
2	2 Certain
	1 Probable
	28 on ground

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
121	300

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan 23 24	Attack made by 3 Malta Mosquitos on intruder patrol on motor transport on Ben Gardane - Gabes Road	Fires started	
Jan 24	19 B-17s found clouds over Medenine airdrome 18 B-25s found Medenine airdrome deserted and attacked an airdrome to west of Medenine	28 enemy aircraft destroyed on ground 2 enemy fighters destroyed while taking off	
Jan 24	18 B-26 attacked airdrome west of Medenine	Fires started	1 enemy plane destroyed 1 probably destroyed 1 P-38 landed south of Gabes
Jan 24	Attack made on shipping Sousse Harbor by 6 B-17s	Hits on ship	
Jan 24	Road transport on Sousse Kairouan Road attacked by 4 B-17s.	Bursts on cross roads	
Jan 24	Cross Roads Ousseltia area bombed by B-17s		
Jan 24	Ground Forces supported by many fighter sweeps troops and motor transport machine gunned. 44 sorties against transport flights	1 spitfire shot down pilot safe	
Jan 23 24	Enemy AC approached Bone Disposed of delayed action bomb on runway	No damage	1 destroyed by Beaufighter

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GROUND.

Air attack was made on station De Seneb, which was found to be unoccupied, by a Company Medium tanks, an Artillery Battalion, one Infantry Battalion and some reconnaissance units.

At Maknassy, combat was established with the enemy, of which numerous were killed and eight captured. Our casualties were one wounded. All men and tanks returned.

Patrols of 1st Arm'd Division patrolled north from Ousseltia, and evacuated a number of wounded French from the valley.

The cross roads to the west of Robaa, were shelled by the 36th Brigade, which has moved its Headquarters to Fougra.

Two French Battalions have moved from Beja to El Akhouat.

The area 4 miles northwest and north of Bou Arada has been shelled by the enemy.

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EUROPEAN THEATER
0700 January 25 to 0700 January 26
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<u>Allies</u>		<u>Axis</u>
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	523,788 ✓	

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British	768	507 in Italy and Sicily
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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength	89,700 ✓	Estimated Total Strength of
<u>Combat Zone</u>		78,100

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	89,700

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
5	25

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
119	269

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 18-19	3 enemy aircraft were destroyed in air actions not previously reported.		3 enemy aircraft.
Jan. 24-25	Planes from Malta operated over Sicily.	1 locomotive set on fire, hits scored on trucks. Another locomotive strafed.	1 JU-88 probably destroyed, 1 ME-109 damaged.
Jan. 20-21	Ground troops shot down 7 JU-87's around Bou Arada.	Corrected copy of a garbled report.	7 JU-88's destroyed.
Jan. 23	35 B-17's attacked Brest and Lorient. (reported previously but details not given)	172,000 pounds of high explosives dropped on Lorient and 90,000 pounds dropped on Brest. 2 crewmen, killed; 14 seriously wounded and 7 slightly wounded of the crews which returned.	5 B-17's lost. 2 went down over France and one off the French coast. 14 or 15 parachutes were seen to open. 9 enemy fighters destroyed, 7 probables and 2 damaged.
Jan. 23	50 JU-52's and 50 ME-323's flew between northern Tunisia and Sicily, with others flying to southern Tunisia.		
Jan. 23	50 to 60 aircraft were reported on ground.	About half destroyed.	25 enemy fighters destroyed.
Jan. 23	B-25's continue to attack with good results.		
Jan. 23	1 ME-109, which attacked our planes, was destroyed.		1 ME-109.
Jan. 13	3 ME-109's observed over Sousse by a P-38, and 3 ME-109's were encountered by a P-40 over Kairouan-Cusseltia area.		
Jan. 23	B-25's attacked airdrome west of Medenine (probably Matmata)	12 fighters sighted but not engaged.	
Jan. 23	1 JU-88 and ME-111 made a reconnaissance of the North African coast.		
Jan. 23	5 JU-88's made reconnaissance flights over Tunisia.		

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GROUND

There are 40 to 50 tanks among the enemy forces in Ousseltia Valley.

Djebel Bou Dabouss has been occupied as far south as the Ousseltia - Kairouan road.

The French are holding in the Pichon and Djebel Ousselat area.

Four light tanks were sighted north of Maknassy.

About two battalions of enemy reported in the Oued Lebous area.

The enemy continues to attack and Italian troops have now occupied Ae Djeloulu (along Ousseltia - Kairouan road).

Eighty-six (86) prisoners, twenty (20) of which are German, were captured at Maknassy during a reconnaissance in force.

North of Bou Arada the enemy activity was confined to patrolling and harassing artillery fire.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 24 to 0700 January 25
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U.S. Strength Landed or in Port	223,105
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>160,000</u>
	513,105

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
77,400

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 697

507 in Italy & Sicily

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 80,700

Estimated Total
Strength of
76,700

Combat Zone

U.S.	21,000
British	37,700
French	<u>22,000</u>
	80,700

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
6	49

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
114	224

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 22	2 JU-88's made a reconnaissance of shipping and 1 JU-88 made a reconnaissance flight over Tunisia.		
Jan. 22	A small number of Bombers from Sicily operated over the Bone area.		
Jan. 22	10 enemy Fighters made a sweep over the Medjex El Bab area. 5 JU-88's, escorted by at least 4 Fighters, bombed in the same area.		
Jan. 22	6 ME-109's were over Bone.		
Jan. 22	9 ME-109's made a sweep of area Pont Du Fahs-Bou Arad-Medjex El Bab.		
Jan. 22	12th Air Force bombed Tunis - El Aouine.	17 ME-109's were engaged - 15 observed taking off.	3 ME-109's destroyed. 2 " " probably destroyed, 2 damaged. 1 B-25 lost.
Jan. 22	B-26's on an antishipping mission engaged a mixed formation of at least 22 enemy planes between Sicily and Tunisia.		2 ME-109's, 2 JU-88's, and 1 ME-110 destroyed.
Jan. 22	12 Enemy Fighters were active northwest of Cusseltia.		
Jan. 22	F-4's observed 6 ME-109's west of Le Kef		
Jan. 22	F-38's attacking traffic on road near Ben Gardane engaged 10 ME-109's.		
Jan. 19-20	1 Italian Bomber off Algiers.	Shot down by Naval gunfire.	1 Italian Bomber destroyed.
Jan. 21	HE-111 west of Algiers.	Shot down by Naval Gunfire.	1 HE-111 destroyed.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 23	48 B-17's of 8th Air Force attacked Lorient and Brest submarine installations.	Fair bombing results, with several direct hits on Lorient target. Moderate to heavy antiaircraft fire. Enemy fighters were active during entire period over France.	5 B-17's missing.
Jan. 22	19 Bisley sorties attacking motor transport.	At Pont Du Fahs, 20 lorries were bombed.	
Jan. 23	10 P-39, 16 P-40, including 6 of Lafayette Escadrille, made sweep through Cussettia valley.	18 machine gun positions and 3 tanks attacked.	1 P-40 missing.
Jan. 23	12 A-20's, escorted by 15 P-40's and 7 P-38's including 8 of Lafayette Escadrille, attacked tank depot 17 miles northeast Cussettia.	Hits observed. 2 enemy planes attacked.	1 P-40 of Lafayette Escadrille missing.
Jan. 22	2 transport sorties flown.		
Jan. 22	6 B-26's attack on shipping strikes.	Hits on enemy freighter and near misses on cargo ship 18 miles northeast Bizerte. Attacked by 5 enemy aircraft.	4 enemy shot down. 1 probable. 2 B-26 force-landed at Bone.
Jan. 22	P-38's escorted the B-26's attacking the shipping.	Attacked formation of enemy planes.	2 enemy destroyed.
Jan. 22	4 Albacores, 1 Beaufort from Malta attacked enemy merchant vessel 41 miles north northwest Cape Bon.		
Jan. 22	Burribombers attacking Pont Du Fahs were escorted by Spitfires.	Hits on motor transport and railroad.	
Jan. 22-23	4 Beauforts laid mines in Kerkenna Islands area.		
Jan. 22	Spitfires and Fighters continued operations over southern Sicily.		
Jan 22	12 medium Bombers attacked Medinina.		
Jan. 22	3 Malta Beaufighters attacked merchant vessel Gulf of Gabes.	Left vessel stationary & afire.	

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 22	8 P-38's swept Gabes - Medinine - Ben Gardane Road.	Attacked by 10 enemy planes.	2 P-38's destroyed.
Jan. 22	Attack on enemy transport planes on ground.		1 caught fire.
Jan. 22	4 Malta Beaufighters attacked 3 tugs 15 miles from Sfax	Left tugs stationary and damaged.	
Jan. 23	16 P-38's on sweep Gabes-Medinine-Ben Gardane Road.	28 vehicles destroyed. Attacked by enemy aircraft.	1 enemy destroyed, 1 damaged, 2 P-38's shot down, 2 damaged.
Jan. 23	5 B-26's accompanied by 12 P-38's on antishipping strike.	2 freighters, 1 trawler, small barges attacked. 1 vessel caught fire.	1 Italian plane destroyed, 1 B-26 shot down, 1 P-38 missing.
Jan. 23	11 B-17's from 23,000 ft. attacked Naval Base at Bizerte.	1 merchant vessel sunk, hits on another, 18 enemy aircraft attacked.	3 enemy aircraft destroyed, 3 probables, 4 damaged.
Jan. 23	12 B-17's attacked Bizerte Naval Base with 35 tons bombs from 23,000 ft.	Bursts on oil tanks, hangars and workshops. Attacked by 80 enemy aircraft.	25-30 enemy destroyed, 4 probables, 5 damaged.
Jan. 23	10 medium Bombers made night attack with 20 tons bombs on Bizerte docks.	Many hits on target.	
Jan. 23	6 B-17's bombed Kairouan airdrome and attacked motor transport on road near Kairouan.		
Jan. 23	6 A-20's, escorted by 13 P-40's, attacked machine gun nests and heavy gun battery near Djebel Bou Dabous.	Hits observed on target.	
Jan. 23	Reconnaissance carried out over forward areas.	No combat.	
Jan. 23	Beaufighters engaged enemy aircraft in Djidjelli - Philippeville area.		3 enemy aircraft destroyed.
Jan. 23	55 transport sorties flown.		

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GROUND

Enemy driven back in Pont Du Fahs area on Robaa - Pont Du Fahs road. Road south of Sidi Said cleared. Held by 36th Brigade, less one battalion. Situation east of Cusseltia valley obscure.

Isolated French detachments believed holding out although successful enemy attacks in area Djebel Bou Dabouss from east and west. French received supplies from air. French withdrew from Djebel Bou Dabouss to Djebel Cusselat. Robinetts force covered withdrawal. We hold point around Cusseltia. Contact made with enemy east of Cusseltia. Heager reports indicated initial enemy successes in attacks from east on Djebel Cusselat area north of Pichon.

Enemy reinforcements observed moving during day west toward Fondouk and Pichon from Kairouan area.

Enemy patrol driven off by antitank fire in Faid area.

Enemy troops at Djebel Krechem were reinforced.

the 775th Infantry Regiment and 334th Pioneer Battalion were identified by prisoners taken near Bizantine Ruins. Also, a company of Battalion A 24 was identified by prisoners taken near Sebret El Kourria. This company is believed to be part of Marsch Battalion, Africa 24, and under command of 10th Panzer Division.

21 Parachutists captured since January 19 near Morsott. Arabs and Gendarmes assisting in search for the others that landed.

Armored vehicles, believed Italian, reconnoitered Ston De Sened. Station De Sened occupied by enemy.

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One merchant vessel sunk by British submarine night of January 16-17 off Naples.

Off the southern coast of Sardinia, January 19, an anti-submarine schooner and an armed trawler was shelled and sunk; also, one merchant vessel was sunk by a British submarine.

Merchant vessel torpedoed and sunk by Fleet Air Arm January 21, in Sicilian channel.

Submarine dispositions - one German submarine in vicinity of 37°N, 0° 30'E, 3 probably in Cape Palos - Cape De Gata - Cran area.

Landing ships disembarked second load of troops at Bone January 21, from KMF-7. At Bone, KMS-7 arrived from Algiers safely on January 22. While enroute, 2 air attacks made - 2 enemy shot down. No damage to convoy reported. Collier Lodge of KMS-6 was sunk about 80 miles west of Algiers by enemy action night of January 20-21.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1700 January 23 to 0700 January 24
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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

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Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
76,700

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 697

507 in Italy and Sicily

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 80,700

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AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
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6	20
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Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
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108	175
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TUNISIA:

Night 20-21 January, Enemy moved south in Ousseltia Valley to general line of the road Kairouan-Ousseltia-Si Amara.

U.S. Force of: (1) Battalion Medium Tanks, (1) Battalion Armored Infantry, (1) Armored Field Artillery Battalion and (1) Company of Tank Destroyer Battalion, under French command directed north in Ousseltia Valley and reached road junction (07261) about 10 miles northeast of Ousseltia.

French are holding hills east of Ousseltia Valley.

36th Brigade astride Robaa area with headquarters enroute to Robaa.

Night January 20-21, Enemy captured area four miles northeast of Bou Arada and five tanks shelled Bou Arada; during following day it was lightly held and reoccupied by 38th Brigade. This Brigade destroyed 17 enemy tanks and shot down 7 JU-87's. Casualties of 38th Brigade to January 20th, was about others.

II Corps Command Post moved to Bou Chebka (6661).

Enemy paratroops in numbers of 15, 4 and 4 reported area of our line of communications.

January 22, Enemy attacks from east in Djewel Ousselat, north of Pichon, have initial success indicated by meager reports.

January 22, Enemy reinforcements moving west toward Fonnouk and Pichon from Kairouan.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 21	4 B-25's with P-38's escorts made anti-shipping strike in Sicilian straits. Attacked by enemy planes.		2 enemy planes destroyed. 2 damaged 1 P-38 missing 1 enemy transport shot down north of Bizerta.
Night Jan. 20-21	4 Malta based Albacores.	Sank Merchant vessel 15 miles north of Cape Bon.	1 Albacore missing.
Night Jan. 20-21	2 Beaufighters and 3 Wellingtons from Malta.	Torpedoes enemy tanker vicinity Cape Bon.	
Night Jan. 20-21	5 Medium Bombers attack Elmas airdrome, Sardinia.	Hangers fired; runways damaged.	
Night Jan. 20-21	22 Bisley Sorties Tunis - Tebourba - Pont-du-Fahs area.	Hits on railroads, viaduct, motor convoy.	
Night Jan. 21-22	Spitfires and Mosquitoes over Sicily.	Score hits on 2 railway stations, shot up 3 trains, a motor column, and airdrome.	
Night Jan. 21-22	Beaufighters attack 850 Ton merchant vessel in Gulf of Gabes.	Set vessel afire.	
Night Jan. 20-21	10 Beaufighters Sorties.		3 Enemy planes destroyed.
Jan. 21	7 P-38's on sweep over Gabes - Ben Gardane Road attack motor transport moving northwest near Medenine.		
Jan. 21	26 P-38's sweep over Gabes - Ben Gardane attack ground column.	Claim 65 Enemy vehicles destroyed.	2 Enemy planes destroyed.
Jan. 21	6 B-26's on anti-shipping strike north of Cap Bon escorted by P-38.	2 merchant vessels attack, 1 sunk, other damaged.	2 Italian planes shot down 3 ME-109's destroyed. 2 P-38's shot down.
Jan. 21	P-40 Sweeps over forward area.		1 P-40 crash landed.
Night Jan. 20-21	Enemy aircraft active Algiers Bay area.		
Jan. 21	18 B-25's dispatched to attack a tank concentration near Pont Du Fahs, failed to find target and dropped 32 tons of bombs on an unnamed town as secondary target.	damage to town roads, railroads and bridge.	
Jan. 21	1 Medium Bomber dropped rations to French Force in forward area.		

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 21	15 A-20's escorted by Spitfires and P-40's attacked enemy motor vehicles east of Ousseltia.	3 Tanks and 11 vehicles attacked with good results.	
Jan. 21	Lafayette Escadrille flew reconn. Kairouan-Pichon area.	Attacked by 6 enemy planes.	1 Enemy plane destroyed. 2 P-40's missing

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 23 to 1700 January 23
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AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	13

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943.

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
100	155

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan 20	60-80 JU 52s flew between Sicily and Tunisia		
Jan 20	5 JU 88 shadowed convoys between Bone and Oran		
Jan 20	JU 88s plus a few ME 111 attacked a convoy previously shadowed		
Jan 20	30-50 enemy aircraft operated along the North African Coast		
Jan 20	B-26s and P-38s on an anti shipping mission over Straits of Sicily and West of Pantelleria Island encountered a number of enemy aircraft		
Jan 20	2 CZ 1007s and 5 to 7 fighters engaged Allied planes		2 CZ 1007s 3 ME 109s destroyed
Jan 20	3 ME 109s, 1 JU 88, and 1 JU 52 with 2 ME 109s as escort were engaged		1 JU 52 1 ME 109 destroyed
Jan 20	P-38s attacked 3 FW 190s		1 FW 190 destroyed off Cape Bon
Jan 20	P 38s on sweep along Ben Gardane Gabes road destroyed 2 ME 109s and later evaded 8 enemy fighters which took off from Kairouan Airdrome		2 ME 109s destroyed
Jan 20	Lafayette Escadrille shot down 1 of 6 FW 190 which took off from Kairouan Airdrome		1 FW 190
Jan 20	Two enemy aircraft were shot down 20 miles northeast of Bougie		2 Enemy Aircraft

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The enemy is maintaining positions Dj Mansour, Robaa and have reached the Sid Amara - Ousseltia - Kairouan road. Ousseltia is still held by the French. The enemy line is not believed to be strongly held as our armored and infantry forces operated to the north during the day and it is believed that the French are still in possession of the mountains on either of Ousselta Valley as far north as Dj Bargou and Dj Toula.

Units from the 1st Armored Division ordered to Maktar from Sbeitla have arrived and are now en route to Ousseltia.

NAVAL

HMS Vanooc attacked a U Boat 35 miles east of Algiers.

A medium sized enemy Merchant Vessel was sunk in the Gulf of Genoa January 19 to 20.

The enemy sank one Merchant Vessel and damaged another west of Algiers on January 21. A convoy 20 miles north east of Bougie was attacked unsuccessfully by the enemy.

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U.S. and British 697

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Estimated Total Strength 80,700

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AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

1

Axis

5

(1 Damaged)

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

100

Axis

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NAVAL:

On January 18th, a landing ship in our infantry ferry service disembarked troops at Bone. The LCT (Landing Craft Tank) Transport service from Bone to La Calle was suspended and the craft went to Algiers to bring tanks to the east. An enemy torpedo aircraft was shot down off Bougie, January 19th, by the Destroyer Lamerton, and crew of five were taken prisoner. An Italian submarine was sunk off Bougie on January 19th, by depth charges from the Corvette Fort Arthur, four officers and twenty-two men were taken prisoner. The Merchantman Walt Whitman made Algiers under her own power after being torpedoed by aircraft. The tanks and vehicles from the ship Tassajbra were removed and placed on LST (Landing Ship Tank) Bachagurro.

G-2 Report ending Midnight January 20-21: January 20th the enemy lost four tanks and were driven northeast from a place near Bou Arada after our successful counterattack. Early in the morning of January 20th, the enemy reached a NW to SE line about 20 miles SW of Pont Du Fahs and then the attack was turned south along the line of Oued Marouf. By midnight January 20-21, the enemy line extended from Dj Mansour - Robaa - Dret El Gembours - Dret El Goleb.

Meknassy is reported to have been reinforced by two companies of Bersaglieri (Italian). Thirty enemy tanks and armored cars reported 40 KM SW of Yaj Assy. Twelve Paratroops landed at Morsott and eight have been captured.

Troop Movements: The forces which were reported moving to Maktar arrived and were sent to Cusseltea.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan.19/20	18 B-26's dispatched to attack Military Camp at Gabes	Clouds over target returned	0
Jan.19/20	16 B-17's dispatched to attack Tripoli Harbor	Cloud over target - on return dropped 28 tons bombs from 20,000 ft. on Military Camp at Gabes. Hits on Barrack area, railways on north part of airdrome. Attacked 4 enemy planes.	2 Enemy destroyed 1 Damaged
Jan.19/20	11 Malta Beaufighters intruder patrol Gabes - Sfax roads.	Shot up north bound motor transport. Numerous hits.	0
Jan.19/20	6 B-25's on shipping strike between Tunis and Sicily.	Direct hit and near misses on Tanker 25 miles NE Bizerte. Violent explosion. Tanker stopped.	0
Jan.19/20	13 Medium Bombers attacked Bizerte with High explosive and incendiary bombs.	Many explosions and large fires.	0
Jan.19/20	3 Malta Beaufighters to La Soulette Harbor entrance.	Laid Mines	0
Jan.19/20	28 Bisley Sorties to attack road area Tunis - Tebourba - Pont du Fahs. 2 to 3 Sorties per aircraft.	Hits observed on transports and roads.	1
Jan.19/20	P-40's, A-20's, P-38's Fighter Sweeps. Spitfires & Lafayette Escadrille in forward areas.	Without incident.	0
Jan.19/20	9 Enemy planes flet over Algiers Bay.	Beaufighters destroyed one, Naval Antiaircraft one, and one destroyed by ground antiaircraft fire.	3
Jan.19/20	58 Transport Sorties.		0

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Jan. 20/21	Malta planes including Spitfires raided Noto, Sicily.	Hits on tracks; engine shed and stationary train. 12 - 250 pound bombs dropped. Railway, tracks locomotive station strafed.	
Jan. 20/21	Malta Torpedo carrying Albocares raid sea lanes.	Sank 3,000 to 4,000 Ton Motor vessel near Cape Bon	
Jan. 20/21	Malta - Beauforts	Hit 3,000 to 4,000 Ton Tanker and possible hit on 3,000 to 4,000 Ton Motor Vessel.	
Jan. 20/21	Malta Mosquitoes	Attacked westbound motor Transport Convoys west of Squara. Destroyed 1 GU-88 on ground.	1
Jan. 21	8 Malta Spitfires Bombers.	Hits on barracks and chemical works at Licata. Neighboring buildings strafed by escorting Spitfires.	
Jan. 21	5 Malta Spitfires attacked Gela Airdrome.	Hits on hangars and dispersal areas.	
Jan. 21	Malta Spitfires.	2 Schooners attacked with cannon and machine guns near Cape Rossello.	
Jan. 21	Malta Beaufighters attacked near Kuriat.	Attacked Schooner and 2 Tugs. Many hits. 1 Tug set on fire.	

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 22 to 1700 January 22
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	223,105
British " " " " "	110,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>513,105</u>

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
75,300

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 697

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 80,700

Estimated Total
Strength of
75,300

Combat Zone

U. S.	21,000
British	37,700
French	22,000
	<u>80,700</u>

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

1

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

99

Axis

137

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 19	Between 75 and 100 JU-52s flew between Sicily and Tunisia		
Jan. 20	JU-87s were reported active in Port Du Fahs Bon Arada Area		
Jan. 20	10 Enemy aircraft were over Bone harbor B-17s engaged 8 - 10 ME 109s over Gabes	No bombs dropped	
	P-38s on reconnaissance near Gabes observed 6 ME 109s	No engagement	
Jan. 20	At least 5 JU 88s and 1 ME 210 made a reconnaissance of North African coast and shadowed eastbound convoy.		
Jan. 20	1 ME 210 presumed to be on photographic mission was over Algiers about noon. 1 Italian bomber was destroyed in the Algiers area.		1 Italian bomber
Night Jan. 20-21	About 50 enemy aircraft operated against a convoy previously shadowed.	Torpedo bombers were present. A number of Italians participated.	

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NAVAL

A merchant vessel near Algiers was torpedoed but reached Algiers under its own power. Surface forces sank 2 enemy schooners, 2 unidentified small steamers, 1 small merchant vessel, 1 motor launch and 4 small naval auxiliaries in Tunisian and Tripolitanian waters. The Fleet Air Arm sank a 12,000 ton and 1600 ton merchant vessel in vicinity of Djerba Island.

H.M. Submarine torpedoed a north bound 5,000 ton enemy transport.

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1700 January 21 to 0700 January 22
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

<u>Allied</u>		<u>Axis</u>
U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	223,103	Estimated Total
British " " " " "	140,000	Strength of
French " " " " "	150,000	74,500
	<u>513,103</u>	

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 697 Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength	80,700	Estimated Total
<u>Combat Zone</u>		Strength of
		74,600
U. S.	21,000	
British	37,700	
French	<u>22,000</u>	
	80,700	

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
1	1

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
99	136

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Night Jan 18-19	9 B-25's attacked Capoei (Castell) Benito Airdrome with 72 250-lb. bombs from 9,500 to 10,000 ft. No enemy aircraft encountered.		Not known. 1 aircraft holed.
Daylight Jan. 19	11 B-24D's of 93rd Group attacked shipping Sousse Harbor. 1 hit by anti-aircraft fire - forced out of formation. 10 dropped 50 American 1,000 lb. bombs.	Bursts along western dock on commercial quay at base of southern quay. 1 direct hit on small vessel in harbor. Formation attacked by 3-4 ME-109's, 1 JU-88 on leaving target. 3 aircraft hit by cannon fire.	Aircraft that was hit was forced down at Monastir. 2 men baled out.
Jan. 19	8 B-24D's of 98th Group attacked Tripoli Harbor. 40 1,000-lb. American bombs dropped from 21,000 ft.	Unobserved due to close covering. 20 bombs believed to have fallen in target area. Attacked by 4-5 ME-109's and FW-190's.	1 FW-190 destroyed 2 ME-109's probable.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 21 to 1700 January 21
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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	223,103
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>513,103</u>

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
74,600

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 697

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 80,700

Estimated Total
Strength of
74,600

Combat Zone

U. S.	21,000
British	37,700
French	22,000
	<u>80,700</u>

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

2

Axis

1

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

98

Axis

135

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 19	18 B-25's attacked Medenine	19 tons of bombs dropped. Hits observed on main road north and south of town and in town.	
Jan. 19	8 P-38's attacked enemy column in vicinity Mareth	20 vehicles destroyed.	
Jan. 19	2 JU-88's shadowed convoy between Bougie and Algiers		
Jan. 19	5 JU-88's made a reconnaissance of Tunisia from Sicily.		
Jan. 19	50 JU-52's operated between Italy and Tunisia.		
Jan. 19	B-18's and P-38's encountered only 1 enemy fighter over Tunis.		
Jan. 19	Medenine town and Motor Park was attacked by B-25 and P-38's.	2 enemy fighters were observed taking off from airdrome.	
	P-38's on reconnaissance observed 4 ME-109's 5 miles south of Medenine.	No encounters.	
Jan. 19-20	3 Beauforts from Malta laid mines at entrance to La Goulette harbor.		
Jan. 19-20	1 Spitfire from Malta attacked a train in south-east Sicily.	Train was left stationary with both engines enveloped in smoke.	
Jan. 19-20	7 Beaufighters from Malta shot up northbound motor convoy on Sfax-Gabes road.	Numerous hits scored. One vehicle set on fire.	2 Beaufighters missing.
Jan. 19-20	6 Spitfire Bombers from Malta over Sicily attacked bridge with a 250-lb. bomb and damaged 2 locomotives, 4 signal boxes and 1 warehouse with cannon fire.		

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An enemy column of infantry and tanks advanced from Pont Du Fahs to Sidi Said and another column attacked southwest from Djebel Chirich. The French Forces caught between the two columns were badly disorganized and have withdrawn to the line of Djebel Helifa - Silianna.

The 1st Guards Brigade has moved to Bou Arada and the 6th Armored Division is regrouping in the vicinity of Bou Arada - El Aroussa.

The 38th Brigade supported by tanks drove the enemy about one mile east of Bou Arada - Goubellat road.

The British conformed to the French withdrawal by establishing a line Djebel Gnettar - Bou Arada.

The 13th Armored Regiment, less the 1st and 3rd Battalions, the 2nd Battalion Armored Infantry, the 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, the 601st Tank Destroyer, less two companies, and D Battery, 106th Coast Artillery, moved from Sbeitla to Maktar. The 26th Infantry Regiment, less two Battalions, the 1st Battalion, 13th Armored Regiment, less a company, the 5th Field Artillery Battalion, less one Battery, and one Battery 443rd Coast Artillery (AA), is moving from Guelmer to Sbeitla.

NAVAL

A British ship shot down a Savoia Marchetti bomber north of Oran.

The surface force sank an Italian naval trawler or corvette west of Lampedusa Island. Thirty miles east of Bougie, a Canadian ship on escort duty sank an Italian submarine.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 20 to 0700 January 21
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

<u>Allied</u>		<u>Axis</u>
U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	223,103	Estimated Total
British " " " " "	140,000	Strength of
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>	73,500
	513,103	

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 697 Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000 Estimated Total Strength of 73,500

Combat Zone

U. S. and 20,000
British 38,000
French 22,000
77,000

LINE OF COMMUNICATION TROOPS

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
1	3

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
96	134

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 18	13 B-17's attacked Castel Benito airfield, near Tripoli, with 20 tons bombs from about 15,000 feet. Intercepted by about 18 enemy planes.	Good.	3 enemy planes destroyed, 5 probably destroyed and 4 damaged. 1 B-17 shot down. 1 P-38 missing.
Night 17-18.	6 Mosquitoes from Malta on intruder patrol attacked stationary vehicles between Gabes - Sfax.		
Night 17-18	11 Bisleys attacked road and rail transport between Sfax - Tunis	Hits observed.	
Jan. 18	5 B-26's on antishipping strike bombed trawler about 9 miles north northeast Sousse.	Near misses. One escorting P-38 force landed 20 miles south of Pont Du Fahs due to engine trouble.	
Jan. 18	Penitentiary southwest of Pont Du Fahs attacked by Harribombers.	Target on fire.	
Jan. 18	8 Medium Bombers dropped high explosives and incendiaries on Ferryville docks.	Good fire started.	
Jan. 18	10 Medium Bombers dropped high explosives and incendiaries on Bizerte docks.	Target on fire.	
Jan. 18	Harribombers dispatched to attack tank concentration northeast of Bou Arada. Escorts attacked 15 enemy aircraft.	No tanks found.	Claim 3 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probable. 1 Spitfire missing.
Night 17-18	4 Beaufighter sorties from Souk El Arba.	No contact.	
Jan. 18	Harbor and base patrols Bone area.		
Jan. 18	6 enemy aircraft operated off Cape Matifouch at low altitudes.		
Jan. 18	91 Transport flown sorties.		
Jan. 18	3 Spitfires bombed Lampedusa airdrome.	Hits were scored on dispersal area.	

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 18-19	1 Wellington attacked medium escorted motor vessel with a torpedo 5 miles from Marettimo.	Hit scored.	
Jan. 18-19	A Wellington bomber sank 1 of 2 large motor vessels by a torpedo 30 miles from Marettimo.		
Jan. 19	HE-111's and JU-88's operated from Sicily and Sardinia.		
Jan. 19	5 JU-88's from Sicily made southward reconnaissance mainly over Tunisia interior.		
Jan. 19	3 aircraft, 1 of which shadowed shipping off Cape Bougarouan and another over Algiers Bay (both about noon) made an African coastal reconnaissance between dawn and 1630Z.		
Jan. 19	2 HE-111's made a reconnaissance before dawn of the North African coastal area east of Algiers, paying particular attention to the Bone area.		
Jan. 17	60-70 JU-52's employed in the Sicily to Tunisia service. This almost doubles the number reported operating the previous day.	(May have been previously reported as "75 transport sorties flown.")	
Jan. 17	Very few aircraft flew between Sicily-Tripoli.		
Jan. 17	During southward sweep from Pont Du Fahs at 0700 Z, 30 enemy aircraft were observed by Harri-bombers of which 4 ME-109's were observed bombing roads in the area.		

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GROUND

First Army:

On night of January 17-18, 1st Battalion 6th Armored Division occupied position 6 miles east southeast of Bou Arada.

Two (2) enemy companies, with 2 companies in reserve, attacked southwest from 5 miles northeast of Bou Arada. At the same time, about 50 enemy tanks approached Bou Arada from the east. Both attacks were repulsed, with 8 enemy tanks destroyed, and 2 companies infantry claimed destroyed. The enemy withdrew to the east. Artillery of 6th Armored Division then engaged concentration of tanks and infantry between Pont Du Fahs and Bou Arada while the 38th Infantry Brigade was clearing area north of Bou Arada.

Enemy occupied high ground 4 miles east southeast of Medjer El Bab. Counterattack by 18th Regimental Combat Team.

56th Reconnaissance Regiment, supported by artillery, advanced northeast in 2 columns - right column 7 miles north of Heidous withdrew under enemy artillery and mortar fire; left column - to eastern slopes of Djebel Sidi Neftah (14 miles south southwest of Mateur) with no opposition.

On north flank, January 17, enemy strong point 4 miles northeast Station Del Aouana was attacked by 1st Commando supported by artillery.

16th Battalion Durham Light Infantry from 139th Infantry Brigade relieved 5th Battalion Buffs 2 miles east of Station Del Aouana.

Germans attacked southwest from Pont Du Fahs to north of Reservoir De Loued Kebir. Reached road junction approximately 12 miles south southwest from Pont Du Fahs with infantry and tanks.

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Station Sened attacked by 30 Germans carrying booby traps and mines on January 16-17. Attacked again on January 17-18 by 1 Company and 3 armored cars. Enemy withdrew at daylight, January 19.

1st Armored Division (-Co. B) and 3rd Battalion 13th Armored Regiment arrived Oued Seguin, 20 miles southwest of Constantine, coming under command of II Corps.

Identifications: Marsch Battalion, supported by elements of 1st Battalion Herman Goring Regiment, reported east of Bou Arada, 1st and 3rd Battalions Herman Goring Regiment believed in reserve.

NAVAL

Lightning and Royal, destroyers, made sweep south Sardinia night January 17-18. Unescorted enemy merchant ship sunk off Cagliari - cargo exploded.

SS Recorder hit and damaged in bombing attack on Bone Harbor January 17. No delay in sailing, but repairs in United Kingdom necessary.

Three (3) motor torpedo boats patrolled out of Bone night 17-18 January.

Cased petrol carrier Polo blew up and on fire January 17. Unknown cause.

HMS Esajera torpedoed by aircraft dusk January 17, 75 miles east of Algiers. Returned to Algiers under own power. Of 191 American troops aboard, 1 was killed and 3 injured. Ship carried 30 tanks, 2 of which were damaged, and 10 other vehicles.

HMS destroyer J₆n engaged and sank a 3,000-ton enemy vessel.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1700 January 19 to 0700 January 20
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 223,103
British " " " " " 140,000
French " " " " " 150,000
513,103

AXIS

Estimated Total
Strength of
73,200

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 697

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of
73,200

Combat Zone

U. S. 20,000
British 35,000
French 22,000
77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943.

Allied

95

Axis

131

Malta photo reconnaissance shows at least 257 aircraft based Sicily
airdromes. January 18.

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DATE	NO OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Jan. 18	Torpedo attack by Malta aircraft on 6,000-ton motor vessel 50 ⁰ , 50 miles from Ustica and on large motor vessel 340 ⁰ , 20 miles from Cape Bon.	Not observed.	
Jan. 18	3 Beauforts laid mines in entrance to Sousse Harbor.		
Jan. 18	Malta Mosquitoes attacked isolated lorries on Sfax - Gabes road.	No armored vehicles seen.	
Jan. 15 16	6 Bisleys attacked road movements in Sfax area.		

GROUND

The movement of the 68th CW Mortar Company to the area of the V Corps was completed.

The 688th and 689th Coast Artillery (AA) Separate Airborne Batteries movement to Tebessa was completed and is now under command of the 12th Air Force.

Report from Fort Lamy states that the Le Clerc forces in North Central Africa have taken Fezzan. The strength of this force is 3,500, all motorized except one Camel Corps.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 19 to 1700 January 19
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	223,103
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
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	513,103

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
73,200

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 697

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of
73,200

Combat Zone

U. S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
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	77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 10,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

3

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

95

Axis

131

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan 16	About 35 JU 52s and a few ME 323 flew between Sicily and Tunisia and 15 to 25 JU 52 traveled between Sicily and Tunisia		
Jan 17	At least 7 JU 88s operating with ME 111's attacked shipping between Algiers and Bougie		
Jan 17	Bone harbor was attacked twice. 1st by 6 FW 190s and later by at least 15 FW 190s and ME 109's	A few bombs were dropped in the harbor. No damage was suffered.	
Jan 17	E-25s and P-38 attacking railroad junction at Graiba (?) observed 5 enemy aircraft. Earlier these planes destroyed 2 - JU 52s and 1 - JU 88		2 JU 52s 1 JU 88
Jan 17	5 JU 88s made reconnaissance of North Africa east and shadowed shipping between Algiers and Bougie		
Jan 17	5 JU 88s operated over Tunisia between dawn and dusk		

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1700 January 18 to 0700 January 18
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	223,103
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>513,103</u>

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
72,500

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 697

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of
72,500

Combat Zone

U. S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
	<u>77,000</u>

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

2

Axis

3

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

95

Axis

128

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 17	4 Mosquitoes from Malta intercepting Tripoli - Gabes - Sfax routes.	Destroyed several vehicles.	
Jan. 17	12 B-25's attacked railroad junction at Griaba with 11 tons of bombs.	Unknown	
Jan. 17	9 Bisleys attacked communications lines Tunes - Sfax area.	Hits observed on vehicles and roads.	
Jan. 17	6 B-25's with P-38 escort on strikes (shipping).		1 JU-88 and 2 transports destroyed. 1 P-38 was destroyed.
Jan. 17	Spitfires on Bone Airport patrol.	Intercepted 15 enemy planes, damaging one.	1 Spitfire was destroyed.
Jan. 17	1 Hudson on antisubmarine patrol.	Attacked a submarine. Results unknown.	
Jan. 17	75 Transport sorties flown.		

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GROUND

European Theater in General: No reports.

Tunisia:

1. Most significant report was that of the arrival of the 139th Infantry Brigade Group in the forward area. This Brigade is a part of the 46th British Infantry Division. Now present in North Africa are the following British Divisions:

6th Armored Division
78th Infantry Division
46th Infantry Division

Exact location of 139th Brigade is not given.

2. Patrolling and skirmishing continues along the line north of Pont Du Fahs.

3. Sened recaptured by Allied forces on the 17th. Counterattack on the night of 17-18 was repulsed.

4. A railroad bridge 8 miles southwest of Kasserine was demolished on the night of the 16-17 but was repaired during the 17th. Another railroad bridge 5 miles northeast of Kasserine was demolished on the night of the 17-18th. Method of demolition not reported.

5. The following shipping losses were announced:

By the Allies: 1 Motor vessel damaged by bombs at Bone on the 11th. 1 tank landing vessel torpedoed on night 17-18. 1 Motor vessel blew up at Bougie on the 17th.

By the Axis: 1 Motor vessel (water carrier) destroyed by Allied surface craft on 16th.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 18 to 1700 January 18
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U.S. Strength Landed or in Port	223,103
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>513,103</u>

Axis

Estimated Strength
of 72,500

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 697

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Strength
of 72,500

Combat Zone

U.S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
	<u>77,000</u>

Line of Communication Troops

U.S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

0

12

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Last from January 1, 1943

Allied

Axis

93

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan.15-16	Beauforts from Malta mined entrance to La Goulette Harbor.		
Jan.16	17 Medium Bombers attacked Bizerte.	All Planes returned.	
Jan.16	4 B-26's made anti-shipping reconnaissance without incident.		
Jan.16	Hurribombers attacked railway siding between Medjez El Bab and Tebrouba.		
Jan.16	12 Enemy planes flew over Bone.		2 destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.
Jan.16-17	Mosquitoes from Malta destroyed two gas trucks on Tripoli, Gabes, Sfax road and damaged others.		
Jan.16	One aircraft made reconnaissance over Canrobert and Youks Les Bous about noon.		
Jan.16	One JU-88 from Southern France was on patrol.		
	One F4 on a photographic mission over Gabes observed an unspecified number of enemy aircraft.		
	Ten enemy planes previously reported attacking Thlepte on Jan. 15 were destroyed.		10 enemy planes.
Jan.16-17	30 small, 44 medium, 16 large aircraft are at Castel Benito airfield.		
Jan.16-17	Bomb hits were scored on air-drome and buildings at Lampidusa by 3 spitfires.		
Jan.16-17	HE-111 torpedo bombers operated along coast between Algiers and Bone.		
Jan.16	3 JU-88's made reconnaissance of North African coast probably as far as oran.		
Jan.16	5 JU-88's made reconnaissance east coast and interior of Tunisia.		

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Local skirmishes took place along the line from Bou Arada to the North. Thirty-eighth Infantry Brigade now concentrated in the Bou Arada area. Second Hampshire Regiment under 18 ROT is about four (4) miles southeast of Slougia.

Patrols from the 36th Infantry Brigade killed fifteen (15) enemy three (3) miles east of El Aouana.

Sixth Armored Division Artillery shelled about sixty (60) of the enemy seven (7) miles southeast of Goubellat.

Patrols in central Tunisia destroyed and damaged many vehicles.

Four (4) or five (5) enemy tanks and eighteen (18) armored cars moved northwest from Pont Du Fahs towards Sidi Raou. One hundred (100) enemy vehicles were at Pont Du Fahs January 15.

The enemy is constructing defensive works at Dj Chackeur. The enemy has occupied Ain Djeloula Pass.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 17 to 0700 January 18
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	233,105
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	513,105

Axis

Estimated Strength
of 71,800

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 697

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Strength
of 71,800

Combat Zone

U. S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	<u>22,000</u>
	77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

9

Axis

23

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

93

Axis

113

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 15	About 12 JU-88's from Sicily, Sardinia and Southern France carried out reconnaissance missions in North Africa area.		
Jan. 15	15 JU-88's attacked Maison Blanche Airdrome		2 failed to return.
Jan. 15	80 Transports flew between Tunisia and Italy		
Jan. 15	At least 10 JU-88's were over Bone.		
Jan. 15	Airfield at Thelepte was attacked by 10 enemy planes.		
Jan. 15	B-25's and P-38's on anti-shipment operations north-east of Bizerte encountered large formations of transport aircraft with JU-88's, FW-190's, ME-109's and ME-110's escorting.		6 JU-88's 1 ME-323 2 FW-190's Probables: 3 JU-88's Damaged: 5 JU-88's 1 ME-110
Jan. 15	4 FW-200's left Sicily for Sardinia.		
Jan. 15	10 JU-88's and 8 ME-109's and FW-190's over Thelepte.		
Jan. 15	About 7 A. M., Youke Les Bains was attacked by 12 ME-109's and FW-190's while Fighters attacked Thelepte.		7 enemy aircraft destroyed.
Jan. 15	B-26's with P-38's as escort, attacked railway and highway bridge north northwest of Gabes.	Formation attacked by 8 or 9 ME-109's and 3 FW-190's.	1 enemy destroyed. 2 probables.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 15	12 B-24's from 9th Air Force attacked Bizerte.		
Jan. 15	8 Medium Bombers attacked Ferryville.		
Jan. 15	5 B-26's on antishipping between Tunisia and Sicily.	Large schooner left in flames.	
Jan. 15	4 P-40's reconnoitered Faid - Fondouk - Pichon.		2 enemy planes destroyed, 1 probable. 2 P-40's damaged.

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GROUND

Details on Disposition of First Army:

6th Armored Division patrol destroyed enemy post on hill 5 miles north northwest Bou Arada. Reverse of hill strongly held.

1st Guards Brigade 4 miles north of Medjer El Bab was shelled intermittently, night 14-15-January.

11th Infantry Brigade patrols reached western slope Djebel Sidi Meftah without contact.

36th Infantry Brigade patrol encountered 60 Germans 3 miles southeast of Station Del Aouana.

Italians captured Station de Sened.

AIR

In the attack northwest of Gabes, previously reported, hits were observed on railroad and road. Two (2) P-38's and one B-26 were shot down, and one B-26 was forced down near the target.

In encounter with heavy transport formations northeast of Bizerte, previously reported, one P-38 was destroyed and one is missing.

In the attacks on Thelepte, previously reported, 4 of our planes were damaged on the ground, 2 P-40's were destroyed in combat and 2 damaged. Two (2) of the enemy planes destroyed were shot down by the Lafayette Escadrille.

In the attack on Maison Blanche, previously reported, 6 instead of 2 enemy aircraft were destroyed. Several of our aircraft were destroyed and damaged.

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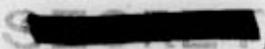
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January 15	15 - JU-88's attacked Maison Blanche Airdrome.		2 failed to return.
January 15	80 transports flew between Tunisia and Italy.		
January 15	At least 10 - JU-88's were over Bone.		
January 15	Airfield at Thelapte was attacked by 10 enemy planes.		
January 15	B-25's and P-38's on anti- shipping operations northeast of Biserte encountered large formations of transport air- craft with JU-88's, FW-190's, ME-109's and ME-110's escorts.		6 - JU-52's 1 - ME-323 2 - FW-190's Probably des- troyed: 3 - JU-52's Damaged: 5 - JU-52's 1 - ME-110
January 15	4 - FW-200's left Sicily for Sardinia.		
January 15	10 - JU-88's and 8 - ME-109's and FW-190's were over Thelapte.		

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>
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January 15	B-26's with P-38's as escort attacked railway and highway bridge north northwest of Gabes.	Formation attacked by 8 or 9 ME-109's and 3 FW-190's.	1 enemy destroyed, 2 probable.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 16 to 0700 January 17
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 223,105
British " " " " " 140,000
French " " " " " 150,000
513,105

AXIS

Estimated Strength
of 71,100

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 756

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Strength
of 71,100

Combat Zone

U. S. 20,000
British 38,000
French 22,000
77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

2

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

84

Axis

90

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 12 & 13	16 JU-52's arrived from Tripoli at Castel Vetrano		
Jan. 14	2 JU-88's from Sardinia reconnaissance from north Oran to harbor at Bone.		
Jan. 14	3 JU-88's operating at interior Tunisia and offshore to the east.		
Jan. 14	1 JU-88 photographing Biskra and Thelepte airdromes.		
Jan. 14	1 JU-88 from Sicily made reconnaissance over Bone at 1030 Z from 2400 feet. Probable photographing.		
Jan. 14	JU-88's bombed Thelepte.		2 JU-88's destroyed, 1 probably destroyed.
Jan. 14	Biserte bombed by Wellingtons.	Attack successful.	1 Wellington missing.
Jan. 14	6 B-26's bombed warehouses and railroads at Mahares.	7 tons bombs dropped. Hits on warehouses and railroads.	
Jan. 14	2 B-26's in missions against shipping.	No shipping observed.	
Jan. 14	1 Wellington bombed Sousse.	8 - 500 lb. bombs dropped. Hits near railway station and siding.	
Jan. 14	Beaufighters attacked trains, convoys and isolated vehicles on Gabes-Sfax road.	Large fire started in one convoy. 3 southbound gasoline trucks ignited.	
Jan. 14	Mosquitoes attacked vehicles on Djerba-Sfax road.	Stationary trucks shot up.	
Jan. 14	3 Albacores and 3 beaufighters again laid mines around Kerkenna Islands.		

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GROUND

Djebel Azag was shelled by our artillery. Road through pass in area of El Acouana believed mined. On the morning of January 14, 60 Germans were contacted at Sidi Almor (11 miles west southwest of Mateur).

On the 13th, enemy withdrew from Djebel Bou Dabouss and 74 Italian prisoners were captured by the French. Enemy digging in at Djebel Hadjar (25 miles southeast of Bou Arada) and occupying Djebel Melez, same area.

Enemy withdrew a slight distance to an area 5 miles north northwest of Heidous, night 13-14.

Medjer El Bab was shelled the afternoon of January 15.

Enemy post, area Ferryville, destroyed.

Enemy motor transport south and southeast of Pont Du Fahs substantially increasing. January 14-15.

Southern Tunisia: Djebel Krechem being reinforced.

Italians attacked and captured, January 15-16, outpost at Sened (20 miles northeast of El Guettar).

Locations:

Bou Arada - 10 BS Rifle Brigade; Headquarters 36th Infantry Brigade (1 mile north); 6th Battalion Inniskilling Fusiliers (4 miles north northeast).

Goubellat - 2nd Regiment Lothian (6 miles south).

Medjer El Bab - 1st Derby Yeomanry (6 miles south); 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards (2 miles north northeast); 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (3 miles north northeast).

Movement Completed: 1st Battalion Regimental Combat Team (under command of First Army for duty line of communication; 2nd and 3rd Battalions 1st Armored Regiment; 3rd Battalion 6th Armored Regiment and 16th Armored Engineers Battalion (under command II Corps) all arrived Constantine. 23rd Army Field Regiment moved area V Corps (?)

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 15 to 0700 January 16
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 214,534
British " " " " " 140,000
French " " " " " 150,000

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
69,400

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of
69,400

Combat Zone

U. S. 20,000
British 35,000
French 22,000
77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

7

Axis

10
5 probable
6 damaged

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943

Allied

84

Axis

88

REMARKS

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 14	2 battleships observed at Taranto and 3 cruisers at Messina		
Night 13-14 Jan.	Mosquitoes attacked north bound motor vehicles on Tunis-Gabes road.	Several vehicles hit	
Jan. 14	10 Spitfires bombed Lampedusa	Hits scored on dispersed aircraft	
Jan. 14	Beaufort escorting friendly convoy disabled enemy submarine 137 miles from Malta		
Jan. 14	Beaufighter bombed landing field at Kairouan	2-250 lb bombs dropped. Results not observed.	
Jan. 14	Antisubmarine patrol aircraft escorting a convoy attacked enemy submarine	Destroyers completed destruction of submarine.	
Jan. 13	16 B-17's, supported by 2 squadrons of RAF and 3 squadrons of US Spitfires attacked locomotive and carriage works at Lille. Diversion mission flown by B-24's	2-1,100 lb bombs, 158-1,000 lb bombs, 319-500 lb bombs dropped. Excellent results obtained. Bombers attacked by 18 to 20 FW-190's who appeared wary of the fire from the B-17's. Intense smoke observed. Hits noted on Locomotive Works and railroad yards. Diversion mission considered successful.	2 bombers collided, 1 other failed to return. 2 men killed, 8 wounded. Enemy losses: 3 destroyed 4 probable 5 damaged.
Jan. 13	3 JU-88's from Sardinia shadowed convoys between Bone and Oran.		
Jan. 13	A weather reconnaissance of the sea area Sicily to the Balearics was made by 1 JU-88		
Jan. 13	5 planes, believed to be Italian, bombed Maison Blanche Airdrome		3 enemy planes destroyed.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 13	16 JU-52's and 1 ME-323 left Sicily for Tunisia.		
Jan. 13	85 JU-52's and 4 ME-323's landed in Tunisia and returned to Sicily in the afternoon.		
Jan. 13	4 ME-109's made two separate attacks on transport vehicles in vicinity of Souk El Arba		
Jan. 13	1 twin-engine aircraft, escorted by 5 fighters, was reported over Bone harbor. At least 13 aircraft, consisting of FW-190's and ME-109's approached Bone harbor from the east.		
Jan. 12-13	Mosquitoes from Malta attacked motor transport between Tripoli and Sfax.		
Jan. 12-13	3 Albacores and 3 Beaufighters from Malta laid mines between Sfax and Kerkenna Island.		
Jan. 12-13	12 Malta Wellingtons attacked Sousse.	23 tons of bombs and 36 flares dropped. Hit on phosphate quay started fires.	
Jan. 12-13	6 B-25's probably destroyed partially submerged vessel between Tunisia and Sicily.		
Jan. 12-13	Swordfish aircraft attacked merchant vessel at Ferryville. Another Swordfish dropped bombs on Ferryville.	Hit claimed amidship by torpedo.	

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 14	8 sorties were flown by U. S. planes in British Isles against targets of opportunity.	1 factory and steamer attacked. Hits observed. 2 locomotives of goods trains damaged. 1 passenger car and truck wrecked.	2 FW-190's destroyed. 1 Spitfire crash-landed.
Jan. 13	12 B-24's from 93rd Group attempted to bomb Sousse.	Bombs jettisoned. 5 bombs dropped in road near Tebourba.	
Jan. 14	16 B-17's attacked Sousse.	36 tons of high explosives. Fires started on quay. Several vessels believed damaged.	
Jan. 14	26 B-17's attacked Sfax docks.	63 tons of high explosives. Warehouses and fuel storage depots on northeast jetty hit. Attacked by enemy aircraft.	1 enemy destroyed. 1 P-38 lost. 1 P-38 missing.
Jan. 14	B-26's attacked railroad yards at Kalaa Sriaa, 4 miles west of Sousse.	Unknown.	
Jan. 13	6 P-40 (Lafayette Escadrille) flew first sweep over enemy territory.		
Jan. 14	7 JU-88's attacked Biskra airdrome.	Several planes slightly damaged.	
Jan. 14	9 JU-88's made reconnaissances of various portions of North African Area.		
Jan. 13	35 JU-52's arrived Tunisia from Sicily and departed.		
Jan. 14	6 ME-109's encountered in forward area by Spitfires on reconnaissance.	1 ME-109 damaged.	
Jan. 14	22 FW-190's and ME-109's over Bone harbor.	1 bomb dropped.	1 ME-109 destroyed. 1 FW-190 probable 1 Spitfire lost.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 14	B-17's attacked docks at Sfax with P-38 escort.	2 or 3 ME-109's attacked P-38's.	1 ME-109 damaged.
Jan. 14.	B-26's with P-38 escort attacked railroad junction west of Sousse.	Number of aircraft observed at Kairouan airdrome, 3 of which were taking off.	
Jan. 14	P-38 on reconnaissance over Gabes.	Observed 2 enemy aircraft which did not attack.	
Jan. 15	11 P-39's forced down at Lisbon Airdrome and 1 Fighter at Aveiri.	15 pilots o.k. Detailed information later.	

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GROUND

A composite force of infantry, tanks, field guns and medium artillery captured an enemy position 5 miles northeast of Bou Arada, but withdrew in the afternoon to their original positions along the Goubellat road four miles north of Bou Arada because of enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Our tanks were handicapped by mud.

Area 2 miles northeast of Slougia was attacked by enemy dive bombers January 12. No damage was suffered.

The French captured more prisoners in the Hir Karachoum area. The French were unsuccessful in an attack on enemy positions 2 miles southeast of Kebir Reservoir.

The 1st Battalion, 26th Regimental Combat Team has now arrived at Constantine and is under the II Corps.

Enemy casualties January 13-14 northeast of Bou Arada estimated at 10% of three companies.

Enemy motor transport was active southeast of Pont Du Fahs.

Three or four tanks (enemy) dug in about 20 miles east of El Guettar.

IDENTIFICATIONS

3rd Battalion 91st Infantry (Italian) 5th Company 5th Artillery Regiment, 3rd Company 101st Antitank Battalion at Karadroum Pass.

Sixty prisoners were captured from the 3rd Battalion 92nd Infantry (Italian) at Djebel Bou Dabouss.

The Headquarters of the Superga Division is at Saouaf. The divisional sector excludes Pont Du Fahs and includes Djebel Bou Dabouss.

Headquarters of the 91st Infantry (Italian) is believed to be Sbikha.

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The 754th Infantry Regiment (German) has been definitely located northeast of Medjez El Bab.

NAVY

While on escort duty off Cape Tenes, HMS Ville de Quebec rammed and sunk a German submarine.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1900 January 14 to 0700 January 15
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 214,534
British " " " " " 140,000
French " " " " " 150,000
504,534

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of 69,400

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

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Estimated Total
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French 22,000
77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943

Allied

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Axis

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 13	62 B-17's attacked locomotive and carriage works at Lille.	Bombing excellent. Slight to moderate antiaircraft fire encountered. (Reported in brief 1-14-43)	3 enemy fighters destroyed, 4 enemy fighters probably destroyed and 5 enemy fighters damaged. 2 B-17's collided over target, 5 parachutes opened. 1 other B-17 missing.
Jan. 13	16 B-24's on diversion mission to a point 15 miles west of Flushing.	Enemy fighters were drawn away from main target area (Lille Locomotive and Carriage Works).	

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 14 to 1900 January 14
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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIED

U.S. Strength Landed or in Port	216,534
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French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>504,534</u>

AXIS

Estimated Total
Strength of 69,400

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of 69,400

Combat Zone

U.S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
	<u>77,000</u>

Line of Communication Troops

U.S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	2 (1 Probable)

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
77	78

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It has been reported that renewed activity is taking place along the roads to Goubellat. Two enemy companies four guns and motor transport moved southeast from Pont Du Fahs. Seizure of the Kafchoum pass by the French (previously reported) resulted in the capture of 180 prisoners from the 3d Bn. 91 Italian Infantry and 23 Marsch Battalion (German).

The French report that German tanks moved northward from Kairouan on the 9th.

Presence of the 3d Bn. 5th Parachute Regiment (Herman Goering Regt) in the Goubellat sector has been confirmed.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan 11	10 Enemy transports from Sicily landed in Tunisia		
Jan 11	1 ME 323 left Tunisia and landed at Castel Veltrano		
Jan 11	1 JU 88 from Sardinia made reconnaissance between Bone and Oran		
Jan 11	1 JU 88 from Sicily made a reconnaissance from Sicily to the Balearics		
Morning Jan 11	1 JU 88 patrolled French south coast		
Jan 11	Bougie harbor was attacked at dawn by three JU 88's from Sardinia.		
Jan 11	10 JU 88 operated from Sicily		
Jan 11	4 - ME 109 attacked airfield at Thelepte	One enemy plane destroyed	1-ME 109
Jan 11	B-17's with P-39 escort attacked railway and highway bridge across Oued El Akarit	P-38 were attacked by 12 enemy fighters 1 enemy fighter destroyed and 1 probably destroyed	1 Enemy fighter 1 Enemy fighter (probably)

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1900 January 13 to 0700 January 14
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	214,534
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>504,534</u>

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of 68,700

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of 68,700

Combat Zone

U. S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
	<u>77,000</u>

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

77

Axis

76

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 13	B-17's attacked Lille.	Bombing good. Enemy fighter reaction not strong. Antiaircraft accurate and intense.	3 B-17's missing.

GROUND

Italians captured by French, noted in previous summary, as yet not identified.

In southern Tunisia patrol activity continues.

Germans reported to be advising civil population to quit Pont Du Fahs area, leading to deduction they believe battle likely in this area.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 13 to 1900 January 13
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allies

U.S. Strength Loaded or in Port	214,534
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>504,534</u>

Axis

Estimated Total Strength
of 68,700

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total Strength
of 68,700

Combat Zone

U. S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
	<u>77,000</u>

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
1	0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
77	76

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Enemy patrols in the Medjex El Bab-Mateur area continue their activity. On January 10th an enemy force supported by artillery was reported digging in on a hill six miles northeast of Bon Arada after having been driven from a ridge four miles north of that town. The next day another enemy force withdrew to the south from an area three miles south of Goubellat after having been engaged by allied armored and infantry elements which finally met stiff resistance 1000 yards to the south of the enemy's original position.

The French captured a company of Italians when they seized the pass and high ground about two miles northwest of Dj Melez. A small scale enemy attack south from Fomdouk el Okbi was repulsed by the French with one enemy tank out of nine destroyed.

Mine laying active by the enemy took place on the road between Gafsa and Maknassy. The enemy outpost along the Gafsa Gabes road is reported to have been reenforced.

A British submarine returning from patrol has reported the torpedoing and sinking of a 5,000-ton enemy merchant vessel and later bombarding railway bridges along the Tunisian coast.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 10	12 B-24's from 93d Group attacked LA Goulette	59,000 pounds of bombs dropped. No definite results observed, one plane damaged by AA fire. 2 enemy planes damaged, one plane ran out of gas, crashed and burned.	1 B-24
Night Jan 10-11	10 Wellingtons from Malta attacked Sousse	68 - 500 lb bombs 11 - 250 lb bombs Bursts seen on quay near railroad siding, one fire started	
Jan 11	Mosquitoes attacked motor columns on Gabes-Sfax road	3 trucks destroyed - others reported damaged	
Jan 11-12	Air reconnaissance of Sfax	At least four small vessels observed in the roads.	
Jan 12	4 Spitfires from Malta bombed Lampedusa aerodrome	Hits scored on the perimeter	
Jan 12	10 Spitfires from Malta bombed Sciacca Harbor		

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1900 January 12 to 0700 January 13
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES

U.S. Strength Loaded or in Port	214,534
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	504,534

AXIS

Estimated Total
Strength of
65,400

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of
65,400

Combat Zone

U.S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	<u>22,000</u>
	77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U.S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
2	1
(4 damaged)	(1 damaged)

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
76	76

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Jan.10	9 B-26's previously reported attacking Gabes Jan. 10 now reports results.	Good results on Marshalling yards and oil storage tanks. Intense heavy and light flak encountered at Gabes	1 B-26 Lost 1 P-38 Missing
Jan.10	6 A-20's bombed military camp at Kebile, 65 miles west of Gabes.	Reported excellent.	
Jan.11	5 B-26's previously reported attacking airdrome 10 miles south of Tripoli with two tons of bombs, now report results.	Hits on Rangers.	1 attacking enemy plane destroyed

NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1900 January 11 to 0700 January 12
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	214,534
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	504,534

AXIS

Estimated Total Strength of	64,700
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AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total Strength of 64,700

Combat Zone

U. S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	<u>22,000</u>
	77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0
(2 damaged, 2 crashed at home field)

Axis

3
(4 probably destroyed)
2 damaged.

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allies - 74

Axis - 75

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 8	16 B-24's, from 98th and 376th Groups, set out to bomb Bizerte Harbor. 7 returned early due to mechanical and oxygen trouble. 9 attacked alternate target, Tunis, since Bizerte was covered by ten tenths clouds. 45 1,000-lb. bombs dropped from 2,500 feet.	Unobserved	2 B-24's damaged. 1 ME-109 destroyed.
Jan. 10 (morning)	13 HE-111's left Sicily for Tripoli. 5 HE-111's arrived Sicily from Tripoli.		
Jan. 10	53 JU-52's and 5 ME-323's landed at Tunisia from Sicily.		
Jan. 10	14 JU-88's, based Sicily, active.		
Jan. 10	5 JU-88's, based Sicily, on bomber reconnaissance over Tunisia.		
Jan. 10	4 JU-88's, based Sardinia, operated between Bone and Oran.		
Jan. 10	One plane shadowed convoy between Algiers and Bougie. Engaged by one of our Fighters 2 hours later. Another plane shadowed later.		Enemy plane possibly shot down.
Jan. 10	Four to six ME-109's attacked B-26's over Gabes on bombing mission.	P-38 engaged by 2 ME-109 escorts.	1 ME-109 destroyed, 1 damaged.
Jan. 10	Four to five JU-88's active Tebessa-Thelepte area.		
Jan. 10	2 P-40's on patrol attacked by 6 ME-109's while JU-88 being escorted made off. Action over Thelepte.	No bombs dropped.	

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 10	One P-40 attacked Kairouan One FW-190 attacked our aircraft.	German Headquarters des- troyed.	
Jan. 9	42 reconnaissance sorties by P-38 Hurricanes and Spitfires.		2 Spitfires crashed - 1 on landing, 1 on take- off
Jan. 9	17 Anti-submarine sorties flown.	Without incident.	
Jan. 9	Planes bombed Tunis Harbor. Attacked by 3 enemy.	Buildings and military camp hit.	3 enemy probably destroyed.
Jan. 9	6 P-40 sorties flown over Sidi Bou Zid - Fondouk - Sfax - Faid.		
Night 9-10	4 medium bombers attacked Bizerte docks and Sidi Ahmed airdrome. Dropped 4½ tons of bombs.		
Night 8-9	6 B-25's active.		
Jan. 9	5 B-26's attacked air- drome 10 miles south of Tripoli with 2 tons bombs.	Hits on hangers.	1 enemy plane destroyed.
Jan. 11	B-26's attacked tanker carrying fuel from Italy to Tunis area.	Tanker sunk by dive bombing.	

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GROUND

Area west of Mateur Artillery activity renewed. 10 January.

Heidous Active enemy patrols. Machine guns 3 miles to the north. 40 enemy occupy farmhouse 4 miles northwest.

Beja Defended by improvised formation - 2 companies. 2nd Hampshire Regiment, 2nd Parachute Battalion, 2 Infantry Battalions (French).

Bou Arada - north and northwest. Active enemy patrolling.

Fondouk El Okbi Small enemy group active.

Djebel El Jedirip Foothold on slopes gained by enemy.

Southern Tunisia:

Southwest of Sidi Bou Zid French observation post attacked by German patrol.

Gabes - Gafsa road Enemy activity reported.

IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Source</u>
1st Company, 18th Marsch Battalion. (Greater part of unit in Hemeima position)	Sedi Kralif, northeast Faid.	French
8th Company, 47th Grenadier Regiment (German). (5th, 7th, 8th Companies in this area).	Djebel Jedir.	Prisoners

LOCATIONS

10th (Battalion?) Rifle Brigade - Bou Arada

3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards - South of Medjes El Bab.

8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders - 4 miles southwest of Medjes El Bab.

1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment - Sidi Naïr.

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LOCATIONS (Cont'd)

2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers - 2 miles southeast of Munchar.

1st Commando - 3 miles east Del Aouna.

MOVEMENTS

1st Parachute Brigade less 2nd Parachute Battalion for Doufarik, 18 miles southwest of Algiers.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

700 January 11 to 1900 January 11
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIED

U. S. strength landed or in port, 213,462
French " " " " " , 150,000
British " " " " " , 140,000
503,462

AXIS

Estimated Total
Strength of
64,700

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of
64,700

Combat Zone

U.S. 20,000
British 35,000
French 22,000
77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allies - 74

Axis - 72

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It is reported that the Trieste Division and some elements of the Ariete Armored Divisions are being sent to Maknassy and Hafay from Libya.

The Trieste Division probably only has four infantry battalions left.

Three enemy schooners were sunk off Kureat Island (East of Sousse) the night of 7-8 January by surface force.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan 10	3 JU-88 from Sardinia made reconnaissance from Bone to Oran and shadowed west bound Convoy		
Jan 10	3 JU-88's made reconnaissance of North African Coastal area		
Jan 10	4 JU-88's from Sicily were sighted on convoy escort duties		
Jan 9-10	6 Mesquites from Malta strafed convoys between Galies and Sfax	Six trucks destroyed and others damaged.	

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1900 January 9 to 0700 January 10
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	213,462
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>503,462</u>

AXIS

Estimated Total
Strength of
56,000

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Estimated Strength
of 194 as shown by
air reconnaissance.

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of 56,000

Combat Zone

U. S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
	<u>77,000</u>

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Engaged in Combat

0

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943

Allies - 69

Axis - 71

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GROUND

During the night January 7-8, a strong German infantry patrol attacked the French detachment at Bou Arada but was driven out by 0700 on January 8.

During the afternoon, a small scale enemy attack southward from Fondouk was repulsed with reported enemy loss of 2 tanks destroyed, one damaged.

In northern Tunisia only patrol activity was generally reported, except for some small scale motor transport activity south of Medjez El Bab and in the vicinity of Pont Du Fahs.

In southern Tunisia, patroll activity only was generally reported, except for some indication of renewed enemy interest in the Faid position.

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Malta Intelligence Summary - 2000A January 7 to 2000A January 8.

NAVAL

1. Two destroyers were called to intercept a merchant vessel and small aircraft which had been sighted by aircraft earlier in the day.
2. Returning submarine from patrol reports:
 - a. Torpedoed and sunk small southbound merchant vessel - took 2 prisoners who stated cargo was wheat.
 - b. Sank by gunfire 150-ton southbound ammunition-laden schooner.

AIR

1. Photos of Tunis, January 8, show ferries only active shipping present.
2. Sousse - No apparent change since January 5.
3. Sfax - no shipping present.
4. No enemy air activity.
5. On night January 7-8, Intruder Mosquitoes:
 - a. Destroyed one unidentified enemy plane over Comiso.
 - b. Shot up trucks on road southwest of Tunis, setting 11 on fire and damaging another.
6. Intruder Beaufighters:
 - a. Shot up motor vehicle convoys northbound and southbound on Sfax - Gabes road.
 - b. Dropped 2 250-pound bombs on possible ammunition dump near Mahares, causing fire and secondary explosions. 1-8.
7. Three Spitfires bombed Lampedusa, scoring hits on airdrome.

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A report from Bern as of January 1 -

German troops in Italy have been alerted with the officers remaining permanently on duty.

A number of convoys have left Italy for Salonika and Crete where a joint Axis staff is constituting a new expeditionary force for operations in Egypt or in rear of the 8th Army.

Twenty (20) transports, including one of 15,000 tons and one of 20,000 tons, left Brindisi on January 4 at 1800 - destination Crete. It is estimated that there are now 25,000 Axis troops in Crete.

Six (6) Italian transports are due to sail from Trieste January 5, and 8 transports from Cattaro on January 6, with the destination of both groups being Crete.

The following materiel was observed: 200 tanks, 21 batteries of artillery, 5 batteries of antiaircraft artillery and 50 infantry cannon.

Four (4) transports, including one of 6,000 tons, are due to leave Naples in the near future - destination Salonika. Included in the effectives are 2 marine battalions of the San Marco type.

Two (2) German motorized divisions have probably arrived in Salonika by road. It is believed that the German units are in part from occupation troops in Croatia and Serbia, although no confirmation yet is possible.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 7	2 P-58 on reconnaissance to Tripoli	Observed medium motor vessel in harbor. Westward movement of troops observed all way from Tripoli to Medenine	
Jan 7	20 B-26 attacked airdrome and barracks at Galus	22 Tons of high explosives dropped	1 P-58 shot down. Pilot walked away.
Jan 7	6 A20 attacked troop concentration at Kairouan	Good: Soldiers observed moving about airdromes at Galus, Medenine and Ben Gaidane. No aircraft observed	
Jan 6	Photo reconnaissance	24 enemy aircraft bases 12 at SYAK li Mass	
Jan 6	4 P-58 made reconnaissance of Tripoli	9 trucks observed in vicinity of Ben Gardane. Trucks were fully loaded with men headed West	
Jan 8	2 enemy planes	Shadowed East bound convey from Algiers	
Jan 8	1 J4-88 from Sardinia	Made reconnaissance of Kairouan, Tebessa and interior of Tunisia	
Jan 6	72 JU 52 Transports 5 ME 325 Transports from Sicily	Landed in Tunisia and departed	
Jan 8	10 Sicilian based JU 52	Made reconnaissance and bombed shipping	
Jan 8	4 JU 88 from Sardinia	Shadowed West bound convey off Djiejjeli	

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 January 9 to 1900 January 9
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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES

U.S. Strength Landed or in Port	213,462
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>503,462</u>

AXIS

Estimated total strength
of 56,000

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 753

Estimated Strength of 194
as shown by air
reconnaissance

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total Strength
of 56,000

Combat Zone

U.S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
	<u>77,000</u>

Line of Communication Troops

U.S. and British 16,500

Planes Engaged in Combat

26

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

1 P-38

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1st, 1943 - Revised

Allies - 69 Axis - 71

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EUROPEAN THEATER
0700 January 8 to 1900 January 8
1900 January 8 to 0700 January 9
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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	213,462
British " " " "	140,000
French " " " "	150,000
	<u>503,462</u>

AXIS

Estimated Total
Strength of
56,000

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Strength of 194
as shown by air
reconnaissance.

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Total
Strength of
56,000

Combat Zone

U. S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
	<u>77,000</u>

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Engaged in Combat

Unknown

Unknown

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

2 shot down, 1 crashed, 1 missing

4 shot down.

ACCUMULATED REPORTED AIRCRAFT LOST FROM JANUARY 1, 1943 - Revised.

Allies - 68

Axis - 71

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GROUND

Enemy activity southeast of Medjex El Bab reported increased, but no report of offensive action.

High ground at Djebel Chirich gained by elements of 92nd Infantry Regiment (Italian) on January 5.

No further offensive by enemy in Pichon area.

Our troops forced to withdraw to former positions in vicinity of Djebel El Azag.

Patrol action near Gafsa - Sidi Ahmed.

On southern flank, enemy occupied high ground from 9 miles east of Bou Arada to 3 miles north Deloued Kebir.

Armored cars were active 6 miles south of Goubellat.

Increased enemy activity in area of 6th Armored Division.

The following dispositions of French Troops was announced:

1. Under General De Goutel with headquarters at Khenchella, covering the area from Khenchella to the south:

3 battalions of cavalry, one squad cavalry, 1 squad motorized cavalry.

2. Under General Koeltz, headquarters 19th Corps, Constantine Division, headquarters at Bou Chebka:

Gafsa - 2 battalions infantry, 2 batteries field artillery, detachment antitank.

Tozeur - 200 riflemen.

Tebessa - 2 battalions infantry, 3 batteries field artillery.

Periana - 1 battery field artillery.

Kasserine - 1 squad cavalry, 1 battery field artillery, 1 detachment antiaircraft.

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Sidi Bou Zid - 2 companies infantry, 2 batteries field
artillery;

Faid - 1 battalion infantry, 1 battery field artillery,
detachment antiaircraft.

Sbeitla - 1 battalion infantry, 2 batteries field artillery.

3. Algerian Division under General Ligne, with headquarters
at Tadjerouine:

Hadjeb El Aouin - 2 companies infantry, 1 battalion motor-
ized cavalry, 1 battalion antitank.

Fondouk - 1 battalion infantry, 1 battalion artillery, 1
squad cavalry.

Pichon - 1 battalion infantry, 1 battery field artillery,
section engineers.

Maison Des Eaux - 2 battalions infantry, 2 batteries
field artillery.

Ousseltia - Detachment engineers, detachment tanks, 1
battalion infantry, 2 battalions cavalry, 1
battalion field artillery.

Thala - 1 battalion infantry.

Keara - 1 battalion infantry, 1 battalion antitank, 2
batteries field artillery.

4. Headquarters French Troops under General Juin, in North
Africa, at Laverdure: Tunisian Troops (Gen. Barre): Headquarters
at Thibar with 1 troop motorized cavalry, 2 squads cavalry.

Le Kef - 1 battalion infantry.

Djebel Chirich - 1600 riflemen, 5 battalions infantry, 1
battalion field artillery, 1 battery
antiaircraft artillery.

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In the area Bou Arada - El Aroussa - Siliiana -
1 company antitank, 2 battalions infantry, 1 squad
cavalry, 1 troop motorized cavalry, 1 battalion
field artillery (motorized).

Le Krib - 1 battery field artillery (motorized), 1
squad motorized cavalry, 2 troops motorized
cavalry.

In the area Teboursouk - Sloughia - 2 battalions
infantry, 1 battery antiaircraft, 1 battalion field
artillery, 1 company antitank.

Medjez El Bab - 2 battalions infantry, 2 batteries
field artillery, 1 company antitank.

Oued Zarga - 1 troop cavalry.

Heidous - 2 battalions infantry.

NAVAL

Landing craft motorized transport service to Tabarka from Bone
is resumed.

Algiers - Cameronia, merchant vessel, sailed for Gibraltar in
tow on January 5.

Gibraltar - Cargo ship Ravenspoint aground after explosion
on 4th.

Casablanca - Cargo ship Lancaster aground - ship and cargo
total loss.

Tunisia - British submarine reports sinking southbound enemy
transport on the 28th of December. Attacked 3 southbound merchant
ships and had its periscopes bent by 1 passing overhead.

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Algiers - Wm. Wirt, of KMS-6, damaged between Algiers and
Phillipeville, January 7, by arial torpedo. Proceeding to Phillipe-
ville under own steam.

Convoy shadowed and operated against unsuccessfully by JU-88's
and HE-111's in western Mediterranean.

Submarine Estimate - no new German submarines in western basin.
Two Italian submarines west of Algiers, 7 between Algiers and Bizerte.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Jan 5	10 B-24's from Libya bombed Sousse.	Hits on shipping and quays.	None
Night 5-6	6 Liberators from Libya attacked Tunis. 2 find target, other 4 bombed Sousse.	No information.	
Jan. 5	32 JU-52's arrived Tunisia from Sicily.		
Jan. 5	3 JU-88's patrolled southern half of western Mediterranean as far as Oran.		
Jan. 5	A few enemy bombers operated on small scale in Algiers area.	No information.	
Jan. 5	1 enemy plane bombed Maison Blanche Airdrome.	Slight damage.	
Jan. 5	36 enemy planes attacked airdrome and shipping vicinity Bone in three waves.		1 ME-109 destroyed.
Jan. 5	Medium bombers from Malta dropped 19 tons bombs on Sousse.	Hit railway station and sidings and started large fires.	
Jan. 5	14 medium bombers attacked Bizerte during darkness.	No information.	
Jan. 5	5 Beaufighters made sorties in Bone area.		1 Beaufighter caught fire and crashed.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Jan. 5	36 Spitfires met enemy over Bone.		1 Spitfire lost
Jan. 5	16 antisubmarine and convoy escort sorties flown from Algiers.		1 Hudson lost.
Jan. 5	89 Transport sorties flown.		
Jan. 5	4 Swordfish sent to attack Bizerte.	Failed to locate target	
Jan. 5	18 B-25's attacked railroad yards at Kairouan. Dropped 20 tons bombs.	Hits observed on target and along railroad yards.	
Jan. 5	Numerous sorties in support of land operations west of Mateur.		3 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 damaged, 1 Hurricane missing.
Jan. 7	20 B-26's attacked Gabes with 20 tons bombs on barracks.		1 P-38 shot down near El Ajelat.

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Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Engaged in Combat

Allied
0

Axis
0

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied
0

Axis
0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943

Allied - 53
2 missing

Axis - 46
3 probables

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<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
104	69

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2 missing 3 probables.

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CM IN 2943

In area Dje El Jebira, enemy defense and counter-attacks were unable to prevent our taking high ground in that vicinity. The forces continued to mop up isolated machine gun posts. Action continues. German deserter from Two Company T 3 stated Third Company T 3 also present in the area as well as one company of parachutists under Major Witzig. He also stated his company had received heavy losses due to artillery fire. Goubellat also clear of enemy. Patrol activity continues Pont du Fahs area. Jan. 3 action Pichon area apparently centered at Fonndouk which is occupied by Germans. Pichon remains in French hands.

CM IN 2981

Enemy patrol of three armored cars 3 miles east Bou Arada. 36th Brigade attacked to gain high ground north of main road, Djebel Agaz. Late afternoon fighting in progress for hill northeast Djebel Agaz. 6th Commando Bn. occupied hill Sidi Ahmed 1 mile north Djebel Agaz. Late afternoon enemy counter-attack failed.

Locations:

10th Rifle Brigade 4 miles southwest El Aroussa; 1721 Lancers Teboursouk; Area Teboursouk-Fouke El Khemis, Combat Command B, less detachments; 38th Infantry Brigade area northwest and 6 miles west Goubellat; 26th Armored Brigade, less 17/21 Lancers, southeast Sloughia; 18th RCT 4 miles southeast Medjez El Bab; 1st Guards Brigade, less 8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 6 miles west and southwest Medjez El Bab; 8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Medjez El Bab; 56th Reconnaissance Regiment Oued Zarga; 11th Infantry Brigade, less second Bn Lancashire Fusilier Lanchar, 2nd Bn Hampshire Regt., area of

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Munchar. 1st Parachute Brigade, less Parachute Bn, area north Beja. 1st
Commando northeast of Munchar. 2nd Bn Lancashire Fusiliers and Sidi Msir.
36th Infantry Brigade with 3rd Parachute Bn of 6th Commando, area El Aouana.

Movements:

Dispatched from Bougie Hq, 52nd AA Brig. for Constantine. 168th RCT
from Algiers to Biskra. 432nd Coast Artillery, AA Bn, less one battery, from
Casablanca to Philippeville.

Air:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Planes and Mission</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Jan. 4	18 B 17's attack Sfax Power Station with 33 tons of bombs.	Hits on target which was left in flames; 2 vessels claimed hit; dock area left in flames.	
Jan. 4	13 Med. bombers from Malta attacked Sousse docks and shipping with 22 tons of bombs.	Fires on commercial quay and phosphate warehouses. Hits on railroad yards and dock areas.	
Jan. 4	4 Med. bombers dispatched to Bizerta.	Mission minimized due to weather.	
Jan. 4	13 B 26's attacked Kairouan airdrome with 9 tons of fragmentation bombs.	Large fires and smoke.	
Jan. 4	Heavy bombers and hurricanes attacked ground targets Mateur area throughout day.	5 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and two damaged.	2 planes destroyed through forced landings.
Jan. 4	4 Beaufighter sorties from Souk El Arba	1 contact but no encounters.	

Additional report Biskra bombing, 3 January, 3 B 26 aircraft badly damaged, one slightly damaged and two C 47's slightly damaged, 8 B 17's slightly damaged, 10 hits on runways without interference to flying with no personnel casualties. 49 fighter sorties Cran and Bone areas on harbor and airdrome patrol. 5 P 38 weather and airdrome patrols. 15 antisubmarine and convoy escort sorties. 46 transport sorties.

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EUROPEAN THEATER
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French 22,000
77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Engaged in Combat

Allied

0

Axis

0

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

53
2 missing

Axis

46
3 probables

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There were no reports of the situation from the North African Theater during this period.

A delayed report from Cairo states that on January 1, due to weather, only 3 B-24's out of 15 dispatched succeeded in reaching Tunis area. The 3 planes dropped nine 2,000 lb. bombs from 22,000 feet, obtaining three hits on the turning basin, three hits on line southwest of basin and three hits on railroad junction. Results were not observed due to clouds. Antiaircraft fire very accurate; 3 aircraft being hit, but not seriously.

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2 missing	3 probables.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Planes and Mission</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Jan. 3	16 JU-88's bomber reconnaissance southern half western basin - early afternoon based Sicily		
Jan. 3	1 JU-88 reconnaissance northern half western basin - based southern France		
Jan. 3	9 JU-52's and 3 FW-200's landed Sicily from Tunis		
Jan. 3	19 JU-88's flew between Sicily and Africa		
Jan. 3	4 JU-88's Sicilian and Sardinian based carried out reconnaissance westward from Sicily		
Jan. 3	1 JU-88 reconnaissance Bone area 1230Z		
	1 JU-88 reconnaissance Tunisian area afternoon from Sicily		

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Axis
69

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Photographic reconnaissance show following: 15 aircraft observed at Kairouan. 38 enemy aircraft, all types, at Sidi Ahmed. 119 enemy aircraft at El Aouine. 4 enemy aircraft at Mateur. 17 enemy aircraft at Gabes. The enemy aircraft listed above are predominantly of fighter type.

Allied Beaufighters and Spitfires damaged 3 JU-88's on the east Tunisian coast. (?) Malta I intelligence Summary, January 4.

January 5, 11 unescorted B-26's were attacked by 5 ME-109's. 2 ME-109's were destroyed and one probably destroyed. One B-26 suffered only minor damage. B-26's were from 17th Group.

About half of 18 Sicilian-based JU-88's were active in Bizkra area on offensive operations. One JU-88, based in southern France, made reconnaissance over northern half of western basin. 3 Sicilian-based JU-88's made reconnaissance over Tunisian interior. 2 JU-88's made reconnaissance flights over southern half of western basin from Bone to Algiers. Shipping in vicinity of Bone was shadowed.

9 JU-88's and 3 FW-200's landed Sicily dawn January 3. Afternoon same date between Africa and Sicily, 19 JU-88's flew. Reconnaissance conducted west from Sicily January 5 by 4 Sicilian and Sardinian based JU-88's.

55 Fighters escorted 44 B-17's against Bizerte Harbor. Returned with no bombs dropped due to bad weather conditions. Encountered heavy, accurate anti-aircraft fire over Tunis, moderately heavy over Bizerte. Probably destroyed 1 of 5 FW-190's encountered.

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11 B-25's bombed Kairouan. (No damage reported) 2 ME-109's destroyed and probably third destroyed by 11 B-25's rendezousing with fighters over fighter base during attack on the field at Feriana. 1 JU-88 and 1 ME-109 shot down by fighters. No damage Allied planes.

January 4.

22 B-17's abandoned mission due to weather on Bizerte attack. 18 B-25's dropped 3 tons incendiary and high-explosive bombs with unknown results on railroad yards at Kairouan. 1 B-17 encountered 5 enemy aircraft, one of which probably destroyed while dropping 3 tons of bombs on installations at La Louette. With unknown results, 10 medium bombers returned safely after releasing bombs over Bizerte by dead reckoning. 1 of escort planes shot down, one craft crashed, and 2 missing when 4 A-40's attacked Cherichera. Patrols (2) destroyed three tanks at Cherichera and met, without combat, five enemy aircraft.

13 sea reconnaissance and antisubmarine patrols flown Algiers area. 17 patrols in sorties Oran area by Spitfires. 120 troop carrier sorties without incident. 79 fighter reconnaissances over forward area. 1 P-40 destroyed on ground when Thelapte airfield attacked by 11 enemy planes. 5 P-40's intercepted enemy, destroyed 2 planes, damaged 1. 29 enemy aircraft bombed Bone area. 10 bombed airdrome vicinity unknown. 4 smaller raids made. No contacts made - all turned away. 2 of our planes damaged landing. 3 P-38 sorties made from Biskra. From Youks Les Bains, routine P-38 patrols made.

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LAND

Offensive limited to patrolling north Sebret El Kourzia (11 miles northwest of Pont De Fahs). Loss in tanks to enemy estimated as between 10 to 15, result of air and antitank fire vicinity Fondouk January 4.

January 4. 6th Armored Division patrolled east of Kourzia. January 3. No contact made. January 4 front of First Army patrol.

NAVAL

Two-three Italian submarines are estimated to be in vicinity of Oran and 5°E - 6 more in the vicinity of 5°E and 10°E. Not more than 7 German submarines are estimated to be in this area.

Bone raid January 2 resulted in further damage as follows: merchant vessel St. Merriel on fire, near misses and fire damaged merchant vessel Dalhanna, mine sweeper Alarm beached. Force "H" left Algiers for Balearics patrol. The Empress of Australia and transport Grande collided January 2 near Oran.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

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U. S. and British 753 Unknown

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<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1st

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
50	37

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First Army January 2, Sixth Armored division made reconnaissance in force with 45 tanks and supported by artillery to a line seven miles east of Bou Avada, Sebket El Kourzia, road junction 3 miles northwest Ksar Tyr and Orich El Qued. There was little enemy opposition. Four Valentine tanks bogged down. The south boundary sixth armored division El Aroussa, Bou Aradao and road running east. North boundary 3 miles SE Oued Zorga, Touhabeur, and Heidous.

Eighteenth regimental combat team four miles southeast Medjes El Bab.

Third battalion Grenadier guards relieved by 8th battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Medjes El Bab.

Third parachute battalion with thirty-sixth brigade.

Central Tunisia: French report Fondouk bombed then attacked by 25 tanks and infantry. Now in enemy hands.

Second battalion sixth armored infantry has reported to Col. Hoff at Feriana.

Western Task Force: Enemy air attack 31st December dropped about 30 bombs. Little military damage. Twelve military casualties, none serious. Sixty civilian dead and eleven wounded.

Air: Forty P-38, thirty nine P-40, and 15 light bomber sorties to attack about 50 enemy tanks moving west vicinity Fondouk. Damage unknown.

P-38 aircraft attacked 14 enemy tanks moving northeast on Kairouan. Attacked by 3 enemy planes and one P-38 shot down. Pilot saved.

Nine enemy bombed Biskra causing slight damage.

Two enemy aircraft bombed Tebessa without damage.

Six enemy aircraft over Bone night 2 and 3 January. Beaufighters destroyed one and AA fire destroyed one.

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- 13 reconnaissance and anti-submarine sorties without incident.
- 18 patrol sorties flown in Oran area.
- 78 troop carrier sorties flown.
- 24 fighter sorties flown.

Convoy unsuccessfully attacked northeast of Oran by U-boat.

Results Allied air activity in vicinity Fondouk El Okbi by P-40 and P-38's.

Two tanks reported destroyed, four set on fire, and many other tanks and vehicles shot up.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

1700 January 4 to 0700 January 5
(all messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allies

U.S. Strength Loaded or in Port 213,462
British " " " " " 140,000
French " " " " " 150,000
503,462

Axis

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

Combat Zone

U.S. 20,000
British 35,000
French 22,000
77,000

Line of Communication Troops

U.S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied Axis
0 0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1st

Allied Axis
50 37

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From December 28th to December 31st inclusive, 22 Ships carrying cargo of UOS 3 arrived safely in Casablanca. On 30th of December the Lancaster went aground off Casablanca. It is reported a complete loss.

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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allies

U. S. Strength Loaded or in Port	213,462
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>503,462</u>

Axis

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 77,000

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

Combat Zone

U. S.	20,000
British	35,000
French	22,000
	<u>77,000</u>

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1st

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
50	37

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NAVAL Bases: Four motor torpedo boats arrived from Malta December 29. Six moored type mines and two type R German mines swept. 29th and 30th December. Results German Air raid morning January first: Cruiser Ajax, SS Novelist, SS Ville de Strasbourg, SS Harpolyce and naval oil fuel installations damaged.

Raid January second: minesweeper alarm damaged, SS Empire Mital loaded with 100 octane fuel a complete loss.

USS Arthur Middleton blew up off Cap Falcon - three survivors landed Oran.

British submarine reports hit on enemy merchant vessel off Naples 26th December.

First Army: Patrol activity only along front of first army.

38th Infantry brigade located around Goubellat with headquarters eight miles to west. 6th Bn Innshillings Fusiliers six miles WSW. First Bn Royal Irish Fusiliers 3 miles NW. 2nd Bn London Irish Rifles 7 miles WSW.

Southern Tunisia: Gafsa bombed twice the railway station main target.

German road blocks with six tanks located at Road Junction 25 miles SE Gofsa on Gobes road, and at Bow Hamran with 3 tanks.

Patrol to Maknassy reported approximately 150 Italians.

Co A 70th Tank Bn under French command lost 2 tanks destroyed and 3 tanks damaged in Pichon area.

2nd bn 6th armored infantry, one company 601 Tank Destroyer bn and one battery 106th Bn CA (AA)(AW) dispatched from combat command B, Souk El Khemis, to Feriana 1st January.

AIR: P-40 aircraft reconnoitered area SPAX-SOUSSE-FAID destroying two trucks and one half track.

12 DB-26 attacked railroad bridge five miles north El Fjem with ten tons bombs. No hits claimed.

6 DB-7 with 7 tons bombs and 5 DB-7 with five tons bombs attacked Sousse.

Many hits on dock and town one direct hit on large merchant vessel.

12 P-38's made sweep Tunis-La Goulette-Sousse area.

20 B-17's attacked La Goulette harbour dropping 61 tons of bombs. Hits on loading depot, military camp, shipyard, drydock and two merchant vessels. Encountered heavy antiaircraft fire and fifty enemy planes. Destroyed 17 enemy aircraft and probably ten more. Fifteen damaged. Escorting P-38 destroyed 2 and damaged two. Our losses 2-P-38's lost and 12 B-17's damaged.

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Ten Wellingtons attacked Bizerta.

P-38 shot down two enemy planes over Tebessa.

Spitfires intercepted six enemy over Medjez el Bab area destroying two and damaging one.

89 enemy aircraft attacked Bone between 0845 and 1500. Six enemy destroyed one probably destroyed. Our losses five Spitfires destroyed and one damaged.

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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES

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British " " " " " 140,000

AXIS

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 91,000

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

Combat Zone

U.S. 16,000

British 35,000

French 40,000
91,000

Line of Communication Troops

U.S. and British 15,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied
0

Axis
0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1st

Allied
50

Axis
37

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Date	No. of Planes and Mission	Result	Losses
Jan. 3	Shortly before noon a strong force of B-17's and B-24's attacked submarine pens at St. Nazaire. Escort by 4 RAF Spitfire Squadrons. Visibility 8 miles.	Strong Anti-Aircraft and fighter interception at target. Smoke-screen there. Exact results not yet obtained, but probably very successful.	5 B-17's and 2 more B-17's not accounted for.

European Continent: No report except as given above for the air raid on St. Nazaire.

North Africa: No reports not already covered in previous summaries.

Overall Strength return for European Theater:

Iceland - 37,955
 Great Britain - 129,291
 Ireland - 10,741
 Africa - 213,462

*Good weather northern Finnia plains -
 Raining in the hills - Patrols only.*

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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES

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AXIS

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 91,000

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

Combat Zone

U. S. 16,000

British 35,000

French 40,000
91,000

Line of Communication Troops

U.S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied Axis

6

4

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1st

Allied Axis

50

37

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Date	No. of Planes and Mission	Result	Losses
Dec. 31	17 JU 88's landed at Catania from Tripoli		
Jan. 1	2 JU 88's left Tripoli for Sicily		
Dec. 31	13 JU 88's and 5 ME 323 landed in Tunisia		
Jan. 1	Bone harbor was attacked twice by dive bombers, ME fighters, and fighter bombers	One cruiser and two merchant vessels were damaged	
Jan. 1	8 JU 88's based on either Sicily or Southern France were active		
Jan. 1	5 JU 88's based on Sicily or Sardinia made thorough reconnaissance of North African coast between Bone and Oran. One shadowed shipping off Bone, another shadowed a convoy off Oran		
Jan. 1	Two Sicilian based JU 88's made a reconnaissance of sea area between Sicily, Sfax and Gabes		
Jan. 1	One JU 88 based on Southern France made a reconnaissance		
Dec. 31	A second raid was made on Casablanca during the night by about six four engined aircraft based on Bordeaux	No information.	

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Date	No. of Planes and Mission	Result	Losses
Jan. 2	9 B-26's attacked Tunis Rail-road yards.	11 tons of bombs were dropped. Several fires were started. 1 B-26 and 1 escort shot down by AA fire. 1 enemy aircraft damaged	1 B-26 1 Fighter
Jan. 2	RAF flew 111 fighter sorties 3 Beaufighter sorties, 2 anti-submarine patrols and 12 medium bomber sorties		
Jan. 2	Bone was attacked by eight enemy aircraft.	Four enemy aircraft destroyed, nine damaged, one probably damaged.	Four spitfires missing.
Jan. 2	23 fighter sorties were made over Bone and Oran.		
Jan. 2	11 B-26's failed to reach the target due to weather		
Jan. 2	16 B-17's conducted an attack on Tunis Harbor	Successful. All aircraft returned.	None
Night 1-2	13 Wellingtons attacked Bizerta docks.	7 tons of bombs were dropped of which one and one-half tons were incendiary.	None

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Patrols reached area five miles NNW Haidous where they came under fire from enemy positions to the north and east.

Enemy forward dispositions in southern sector are now reported along the line Pont Du Faks, Oued Kebir Reservoir, Djebel Tar Na, the line of escarpment to Djebel Ousselat, to the eastern outskirts of Pichon. Contact is being maintained southward through Tonndouk El Otki and Djebel Hallouf to Sidi Nasr Allah.

→ There is good weather in the plains area of Northern Tunisia.

Five French Battalions supported by British Artillery now disposed so as to cover the road net from the Oued Kebir Reservoir and the main approaches to Pont Du Faks. Three French Battalions are in position on high ground at Djebel Chirich.

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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

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ALLIES

U.S. Strength Landed or in Port 177,647
British " " " " " 140,000

AXIS

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 91,000

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

Combat Zone

U.S. 16,000
British 35,000
French 40,000
91,000

Line of Communication Troops

U.S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied Axis
0 0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1st

Allied Axis
44 33

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The raid on Casablanca on December 31st, was apparently made by 5 or 6 FW200's from Bordeaux, each carrying four 250 pound bombs. This is the first time this type has been used for bombing land targets for about two years.

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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES

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British " " " " " 140,000

AXIS

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 91,000

Estimated Strength
of 41,100

Combat Zone

U.S. 16,000

British 35,000

French 40,000

91,000

Line of Communication Troops

U.S. and British 16,500

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

9

2

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1st

Allied

Axis

44

33

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The enemy is located ten miles east and eight miles north north east of Medjer El Bab. Artillery has been active all day. On the north flank the enemy is patrolling nine miles east south east of Cape Serrat.

The 18th Regimental Combat Team is now located at Toboursouk with one battalion at Medjer El Bab. There is vehicular activity on the road Tunis Medjer El Bab.

The French are holding the high ground north west of Heidons.

Eighteen crew members from gliders which landed at night on the 29th, 30th and 31st of December were captured by patrols from Pichon and Tondouls. Intensive enemy patrolling took place in the Pichon area with artillery activity. An enemy battalion was forced to abandon the pass north of Dj Chakeus by heavy French artillery fire which killed about forty and caused them to leave much material.

Nine enemy tanks were observed southeast of El Guettar.

NAVAL

The Arthur Middleton was sunk morning January 2nd, nine miles from Oran. There were three survivors. An internal explosion is suspected. This was a cargo vessel. — 7176 T, built in 42.

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Date	No. of Planes and Mission	Result	Losses
Night Dec 31 Jan 1	Wellingtons from Malta bombed SFAX	1-4000 # bomb 55- 100 # bombs 75- 250 # bombs Large explosion on North Quay Fires on North and South Quay	None
Night Dec 31 Jan 1	1 Wellington from Malta bombed Taranto	Small fire in Naval Dockyard	None
Dec 31	P-38's on reconnaissance to Tripoli	4 cars, 4 trucks, and 1 gasoline truck	1 plane damaged by machine gun fire
Dec 31	12 B-26 attacked Gabes airdrome	11 tons of bombs dropped, several fires started, bombers attacked by 2 enemy aircraft	1 B-26 shot down
Dec 31	P-40 near Celchira (about 26 miles north of Gabes	4 gasoline trucks destroyed	None
Dec 31	16 B-17 attacked Sfax harbor	46 tons of bombs d dropped, hits observed on docks and vicinity of power station. Two direct hits on vessel	None
Dec 31	9 DB-7 attacked Sousse railway yards	13 tons bombs dropped, much smoke seen in yards and dock area	2 bombers hit by anti-air- craft fire, 1 crashed into harbor
Dec 31	Light bomber attack on Sousse	9 tons bombs, many hits claimed	1 bomber exploded in air as result of anti-aircraft fire, 1 had forced landing near Kairouar

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Date	No of Planes and Mission	Result	Losses
Dec 31	Attack on railway bridge between Tunis & Bizerte	7 tons of bombs dropped, no damage	None
Dec 31	Wellingtons against Bizerte (night operations)	Unsuccessful due to cloud conditions over target	None
Dec 31	21 Spitfires & 8 hurricanes bombed motor transport depot at Pont Du Fahs	Results unobserved. Two trucks destroyed on return flight	None
Dec 31	7 enemy aircraft attacked Souk El Arba airfield	1 Beaufighter destroyed, 1 killed 1 injured	1 Beaufighter
Dec 31	Enemy aircraft bombed Bone airfield	1 enemy aircraft damaged, 1 of our planes missing	1 missing
Dec 31	49 troop carrier sorties flown	-----	-----
Dec 30	RAF flew 82 fighter, 5 Beaufighter, 1 PRU, and 12 reconnaissance sorties	1 enemy aircraft damaged, 3 spitfires were damaged on ground at Souk El Arba due to enemy strafing	None
Dec 31	RAF flew 93 fighter, 4 Beaufighter, 9 reconnaissance sorties	2 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 spitfire and 2 albacores destroyed, 1 albacore and 1 swordfish damaged	2 enemy 3 British

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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 177,647
British " " " " " 140,000

AXIS

Estimated Strength
of 39,000

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 753

Unknown

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 91,000 ✓

Estimated Strength
of 39,000

Combat Zone

U. S. 16,000 ✓
British 35,000
French 40,000
91,000 ✓

Line of Communication Troops

U. S. and British 16,500

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By SLR

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STATUS OF AIRCRAFT IN MOROCCO, ALGIERS AND TUNISIA AS OF 1800
DECEMBER 29, 1942.

Type	Total	Ready for Combat or can be made Ready for Combat within one week	Loss not Previously Reported Due to Combat	Due to Accident
Fighter	360	338	3	20
Light and Medium Bombers	172	155	1	1
Heavy Bombers	67	52	2	1
Recon.	21	18	0	0
Transport	133	127	0	2
TOTAL	753	690	6	24

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Losses to date:

ALLIED

35

AXIS

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ALLIED AIR ACTION NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN MOROCCO, ALGERIA AND TUNISIA

MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
12 P-38's on reconnaissance sorties to Tripoli	None reported	1 aircraft hit by antiaircraft fire crashed into sea.
12 DB-7's attacked group encampment near Gabes with 13 tons of bombs from 8,000 ft. Enemy aircraft encountered after reaching target.	Believed good	3 aircraft lost.
12 DB-7's attacked same group encampment near Gabes with 6 tons of bombs from 12,000 feet. Attacked by 5 enemy fighters.	Hits observed on target and in town	2 enemy aircraft destroyed. 3 DB-7's damaged - 1 crashed landing at base.
8 A-20's attacked air-drome at Gabes and observed 6 tanks 13 miles from El Guetter. 2 of the planes refueled and returned to attack the tanks	Bombs fell in woods at corner of air-field where stores had been reported. Tanks reported damaged in second attack.	None reported
9 A-20's attacked fuel dumps station 9 miles northwest of Gabes and 4 of the planes attacked tanks near El Guetter. Haystacks burned as if they had concealed fuel supply.	Heavy black smoke indicated good results.	None reported.
13 B-17's attacked railroad yards at Sfax, with 99 tons of bombs at 23,000 feet.	Bursts, fires and explosions in railroad yards indicated good results	None reported.

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<u>MISSION</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>
12 B-25's attacked the same railroad yards at Sfax with 14 tons of bombs from 8,000 feet.	Hit were observed upon a rounchouse in the railroad yards. Several fires were started.	None reported.
12 Bisleys night of Dec. 28-29 patrolled roads Tunis-Massicuit Pont Du Fahs, attacking vehicles with bombs and machine-gun fire. 1 plane was hit by friendly AA fire at Souk El Khemis and crashed. One of crew killed and remainder wounded.	None reported	1 plane damaged.
Bomber, type and number not reported, attacked Bizerte.	Hits on docks and nearby buildings started fires.	None reported.
A Spitfire patrol from Bone area Dec. 29 encountered enemy (type not reported)		1 enemy aircraft destroyed, 2 damaged and 1 Spitfire damaged.
On Dec. 29, RAF flew 50 fighter sorties, 6 night sorties, 19 bomber sorties, 8 general reconnaissance sorties.	None reported	None reported.

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GROUND

A patrol of the 36th Armored Division contacted the enemy near Bou Arada; enemy artillery shelled road 7 miles northeast and an armored car shelled Bou Arada.

French, supported by a squadron of the 56th Reconnaissance Regiment, captured point 668, northwest of Heidous; 40 enemy dead; much materiel captured.

On the north flank, a patrol made a deep penetration between Djebel Ajred and Djebel Azag (about 15 miles west northwest of Mateur) and report activity to the east with intermittent artillery fire.

A 5-seater German glider, containing a light machine gun, explosives and incendiary leaves, was abandoned 5 miles south of St. Arnaud (50 miles south of Djidjelli) and another glider crash-landed 6 miles north of Morsott (90 miles west of Pichon) and a railroad bridge was blown up; but, it is now repaired with no interruption to traffic.

Six (6) Germans of a party that blew up the bridge southwest of Feriana, December 29, were captured.

78th Smoke Generator Company arrived Algiers from Casablanca, and the 2nd Battalion of the 268th Regimental Combat Team arrived at Tebessa from Algiers.

Casablanca was intermittently attacked by German aircraft December 31. Twenty-five (25) houses destroyed, 70 civilians killed. No damage to military property or personnel.

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NAVAL

Reconnaissance agencies revealed dispositions of effective Italian Naval Units as of December 31, as follows:

Battleships	-	3 known and 3 unknown
Cruisers	-	8 known
Fleet Destroyers	-	29 known
Torpedo Boats	-	35 known
Motor Antisubmarine Boats	-	83 known 2 unknown
Submarines	-	61 in Mediterranean, 10 in Atlantic.

Disposition of damaged Italian Naval units known:

Battleships	-	1
Cruisers	-	1
Fleet Destroyers	-	4
Torpedo Boats	-	1

Disposition of 1 damaged cruiser and 1 damaged fleet destroyer unknown.

Air reconnaissance reveals following Italian Naval units under construction.

Cruisers	-	5
Destroyers	-	3
Torpedo Boats	-	2
Submarines	-	2

2 unidentified units of 250 feet length.

Disposition of 35 motor torpedo boats believed to be Nazi, detained in Mediterranean ports.

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Enemy submarines continue to confine activities to central and western Mediterranean areas, except for 5 or 6 boats operating from Leros.

Air reconnaissance over Toulon December 28 revealed the following French Naval Units afloat and apparently intact: 1 old battleship; 2 6-inch cruisers; 6 destroyers or torpedo boats; 2 patrol vessels.

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