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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 28 to March 1 - 1943
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	274,564
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1st Army	40,400
8th Army	50,000

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Von Arnim (Northern Sector)	
German	70,500
Italian	29,500
Rommel (Southern Sector)	
German	59,100
Italian	51,400

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 26	8 Mosquitoes patrolled over Sicily.		1 JU-88 destroyed.
	7 Wellingtons and 4 Beauforts on shipping search in Sicilian Narrows.		1 JU-52 destroyed.
	12 Spitfires bombed Syracuse, Sicily, seaplane base and power station.	Hits on railway yards, buildings of seaplane base, shipping in harbor. Fires started.	
	Bombers and Reconnaissance planes operated in western Mediterranean.	No attacks reported.	
	2 large formations of JU-52's landed Tunis. Some 6-engine transports were included with the JU-52 transports.		
	9 JU-87's escorted by 6 ME-109's observed by Spitfires near Testour.		
	Spitfires on reconnaissance encountered 2 ME-109's over Pont Du Fahs.	1 ME-109 damaged.	

AIR SCORE

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied	Axis
0	2

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

290	544
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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS (European Air)	LOSSES
Feb. 26	59 B-17's and 11 B-24's dropped 166 3/4 tons bombs on Wilhelmshaven submarine yards. (Reported briefly yesterday)	Bombing fair to good. 14 of returning crews wounded.	21 enemy planes destroyed, 6 probables, 3 damaged.
Feb. 27	48 B-17's and 14 B-24's accompanied by 5 squadrons of RAF Spitfires bombed Brest from 23000 feet. 23 Venturas escorted by 24 Spitfires attacked ship- ping and docks at Dunkirk.	Small number of enemy Fighters encountered. AA fire inaccurate.	3 Spitfires missing, 1 FW-190 damaged. 2 FW-190 destroyed, 1 probable, 1 dam- aged. 1 Spitfire missing.
Feb. 26	1 B-24 dropped depth charges on submerging submarine. 1 B-24 sighted enemy tanker 500 miles northwest of Cape Finisterre. RAF Ventura Bombers bombed Dunkirk harbor. 8th Air Force Spitfires escorted. 3 attacks made. Total of 75 bombers attacked. 1 B-17 on antisubmarine patrol.	Submarine damaged. Tanker sunk by British naval vessel. Heavy AA fire. No enemy aircraft encountered. No planes lost. Failed to return.	1 B-24 lost.

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Early February 26 the enemy attacked along whole V Corps front. Enemy made progress in Sidi Nsir area and penetrated south of Medjez El Bab with a few tanks. Leaving 3, tanks later withdrew eastward.

In Bou Arada - Medjez El Bab area it is estimated 3 battalions attacked. One enemy battery position was found deserted.

Enemy suffered heavy casualties near Djebel Mannsour and Medjez El Bab.

Seven (7) enemy tanks destroyed and 1 Churchill lost near Medjez El Bab, El Aroussa.

There is confused fighting area of hill west of Goubellat.

Enemy occupies Sidi Nsir as well as 5th Hampshires original positions to north and east. The enemy overran an artillery battery which at point blank range was last seen firing. Remainder of 5th Hampshire strength is not clear, but withdrawn one miles to the west. South of Sidi Nsir an enemy column of all arms, including 4 tanks, was engaged by artillery fire.

Two companies of Corps Franc Afrique were surrounded north of Sedjenane. Enemy advancing on Sedjenane (8 miles northwest of El Aouana). Preparing to counterattack was 16th Durham Light.

Central Tunisia: Clearing of minefields in the area of Kasserine continues.

34th Division holding line south of Sbiba.

Southern Tunisia: 8TH ARMY - Enemy positions remain unchanged. During the night the 51st Division and 7th Armored Division moved forward without opposition.

153rd Brigade, 52nd Brigade, 2 Battalions and 50th Royal Tank Regiment, 131st Brigade and 12th Lancers holding line northwest of Medenine.

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Patrols from 153rd Brigade engaged enemy.

1st Battalion Buffs under 7th Armored Division on outskirts of Medenine.

Enemy armored vehicles now operating in groups of 5. Enemy appear to be sensitive to Allied activity.

Movement: February 27 - 35 M-4 replacement tanks arrived at Le Khroub for II Corps.

1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion from Oran to Constantine.

NAVAL

In tow for Oran is U. S. Tanker torpedoed by enemy submarine.

North Atlantic: Convoy UC-1 was attacked February 23. American vessel Esso Baton Rouge and British Norseman were sunk. Two British ships torpedoed but continuing with convoy. British vessel bombed and beached near Murmansk.

Correction: Later message reported 16 small Italian tanks arrived Ceuta February 8 by sea and were sent to Tetuan - instead of 16 large new tanks reported as of yesterday. Also - 24 similar tanks reported in same message should be 24 small Italian tanks.

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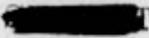
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Feb. 26	18 B-17's attacked shipping north of Sicily.	1 ship in flames.	
	20 B-17's attacked Cagliari with 46 tons bombs.	Bursts on railroads, docks, industrial part of city and Elmas airdrome.	2 enemy planes destroyed, 2 damaged.
Night 25-26	12 Wellingtons attacked Bizerte docks with 19 tons bombs. Also 32 B-17's	Bursts in town and on docks. Total 90 tons dropped.	1 Wellington destroyed. 2 enemy destroyed. 2 P-38's missing.
	24 Spitfires and 12 Hurricane bombers attacked enemy transport.	2 ME-109's damaged.	
	8 Spitfires flew offensive patrol area Medjes El Bab.	Enemy vehicles and gun positions destroyed. No enemy encountered.	
	48 Spitfire sorties flown in battle area.		1 Hurricane crashed on harbor patrol.
Night 24-25	33 RAF Light Bombers attacked Mareth Line.		
Feb. 25	Fighter Bombers attacked motor transport west of Oudref and Gabes west landing ground and town.	1 violent explosion in town.	
	Enemy plane attacked Tripoli.		
Feb. 24	6 Planes of 376th Group dropped 30,000 lbs. bombs on Naples and 6,000 on Crotone.	Several hits in target area.	
Feb. 25	17 planes dropped 6,050 lbs. bombs on motor transport on Arram road.	3 fires. 2 explosions.	
Feb. 26	18 Planes from 12th Bomb Group successfully attacked Arram.		
Feb. 25	12 Spitfires on defensive patrol of Bone.		1 ME-109 destroyed. 1 Spitfire missing.
Feb. 24-25	29 Bisleys attacked Sbeitla and Gafsa.	Explosion at Sbeitla - fires both towns.	

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Feb. 25 Enemy patrol over vicinity Intercepted. 1 ME-109 shot
Souk El Arba. down, 1 damaged.

2 ME-109's observed in
Sidi Nsir area by
Hurribombers.

Feb. 24 30-40 JU-52's from Sicily
and Naples arrived Tunis.
3 additional between southern
Tunisia and Sicily.

Feb. 25 70 transport planes, mostly
JU-52's, arrived Tunis.
Half flew for Naples and
remainder for Sicily.

Feb. 25-26 4 Wellingtons and 4 Beauforts Beaufort made torpedo
on armed search for shipping attack on 5,000 ton
south of Naples experienced tanker escorted by 3
bad weather. destroyers. Results
unobserved.

4 Mosquitoes and 4 Beau- 1 locomotive destroyed.
fighters strafed gun position Near-miss on small ship
at Cotrone and airdrome lights off Cape Calava.
at Sciacca. Bombed railway
junction at Termini and bridge
near Cefaul. Attacked 4 trains
in north Sicily.

2 Mosquitoes in Sousse-Sfax
area found no targets.

12 Spitfires scored hits with
bombs on sidings and factory
buildings at Marittimo.

AIR SCORE

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
5	6

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

290	542
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EUROPEAN THEATER AIR

Feb. 26 70 heavy bombers attacked submarine yards at Wilhelmshaven. Results considered fair. 7 aircraft missing. Smoke screen over target ineffective. Robert B. Post, war correspondent, missing. His plane went down near target.

9 FW-190's over Exmouth. 11 casualties and damage. 3 raiders destroyed. 7 HE bombs dropped.

1 enemy aircraft reconnaissance off east coast of England.

Feb. 26-27 5 enemy aircraft suspected sea-mining Thames estuary.

Beaufighters intercepted Dornier 217's east of Voreness. 2 enemy destroyed.

428 RAF bombers dispatched Cologne. 10 missing, 1 crashed.

34 Venturas attacked Dunkirk shipping. All returned, some damaged.

NAVAL

Spanish freighter Duero of 136 gross tons struck floating mine in Straits, 8 miles off Tangier February 10.

British tug Mayne reported noting floating mine within coastal waters of Spain. Tug travels from Gibraltar to Tangier.

Report of 16 large new tanks with German markings arrived Ceuta February 8 by sea and were sent to Tetuan. Also reported that 24 similar tanks at Ceuta moved to Alcazar.

Nathaniel Greene, arriving Bluff, from KMS-8, discharged cargo. Torpedoed night February 24 enroute Hamble.

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Series of local action initiated in northern Tunisia. Enemy infantry and 11 tanks attacked in area Sidi Nsir. Confused fighting showed enemy disinclined to press attack. Twelve (12) enemy tanks claimed destroyed.

Combined attack southwest of Goubellat and northwest from Bou Arada by Lorried Infantry and tanks. Former thrust made some initial progress, with tanks reported reaching Medjez El Bab - El Aroussa road. Subsequently withdrew. Little success in area Bou Arada thrust. Seven (7) enemy tanks claimed destroyed.

Local enemy attack area Djebel Mannsour made no progress.

400 prisoners taken in northern Tunisia area.

Central Tunisia: Enemy operated defensively area Kef El Ahmar, with armored cars, 6 tanks.

Slight enemy opposition encountered 5 miles northwest of Sbeitla. On road Sbiba - Sbeitla, bridges were blown up and mines were laid.

Kasserine area heavily mined. Artillery fire reported.

Passes Djebel Goubeul, Fedj En Naam (4 miles east Thelepte), and Thelepte were mined. No contact made with enemy forces.

Southern Tunisia: Haddada (20 miles southwest of Medenine) reported clear of the enemy.

Our troops contacted enemy armored cars area 42 miles southeast Medenine.

Road from Hallouf to Bir Soltane patrolled.

12th Lancers patrolling area from 4 to 10 miles south of Arram.

Enemy positions reported as being generally unchanged.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 24-25	1 merchant vessel off Cape Alice and one off Crotona attacked and damaged.		
	5 Intruder Mosquitoes patrolled in Gabes-Sicily-Italy area.	2 trains damaged.	
Feb. 25	6 Beaufighters and 7 Wellingtons attacked shipping.	5-6,000 ton merchant vessel believed sunk, 1 of 7,000 tons sunk and another attacked.	
	12 Spitfire Bombers hit factory buildings at Pozzallo.		
	8 Spitfires scored hits among hangers and planes at Comiso airdrome.		
	2 JU-88's on reconnaissance over North Africa, as far as Oran. Several others operated in Sardinia-Sicily area.		
	4 enemy planes over Bone. No bombs dropped.		
	B-17's escorted by P-38's raided Bizerte. Followed by Wellingtons.		
	ME-109's ground strafing in Teboursouk-Aroussa area and Souk El Khemis-Thibar road.		
	Statistics on operations February 25.	Our Losses: 2 P-38's, 1 Spitfire destroyed; 1 Spitfire missing; one damaged. Enemy losses: 3 ME-109's destroyed; 3 probables; 6 damaged. 2 FW-190's, 1 CZ-1007 damaged.	4 Allied 3 Axis
Feb. 24-25	9 B-24's from Solluch bombed Naples with 36,000 lbs. of bombs. Hits observed. One plane bombed Crotona, the alternate target.		

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Feb. 25-26 337 RAF Bombers over Nurnberg. 9 missing.

Coastal reconnaissance
by enemy aircraft off
southwest England.

Wellington Bomber attacked
enemy submarine.

AIR SCORE

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
4	3

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

285	536
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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Command Post First Army closed Le Kef, re-joining Advance Army Headquarters, Laverdure, 1200 February 25.

A successful raid was staged north of Bou Arada. Prisoners were taken.

Central Tunisia: 26th Armored Brigade and Combat Command B pressed forward toward Kasserine Pass. Roads heavily mined. Some artillery fire from the Pass. 34th Division patrols pushed south from Rohia through Sbiba, and encountered artillery fire.

French troops have cleared the area St. Amara-Eas El Fedja of the enemy.

Apparently the enemy is withdrawing southward from the Sbeitla-Sbiba area. Heavy traffic on Sbeitla-Faid road and between Kasserine and Sbeitla. None Kasserine-Feriana.

Eastern end of Kasserine Pass now clear. General withdrawal apparently being made from Kasserine to Sbeitla and east thereof.

There is evidence from captured documents that Rommel is personally conducting operations in Central Tunisia.

Southern Tunisia: One French flying column now enroute to Fom Tatahouine.

Frequent enemy armored patrols from Nallouf to Bir Soltane.

Movements: Headquarters and 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment arrived Tebessa, under 18th Army Group. 9th U. S. Division now forming around Tebessa. When complete, it will relieve one U. S. Division which will go into reserve.

NAVAL

One of our merchant vessels, torpedoed northeast of Oran, was towed into Mostaganem.

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Feb. 24	13 B-26's escorted by 21 Spitfires attacked El Aouina airdrome.	1300 twenty-pound bombs dropped. Hits on dispersed aircraft.	Destroyed: 7 ME-109's, 1 unidentified plane; 1 probable. 3 B-26's shot down.
	9 A-20's escorted by 11 Spitfires attacked Sbeitla.	Bursts on town and railway.	
	6 A-20's escorted by 11 Spitfires attacked traffic on Gafsa-Feriana road.	Not observed.	
	11 Spitfires with 4 P-39's swept Thala-Kasserine-Sbeitla area.	Motor transport attacked.	
	24 Spitfires with 9 P-39's Swept Feriana area.		2 P-39's shot down.
	12 Spitfires with 2 Tactical Reconnaissance Spitfires attacked motor transport in Kairouan area.		
	10 Bisleys attacked motor transport and communications Kasserine-Feriana-Gafsa area.		
	4 Spitfires patrolled Beja area.		1 FW-190 destroyed, 1 probable.
Feb. 23	18 enemy aircraft bombed Beja.		
	RAF dropped 152,000 pounds of bombs on Gabes.	Fires started.	
Feb. 23-24	RAF bombed Mareth positions with 76,000 pounds of bombs.	Fires started.	
Feb. 23	30 JU-52's landed Tunis.		
Feb. 24	18 aircraft of 12th Bomber Group dropped 25,800 pounds of bombs on Arram.	Probable hits on buildings, searchlight destroyed, several fires started.	

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Feb. 24	9 B-24's of 376th dispatched for Naples.	Report later.	
Feb. 23	15-20 JU-52's reported flying east over Sicily.		
Feb. 23-24	9 B-24's dropped 45,000 pounds of bombs on Messina Ferry Station.	Direct hits on ferry ships.	
	9 B-24's dropped 40,500 pounds of bombs on Messina.	Fires and explosions observed.	1 ME-109 destroyed.

AIR SCORE

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

5

Axis

10

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

281

533

119 RAF Bombers attacked Wilhelmshaven night February 24-25. All planes returned.

3 enemy aircraft on reconnaissance Dover Straits and one other off Cornwall. 2 enemy aircraft in high-altitude reconnaissance over Cornwall.

German searaider, at Dunkirk, unsuccessfully attacked by Liberators February 24.

Reconnaissance by enemy flown over North Sea western approaches and west of Ireland on February 23.

2 FW-200's operated from Trondheim and 3 from Bordeaux.

RAF Bombers attacked Bremen night of February 21-22. No further details.

Defensive fighter activity over Western Europe on a small scale.

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Enemy attacked Essalour (3 miles west of Ouseltia) night of February 23-24. Reported now defensive.

Central Tunisia: On February 24 the enemy shelled patrols at Sbiba. Enemy holding position 5 miles south of Sbiba. Four (4) tanks in area.

Patrol in contact at Kasserine Gap.

Enemy motor transport and infantry moving south from Feriana.

Southern Tunisia: Slightly increased enemy activity northwest Four Tatahouine.

The 51st Division is in Medenine area.

NAVAL

U. S. merchant vessel torpedoed 20 miles west of Oran.

One battleship of Littorio class shown by photo reconnaissance at Spezia.

European Naval

Scharnhorst, Prinz Eugen Schlesien, Schleswig-Holstein and dismantled Gneisenau at Gdynia as shown by photo reconnaissance on February 21.

British Empire Trader, Norwegian NT Nielsen Alonzo and unnamed straggler, all of westbound convoy ON-166, torpedoed February 21 1050 miles west of Ushant, France. American Chattanooga City, Panamanian Windler, of the same convoy, torpedoed near Azores on February 23. American Rosario and Panamanian HH Rogers of westbound convoy ON-167, torpedoed 600 miles south of Cape Clear, Ireland. Tug sent to tow HH Rogers. British Roxburgh Castle sunk off northwest point of San Miguel, February 22. In addition to above from convoy ON-166, the following were torpedoed by submarines: British Redshank, American Expositor, Norwegian tanker Glittre, American Hastings - all on February 22-23. British tanker Othel Princess, a straggler from convoy UC Liverpool to Curacao torpedoed and abandoned 375 miles west by south Maderia.

1 German SS Trooper seen in Iran February 22 with word "Paris" on

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on his sleeve.

Arrived at Biarritz, France, a large amount of unidentified material.

Fifty-three (53) engined planes (German) have flown over Iran since February 18 coming daily from direction of Avarre.

February 20 - Germans suspended civil rail traffic from Bayoone south in order to give priority to MIL freight.

At Biarritz Airport - 15 German planes.

According to rumors from the Spanish border 300 planes (German) are at Biarritz Airport. Common talk by German soldiers set date that Spain will be invaded next two months.

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0700 February 24 to 0700 February 25
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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 21-22	2 enemy raids on Tripoli	No damage. AA fire claims 3 destroyed, 1 probable. Beaufighters claim 2 destroyed, 1 damaged. 1 JU-88 damaged.	5 enemy planes destroyed.
Feb. 22	Sorties flown: B-17's, 48; B-26's, 16; P-38's, 94; P-39's, 11; American Spitfires, 24; C-47's, 88; Hurribombers, 12; British Spitfires, 41; Beaufighters, 11.	Troop columns and vehicles heavily bombed.	9 enemy planes destroyed, including 1 FW-190, 2 JU-88's, 1 ME-210, 1 JU-87, 2 CZ-1007's, 1 ME-109, 1 FW-190; 13 Allied losses, including 2 P-39's, 1 Beaufighter, 2 P-38's, 1 B-25. Missing - 1 P-39, 1 British Spitfire, 2 P-38's, 3 A-20's.
	Many missions flown Kasserine Pass.		
	Reinforcement Mosquitoes strafed troops and 2 trucks west of El Djem.		
Feb. 22-23	7 Beauforts and 2 Wellingtons attacked shipping in Maretimo - Palermo area.	1 Beaufort dropped torpedo on destroyer - results unobserved. 1 Beaufort strafed motor vessel of 800 tons.	
	2 Mosquito Intruders strafed 2 southbound and 2 northbound convoys in Sfax-Sousse area.	1 vehicle destroyed - many others damaged.	
	4 Beaufighters and 2 Mosquitoes in strike over Italy.	8 trains strafed, 1 locomotive destroyed and direct hits scored with 250-pound bombs on buildings and railroad tracks.	
	1 Mosquito attacked steamer in Pizzo Harbor.	Hits with cannon and machine-gun.	
	11 Wellingtons attacked Bizerte	Bursts on town, station and oil tanks.	

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Feb. 22

70-80 JU-52's landed in Tunisia from Naples and Sicily.

1 Hurribomber in strike over southeast Sicily. Near-miss with 250-lb. bomb on cement factory.

12 Spitfires made diversion sweep over southeast Sicily.

P-38's escorting B-26's off north Tunisia engaged Italian and German Fighters. No results--no claims.

24 B-17's attacked Kairouan, with 3,000 twenty-pound bombs. Bursts over target.

46 B-17's attacked Kasserine. 3,000 bombs dropped.

18 B-26's and 12 B-25's attacked Kasserine Pass. 2,760 bombs dropped.

166 Bomber and 400 Fighter sorties flown.

4 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probables, 3 damaged. Our losses - 9 destroyed, 1 missing, 5 damaged.

2 JU-88's on reconnaissance mission. 1 contacted shipping off Algiers.

5 enemy Bombers bombed Algiers and Algiers Harbor.

2 ME-109's near Thala. 4 more near Thala were attacked by Spitfires. 1 ME-109 destroyed.

Force of A-20's strafed Kasserine - Thelepte. Attacked by 4 ME-109's. 3 ME-109's damaged, 1 probably destroyed.

2 enemy aircraft over Kasserine Pass area.

7 ME-109's arrived on scene as B-25's and P-38's were attacking traffic in Sbeitla area. No encounter.

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<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
23	19

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: There was a clash of patrols at Djebel Ouled. Fifteen (15) Axis prisoners of war were taken at Ruines Byzantine. On the afternoon of February 23, two battalion attacks were held in the west of the Ousseltia Valley.

There was enemy activity in the north throughout the day.

Central Tunisia: The enemy has withdrawn from Kasserine Gap. 300 Italian prisoners were captured during this withdrawal.

Kasserine Valley, 2 miles northwest of the pass, was reported clear.

Southern Tunisia: Patrol line of the Kings Dragoon Guards and 12th Lancers remains the same. There was spasmodic shelling of the position.

Enemy has been observed digging in and mining to the northwest of Medenine throughout the day.

Enemy has been encountered again 10 miles northwest of Tatahouine. Headquarters of the 131st Brigade is at Metameur.

Fifth Army: Headquarters 1st Armored Corps was closed at Casablanca and opened at Rabat, 3 p. m. February 23.

NAVY

Enemy submarine sighted between Algiers and Cape Tenes (95 miles west of Algiers). A British destroyer was sent to attack it.

One of our merchant vessels was torpedoed and sunk west of Mellys (Dellys?) (48 miles west of Algiers). Ten (10) members of the crew are missing.

MOVEMENTS

The 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion has been sent from Casablanca to Constantine, and Headquarters 17th Field Artillery plus 1st Battalion

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has been sent from Oran to Constantine.

The 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion and the 751st Tank Battalion have arrived at Le Kef, coming under the command of the 18th Army Group.

Headquarters 9th Infantry Division, the 47th Regimental Combat Team and the 60th Regimental Combat Team have arrived at Ain Mlilla, coming under the command of the 18th Army Group.

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G-2 Estimate of Enemy Situation as of February 22

AXIS INTENTIONS

Enemy have evidently appreciated our position and is now prepared to take risks, even to extent of withdrawing some mobile troops from Mareth position, to press home their advantage in northern and central Tunisia.

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

IMMEDIATE PLAN

Main thrust will be made from Kasserine - Sbeitla area in northerly direction directed on Le Kef, rather than an attack in a southwesterly direction.

GENERAL

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

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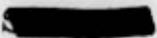
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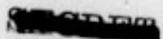
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Feb. 20	12 B-24's (93rd Group) dispatched to bomb Naples bombed Crotone as secondary target.	9 dropped 81 American 500-lb. bombs area Crotone Chemical Works. No damage to our craft. No enemy aircraft observed. 1 plane jet-tisoned bombs, 2 returned early.	
	6 B-24's (376th Group) dropped 40 American 1,000 lb. bombs on Crotone.	1 hit on north end of Crotone Chemical Works and many strings from center Crotone to center point observed. No damage to our planes and no enemy observed.	
Feb. 20-21	5 Liberators (178th Group) to bomb Heraklion, Crete, airdrome.	1 aircraft dropped 11 500-lb. British bombs. Results unobserved. 2 dropped 24 bombs on Fediada. 1 bombed railroad station. 1 returned with bombs.	
Feb. 19-20	4 Liberators (178th Group) dropped 36 British bombs on Heraklion airdrome.	Fires started. 2 enemy aircraft seen but no attack. 1 bombed Fediada starting fires. All planes returned.	
Feb. 22	4 enemy bomber reconnaissance off North African coast.		1 destroyed off Algiers.
Feb. 22	10 enemy bombers reported early morning off Algiers.	No attacks.	
Feb. 22	10 enemy bombers active south of Sicily.		
Feb. 20	40-50 transport JU-52's landed Sicily.		
Feb. 22	Enemy aircraft engaged in escorting convoy were engaged.		
Feb. 21-22	Negligible enemy air activity reported from Malta. Spitfires provided protection for incoming convoy.		



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Feb. 22	B-17's attacked Kasserine Pass.	
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Feb. 22	37 B-25's, 74 B-39's and Spitfires in sorties to support Army Southern Sector. Coastal Air Force flew defensive and antisubmarine sorties. A-20's and P-39's also gave support to Army.	11 enemy destroyed, 2 probables. Our losses 8 destroyed, 5 missing.
Feb. 23	Enemy aircraft over Souk El Arba.	
Feb. 23	Spitfires encountered enemy 1 ME-109 probably while on Bizerte area sweep. destroyed.	
Feb. 23	2 ME-109's over Gabes airdrome sighted by B-17's and P-38's.	
Feb. 23	Enemy aircraft active over Kasserine Pass. 7-8 enemy engaged B-25's escorted by P-38's between Sicily-Tunisia, on anti-shipment mission.	1 JU-87 from formation. 1 JU-88, 1 ME-210, 1 FW-190 destroyed.

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<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
13	16

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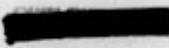
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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Enemy attack between Medjer El Bab and Goubellat was repulsed. Considerable enemy infantry southeast Goubellat.

Enemy infiltration 6 miles south southeast of Bou Arada was repulsed.

Enemy armored cars in vicinity northeast of Jefna.

Enemy aircraft observed towing gliders over Sidi Nair area.

An estimated enemy patrol of 50 suffered heavy casualties in Djebel Gnettar area.

Central Tunisia: In Cusseltia Valley, an enemy patrol and attack was repulsed February 21. Patrols were again active February 22.

Sbiba area - 14 enemy tanks engaged by 9 Churchills. One Churchill was destroyed, 4 enemy tanks were disabled. Enemy attack on Sbiba was repulsed morning February 21. On February 22, enemy was inactive at Sbiba.

1st Battalion 6th Infantry in pass to west of Kasserine Pass. 2nd Battalion 13th Armored Regiment and 2nd Battalion 16th Infantry engaged in tank battle 10 miles northwest of Kasserine Pass. Combat Command B and 16th Regimental Combat Team succeeded against Italians and captured 40 prisoners. Enemy had about 40 tanks in each one of the thrusts. Combat Command B destroyed 10 tanks February 22 and 6 tanks February 21. Combat Command B also destroyed some motor transport. First U. S. Army assumed command over Combat Command B, 26th Armored Brigade Group which includes 1st Battalion 1st Guards Brigade. 26th Armored Brigade destroyed 8 tanks

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February 22 and 4 tanks February 21.

18th Army Group Headquarters at Constantine under the command of General Alexander.

Nefka was occupied by the enemy.

Southern Tunisia: Road to Mareth cleared 15 miles from Medenine.

Patrols of 12th Lancers and K D Guards found no appreciable change in line February 22.

Enemy engaged in some patrolling and road-mining.

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Naval

10,000-ton tanker sunk by Beauforts 45 miles east of Cape Bon. HM Submarine sank a 4,000 ton merchant vessel off Southern Italy February 10.

HM Submarine damaged two 250-ton schooners with gunfire in Gulf of Hammamet. Action stopped when shore batteries went into action.

Movement: One Division less 2 combat teams in area Bou Chebka.

First squadron 25th Tank Brigade arrived Rohia February 20-21. Second squadron arrived February 21-22.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 21	6 B-25's on antishipping strike between Tunis and Sicily. 6 B-25's on antishipping strike in same area attacked convoy 30 miles south of Sicily.	No shipping sighted. 1 vessel hit and set on fire, 2 small escort vessels claimed sunk, one naval vessel damaged. Fighter escorts engaged enemy over convoy.	1 enemy plane shot down, 2 escorting P-38's lost. 3 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probables and 2 damaged. 1 B-25 shot down.
Night 20-21	Wellingtons, Albacores and Beauforts from Malta attacked shipping off Trapani, Sicily.	1 motor vessel hit and left stationary out of control. 2 convoys attacked with unknown results.	
Feb. 21	10 B-25's attacked Gafsa railroad yards.	Dropped 12 tons of bombs. Bursts observed on cars and tracks.	
Feb. 21	2 P-39's attacked 12 tanks and about 25 trucks 8 miles south of Siba.	Results unobserved.	
Feb. 21	Antisubmarine strikes flown.	2 sightings, 1 attack.	
Feb. 21	98th Group planes over Naples Harbor.	Dropped 15,000 pounds of bombs. 3 planes bombed. 5 planes dropped 28,000 pounds of bombs Amantia, Palmi, Nicotere, Army camp east of Rosanno, and 2 unidentified towns. 1 plane unaccounted for. Direct hit on ship and explosions at dock. 9 hits on oil storage tanks at Plati. 18 hits on warehouse at Palmi. 9 hits on pin points.	

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Feb. 20 Coastal reconnaissance by 2 enemy aircraft off south coast of England; also reconnaissance by 1 plane east of Shetland Islands.

Feb. 20 Photo reconnaissance revealed 2 battleships at Taranto, 2 cruisers at Naples, 2 destroyers at Messina, 6 merchant vessels, 1 liner, 10 submarines and 8 torpedo boats at Spezia. Graf Zeppelin in floating dock, Kohn alongside, 2 escort vessels, 5 destroyers at Kiel. 2 Littorio battleships, Cruiser Bolzano, cruiser of Regalo class all undergoing repairs.

Bombing raids by FW-190's against south coast of England.

Believed to be especially trained units. Planes approach from seaward at sea level in echelon making landfall near some easily recognizable spot away from main objective. The target is then approached at 1-200 feet from flank or rear for a single indiscriminate bombing and machine gun run.

Feb. 16-17 Enemy largest attack when approximately 30 enemy aircraft mingled with returning RAF bombers carried out scattered bombings Devonshire, Cornwall and South Wales.

Night 20-21 Bremen attacked by 143 RAF Bombers.

All planes returned.

Feb. 21 6 enemy aircraft engaged in seaminging off Harwich. 1 other enemy plane in reconnaissance England coastal area.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 20	Enemy reconnaissance flight west of Mire.		
Feb. 20	2 FW-200's operated from Norway.		

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<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
3	4

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: 300 enemy digging-in in area of Djebel Azag, 12 miles west of Mateur.

Patrol activity 5 miles east of Medjer El Bab night of February 19-20. There was an unsuccessful enemy attack in the same area February 21 on hill feature.

Goubellat clear of enemy afternoon February 20 according to patrols.

Enemy machine-gun posts prevented penetration by our patrols of area 8 miles east of Bou Arada.

Central Tunisia: 2 enemy tanks were destroyed in Cusseltia Valley.

Enemy patrols active 5 miles east southeast of Sbiba. Enemy infantry digging in 6 miles east of Sbiba. There is a concentration of enemy vehicles 9 miles east of Sbiba.

Of 14 enemy tanks shelled 7 miles southeast of Sbiba, 4 were disabled and 1 destroyed.

Enemy motorized infantry occupied Kasserine Gap night of February 20.

On February 21, the enemy launched a two-pronged attack on 4,000 yard front 15 miles northwest of Kasserine. Attack supported by tanks and artillery. Of 30 tanks on the right wing, 10 reached a point 15 miles north northwest of Kasserine and advanced northward. 25 tanks on left wing holding a point 15 miles west northwest of Kasserine. 4 enemy tanks claimed destroyed.

Two (2) armored cars destroyed night February 20-21.

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Southern Tunisia: Western outskirts of Medenine reported clear February 20. Axis withdrawn toward Mareth Line. 22nd Armored Brigade advancing along northern side Medenine - Mareth road, with right flank covered by 12th Lancers. 4th Light Armored Brigade covering left flank contacted Axis in Metameur area. London Yeomanry both sides of the road. 131st Brigade at Medenine.

Movement: 16 M-4 replacement tanks to Tebessar for II Corps. 9th Division Artillery and 2 cannon companies to Tebessa under command 1st Army.

Identifications: Paybook found in vicinity of Sbiba identified 104 Panzer Grenadier Regiment. Two companies 1 Barenthin vicinity Sidi Nsir. One Company 764 Panzer Grenadier Regiment in vicinity Medjez El Bab.

Large numbers of foreign workers are engaged in the fortification for defense of the cities of Prague and Vienna.

Refloating of French Warships in Toulon harbor being supervised by Germans. Specialists from Lorient and Hamburg arrived beginning of February. Considered 5 large destroyers, 1 destroyer and 6 submarines as being refloatable. One submarine has already been raised.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 20	Malta area - Bad weather restricted air operations.		
Feb. 20	Spitfires made offensive sweep over Sicily during the day.	No enemy aircraft or shipping encountered. Spitfires strafed a factory in Marsamemi.	
Feb. 20	Tunisia area - Bad weather restricted air operations.		
Feb. 19-20 Night	22 Bisleys dispatched to bomb Kasserine - Feriana roads.	Thick haze encountered. Dropped bombs on Gafsa as alternate target.	1 plane missing.
Feb. 20-21 Night	24 Bisleys dispatched to bomb Kasserine - Thelepte area.	Results not reported.	
Feb. 20	4 P-39's attacked motor convoy west of Kasserine.		2 planes missing.
Feb. 20	Enemy flew Sicilian and North African coastal reconnaissance.		
Feb. 19	60-70 Transport JU-52's landed in northern Tunisia.		

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
3	0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

237	494
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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Enemy patrol activity night February 19-20 three miles north Medjez El Bab, and afternoon February 19 in Ousseltia Valley.

Central Tunisia: Enemy attacks on pass west of Kasserine began on February 19 and continued on February 20, with the capture of the pass. Forward Infantry and Tanks reached northern slope of Djebel Zebbeus (8 miles northwest of Kasserine). 26th Armored Brigade and Combat Command "B" now in action in this area.

Enemy tank attacks throughout day February 20 south of Sbiba were repulsed. Five (5) enemy tanks destroyed.

Italian Infantry at road junction 7 miles north of Feriana.

Heavy motor traffic northwest from Gafsa.

Enemy artillery shelled areas near Thala.

34th Division front area, 6 miles east of Sbiba, penetrated by enemy tanks. 2 enemy tanks left burning, 2 damaged.

Southern Tunisia: Medenine reported clear 1050 February 20. Enemy withdrew northwest.

Identifications: Documents in German tank Sbiba - Sbeitla road February 19 indicate presence of -

8th Company 8 Panzer Regiment and elements 5th Panzer Regiment. Prisoners from same area were identified as from 220 Pioneer Battalion (Italian).

Prisoners from Dernaia pass, February 20, identified as from 7th Bersaglieri Regiment.

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Movement: February 20.

Division Artillery and 2 Cannon Companies reach Ain Milla (80 miles south southwest of Phillippeville) enroute to Tunisia.

February 21 - 47th Regimental Combat Team left Algiers by motor for Tunisia.

February 21 - Division Troops and 60th Regimental Combat Team arrived Orleansville (125 miles east northeast of Oran) where they will obtain motors for onward move.

Headquarters 1st Infantry Division and 16th Regimental Combat Team moved from command 19th Corps to 2nd Corps area of Bou Chebka.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

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

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	240, 531
British " " " " "	140, 000
French " " " " "	<u>150, 000</u>
	530, 531

Axis

German -	175,016
Italian *	<u>78,084</u>
	203,100

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 1073

1505 in Sicily,
Italy and Tunisia.

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 153,298

Estimated Strength
of 203,100

Combat Zone

U. S. 40,898

French 22,000

British

1st Army 40,400

8th Army 50,000

153,298

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 19	A few enemy planes raided Tripoli.	No damage.	
Feb. 17-18	12 Bisleys attacked motor transport on enemy supply road leading to Sbeitla, Faid, and Gafsa area.	Visibility poor. A few vehicles and crossroads attacked.	1 Bisley missing.
Feb. 18	ALL DAY BOMBER MISSIONS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.		
Feb. 18	Offensive sweeps flown.	Attacks on vehicles and machine-gun posts. Troop concentration 3 miles south of Feriana attacked.	
Feb. 18-19	Sightings by 5 Beauforts from Malta on shipping search Pantellaria - Cape Bon areas, and Mosquito on intruder patrol in same area.		
Feb. 19	MALTA - BAD WEATHER CURTAILED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS		
Feb. 19	Photo reconnaissance showed 13 points major bomb damage mainly west of Naples harbor.		
Feb. 20	1 enemy bomber reconnaissance off North African coast.		
Feb. 18	60 JU-52's and a few ME-323's landed in northern Tunisia.		
Night 19-20	1 enemy aircraft dropped bombs in Peterhead - Fraserburgh area, Scotland.	Some damage and casualties.	
Feb. 19	4 enemy aircraft over southern Devonshire, 2 over coastal towns in Sussex and 8 on coastal reconnaissance off south-west England.		

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Night 19-20	338 RAF Bombers dispatched Wilhelmshaven.	11 missing, 2 crashed.
Night 19-20	10 escorted Venturas attacked Den Helder, Holland.	No enemy aircraft encountered.
Feb. 19	Wellingtons attacked surfaced submarine 100 southeast of Brest.	Results unknown.

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
14	0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

247	494
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New System of Operational Command in North Africa. Effective on
February 20, 1943

Under Allied Force Headquarters:

Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean -
Admiral Cunningham.

18th Army Group, Headquarters at
Constantine - Gen. Alexander.
1st Army
8th Army and reserve.

Mediterranean Air Command - Air
Chief Marshall Tedder.

Malta Air Command - Air Vice Marshall
Park.

Northwest African Air Force - Gen. Spatz
Tactical Air Force - Vice Marshall
Cunningham.

242nd Group RAF

12 Air Support Command

Western Desert Air Force

Strategic Air Force - Gen. Doolittle.

Training Command

Middle East Air Command - Air Chief Marshall
Sholto-Douglas.

Administration First and Eighth Army remains
as before.

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NORTH AFRICAN AIR DISPOSITION FEBRUARY 19, 1943

Souk El Khemis	65 Fighters 19 Light Bombers
Le Kef	65 Fighters
Youks Les Bains	8 Fighter Reconnaissance 31 Fighters 21 Light Bombers 44 Troop Carriers
Bone	38 Fighters
Oulmene	13 Light Bombers
Jemappes	13 Fighters
Constantine	16 Light Bombers
Mila	35 Photo Reconnaissance 3 Troop Carriers
Canrobert	10 Light Bombers
Berteaux	38 Medium Bombers
Telergma	39 Fighters 36 Medium Bombers 17 Troop Carriers
Taher	9 Fighters
Chateaudun Du Rhumel	30 Fighters 22 Heavy Bombers
Setif	46 Fighters
Algiers (including Blida and Maison Blanche)	51 Fighters 17 Medium Bombers 15 Photo Reconnaissance 18 Troop Carriers
Oran (including La Senia, Tafaroui, Nouvion and Relizane)	2 Fighter Reconnaissance 57 Fighters 20 Medium Bombers 32 Troop Carriers
Oudja	1 Fighter Reconnaissance 1 Medium Bomber 1 Photo Reconnaissance 11 Bomber Reconnaissance

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Port Lyantey

13 Fighters

Casablanca (including
Medionana)

21 Fighters
4 Troop Carriers

Agadir

2 Troop Carriers

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia:

Small enemy detachment believed in area Sidi Mohammed (24 miles west of Jefna).

French took 40 prisoners in raid area 4 miles northwest of Mansolee.

Central Tunisia:

Heavy patrol attacked our positions west of Djebel Mansour

February 18.

Enemy attack made northwest from Kasserine by estimated battalion, supported by artillery. Some infiltration. Situation in hand February 19.

Contact made with enemy 2 miles east of Kef El Ahmar.

Advanced enemy elements moved north from Sbeitla and reached a point 13 miles north northwest.

Command Post II Corps established at Kouif.

6th Armored Division and 34th Infantry Division at present under XIX Corps.

On afternoon of February 19, 2 enemy attacks were repulsed south of Sbiba. The first attack was made by 24 tanks and the second attack by 6 tanks supported by a company of infantry. Eight (8) enemy tanks were destroyed.

Attack involving enemy armored infantry and artillery held area Djebel Chambi - Djebel Semmana Gap.

Enemy forces at Feriana believed to include self-propelled anti-tank guns, field artillery, infantry (part motorized) and a few tanks.

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Enemy advanced elements at Dernaia Pass, Djebel Krechen, Djebel Goubuel Gap and 7 miles west.

Heavy two-way traffic Gafsa - Feriana road on morning February 19.

Southern Tunisia

Enemy guns in action 10 miles north of Allied-held Tatahouine.

Enemy maintained position west Medenine at Metameur.

Enemy mechanized transport and 20mm guns encountered 25 miles south of Medenine and shelling our patrols east and southeast of Medenine continues.

Movement: Battalion of 139th Brigade moving to Kalaa Djerda under command 26th Armored Brigade.

813th Tank Destroyer Battalion dispatched from Oran for Constantine.

2nd Battalion 68th Coast Artillery (AA) coming under command Line of Communications.

2nd Battalion 213th Coast Artillery (AA) to Tebessa, under command 1st Army.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 19 to 0700 February 20
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	240,531
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	530,531

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
198,100

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 1073

1505 in Sicily,
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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 153,298

Estimated Total
Strength of
198,100

Combat Zone

U. S.	40,898
British	
1st Army	40,400
8th Army	50,000
French	<u>22,000</u>
	153,298

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 17	60-80 JU-88's active between Tunisia and Sicily.		
Feb. 17	18 enemy Bombers against shipping east and west of Algiers.	Attacks ineffective	
Feb. 18	Enemy planes on reconnaissance.	Reconnoitered central Mediterranean - Sicilian area.	
Feb. 18	Reconnaissance planes from Malta.	Reconnoitered shipping north Cape Bon, Palermo, Trapani and Taranto. Fires started in freight wagons. 4 locomotives damaged in Taranto.	

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

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Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Considerable enemy movement observed north of Djebel Azag.

Enemy was engaged in Goubellat area 0700 February 18.

Central Tunisia: II Corps, February 19. Occupation and organization of new position continues. 1st Armored Division concentrating southeast Tebessa. The 3rd Battalion of the 39th Infantry, under the II Corps is in pass northwest Kasserine. Squadron 56 Reconnaissance Regiment and 86th Mortar Company are moving to Tebessa to reinforce II Corps.

Enemy patrolling north and northwest of Feriana and gathering strength at that place.

XIX Corps. Repulsed on the evening of February 17 an enemy attack on Fichon - Maison Des Eaux. Withdrawal to new position was completed without further interference.

6th Armored Division, 18th Regimental Combat Team of 34th Division, and 1st U. S. Infantry Division plus French troops holding the pass south of Sbiba to Djebel Barbarou to Dret Mannsoura.

Brigade Legere Mechanique in reserve south of Robia. In Army reserve area near Thala was 26th Armored Brigade less 2 regiments. One Regimental Combat Team was in area Sbiba - Robia under command of 6th Armored Division. Two battalions and headquarters of 9 RTA was moving to Thala.

Numerous vehicles in Djebel Goubeul Gap, 7 miles west of Feriana.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 18 to 0700 February 19
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	240,531
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 17-18	Eastbound convoy shadowed by 4 enemy Bombers and bombed by 12 Bombers	No damage.	
Feb. 17	A few bombs dropped in Algiers		
Feb. 16	About 70 JU-52's flew between Sicily and Tunis		
Feb. 17	3 FW-190's over Pont Du Fahs		1 enemy destroyed
Feb. 17	15 FW-190's over Souk El Arba		
Feb. 17	49 B-17's escorted by 26 P-38's attacked Elmas airdrome, Sardinia.		2 enemy destroyed
Feb. 17	12 B-25's and 17 B-26's (Marauders) also attacked Sardinian airdromes.	Bursts among aircraft on ground started fires.	3 enemy destroyed, 2 B-26's destroyed, 4 P-38's missing.
Feb. 17	6 A-20's escorted by 12 Spitfires and 4 P-39's carried out attacks on vehicles south of Feriana.	35 vehicles destroyed.	
Feb. 17	Spitfires and P-39's carried out offensive sweeps over Sbeitla-Gafsa area.	Many vehicles, 3 tanks, 4 guns destroyed.	
Feb. 17-18	10 enemy aircraft active off coast near Algiers.		

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
13	8

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

233	494
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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: The enemy is mine-laying in the area between Medjer El Bab and Jefna.

Central Tunisia: The enemy occupied Kasserine and Thelepte.

Losses sustained by II Corps to 2100 hours February 16:

98 Medium Tanks.
57 Half Tracks
17 155mm Howitzer and 105mm Howitzers (SP)
3 75mm Guns (SP)
1 75mm Howitzer (SP)
22 37mm Guns (SP)
5 Scout Cars
77 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton Trucks
64 $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton Trucks

Movements completed: 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion arrived Tebessa.

Movements in progress:

17 M-4 tanks arrive Phillippeville February 19.
35 M-4 tanks and 250 armored force replacements arrive Le Khroub February 26.
1 Battalion 1st Tank Group arrive Le Khroub February 23.
1 Battalion Medium Field Artillery, 2 battalions Light Field Artillery, 2 cannon companies (all from 9th Division) to arrive Constantine February 20.
1st Tank Destroyer Group, less 2 battalions, arrive Constantine by road February 23.
15 105mm Howitzer (SP) arrive Phillippeville February 23.
3500 replacements at 800 per day to come in by rail.

Southern Tunisia: Our advanced elements are now about 40 miles northwest of Touggourt.

NAVAL

Two submarines were captured in the Mediterranean, but both later sank.

3500 tons of cargo were discharged at Tripoli February 16.

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0700 February 17 to 0700 February 18
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NOTE: No change reported since last report.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
<u>ENGLAND</u>			
Feb. 16	Sea mining by 20 enemy aircraft of the Thames Estuary between North Foreland and Orfordness night of 15-16 February		
Feb. 15	7 Enemy aircraft made south coastal reconnaissance.		
Feb. 15	2 FW-190 made landfall 20,000 feet, near Plymouth.		
Feb. 15	21 Liberators escorted by RAF Spitfires attacked shipping at Dunkerque.	Results unknown	10 Enemy aircraft destroyed 2 Liberators lost
Feb. 16	Night Feb. 16-17 3, 4-Engine British Bombers destroyed, by ignition American AN mark 50 A-1 bombs		
<u>NORTH AFRICA</u>			
Feb. 16	RAF escorted Fighter Bombers attacked landing ground and motor transport west of Medenine. Little results because of poor targets.	1 Enemy plane damaged	
Feb. 17	Reconnaissance of Medjes el Bab made at 0625 Z by one ME-109 and again at 0925 Z by 2 ME-109's		
Feb. 17	2 ME-109's active Sidi Bou Zid 1030 Z		
Feb. 17	6 B-25's escorted by 7 P-38's dispatched to attack shipping Tunisia - Sicily	No Shipping sighted	
Feb. 17	6 A-20's escorted by 8 Spitfires attacked enemy gun placements Djebel Kesira. All planes returned.	6 Enemy Howitzers claimed put out of action.	
Feb.	6 A-20's escorted by 12 P-39's attacked enemy concentrations northwest of Gafsa. All planes returned.		

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
<u>NORTH AFRICA (Continued)</u>			
Feb. 17	Spitfires and P-39's attacked enemy ground targets in vicinity Kmea--Kairouan--Sidi Bou Zid--Afaa area.		1 Spitfire missing
Feb. 17	15 Bisleys attacked enemy convoys and roads southwest of Kairouan		1 Bisley crash landed

AIR SCORE IN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
6	10

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

220	486
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GROUND

General Situation

During the night of 16-17 February and 17th February, the United States forces on the right of the Allied Line continued to withdraw to the northwest. In general the line was pivoted about its left flank in the vicinity of Pichon, throwing the right flank approximately 20 miles further to the northwest to the vicinity of Feriana. The general line in Pichon--Sbeitla--Feriana appears to be a covering force only, with strong defensive positions being established in 3 mountain passes in the rear. In general, enemy Ground as well as enemy Air activity decreased from that of the preceeding day.

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GROUND (Continued)

Central South Tunisian Area

At 1220 February 16th enemy attacking force resumed the attack towards Djebel Hamra. Approximately 50 tanks were estimated to be in this attacking force. Confused Armored and Infantry action continued in the vicinity of Djebel Hamra and east and southeast of Sbeitla for the remainder of the day. Our tank losses so far estimated at 150 tanks with considerable vehicle and gun losses. Our Infantry out off at Djebel Lessouda have been withdrawn minus most of their transportation. Our Infantry on Djebel Ksaira still there early morning of February 17th with the enemy occupying the southwest slopes. During the afternoon a general withdrawal was ordered to the line Djebel Sidi Ben Habess--Kret En Nebrik--Djebel Mrhila, thence covering Sbeitla--Kassarine--Feriana. New northern boundary II Corps moved to line Robia--Djebel Sidi Ben Habess--Fonduk.

On midnight 16/17, the II Corps reported enemy attack in moonlight, and pierced covering positions 3 miles west of Sbeitla. Withdrawal our forces from Sbeitla ordered at 0130 hours 17 February. In order to protect withdrawal, 1 Battalion 26th Regimental Combat Team, 4 Companies 19th Engineers, 1 Company Medium Tanks, 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion (less 1 Company) ordered to hold line at Qued east of Kassarine at all costs for 12 hours. 1st Armored Division withdrew through Sbeitla morning of 17th February. All Armored Division elements moved north to Kassarine Pass in the direction of Thalia.

1 Company Infantry, 1 Battery Artillery, 7 Companies Light Tanks to hold main ridge in front of Feriana, with plan to evacuate all aircraft from Thelepte airdrome at daylight. Remaining part of Gafsa force withdrew to defensive positions in the Pass at El Ma El Aboid.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 16 to 0700 February 17
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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	240,531
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	160,000
	<u>530,531</u>

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
198,100

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 1099

1605 in Sicily,
Italy and Tunisia.

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 153,298

Estimated Total
Strength of
198,100

Combat Zone

U. S.	40,898
British	
1st Army	40,400
8th Army	50,000
French	22,000
	<u>153,298</u>

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12th AIR FORCE - NORTH AFRICA

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 15	B-25's and P-38's dispatched to attack shipping between Tunisia and Sicily sighted no vessels. All other heavy and medium bombing cancelled due to weather.		
Feb. 15	Throughout day P-38, P-39, P-40, and A-20's attacked concentrations and motor columns in Gafsa, Maknassy-Faid area.	Much damage believed inflicted.	2 P-39 Crash landed 1 P-39 Missing 1 Spitfire crash landed 1 A-20 exploded over landing field 1 FW-190 destroyed
Feb. 15-16	Souk El Arba area approached by enemy planes.	No bombs dropped.	1 FW-190 destroyed
Feb. 16	7 JU-87 with Fighter escort bombed bridge near Medjis.		
Feb. 16	6 ME-109's attacked Thelepte airdrome intercepted by Spitfires and P-39's.		3 Enemy planes destroyed
Feb. 16	B-26's and B-25's escorted by P-38's attacked Kairouan Airdrome and were engaged by enemy planes	Undisclosed number of enemy planes believed damaged on ground.	7 Enemy planes claimed destroyed.
Feb. 16	Spitfires and P-39's were attacked by 6 Enemy aircraft in mission Sidi Bou Zid area.		1 Enemy plane destroyed.
Feb. 16	21 B-17's attacked docks and shipping at Palermo with 54 tons of bombs.	1 ship left burning 1 tanker hit and set afire All planes returned	

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
<u>RAF MALTA</u>			
Feb. 15-16	Malta based aircraft bombed railroad depot in Sicily and strafed warehouse and gun positions; bombed Italian rail junction; 4 trains strafed, attacked small merchant vessel, road traffic, airdrome bombed.	5 locomotives destroyed Viaduct damaged Numerous trucks damaged	
<u>8th AIR FORCE - ENGLAND</u>			
Feb. 16	59 B-17's and 6 B-24's bombed submarine installations at St. Nazaire from 20 - 26000 shortly before noon	Results reported good. Heavy accurate FLAK and strong enemy fighter attack	6 B-17's did not return
Feb. 15	21 B-24's attacked a raider in Dunkerque Harbor during afternoon. 62 tons of bombs dropped. Moderate heavy FLAK, 10 or 15 enemy fighters encountered. Excellent RAF support by Spitfires.	Hits observed in dock area and near raider.	2 Planes and crews lost.

AIR SCORE IN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
13	14

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

214	476
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GROUND

Additional information on battle of Sidi Bou Zid, February 14-15.

The enemy overrun our advanced batteries along the Faid--Sbeitla road early in the morning February 14 with an estimate of 20 tanks preceded by Dive Bomb attacks and supported by Infantry and Artillery. At the same time enemy advanced westward from Djebel Lessouda with another

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GROUND (Continued)

force of about 40 tanks, half of which proceeded toward Sbeitla. Combat Command "A" launched a strong counter attack south from Djebel Lessouda, and the middle of the morning withdrew to the southwest after suffering heavy tank casualties especially from Dive Bombers. Enemy did not commit its entire tank force but kept at least one company in reserve about 3 miles south of Faid. Combat Command "A" is believed to have disabled about 20 enemy tanks. Fighting continued throughout the day with enemy tanks and Infantry in the area north and south of Sidi Bou Zid and Armored Patrols operating west to Sbeitla area and south to Gafsa.

On February 15th 1st Armored Division launched counter attack southward between Djebel Hamra and Djebel Lessouda. Fighting continued throughout the day against the enemy tanks and Infantry in the Sidi Bou Zid area. At the end of the day our troops held the high ground Djebel Lessouda-- Djebel Ksira. Evacuation of Gafsa force to the area of Feriana which started on February 14 was completed on the night of February 15-16, and troops are now organizing defensive positions in that area.

A Bn of the 26th Regimental Combat Team is organizing a defensive position 4 miles east of Kassorine.

135th Regimental Combat Team is at Pichon.

133rd Regimental Combat Team is at Djebel Trozza--Djebel el Abeid area.

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New Positions in Central Tunisia:

16/5 Lancers under Combat Command "B", Headquarters of the 26th Armored Brigade, 2nd Lothian, Border Horse Armored, and 1st Guards Brigade are in reserve northeast of Kesra. The 1st British Armored Regiment (less 2 Squadrons) moved to Bou Arada reverting to command of 6th Armored Division.

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Axis Identifications.

G-2 report of February 16 states that it is possible that the 21st Panzer Division which originally occupied Faid area operated in this action with support either of elements of 10th Panzer Division or 190th Tank Abteilung.

An unconfirmed report indicated that 4 MK-6 tanks were employed, possible to have been part of 501 Heavy Tank Abteilung. Possibility of participation of Italian tanks cannot be entirely excluded.

NAVAL

- Feb. 16 British submarine sank 1500 ton merchant vessel in tow
60 miles south Taranto.
- Feb. 16 British Trawler took crippled Italian flying boat in tow
near Cape Takouch (between Bone and Philippeville).

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EUROPEAN THEATER

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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	340,531
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	530,531

Axis

Estimated Total Strength of	198,100
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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 14	7 Beaufighters from Malta escorted outgoing eastbound convoy.		
Feb. 14	Spitfires on southern Sicily offensive sweep.		
Feb. 13-14	3 Sicilian trains attacked and damaged. 2 250-lb. bombs dropped with one hit and one near-miss on railroad track by a Beaufighter.		
Feb. 13-14	Mosquito attacked and damaged 30 trucks and 2 locomotives in Calabria.		
Feb. 14	3 JU-52's, 10 ME-111's and 47 JU-88's observed at Catania airdrome.		
Feb. 14	2 enemy bomber reconnaissance off North African coast.		1 enemy destroyed 15 miles north of Phillippeville.
Feb. 14	8 enemy aircraft active Tunis - Sicily area.		
Feb. 14	Meteor flight over central Mediterranean.		
Feb. 13	60-70 enemy aircraft, mostly JU-52's arrived Tunis.		
Feb. 14-15	6-7 enemy aircraft active off North African coast.		
Feb. 15	P-39's attacked by 2 ME-109's while engaged in reconnaissance over Fondouk road.		
Feb. 15	Spitfires attacked by 4-5 FW-190's while engaged in reconnaissance over Kairouan.		
Feb. 15	P-39's and P-40's escorted A-20's on bombing mission Faid Pass. Attacked by 8 enemy aircraft. Spitfires provided high cover.		1 FW-190 destroyed.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	TOTAL LOSSES
Feb. 15	ME-109's and FW-190's intercepted by Spitfires escorting A-20's on bombing mission over Malinassy.	Bombs jettisoned by enemy bombers.	
Feb. 14-15	243 RAF bombers dispatched over Cologne		9 missing, 2 crashed over UK.
Feb. 14-15	142 RAF bombers dispatched over Milan		2 missing.
Feb. 14-15	7 FW-190's operated against English shipping.	Intercepted by 6 Typhoons	4 FW-190's destroyed, 3 damaged. 2 Typhoons missing.
Feb. 14-15	8 enemy aircraft over Thames Estuary - Dover area.	2 made brief landfalls.	
Feb. 13	25 single-engined Fighters made sweeps over Dover Straits during day.		
Feb. 13	2 enemy aircraft operated from Trondheim. (presumably over Bay of Biscay).		

AIR SCORE IN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	2

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

201	462
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German channel guns fired approximately 20 rounds counterbattery fire in reply to English fire on an enemy convoy on February 14.

Air (General)

Enemy offensive operations continued on slightly increased scale although still negligible.

Usual enemy south coastal raids carried out with bombing and machine-gunning of coastal and inland towns. The largest number of planes was on February 9 when 21 offensive sorties were flown with

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over half of the raiders being Dornier 217's which is a large increase in this type over past weeks.

Enemy reconnaissance sorties were reported over Plymouth - Poole area on south coast and over Shetland; also, usual weather and shipping reconnaissances over sea areas flown.

Sea-mining activity by enemy long-range bombers increased with 30 reported active in Straits of Dover - Portsmouth area.

8th Air Force activities were limited to antisubmarine patrols by coastal command. Six depth charge and machine-gunning attacks on enemy submarines were reported.

Considerable activity by enemy reconnaissance aircraft over Bay of Biscay has been reported.

Enemy single-engined defensive Fighters were active on large scale over western Europe, especially in the Callais area.

GROUND

Northern Tunisia: 18th Regimental Combat Team was relieved by 11th Infantry Brigade area east of Medjes El Bab.

18th Regimental Combat Team, less battalion, now V Corps Reserve area of Teboursouk. One battalion Regimental Combat Team moved under command of 46th Division.

Central Tunisia: The balance of the 26th Armored Brigade is joining Guards Brigade in Siliana in army reserve.

The 1st RTA moved to Sbiba night of 14-15 February.

Headquarters 34th Division is now at El Ala.

Southern Tunisia: Enemy advanced west from Faid and at

<u>Time</u>	<u>Action</u>
0715	Reported area road junction 5 miles northeast Sidi Bou Zid with 20 tanks. At same time, Sidi Bou Zid was dive-bombed by 11 Stukas.
0930	Combat Command "A" strongly counterattacked south of Djebel Lessouda (10 miles west of Faid. Later forced to withdraw southwest due to heavy tank casualties suffered.
1030	Enemy infantry reported moving west from Faid.

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1120 50 enemy tanks with infantry and artillery reported northwest of Djebel Lessouda advancing southwest toward Faid - Sbeitla road.

1140 30 enemy tanks reported advancing north from area 20 miles south of Sbeitla.

HEAVY ARMORED BATTLE TOOK PLACE THROUGH ENTIRE MORNING IN SIDI BOU ZID AREA.

1300 Force (refer 1140) at Oued El Fekka (15 miles southeast of Sbeitla. Early afternoon 2 groups of about 6 tanks each reported farther south. One group advanced toward Djebel El Hafey (20 miles southeast of Sbeitla) and the other group mined road area 25 miles south of Sbeitla.

1430 20 enemy tanks reported 15 miles east of Sbeitla advancing westward.

1800 Above force reported in area 6 miles west of Djebel Lessouda.

EVACUATION OF GAFSA BEGUN NIGHT 14-15 FEBRUARY.

NATAL

Attack against enemy submarine southwest Cape Figalo included 12th Fighter Command planes. Considered sunk after continuous 18-hour engagement.

HM submarine Unision attacked 3 laden motor auxiliary merchant vessels with gunfire in Gulf of Hammamet. Two of vessels were sunk, 1 beached. Same submarine attacked southbound 400 ton laden motor vessel with gunfire and blew her up.

HMS Padarica attacked by torpedo planes, capsized at Bougie on February 13 after being towed there. No loss of life.

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The following is War Department General Staff, G-2 estimate of the Axis Ground situation in North Africa, as of February 13, 1943:

1.	<u>German</u>	<u>Italian</u>	<u>Total</u>
	118,640	79,460	198,100

The above estimate is based largely upon the London Estimate of February 3. It should be noted that this revised total is considerably higher than the total of 175,960 for February based on G-2 estimates from Algiers.

2. A document captured February 1 indicated that the 50th Special Brigade, with headquarters believed located at SFAX, may contain German, as well as Italian, units. The 18th Marsch Battalion and the 334th schnelle Abteilung (mobile battalion) are mentioned as components of this brigade. Another component of this brigade, the 15th Italian Tank Battalion (detached from the 31st Tank Regiment), is reported organized as a special task force containing artillery, engineer, and signal units. This battalion was reported February 1 at SENEZ, 20 miles west of MAKHASSY.

3. New tank reinforcements are reported in the KAIROUAN area.

4. The 22nd Marsch Battalion has been identified at the head of the OUSSELTIA valley. This is the 13th Marsch Battalion identified in TUNISIA since the beginning of operations.

G-2 (W.D.G.S.) Issued under date of February 13, 1943, an estimate of the enemy situation on the Russian front as follows:

1. The HQ of the First Panzer Army appears to have withdrawn from MOZDOK to the Rostove area and is now believed to be a part of Heeresgruppe Don. Most of the divisions originally in this Army during the operations in the northeast Caucasus are now believed transferred to the Seventeenth Army, a part of which is still fighting in the northwestern Caucasus. It

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is impossible to estimate yet how much of the Seventeenth Army has been evacuated, but with the addition of three Corps and four divisions from the First Panzer Army, it may now include about 13 divisions.

2. As regards reinforcements on the Russian front, it is interesting to note that the 19th Panzer Division and SS Kavalleriedivision, last reported fighting in the RZHEV area as recently as December, are now under Heeresgruppe Don. Two of the divisions recently brought from France have apparently been identified in the southern sector.

There follows an analysis of enemy intentions, based on War Department General Staff, G-2, weekly review which was sent to the theater commander:

1. We agree local Axis offensive operations must be expected to widen bridgehead. This likely to be defensive in character until Axis have built up forces to state when operations may be possible.

2. Consider only 2 armies likely in Tunisia.

A. Von Arnims in area from Bizerte to SFAX.

B. Rommels south from SFAX to Mareth Line.

3. Consider 15 panzer division will have to be maintained in Mareth area. Most unlikely Rommel will denude himself of all tanks. This division will not therefore be available for operations westwards. Consider proportion at least of 10 Panzer Division must be retained in area of our 6th Armored Division. Part of 10 Panzer Division may, however, well be used to clear up Gusseltia-Fichon area. Operations at present likely to be confined to:

A. Attempt to clear up Gusseltia-Fichon area.

B. Maintenance of present Faid positions until 21 Panzer Division has been strengthened.

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C. Attack on GAFSA by forces which are predominantly Italian including some 40 tanks. Probably Centauro Division believed to be in GABES area will take part.

4. Reinforcements for Rommel known to have arrived Tunis lately. These may include one or more Marsch battalions. Consider Ariete Division will not be reformed but that elements now in GABES area will be absorbed by Centauro.

5. Any exploitations of successful Axis attacks beyond general line GAFSA SBHITLA PICRON unlikely owing to strength of forces and supply position. Axis cannot risk at this moment to embark on operation which might mean heavy losses of men and equipment.

A slight increase in enemy activity reported south and east of FAID actually referred to GAFSA instead.

It is reported that there is good reason to believe that Spanish Consulates in North Africa are being used as collection centers of information valuable to the enemy. Definite proof of this practice by Spanish authorities has been produced. The suggestion is made that neutral consulars in North Africa be deprived of their cypher privileges, which would be fully justified on the grounds that North Africa is a war zone.

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Artillery patrol activity evidenced on both sides.

On night February 12-13 a patrol encountered the enemy 4 miles northeast of Medjer El Bab, killing 2 Germans and wounding others without loss to our patrol.

Central Tunisia: During night February 12-13, the enemy occupied area 2 miles northeast of Kef Tacurit which had not been previously occupied by either side.

The 3rd patrol of the 6th RTA (French) arrived at Siliana.

Southern Tunisia: Our activities consisted of general patrolling.

Two (2) German prisoners were captured in the Faid area.

NAVAL

Photographic reconnaissance shows one Littorio class battleship Roma departed from Spezia.

Submarines

German - One 15 miles west of Cape Caxine (Algiers); 1 vicinity 30° , 0°N and Greenwich Meridian east or west (north northeast of Oran); 1 between Sened and Algiers; 1 or two between Alboran Islands and Oran.

Italian: 2 between Bougie and Phillippeville; 5 between Phillippeville and Biserte.

2,000 tons of cargo discharged at Tripoli.

1,500 ton merchant vessel in tow torpedoed just off Cotrone (in instep of boat).

Acting Vice Admiral A. W. Willis appointed Flag Officer commanding Force "H" to succeed Acting Vice Admiral Sir Syrett. EO 11652, Dec. 18, 1966 (a) (1) or (2)

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SUMMARY OF AIR DISTRIBUTION

Souk El Khemis	78 Fighters 15 Light Bombers
Thelepte	92 Fighters 13 Light Bombers
Yous Les Bains	20 Light Bombers 1 Troop Carrier 5 Reconnaissance
Bone	45 Fighters 4 Reconnaissance
Oulmene	19 Light Bombers
Jennapys	9 Fighters
Constantine	17 Light Bombers
Ain Mila	4 Fighters 33 Heavy Bombers
Canrobert	3 Light Bombers
Berteaux	13 Medium Bombers
Telergma	75 Fighters 49 Medium Bombers 2 Photo Reconnaissance 36 Troop Carriers
Chateaudun Du Rhanel	17 Fighters 24 Heavy Bombers
Biskra	14 Fighters
Taher	15 Fighters
Setif	26 Fighters
Algiers (including Blida and Maison Blanche)	48 Fighters 17 Medium Bombers 15 Photo Reconnaissance 36 Troop Carriers 24 Reconnaissance

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Oran (including La Senia, Tafaroui, Houvion and Relizane)	39 Fighters 14 Medium Bombers 49 Troop Carriers
Oujda	4 Fighters 1 Medium Bomber 1 Photo Reconnaissance 7 Reconnaissance
Port Lyantey	9 Fighters
Casablanca (including Mediouna)	7 Fighters
Agadir	2 Troop Carriers

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 12-15	7 enemy aircraft reported over western Mediterranean.		
Feb. 12-15	Several enemy aircraft active over sea in the area south of the Balearics.	Convoys off Bougie were contacted.	
Feb. 15	Usual formation of JU-52's landed in Tunis from Naples and Sicily.		
Feb. 15	3 FW-190's approached Souk El Arba.	No attack.	
Feb. 15	B-26's escorted by P-38's attacked Tunis - El Aouina.	Attacked by 20-30 ME-109's.	4 ME-109's destroyed, 3 probables, 4 damaged.
Feb. 15	B-26's and P-38's on anti-shiping mission between Tunis and Sicily sighted 35-50 JU-52's and 3 ME-323's.		4 JU-52's and 1 ME-323 destroyed.
Feb. 15	6 A-20's escorted by 12 P-39's attacked enemy gun positions west of Sened.	4 88mm guns destroyed, 3 silenced.	
Feb. 15	4 FW-190's dropped 4 HE bombs on Dartmouth, England.	Property damage and some casualties.	

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Night Feb. 13-14	9 enemy aircraft over Devon and Cornwall. Bombed Plymouth	Some damage.	
Night Feb. 13-14	11 RAF Bostons attacked Boulogne from 10,000 ft.	Considerable light AA fire from escort vessels in harbor. Heavy AA fire from shore batteries.	
Feb. 13	11 Venturas attacked IJmuiden, Holland. Intercepted by FW-190's and ME-109's.	Considerable light and heavy AA fire experienced.	
Feb. 13	FW-190's attacked 4 squadrons of Spitfires on diversionary mission over Pas De Calais, and 2 squadrons on sweep over Boulogne area.	Losses on both sides.	
Feb. 13	RAF Bostons attacked docks at St. Malo.	Sighted few enemy aircraft.	
Feb. 13	466 RAF Bombers dispatched to Lorient.	---	7 missing, 2 crashed in UK.

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

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

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Axis</u>	<u>Allies</u>
460	201

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Strength of
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U. S. and British 904

1505 in Sicily,
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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength of 103,298

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Combat Zone

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Patrol clash night February 10-11 in area of Haidous. Ten enemy killed, one German captured. Our loss - 3 wounded.

Central Tunisia: Enemy attack in Djebel Ousselat area night February 10-11 was repulsed.

4th RSA took 31 Italian prisoners in successful patrol action 3 miles northeast of Mansolee.

French patrol captured 22 Italians 3 miles southwest of Djebel Mansour night February 11-12.

3rd Battalion 135th Regimental Combat Team relieved 1/9 RTA and one company 2/9 RTA night 12-13-February.

1st Battalion 133rd Regimental Combat Team moved from Maktar to Sbiba, and 3rd Battalion 133rd Regimental Combat Team moved to Maktar night February 12-13.

16/5 Lancers Group completed movement to Army reserve in area Keour (18 miles west of Maktar).

Southern Tunisia: 1st Rangers Battalion raided area 4 miles southwest of Sened night February 11-12. Eleven Italians were captured.

Enemy activity increasing slightly in area south and east of Feid.

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NAVAL

The HM Turbulent (submarine) operated in the Sicilian Channel from January 27 to February 9 with the following results: 1 hit on 10,000 ton merchant vessel in a convoy (vessel considered probably sunk), one 5,000 ton vessel was sunk immediately in another convoy, one 6,000 ton tanker was probably sunk and one motor launch hit. The submarine attacked a train in Ambrocio Station on the north coast of Sicily.

HM Torbay (submarine) on February 11 off the west Spanish coast, sunk a 1500 ton Danish fruit carrier which was controlled by the Germans and which was active in blockade running since 1940.

Air reconnaissance shows: (Malta Summary)(February 11-12)

Naples 6-inch cruiser (apparently loading a 10,000 ton tanker and a 5,000 ton merchant vessel), 1 liner 1-2,000 tons, 1 merchant vessel 2-3,000 tons, 1 water carrier, 3 Siebel Ferries, 5 F-Boats, 9 E-Boats, 4 escort vessels, 1 Torpedo Boat, 4 Destroyers.

February 12

Messina 2 merchant vessels 3-4,000 tons in harbor and 1 merchant vessel 7-8,000 tons in roads.

Palermo 5 medium merchant vessels, 4 destroyers, 1 medium and 1 large tanker.

Trapani 1 medium merchant vessel, 5 destroyers, 2 escort vessels.

Naples Several medium and large merchant vessels, 4 submarines, 1 large tanker, 6 destroyers and 1 cruiser.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Night 10-11 Feb.	Spitfires over Sicily.	Strafed train near Noto and gun position near Pazzallo.	1 CZ-506 destroyed.
Night 11-12 Feb.			
Feb. 11	17 Spitfire sorties flown from Malta to escort incoming convoy.		
Feb. 12	3 enemy aircraft on reconnaissance off North African coast daytime, 2 north and northeast of Oran, and 1 enemy plane over central Mediterranean contacting shipping Bengasi area.		
Feb. 12	Meteoro flight sea area south of Sicily flown.		
Morning Feb. 12	About 50 JU-52's transport between Sicily - Tunis.		
Feb. 12-13	Enemy activity over forward area restricted due to weather.		
Feb. 12	1 enemy aircraft overland flight Bogmor-Shoreham area and southeast coastal reconnaissance by others.		
Day Feb. 11	Single-engine and twin-engined defensive activity on moderate scale over London.		
Night Feb. 11-12	Night fighters operated in strength in response to raids on Germany.		
Feb. 12	12 Venturas attacked Caen, France from 9500 feet.	Encountered inaccurate heavy antiaircraft fire in target area.	

AIR SCORE IN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allies	Axis
0	1

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

192	451
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EUROPEAN AND NORTH AFRICAN THEATERS

0700 February 12 to 0700 February 13
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	240,531
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	530,531

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
166,650

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 904

1505 in Sicily,
Italy and Tunisia

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 103,298

Estimated Total
Strength of
166,650

Combat Zone

U. S.	40,898
British	40,400
French	<u>22,000</u>
	103,298

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

0

Axis

2

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

192

Axis

450

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 11	ALL BOMBER OPERATIONS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.		
Feb. 11	12 A-20's escorted by 12 Spitfires and 10 P-40's attacked Sened.	Hits on highway and in town.	
Feb. 11	Bomfighter on practice flight.	Enemy plane shot down into sea.	1 enemy plane destroyed.
Feb. 12	Convoy shadowed between Oran-Algiers by enemy bomber reconnaissance.		
Feb. 12	3 JU-88's off North African Coast during day.		1 enemy shot down.
Feb. 12	3-7 aircraft from Sicily on convoy routes and sea area south of Sicily. 1 contacted convoy between Bengasi and Tripoli during morning.		
Feb. 12	Usual transport between Italy and Sicily carried out by JU-52's.		
Dawn Feb. 10	Tripoli harbor attacked by about 4 JU-88's. During evening additional bombers reported between Bengasi and Tripoli.		
Night Feb. 11-12	Enemy aircraft active first half of night off North African coast.		

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By: [REDACTED] AUG 7 1972

GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Prisoners were taken and several hostile Arab villages used as enemy patrol bases were burned when a small force of the 139th Infantry Brigade raided enemy localities 6 miles north northwest of Station De Jefna February 10.

Central Tunisia: On night February 10-11, Battalion 135th Regimental Combat Team relieved 3/1 RTA and Company 2/9 RTA area Pichon - Maison Desaux. 2nd Battalion 16th Regimental Combat Team relieved 2nd Battalion 26th Regimental Combat Team area Djebel Rihana. All relieved units are in area of Kera.

2 Battalions 1st Guards Brigade in Siliana area, in Army reserve.

Southern Tunisia: Derby Yeomanry patrols report enemy preparing defense positions along line of road between Djebel Asker (24 miles south southeast of Gafsa) and Djebel Bou Jerra (20 miles southeast of Gafsa) and at pass 4 miles east of El Guettar.

Movement Completed: From Oran to Maktar - Remainder of 34th Division, consisting of 133rd Regimental Combat Team (-) a battalion. (Under command 1st Army).

Identifications:

Area Djebel Ahmera	Feb. 10-11	Presence 3 Battalion 756th Grenadier Regiment.
Area Station De Jefna	Feb. 10	Continued presence Battalion T 3.
	Feb. 10	2 Company 501 Heavy Tank Battalion.
North of Medjes El Bab 20 January and during occupation Robaa Valley between 31 January and 5 February.		Above company previously identified. Greater part believed area Pont Du Fahs.

West of Jefna

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European Theater Section

Enemy guns on French coast fired 50 rounds counterbattery fire while English guns were in action against enemy shipping February 11. Most of enemy shells fell in sea off Dover.

Reconnaissance of southeast coast, principally over Straits of Dover, made by 16 enemy aircraft. One other enemy aircraft made reconnaissance off eastern Scotland.

A number of coastal aircraft, including 2 FW-200's, operated from Norway.

Three (3) FW-200's operated from Bordeaux.

No enemy aircraft over England.

Single-engine defensive fighters reacted in strength Allied operations over France. Twin-engine fighter activity moderate February 10.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 11 to 0700 February 12
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	240,531
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Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
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U. S. and British 904

1505 in Sicily,
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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 103,298

Estimated Total
Strength of
166,650

Combat Zone

U. S.	40,828
British	40,400
French	<u>22,000</u>
	103,298

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

3

Axis

0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

192

Axis

448

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 10	Spitfires bombed railway in northeast Sicily.		
Feb. 10	Intruder operations by Mosquitoes made in Gabes area and over Sicilian airdromes.	Attacked and damaged 2 cars.	
Feb. 10	Torpedo Wellingtons attacked southbound merchant vessel of 2 to 3,000 tons, escorted by a destroyer.	Not observed.	
Feb. 10	An incoming convoy was escorted by Spitfires and Beaufighters.		
Feb. 11	Reconnaissance missions and ground attacks made on enemy weapons, troop and vehicle concentrations in Seneb area.		1 P-38 shot down, 1 Spitfire missing.
Feb. 11	Fighters from Bone intercepted a 12-plane formation.		1 Spitfire missing, 1 enemy plane damaged.
Enemy air reconnaissance Algiers area; convoy escorts from Sicily; estimated 100 enemy transports flew from Sicily to southern Tunisia. Enemy bombers on mission to Tripoli.			
Feb. 11	9 B-25's escorted by 16 P-38's on antishipping sweep between Sicily and Tunisia.	Sunk one and possibly another of 4 vessels believed Seibel ferries north of Cape Bon.	
Feb. 11	ALL BOMBING MISSIONS ON LAND TARGETS CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER.		

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: 138th Infantry Brigade of 46th Division (Brit.) disposed 8 miles east of Beja, with one battalion under command of 78th Division.

128th Infantry Battalion located 12 miles northeast of Beja.

139th Infantry Battalion located in area near Station De Jefna.

Enemy contacted 6 miles north of Bir Salem in Mateur sector, and believed to be held by companies of Italians.

Enemy movement south of Jefna February 9.

Enemy machine gun fire from area 4 miles north of Munchar.

Enemy delivered machine gun and mortar fire from village north-east of Goubellat.

Central Tunisia: Air reconnaissance of road Pont Du Fahs - road junction revealed little activity and only one small infantry force of about 40.

South of Pont Du Fahs was enemy tank concentration of undisclosed strength.

Enemy battery position under construction south of Djebel Serdouk.

Enemy trucks and about 100 men seen at western end Djebel Ouechiatia and enemy infantry and cavalry moving westward north and south of Djebel Bou Dabouss. February 9.

Kairouan reported arrival of further enemy tank reinforcements.

1 Battalion of Singoth RTA (French) arrived in Siliiana.

135th Regimental Combat Team arrived Maktar under command of 1st Army.

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Southern Tunisia: 1st Ranger Battalion and Battery C, 213th Coast Artillery, and Battery B 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion arrived at Gafsa night of February 9-10.

Identifications: Continued presence of German Marsch 22nd Battalion in upper Gusseltia Valley confirmed by capture of prisoners February 9.

Italian prisoners of the Desperata (suicide) Company of 1st Superga Division captured by French near Ruines Byzantines January 30.

NAVAL

Malta Intelligence Summary for February 10 reports safe arrival of convoy of 4 merchant vessels, a cruiser and a destroyer.

Merchant vessel Merriel struck by bombs during enemy raid on Bone January 1-2 is resting on bottom considered a total loss.

EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 10 to 0700 February 11
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 234,939
British " " " " " 140,000
French " " " " " 150,000
524,939

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
166,650

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 904

1505 in Sicily,
Italy and Tunisia

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 103,298

Estimated Total
Strength of
166,650

Combat Zone

U. S. 40,898
British 40,400
French 22,000
103,298 ✓

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

1

3

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943

Allied

Axis

189

448

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 9	4 Mosquitoes from Malta patrolled over Sicily and 1 over Pantelleria-Gabes area.	Attacked and damaged 2 motor vehicles in Sicily and 1 near Gabes. No enemy aircraft or shipping observed.	
Night 10-11	Wellington's attacked Trapani, Sicily.	Dropped high explosives and incendiaries.	
Feb. 9	19 B-17's dispatched to attack Gabes airdrome.	Returned with bombs due to clouds over target.	
Feb. 9	24 B-17's dispatched to attack landing ground 5 miles west of Gabes.	Target obscured by clouds. Attacked Kairouan airdrome with 33 tons. Bursts covered airdrome where about 22 enemy aircraft seen dispersed. Some bombs dropped in railroad yards. Formation attacked by enemy aircraft.	1 enemy destroyed.
Feb. 9	Reconnaissance flown in forward area.	Attacks on enemy transport vicinity Enfidaville.	2 enemy planes damaged near Cusseltia, 2 near Souk El Arba. 1 P-40 crash-landed near base.
Feb. 9	Bone attacked by enemy planes.		
Feb. 8	Large formation JU-52's between Italy-Tunisia.		
Feb. 9	JU-52's between Sicily and Gabes as usual.		
Feb. 10	P-40's and P-39's on reconnaissance mission over Cusseltia-Pichen.	Attacked by 7 FW-190's near Djebel Bou Dabouss.	2 FW-190's destroyed.
Feb. 10	2 enemy bomber reconnaissance in Algiers area.	1 contacted Oran - Algiers convoy.	
Feb. 9	6 of 18 B-24's dispatched, 15 B-24's of 98th Group bombed Messina, Sicily, from 20 to 22,000 feet.	Dropped 122 American 500-pound bombs. Direct hits on port, power station and oil storage facilities. Antiaircraft barrage heavy but above altitude of planes. Attacked by 6 ME-109's. 3 B-24's returned without bombing due to mechanical trouble.	1 ME-109 shot down, 1 damaged.

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GROUND

On February 8, War Office estimate of Axis forces in Tunisia is as follows:

2200 Italians with 60 tanks
58,000 Germans (including 21st
Panzer Division) and 252 tanks.
14,000 German Air Force and spare
parts.

Astride road near Bass Adjir is the 131st Brigade.

Axis Infantry and guns contacted by 12th Lancers and patrols of 8th Armored Brigade.

Fort Sitoui evacuated by Axis.

Axis armored cars met by 4th Light Armored patrol near El Ouara.

7th Armored Division in position north of Jedhaouine.

Axis strong point near Taguelmit from which 88mm and 105mm gunfire was received. 11 Mark III and Mark IV tanks located in this area.

Enemy activity increasing near Gafsa.

French driven slightly north of Mdilla by Italian armored car patrol. Situation restored by small mobile force from Gafsa.

Seven enemy tanks approached from direction of Maknassy to about 4 miles from Gafsa and withdrew eastward.

Sidi Bou Zid shelled by enemy night of February 8-9. No damage.

Patrols report enemy machine gun and mortar fire from area north-east of Bou Arada.

200 Italians strafed vicinity Messouana.

Enemy motor transport strafed on road southwest of Messouana. Believed 100 Italians killed, 3 trucks destroyed.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 9 to 0700 February 10
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	234,939
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	524,939

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
166,650

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 904

1505 in Sicily,
Italy and Tunisia

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 102,400

Estimated Total
Strength of
166,650

Combat Zone

U. S.	40,000
British	40,400
French	<u>22,000</u>
	102,400

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

6

24

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

Axis

188

445

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Feb. 7	A few enemy aircraft were off North African coast.		1 shot down.
Feb. 7-8	8 of 16 Wellington's attacked Villacidro airdrome in Sardinia. 3 bombed Decimomannu airdrome and 4 bombed Elmas.		
Feb. 7-8	3 enemy aircraft attacked Youks Les Bains		1 A-20 destroyed on the ground, 2 damaged.
Feb. 7-8	2 Spitfires bombed a railway line in Southern Sicily, and 24 Spitfires made offensive sweeps over south Sicily.		
Feb. 8	6 or more ME-109's damaged the airfield at Youks Les Bains.		
Feb. 8	41 B-17's and 19 B-26's staged a successful raid on Cagliari - Elmas	Bursts observed on airdrome, hangers, and dispersal area. Large fires started. Enemy planes attacked the formation.	4 enemy destroyed, 3 damaged.
Feb. 8	P-40's on a cover mission in Sened area.		1 ME-109 destroyed.
Feb. 8	8 JU-52's flew between Italy and Tunisia		
Feb. 8	Spitfires prevented 6 enemy aircraft from attacking Bone.		
Feb. 8	15 B-26, 13 B-25, and 18 P-38's attacked Gabes airport.	Large fires started. Formation attacked by enemy planes.	18 enemy destroyed, 2 probably damaged. 4 B-25's lost, 1 P-38 lost.
Feb. 8	42 B-17's and 24 P-38's attacked Sousse shipping and docks.	Bursts observed among buildings, jetties and small ships. Formation attacked by enemy planes.	2 enemy probably destroyed, 3 enemy damaged.
Feb. 8	12 A-20's and 24 Spitfires attacked a troop concentration east of Faid.	All bombs hit within target area.	
Feb. 8	12 P-39's and 12 P-40's dispatched against airfield at Kebili.	No enemy aircraft or activity seen at target.	
Feb. 8	Fighters reconnoitered area Sened-Maknassy attacking enemy transport.		

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/2/94

(This report covers actions and movements during the period from 2400Z of February 6 to 2400Z of February 8)

GROUND ACTION: No serious action was reported during this report.

- a. Allied forces one mile south of Mansolee were heavily engaged by enemy patrol.
- b. The western slopes of Djebel Touila and Djebel Serdouk were believed to be held by Italians.

- GROUND MOVEMENT:
- (1) The 1st U. S. Ranger Battalion arrived at Youks Les Bains.
 - (2) The 168th U. S. Infantry (of the 34th Division) is at Sidi Bou Zid (less one battalion at Youks Les Bains). The remainder of the 34th Division left Oran on February 7 enroute to Maktar.
 - (3) The 1st Parachute Brigade (plus 3 French battalions) is holding the line between Bou Arada and a point ten miles south thereof.
 - (4) The 1st Guards Brigade has moved into Army Reserve in the Djebel Bargou area.
 - (5) Command Post of the XIX Corps (French) opened at Djerissa.
 - (6) A considerable enemy troop concentration, including 18 tanks and some motor vehicles, was observed in the area between Goubellat and a point ten miles south thereof.
 - (7) Near Aine Zannouch, 7 enemy tanks were observed.
 - (8) 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion arrived Tebessa for assignment by 1st Army to II Corps.

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- (9) 1st and 3rd Battalions of 68th Coast Artillery (AA) arrived at Algiers to be attached to First Base Sub-area.
- (10) Due to communications difficulties, French Division is unable to command troops north of line Pont Du Fahs - Robma. Units north of this line within the French division area are temporarily under the orders of the 6th Armored Division.

SHIP LOSSES:

- (1) Merchant vessels Mary Slissor, Empire Mordred, Empire Banner and Empire Webster were torpedoed and sunk within the Mediterranean during this period out of KMS-8 and MKS-7. One large personnel landing craft blew up between Arzeu and Algiers. The minesweeper Tervani blew up and sank off Cape Bougaroun.
- (2) Allied submarines sank: A motor vessel and 700-ton steamer on February 2; and 2 schooners on January 30.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 8 to 0700 February 9
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	234,939
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	524,939

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
166,650

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 904

1605 in Italy,
Sicily and Tunisia

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 102,400

Estimated Total
Strength of
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Combat Zone

U. S.	40,000
British	40,400
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	102,400

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

0

0

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1942

Allied

Axis

182

421

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NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 7	3 FW-190's attacked Harbourne, England.	4 high explosive bombs dropped. Some damage and casualties including 11 killed.	
Feb. 7-8	18 enemy aircraft suspected of "seaming" Isle of Wight - Portsmouth, brief landfalls were made. Ventnor was hit by one bomb.		
Feb. 7-8	Enemy aircraft made overland flight on Plymouth - Devonport area.		
Feb. 7-8	Routine coastal reconnaissance made by 12 enemy aircraft over eastern and southern coast of England.		
Feb. 7-8	One enemy aircraft made flight north of Shetlands.		
Night Feb. 7-8	320 Bombers sent over Lorient.	Results unassessed.	

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GROUND

Enemy patrols in northern Tunisia were contacted 3 to 7 miles northeast of Munchar, and 4 miles northeast of Station De Sedjenane.

In Central Tunisia, the 6th Regiment Tirailleurs Algeriens arrived at Djebel Ouenta and are moving toward the front. There was patrol activity in the Djebel El Rihana area. Enemy patrols were engaged in the Ruines Byzantines area, and enemy troop movements north of the reservoir were successfully engaged by our artillery. The Italians hold the crest of Djebel Bou Dabouss.

On the Southern Tunisian front the 1st Derby Yeomanry opened their command post 4 miles southwest of Zaafria and engaged in patrolling activity.

Ten (10) Italians who came ashore in 3 rubber boats in the Algiers area were captured.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 7 to 0700 February 8
(All messages paraphrased)

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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 102,400 ✓

Estimated Total
Strength of
166,650 ✓

Combat Zone

U. S.	40,000
British	40,400
French	<u>22,000</u>
	102,400

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

182

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb 5	4 FW 190s and 6 ME 109s jettisoned bombs when intercepted by 2 Typhoons off Dungeness, England.		1 Enemy air craft destroyed
Feb 5	4 low flying FW 190s dropped bombs and machine gunned Bognor, England.	Considerable damage caused and some casualties	
Feb 4	Further report on bombing mission over Emden Area		25 enemy destroyed 8 probably destroyed 6 damaged Enemy fighters shot down 4 B-17s Another B-17 was lost cause unknown
Feb 6	4 mosquitoes patrolled over Sicily and 1 over Sfax and Gabes		
Feb 6	Spitfires over Sicily damaged 3 railway engines and destroyed one.		
Feb 3	2 B-24s attacked shipping Palermo harbor		Results unobserved
Feb 3	10 B-24s bombed harbor installations at Messina	90 - 500 lb bombs dropped. Several shocks observed to Paluken work shop and dry dock installations.	
Feb 3	6 B-24s attacked Messina	53 - 500 lb and 1 - 1000 lb bombs dropped. Hits were obtained on oil storage tanks and an 8 - 10,000 ton motor vessel.	

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DATE	NUMBER OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 7	Bomber reconnaissance during day in western Mediterranean.		
Feb. 7	Large east and westbound convoys northwest and east northeast of Oran shadowed		
Feb. 7	Long-range reconnaissance bombers patrolled between Sicily and Tunisia during day.		
Feb. 7	10-20-torpedo and bomber aircraft attacked eastbound convoy, sighted earlier, during first and second half night. Flares dropped over westbound convoy but no attack.		
Feb. 7	2 ME-109's carried out reconnaissance Tebourba--El Aroussa area.		
Feb. 7	Spitfires in shipping sweep Lampedusa area.		1 JU-52 destroyed.

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GROUND

On February 5, in Djebel Touila area, French captured 30 prisoners.

1st Parachute Brigade and 1st Guards Brigade now reorganized on general line 5 miles south southeast of Bou Arada to Djebel Gnettar.

Enemy casualties in Djebel Mansour area February 4-5 estimated at 300.

NAVAL

7,000 ton merchant vessel Fort Babine torpedoed by enemy aircraft and taken in tow. HMS Louisberg torpedoed and sunk. Both incidents took place off Mostaganem (northeast of Oran).

Tripoli harbor now sufficiently cleared to allow entrance of 2 merchant vessels - 1st convoy.

No change in German submarine disposition in Western Basin. 5 Italian submarines between Algiers and 08°E

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 6 to 0700 February 7
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

<u>Allied</u>		<u>Axis</u>
U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	234,939	Estimated Total
British " " " " "	140,000	Strength of
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>	166,650
	524,939	

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British	904	1505 in Italy, Sicily and Tunisia.
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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength	102,400	Estimated Total Strength of
<u>Combat Zone</u>		166,650
U. S.	40,000	
British	40,400	
French	<u>22,000</u>	
	102,400	

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
2 (Note: 4 P-38's reported missing Feb. 4, returned)	2 1 probable

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
182	421

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GSD 1000, May 2, 1973

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 5	Light enemy air reconnaissance.		
Feb. 5	5 HE-111's attempted night attack on convoy in Algiers area.		
Feb. 4	50 JU-52's arrived Tunis.		
Feb. 5	All Bomber operations cancelled because of weather.		
Feb. 5	4 P-39's, reported missing February 4, returned.		Plus 4.
Feb. 5	10 enemy planes attacked Thelapte airdrome.	P-40's intercepted.	2 P-40's destroyed on ground. 2 enemy destroyed, 1 probable.
Feb. 5	Reconnaissance flight attacked enemy vehicles near Sened.		

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GROUND

Enemy counterattack forced the withdrawal of the 1st Battalion of the Parachute Brigade and a battalion of the 1st Guards Brigade from Djebel Mansour.

1st Battalion of the 1st Parachute Brigade, with about 19 tanks, is now 2 miles south of Mansolee covering the crossroads 1 mile to the southeast.

The 1st Derby Yeomanry, less 2 squadrons, moved to Sidi Bou Zid and is now under command of the II U. S. Corps.

Combat Command "A" continued to maintain contact with the enemy near Faid.

The 168th Regimental Combat Team is at Sbeitla.

The 2nd Battalion of the 16th Regimental Combat Team is now rejoining the 1st Division.

The 30th Infantry Regiment, less one company, was detached from 3rd Infantry Division and attached to VI Corps.

It is indicated that elements of the 15th Panzer Division are operating from Gabes.

NAVAL

An underwater explosion, believed to be mine, caused sinking of minesweeper HMS Stronsay near Philippeville. No casualties.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 5 to 0700 February 6
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	234,939
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	524,939

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
163,990

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 904

1505 in Italy,
Sicily and Tunisia

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 102,400

Estimated Total
Strength of
163,990

Combat Zone

U. S.	40,000
British	40,400
French	<u>22,000</u>
	102,400

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

10

Axis

29
13 probables
17 damaged

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

Allied

184

Axis

419

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 3-4	8 enemy aircraft bombed Sunderland, England and Hart. 4 FW-190's machine-gunned Ashford, England. 8 other enemy aircraft bombed and reconnoitered coastal areas.	Damage and some casualties.	
Feb. 3-4	4 of 7 Ventura formations over France and Holland attacked by enemy fighters.	Some losses both sides.	
Feb. 4	Antishipping sweeps in southeast Sicily area by Spitfires.	1 JU-52 damaged.	1 JU-52 damaged.
Feb. 4	2 Beauforts laid mines at Di Ras Kaboudia.		
Feb. 3	Hudson aircraft attacked submarine between Oran and Algiers.		
Feb. 4	4 to 5 enemy aircraft reconnoitered North African coast.		
Feb. 4	About 50 JU-52's flew between Italy and southern Tunisia.		
Feb. 4	6 enemy aircraft attempted to attack Souk El Arba.	Driven off by Spitfires.	2 ME-109's damaged.
Feb. 4	5 enemy aircraft approached Bone.	2 shot down by ground defense	2 enemy ships destroyed.
Feb. 4	Over Fondouk-Ousseltia area P-39's and Spitfires attacked by 4 ME-109's and 2 FW-190's.		1 ME-109 destroyed.
Feb. 4	16 B-26's to attack Bardj Touan	Attack prevented by weather. Formation attacked by enemy aircraft.	1 enemy destroyed, 3 damaged. 2 P-39's shot down.
Feb. 4	24 B-17's attacked Gabes.	25 tons bombs dropped. Hits in target area - fires.	9 enemy planes destroyed, 3 probables, 8 damaged.
Feb. 4	24 B-17's attacked landing field west of Gabes.	31 tons bombs dropped. Hits in target area.	15 enemy destroyed, 9 probables, 1 damaged. 1 B-17 shot down, 4 P-39's missing.
Feb. 4-5 (Night)	8 Medium Bombers attacked Bizerte docks.		

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 4	Reconnaissance of forward areas		1 enemy plane destroyed, 1 probable. 3 Spitfires shot down.
Feb. 4	Enemy attempted 2 attacks on Souk El Arba	Intercepted and turned back.	2 enemy planes damaged.
Feb. 4	72 transport sorties flown.		
Feb. 4	9th Air Force strafed shipping; bombed Palermo (10 B-24's dropped 23 tons); bombed Messina (10 B-24's dropped 23 tons); bombed Palermo harbor (6 B-24's dropped 12 tons).		

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GROUND

Elements at Station De Sened withdrew to Gafsa night February 3-4.

Combat Command "D" concentrated at Bou Chebka.

No confirmed action other than patrolling and enemy mine-laying.

NAVAL

Navy reports torpedoing of Charles Finckney (UGS-4) west of Gibraltar.

Motor torpedo boats sank fishing smack vicinity Cagliari.

Landing ship with troops from KMF-8 arrived Bone February 2.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

A 8628

0700 February 4 to 0700 February 5
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	234,939
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	584,939

Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of 163,990

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 904

1505 in Italy,
Sicily and Tunisia.

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 102,400

Estimated Strength
of 163,990

Combat Zone

U. S.	40,000
British	40,400
French	<u>22,000</u>
	102,400

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

6	12
9 probables	6 probables
9 damaged	8 damaged

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943

Allied

Axis

168	390
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A 8629

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 2	An enemy plane made a reconnaissance near Algiers and another contacted a convoy north of Oran.		
Feb. 2	50-80 JU-52's and 7 long-range reconnaissance planes flew between Italy and Tunisia.		
Feb. 2	9 ME-109's and 6 FW-190's attacked airdrome at Souk El Arba.	Partial success.	
Feb. 2	A formation of ME-109's attacked P-38's and B-25's near Gabes.		3 enemy destroyed 2 probably "
Feb. 2	B-26's and P-38's attacked 10-12 enemy aircraft off Cape Bon.		2 ME-110's and 1 JU-88 destroyed. 1 ME-110 probably destroyed.
Feb. 2	8 FW-190's engaged Allied planes on a reconnaissance over the Kairouan area.		1 of our planes crashed and 3 are missing.
Feb. 2	4 FW-190's strafed troops in the Kairouan area.		
Feb. 3	Spitfire bombers attacked railway station and warehouses at Pozzallo and the power station north of Avola, Sicily.		
Feb. 3	Albacores and Beauforts from Malta mined entrance to Sfax harbor.		
Feb. 3	Wellingtons from Malta attacked a convoy of 1 tanker, 1 motor vessel and 2 destroyers.	Tanker hit in bow and was left on the beach listing to port with bow awash.	
Feb. 3	A Mosquito attacked and damaged 2 motor transport vehicles near Comiso, Italy.		
Feb. 3	15 B-26's attacked Gabes airdrome.	15 Tons of bombs dropped. Numerous hits in target area.	3 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probably destroyed and 3 damaged. 1 B-26 and 2 P-38's crash-landed. 1 P-38 missing.

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A 8630

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 3	11 Medium Bombers attacked Bizerte	Hits were obtained along the quay and in town.	
Feb. 3	12 P-38's and 12 B-26's intercepted a convoy escorted by about 10 enemy aircraft.	Near misses were obtained on a cargo liner.	3 enemy destroyed, 1 probably " and 5 damaged. 1 P-38 crashed into the sea.
Feb. 3	18 B-25's attacked railroad and road bridges north of Maknassy.		
Feb. 3	9 A-20's and 12 Spitfires attacked tanks and vehicles north of Maknassy.		
Feb. 3	5 A-20's escorted by 6 Spitfires and P-40's attacked 155 MM Howitzer battery and 75 trucks east of Gusseltin.		
Feb. 3	8 enemy planes bombed Souk El Khemis airdrome.		2 Spitfires destroyed on the ground. 8 damaged.
Feb. 3	P-38 on weather reconnaissance.		Crash-landed at Bone.
Feb. 3	89 Transport sorties were flown.		
Feb. 4	Heavy Bombers of the 8th Air Force flew over Germany.	33 B-17's attacked Emden. 8 B-17's jettisoned bombs over Germany. 21 B-24's were forced to return early due to freezing of equipment.	5 B-17's have not yet returned.

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GROUND

The 46th Division (British) has assumed command north of Medjes El Bab. The 1st Parachute Battalion captured high ground at Djebel Mansour. The enemy counterattacked with unknown results.

There is considerable enemy movement reported in vicinity of Bir Mcherga, northeast of Pont Du Fahs.

In the Djebel Bargou area east of Robaa, the enemy has completely withdrawn and contact with the forward elements has been lost.

There is also considerable enemy movement northward on the road to Karachoum.

The enemy is well dug in at Faïd and is camouflaged. Twenty (20) tanks have been cornered in the hills southeast of Ston de Sened.

A reinforced battalion of the 26th Infantry is at Gafsa, with one company reinforcing the French at El Guettar.

Identifications - German:

2nd Battalion 22nd Artillery Regiment } Pichon and Fondouk
47th Infantry Regiment }

2nd and 3rd Battalions 756th Infantry Regiment } Robaa
25th Marsch Battalion }

4th Battalion 754th Infantry Regiment relieved 1st Battalion of Panzer Grenadier Regiment on Djebel Mansour.

2nd Battalion 86th Panzer Grenadier Regiment thought to be in Qued Kebir by a prisoner of war. Elements of the 3rd Battalion 756th Regiment are known to be in the Djebel Mansour area.

NAVAL

A submarine off Hammasset sank a large schooner and a small tanker. A caque was left water-logged. A two hundred ton merchant vessel was attacked by a submarine near Sfax. The vessel was damaged and beached.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 3 to 0700 February 4
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	233,738
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	150,000
	<u>523,738</u>

Axis

Estimated Strength
of 88,500

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 916

1505 in Italy,
Sicily and Tunisia.

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 102,400

Estimated Strength
of 88,500

Combat Zone

U. S.	40,000
British	40,400
French	22,000
	<u>102,400</u>

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

15
(Also 2 missing,
4 severely damaged)

Axis

17

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943.

Allied

169

Axis

373

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By RHP, DATE 08/07/2000

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
1 Feb.	2 P-47's on flight in England	Collided in air.	2 P-47's.
2 Feb.	17 B-25's attacked Sfax Airdrome.	15 tons bombs, large fire in airdrome, 3 planes burned on ground, escort attacked by 5 enemy planes, 1 enemy plane damaged.	3 enemy planes.
2 Feb.	18 B-25's Sfax Airdrome.	12 tons bombs; 1 enemy plane crashed, 1 B-25 crashed.	1 enemy plane and 1 B-25.
2 Feb.	6 B-25's escorted by 16 P-38's anti-shipping sweep between Tunisia and Sicily sighted enemy convoy covered by 21 planes.	P-38's attacked escort; destroyed 7, probably destroyed 1, 3 damaged, 1 P-38 crashed.	7 enemy, 1 P-38.
2 Feb.	8 Fighters on reconnaissance near Kairouan engaged enemy planes.	Two enemy planes destroyed.	2 enemy planes, 2 P-40's and 1 P-39 missing.
2 Feb.	Reconnaissance formation over Sebket Kelbaiz.	Attacked by 3 enemy planes; 1 Spitfire missing, 1 Spitfire damaged.	
2 Feb.	5 A-20's and 15 P-40's dispatched to attack bridge 5 miles north of Malmesby.	Attacked by 6 enemy planes. Target not located.	1 enemy plane, 2 P-40's.
2 Feb.	10 Fighters on Ground Support Mission attacked enemy formation of JU 87's and ME 109's.	1 JU 87 destroyed, 5 P-40's shot down.	1 JU 87, 5 P-40's.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
2 Feb.	6 A-20's and 18 Fighters attacked enemy ammunition dump 20 miles east of Faid.	Large explosion.	
2 Feb.	10 enemy planes dive-bombed Souk El Khemis airdrome.	10 bombs dropped 2 hurricanes destroyed on ground, 4 badly damaged, 2 slightly damaged.	2 hurricanes, (4 badly damaged).
Night 1-2 Feb.	Bone attacked by 12 enemy aircraft.	2 enemy planes destroyed by anti-aircraft fire; hurricanes intercepted and damaged enemy plane.	2 enemy planes.
2 Feb.	87 transport sorties flown.		

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TROOP MOVEMENTS

<u>TROOPS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
136th Infantry Brigade (British)	Algiers	Forward area.
168th Infantry Regiment		Tebessa.

The 1st Guards Brigade is now two miles south of Bou Arada under command of the 6th Armored Division. The 11th Infantry Brigade is at Medjer El Bab and the 136th Infantry Brigade is now at Beja.

A small attack on enemy positions eight miles southeast of Gusseltia failed.

An armored force from the First Armored Division (Combat Command D) captured Ston De Sened. Action by the Armored unit (Combat Command A) at Faid has been broken off temporarily.

G-2 reports that the enemy has been driven back at two points over the road between Sidi Said and Mausolee. Pondouk was reported clear of the enemy in the afternoon of February 2. 200 trucks were observed moving west 6 miles east of DJ Halfa.

Rebou Pass, Matleg Pass and Faid still under enemy control. The 21st Panzer Division is identified as being at Faid area.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 2 to 0700 February 3
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

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

Axis

Estimated Strength
of 83,000

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 916

1505 in Italy,
Sicily and Tunisia.

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

• Estimated Total Strength 93,700

Estimated Strength
of 83,000

Combat Zone

U. S.	34,000
British	37,700
French	<u>22,000</u>
	93,700

AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

* 5 13
* (Also 2 missing, 1 severely damaged)

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943

Allied

Axis

153

361

• Convoy XCF 8 not included.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Night 1-2 Feb.	9 medium bombers attacked Elmas Airdrome	Hangar on fire; delayed action bombs over airdrome	
Night 1-2 Feb.	Antishipping sweep	No ships sighted.	
Night 1-2 Feb.	24 B-17's (1) Bombed Tunis Harbor and shipping with 59 tons bombs. (2) Attack convoy of 5 or 6 ships entering La Goulette Harbor. (3) Formation attacked by enemy planes.	Hits on 1 ship at dock; 1 set fire; fires in harbor area. 1 hit; many near misses.	<u>Enemy</u> 9 destroyed, 2 probably destroyed, 4 damaged. <u>Ours</u> 1 B-17 lost, 1 Severely damaged. by air collision with enemy.
Night 1-2 Feb.	Spitfire sweeps over forward area.	Enemy vehicles attacked east of Pont Du Fahs.	
Night 1-2 Feb.	12 P-40's attacked enemy formation of 24 JU 87's escorted by 15 ME 109's vicinity Faid.		<u>Enemy</u> 3 JU 87's destroyed 2 JU 87's probably destroyed. <u>Ours</u> 4 shot down, 1 missing.
Night 1-2 Feb.	6 S-20, 10 P-40 attacked tank and vehicle concentration at Faid.	Direct hits scored.	

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Night 1-2 Feb.	Many fighter sweeps in forward areas.		
Night 1-2 Feb.	Enemy aircraft attacked Bone; No reports yet.		
Night 1-2 Feb.	PRU Mission		1 F-4 Missing.
Night 1-2 Feb.	79 Transport Missions.		
Feb. 1	1 JU 88 believed shadowed shipping between Cape Tenex and Algiers.		
Feb. 1	1 JU 88 afternoon reconnaissance Algiers.		
Feb. 1	30-50 JU 52's daily transport service, Italy to Northern Tunisia.		
Night 1-2 Feb.	Reported JU 88's activity North African Coast.		
Feb. 1	ME 109's strafed roads vicinity Robaa during day.		

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By RHP, NAME [REDACTED] AUG 7 1972

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TROOP MOVEMENTS INITIATED

<u>TROOPS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
9th Inf. Div less CT 39	Casablanca	Oran
68th CA Reg AA, less 1 gun btry	Casablanca	Algiers
Hq 34 Div	Oran	Maktar
CT 135	Oran	Maktar
Bn 17th FA	Oran	Tebessa
138th Inf Brig (Br)	Algiers	Chadmaux
3rd Bn, 168th Inf	Algiers	Tebessa
805th TD Bn	Algiers	Constantine.

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Naval

Mine laying E boats active BONE nights 29-30, 30-31 January; engaged in gun action with four motor torpedo boats night 30-31 January; mines jettisoned.

Mine layer Abdiel sailed from PHILLIPEVILLE 31 January; unable to lay mines because of contact with E boats and shadowed by aircraft.

HMS Posarica in BOUGIE Harbor grounded; leaks under control, salvage in hand.

Destroyer Avonvale requires temporary bow for passage to U.K.

KMF 8 arrived ALGIERS without incident.

Empire Pride and Ferry Service (personnel ships) sailed from ALGIERS for BONE.

1 enemy aircraft crashed during attack on convoy TE 14 due to close range fire from destroyer and corvette.

Naval - Italian

3 6-inch cruisers sailed since January for Messina.

2 6-inch cruisers arrived since January 30 at Taranto.

1 6-inch cruiser arrived since January 26 at Naples.

Feb. 1 - 1 enemy tank landing craft probably damaged by light surface force near KURIAT ISLANDS.

Feb. 1 - Enemy submarine torpedoed and sunk mine layer vicinity TOBRUK.

Ground

Northern Tunisia

Night RCT 16 raided enemy position 2 miles
30-31 Jan. east of GOUBELLAT.

1 officer, 17 men
captured; remainder
enemy killed

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- 31 Jan. French Battalion occupies HEIDOUS.
- 31 Jan. Patrols attack enemy 3 miles north-east SIDI N'SIR. Inflicted casualties on enemy.
- Jan. 30 - V Corps captured 2 officers and
Feb. 1 43 others. All Germans.

Central Tunisia

- Night Enemy attacks 36 Brigade Sector;
31 Jan. - effected penetration 1 mile North-
1 Feb. west MAUSOLEE and 3 miles South-
east SIDI SAID. Situation now
restored.
- 2 French Battalions arrived; attempts
to recover Mark 6 tank failed. Photos
and measurements taken, tank destroyed.

Southern Tunisia

- Combat Command D captured station DE SEMED.
Hour later made contact with patrols.
Combat Command C 10 miles NNW MAJMASSY.
- Combat Command A attacked enemy posi-
tions west of FAID. Little progress.
- Night Combat Command A claims destruction
31 Jan. 22 tanks by artillery fire. Our
loss, 6.
- 1 Feb. CP First Army opened TEBESSA.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 February 1 to 0700 February 2
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

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

Estimated Strength
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AIR SCORE EUROPEAN THEATER

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

13

19

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost From January 1, 1943

Allied

Axis

149

348

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Jan. 30	2 FW-190's bombed Argate and machine-gunned Broadstairs, England.	Property damage and some fatalities.	
Jan. 30	3 Mosquitoes bombed Berlin. Enemy aircraft sighted but did not attack		
Jan. 30	Enemy transport activity was normal.		
Jan. 30	5 of 15 ME-109's reached Bone and bombed the air-drome.	1 enemy plane damaged by antiaircraft fire.	
Jan. 30	B-17's and P-38's were over Ferryville.	2 enemy Fighters seen. No contacts made.	
Jan. 29	32 B-17's dropped 29 tons of bombs on Bizerte docks.	Hits among oil tanks. 3 vessels hit in harbor.	
Jan. 29	15 B-25's attacked Bizerte.		
Jan. 29	Reconnaissance in forward areas.	Pilots bailed out as 2 P-40's collided.	2 P-40's
Jan. 29	A-20 aircraft dispatched to attack enemy concentration	1 A-20 crashed on take off. Crew lost.	1 A-20
Feb. 1	RAF reconnaissance	Sighted 2 small ships near Fisida.	
Feb. 1	4 schooners attacked near Zargis.		
Feb. 1	16 B-24's attacked Messina Harbor.	2 enemy planes encountered.	1 enemy aircraft possibly damaged.
Jan. 31	13 Medium Bombers attacked Trapani		
Feb. 1	12 B-26's dropped 11 tons of bombs on Gabes airdrome.	Many enemy aircraft afire. B-26's attacked by enemy planes.	5 enemy planes destroyed, 1 damaged. 1 escorting P-38 shot down, 1 P-38 missing.
February 1	26 B-17's bombed Bizerte.	Attacked by enemy planes. Hits on east portion of town, 1 vessel sunk.	8 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probables, 6 damaged. 1 B-17 crashed southeast of Bone.
Feb. 1	6 B-26's escorted by 12 P-38's on antishipping strike.	Sighted enemy convoy heading northeast. Attacked by 80 enemy planes and abandoned their mission.	2 enemy planes shot down.
5 A-20 and 12 Fighters attacked Station de Bou Thadi.		Dropped 2 tons of bombs.	

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Feb. 1	8 Bislays bombed Mateur.		
Feb. 1	Hurribombers bombed motor vehicles southwest of Pont Du Fahs	Hits on 3 tanks and 7 lorries.	1 plane crashed near El Aroussa.
Feb. 1	9 A-20's and 8 P-40's bombed RAILROAD near Maknassy.		
Feb. 1	9 Fighters strafed about 15 tanks east of Faid.		1 P-39 exploded when struck by AA fire.
Feb. 1	8 P-40's on ground mission	Attacked by enemy fighters near Sened.	1 enemy plane destroyed, 2 probables. 3 P-40's lost.
Jan. 30-31	16 Enemy planes dropped 4 bombs on Bone		
Jan. 31	6 enemy planes dive-bombed Bone Airdrome.		3 enemy planes shot down by Spitfires. 2 Spitfires destroyed on ground.
Jan. 31	Enemy aircraft dropped 4 bombs at Horton, Eng.	No damage or casualties.	
Jan. 31	2 enemy aircraft on routine channel reconnaissance south of St. Albans Head.		

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Moving northeast from Gafsa to cut the Maknassy - Sidi Bou Zid road, Combat Command C reached Sidi Bou Zid in the afternoon and turned south towards Maknassy.

Chiefly through being outranged by artillery, Combat Command A was held up at Faid Pass when attacking Faid in the morning. Enemy artillery, infantry and tanks block this pass.

In foothills north of Faid, fighting continues where enemy has prepared positions.

Our troops advanced along eastern slopes Djebel Bou Dzer from Aine Rebaou, 5 miles south of Faid.

Two attacks by two enemy infantry companies, supported by tanks, were repulsed in hills 3 miles east southeast of Sidi Said. Enemy gained a little ground and lost 6 tanks, including 2 Mark 6's.

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Jan. 30	1 Wellington from Malta attacked a northbound motor vessel		
Jan. 30	A Mosquito attacked 2 stationary trains near Reggio		
Jan. 30	Spitfires from Malta bombed Lampedusa Airdrome	Hits scored on dispersed aircraft.	
Jan. 30	Spitfires from Malta bombed power station north of Avola, Sicily	1 direct hit and several near-misses.	
Jan. 30	5 JU-88's on reconnaissance of Tunis area.		
Jan. 30	1 ME-210 and 1 JU-88 conducted coastal reconnaissance.		
Jan. 31	JU-88's over Bone		
Jan. 30	Spitfires on reconnaissance northwest of Kairouan engaged by 6 FW-190's.	2 FW-190's damaged.	
Jan. 30	Unknown number enemy aircraft over Mediez El Bab.		
Jan. 30	15 ME-109's plotted near Bone.	5 dropped bombs on airdrome. 1 damaged.	
Jan. 30	2 ME-109's active over Faid.		
Jan. 30	18 B-25's attacked railroad at Aouinet with 20 tons bombs. Escorted by P-38's	Formation attacked by 15 enemy planes.	8 enemy planes destroyed. 2 P-38's destroyed 2 " missing.
Jan. 30	6 B-26's on shipping strike.	Failed to find shipping.	
Jan. 30	B-26's attacked railroad of Reville	1 B-26 damaged by AA fire.	
Jan. 30	30 B-17's attacked Ferryville docks and shipping with 74 tons of bombs.	Fires started.	
Jan. 30	9 Medium Bombers attacked Bierte		
Jan. 30	12 P-40's on reconnaissance strafed trucks near Maknassy.		
Jan. 30	6 A-20's and 18 Fighters conducted repeated attack on enemy concentration near Faid.	12 tanks and 6 trucks left burning	2 P-39's lost.
Jan. 30	Tactical reconnaissance flown by our Fighters	2 enemy planes damaged. Motor transport attacked.	1 P-39 missing.

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GROUND

TUNISIA

1. CG, Allied Force, estimates that the enemy:
- a. Will continue to reinforce Italy elements in Tunisia
by 800 to 900 per day.
 - b. By February 15, will have in Tunisia
115,000 Germans with 410 tanks.
65,000 Italians with 200 tanks.
 - c. Will devote his energies for the time being to re-
equipping and reorganizing his forces.
 - d. Will occupy the Mareth line with the bulk of Rommels
forces; will otherwise maintain his forces approximately as now located;
except that he may build up a striking force in the Sfax area to main-
tain and strengthen his southern bridgehead.
2. Enemy strong points established on southern slopes of Djebel Halfa and northern slopes of Djebel Ousselat.
3. Minor enemy assault on Maison des Eaux by French.
4. Some indications of possible future enemy offensive action in vicinity of Djebel Es Siouf.
5. Enemy apparently are directing an offensive at Sidi Bou Zid.
- a. An infantry battalion reinforced by 40-60 tanks seized Faïd.
 - b. Aerial reconnaissance revealed 20 tanks and some motor transport moving northward near Sove.
- French are still holding Sidi Bou Zid.
6. Further indications of Italians on front 10 miles north of Medjes El Bab.

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Tunisia notes
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- 7. British corvette sunk by torpedo northeast of Bougie.
- 8. British torpedo boats engaged 5 or 6 enemy mine-laying torpedo boats off Bone. Damage unknown.
- 9. All British, U. S. and French Forces east of line Bone (exclusive) Chott Djerid (inclusive) now under the command of CG. 1st Army. Pen Anderson (British)

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