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OPERATIONS DIVISION
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I. Daily Allied Strength Report.
(All messages paraphrased)

0700 March 31 to
0700 April 1.

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIED

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	294,717 (Mar 4)
British " " " "	234,617 (Mar 30)
French " " " "	<u>150,000 (Jan 4)</u>

AXIS

Estimate Total
Strength of
(Mar 30) 236,600

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 1,400 (Mar 20)

In Sicily, Italy
and Tunisia
(Mar 30) 1,350
German Italian
725 635
Estimated Serviceability
691

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 361,210 (Mar 31)

U. S. 73,633 (Mar 29)

British:	
1st Army	133,777 (Mar 31)
8th Army	100,000 (Mar 27)

French 53,800 (Mar 31)

361,210 (Mar 31)

Estimated Total
Strength
German 152,450
Italian 84,150
(Mar 30) 236,600

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Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
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1. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 30	Many attacks were made on Allied road transport and armored vehicles.		2 enemy fighters destroyed, several ME-109's and Macchi 202's damaged.
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Allied:

Mar 30	P-40's escorting A-20's badly defeated the enemy.		9 enemy aircraft destroyed, 5 probably destroyed and 3 damaged.
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	Many fighter, fighter bomber, and light bomber missions carried out.	Many enemy vehicles destroyed.	
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2. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 30	4 aircraft reported. 1 flew as far west as Oran and remainder were active between Bone & Algiers.		
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3. Transports:

Axis:

Mar 30	80 German transports arrived in Tunis.		
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b. 9th Air Force (8th Army):

1. Bombers:

Axis:

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Mar 30 ME-210's and ME-109's attempted an offensive sweep over the battle area but were intercepted by Allied fighters. Enemy forced to jettison bombs.

Allied:

Mar 30 Bad weather prevented operations on nights March 29 and 30.

Mitchells & Baltimores twice attacked landing field Sfax-El Mibou. 3 planes (believed to be ME-210's) damaged by fire. 1 Baltimore shot down by anti-aircraft. 1 enemy aircraft destroyed.

Medium and light bombers strafed enemy troop columns on El Guettar-Gabes road and attacked air fields. Successful.

Medium bombers and fighters attacked enemy landing fields and concentrations west of Gabes. 12 ME's destroyed and many others damaged.

Bombers and offensive patrols operated against troops in the Sedjenane area. Several ME's destroyed.

Bombers of combined desert and central fronts attacked landing fields and engaged enemy in flight. 7 enemy aircraft destroyed on ground, 9 destroyed in air and 2 probably destroyed. We lost 3 planes.

2. Fighters:

Allied:

Mar 30 Fighters attacked defensive enemy fighter screen throughout the front. 12 enemy aircraft destroyed, 7 probably destroyed and 8 damaged. We lost 6 aircraft & 3 pilots.

c. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

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Allied:

Mar 31

33 heavy bombers of the 8th Air Force dropped 99 tons of high explosives on the shipyards at Rotterdam. A large number of fighters were encountered. 1 bomber crash landed on an English beach after all but the pilot had bailed out over water. 2 crew members are still missing. Slight flak was encountered and mediocre fighter resistance was experienced.

Preliminary Report:
2 fighters destroyed, 1 damaged, and 1 of our bombers has not returned.

III. Air:

a. Score, North African Theater of Operations:

Planes Shot Down Since last Report:

<u>Allies</u>	<u>Axis</u>
10	42

Accumulated Reported Aircraft lost beginning Nov 8, 1942:

496	970
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b. Sorties Flown:

North African Theater, March 30:

B-25, 15; A-20, 66; P-38, 32; P-39, 18; P-40, 36; American Spitfires, 238; F-4, 5; B-17, 10; Hurrifighters, 34; British Spitfires, 101; Beaufighters, 15.

IV. Naval Action:

Dummy landings were carried out near Sidi Mechri the Night of March 27/28.

The Night of March 29/30 our motor torpedo boats operated off Sfax and destroyers operated in the Gulf of Hammamet.

Two medium ton enemy motor vessels escorted by four destroyers and aircraft were sighted between Italy and Tunisia. Six motor vessels, three destroyers, two EBS, and five JU-88's were also sighted.

Two of our merchant vessels in convoy were sunk by a submarine in the

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vicinity of Cape Tenes.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

V Corps:

A company of a small raiding party from the 1st Division (British) reached hill three miles northwest of Medjez El Bab at 0600 hours, March 31.

Inferior enemy force counterattacked a battalion of the 46th Division near Dz Choucho from the southeast, March 31. No details yet.

Enemy resistance weakening near El Berda. British forward elements entered Sedjenane at 1500 hours, March 31.

Dz Awott is held by 1st Parachute Brigade.

Germans occupy Dz Elazein.

46th Division advanced east and north from Sedjenane by hand-to-hand combat, March 31.

Southern Tunisia:

The American II Corps made little progress during the day. The 34th Infantry Division reported a quiet sector. Enemy executed rearguard action.

1st Armored Division (VS) holds the high ground Dj Bou Doubou.

British 8th Army:

The X Corps, forward echelons, gained contact with enemy positions along line Wadi Karit-Dj Zemlet El Beida. 1st Armored Division and 8th Armored Brigade moved north of the road running west from Oudref. 2d New Zealand Division was following, (March 31).

In the XXX Corps the 51st Division was concentrating in the Teboulbou

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area and the 4th Indian Division in the El M'Bou area. The 7th Armored Division less the 201st Guards Brigade, and 4th Light Armored Brigade concentrated about six miles south of Teboulbou. The 50th Division was conducting mop-up operations in the Mareth area.

Active patrolling along entire front, March 31.

9th Lancers succeeded in penetrating enemy near Dj Haidoudi, no details.

British patrols hold Kebili.

II Corps (US):

Minefield near Dj El Krercoua delayed projected attack. Armored forces had little success along El Guettar-Gabes road, a few tanks succeeding in breaking through enemy line at 1415 hours, March 31.

Minor enemy attacks near Maknassy.

34th Division temporarily stopped near Fondouk.

Enemy succeed in penetrating our lines slightly near Kef El Henndia.

b. Troop Movements:

The 1st Battalion, 1st Armored Regiment, arrived at Tebessa from Oran.

The 67th CA AA Regiment less the 1st and 3d Battalions and the 434th CA Battalion Separate AA left Oran for Tebessa.

136th Brigade (British) moved to Saiah.

353d CA Battalion (Sep) (AA) (Slt) left Oran destined for Telergma.

38th Brigade now near Munchar.

VI. Messages included in Summary:

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
1. Bombers:			
<u>Allied:</u>			
Mar 29	Bombers against communications in area Sfax-Sousse-Kairouan.	Bad weather.	
2. Fighters:			
<u>Axis:</u>			
Mar 29	9 ME-109's and FW-190's bombed and strafed our troops near El Guettar during early afternoon.		
	ME-109's were observed near Sbeitla.		
	Road targets were dive bombed and strafed in the Sedjenane sector.		
	Fighter patrols were flown in Medjez El Bab-Pichon area during early morning.		
<u>Allied:</u>			
Mar 29	Patrols of fighters attacked in La Fauconnerie area.		7 ME-109's destroyed and 4 damaged.
	36 P-40 L's on fighter missions.		5 enemy aircraft destroyed, 4 damaged.
	Spitfires were shot up by our own troops.	2 pilots killed, 1 pilot safe.	1 belly landed, 2 badly damaged.

3. Anti-shipping:

Axis:

Mar 29 Mine sweeper attacked off Bone by 1 bomber.

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Allied:

Mar 28 Hudson blew U-boat to surface.

U-boat was lost in hunt which carried on through night March 28 and following day. 1 of crew killed in attack by 1 JU-88, U-boat possibly sunk.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 29 4 long range enemy planes reported over Algiers area with 3 additional daylight reconnaissance between Bone and Bougie.

Shipping observed near Algiers and in harbor. Westbound convoy shadowed between Bone and Bougie from dawn until 1000 hours; also contacted afternoon shipping northwest of Bougie.

5 torpedo bombers on two sweeps from Sardinia were detected near convoy between Bone and Bougie.

13 bombers operated over Bougie area during evening.

b. Ninth Air Force (8th Army):

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 30 Western desert Air Force on central front combined in mass attacks on retreating enemy and on landing grounds.

7 enemy aircraft destroyed on ground; 9 destroyed in air action, 2 probably destroyed. Our losses were 3 planes.

2. Fighters:

Allied:

Mar 29 Active operations against retreating enemy in Gabes area.

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c. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 29-30 12 enemy aircraft reported off East Anglia. Some made brief landfalls 4 FW-190's dropped HE bombs on Brighton and Hove causing some casualties.

Allied:

Mar 26-27 RAF Duisburg raiders (additional information). Encountered moderate to intense flak and searchlights. Few aircraft seen. 6 aircraft missing.

Mar 29-30 329 RAF bombers dispatched over Berlin, 157 dispatched over Bochum. 21 Berlin raiders, 12 Bochum raiders missing.

III. Air:

a. Score, North African Theater of Operations:

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report:

<u>Allies</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	28

Accumulated Reported Aircraft lost beginning Nov. 8, 1942:

486	928
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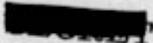
b. Sorties Flown:

North African Theater:

USA: P-39, 22; P-40, 72; Spitfires, 153; Bisleys, 18; Hurribombers, 46; Spitfires, 14; Beaufighters, 11; Hudsons, 18.

IV. Naval Action:

HM submarine returning from patrol off north Sicilian coast between March 17-21 claims attacks on two tankers escorted by destroyers. First tanker



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was of 10,000 ton class and second, already damaged and in tow was 3,000 tons. Both tankers considered sunk.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

March 29. 46th Division attacked successfully over difficult terrain to east of Beja. Main road heavily mined but road Dj. Abiod-Sedjenane was later cleared of mines to Tamera. Leading battalions of 138th Brigade were in contact with the enemy near Dj. Abiod.

Enemy attack made on March 28 west towards Dj. Abiod was repulsed. Enemy continued withdrawal north and east of Dj. Abiod on March 29. 36th Brigade occupied ridge near Tabouna.

Continued centers of resistance at Dj. Choucha and Dj. Tabouna. About 800 prisoners of war taken in this area. Battalions of 1st Parachute Troop Brigade was now in Tamera area and are patrolling north and northeast in vicinity of Dj. Bel Harch.

Medjex El Bab shelled.

No enemy at Hir Korocharien.

Small number of Italian tanks penetrated the line near Rasseddhara and Hir Aicha Sihira but subsequently withdrew.

Central Tunisia:

March 29. XIX Corps conducted strong reconnaissance in Ousseltia valley.

March 29. Reconnaissance elements attacked by small enemy force consisting of infantry and nine tanks followed by second wave of twelve tanks.

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Enemy made slight penetration but positions were reestablished by successful counterattacks.

Southern Tunisia:

British 8th Army:

March 28-29. Both German and Italian Divisions completed withdrawal from the Mareth Line and from the El Hamma sector. By 1100 hours March 29 advance elements of the British 51st Division were reported southeast of Teboulbou. The 2d New Zealand Division was in possession of Gabes a short time later. The 1st Armored Division (British) occupied El Hamma and was located two miles northeast of the town. The 4th Indian Division was at the road junction north of Bj. Toulal. All troops were opposed only by light enemy forces. Reports indicate that Rommel will probably organize a new defensive line from Dj. Haidoudi to Chott El Bsissi. Defensive works and Anti-tank ditches have been reported as prepared along this line.

U.S. II Corps:

March 29. The American 1st and 9th Divisions attacking abreast gained about three miles in the El Guettar sector.

March 29. The 34th Division (American) holds the high ground south of Fondouk.

March 29. The 34th Division is continuing the organization of the high ground south of Fondouk.

The American 1st and 9th Divisions continued to attack in the El Guettar sector with little success.

American 1st Armored Division repulsed several small enemy attacks in early and mid-morning.

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Enemy on defensive east of El Guettar.

VI. Estimate of Enemy Situation:

1. Assume defensive in all sectors.
2. Continue to block Malmassy and El Guettar exits to coast covering retirement of main forces from south.
3. No indication where next stand will probably be made.

VII. Troop Movements:

1st Infantry Division (British) from United Kingdom to Algiers on March 10, 15,000.

4th Division (British) in process of moving from United Kingdom to Algiers, 15,000.

VIII. Messages included in Summary:

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	16262	16581
	16449	16636
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0700 March 29 to 0700 March 30

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(All messages paraphrased)

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Strength of
(Mar 29) 235,000

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 1,400 (Mar 20)

In Sicily, Italy
and Tunisia
(Jan 27) 1,505

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 302,273 (Mar 29)

U. S. 73,633 (Mar 29)

British:

1st Army 74,840 (Mar 27)

8th Army 100,000 (Mar 27)

French 53,800 (Mar 23)

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Estimated Total
Strength

German 151,030

Italian 83,970

(Mar 29) 235,000

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
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1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 28-29 At least 18 JU-88's operated over southern Tunisia.

Mar 28 Stukas, JU-88's, and Fighter Bombers were on small operations to support the land forces in the El Hamma area.

Allied:

Mar 28 Hurribombers made successful attacks on tanks and guns north-east of Maknassy.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 28 Defensive German and Italian fighter patrols were flown in the Gabes, Maknassy, and Faid areas.

Mar 28 2 ME-109's with fighter escort made a reconnaissance of the Medenine-El Hamma area.

Mar 27 ME-109's and FW-190's attacked motor vehicles on roads in Beja-Medjes El Bab sector.

3. Anti-shipping:

Axis:

Mar 29 2 attacks by enemy aircraft on convoy off Phillippeville.

7 enemy aircraft destroyed, 3 damaged.

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Mar 29 Further information on attack 1 ship lost.
of Algiers Harbor March 26.

Mar 28 Enemy bombers made 3 sea sweeps,
2 small convoys between Bone and
Algiers were contacted.

Allied:

Mar 27 Marauders destroyed a 100 ton
vessel off the north coast of
Sicily.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 28 Reconnaissance flight of
Balearics was flown.

5. Transports:

Axis:

Mar 27 80 to 100 German transports
arrived at Tunis.

b. Ninth Air Force (8th Army):

1. Fighters:

Allied:

Mar 28 Fighter sweeps destroyed- 3 JU-88's and 1
ME-109.

Mar 28 Fighters engaged 2 ME-210's
and 10 JU-88's in the Sfax area.

Mar 27 Enemy movement along Gabes road 1 tank and 4 trucks
heavily attacked. destroyed, 50 trucks
damaged.

c. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Axis:

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Mar 28-29	18 enemy aircraft were over Yarmouth, Southwold, East Suffolk, and Norfolk.	No casualties, slight damage.	Night fighters destroyed 1 JU-88 and damaged 1 Dornier 217 and 1 JU-87.
Mar 28	Results of bombing raid against Rouen: 20 to 35 FW-190's and ME-109's attacked vigorously. 6 B-17's were slightly damaged and 4 others will require more repair work. The B-17 lost crashed in water off French coast, 5 parachutes were seen to open.	Results were good. Hits were seen on locomotive sheds, repair sheds, and Marshalling Yards.	Verification of enemy planes destroyed has not been completed.

Allied:

Mar 28-29	323 RAF bombers were dispatched to St. Nazaire.	2 bombers missing.
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2. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 28	9 FW's from Bordeaux on reconnaissance off Cape Finisterre and West of Portugal.
Mar 28	2 FW's from Trondheim on reconnaissance extending area between Jan Mayen and Iceland.
Mar 28	Enemy aircraft were over the south English coastal areas and 10 enemy aircraft were off the south coast.
Mar 28	13th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron flew its first mission.

Allied:

Mar 27	Reconnaissance plane sighted a submarine 60° 54' North and 15° 25' West.
Mar 27	Reconnaissance plane sighted German FW 5 miles east of Vattarnes.

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III. Air:

a. Score, North African Theater of Operations:

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report:

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	11

Accumulated Report for Aircraft Destroyed beginning Nov. 8, 1942:

486	900
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b. Sorties Flown:

Ninth Air Force (8th Army):

March 27. B-25, 36; A-20, 18; P-38, 27; American Spitfires, 34;
P-39, 20; P-40, 12; Marauders, 6; Hurribombers, 14;
British Spitfires, 136; Beaufighters, 17; Hudsons, 7.

IV. Naval Action:

March 26. City of Perth torpedoed in convoy homeward bound from Oran.

In tow by tug. Position precarious and crew was removed.

March 29. Enemy aircraft and U-boats active against convoys off North Africa. One ship torpedoed by aircraft sank. One ship torpedoed by U-boat and one by aircraft beached.

Destroyers hunted enemy U-boats west of Oran, results thought good.

March 23/24 and 24/25. Motor torpedo boats patrolled from Bone.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

Two Battalions of the 10th Bersaglieri Regiment have been identified north of Dj. Abiod.

The British launched a limited objective attack astride the Dj. Abiod-Sedjenane road with the 138th Brigade east of the road and the 1st Parachute

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Brigade west of the road. The attack was progressing satisfactorily although hampered throughout the day by bad weather. Enemy counterattacks were successfully beaten off and 800 prisoners were captured, half of which were German.

Central Tunisia:

The French continued active patrolling and met the enemy at several points. Twenty-three prisoners were taken.

Southern Tunisia:

Enemy tanks made an unsuccessful raid against one of the French positions in the Dj. Berda area during the night of March 27/28. French troops dispersed an enemy motorized detachment by ambush near Oued El Alri on the Kebili-Abir Our Ali road. Enemy tanks attacked this ambush party on the afternoon of the 28th.

Camel troops occupied Douz.

The 1st Infantry Division and the 9th Infantry Division started offensive operations to capture the high ground north and south of the Gafsa-Gabes road. Enemy resistance was stubborn but the two divisions were pressing forward and the 9th Division to the south of the road had almost reached its objective.

British 8th Army:

On the morning of the 28th the XXX Corps advanced and by dark the 50th Division had occupied Arram and Mareth. Elements of the 51st Division had reached a line approximately two miles beyond the Zarat-Mareth road. The 131st Brigade was at Toujane while the 201st Guards Brigade was just east of Rentsia. Forward elements of the 4th Indian Division had reached Toujane, Zeltene, and Matmata all of which towns were reported clear.

In the X Corps area enemy resistance in front of the 2d New Zealand

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Division decreased. A general enemy movement to the east was reported. On the 28th the 6th New Zealand Brigade and the 8th Armored Brigade moved forward and by 9:00 A.M. the 8th Armored Brigade had reached Hir Zouitinat, this move continued towards Gabes during the day. Much equipment and many prisoners were captured. Enemy tanks in the 8th Armored Brigade area were engaged with good results. The 1st Armored Division was concentrated in the area just southwest of El Hamma and continued to contain forces in the area during the day. The enemy has reinforced El Hamma from the east.

The presence of the 164th Infantry and 21st Panzer Divisions on the El Hamma front has been confirmed by prisoners identifications; the 90th Light Division is supporting the 21st and 164th Divisions and it is probable that the Spezia Division has been withdrawn to this front.

b. Troop Movements:

The 10th Infantry Brigade of the 4th British Division is enroute to Souk El Arba by rail and motor.

VI. Messages included in Summary:

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15821	15930	15981
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0700 March 28 to 0700 March 29

I. Daily Allied Strength Report.
(All messages paraphrased)

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

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1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 27 A formation of JU-88's on an offensive mission was intercepted in Gabes area.

Allied:

Mar 25 Night bombers flew many missions. Destroyed 40 trucks, 6 to 8 tanks.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 27 Fighter patrols were active over Tebaga and El Hama.

Mar 27 2 small fighter sweeps were made in Mateur-Medjez El Bab sector in the early morning.

Allied:

Mar 25 Fighter mission against tanks. Destroyed 32 trucks, 4 tanks, 3 armored cars, 2 trucks towing guns, and 2 large motor transports.

Mar 26 Our coastal force intercepted several attacks on convoys. 2 HE-111's and 4 SM-79's destroyed.

Mar 27 Spitfires engaged an escorted offensive patrol in Gabes area about dusk.

3. Anti-shipping:

Axis:

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Mar 26-27 6 circling torpedoes were dropped in Algiers Harbor by 6 low flying enemy aircraft.

1 torpedo exploded outside of harbor, 2 were set off by rifle fire, 1 hit a merchant vessel previously damaged, and some damage was done to trawlers. 2 enemy aircraft were shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

Mar 27 12 torpedo bombers attacked convoy between Djidjelli and Bougie.

1 merchant vessel hit. 7 enemy planes shot down by fighters others damaged.

Mar 27-28 15 to 20 JU-88's operated over Southern Tunisia.

Allied:

Mar 25 Heavy bombers attacked Sousse shipping.

1 large ship hit, 1 small ship sunk, and large fire on quay.

Mar 25 Mediums made sea search.

Strafed 2 small boats.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 27 4 bombers shadowed east bound convoy between Djidjelli and Bougie.

Mar 27 2 enemy planes were reported between Oran and Gibraltar.

5. Transports:

Axis:

Mar 15-23 The daily average in this period of JU-52's operating between southern Europe and Tunisia is 96.

Mar 27-28 150 JU-52's with 8 six engine planes arrived at Tunis.

b. 9th Air Force (8th Army):

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Albacores attacked enemy transport concentrations on road in Gabes area. Several fires were started.

Kitty bombers made 2 attacks on movements on Gabes-El Hamma road. Intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered on second attack. 4 vehicles and 1 tank destroyed, 50 motor vehicles damaged.

Spitfires intercepted an escorted formation of 8 ME-210's in the Sfax area.

1 ME-210 destroyed, 2 damaged.

Spitfires encountered 10 JU-88's about to attack our land forces at El Hamma. Forced planes to jettison bombs on own troops.

2 JU-88's destroyed and 2 damaged.

Hurribombers attacked targets in the Maknassy area.

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1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 23	12 B-25's dropped 88 250 pound bombs on Zarat area.	Fires observed, 3 planes damaged by ack-ack.	
Mar 23	17 B-25's bombed trucks and troops near Gabes.	4 hits on road junction, 3 planes damaged by ack-ack.	
Mar 23	23 B-24's dropped 201 500 lb bombs on Messina.	Hits vicinity oil tanks, dry dock, ferry terminal, railroad station, and power house. Fires started.	1 ME-109 destroyed.
Mar 24	24 B-24's bombed Zarat area.	Fires started.	

2. Fighters:

Allied:

Mar 23	P-40's flew 10 mission on escort.	1 plane damaged, 1 cracked-up.	1 ME-109 destroyed.
Mar 24	P-40's flew 133 sorties on escort and fighter-bomber.		

c. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 27	1 JU-88 was destroyed off Worthing.	1 JU-88
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Allied:

Mar 26-27	Duisburg attacked by 457 RAF bombers at night.		
Mar 28	70 B-17's attacked the Marshalling Yards at Rouen. Slight to moderate heavy flak was encountered, enemy air opposition very strong and persistent.	Bombing was reported as good.	Preliminary reports 5 fighters destroyed, 3 probably destroyed, and 5 damaged. 1 B-17 failed to return.

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Mar 26 6 planes off north Foreland, England.

Mar 26 4 planes over Straits of Dover.

Mar 26 2 planes off southern coast of England, 1 off eastern coast of Scotland.

Mar 27 9 aircraft made reconnaissance off south coast of England and 1 over Kent.

Mar 27 An unidentified aircraft was plotted 50 miles north of Iceland.

III. Air:

a. Score, North African Theater of Operations:

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report:

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
8	20

Accumulated Report for Aircraft Destroyed beginning Nov 8, 1942:

486	889
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b. Sorties Flown:

(1) North African Theater:

March 25. F-5 A, 2; F-4, 2; P-38, 73; P-40, 72; P-39, 14; B-17, 26; B-25, 30; American Spitfires, 144; Hudson & Swordfish, 14; B-26, 3; Hurribombers, 24; Beaufighters, 8; British Spitfires, 217; Hurricanes, 44.

March 26. B-25, 29; A-20, 36; F-4, 4; American Spitfires, 100; P-39, 14; P-38, 41; P-40, 36; British Spitfires and Hurricanes, 197; Hudson and Swordfish, 26; Beaufighters, 26.

IV. Naval Action:

No new attacks on Atlantic shipping.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zones:

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Northern Tunisia:

Action limited to enemy shelling.

1st Commandos landed on coast behind enemy lines at Madjene El Chitane during the night of March 24/25.

An enemy battalion is reported along the ridge to Dj. Assel. Successful small raids were carried out on the enemy's position.

Central Tunisia:

The U. S. 34th Division attacked east early on the 27th. Fondouk was taken after slight enemy resistance.

The French continued patrolling and made contact with the enemy at several points along the front.

Southern Tunisia:

1st Armored Division continued the occupation of Maknassy and maintained patrols. A field artillery battalion was moved from Gafsa to Maknassy.

The 1st and 9th Infantry Divisions continued to organize their positions and patrols were maintained. Visibility was restricted by dust.

British 8th Army:

The 4th Indian Division is making good progress towards Techine taking many Italian prisoners.

10th Corps attacking El Hamma consists of the following units:

- 2d New Zealand Division
- 1st Armored Division
- 8th Armored Division
- Fighting French Flying Column
- "L" Force (French)

15th Panzer Division and 164th Light Division have reinforced the El Hamma area opposing the 10th British Corps.

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There is an apparent weakening of Axis troops along the Mareth position which may indicate a decision to withdraw to a prepared position about 15 miles north of Gabes.

On the evening of March 27 heavy withdrawals from El Hamma towards the north were reported.

The 1st Armored Division attacked towards El Hamma early March 27 and at 11:45 the 2d Armored Brigade was 2 miles from El Hamma.

It is reported that anti-tank fortifications east of the Mareth Line have been vacated.

The 7th Armored Division is moving towards the Rentsia area.

c. Troop Movements:

355th Coast Artillery Battalion (Separate) Anti-aircraft Searchlight, arrived at Telergma from Oran.

437th Coast Artillery Battalion AW departed from Casablanca for Telergma.

VI. Messages covered in Summary:

14482	15052	15220	15438
14716	15059	15238	15450
14760	15104	15263	15452
14777	15201	15264	15482
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II. Air Actions:

a. North African Theater:

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
1. Bombers:			
<u>Axis:</u>			
Mar 25	ME-210's escorted by ME-109's intercepted in Mateur area.		
<u>Allied:</u>			
Mar 25-26	Bombers attacked motor transport on roads Gabes-Sfax area.		
Mar 26	Escorted bombers made heavy attacks on landing ground at Tebaga.	Bomb burst on shelters and aircraft in open.	1 ME destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 2 damaged.
Mar 26	B-25's escorted by fighters bombed fuel storage installations at Crombalia.	Enemy fighters active but reluctant to fight.	1 B-25 lost, 11 planes damaged by anti-aircraft.
Mar 26	Bisleys attacked motor transport, train, fuel dump, and dock warehouses at Sfax.	Direct hits scored on all targets.	
2. Fighters:			
<u>Axis:</u>			
Mar 25	Sweeps by ME-109's and FW-190's in Maknassy area during afternoon.		
<u>Allied:</u>			
Mar 25	Our fighters on offensive sweep Mateur-Sedjenane area encountered 20 enemy fighters on defensive patrol.		3 enemy fighters probably destroyed.
Mar 26	Spitfires escorting bombers attacked enemy craft.		2 ME-109's destroyed and 2 damaged.

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3. Anti-shipping:

Axis:

Mar 26	14 enemy bombers located a convoy west of Algiers.	1 merchant vessel torpedoed by submarine or plane while in tow.	
Mar 26	6 enemy bombers and torpedo bombers attacked shipping in Algiers Harbor. Planes landed at Majorca before attack. (Majorca is small island between Spain & Sardinia)	1 empty Allied ship struck.	2 enemy planes shot down in harbor, 1 probably destroyed.
Mar 25	A French escort vessel was torpedoed and sunk in the vicinity of Alboran Island. (Alboran Island off Cape Tres Forcas)		

Allied:

Mar 26	Aircraft on patrol off Algiers sighted and attacked an enemy submarine.	A large patch of oil came to surface.	
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4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 25	Reconnaissance flight by 3 enemy bombers north of Algiers and Oran.		
Mar 25-26	Reconnaissance flight by 2 enemy bombers shadowed convoy off Cape Tenez until dawn March 26.		
Mar 26	Reconnaissance flights in central Mediterranean; several from Sicily.		
Mar 26	Offensive reconnaissance flights attacked motor transport in forward areas.		

5. Transports:

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Axis:

Mar 24 Over 100 JU-52's landed at Tunis from Naples, Sicily and Reggio.

b. 9th Air Force (8th Army):

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 26 Bombers and fighter bombers Many vehicles in flames, bombed and strafed motor trans- Enemy reported to be re- port southwest of El Hamma for treating to north. 2 1/2 hours during day. 155 sorties flown.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 25 Many interceptor patrols in- cluding Italian encountered in area Mareth-Gabes-Tebaga during afternoon.

Allied:

Mar 25 Hurricanes made sweeps over enemy concentrations. 9 tanks destroyed, 5 pilots force landed- all safe.

c. European Theater:

1. Anti-shipping:

Axis:

Mar 14 British Duchess of York Arrived at port. damaged by aerial attack 305 miles southwest by west Cape Finisterre.

Allied:

Mar 26 Fortress attacked 3 enemy 1 attack successful. submarines - South Iceland.

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Mar 23 1 Whitley attacked submarine
20 miles north Cape Finisterre,
Spain.

Mar 22-23 RAF St. Nazaire raiders. Encountered moderate, heavy
and light flak. Ineffective
searchlights, night fighters
active to combat.

2. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 25 9 Reconnaissance-Dover Straits.
3 " -Isle Wight.
1 " -East Anglia.
1 " -Scotland.

Mar 24-25 Raid Southern Scotland and Northern England. Some damage and casualties. 1 Dornier 217 destroyed, 1 Heinkel 111 damaged, 3 JU-88's and 3 other enemy aircraft crashed on high ground. 1 enemy aircraft crashed at Firth of Forth.

Mar 24 11 Bordeaux based FW-200's and 9 JU-88's operated along northern coast of Spain and further west.

III. Air:

a. Score, North African Theater of Operations:

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report:

<u>Allies</u>	<u>Axis</u>
1	5

Accumulated Report for Aircraft Destroyed beginning Nov 8, 1942:

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b. Sorties Flown:

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(1) 9th Air Force (8th Army):

Mar 26. B-17, 25; B-25, 78; F-4, 4; P-38, 58; P-39, 4;
P-40, 72; American Spitfires, 54; Beaufighters, 17;
Hudsons, 21.

IV. Naval Action:

March 26. Destroyers made four attacks on enemy submarine west of
Oran. Explosion was heard and search revealed diesel oil patch one-half
square mile in area.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

1st Infantry Division relieved the 78th Infantry Division in the
Medjez area. 78th Division moved to vicinity northeast of Sakiet S'Youssef
and is in corps reserve.

3d Infantry Brigade patrol contacted enemy patrol southeast of
Hideous. Results:

	<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
Killed	1	4
Wounded	4	3
Prisoners of War	0	3

An enemy mine field located at Djebel Zebila.

Central Tunisia:

An enemy patrol reached points three miles northeast of Djebel
Mansour.

Active patrolling throughout sector. Results of patrolling: Six
enemy killed, four prisoners of war taken.

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Southern Tunisia:

General Boisseau's forces patrolled in vicinity of Djebel Asker with Camel Corps troops moving towards Sabria.

1st U. S. Infantry Division repulsed a light Axis attack. Active contact with enemy.

1st U. S. Armored Division continued its attack on the pass east of Maknassy.

Command Post of 9th Division is at Gafsa.

1st Battalion, 39th Infantry, is at Bou Hamran.

47th Infantry (less 3d Battalion) is in vicinity of Dela.

39th Infantry (less two battalions) (plus 26th Field Artillery Battalion) are all in the vicinity of Dela.

2d Battalion of 39th Infantry is eight miles southwest of Gafsa.

British 8th Army:

4th Indian Division continued its advance with advance elements in vicinity of Hallouf. Advance elements delayed by mines.

2d New Zealand Division gained objectives and was passed through by 1st Armored Division which is concentrating in vicinity north of Djebel Es Souinia.

51st Division advanced to area five miles southeast of Mareth.

Patrols of the 7th Armored Division continue operating northwest and southwest of Medenine.

New Zealand Corps:

Enemy reported by aircraft (March 26) to be retreating to the north.

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Estimated Total Strength	266,172 (Mar 26)	Estimated Total Strength
U. S.	71,972 (Mar 26)	German 148,900
British:		Italian 83,700 (Mar 26) 232,600
1st Army	40,400 (Feb 3)	
8th Army	100,000 (Mar 23)	
French	53,800 (Mar 23)	
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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

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1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 25	Fighters and light bombers attacked motor transport and airdromes.	26 trucks destroyed, 30 " damaged.	
Mar 21-22	Wellingtons attacked Sfax-El Macou airdromes (Additional information).	Runway hit by 1 4000 lb bomb, incendiary bombs ineffective.	
Mar 25	B-25's with P-39 and Spitfire escort attacked 30-40 tanks.	6 tanks destroyed, others damaged.	
Mar 25	18 Hurribombers, 6 P-39's, and 24 Spitfires attacked enemy concentration.	3 tanks and 7 trucks destroyed; also some personnel.	
Mar 24-25	Bisleys attacked Tebaga landing ground and motor vehicles on the roads between Souasse, Sfax, Fondouk, and Paid.	Results were good.	

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 25 Allied bombers encountered 12 to 15 ME-109's and FW-190's over Souasse.

Allied:

Mar 25	12 Spitfires attacked Mezouna airdrome as aircraft were taking off.		2 FW-190's destroyed.
Mar 25	6 P-39's and 12 Spitfires attacked vehicles.	Destroyed 5 trucks and 1 anti-tank vehicle.	
Mar 25	Fighter sweeps flown in northern sector during day showed appearance of Italian Fighters.		1 ME-109 destroyed, 1 Macchi 202 probably destroyed, 2 ME-109's damaged.

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Mar 25 A delayed report that 6 RAF planes dropped 47,000 pounds of bombs on Messina. Bursts observed at pin points in vicinity of ferry.

2. Fighters:

Allied:

Mar 25 Fighters intercepted 18 ME-210's. Enemy planes jettisoned bombs on own troops. 1 JU-88, 1 ME-210 destroyed.

c. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 24-25 During night enemy operated over southern Scotland and northern England. Bombed Glasgow, Edinburgh, Peebles and North Shields. 3 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 HE-11 damaged.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 24 6 FW-190's and 8 ME-109's bombed Ashford, England, with 14 high explosive bombs. Damaged Southern railway Works Houses. Casualties: 17 dead and 63 injured. Anti-aircraft destroyed 1 FW-190, 1 FW-190 destroyed and 1 damaged by Spitfires. 2 Spitfires lost.

3. Anti-shipping:

Allied:

Mar 25 Liberator attacked an enemy submarine 103 miles north northwest of Cape Ortegal, Spain. Another sighted 90 miles north of the Cape.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 24 2 enemy aircraft on overland reconnaissance to Northern Scotland, Orkney area. 1 ME-210 destroyed.

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Mar 24 3 enemy aircraft reconnaissance off east coast England, 4 off south coast and 1 off Shetlands. (Note: An almost identical reconnaissance was conducted on March 23).

Allied:

Mar 23 Wilhelmshaven photograph reconnaissance showed Admiral Scheer in dry dock. Hipper alongside.

III. Air; North African Theater of Operations:

a. Score

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report:

<u>Allies</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	6

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477	464
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b. Sorties Flown:

(1) North African Theater:

March 25. B-17, 26; B-25, 18; A-20, 54; P-38, 37; P-39, 18; Spitfires, 168; Pru, 5; Wellington, 9; Hurribombers and light bombers, 56; Spitfires, 178; General reconnaissance, 14; Beaufighter, 8.

(2) 9th Air Force (8th Army):

March 25. B-26, 17; B-17, 24; A-20, 36; P-39, 6; P-38, 74; Wellingtons, 6; Bisleys, 6; F-4, 1; Hudson, 24; Albacores, 7; Swordfish, 1; Beaufighter, 10; Hurribomber, 13; British Spitfires, 164.

IV. Naval Action:

March 25.

British Empire, Lakeland, and Impala and Swedish, Milos overdue in United Kingdom from New York, March 13.

British Leadgate overdue from New York to United Kingdom, March 14.

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Panamanian, El Mundo previously reported torpedoed and sinking
arrived at Belfast March 19.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

Early on March 25 an unsuccessful attempt was made to raid our
positions at Dj Abiod.

Central Tunisia:

Increased enemy activity was observed at Dj Mansour.

Patrolling continued at other points.

Southern Tunisia:

Infantry and tanks believed to have been detached from Centauro Division attacked Meheri Zebbens area from north but were repulsed with one tank in flames.

Enemy concentrating to prevent Allied movement from Maknassy to east.

Almost all of the 10th Panzer Division is believed to be in Maknassy-El Guettar Sector.

Remnants of the Centauro Armored Division (Italian) are believed concentrating in the Oued Hafay area.

British 8th Army:

10th Panzer Division has been identified in the Maknassy-El Guettar area.

A tactical reconnaissance group probably from the 15th Panzer Division at Zarat is moving northwest of Dj Malat.

Action against enemy positions southwest of El Hamma continues. No

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change on patrol lines.

The "L" Force is now in the area near Zemlet El Madjel with Kings Dragoon Guard patrols on the southeastern flank.

The 4th Indian Division is moving toward Kreddache.

b. Theater G-2 Estimate; North African Theater:

Dispositions of enemy forces indicate plan to accomplish following:

- (1) Block Allied push from Makmassy toward coast.
- (2) Reconstitute defensive line east of El Guettar.
- (3) To counter, by concentration of armored elements a threat from the southwest between the Matmata-Tebaga Mountains.

To accomplish this practically all mobile reserves have been withdrawn from the north and defense of the main Mareth position has been left to static Italian divisions supported by the 90th Light Division with two other German battalions in reserve.

c. Troop Movements:

354th Coast Artillery Battalion (Separate) Anti-aircraft Searchlight from Oran arrived at Telergma.

VI. Messages included in Summary:

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	13840	14156	14261
	13926	14186	14285
	14023	14208	14297
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APPENDIX

March 24, 1943.

(Material contained in this section is for general reference purpose and will be amended or supplemented as later information becomes available).

COMPARISON OF STRENGTH IN FORWARD COMBAT AREA

Infantry Battalion Strengths:	<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
8th Army	41	77
II Corps	30	11
XIX Corps	35	19
V Corps	32	32

Field Artillery Pieces:		
8th Army	563	470
II Corps	348	39
XIX Corps	203	102
V Corps	390	181

Tank Strengths:		
8th Army	584	135
II Corps	358	40
XIX Corps	87	80
V Corps	324	80

Casualties:	<u>Killed</u>		<u>Wounded</u>		<u>Missing</u>	
	Officers	Others	Officers	Others	Officers	Others
8th Army (Total: 13 Officers and 185 Others.)	3	22	5	119	5	44
1st Army (Total: 42 Officers and 794 Others.)	20	132	12	425	10	237

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0700 March 25 to 0700 March 26
(All messages paraphrased)

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Estimated Total Strength	265,663 (Mar 25)
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British	
1st Army	40,400 (Feb 3)
8th Army	100,000 (Mar 23)
French	<u>53,800</u> (Mar 23)
	265,663 (Mar 25)

Estimated Total
Strength:

German	148,190
Italian	<u>83,610</u>
(Mar 25)	231,800

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

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1. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 25	Enemy intercept patrols operated against fighters and bombers in the Gafsa and Faid sectors.		1 FW-190 and 1 ME-109 destroyed.
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Allied:

Mar 25	Incomplete reports: 380 single engine sorties flown (P-39, P-40, Spitfires). 30 Hurribomber sorties flown.	20 MT destroyed, others damaged, 10 tanks damaged.	
Mar 23-24	6 Leo 45 and 6 Bisleys attacked airdrome Sfax-El Macou.		
Mar 23-24	30 Bisleys attacked road convoys at night.	Many destroyed.	
Mar 23-24	1 Beaufighter attacked formation of enemy as it was landing at Sardinia.		

2. Anti-shipping:

Allied:

Mar 25	Shipping at Ferryville attacked by escorted heavy bombers, 14 enemy fighters encountered.	Entire area of dock well covered, 1 large explosion, several fires. 2 small and 1 medium merchant vessels claimed hit.	
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3. Transports:

Axis:

Mar 23	80 to 100 German planes landed at Tunis, 15 to 20 landed at Bizerte.		
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b. 9th Air Force (8th Army):

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 24	19 planes of 98th Group bombed Messina with 110,000 pounds of bombs.	Direct hits on target area. RR yards smoking and on fire, Naval oil and storage tanks on fire.	1 ME-109 destroyed by ack-ack. 1 ME-109 shot down.
Mar 24	24 planes of 12th Group dropped 67,650 lbs bombs on Zarat.	Fires observed.	
Mar 20	18 B-25's bombed Gabes.	Fires observed, 5 men wounded, 15 ships holed by heavy accurate ack-ack.	
Mar 20-21	7 B-24's bombed Naples Harbor.	Hits on moles and RR yards observed, ships left burning.	
Mar 21	18 B-25's of 12th Bomb Group bombed motor transport in Mareth area.	Fires observed.	
Mar 21	17 B-25's of 12th Group attacked Gabes.	Fires observed in target area.	
Mar 23-24	Wellingtons & Halifaxes attacked motor transport on Mareth Aiganes road.	Several fires started.	
Mar 24	5 attacks by light and medium bombers on enemy armor concentrated in Mareth Village area.	Good results reported by forward troops including 1 big explosion.	
Mar 24	Hurricanes attacked forces on front of New Zealand Corps, Spitfire & Kittyhawk escort.	Damaged 4 tanks, 2 gun towing vehicles, 32 motor transport and 2 guns. In flames, 3 armored cars and 12 motor transport. 6 tanks destroyed and 14 motor transport destroyed.	1 ME-109 destroyed 1 ME-109 damaged. 1 Spitfire missing, 2 Kittyhawks and 4 Hurricanes had forces landings within our lines.

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Mar 24	Martin medium bombers attacked landing ground near Niar Tebaga.	Bursts among dispersed aircraft.	
Mar 22	5 B-24's of 178th Sq. RAF bombed Naples.	Hits seen on oil refineries, fires observed.	
Mar 25	18 B-25's of 12th Group, target area unknown.	Fires seen in target area.	Direct AA hit on 1 engine, 1 B-25 crashed and exploded. Crew of 6 believed lost.
Mar 25	18 B-25's of 12th Group bombed roads Zarar area.	Fires & explosions seen. Hits scored among dispersed motor transports.	1 B-25 hit by AA in left engine, crash landed and exploded, crew believed dead.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 25	18 enemy aircraft attacked B-25's of 12th Group, area unknown.	No results from attack.	
Mar 25	18 enemy aircraft attacked B-25's over target area Zarar.	No effect.	
Mar 25	9 enemy aircraft intercepted 12 P-40's of 79th Group.		1 Macchi 202 damaged, 1 ME-109 damaged, 1 ME-109 probably destroyed.

Allied:

Mar 20	1 Sq of 79th Fighter Bomb Group escorted 10 B-25's in Mareth area.	Results unobserved.	
Mar 20	1 Sq of 79th Fighter Bomb Group escorted 10 Baltimores in Mareth area.	Results obscured by clouds.	
Mar 20	3 Sq of 79th Bomb Group escorted B-25's in Mareth area.	1 Macchi 202 engaged.	No claims.

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Mar 20	57th Group using 40 P-40's as fighter bombers, bombed mobile transport in Mareth area.	Results unobserved.
Mar 21	24 P-40's of 79th Group acted as escort for 18 B-25's over Mareth area.	
Mar 21	24 P-40's of 79th Group escorted 18 Baltimores in Mareth area.	1 P-40 damaged by ack-ack.
Mar 24	Near Tebaga area 22 enemy fighters were encountered.	5 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, 4 damaged.
Mar 21	24 P-40's of 79th Group Bomber escort encountered 18 plus ME-109's and Macchi 202's.	1 Macchi 202 claimed damaged, 1 P-40 missing.
Mar 25	12 P-40's of 79th Group while escorting bombers, met 20 plus ME-109's.	1 P-40 forced down inside our lines.
Mar 25	24 P-40's of 79th Group encountered 15 ME-109's.	1 ME-109 destroyed.

c. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 21	British City of Christchurch	Sank on March 21. damaged.
Mar 22	5 FW-200's based at Bordeaux	operated west of Portugal.

Allied:

Mar 6	Final claim of enemy losses Lorient and Brest.	9 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probably destroyed, 3 damaged.
Mar 22	Final claim of enemy losses, raid on Wilhelmshaven.	28 fighters destroyed, 9 probably destroyed, 9 probably damaged.

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2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 23 2 FW-190's and 2 ME-109's Slight damage. AA destroyed
attacked at Landfall North 1 ME-109.
Dartmouth.

Mar 23 2 formations of 5 aircraft on
reconnaissance off east Algeria,
5 aircraft off south coast of
England, 1 off east coast
Scotland.

III. Air Score, North African Theater of Operations:

a. Planes Destroyed Since last Report:

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
6	20

Accumulated Report for North African Theater of Operations
Aircraft Destroyed beginning November 8, 1942.

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b. Sorties flown:

B-17, 27; B-26, 12; B-25, 33; A-20, 36; P-38, 25; P-39, P-40,
and Spitfires, 380; Hurribombers, 30; Bisleys, 36; French Leo
45, 6; Beaufighters, 1; Hudson, 18; Albacores, 4; Swordfish, 1.

IV. Naval Action:

March 23. One submarine patrolling off south coast of France sunk a
2000 ton ship, a tug, and a sailing vessel.

March 8. British Fort Lamy sunk 450 miles east by south Cape Farewell,
Greenland, by torpedos.

Action date unknown. British Keystone previously reported torpedoed
Azores area known sunk.

British City of Pretoria (New York to Holyhead), Stock Port (Clyde to

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St. Johns) and Radhurst (Clyde to New York) all overdue presumed sunk.

March 21/22. With HM motor torpedo boats drawing fire HM ship bombarded Gabes during night.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

Considerable enemy movement reported in area southeast of Boubellat.

Relief of Units in Area of 6th Armored Division

March 23/24.

2d Infantry Brigade relieved 11th Infantry Brigade Sector; 11th Infantry Brigade relieved 24th Guards Brigade Sector; 24th Guards Brigade relieved 1st Guards Brigade Sector; 1st Guards Brigade returned to command of 6th Armored Division.

March 24.

200 CP vehicles observed by air reconnaissance with six mile length, southbound from Fondouk to Sidi Naceur Allah. These are considered as reinforcements for Maknassy area. By late afternoon activity in Faid area indicated same column. Seen during daytime at Meheri Zebbens, about ten Italian tanks. During afternoon twenty German tanks observed on road Mezzouna-Maknassy moving southward. Our ground forces claimed four medium destroyed and two damaged in Hadjeb El Aioun action on March 23.

Central Tunisia:

March 24. French Welvert Division pushed patrols to El Ala and

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Qued Kerd without gaining contact. No mine fields discovered.

March 25. No enemy patrolling reported.

Southern Tunisia:

March 24. 18th RCT attacked at 2200 Z in area northeast of Dj Berda, no details. 1st Armored Division continued operations in Maknassy area in afternoon March 24, destroying four German tanks. 1,400 prisoners taken in operations of 2d Corps March 18-22. Object of attack of II Corps to draw German forces from Mareth front and to establish a dump to supply the Eighth Army in their advance.

March 24. Observed near El Ayacha about 1700 Z moving west, a column of 150 motor transports. Offensive in Djebel Ank sector indicated by ground actions. Strong enemy attack launched at 2100 Z without warning near Djebel Sif El Laham. Enemy infantry tanks reported.

Rechecked figures from Mannerini Group 72 officers captured and 2066 enlisted men. 47 guns and 40 heavy machineguns have been taken or destroyed. Units of the young Fascists Division have replaced initial German assault divisions which engaged in counterattack, Qued Zigzacu sector.

British Eighth Army:

March 24. Front relatively quiet with spasmodic shelling by enemy artillery on front of 30th Corps. Enemy relieved some troops on front 51st Division (now on British right). Active patrolling on remainder of front by our troops.

New Zealand Corps:

No change, British 8th Armored Brigade advanced about two miles of 2d New Zealand Corps on March 24.

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c. Troop Movements:

Movements completed: 351st Coast Artillery Battalion, Separate AA Searchlight and Hq Hq Battery, 4th Coast Artillery Group, AA Searchlight arrived Telergma from Oran; 20th Engineer Regiment (combat) arrived Tebessa from Casablanca, all coming under command II Corps.

VI. Miscellaneous:

General Catroux is expected in Algiers on March 25th. Exact date of De Gaulle's arrival not certain. Our embassy in London states that De Gaulle received report on March 16 indicating that the Germans have at Marseilles, embarkation equipment for 20,000 men and supplies which include ten boxes for debarking horses, 800 pneumatic rafts, grapnels for loading tanks and vehicles, lift preservers and demountable barracks. This materiel shipped from Hamburg. Munitions are reported arriving at Marseilles daily in boats provided by the Spanish. Believe intentions with regards this equipment is seizure of Balearic Islands.

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
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1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 24 Four aircraft on shipping reconnaissance off Algerian Coast.

Mar 24 8 aircraft, probably Italian, approached within 20 miles of coast near Bone.

Allied:

Mar 22-23 Night bombers attacked Sfax and El Maoulag.

Mar 23 Light bombers attacked concentrations east of El Gue Ttar in support of American Forces. Extremely successful, direct hits on tanks, and motor transports which caused fires.

Mar 23 2 Hurribombers attacked tanks, motor transport, and bivouacs in El Guettar area.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 24 Fighter patrols flown in Maknassy Gafsa area.

Allied:

Mar 23 Fighters on continuous reconnaissance over battle area strafing tanks and trucks.

Mar 23 Fighters escorted B-17's to Bizerte.

1 ME-109 probably destroyed, 3 ME-109's damaged.

3 ME-109's destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. 1 Spitfire missing.

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3. Anti-shipping:

Axis:

Mar 24 Torpedo planes attack.

Windsor Castle hit by aerial torpedo, Norwegian tanker Garonne hit by aircraft torpedo, still afloat.

4. Transports:

Axis:

Mar 24 Over 100 JU-52's landed at Tunis during morning.

b. Ninth Air Force:

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 23 180 light and medium bomber sorties made against Zarat and roads in or near vicinity including 2 fighter bomber attacks against motor transport & guns. Good targets reported and direct hits on motor transport roads and strong points. 1 ME-109 destroyed.

Mar 22-23 45 heavy bombers attacked motor transport dispersed along roads in the Kittana area. Started several fires. 1 plane missing.

Mar 23 21 planes, 376th Group, dropped 100,500 lbs bombs on Messina from 20 to 23,000 feet. Observed bursts and fires. 1 ME-109 probably destroyed.

Mar 23 24 planes, 12th Group, dropped 63,600 lbs of bombs on Gabes area from 10 to 10,500 feet. Observed bombs and fires on moving targets.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 24 Activity confined mainly to standing patrols over Tebaga and over enemy troops in Mareth area.

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3. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 24 Reconnaissance of Medjenine
carried out by ME-109's and
JU-88's.

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IV. Naval Action:

March 23/24. HM motor torpedo boats reported sighting and attacking four enemy vessels (probably Siebel Ferries) at the Gulf of Tunis. Estimated one hit by torpedo and one damaged by gunfire.

March 23/24. HM Submarine Trooper on patrol sank 5000 ton ship and attacked a convoy hitting two ships with torpedoes.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia, V Corps:

The enemy is infiltrating and laying mines along the Dj Abiod-Beja

road. Dj Abiod and Medjez El Bab were shelled during the night of March 22/23.

Southern Tunisia, II Corps:

The 1st Infantry Division is holding along the line Bon Hamran-Dj El Meheltat-Dj El Krerous. The enemy attacked the line with a force of two

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infantry battalions and fifty tanks from 10th Panzer Division. The enemy was repulsed with considerable losses. Twenty tanks were claimed to be knocked out and ten tanks fell in our hands. Enemy reserves of unknown strength were reported in the Bir Oum Ali area and moving from Kebili toward Bir Oum Ali, March 23.

Strong enemy resistance was encountered during attempted advance of French Infantry east of Mastallah, March 23.

The enemy attacked in the Hadjeb El Aicoun area with an armored force of twenty-five tanks, probably the 501st Tank Battalion, March 23.

The 1st Armored Division encountered enemy resistance on the high ground approximately five miles east of Mednassy. The German 580th Reconnaissance Unit and Kasta Ob are believed to be reinforcing the Italian troops in this general area, March 23.

British Eighth Army:

Counterattacks by enemy forces during the night 22/23 March penetrated our bridgehead all troops to be withdrawn east of Wadi Zigzaou except for a small force of the 50th Division which still held an area two miles southeast of Zarat. During day enemy infantry and tanks attack this force but was repulsed by accurate artillery fire. 51st Division area heavily shelled all day, situation otherwise quiet. During the Night March 23/24 the 69th Infantry Brigade was relieved by the 154th Infantry Brigade. The 69th and 151st Infantry Brigades concentrated in the Bou Ohrara area. Patrols of the 8th Armored Brigade were in contact with the enemy and covered front from northwest to south of Medjenine. The 4th Indian Division moved towards Kresodache.

New Zealand Corps breached mine fields and anti-tank ditches after heavy

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fighting early on March 22d. 700 prisoners of war taken, Patrols by New Zealand Corps in foothills northwest of enemy positions. Le Clere's force is operating in hills on south flank.

Hallouf and Kreddache are reported to be still held by enemy rear guards.

The New Zealand Corps is opposed by Italian troops from the Sabara Group apparently supported by the 21st Panzer Division and elements of the German 164th Division.

c. Troop Movements:

March 23/24. British 2d Infantry Brigade took over the sector of the 11th Infantry Brigade. 11th Infantry Brigade took over the sector of the Guards Brigade. Guards Brigade took over a new sector and came under the command of the 6th Armored Division.

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

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1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 21-22	Wellingtons and Bisleys successfully attacked enemy landing grounds.		
Mar 22	Medium bombers attacked landing fields at Mezzouna.	Hits observed among dispersed aircraft.	
Mar 22	Hurribombers attacked motor transport near Sedjenine.	4 trucks destroyed and large fires started.	
Mar 23	B-17's attacked Palermo Harbor and encountered 15 to 20 enemy fighters.		5 enemy planes destroyed, 1 probably destroyed

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 22	Enemy air activity confined in Maknassy area and defensive on a light scale.
Mar 23	Italian single engine fighters active against Allied bombers in Gabes area.

Allied:

Mar 22	Fighters on offensive sweeps over forward troops.		9 enemy planes destroyed, 4 probably destroyed and 3 damaged.
Mar 22	Fighters attacked troops and motor transport located by air reconnaissance.	12 vehicles destroyed and 50 more hit.	
Mar 23	Spitfires attacked 8 ME-109's and 2 JU-88's east of Gafsa.		2 ME-109's probably destroyed and 2 ME-109's probably damaged.

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3. Anti-shipping:

Axis:

Mar 22-23 15 torpedo bombers were observed between Algiers and Oran.

1 tanker hit by torpedo off Oran and eastbound transport in convoy north of Cape Tenes.

Low level attack by JU-88's on shipping in Tripoli Harbor.

Destroyed 2 MV's and 4 enemy aircraft damaged HMS destroyer, shot down.

Allied:

Mar 23 Submarine painted while sunk by our aircraft in Gulf of Sidra.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 23 68 enemy bombers on reconnaissance observing convoy approaching Oran.

5. Transports:

Axis:

Mar 23 80 to 100 transports arrived at Tunis also a few arrived at Bizerte.

b. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 23 Further information concerning raid on Wilhelmshaven Mar 22 previously reported in Summary of Mar 22-23: 69 B-17's and 15 B-24's dropped 224 tons of HE on dock area from 22,000 to 27,000 feet. Aiming point, dry dock of pocket battleship Admiral Scheer, was covered well by hits, actual damage could not be determined. Strong fighter opposition was met all the way from Frisians on the way in and 50 miles at sea on trip back. Enemy planes attempted to drop bomb on bomber formation. 2 B-24's were lost by enemy fighter action.

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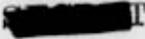
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c. Ninth Air Force:

1. Bombers:

Allied:

- Mar 22 Hurritank Buster Squadron attacked 9 tanks destroyed out 1 Hurricane
 tank concentrations south of of 32 hit, 4 armored missing.
 El Hamma. cars destroyed, and
 five trucks destroyed.
- Mar 22 Kitty bombers attacked enemy con- 3 ME-109's des-
 centrations south of Zarat. troyed, 5 pro-
 Escort and bombers were attacked bably destroyed
 by fighters. and 7 damaged.
 1 Mitchel and 1
 Baltimore loss.
- Mar 22 Light bombers made 3 attacks on
 enemy concentrations south of
 Zarat.
- Mar 22 Halifaxes, albacores, and well- 1 Wellington
 ingtons attacked motor transport crash landed.
 north of Mareth and south of Kettana.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

- Mar 22 Enemy air offensive more active
 than Mar 21.

III. Air Score, North African Theater of Operations:

a. Planes Destroyed Since Last Report:

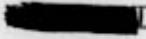
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b. Accumulated Report for North African Theater of Operations
 Aircraft Destroyed beginning November 8, 1942.

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Sorties Flown, Northwest African Theater:

Offensive sweeps and interception patrols. Beaufighter sorties were
 flown.



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IV. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zones:

Northern Tunisia:

March 22. Slight enemy shellfire falling with no effect in Bou Arada area. Mortar and shell fire decreased in Beja Sector during the day. Registrations were made on Nefla Station area by enemy guns. Dj Aboid was shelled night of March 21/22.

All the Infantry of the 334th Infantry Division (German) is now located between Medjez and Dj Aboid.

Central Tunisia:

French Headquarters report 53,800 troops on front of XIX Corps. Each infantry battalion is equipped with the following:

- 36 light machine-guns
- 15 heavy machine-guns
- 3 mortars, 60 MM
- 2 mortars, 81 MM

Each infantry regimental headquarters is equipped with the following:

- 3 cannon, 37 MM
- 4 heavy machine-guns

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Southern Tunisia:

March 22. French Infantry have contacted enemy at Dj Bou Jerra. Camel Corps patrols have reached Dj El Asker.

Two battalions of the 18th Regimental Combat Team with supporting artillery attacked to gain high ground in vicinity of Dj El Kreroua. Stiff resistance was encountered but attack was progressing at dusk.

Maknassy was occupied by elements of 1st Armored Division in the morning of March 22, 1943. Forward elements had reached a line approximately two miles east of Maknassy by evening. Enemy is believed to have taken up

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defensive positions on Dj Bou Douaou. A number of Italian prisoners have been taken.

Heavy southbound traffic reported by tactical reconnaissance on road running north and south approximately 11½ miles east of Hadjeb El Aïoun. The 10th Panzer Division may be connected with the movement.

British Eighth Army:

The 15th Panzer Division launched a counterattack on the right flank of the XXX Corps bridgehead position on the afternoon of March 22. The counterattack started with 50 British tanks being engaged by enemy tanks. Heavy shelling and fighting continued through the afternoon but the main bridgehead was held. Enemy concentrations on the front of the 152d Brigade were dispersed by heavy artillery fire during the attack on the 50th Division. March 22. 2000 prisoners have been taken on both flanks of the Eighth Army.

Strong opposition continued throughout the afternoon against the New Zealand Corps. Enemy tanks were engaged by 8th Armored Brigade on unsuitable ground. 21st Panzer Division has placed 88 121 guns to protect approaches through the Dj Melab-Dj Tebaga gap.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 March 22 to 0700 March 23
(All messages paraphrased)

I. Daily Allied Strength Report.

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIED

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 294,717 (Mar 4)
British " " " " " 140,000 (Dec 7-42)
French " " " " " 150,000 (Jan 4)

AXIS

Estimated Total
Strength 229,400
(Mar 22)

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 1,400 (Mar 20)

In Sicily, Italy,
and Tunisia 1,505
(Jan 27)

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 204,567 (Mar 20)
U. S. 69,167 (Mar 20)
British
1st Army 40,400 (Feb 3)
8th Army 73,000 (Mar 2)
French 22,000 (Mar 5)
204,567 (Mar 20)

Estimated Total
Strength:
German 146,060
Italian 83,340
(Mar 22) 229,400

Note: Date in paren is date that figures referred to were first reported.

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

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Northwest African Air Force

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 20-21	Night bombers attacked Mezouna landing field in southeast Tunisia. Attacks were continued by day by escorted bombers. Fighter escort accounted for enemy losses.		4 JU-87's destroyed, 2 ME-109's probably destroyed and 4 JU-87's and 4 ME-109's damaged.
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2. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Mar 21	Enemy aircraft on active reconnaissance against shipping off North African coast.		
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3. Transports:

Axis:

Mar 21	100 JU-52 transports landed at Tunis during daylight.		
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Ninth Air Force

1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 20	FW-190's on bombing raid with cover of ME-109's.	Intercepted.	1 FW-190 destroyed and 3 ME-109's probably destroyed.
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Allied:

Mar 20-21	56 heavy bombers attacked Mareth-Ketana Area.		
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Mar 21	10 waves consisting of 18 light bombers escorted attacked objectives northwest Mareth.	1 enemy plane destroyed and 1 damaged.
Mar 21	Fighter bombers carried out 3 attacks on area southwest El Hama.	2 of our aircraft missing.
Mar 20	7 planes dropped 30 incendiaries and 31,500 pounds of bombs on Naples and Vittorio Emm Mole.	Hits scored in town and railroad yard.
Mar 20	33 planes from 434th and 83d Squadrons of 12th Group raided the Gabes Area and dropped 124,500 pounds of bombs.	Hits straddled road, 12 pin point hits, 4 fires seen in area.
Mar 20-21	Wellingtons bombed Ferryville with 22 tons of bombs.	Large fires were started, bursts seen on dockside and among buildings.

b. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 22	Harbor installations at Wilhelmshaven were attacked by 87 bombers, B-17's and B-24's, with 230 tons of high explosive. Air opposition strong with many enemy fighters encountered. No escort was provided.	Crews report good results. Casualties: 1 man killed, 17 wounded and 32 missing.	26 enemy fighters destroyed, 11 probably destroyed, 10 damaged. 3 Allied bombers did not return.
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2. Anti-submarine:

Allied:

Mar 21	5 RAF aircraft sighted 1 or 2 enemy subs from 90 to 225 miles north of Cape Ortegal, Spain.	2 attacks believed successful.
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III. a. Air Score, North African Theater of Operations:

(1) Planes Destroyed Since last Report:

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
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(2) Accumulated Report for North African Theater of Operations Aircraft Destroyed beginning Nov. 8, 1942:

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
470	813

b. Sorties Flown, North African Theater of Operations:

B-17, 82; B-25, 89; A-20, 41; P-38, 65; P-39, 24; American Spitfires, 153; Wellington, 20; Bisleys, 21; British Spitfires, 80; Beaufighters, 15.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

March 20. Si Dahra was attacked and captured by the enemy from the 2/5 Leicesters. Counterattack by 2/5 Leicesters failed.

Nefza Station was taken by the enemy.

Southern Tunisia:

March 21. 1st Infantry Division occupied line Bou Hamran-Dj El Mcheltat-Dj El Kreroura with strong reconnaissance east of that line, over 1000 prisoners were taken in the days action. Bou Hamran is reported abandoned and the enemy continues to withdraw east of El Guettar. G-2 report states that possibly the 10th Panzer Division is now astride the Kairouan-Pichon road. It is believed that 21st Panzer Division is assembled west of Gabes to defend south approach between Teboga and Matmata.

British 8th Army:

March 20-21. 50th Infantry Division of XXX Corps attacked during the night and captured their objective between the sea and the road on the north flank of the Mareth line. The bridgehead was established through the minefield and main obstacles despite strong opposition. The New Zealand

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Corps had moved around the southern flank and was 15 miles southwest of El Hama directed on Gabes by 1300. Operations are being continued to exploit and expand the bridgehead.

b. Troop Movements:

1st Battalion, 1st Armored Regiment is moving from Oran to Tebessa. 351st Coast Artillery Battalion Separate Anti-aircraft (searchlight) is moving from Oran to Telergma. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and 3d Battalion, 213th Coast Artillery Anti-aircraft Regiment is moving from Casablanca to Telergma.

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(All messages paraphrased)

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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 204,567 (Mar 20)

U. S.	69,167 (Mar 20)
British 1st Army	40,400 (Feb 3)
8th Army	73,000 (Mar 2)
French	<u>22,000</u> (Mar 5)
	204,567 (Mar 20)

Estimated Total
Strength:

German	144,640
Italian	<u>83,160</u>
(Mar 20)	227,800

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
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Northwest African Air Force

1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 19 6 Italian bombers dropped bombs east of harbor at Bone.

Allied:

Mar 19-20 Escorted medium bombers (Bisleys Good results and 1 Bisleys missing. and Leo 45) attacked mountain fires seen. area of Tebaga.

Mar 20-21 B-25's and B-26's attacked air- At least 12 planes on drome at Djebel Tebaga. ground hit directly.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 19 25 fighters including JU-88's attacked B-25's escorted by P-38's on anti-shipping strikes in Sicilian Channel. 8 ME-109's, 2 JU-88's and 1 Italian aircraft destroyed. 1 ME-109 probably destroyed and 1 damaged.

3. Anti-shipping:

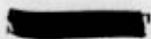
Axis:

Mar 20-21 1 torpedo bomber attacked HM Minesweeper off coast Oran. 1 torpedo bomber shot down.

Allied:

Mar 20-21 B-25's attacked convoy. 1 merchant vessel left burning.

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4. Reconnaissance:

Allied:

Mar 19 To cover the advance of our forces northeast and east of Gafsa intensive reconnaissance carried out. Large tented camp south 2 ME-109's damaged. of Mezzouna consisting of 90 tents, 7 marquees, 100 vehicles, 3 or 4 AA machine gun posts. 8 ME-109's encountered.

5. Transports:

Axis:

Mar 19 80 to 100 German transports landed at Tunis in early morning.

Ninth Air Force

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 19-20 The Western Air Force opened air offensive which exceeds intensity any of their operations since before capture Tripoli. 24 hour bombing with Wellingtons and Albacores attacked targets in Mareth Area as prelude to 8th Army attack. Concentrated AA fire encountered. One good fire and explosion observed.

Mar 20 Bostons, Baltimores and Mitchells with escorts attacked gun positions and troops Mareth Area. Considerable damage to Mareth village. 2 Bostons shot down by AA.

Mar 20 Two escorted fighter bomber attacks against El Hama in positions west Mareth position. Both failed to locate primary targets. First bombed tents near Gabes. Spitfires intercepted FW-190's and ME-109 escorts. Claim 1 FW-190 destroyed, 3 probably destroyed ME-109's.

Mar 20 18 planes of 12th Group dropped 5000 lbs of bombs on Gabes from 82-85000 ft. Caused bursts in town and on buildings. No losses, 5 wounded men.

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Mar 20 38 planes, 57th Group, acted top cover and fighter bombers dropped 5000 lbs bombs on Gabes.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

Mar 20 Little enemy air activity; however, some sorties in south.

2 ME-109's damaged, 4 Spitfires missing.

b. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 18 Final claims on bomber raid against Vegesack. This bomber raid was mentioned in our report of March 19-20 but did not mention enemy aircraft destroyed. 52 enemy aircraft destroyed, 20 probably destroyed and 23 damaged.

III. a. Air Score, North African Theater of Operations:

(1) Planes Destroyed Since last Report:

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
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(2) Accumulated Report for North African Theater of Operations Aircraft Destroyed beginning Nov. 8, 1942:

470	807
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b. Sorties Flown, North African Theater of Operations:

B-25, 32; B-26, 18; A-20, 1; P-38, 36; P-39, 16; American Spitfires, 133; Bisleys, 12; Hudsons, 21; Swordfish, 2; British Spitfires, 68; Hurricanes, 52; Beaufighters, 9.

IV. Naval Action:

a. North African Theater of Operations:

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An HM submarine attacked a convoy of three medium sized merchant ships. One ship was sunk and another one probably sunk.

An HM submarine sank a drifting cylindrical semi-submerged tank equipped with a towing bridle, apparently containing petrol.

USA Molly Pitcher, convoy Baltimore to North Africa, torpedoed 260 miles east of Azores; results unknown.

b. European Theater of Operations:

The two unnamed vessels reported torpedoed in the report of March 20-21 have been identified as the USA Walter O. Gresham and the British Canadian Star.

USA Mathew Luckenback reported torpedoed in report of March 20-21 now reported abandoned, expected to sink 480 miles west of Blacksod Bay, Ireland.

Greek Carras in the other United Kingdom bound convoy under attack was torpedoed March 19th, 520 miles west of Blacksod Bay, Ireland, abandoned, salvable.

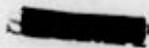
British Glendalough struck a mine and sank 18 miles north of Blakney Norfolk March 19th.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

March 20. Enemy maintained contact with units withdrawing from Tamara. Increase motor movement on Sedjenine-Dj Abiod road. Presumption of offensive after supplies and better weather in the Dj Abiod and Sidi Msir Sector is indicated by enemy dispositions. Dj El Abiod was heavily shelled and mortared.



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Central Tunisia:

March 20. Vehicles and Infantry observed moving eastward in El Ala Sector.

Southern Tunisia:

March 20. First Armored Division occupied high ground northwest station De Sened during daylight, little resistance encountered. Attack to be continued in the direction of Maknassy on March 21st. The 29th Infantry Division will attack from El Guettar in direction of Dj El Ank, Dj El Meheltat, and Dj El Kroua.

Enemy small armored force withdrawing east from Sened station, this force included 5 tanks and 3 armored cars.

Further reports indicated Bersaglier Regiment northwest Sened.

Twenty tanks reported northeast Maknassy, this confirms previous reports of tank concentration in this area.

British 8th Army:

March 20. Breakdown in enemy tanks lost during operations March 6th on Mareth front are: 3 Mark 2's, 3 Mark 3's, 20 Mark 3 Long, 8 Mark 3's with 7.5 CM gun, 18 Mark 4 Long.

March 20. Mareth front north of main road believed to have been stiffened by Germans. Prisoner of war from PGR stated his regiment was to withdraw March 20th.

VI. Miscellaneous:

NAAF Command Post closed at Algiers at 1000 hours, March 20th, and opened at Constantine same date at 1001 hours.

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VI. Miscellaneous:

Nineteenth Corps (General Koeltz) has now been reorganized into 2 divisions under General Mathinet and General Welwert. Divisions are known as Mathinet Division and Welwert Division. Each division consists of 3 infantry regiments, a group of tabors, and supporting artillery. Under Mathinet Division are 6 RTA, 29 TRA, 15 RTA. Under Welwert Division are 2 RTA, 7 RTA, 9 RTA. Reduction from 4 divisions to 2 divisions is mainly a regrouping of existing forces approximately 7 reduced battalions withdrawn to L of C.

Composition of units and strength of Fifth Armored Field Artillery Group:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq and Hq Btry, 5th Armd FA Group	5	0	45
58th Armd FA Bn	36	2	691
62nd Armd FA Bn	38	3	713
65th Armd FA Bn	36	3	698

Each battalion has all its major weapons.

Commanders British Divisions, 18th Army Group:

a. First Army:

6th Armd Div	Major General C. F. Keightley
1st Inf Div	" " W. E. Clutyerbuck
46th Inf Div	" " H. A. Frieman-Attwood
78th Inf Div	" " V. Elc Elegh

b. Eighth Army:

1st Armd Div	Major General R. Briggs
4th Inf Div	" " F. I. S. Taker
15th Inf Div	" " J. S. Nichols
7th Armd Div	" " G. W. E. J. Erskine
51st Inf Div	" " D. N. Wimberley
2nd NZ Inf Div	Lieutenant " Sir B. Freyburg

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EUROPEAN THEATER

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

I. Daily Allied Strength Report.

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ALLIED

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AXIS

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Strength 227,000
(Mar 19)

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U. S. and British 1,230 (Mar 7)

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and Tunisia 1,505
(Jan 27)

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength	204,567 (Mar 20)
U. S.	69,167 (Mar 20)
British	
1st Army	40,400 (Feb 3)
8th Army	73,700 (Mar 2)
French	<u>22,000</u> (Mar 5)
	204,567 (Mar 20)

Estimated Total
Strength:
(Mar 19)

German	143,930
Italian	<u>83,070</u>
	227,000

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
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Northwest African Air Force

1. Fighters:

Allied-

Mar 17-18	Mosquitoes over toe of Italy strafed station at Amatea and railroad junction at Lamenzia.	Destroyed 1 locomotive and damaged 5 other and many cars.	
	Mosquitoes over Sicily strafed trains and railroad stations.	Damaged locomotive cars and station.	
	Railroad station north coast of Italy attacked.	Clouds of black smoke seen rising.	

2. Anti-shipping:

Axis:

Mar 18	Twentieth Trawler Group were attacked by 6 torpedo bombers aircraft while mine sweeping north of Bone.		1 enemy aircraft shot down.
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Allied:

Mar 18	Mosquitoes attacked a 2000 ton merchant vessel off Cape Orlando.	Hits on super-structure.	
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3. Reconnaissance:

Allied:

Mar 17	Photos Palermo Harbor.	Since March 16 2 destroyers, 2 munition carriers (1000 tons), 2 merchant vessels (3000 tons) have departed. 1 LO-24, 15 CZ 506, 10 CZ-501, 9 RS-14 at seabase.	
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Mar 17	Photos Marsala Harbor.	4 E boats, 12 motor launches, 3 F boats, 22 Seibel Ferries.
	Photo Borrisso.	5 BR-20, 16 TM-84, 21 ME-210, 35 small fighters.
	Photo Sciacca Airdrome.	9 CO-1007, 8 SM-84, 8 SM-82, 5 Fiat G 12, 39 Italian fighters.
	Photo Messina.	1 liner 2000 tons, 1 merchant vessel 2000 tons, 1 merchant 1000 ton. Present in roads was 5-6000 ton tanker, 2 merchant vessels have departed since March 12.
	Photo Cotrone.	1 merchant vessel, 1-2000 tons, 4 small vessels.

4. Transports:

Axis:

Mar 18 Over 100 JU-52's, also number 6 engined craft and S-82's arrived in Tunis.

Ninth Air Force

1. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Reconnaissance by ME-109's over southern sector west of Tatahouine and Ksar Rhilane Area.

b. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Axis:

Mar 18-19	20 planes over Ferwich.	HE and 1B bombs caused damage, casualties, and fires.	2 Dornier 217's destroyed, 1 JU-88 probably destroyed. Anti-aircraft claims 2 enemy planes destroyed.
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Mar 18 2 enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Yarmouth. Damage and casualties.

2. Anti-shipping:

Allied:

Mar 19-20 5 submarines attacked in area 400-520 miles west Achill Head, Ireland. 3 extensive oil patches seen.

3. Reconnaissance:

Allied:

Mar 19	Photos Ofot Fjord.	Tirpitz and 3 other German fleet units reported exercising.
	Photos Wilhelmshaven.	Scheer dry docked, Hipper alongside.
	Photos Bremen.	Feydlitz reported.

III. a. Air Score, North African Theater of Operations:

(1) Planes Destroyed Since Last Report:

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	5

(2) Accumulated Report for North African Theater of Operations Aircraft Destroyed beginning Nov 8, 1942:

468	794
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b. Sorties Flown, North African Theater of Operations:

Hudson, 5; Swordfish, 4; Hurribombers, 9; British Spitfire, 80; Hurricanes, 6; Beaufighters, 5.
Losses: 1 Spitfire. Victories: None.

IV. Naval Action:

USA Irene Du Pont, USA William Eustis, Dutch Mainland, Norwegian Elin King, USA James Oglethorpe, USA Harry Luckenback, British Nariva, British

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Southern Princess all torpedoed and sunk. Panamanian El Mundo torpedoed and sinking. These are the 9 unnamed vessels in convoy bound for UK torpedoed on the night of March 16/17 600 miles southeast of Cape Farewell. Previously reported in summary for March 18th.

The following named vessels were torpedoed and sunk when a UK bound convoy was attacked 755 miles west by south of Blacksod Bay, Ireland: British Kingsbury, British Gruffyd, Dutch Aldermain, British Fort Cedar Lake. Unnamed vessel was torpedoed and the British Fort Auckland was torpedoed but its fate is not known.

The following vessels previously reported overdue are now presumed sunk: USA tanker Atlantic Sun, Irish Kyleclare, Greek Zens, Greek Polyktor, Polish Xagdoba, British tanker Cordelia, USA Puerto Rican, British Nailsea Court, USA Chattanooga City Park.

In addition to nine vessels previously reported sunk in UK bound convoy the Dutch Ferkoeler, British Coracero sunk March 17 850 miles west of Cape Clear, Ireland. Two unnamed ships same convoy torpedoed 700 miles west Donegal Bay, Ireland. Unknown ship reported torpedoed in other UK bound convoy was the Panamanian Granville now sunk. British Zouave same convoy sunk 720 miles west Donegal Bay, and British Fort Auckland again torpedoed still afloat believed abandoned. Norwegian Jamaica independently routed Liverpool-New York presumed torpedoed.

March 19. Tvend Foyn struck iceberg off south coast Greenland. Mathew Luckenback torpedoed 600 miles west coast Iceland.

This is total of 31 ships reported sunk or torpedoed.

V. Ground Action:

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a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

Enemy activity in Tamara-Dj Abiod Sector confined to two small unsuccessful attacks. Enemy supply difficulties apparently require delivery by air of essential items such as ammunition. March 18

On March 19th enemy activity consisted of artillery fire and motor movement.

Djebel Mansour 23d Marsch Battalion, Area Abd El Djedid 26th Marsch Battalion. This confirms previous reports.

Southern Tunisia:

General Boiseau (in command of French troops on south flank of II Corps) opened his headquarters at Moulares, March 18.

On March 19th the weather improved slightly and the 1st US Infantry Division continued organization of Gafsa with advance elements of the 1st Ranger Battalion still in the El Guettar area with patrols in contact with the enemy.

There is no change in 1st Armored Division dispositions.

II Corps CP - Feriana.

Centauro Division still operating in area Gafsa and Kebili.

Enemy artillery registration east of Paid Pass. General area El Hameima intense flak encountered, March 19.

Enemy still holding Djebel Chems, Djebel Berda, and D.J. Goussa. March 20.

There is an absence of enemy reconnaissance plus no additional assembly of armored units east of El Guettar.

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Officer Prisoner of War identified from 1st Battalion, 104 PGR (21st Panzer Division) said unit in mountains 10 miles south and east of Faid Pass, this confirms previous reports.

British 8th Army:

Normal patrol activity.

15th Panzer Division reported in reserve immediately behind Mareth Line.

Indications show Axis forces to be organized into an Army Group under Rommel consisting of the 5th Panzer Army commanded by Von Arnim and the 1st Italian Army commanded by Messe. Apparently the Panzer Armees Afrika Headquarters has been dissolved.

Area Outid considerable activity reported by 3d Reconnaissance Unit. March 20.

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II. Air Actions:

a. North African Theater:

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
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Northwest African Air Force

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 18	Hurribombers attacked Tamara station.	Hits on buildings and adjacent transport causing big fires.	
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2. Anti-shipping:

Axis:

Mar 18	5 to 6 Italian bombers reported off coast Bone, probably mine-laying.		
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Allied:

Mar 12-14	Fleet aircraft from Malta.	Laid mines in approaches to Bizerte; also hit 1 tanker, sank ammunition ship, probably hit 1 other ship in Mediterranean.	
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Ninth Air Force

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 18	Escorted Bostons and Baltimores made attacks on gun positions southeast Mareth and Mareth village.	1 explosion seen.	
Mar 18	17 B-24's attacked Naples.		

2. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

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Mar 18 Enemy air activity on reduced scale, confined to reconnaissance landing fields and forward area of Mareth Line.

b. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Allied:

Mar 18	73 B-17's and 24 B-24's bombed shipyards and submarine installations at Vegisack from 22000 to 28000 feet.	268 tons of HE were dropped. Preliminary photos show power house, engine, erecting, lathe and frame building shops and at least 12 other buildings in Shipyards plus 2 buildings at Bremen Wool Combing Works were either completely demolished or badly damaged. Entire target area was solid rectangle of flame and smoke. Attempted smoke screen blown away and ineffective. 150 encounters with enemy fighters who attacked continuously from coast to target and back over North Sea with attacks lasting 1 hr 45 min. Planes identified included 190's, ME-109's, ME-110's, and JU-88's. Attacks from all directions but mainly head on.	1 B-24 shot down and crashed after leaving target. 1 B-17 in distress after fighter attack but continued to target, later fell spinning in flames. 14 B-24s and 8 B-17s slightly damaged but can be repaired by combat units. 1 B-17 seriously damaged but can be repaired by local service units. Casualties: 1 man killed. 4 seriously wounded. 20 missing.
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A. Air Score, North African Theater of Operations:

Planes Destroyed Since Last Report:

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	0

Accumulated Report for North African Theater of Operations
Aircraft Destroyed beginning November 8, 1942:

468	789
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IV. Naval Actions:

Two enemy merchant vessels, schooner, tug, and lighter reported sunk in Northern Mediterranean by HM submarine. March 18

Two enemy vessels with five escorting vessels heading southwest between Naples and Sicily. March 18

Three Allied ships in westward convoy were hit by torpedoes from U boats, but all ships reached port. This action, except for status of ships, was previously listed as taking place on March 16-17.

V. Ground Actions:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia:

In area Dj Abiod counterattack by Allied Para-troop Battalion bailed to restore situation. March 18

Our troops withdrew five miles during night March 17/18 with one parachute

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and commando battalion forming rear guard. Further withdrawal to Arga (Hill) Dj Abiod taking place. Heavy casualties were suffered on both sides. March 18
Heavy rains on front most of the day.

The 334th Infantry Division (German) is now believed to be entirely north of Oued Medjerda and appears to have taken over the entire river sector.

It is believed that the Herman Goering Panzer Division is now operating in the area from Oued Medjerda to Djebel Mansour.

Other Locations

Headquarters of the 46th Division (British) is at Beja.

128th Infantry Brigade (British) is northeast of Beja.

139th Infantry Brigade (British) is south of Dj. Abiod.

V Corps Reserve consists of 1st Guards Brigade Group and is located in area around Beja.

6th Armored Division is in reserve under the 9th Corps near Le Krib (British).

Central Tunisia:

Patrols active.

Southern Tunisia:

Heavy rains throughout the night hampered operations generally. March 17-18.

1st Infantry Division, including Combat Command A, during morning pushed east towards El Guettar and Sened with the 1st Ranger Battalion taking positions east of Sened after it was evacuated by the enemy. March 17-18

Enemy reported holding Djebel Chemsii--Dj Berda area. March 17-18

1st Armored Division completed concentration except for flank force consist- of Armored Regiment, 68th Armored Artillery, and Battery 701 Tank Destroyer which remained at Sbeitla. March 17-18

Italian patrols believed operating in Sidi Bou Zid-Faid Sector. March 17-18.

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Other Locations

3d Battalion, 26th Infantry is at Dj El Mdilla where contact was made with French Forces.

Combat Command C with 60th CT, and CP 1st Armored Division at Bass El Msegta.

Combat Command B is at Dj El Hafey and patrolled to Sidi Bou Zid which was unoccupied at 1500 hours on March 18.

Balance of 26th Infantry is in division reserve in vicinity of Madjane Bel Abbes.

16th Infantry Combat Team is just north of Gafsa.

British 8th Army:

During day slight local adjustments were made along the front with little interference by the enemy. March 18

b. North African Theater Except Combat Zones:

Comparative Strength in Combat in Forward Area:

	<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
Infantry Battalions	115	109
Field Artillery pieces	1074	829
Tanks	1176	255

Locations: Headquarters, 5th Army, Oujda

1st Armored Corps

Headquarters, Rabat
2d Armored Division, Monod
3d Infantry Division (less 1 Regiment), Port Lyautey

6th Corps

Headquarters, Ain Temouchent
30th Infantry Regiment, Guercif, Oujda

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c. Troop Movements:

13th Field Artillery Brigade moved from 5th Army to 18th Army Group and is now in the area of the 2d Corps.

VI. Miscellaneous:

Casualties in combat zone for week ending March 12:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>EM</u>
Killed	23	240
Wounded	60	657
Missing	<u>56</u>	<u>2080</u>
TOTAL	139	2977

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Strength of 223,800

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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 199,804

U. S.	64,404
British	
1st Army	40,400
8th Army	73,000
French	<u>22,000</u>
	199,804

Estimated Total
Strength:

German	141,090
Italian	<u>82,710</u>
	223,800

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
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Northwest African Air Force

1. Bombers:

Axis-

- Mar 17 Enemy made 3 strongly escorted bombing attacks northwest of Medenine. Unknown.
- Mar 17 5 dive bombing attacks by ME-200's. Unknown.

Allied-

- Mar 17 Light bombers carried out several harrasing missions but bad weather caused cancellation of many missions.
- Mar 17 Air Support Command supported attack at Gafsa by II Corps. Heavily bombed, 2 fires observed.
- Mar 17 All bomber missions strategic air force cancelled due to bad weather.

2. Fighters:

Allied-

- Mar 18 Fighters flew steadily throughout the day over entire front.
- Mar 17 Fighters strafed tanks withdrawing from Gafsa to El Guettar. Vehicles, tanks, personnel and trucks shot up.
- Mar 17 140 Spitfire sweeps over Sedjenine, Sidi Nizr, and Medjes areas. Several enemy aircraft observed, 1 formation offered battle. 1 FW-190 destroyed.

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3. Reconnaissance:

Axis-

- Mar 17 2 enemy bomber reconnaissance between Algiers and Oran.
- Mar 17 Missions over Medenine-Nefatia El Assa and Bou Ghrara by ME-109's.
- Mar 17 Missions over Allied forward area.

Allied-

- Mar 17 Early missions over Gafsa. Heavy traffic moving east to El Guettar.

4. Transports:

Axis-

- Mar 17 80 to 100 transports arrived Tunis, also few at Bizerte.

Ninth Air Force

1. Bombers:

Axis-

- Mar 17 Enemy made several bomber and fighter attacks northwest Medenine. 1 ME-109 destroyed. 1 MC-202 Probably destroyed. 3 ME-109's damaged.
- Mar 15 24 bombers on sweep dropped 8000 pound bombs. Unknown.
- Mar 16 24 bombers on sweep. Details not available.

2. Reconnaissance:

Allied-

- Mar 17 Clouds and dust restricted activity.

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b. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

Axis-

Mar 17 No enemy air activity.

Allied-

Mar 17 8 Spitfires bombed Comiso Airdrome. Results unknown.

2. Fighters:

Allied-

Mar 17 32 Spitfires escorted incoming convey from south.

3. Anti-shipping:

Mar 14 1 Liberator attacked w submarines 750 miles west Blanket Island. Results unknown.
Aircraft attacked 3 submarines;
1 attack 410 miles southwest England,
1 attack 385 miles west of Ireland,
and 1 attack 360 miles northwest Rockwell Island.

Mar 17 3 Wellingtons on shipping search over Naples. No target.

Mar 17 9 Beauforts and 9 Beaufighters attacked 10000 ton tanker south-east of Sicily. Large clouds, smoke. 1 ME-110 destroyed. 2 " " probably destroyed, 6 ME-110 damaged; 1 Beaufighter, 1 DO-217, 1 JU-52, and 1 HE-115 all damaged.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis-

Mar 16 6 Bordeaux based FW-200's operated northwest Cape Finisterre, Spain.

Mar 17 1 plane over southwestern approaches, 1 over Frbeness, Scotland, no other enemy action.

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Allied-

Mar 17 Reconnaissance over Mediterranean. 1 tanker sighted 15 miles off Cape Spartimento. 1 merchant vessel listing to port. 2 5000 ton merchant vessels 100 miles south Naples.

Mar 17 Reconnaissance missions over Cotrone area. 2 enemy merchant vessels 7000-4000 tons with 3 escorting vessels.

III.

a. Air Score North African Theater of Operations:

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<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	3

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b. Sorties Flown, North African Theater of Operations:

B-25, 17; A-20, 18; P-40, 22; Hudsons, 6; Albacore, 3; Swordfish, 4; Beaufighter, 22; British Spitfires, 233; Hurricanes, 10.

IV. Naval Action:

a. North African Theater of Operations:

March 18. Three motor torpedo boats operated south of Maritimo.

b. European Theater of Operations:

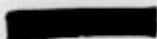
Convoy from Alexandria arrived AM.

Abdiel arrived from Alexandria with load mines and sailed for Haifa

after discharging them.

Four ships sailed for Tripoli to cooperate with Eighth Army.

Irene Du Font, James Oglethorpe, Southern Princess, sunk approximately 1000 miles west of England. El Mundo left sinking.



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United States Benjamin Harrison in convoy New York-North Africa torpedced 125 miles east Terceira Azores, March 16.

Six vessels, names unknown, United Kingdom bound in convoy torpedced 675 to 625 miles southeast Cape Farewell, Greenland. Three other vessels reported torpedced in same general area. Details unknown, March 16/17.

Norwegian Thorstrand Liverpool to St. Johns seven days overdue, March 17.

V. Ground Actions:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia-

Patrols made contact with enemy at Sebket El Kourzia.

Enemy heavily shelled company position near Bou Arrda.

Enemy supported by dive bombers attack our position near Tamara.

Enemy Para Brigade attacked from north and east.

Foresters position at Sedjenne penetrated but restored by counterattack.

Successive counterattacks by both sides followed.

Enemy made slight gains in ground.

Enemy broke through near RJ at Dj El Maou.

March 17. Enemy attacking on three battalion front, enemy attacked south toward Dj Bel Harch.

Central Tunisia-

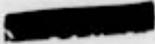
Patrols made contact with enemy area Rass Ed Dhara, March 17.

Southern Tunisia-

1st United States Infantry Division entered Gafsa encountering little resistance but delayed by mines.

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Reconnaissance elements pushing to El Guettar, occupies Lala.

Armored Division delayed due to rain.

Reconnaissance elements Combat Command A, 1st Armored Division, occupied Zannouch, no opposition encountered.

Forward elements tank battalion ten miles west Sened.

Combat command A CP at Garet Es Said.

Enemy opposition confined to air and artillery opposition, March 17.

March 17. Heights Djebel Ank, Djebel Chemse, Djebel Berda, reported held by enemy. 580 Reconnaissance unit rear guard of Centauro Armored Division which is retiring toward Gabes.

British 8th Army-

Patrols in south inflicted losses and captured prisoners, March 17

Patrol activity.

VI. Miscellaneous:

Fighting French Intelligence Reports:

Five hundred trains, German Troop and equipment, moving from North France to Western Spanish Basque Border. Tanks and lorries also headed same direction.

This represents about 10 offensive divisions fully equipped.

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Summary of Operations in
North African Theater

March 11 to 14

I. Eighth Army:

The enemy attacks during March 10th on Ksar Rhiland were held and he withdrew northwards during the following night. The RAF gave very effective support to our ground forces in this action.

The enemy is believed to have withdrawn part of his remaining armour northwards towards the Gabes-Sfax area with a view to constituting a strategic reserve.

II. Southeast Algerian Force and II Corps:

Our patrols continued their offensive reconnaissances towards Gafsa. Enemy patrols were encountered to the west and north of the town.

III. First Army:

In the XIX Corps Area our patrols were active and penetrated some distance east of Ousseltia without encountering any appreciable opposition. In the V Corps Area the enemy has infiltrated through the hills, towards the Beja-Djebel Abiod road, and fighting has been continuous in the vicinity of Ston De Tamera.

IV. Naval:

Enemy E boats operating in the Gulf of Bone night March 11/12 were dispersed by shore battery. On March 12th one of our destroyers was hit by an E boat torpedo and subsequently sank. About 170 survivors were picked up.

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V. Air:

Weather was favorable for bombing on March 11 and 12 only. On both days attacks were made on Siebel Ferries between Tunisia and Sicily. Several direct hits were observed. Bombing attacks were also made on Tunis, Sousse, and Enfidaville. Enemy torpedo bombers attempting to attack a convoy were driven off with considerable losses by our fighters. Fighters and fighter bombers carried out offensive reconnaissances throughout the period but were hampered by the weather.

VI. General Giraud's Speech:

General Giraud outlined a broad and liberal policy. It is expected that the action already taken to hold these principles will be continued by appropriate administrative action. Desirable changes in personnel may also be expected in the near future.

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I. Daily Allied Strength Report.

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AXIS

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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 197,596

U. S.	62,196
British	
1st Army	40,400
8th Army	73,000
French	<u>22,000</u>
	197,596

Estimated Total
Strength:

German	141,090
Italian	<u>82,710</u>
	223,800

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4. Reconnaissance:

Axis-

- Mar 15 Enemy reconnaissance between Algiers and Bougie.
- Mar 16-17 5 aircraft along North African coast, 2 approaching Bone.
- Mar 17 10 bombers over Central Mediterranean.
- Mar 16-17 Reconnaissance aircraft active over Southern Tunisia.

1 JU-88 destroyed,
1 damaged.

Allied-

- Mar 16 RAF reports no movement seen on Gabes-Mareth road.

5. Transport:

Axis-

- Mar 15 70 to 95 transports arrived at Tunis. All returned to Sicily and Italy.

Ninth Air Force:

Allied-

- Mar 16 The Ninth Air Force reports no operations for March 16.

1. Reconnaissance:

Axis-

- Mar 15-16 Carried out increased reconnaissance on our forward landing grounds and southern flank.

1 ME-109 damaged.

Allied-

- Mar 15-16 Hurricanes carried out night reconnaissance over Gabes.

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b. European Theater:

Mar 17 Enemy air activity none.

1. Bombers:

Allied-

Mar 12-13 RAF raiders over Essen. Encountered intense and accurate flak, searchlight extremely active. 3 enemy night fighters destroyed.

Mar 16 4 Spitfire bombers accompanied by 8 Spitfire fighters attacked Lampedusa Aerodrome. Hits scored with 250 pound bombs.

Mar 16 8 Spitfire bombers accompanied by 4 Spitfire fighters attacked Aerodrome at Gcmiso. Clouds obscured results.

2. Fighters:

Allied-

Mar 15-16 Mosquitoes strafed Catania and Augusta. 1 searchlight extinguished. 1 HE-111 destroyed.

3. Anti-shipping:

Axis-

Mar 13 British Ocean damaged by air raid off Murmansk.

Allied-

Mar 15-16 2 special equipped Wellingtons searched Palermo and Taranto area. No suitable target.

4. Reconnaissances:

Allied-

Mar 15 Reconnaissance over Taranto. 2 battleships, cruisers in usual position.

Reconnaissance over Palermo. 1 vessel (3000 tons) and 1 vessel (2000 tons) arrived, 2 munition carriers and 1 tanker (3000 to 4000 tons) departed.

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Mar 15 2 unidentified vessels sighted
off west coast of Portugal.

III. a. Air Score North African Theater of Operations:

(1) Planes Destroyed Since Last Report:

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	3

(2) Accumulated Report for North African Theater of
Operations Aircraft Destroyed beginning Nov 8, 1942:

468	786
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b. Sorties Flown, North African Theater of Operations:

B-17, 18; B-25, 18; P-38, 69; P-39, 2; P-40, 26; American
Spitfire, 12; Bisley, 15; Hudson, 18; Albatrosses, 3; Swordfish,
4; British Spitfire, 4.

IV. Naval Action:

Two U. S. vessels torpedoed off Mostaganen March 16. One considered
salvageable.

Cruisers and destroyers operating from Bone carried out sweep toward
Sicily March 12-13. One enemy aircraft shot down.

Mines laid in approaches to Bizerte March 13-16; E boats encountered
night of March 16, one left on fire and two others firing at each other.

Three ships in west bound convoy were torpedoed March 15-16 but all
reached port, two at Oran, one at Algiers.

British Empress of Canada torpedoed and sunk (21,517 tons) March 15.
800 survivors picked up by British destroyer Boreas, strong evidence that there
are other survivors.

French Wyoming in convoy torpedoed and sunk March 15 100 miles east by

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North Flores Azores.

British City of Pretoria New York-Holyhead, Wales, reported seven days overdue March 16.

U. S. Lawton Baker Evans reported sunk March 10-11 arrived United Kingdom.

V. Ground Actions:

a. Combat Zones:

Central Tunisia-

Nothing to report on Gusseltia-Pichon-Fondouk area.

Enemy reconnaissance with tanks reached point eight miles north of Gafsa.

M-13 Italian tanks digging in Dj. Goussa area.

Southern Tunisia-

Mareth Sector confined to mine laying and probable regrouping of forces.

British 8th Army-

Little activity during the day March 17.

Movement of our troops hampered by extensive mines and booby traps.

We are operating many patrols.

Freshly dug enemy positions three miles east of Arram shelled by British March 16.

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater.

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
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Northwest African Air Force:

1. Bombers:

Allied-

Mar 16	2 missions by B-26's Marauders and B-25's Mitchells attacked landing ground at Mezouna.	Aircraft hit on ground.	1 Spitfire missing.
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2. Fighters:

Axis-

Mar 14	6 ME-109's and 2 FW-190's attacked P-38's while on escorting mission to Mezouna.		1 ME-109 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 1 FW-190 damaged
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Mar 15	13 ME-109's over Sbeitla and Sidi Bou Zid Area on strafing missions.		
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15 ME-109's active over Mateur-Sedjenane-Cape Serrat.

Offensive patrols over Gabes.

3. Anti-shipping:

Allied-

Mar 16	B-17's attacked convoy north-west of Sicily.	1 hit observed, another vessel left burning.	
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4. Transport:

Axis-

Mar 14	60 to 80 JU-52's performed transport from Italy and Sicily to Tunis.		
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Ninth Air Force:

1. Bombers:

Allied-

Mar 13 24 Liberators dropped 110-1000 pound bombs on Naples and Harbor. Results unknown due to clouds.

2. Fighters:

Allied-

Mar 14-15 Mosquitos strafed train near Alice, Italy. 2 locomotives damaged and fires started.

Mar 15 Warhawks made 35 fighter sweep sorties on which 25 ME-109's and Macchi-202's were encountered. Same group made 35 sweeps on March 14. 4 ME-109's destroyed, 2 ME-109's probably destroyed, 4 ME-109's damaged, 3 Warhawks missing.

b. European Theater.

1. Bombers:

Axis-

Mar 14-15 18 aircraft approached Durham coast, 7 remaining off shore laying mines. Sunderland bombed. Residential property damage, Sunderland. 1 Dornier destroyed, 1 Beaufighter lost.

Mar 14 6 aircraft bombed and machine-gunned Trinton Area, Essex. Damage and casualties. 1 FW-190.

Mar 15-16 25 enemy aircraft approached Lincolnshire coast, bombed Grimsby-Maplethorpe Area. No damage, casualties reported. 2 Dornier 217's and 1 JU-88 destroyed, 1 other probably destroyed.

2. Anti-shipping:

Axis-

Mar 15 6 FW-200's attacked convoy southwest Cape Finisterre, Spain. Superficial damage, Dutchess of York.

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3. Reconnaissance:

Axis-

Mar 15 3 planes on reconnaissance over Southampton-Isle of Wright Area.
4 more over South Coast, 3 off Coast of Ireland.

8 aircraft on reconnaissance off East Coast, England.

Allied-

Mar 13 Photo reconnaissance over Trondheim Area. Tirpitz left Trondheim Area.

III. a. Air Score North African Theater of Operations:

(1) Planes Destroyed Since Last Report:

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
1	9

(2) Accumulated Report for North African Theater of Operations Aircraft Destroyed beginning November 8, 1942: *

468	783
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* These figures adjusted with those reported by Army Air Forces and include those as probably destroyed.

b. North African Theater of Operations Sorties Flown, March 14:

B-17's, 20; B-25's, 12; B-26's, 12; P-38's, 71; P-40's, 40; Hudsons, 15; Swordfish, 4; Albacore, 3; British Spitfires, 57; Beaufighters, 4.

Losses: 1 Spitfire missing, 1 P-38 damaged.

Victories: 1 ME-109 destroyed, 1 FW-190 probably destroyed, and 1 ME-109 damaged.

IV. Naval Action:

Dutch Sembilangan and British Marcella in outbound convoy from United Kingdom torpedoed and sunk 200 miles west Cape Finisterre, Spain, March 13.

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British Clan Alpine (in same convoy above) previously reported torpedeed known sunk.

United States Keystone bound from New York to North Africa torpedeed 300 miles west Flores Azores, no details.

Correction: March 11 United States Gorgas torpedeed and sunk instead of United States W. L. Smith.

Trawler Moravici sunk by mine off Oxfordness, England, March 14.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia-

Normal patrolling. Enemy in slight withdrawal near Stel Karfahi.

Central Tunisia-

From Dj. Trozza enemy small arms fire.

Southern Tunisia-

Enemy artillery destroyed 4 miles west of Sened.

British 8th Army-

Light activity only. Patrols found extensive trip wire, mines, and booby traps in front Mareth Line. March 15

Increased enemy motor movement by night near Sened.

Enemy mechanized movement east of Mareth Line increased.

Same patrolling and digging along Mareth Line.

b. Troop Movements:

20th Engineer Regiment (combat) enroute to Tebessa.

899th Tank Destroyer Battalion completed movement from Casablanca to Tebessa coming under command of II Corps.

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater.

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
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Northwest African Air Force:

Bad weather seriously interfered with operations.

1. Bombers:

Allied-

Mar 15 All bomber missions cancelled.

2. Fighters:

Allied-

Mar 15	Spitfires on interceptor mission over Bone.		1 HE-111 destroyed, 3 probably destroyed and 2 damaged.
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3. Anti-shipping:

Axis-

Mar 14	Torpedo bombers attacked ships off Cape De Garde.	No damage to ships.	1 enemy torpedo bomber destroyed, 3 probably destroyed and 2 damaged.
Mar 14	Bombers made 9 attacks on naval forces approaching Bone.	Unsuccessful.	2 HE-111's destroyed.
Mar 15	2 bombers on reconnaissance off North Coast of Africa, others northeast of Oran.		

Allied-

Mar 13/14	Albacores and Wellingtons attacked convoy off west coast of Sicily.	1 ship (probably ammunition) destroyed, 2 ships set afire, 1 vessel damaged.	1 enemy fighter destroyed.
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4. Reconnaissance:

Allied-

Mar 15 Weather reconnaissance attempted. Bad weather interfered.

5. Transport:

Axis-

Mar 15 60 transports between Tunis, Sicily, Naples, majority landing at Tunis. A few left for Bizerte in PM.

b. European Theater.

Axis Air Activity Nil.

1. Bombers:

Allied-

Mar 14 8 Spitfire bombers and 8 Spitfire fighters attacked Pozzallo Area. Results unobserved.

Mar 15 Additional information on attack on Amiens, Abancourt, and Abbeyville previously reported. 234 tons of high explosives dropped. Hits destroyed and 2 on tracks and marshalling yards. Results below normal. 2 enemy fighters damaged.

2. Anti-shipping:

Allied-

Mar 14 Photos show fire on water 8 miles northwest of Marettimo.

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III. a. Air Score, North African Theater of Operations:

(1) Planes Destroyed Since Last Report.

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
0	5

(2) Accumulated Report for NATO Aircraft Destroyed beginning November 8, 1942. (1)

<u>U. S.</u>	<u>Axis</u>
465	650

SUMMARY OF AIRPLANE LOSSES IN NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

US AAF

	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Shot Down	6	31	49	41	127
Missing	0	33	37	37	107
Lost Otherwise	<u>30</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>176</u>
Totals	36	104	129	141	410

ENEMY LOSSES

Shot Down	22	65	114	128	329	
Dest. Otherwise	12	37	58	24	131	190
Prob Shot Down	2	12	63	37	114	
Prob Dest. Otherwise	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>141</u>
Totals	41	122	274	194	631	

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(1) Loss figures corrected based on losses reported by Army Air Forces.

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US AAF

TOTALS

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Aug-Oct</u>	<u>Nov-Feb</u>	<u>Aug-Feb</u>
Shot Down	0	0	7	2	3	8	8	7	21	28
Missing	0	2	1	1	9	7	11	3	28	31
Lost Otherwise	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
Totals	0	2	8	14	15	22	23	10	74	84

ENEMY

Shot Down	3	17	40	20	38	57	72	60	187	247
Destroyed Otherwise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prob Shot Down	5	23	52	38	65	34	28	80	165	245
Prob Dest. Otherwise	<u>0</u>									
Totals	8	40	92	58	103	91	100	140	352	492

* No losses reported from Nov. 1 to Nov. 7, 1942.

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b. Sorties flown:

(1) North African Theater of Operations:

Hudson, 3; Beaufighters, 6; P-38's, 4; Spitfires, 30; Losses: Nil.
Victories: 1 HE-111 destroyed, 2 HE-111's probably destroyed, 2
HE-111's damaged.

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IV. Naval Action:

Convoy off Cherchel attacked by E boats March 9, 2 ships torpedoed but both arrived in Algiers.

Destroyer sunk by E boat March 12, about 170 survivors.

Submarine dispositions: Western Mediterranean, between Alboran Island and Oran - 2; Northwest Cape Tenex - 2; Off Algiers - 1; possibly 8 or 9 in Mediterranean; vicinity Cape Bougarani - 2 or 3; North of Bone - 1 or 2.

V. Ground Action:

a. Combat Zone:

Northern Tunisia-

Advance Headquarters, First Army, opened 1200 Hours at Demnet Es Serdouk, March 15.

Tamera front unsuccessfully attacked by enemy March 14.

Bad weather hampered attack by battalion, 134th Brigade. Attack unsuccessful, March 15.

Central Tunisia-

Unconfirmed report of a large armored force reported in area Matleg-Road Faïd-Sfax.

Southern Tunisia-

Djebel Es Stah Pass occupied by two Infantry Companies, 1 75 Millimeter battery, 1 Tank Destroyer Squadron.

Allied clearing of mine fields.

b. Troop Movements:

36th Field Artillery Regiment and 26th Field Artillery Battalion arrived Tebessa from Algiers coming under command of II Corps.

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

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1. Bombing:

Axis-

Mar 13	Few torpedo bombers and JU-88's attacked Bone.	Slight damage to radio station.	
	Bone attacked second time by 7 or 8 enemy planes.	No report.	2 enemy planes.

Allied-

Mar 13	18 bombers bombed Naples harbor.	Results not observed.	
	Allied bombing missions cancelled due to weather.		

2. Fighter Activity:

Axis-

Mar 13	Activity increased in Mareth Section.	Defensive action and sweeps.	
	Fighter bombers attacked Medenines Area.	No report.	
Mar 13	Offensive sweep 25 aircraft Mateur, Beja, Sedjenane, Kairouan Areas.	No report.	
	12 ME-109's and FW-190's attacked Spitfires and P-39's near La Fanconnerie.	No claims.	

Allied-

Mar 13	RAF encountered large formation ME-109's and MC-202's.	2 ME-109's probably destroyed, 5 damaged.	4 ME-109's 3 RAF planes.
	Spitfires and P-40's attacked landing ground west of Dj El Tellil.	Spitfires, flying high cover, did not see enemy.	7 P-39's.

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3. Anti-shipping:

Allied-

Mar 13 B-17's and P-38's searched for shipping NE of Biserte. No results.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis-

Mar 13 4 bombers off North African coast, 5 bombers Northwest Mediterranean searching for submarines. 12 bombers active between Algiers and Oran. No attacks.

Allied-

Mar 13 Reconnaissance flown over La Fannconnerie-Gafsa Area. Italian light tanks attacked.

5. Miscellaneous:

Axis-

Mar 12 60 transport including few 6 engined jobs landed at Tunis in AM. Additional 20 or 30 came from Sicily in PM. After unloading all returned.

Allied-

Mar 13 Usual anti-submarine, coastal patrols, interception patrols, and sweeps were carried out.

b. European Theater:

1. Bombing:

Axis-

Mar 13-14 66 enemy aircraft penetrated to Uckfield-East Grinstead. Bombed Worthing and other scattered points. Slight damage and casualties.

Mar 13 12 enemy aircraft bombed and strafed over Southwest England. Slight damage, no casualties.

Allied-

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Mar 13	Results of Amiens raid reported yesterday.	6 probables, 4 damaged.	5 enemy aircraft 6 Spitfires.
	8 Spitfire bombers with 8 Spitfire escorts attacked Ragusa.	Scored hits with 250 lb bombs on railroad station, sidings & bldgs.	

2. Fighter Activity:

Allied-

Mar 13	2 Beaufighters strafed schooner east of Lampedusa.	Schooner believed sunk.
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3. Anti-shipping:

Axis-

Mar 12-13	13 enemy/sea-mining aircraft off Eastern Scotland-Northeast England.
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Allied-

Mar 12-13	Beauforts and Albacores attacked convoy off Palermo with torpedoes.	1 merchant vessel, 1 tanker hit.
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4. Reconnaissance:

Allied-

Mar 13	Photos-Taranto Messina.	Medium tanker arrived, 2 E boats left, 1 destroyer arrived, 1 tanker arrived, 1 merchant vessel arrived.
Mar 13	Photos-Naples Trapani	2 large, 2 medium, 2 small merchant vessels have departed since March 8. 1 liner, 1 large and 3 medium merchant vessels have arrived. Since 11 March 2 destroyers, 1 escort vessel, 1 U boat, 7 F boats, 2 ammo. carriers have departed, 1 destroyer, 1 T/B, 2 E boats have arrived.

III. Air Score:

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Planes Shot Down Since Last Report, NATO.

<u>Allies</u>	<u>Axis</u>
12	2

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943.

345	687
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Sorties Flown:

B-17's, 24; Hudsons, 17; A-20's, 2; Beaufighters, 4; P-38's, 27;
P-39's, 18; American Spitfires, 84; British Spitfires, 95.

IV. Naval Action:

British Clan Alpine torpedoed while in convoy 190 miles west Cape Finisterre, Spain.

USA William C. Gorgas torpedoed March 11 700 miles west of Cape Clear, Ireland.

USA Malantic previously reported torpedoed known to be sunk.

Large enemy ship left Boulogne with escort on March 12. Attack by British coastal batteries and MT boats resulted in 1 torpedo hit and minor damage to attacking MT boats.

V. Ground Action:

Combat Zone-

Northern Tunisia:

On March 3 an enemy ammunition dump was blown up 3 miles northeast of Goubellat.

'Y' Division met and repulsed local enemy attack 3 miles north of Bou Arada.

Battalion, 129th Brigade attacking high ground Tamera Sector. Details later. March 13.

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Central Tunisia:

March 11. Italians with 12 tanks withdrew to Dj. El Bagra.

Apparently extensive 'no mans land' in Pichon Valley Area.

10 tanks observed moving north on Gafsa-Sidi Bou Zid road at 1030Z

March 13.

6 tanks observed moving west at Hir Bou Hamli.

1st Derby Yeomanry reported 15 enemy tanks moving southwest with head of column 9 miles southwest of Sidi Bou Zid at 0615, March 13.

Southern Tunisia:

Enemy located south and east of Gafsa along Guettaria, Cued Baiech, Chanig de Tif, and Od. Cherait.

French forces are organizing a strong point at Metlaoui and Dj Es Steh Pass.

British 8th Army:

Enemy artillery activity increased slightly on March 13.

153d Brigade relieved 69th Brigade March 12/13.

4th Indian Division at Beu Gardane, March 13.

Enemy reported using Nebelwerfer 41. Performance noisy but negligible.

Enemy motor transport moved through pass at Dj Bateun Kradca in both directions March 12.

Armored patrol occupied Dj Eloutid March 12.

Enemy armored cars and motor transport still in area 10 miles northeast of Ksar Rhilane.

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7417, 7458, 7530,
7539, 7512, 7513.

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0700 March 13 to 0700 March 14
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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theatre.

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
1. Bombing:			
<u>Axis-</u>			
Mar 12	Thelepte airdrome attacked twice during day by ME-109's and FQ-190's.	3 Spitfires damaged on ground.	5 ME-109's destroyed 4 " " damaged 3 Spitfires "
<u>Allied-</u>			
Mar 11	Bostons & Kittyhawks attacked Mareth position with Spitfire escort.	No results observed, undetermined air opposition.	
Mar 12	B-26's attacked Enfidaville dump area.	Hits observed on supply dump.	1 B-26 destroyed
Mar 12	Wellingtons attacked Tunis.	Docks and houses bombed severely.	

2. Fighter Activity:

Axis-

Mar 12	12 ME-109's active vicinity Cape Serrat.		
	Fighters active in A.M. vicinity Kairouan-Feriana area.		
	Fighter bombers attacked roads Kasserine-Sbeitla area in P.M.		
	Italian fighters on defensive patrol over Sicily and Gabes-Sfax Area.	Engaged Allied bombers, 1 enemy plane damaged.	1 enemy plane damaged
	12 to 15 fighters attacked bombers over Sousse.	1 FW-190 damaged and 2 ME-109's probably destroyed by P-51's.	2 ME-109's destroyed
	3 ME-109's engaged Allied bombers over Enfidaville.		2 ME-109's

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Mar 12 9 ME-109's encountered 1 ME-109 damaged.
P-38 escort.

3. Anti-shipping:

Axis-

Mar 12 10 torpedo bombers and 5 JU-88's No damage to ships, 1 2 JU-88's
attacked convoy entering Bone. JU-88 probably shot
down. AA in Bone claims
a probable on 1 HE-111

Allied-

Mar 12 B-17's escorted by P-38's Hit 1 medium sized 1 P-38
attacked Scousse harbour. ship.
B-25's attacked convoy of 4 sunk, 4 probably 1 B-25.
11 Siebel Ferries. sunk, near hits on 2 CZ-1007's
balance.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis-

Mar 12 4 bombers on reconnaissance None
contacted convoys between Bone
and Bougie.

Allied-

Mar 12 Fighters and bombers carried Weather good.
out many patrols, tactical rec-
onnaissance, and weather recon-
naissance.
Tactical reconnaissance in M-T trucks and staff
Northern Tunisia by Spitfires car attacked.
and Hurribombers.

5. Transport:

Axis-

Mar 12 80 JU-52's flew to Tunisia of
which 40 landed at Biserte.

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b. European Theatre.

1. Bombing:

Axis-

Mar 12	20 FW-190's made low level attack Hastings March 11 dropping 25 HE.	Widespread damage and casualties.	2 raiders
	24 aircraft mainly FW-190's penetrated outskirts of London.	Considerable damage, 6 killed, 20 wounded.	5 FW-190's
	6 FW-190's dropped 6 HE bombs and strafed Solcombe.	Considerable damage.	
Mar 12-13	12 aircraft bombed Newcastle-Sunderland-Alnwick-Sedgefield area.	Some casualties and damage.	1 Heinkel 111 1 Beaufighter

Allied-

Mar 11-12	314 RAF bombers dispatched Stuttgart.	Unknown.	11 missing
Mar 13	44 B-17's attacked RR yards Amiens while 37 B-17's attacked other yards in northwest France.	Heavy haze made results below standard, fighter reaction mediocre, flak moderate.	All bombers returned
	16 B-24's flew diversion mission along northwest European Coast.	Uneventful.	All bombers returned.
Mar 12	Further report on mission against Rouen by 63 B-17's: Photos show results of 156.5 tons HE to be good. Considerable damage around Marshalling yards and engine sheds. Heavy oily smoke rose to 12,000 feet as bombers departed. Bombing executed from 21,000 to 24,000 feet. All bombers returned without damage or casualties. Flak and fighter opposition was poor.		
Mar 12-13	457 RAF bombers attacked Essen.	23 bombers missing.	
Mar 13	Poor weather prevented attacks against Germany.		

2. Fighter Activity:

Allied-

Mar 10	8 squadrons Spitfires swept Le Harve-Abbeville Area.	30 enemy fighters met.
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Mar 10 6 squadrons Spitfires and 2 USAAF 90 enemy fighters squadrons swept St. Omer-Le Touquet encountered area.

1 squadron P-47's and 2 squadrons Spitfires swept off Walchered Island.

First operational slight for P-47's in ETO. 26 enemy fighters met.
Enemy: 1 destroyed 2 probably destroyed 5 damaged
Allies: None

Mar 12 Offensive sweep by 23 American Spitfires.

Several enemy fighters encountered, 1 FW-190 damaged. 1 Spitfire

III. Air Score:

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report, NATO.

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
3	12

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943.

333	685
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Sorties Flown:

B-17's, 39; B-36's, 15; B-25's, 15; Wellingtons, 11; Hurrribombers, 9; Hudsons, 19; P-38's, 71; P-39's, 2; P-40's, 36; American Spitfires, 8; Beaufighters, 10; British Spitfires, 178; Hurricanes, 64.

1 Hurricane missing. 2 ME-109's probably destroyed, 7 ME-109's and 1 FW-190 damaged.

IV. Naval Action:

British destroyer Harvester rammed sub 750 miles west Cape Clear Ireland, 11 March, Harvester damaged, result sub unknown.

British Scorton rammed sub 450 miles west Lewis Hebrides, 10 March.

Two enemy destroyers engaged 3 British MT boats attacking shipping along Dutch Coast, 9 March, 1 MT boat missing, another damaged, 1 enemy tanker believed sunk, 1 enemy trawler left afire, 2 damaged.

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March 12. HM destroyer sunk by E boat north of Cape Guardia. Wrecked merchant vessel unloading cargo by floating crane torpedoed by HM submarine $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Sousse.

Axis Submarine dispositions:

German: Between Algiers and Oran - 2.
 Vicinity Cape Tenese - - - 2.
 Off Algiers- - - - - 1.

Italian: Between Algiers and Bone - 7.

E boats engaged British coast defense battery off Bone on Night of March 11/12.

Six German mines swept off Bone March 10 and 11.

British steamer Coulmore in UK bound convoy torpedoed 195 miles northwest of Rockall March 9. Vessel is salvable. Unidentified tanker torpedoed and sunk in same area.

USA William L. Smith, USA Lawton B. Evans, and Norwegian Brant County all in UK bound convoy torpedoed and sunk Night of March 10/11.

Norwegian Bonneville and British Tucurcina known to have been sunk.

The Tirpitz, 2 destroyers, and 2 torpedo boats reported outward bound at entrance to Trondheim Fjord on morning, March 11.

V. Ground Action:

Combat Zone-

Northern Tunisia-

March 12. No activity on Tazera Front. Enemy motor transport and tracked vehicles heard moving night of March 11/12 in Oued Zarga (J 4-3) Sector Point 3 miles southwest of Toukabeur (J 5040) reported clear of enemy. The line Chassert Teffaha (J 5841)-Smidia (J 5933)-Medjez also

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reported clear. Point (O 7197) north of Djebel Manzour heavily shelled by Axis.

Central Tunisia-

March 12.

Point 705 and Ragoubet El Hejy (O 6786) reached by 7 enemy patrols that subsequently withdrew.

Small number of enemy at Bir Esssi in Ourseltia-Kaifuouan Pass were located and 10 prisoners taken.

Enemy reported to have occupied Djebel Es Stah (X 8078).

British 8th Army-

Patrol activity on Mareth Line was only action.

Enemy still occupying point 3 miles southeast of Arram.

Troop Movements-

2d Battalion, 509th Parachute Regiment, arrived in Cujda from Algiers coming under command of 5th Army.

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7047, 7033,
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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theatre.

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
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1. Bombing:

Mar 11 Operations restricted due to bad weather.

2. Fighter Activity:

Allied-

Mar 11	Several sweeps carried out by fighters.	No report. Weather interfered with most missions.
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3. Anti-shipping:

Axis-

Mar 11	10 JU-88's and few torpedo HE-111's attacked convoy Bone Area.	No damage to shipping.	1 JU-88 destroyed.
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Allied-

Mar 11	B-26's escorted by P-38's attacked convoy between Sicily and Tunis; encountered by JU-88's, HE-210's, and ME-110's.	Hits on 1 of 7 Seibel Ferries escorted by 4 escort vessels 4 miles west of Maretime Island.	1 ME-110 destroyed. 2 JU-88's " 1 B-26 "
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Mar 11	B-26's escorted by P-38's on shipping sweep.	Encountered no merchant shipping but were fired on by small naval vessels 16 miles northeast of Cap Bon.
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4. Reconnaissance:

Axis-

Mar 11 3 JU-88's contacted convoy between Phillippeville and Bone.

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Allied-

Mar 11	P-58's on weather reconnaissance.	Sighted 2 ME-109's off Biserte and 2 off Sicily.
Mar 11	36 P-40's on weather reconnaissance over Sicilian Channel.	No enemy aircraft encountered.

5. Transport:

Mar 10	80 Axis aircraft including 10 six motored bombers.	Majority of flights to and from Tunis.
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b. European Theatre.

1. Bombing:

Allied-

Mar 12	63 B-17's attacked yards and engine sheds at Rouen.	Weather clear, bombing good, opposition slight. All bombers and American escort fighters returned safely.
Mar 12	19 B-24's carried out diversion along Channel Coast.	No flak or fighters encountered.

2. Fighter Activity:

Allied-

Mar 10-11	5 Mosquitoes over Sicily attacked submarine.	
Mar 11	8 Spitfires made sweep vicinity Comiso and Linora.	Damaged 1 locomotive and 1 JU-52.

3. Anti-shipping:

Allied-

Mar 10-11	7 Wellingtons sought convoy.	No success.
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4. Reconnaissance:

Allied-

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Mar 11 1 Wellington on reconnaissance No report.
preceded outgoing convoy.

No Axis air activity in European Theatre.

III. Air Score:

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report in NATO.

Allied

Axis

1

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Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943.

330

681

Sorties Flown-

B-26, 12; B-25, 15; P-38, 46; P-39, 12; P-40, 36; Beaufighters, 5;
Swordfish, 3; British Spitfires, 39.

IV. Naval Action:

Nothing to report.

V. Ground Action:

Combat Zone-

Northern Tunisia-

March 11. Enemy made additional attacks in the Tamera Sector with
no success.

Central Tunisia-

March 11. In the Gusseltia Sector, Allied operations met weak enemy
resistance.

Three prisoners were taken from an enemy patrol disguised as Americans
that attacked an Allied outpost north of Djebel Mansour.

Patrol activity all along front of II Corps. Enemy contacted at Kef
Ech Chegga.

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A battalion reconnaissance force supported by Churchill tanks and U. S. light tanks reached Bir Essadi and withdrew as ordered after taking 10 prisoners.

Enemy patrols repulsed at Djebel Salem and north of Ousseltia.

Southern Tunisia-

March 10. Metlaoui occupied by our troops, forward elements reached Qued Gound.

March 11. Occupation of Metlaoui continues. Enemy armored patrols operating 10 kilometres east of Metlaoui.

British 8th Army-

March 11. 18 enemy vehicles and 7 guns destroyed in Ksar Rhilane Area. Enemy has withdrawn to the north.

Normal patrol activity along Mareth Line.

Troop Movements-

776th Tank Destroyer Battalion from Casablanca to Constantine coming under command 18th Army Group.

2d Battalion, 509th Parachute Regiment, from Algiers to Oujda coming under command 5th Army upon arrival.

VI. Miscellaneous:

March 11. The following German identifications were obtained from prisoners:

Tamera Front: Battalion T4
Battalion T3
11th Company, Barenthin Regiment.
Djebe Aiod Area: 2d Company, Battalion T4
1st Battalion, 47th Regiment.

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6269, 6275, 6286, 6314,
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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theatre.

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
<u>1. Bombing:</u>			
<u>Axis-</u>			
Mar 9	70-80 JU-52 transports arrived at Bizerte and Tunis.		
<u>Allied-</u>			
Mar 10	41 B-17's attacked El Aouina escorted by P-38's.	3 large aircraft hit on ground. B-17's attacked by 15 ME-109's.	5 ME-109's, destroyed 2 ME-109's damaged 2 ME-109's probably destroyed
Mar 10	La Marsa airfield attacked by 36 B-17's escorted by P-38's.	Attacked by 20 ME-109's and FW-190's.	3 ME-109's destroyed 4 ME-109's damaged
Mar 10	12 B-26 airplanes bombed Gafsa.		
Mar 10	2 attacks by Hurricanes, 1 by Kittybombers, all escorted by Spitfires, supported calls from L Force.	Enemy fighters prevented effective strafing.	3 ME-109's destroyed 1 JU-87 " 1 ME-109 damaged 6 British pilots missing.

2. Fighter Activity:

Axis-

Mar 10 Enemy made 6 attacks of fighter bombers on Ksar Rhilane.

Allied-

Mar 10	16 Spitfires made sweeps over Southern Sicily.	No enemy aircraft sighted.	
Mar 10	Spitfires encountered ME-109's over Jefna.		5 ME-109's destroyed 2 ME-109's damaged
Mar 10	P-38's on bomber escort mission.	Attacked by enemy aircraft.	2 enemy aircraft destroyed and 2 damaged

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a. North African Theatre.

3. Anti-shipping:

Axis-

Mar 10 6 Italian torpedo bombers attacked 2 Allied troop ships off Cape Bougaroni. No damage or casualties.

b. European Theatre:

1. Bombing:

Axis-

Night 18 enemy planes on mining and bombing mission near Yorkshire-Lincolnshire Coast. Railway lines at Hull damaged. Blackburn aircraft factory hit causing slight delay in production. 1 Dornier 217 (light bomber) destroyed

Night 6 FW-190's bombed Hove and Worthing. Considerable damage caused at both places.

Mar 10 4 FW-190's bombed Helford River, Southwestern Cornwall. No damage or casualties reported.

Allied-

Night 64 RAF bombers dispatched Mar 9-10 to Munich. 8 bombers missing

Night RAF bombers attacked Essen. Mar 5-6 1 ME-109 destroyed

2. Fighter Activity:

Allied-

Mar 10 Fighter sweeps over coast northwest France and Holland by P-47's and Spitfires. No enemy contacts, P-47 radio still unsatisfactory.

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II. Air Action:

b. European Theatre.

3. Anti-shipping:

Allied-

Mar 7 RAF Coastal Command Fortress Results unknown.
dropped depth charges on sub-
marine 370 miles west of
Rockall.

Mar 8 2 Liberators attacked 2 sub- Results unknown.
marines while escorting con-
voy 400 miles southwest of
Iceland.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis-

Night 1 enemy plane on reconnais-
Mar 9-10 sance over Durham Coast. 11
enemy planes on reconnaissance
off south coast of England, 3
off east coast.

III. Air Scores:

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report.

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
6	19

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943.

329	677
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Statistics for March 11 Operations

Sorties: B-17, 77; B-26, 12; P-38, 39; P-39, 10; P-40, 36; Am
Spitfire, 28; Hudson, 9; Swordfish, 3; Albacore, 2;
Beaufighter, 14; Hurricane, 38; British Spitfire, 86.

Losses: Allied: None

Axis: 8 ME-109's destroyed.
2 " " probably destroyed.
8 " " damaged.

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IV. Naval Action:

Photo reconnaissance shows Prinz Eugen, Emden, Schelsien, Schleschwig-Holstein at Gdynia; Schornhorst not at Port and Hipper and Scheer at Wilhelmshaven on March 8.

Visual reconnaissance March 8 indicated Tirpitz at Lo Fjord Norway.

In convoy from West Indies to Clyde the British Guido was torpedoed and sunk March 8 415 miles southwest of Iceland. In same convoy the Yugoslav Vojvoda Putnik reported abandoned.

The Norwegian tanker Daty was torpedoed 200 miles west-southwest of Iceland.

USA Puerto Rican torpedoed 125 miles east of Iceland on March 9.

310 miles south of Iceland 3 vessels torpedoed enroute New York to UK.

British Empire Kinsman damaged by air attack near Murmansk March 6.

V. Ground Action:

Combat Zone

Northern Tunisia:

March 10. Enemy made unsuccessful attacks on Djebel-March-Tamera Area. This was supported by Stukas. Four Battalions were engaged.

Enemy infantry was active against our motor transport on road Djebel Abiod-Beja.

Enemy activity observed Toukabour.

Sidi Mammoud was clear of enemy.

Enemy ammunition dump was destroyed north of Bou Arada.

Southern Tunisia:

March 10. Sidi Bou Zid shelled by enemy.

Bridge 20 miles northwest of Gafsa was reported destroyed.

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About 40 enemy motor transports seen moving north on Kebili-Gafsa road.

Area Chott Djerid-Kriz-El Hamma-du-Djerid apparently abandoned.

British 8th Army:

The enemy bombed, strafed, and shelled the main position around Ksar Khilane. Surrounded and simultaneously attacked from northeast, east, and south all positions were intact. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy, many vehicles were left burning--support was furnished by RAF. Attacks by enemy land forces appeared dying down by evening.

Mareth Line patrol activity slight.

German losses in recent fighting now shown to be 52 tanks including 2 Mark 3's.

Troop Movements:

Movement commenced of 26th Field Artillery Battalion from Algiers to Tebessa, coming under command of II Corps on arrival.

VI. Miscellaneous:

Identifications:

German - Battalion A-30 in Tamera-Sedjenane Area.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

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

I. Daily Allied Strength Report.

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIED

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	294,717
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>160,000</u>
	584,717

AXIS

Estimated Total
Strength of 213,300

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 1238

In Sicily, Italy
and Tunisia 1505

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength	195,306
U. S.	59,906
British:	
1st Army	40,400
8th Army	73,000
French	<u>22,000</u>
	195,306

Estimated Total
Strength 213,300

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theatre.

DATE	NO OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
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1. Bombing:

Axis-

Mar 5	Attack on Malta convoy previously reported was made by 12 JU-88 dive bombers.		1 JU-88 destroyed.
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Allied-

Night Mar 8-9	4 Spitfires bombed shipping sheds south of Avola and railway south of Scica and strafed railway rolling stock.	Hits scored on shipping shed and trucks, signal boxes damaged.	
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Mar 9	Light bombers and Spitfires attacked installations and motor transport in northern sector.		
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2. Fighter Activity-

Allied-

Mar 9	3 Mosquitoes on patrol over Western Sicily. No enemy encountered.		
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Mar 9	3 Beaufighters and 62 Spitfire and Hurricane sorties flown for convoy escort.		
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3. Anti-shipping-

Allied-

Mar 8	2 Wellingtons with special equipment on shipping searches north of Marettimo and in Naples-Sicily Area. 1 Wellington with special equipment cooperated with Malta Based aircraft.		
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Night Bomforts and Beaufighters
Mar 8-9 dispatched to attack tanker,
6000 tons, and merchant vessel,
4000 tons. Recalled because
of sudden deterioration in weather.

Mar 9 Heavy bombers and P-38s Heavily attacked by
attacked 3 ship convoy. enemy before bomb run.

Mar 9 5 Hudson sorties on anti-
submarine patrol.

4. Reconnaissance-

Axis-

Mar 7 Enemy reconnaissance aircraft 2 merchant vessels damaged.
kept close watch on convoy
between Oran and Algiers.
Convoy was attacked in even-
ing by torpedo aircraft.

Allied-

Night 4 Spitfires made offensive
Mar 8-9 sweep over Southern Sicily.
No enemy aircraft encountered.

Mar 9 6 P-38 lightning and 4 Spitfire
reconnaissance sorties flown
over Gafsa and Maknassy.

Mar 9 43 Spitfire offensive recon-
naissance flown in Pont Du-Fhas-
Biserte Area.

WEATHER INTERFERRED WITH ALL MISSIONS.

Mar 7 40 to 50 enemy aircraft arrived at
Tunis and 10 at Biserte including
number of 6 engine planes.

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III. Air Score:

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report.

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

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943.

323	656
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Sorties Flown

B-17s, 20; P-38s, 40; P-39s, 14; U.S. Spitfires, 14; British Spitfires, 230; Hurricanes, 70; Beaufighters, 5; Hurribombers, 17; Hudson and Swordfish, 26.

IV. Naval Action:

Enemy F boat sunk by British destroyer north of Pantellaria.

Mines laid on March 8th off Bizerte and in the Sicilian Channel.

Italian tank landing craft sunk by British destroyer March 8 off Malta.

2 Merchand vessels in convoy torpedoed by enemy submarine, 1 reached Algiers.

V. Ground Action:

Northern Tunisia:

March 8. Due to heavy rain there was little activity in Northern Sector. Extensive reorganization being carried out by enemy.

Considerable enemy motor transport movement north and west of Sebket El Koursia. Offensive patrols towards Sedjenne encountered enemy strong points both sides of road. Enemy shelling our positions in vicinity of Tamara.

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The enemy is apparently in defensive positions in Oued Zarga-Medjez Sector.

Small enemy tank attack Tamara Area resulted in enemy being badly disorganized with heavy casualties.

Central Tunisia:

Enemy in position at Djebel Bou Kril and has deserted Ousseltia.

The Pass at Kef El Ahmar reoccupied by Germans 8-9 March, after heavily mining the Pass the enemy later withdrew.

Southern Tunisia:

Gafsa reported to be in Italian hands but out patrols encountered no enemy 2 miles to the west of Gafsa. Tozuer and possibly Kris evacuated by the enemy.

Troop Movements:

5th Armored Artillery, GM, from Casablanca to Tebessa coming under command of II Corps on arrival.

Prisoner of War reports that the 755th Regiment was moved into reserve and replaced by the 756th Mountain Regiment and also the 47th Infantry Regiment relieved the 754th Regiment which was withdrawn.

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EUROPEAN THEATER

0700 March 9 to 0700 March 10
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I. Daily Allied Strength Report.

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIED

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	294,717
British " " " " "	140,000
French " " " " "	<u>150,000</u>
	584,717

AXIS

Estimated Total
Strength of
213,300

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 1236

In Sicily, Italy
and Tunisia 1506

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength	<u>195,306</u>
U. S.	59,906
British:	
1st Army	40,400
8th Army	75,000
French	<u>22,000</u>
	195,306

Estimated Total
Strength
213,300

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theatre.

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Mar 7	B-25s and P-38s on shipping strike.	1 ME 109 destroyed, 2 JU-88s destroyed, 1 ME 109 probable and 2 enemy damaged.	3 enemy destroyed.
	B-17s and P-38s attacked by enemy aircraft.	1 enemy destroyed, 1 probable, 1 damaged.	1 enemy destroyed.
	Neffatia landing ground attacked by 29 ME-210s and forward troops attacked by ME-109s, FW-190s, and JU-87s.		
	Spitfires on interception patrols.	Many successful encounters. 11 enemy destroyed, 6 probables.	11 enemy destroyed (2 were previously reported).
	RAF with 8th Army encountered large formations enemy fighters March 7 without loss.	9 enemy destroyed, 6 probable and 11 damaged plus 4 destroyed by AA.	13 enemy destroyed.
Mar 8	3 enemy bombers reconnoitered North African coast, and 40 to 50 enemy transports left Tunis.		1 enemy bomber shot down.
	Spitfires near Tabourba and Bizerta on interception missions.	7 enemy craft damaged.	
	Spitfires intercepted 4 FW 190s near Pichon.		1 enemy destroyed.
	B-17s and P-38s attacked shipping, encountered many enemy fighters. 22 B-17s and 34 P-38s were covered by 22 Spitfires acting as high cover. Action took place North of Cap Bon, 240-500lb bombs dropped	10 ME 109s destroyed, 1 JU 88 and 6 ME 109s probable and 3 enemy damaged, all by bombers. 2 ME 109s collided and crashed in sea. 5 ME-109s and 2 FW-190s destroyed, 4 ME-109s and 1 FW 190 probably destroyed and 3 enemy craft damaged, all by fighters.	19 enemy destroyed.

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Mar 8 107 Spitfires and 17 Hurricane bombers made offensive sweep over Northern Tunisia. 7 ME-109s damaged. 1 Spitfire lost.

10 fighters reconnoitered Gafsa. 1 FW destroyed 1 enemy destroyed.
 1 Spitfire destroyed 2 Spitfires lost.
 and 1 missing.

40 Hurricane sorties flown and 12 Hudson sorties, Anti-Sub.

Constant patrols by Spitfires along the passes to Hallouf and Toujane as enemy retreated.

In the Beja area Spitfires were in several actions. 1 FW-190 probably destroyed and 1 damaged.

There were about 50 JU-87 sorties with tanks apparently main target.

b. European Theatre.

Mar 8 Simultaneous bombing by 55 B-17s over Rennes and 14 B-24s over Rouen. 18 Spitfire squadrons provided escort. 24 enemy fighters destroyed, 9 probables, 10 damaged. 24 enemy fighters, 2 B-17s lost, 2 B-24s lost, 2 Spitfires lost. 174 tons of bombs dropped. Bombing good with many fires.

Mar 7-8 8 Wellingtons to attack damaged merchant ship. Found it already burning and sinking.

6 Mosquitoes operated over Sicily. 1 enemy aircraft destroyed. 1 enemy craft.

Mar 8-9 335 RAF bombers over Nurnberg. 8 bombers lost.

25 enemy aircraft reconnoitered over various areas of England

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III. Air Score:

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report.

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
3	48

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943.

323	656
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IV. Naval Action:

On March 8 a submarine in Gulf of Genoa sank 2 enemy ships by torpedoes and 2 others by gunfire.

V. Ground Action:

Combat Zone.

Tunisia:

No significant change.

British 8th Army:

Morning of March 9 4th Indian Division was at Sirte, 1st Armored Division at Foms, Hq. 50th Division at Ben Gardane, with 69th Brigade at Zuara and 151st Brigade at Zaula. (All southeast and east of Medenine).

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EUROPEAN THEATER

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

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIED

AXIS

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port	294,717	Estimated Total Strength of
British " " " " "	140,000	213,300
French " " " " "	150,000	

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and Great Britain	<u>1238</u>	1505 in Sicily, Italy and Tunisia.
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STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength	195,306	Estimated Total Strength of
U. S.	59,906	213,300
British		
1st Army	40,400	
8th Army	73,000	
French	<u>22,000</u>	
	195,306	

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Mar. 7	Enemy concentrations west and northwest Medenine attacked by 8 missions.	2 reported very successful.	
	Enemy aircraft active against forward troops and most forward landing grounds.	Spitfires intercepted.	1 ME-109 and 1 JU-87 destroyed.
	B-25's with P-38's attacked convoy.	1 small merchant vessel sunk, 1 medium or large merchant vessel in sinking condition, 2 set on fire.	
	B-17's with P-38's attacked same convoy 3½ hours later.	Several direct hits on large ship in convoy. 1 sunk, 2 burning.	
	Lt. bombers and Fighters were active only on a reduced scale.		
	A formation of Heavy Bombers attacked Soussa.	Several direct hits on large ship in harbor.	
	Sorties: B-17's, 37; B-25's, 6; Hudsons, 15; Albatrosses, 4; P-38's, 59; P-39's, 60; P-40's, 9; American Spitfires, 8; British Spitfires, 121; Hurricanes, 29; Beaufighters, 3; Photo Reconnaissance Spitfires, 1.		
	Losses: 1 Albatross missing 1 B-25 damaged.		
	Victories: 1 ME-109, 1 FW-190, 1 Fighter, 2 JU-88's, 1 CZ-506 destroyed. 2 ME-109's probably destroyed. 1 ME-109, 1 ME-110 and 1 FW-190 damaged.		

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European Air

Mar. 7-8 25 enemy aircraft made land-fall between Bournemouth and Eastbourne, England. 5 others offshore.

1 enemy aircraft penetrated to central London and another to Kenley, south of London. No bombs London area. Minor damage and casualties Hampshire, Sussex and Surrey. 2 Dornier 217's, 1 Heinkel 177 destroyed.

Mar. 7 12 enemy aircraft attacked Eastbourne. Considerable property damage, several casualties.

1 enemy aircraft dropped 7 bombs Hampstead, near Holt, England. No damage or casualties.

11 enemy aircraft made land-fall south coastal areas. No incidents.

9 enemy aircraft seamed Yarmouth - Clacton area. 1 off Flanborough Head.

16 enemy aircraft on reconnaissance off south coast England, 6 off east coast.

AIR SCORE

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

1

Axis

6

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

322

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NAVAL

Small enemy minesweeper was gunned and left stranded by HM submarine.

Enemy siezed French merchant vessel of 1300 tons in Gulf of Genoa.

Enemy controlled Spanish merchant vessel of 3500 tons torpedoed and sunk by HM submarine.

In the vicinity of Spezia, antisubmarine schooner sunk off Port

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Offino (east of Genoa). 5,000 ton merchant vessel torpedoed and sunk by HM submarine.

Olive oil tanks at Isperia bombarded by HM submarine. After casing hit by shore batteries once without serious damage or casualty.

Off Cape Sigli (west of Bougie) by HM minesweeper enemy submarine attacked. HM motor launches from Bougie went to assistance. No known results.

European Naval

UK bound convoy shadowed 300 miles southwest Cape Fairwell, Greenland. British Fort Poskoyan and Battle River outward bound convoy torpedoed 70 miles southwest Cape St. Vincent, Portugal on 6th of March. Latter ship reported sinking, former afloat - unable to move.

Trefusis, Ger-Yorker-Bryn, Empire Tower and Fidra, all British vessels UK bound convoy torpedoed and sunk 300 miles west Cape Ortegal, Spain.

Submarines attacked northern convoy 160 miles southwest Bear Island, Barents Sea, sinking USA Executive and damaging USA Richard Bland, which proceeded with convoy.

GROUND

Northern Tunisia: The 71st Division made a reconnaissance, supported by tanks, and reached a point about 5 miles northwest of Medjex El Bab before being ordered to withdraw.

The 46th Division made a successful attack near Oued Zarga.

Enemy was reported to be digging-in in a general area 3 miles north of Oued Zarga, Heidous and 5 miles north of Oued Zarga

Central Tunisia: Nothing to report.

Southern Tunisia: French forces occupied Redeyef (about 38 miles west of Gafsa) and patrols toward Tozeur came to about 18 miles north of

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Tozeur. Tozeur and Metlaour are still in the hands of the enemy.

Derby Yeomanry of First Army reached a point about 15 miles northwest of Maknassy.

British 8th Army: Early in afternoon March 6, Queens Battalion repulsed enemy infantry and tank attack on high ground halfway between Arran and Medenine. In early evening the Queens battalion lost the ridge a little to the south of this point, but it was retaken a few hours later by the Black Watch. About the same time, enemy infantry attacked position of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in strength to the northeast of this point, but this was retaken in a counterattack by nightfall. Attack about 5 miles south of Toujane was held at the same time. At dusk, heavy artillery fire of the New Zealand Division stopped an attack of 30 enemy tanks and a battalion of infantry about 5 miles to the west of Medenine. The French Flying column of the 7th Armored Division was pushed back slowly on the Medenine-Tatahouine road by a small number of enemy tanks, infantry and guns. During the early morning of the 7th, considerable enemy mechanized units were heard about 10 miles southeast of Toujane and a considerable concentration was observed there in the morning. With infantry concentration slightly to the west, the Medenine-Tatahouine road was clear of enemy during the morning of March 7 as far south as bend in road about 13 miles south of Medenine. The enemy concentration area referred to above, about 8 miles west of Medenine, was being reinforced with tanks and infantry during the day.

Troop Movements: Combat Reconnaissance Unit moved from Testour to Souk El Arba. The 1st Parachute Brigade less 1 battalion has relieved the 139th Brigade about 18 miles north northwest of Beja.

Identifications: Prisoners were identified as belonging to the 1st company of the 18th Carabinieri Battalion, part of the Tripolitania garrison.

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STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied

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British " " " " "	140,000
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Axis

Estimated Total
Strength of
213,300

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 1073

1505 in Sicily, Italy
and Tunisia.

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength 192,750

Estimated Total
Strength of
213,300

U. S.	57,350
British	
1st Army	40,400
8th Army	73,000
French	<u>22,000</u>
	192,750

German	131,332
Italian	<u>81,968</u>
	213,300

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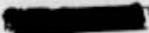
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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
Mar. 5-6	2 Wellingtons on anti-submarine patrol ahead of incoming convoy to Malta.		
Mar. 6	One Baltimore on antisubmarine patrol ahead of incoming Malta convoy. In all, 36 Spitfire sorties flown as protective patrols over incoming Malta convoys.		
BAD WEATHER RESTRICTED ALL MALTA AIR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.			
Mar. 5-6	2 Wellingtons on shipping search in Sicilian Narrows and Naples-Sicily area.	No suitable targets.	
Mar. 6	4 Spitfires on offensive sweep over southeast Sicily.	1 locomotive destroyed at Sampieri.	
Mar. 5	15 JU-88's attacked convoy 110 miles south of Malta.	2 merchant vessels slightly damaged.	1 JU-88 shot down by ship fire.
Mar. 6	Weather interfered with heavy and heavy and medium bomber missions. Light Bombers and Fighters were fairly active. North Africa. 178th Squadron standing by for operations against Naples.		
Mar. 7	2 enemy Bombers off North African coast. Third shot down northeast Algiers. 5-6 enemy aircraft active in sea area near Sicily. Usual 5-6 aircraft active on reconnaissance Central Mediterranean. Spitfires engaged by 5 ME-109's in Beja area. Spitfires in Beja area engaged 5 ME-109's and 5 FW-190's.	1 FW-190 probably destroyed, 1 damaged.	1 enemy destroyed.

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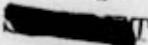
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Spitfires attacked 8 ME-109's in Beja area.

Results unknown.

About 50 JU-87 sorties flown with tanks main target.

16 Spitfires made offensive sweep over Comiso, Sicily.

Bad weather continues.

15 B-25's with 26 P-38's dispatched to attack shipping Tunisia-Sicily.

No shipping sighted.

3 P-38's on weather reconnaissance east and northeast Tunisia.

Spitfires on continuous reconnaissance of Medjez El Bab-Tebourba and Sidi Nsir areas.

Hurribombers, with Spitfires, attacked enemy transport 8 miles northeast of Medjez El Bab.

Hits on transport and farms.

1 Hurribomber destroyed.

Continuous Spitfire sweeps of Sedjenane, Beja area. 4 Spitfires attacked 8 FW-190's, 8 attacked 5 FW-190's.

1 FW-190 damaged.

1 Spitfire destroyed.

2 Beaufighter sorties flown from Maison Blanche.

No contact.

9 Hudsons on convoy escort.

1 Hudson crashed on landing.

Spitfire engaged one JU-88 on reconnaissance 40 miles north of Cape Corbelin.

1 JU-88 destroyed.

2 Hurricanes on coastal patrol.

1 JU-88 damaged 30 miles north of Phillippeville.

60 Hurricane sorties flown on convoy patrols in Bougie-Phillippeville area; 20 Spitfire sorties on convoy patrol; 100 sorties flown on patrol off Oran; 90 sorties flown by transport aircraft.

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Mar. 6 3 enemy aircraft on coastal reconnaissance east coast of England, North Shetlands 1.

March 6-7 10 enemy aircraft seaming Bridlington Bay.

Mar. 4 80 enemy aircraft over Dunkirk-Calais made feint as though attack UK. 90 Allied Fighters to intercept. No enemy crossed Channel.

AIR SCORE

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

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

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

321	602
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NAVAL

Previously reported torpedoed, now known sunk, British tanker Athel Princess.

USA Meriwether previously reported torpedoed actually USA Meriwether Lewis.

Greek Zeus and USA tanker Atlantic Sun westward bound convoy ONS 165 reported over due March 5. Should have arrived February 28.

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Enemy did not follow up beyond Sedjenane and contact was not maintained.

Enemy lost 45 tanks in Sidi Nsir and Goubellat sectors. Of the 45 lost, 30 were observed immobilized in Sidi Nsir area. Royal Engineers destroyed 20 of 45.

In area 6 miles southwest of Sidi Nsir, enemy mortars were in action.

No encounters road junction 11 miles northeast of Beja.

Djebel Nahel (16 miles east of Beja) found clear of enemy.

No activity south of Medjes El Bab, with enemy apparently withdrawn across Goubellat-Bou Arada road.

One battalion 1st Parachute Brigade reached pass 10 miles northeast of Beja.

Road is clear for 5 miles due east from a point 9 miles north of Beja.

Enemy patrol reached a point 7 miles southwest of Sedjenane. Our patrol is attempting to intercept.

Central Tunisia: In view of enemy forces located north and south of Pichon and on Djebel Trozza, 34th Division reconnaissance force did not press farther east. Force now in original position area El Ala.

Patrol fired on by enemy from Kef Masil (7 miles west northwest of Pichon).

3 miles southwest of Hadjeb El Aioun and area of Kralif (just north of Faid)-Djebel Seagdal (13 miles south of Faid) reported clear.

Road 8 miles east of Sidi Bou Zid and 2 miles west of Rebaou shelled by enemy.

95 prisoners of war were taken in Gafsa area.

Metlaour still held by Germans. Tanks reported in this area.

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Southern Tunisia: 2 reconnaissances made in Djebel Mrata and Moulares. Enemy encountered.

British 8th Army: (Indicated Mareth section main enemy attack down Axis main road of 15th and 21st Panzer Divisions and 90th Light Division. In Ksar El Hallouf area, 10th Panzer Division battle group will apparently execute flank attack.

An enemy attack developed from direction of Hallouf and Toujane and was aimed at high ground south of road Mareth-Medenine. 2 Panzer Divisions, supported by artillery and air were involved. Attack on Metameur turned north against high ground in area 10 miles northwest.

Early in morning, 152nd and 154th Brigades were heavily shelled.

Enemy tank movements: 14 enemy moving eastward astride Toujane-Metameur road; 25 tanks reached a point 4 miles west of Cheguimi, 14 more moving north at a point 6 miles west of Metameur; 16 tanks reported moving northeast on track in area 8 miles southwest of Medenine.

9 enemy tanks engaged by 131st Brigade in area 9 miles northwest of Metameur. All positions held.

Enemy infantry reported forming for attack in area 8 miles southeast of Arran.

One motorized infantry company of L Force in area 12 miles west southwest of Haddada.

Movement: From line of communication, 39th Regimental Combat Team (-1 Battalion) has joined and come under command of 9th Division. 178th Field Artillery Regiment arrived Constantine from Oran, coming under command 18th Army Group. 1st Battalion RTA arrived Makter. Guards Brigade (-1 battalion) Beja to Makter

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULTS	LOSSES
Mar. 4	15 B-17's and 24 P-38's attacked convoys northwest of Bizerte. 160 500-lb. bombs dropped on convoy of 6 vessels.	4 vessels sunk, 2 damaged. ME-109's and FW-190's attacked by escort.	1 ME-109 probable, 2 damaged.
	15 B-25's with 20 P-38's and 9 B-26's with 18 P-38's sent to attack shipping between Sicily and Tunisia.	No shipping sighted by B-25's. B-26's dropped 6 500-lb. bombs on 6 merchant vessels.	1 P-38 crash-landed.
	12 B-25's with 24 Spitfires attacked Djedeida.	Town, landing ground and dispersal area hit.	1 Spitfire damaged by AA fire.
	1 Mosquito flew over northwest Sicily.		
	2 Wellingtons reconnoitering Palermo-Naples area.		
	74 Spitfires sorties and 9 Hurribomber sorties flown in Mateur-Beja-Medjez El Bab area.	1 lorry shot up. Motor transport bombed starting, 1 pro-fires. 15-20 JU-87's withbable, 4 damaged. 10 ME-109's encountered. Enemy aircraft jettisoned bombs.	2 JU-87's destroyed, 1 probable, 4 damaged.
	Offensive sweep by ME-109's.		7 ME-109's and 1 Spitfire damaged
	B-17's with 22 Spitfires attacked Bizerte docks.		
	12 Spitfires reconnoitered Faid-Sbeitla area.		
	14 antisubmarine and convoy sorties flown by Hudsons.	1 submarine sunk.	
7 Beaufighter sorties.			
24 convoy and harbor patrol sorties by Hurribombers.		1 JU-88 destroyed.	
Mar. 5	2 enemy bombers reconnoitered as far west as Melilla.		
	7 enemy aircraft reported in Sicilian and Mediterranean area.		
Mar. 4-5	Enemy bombers active first half of night.		

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Mar. 5

60 JU-52's landed at Tunis earlier than usual in the morning.

6 Liberators dropped 30,000 lbs. of bombs on Naples. All bombs hit in target area. 1 Liberator missing.

Spitfires encountered enemy Fighters on 2 sweeps. 2 Spitfires destroyed. 1 pilot safe.

14 Spitfire sorties in Jefna area.

97 Spitfire sorties in Jefna-Jemera-Medjez El Bab-Sidi Nsir-Sedjenane areas.

20 Spitfires on harbor and airdrome patrol at Bone.

12 Spitfire sorties over Faid-Fondouk area.

12 Spitfire sorties in Sbeitla-Fondouk-Pichon area.

Mar. 3-4

Transport in Matsata attacked by Halifax and Wellington bombers.

4 Kittybombers with Spitfires attacked lorried transport and tanks in Toujane-Hallouf area. 2 ME-109's destroyed, and 1 Kittybomber lost.

7 Hudson sorties on antisubmarine sweeps and 8 on escort missions.

40 Fighter sorties in Algiers area and 4 in Bone area.

10 Hurricane sorties in Phillipeville-Bougie area.

24 Hurricane sorties on escort and convoy patrols, 2 on reconnaissance patrol.

Statistics Hudson, 15; P-38, 6; P-39, 5; U. S. Spitfires, 24; Beaufighters 8; British Spitfires, 128; Hurricanes, 36.

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March 4	71 Fortresses sent against Hamm. 14 Liberators made a diversionary attack over Wilhelmshaven.	17 Fortresses attacked Hamm yards, 30 attacked dock area Rotterdam, 24 abortive.	14 enemy Fighters destroyed. 5 Fortresses missing.
	Reconnaissance of Dover Straits by 6 enemy aircraft. Others on south coast of England and 1 on east coast.		
	Intruder patrols over Holland.	Encountered enemy aircraft returning from London riad.	1 enemy aircraft destroyed.
	Returning RAF raiders from Hamburg report enemy reaction over Germany increased.	7 combats.	1 JU-88 destroyed.
March 6	Lorient bombed by B-17's.	Flames and smoke covered target.	3 B-17's lost.
	15 B-24's made diversionary attack on Brest.	Bombing failed. 20 FW-190's encountered.	2 FW-190's destroyed, 2 damaged.

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Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

Allied

Axis

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Enemy lost contact with our forces in Sedjenane Sector. Withdrawn night March 4-5.

139th Brigade established new position west of Sedjenane.

Enemy activity on March 5 in the area of Toukabour and Oued Zarga.

Enemy withdrew from Djebel Nahal.

Central Tunisia: No enemy or demolitions encountered north of Pichon sector.

Enemy infantry occupied the line El Ala - Djebel Trozza with 6 tanks on north flank.

34th Division entered Pichon and advanced 1 mile to east of town; then withdrew to hills north and south of Pichon and north slopes of Djebel Trozza.

One company with 10 light armored vehicles held Hadjeb El Aïoun.

Southern Tunisia: Enemy infantry and armored vehicles are reported moving toward Metlaour with Italians at Djebel El Stah and Kef es Dour. Germans reported at Tozeur with tanks at Metlaour. Enemy completed withdrawal from Nefta.

600 Motor transport and 60 tanks moving from Gabes toward Hallouf.

Increased activity in Krerachefa Ksar area.

NAVAL

Mines laid off Bizerte during night March 3-4 and in Sicilian Channel March 5.

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DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
March 4	19 B-17's with 24 P-38's attacked El Acouina airdrome with 2015 20-lb. fragmentation bombs.	Bursts on target.	2 P-38's missing.
	20 B-17's with 25 P-38's attacked landing ground northwest of Gabes with 1728 20-lb. fragmentation bombs.	Hits on target.	
	10 B-26's and 20 P-38's attacked enemy landing grounds.	Bursts among enemy aircraft. 1 B-26 damaged.	1 P-38 shot down.
	18 B-25's attacked landing ground northwest of Gabes with 1152 20-lb. fragmentation bombs.	Hits in target area.	
	41 Spitfires on reconaissance	FW-190 damaged. Faid-Gafsa-Sidi Nsir-Cape Serrat.	
	24 Spitfires offensive sweep Mateur area.	3-ton lorry afire, several damaged.	
March 4	7 B-25's with 23 Spitfires bombed Mateur.	All bombs dropped on town.	1 Spitfire missing, 1 destroyed.
	14 Spitfires on offensive sweep Mateur.	Transport hit.	
	17 B-25's with 22 Spitfires attacked Medjez El Bab Station.	Hits on north side railway line.	1 Spitfire missing, 1 destroyed.
	22 Spitfires on special reconaissance Pont Du Fahs-Robaa- and Mateur-Jefna areas.		
	20 Spitfires swept Bizerte area and attacked road to Mateur.	3 lorries in flames, 6 lorries and 2 reconaissance cars hit.	
	15 enemy bombers in Phillipeville area.	1 enemy damaged.	1 enemy shot down.

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Europe

DATE	NO. OF PLANES AND MISSION	RESULT	LOSSES
March 3-4	London area twice bombed by enemy. First 35 aircraft bombed wide area in northeast London and Essex - Then 30 aircraft bombed dock area southeast London.	50 casualties, 4 fatalities. 1 enemy aircraft destroyed.	2 enemy aircraft destroyed.
	417 RAF Bombers dispatched Hamburg.	Weather good.	10 missing.
March 3	8 enemy aircraft reconnoitering over Dover Straits.	Typhoons destroyed one, damaged 2, probably destroyed another.	1 enemy destroyed.
	1 enemy aircraft on reconnaissance over Shetland, 1 off eastern Scotland, 1 off Isle of Wight.		
	Fortress and Wellington attacked 2 submarines - one 60 miles southwest Lorient, other 530 miles southwest of Bishops Rock, England.	Unknown	

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<u>Allies</u>	<u>Axis</u>
7	1

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

313	594
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SORTIES FLOWN

B-17's; 39; B-26, 10; B-25, 18; Wellingtons, 9; Mitchells, 34; Hudson, 15; Beaufighter, 13; P-38, 96; P-39, 37; British Spitfires, 190; Hurricanes, 12; PRU Spitfires, 2.

Losses - 2 P-38's and 2 Spitfires destroyed, 2 Spitfires and 1 P-38 missing, and 1 B-26 damaged.

Enemy - 1 ME-109 destroyed, 1 probable, 2 damaged and 1 FW-190 damaged.

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: A quantity of enemy ammunition was captured in a raid east of Goubellat on the 2nd of March.

Enemy activity in the area of Medjez El Bab station in the early morning. Heavy harassing fire by our own artillery.

Hunts Gap was well attacked by our troops morning March 3. No details. On the 4th of March, an enemy force consisting of 15 tanks and 3 companies of Infantry attacked Hunts Gap.

Two battalions of enemy, supported by some tanks, attacked and surrounded battalion of 139th Brigade in the area of Sedjenane March 3. Heavy enemy pressure still continues and the situation has not yet stabilized. Close fighting continues in the streets. In the battle of the 3rd, enemy suffered heavy casualties. 120 Officers and enlisted men of own battalion so far returned. Own positions now appear to run north and south through area west of Sedjenane. Artillery engaging in area.

Area west of Bou Arada-Goubellat patrolled by "Y" Division and a successful attack was made on farms in the area of Bou Arada and 5 miles north of Bou Arada. Patrols of 78th Division made no contact area 15 miles northeast of Bou Arada.

Enemy reported debussing in the area of Bordj Touam, 9 miles north-east of Medjez El Bab. There is considerable activity in this area.

Along Beja road, 18 miles from Beja, 3 companies of enemy infantry supported by 15 tanks, attacked unsuccessfully.

Central Tunisia: 1st Derby Yeomanry in contact with French elements at Bir El Ater, 30 miles southwest of Feriana, Mides, 18 miles south southwest of Bir El Ater.

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Redeyef is clear of the enemy.

Armored reconnaissance in contact with enemy on the line Rebaou-Faid.

34th Division patrols made no contact with enemy in line north and south through Hadjeb El Aouin. Enemy mines slowed down further progress.

Patrols reached points 10 and 15 miles north of El Ala without contact or without encountering enemy guns or demolitions.

Dret Mannsoura reported reached by enemy patrols.

No enemy patrols encountered in area 30 miles west of Maktar.

No enemy encountered in line running north and south through Hadjeb El Aouin. Area beyond this point was mined and small arms enemy fire was reported.

Southern Tunisia: Aerial reconnaissance showed 800 enemy motor transport moving south from Gabes to Matmata.

Attack of 3 enemy groups, 150 each, carried out with no success on line running northeast and southwest ten miles east of Mareth. 30 tanks then moved forward east of Mareth. Heavy Italian infantry casualties.

Armored patrols in general direction southeast toward Hadj. Brahim, 38 miles southeast of Kebili.

Germans reported occupying Douz, 16 miles south of Kebili, in strength.

Vanguards of a French force occupied Nefta and continued its reconnaissance towards Moulares, Redeyef and Metlaoui.

Movement: 2nd Battalion 26th Infantry from 19th Corps to 2nd Corps area.

1st Battalion 9th Regiment Algerian Infantry and 2nd Battalion

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6th Regiment Algerian Infantry moved into line night 2-3 March.

1st and 3rd Battalions 3rd Regiment Algerian Infantry now at Le Kef.

Headquarters General Welwert now at Rytl, 4 miles northwest of Maktar.

1st Squadron 51st Royal Tank Regiment moved to V Corps under command "Y" Division.

138th Brigade Headquarters moved to area just south of Medjez El Bab.

39th Regimental Combat Team (-1 Battalion) from line of communication to Tebessa, coming under command 18th Army Group.

2/7 and 3/7 RTA from Youks Les Bains to Maktar.

Miscellaneous

The Y Force, which has also been identified as the Y Division, is variable in composition but at present is composed of the following Units:

6th Armored Division (Basic Force)

38th Infantry Brigade (Br)

1st Paratroop Brigade (Br)

3 French Infantry Battalions.

Change: 2 Battalions of the 26th U. S. Infantry relieved the

1st Paratroop Brigade on March 5.

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Von Arnim (Northern Sector)

German	70,500
Italian	29,500

Rommel (Southern Sector)

German	59,100
Italian	<u>51,400</u>
	210,500

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March 2-3	Enemy activity over Malta negligible.		
March 3	15 ME-109's crossed coast of Malta on Reconnaissance.		
March 2-3	5 Intruder Mosquitoes over southern Sicily.	1 enemy aircraft probably destroyed, 2 damaged.	
March 2	10-20 JU-52's landed Tunisia from Sicily.		
March 3	Spitfires on offensive sweeps over Sicily.		1 JU-88 destroyed.
	2 enemy bomber reconnaissance off North African coast.		
	About 15 enemy bombers active northwest Algiers.	No attacks developed.	
	A-20's and Spitfires encountered ME-109's while on bombing mission Mateur. No engagement.		
	Spitfires on reconnaissance Fald area saw 2 FW-190's.	1 FW-190 claimed destroyed, or damaged.	
	B-17's escorted by P-38's in attack on El Aouina. Spitfires provided high cover.	P-38's engaged by 12 ME-109's. 2 ME-109's damaged.	1 ME-109 destroyed.
	Western Mediterranean weather flight carried out.		
	1 enemy aircraft active over Balearics, 1 landed Sicily.		
March 4	Total of B-17's (47) attacked enemy targets in Germany and low countries. 17 attacked marshalling yards at Hamm; 30 attacked Rotterdam shipyards. B-24's flew diversion mission northwest German coast.	Bombing of Hamm good. Direct hits on target. No enemy or AA at target. Enroute home 29 enemy met at Dutch West - 4 of our planes lost. Bombing Rotterdam fair. Weak Fighter opposition. Moderate AA.	5 B-17's missing. 14 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probable and 3 damaged.

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NAVAL

In Bone area, 2 groups of enemy E-Boats were active night March 1-2. Shore batteries engaged one group which retired. Other group was driven off by motor torpedo boats.

Mines were laid west of Sicily February 27-28 and off Biserte March 1.

On March 2, a trawler attacked a submarine northwest of Bone. No details.

GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Enemy pressure maintained north of Beja and east of Sedjenane. Enemy not withdrawing but relief is taking place. Enemy attack area of Sedjenane by 2 battalions enemy infantry supported by tanks was unsuccessful.

Twenty-five (25) prisoners of war were taken in area 10 miles northeast of Beja after local enemy attack.

No activity in the Oued Zarga - Toukabour area.

Some activity, without contact, near Medjez El Bab night March 3-4.

Enemy withdrawing on Medjez El Bab - Bou Arada front to positions east of Medjez El Bab - Bou Arada road.

Central Tunisia: Enemy was encountered along line Faid - Aise Rebaou (4 miles south of Faid).

100 motor transport reported moving southeast from Triaga (38 miles east of Faid).

No movement was observed along Gafsa - Madjene Bel Abbes (30 miles northwest Gafsa) road).

Italian patrol encountered at Moulares (30 miles west of Gafsa).

Air reconnaissance showed Gafsa apparently clear of enemy. Large explosion seen near town.

Southern Tunisia: Tozeur reported lightly held by enemy.

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Nefta occupied intermittently.

No movement seen in Kebili.

Considerable movement of infantry and motor transport observed Mareth - Medenine road area.

Movement: 36th Field Artillery Regiment from Oran to Constantine coming under command of 18th Army Group.

Identifications: Germans by Prisoners of War

Area 12 Miles northeast of Beja: 1st Battalion 86th Panzer Grenadiers and 6th Co. 47th Infantry Regiment. By document same area 2nd Company 500 Panzer Abteilung. Apparently elements both companies 501 Tank Battalion in Mateur Sector as identified from documents February 27 same area as 2nd Company. 1st Battalion 754th Infantry Regiment (Italian) also in Mateur sector.

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<u>North Africa</u>			
Mar 2	20 B-17s attack docks and shipping at Tunis. Dropped 216-500 lb bombs	Hits on quay and industrial and warehouse districts of city.	
	18 B 17s escorted by 20 P 38s attack shipping and peler plant at La Boulette harbor with 213-500 lb bombs	Hits on power-house, ship yard and dry dock area.	2 ME 109s destroyed 1 FW 90 "
	14 Spitfires made offensive reconnaissance northeast of Beja		1 Spitfire hit and had forced landing in enemy territory.
	8 Spitfires reconnoitered Bou Arada-Goubellat-Pont Du Fahs Area.	Straffed transport, results unobserved.	
	9 Hurribombers with 19 Spitfires attack farm northeast Beja.	Direct hits scored.	
	9 Hurribombers with 18 Spitfires attack concentration of Mark IV tanks, northeast Beja.	Near misses with possible direct hits scored.	
	10 Spitfires provided a high cover for B 17s over La Goubette		1 ME 109 destroyed
	17 B 25s with 24 Spitfires attack Mateur.		3 ME 109s probable 1 Spitfire damaged
	18 B 25s with 23 Spitfires attack Mateur.	Bombs dropped on road and rail junction north and west of town	
	14 Spitfires and 9 Hurribombers attack tanks and transports and Sidi Nsir.	Bombs dropped on column of 20 motor transports with near misses observed.	3 Spitfires damaged by Flak.
	18 Spitfires and 8 Hurribombers attack motor transport at undisclosed location.		
	20 Spitfires made offensive reconnaissance between Cape Serrat and Mateur.		1 aircraft damaged by Flak.

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Mar 2 20 Spitfires and 9 Hurricane bombers attack tanks and transports northeast of Beja. Bombs fell on target area but results unobserved. 1 ME 109 destroyed.

12 Spitfires reconnoitered Faid-Fondouk-Pichon Area; 8 Spitfires reconnoitered Gafsa Area; 10 Spitfires reconnoitered Faid-Pichon Area; 12 Spitfires made sorties escorting transports.

12 Spitfires of Western Desert Force destroyed 2 out of 3 Macchi 202s near Hadzab landing ground.

2 Macchi 202 destroyed

RAF attack Mareth Area.

3 ME 109s destroyed.

Night Patrols in Algiers Area No contacts.
Mar 1-2

Patrols in Bone Area

1 Piaggio 109 destroyed.

6 Beaufighter patrols Souk El Arba Area.

1 CZ 1007 destroyed.

Additional sorties, convoy escort, and anti-submarine patrols were made without sightings.

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<u>North Africa</u>			
Mar 2	Enemy air reconnaissance off North Africa as far west as Algiers 4 aircraft reported; kept watch on Bone, Bougie harbors & shipping between Bougie and Algiers.		
Mar 2	3 enemy aircraft in Sicily-Tunisia Area.		
Mar 1	About mid-day a very large formation of JU 52s landed at Tunis and flew toward Sicily soon afterward.		
Mar 1	Enemy did heavy bombing of Allied positions north of Bou Arada.		
Mar 1	Allied aircraft attacking Mateur Area destroyed 3 ME 109s.		3 ME 109s destroyed.
Mar 1	B 17s attacked by 10 to 15 ME 109s and FW 190s La Goulette harbor.		2 ME 109s destroyed 1 FW 190 "
<u>Mediterranean Area (except NATO)</u>			
Mar 1	9 B 24s dropped 43,500 lbs of bombs on Naples, 4,500 lbs of bombs each on Catanzarro, Stallette, and an unidentified town.		9 hit in target area. 1 JU 88 damaged
<u>United Kingdom</u>			
Mar 2	2 enemy aircraft reconnaissance off Cornwall Coast.		
Feb 26	Enemy plane loss from US air attack on Wehelnshaven.		21 destroyed 8 probable 3 damaged

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Mar 1 10 JU 88s and 2 FW 200 operated from Norway and suspected of sinking small Norwegian vessel in North Sea.

Mar 1 6 FW 200s operating west and southwest from Biscay Bay shadowed a US convoy and believed responsible for unsuccessful attacks on 2 merchant vessels.

Mar 1 Moderate single and twin engine fighter activity during day.

Night
Mar 1-2 Night fighters reacting to bomber operations against Beegin highest ever recorded

AIR SCORE

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
6	13

Accumulated Report of Aircraft Lost since January 1, 1943.

306	591
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Statistics for North African
Air Operations, March 2

Sorties Flown:

B 17, 36; Mitchells, 35; Hudson, 13; Swordfish, 3; Hurribomber, 44; Beaufighters, 16; P 38, 42; P 39, 8; American Spitfires, 42; British Spitfires, 232; Hurricanes, 26.

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Losses:

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
1 Spitfire destroyed	7 ME 109 destroyed
1 " missing	1 FW 190 "
4 " damaged	1 CZ 1007BIS "
	1 Pieggio 108 "
	2 Macchi 202 "
	3 ME 109 probably destroyed
	1 ME 109 damaged

NAVAL:

London reports on February 26 an enemy tanker blockade runner escorted by 3 U-boats were located by U. S. anti-shipping air patrols and sunk by British Cruiser Sussex.

On February 27 another airplane on anti-shipping patrol sent message "attack by EQ"; it failed to return. Pyrotechnics and an inverted dinghy sighted by searching airplane. Presumed plane effected water landing.

Submarine attacked British trawler in Bone Area on March 1. Destroyer sent to assist trawler believed to have damaged U-boat.

A destroyer and motor torpedo boat received minor damage in air raid on Bone March 1.

Enemy E boats approaching Bone on mine laying operations were driven off behind smoke screen, also fired on by Navy shore battery, night, March 1 - 2.

40 enemy E boats attacked a convoy in Lyme Bay off Deven, night February 27 - 28.

American vessel Wade Hampton previously reported torpedoed, was abandoned and was floundering.

There was some enemy submarined activity southwest of Iceland on a convoy outward bound from UK, was shadowed southeast of Cape Farewell, Greenland.

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GROUND:

Northern Tunisia:

No important change. Feeble attack in the area Sidi Nsir repulsed. 25 enemy tanks abandoned road Sidi Nsir Beja. A light attack east of Medjez.

Central Tunisia:

Def El Ahmar Pass clear of enemy. El Ala area clear of enemy but heavily mined. Sbeitla area was clear of enemy to point 15 miles east on morning of March 2. No contact with the enemy at Sidi Bou Zid or on road as far as 12 miles to the southwest. Motor truck movement from Faid towards Sfax. Enemy positions located east of Arram.

Southern Tunisia:

The road from Feriana southeast 20 miles towards Gafsa was clear of enemy but fires were observed in Gafsa and El Guettar and much motor truck movement on the road from Gafsa towards Gabes.

British 8th Army:

Patrol activity in the Northern Sector east of Mareth by 153d and 154th Brigades. 8th Armored Brigade at Madenine under command of 7th Armored Division. Large enemy concentration west of arram and enemy armored cars operating on flank 30 to 40 miles southeast of Mareth apparently based at Ksar Tarsine.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A report from Lisbon announces final delivery^{from Germany} of previously ordered military equipment including 155mm Howitzers, land mines and Bofors guns and that a new order is being placed for 50 batteries, 4 guns each of 105mm Howitzers and 100 25mm AA guns. Report also states that Spanish Army will be brought

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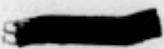
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to strength of one million issued mobilization cards but not activated.
 Opinion given that Germany is capable of another major offensive this
 spring or summer; that Portugal tends to be more sympathetic to our
 advances for Azores bases.

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<u>U. K.</u>			
Night 1-2 March	302 AAF bombers attacked Berlin.	Weather good.	17 missing.
<u>NORTH AFRICA</u>			
2-26	Other bombers active in Bougie Area.	1 Italian plane shot down in sea.	Destroyed 1 Italian plane.
2-27	A number of JU-52s reported between Sardinia-Naples. No landing reported at Tunis or Bizerte.		
2-27	8 ME-109s attacked Spitfires & Harribombers at Beja-Bou Arada Area.	Not engaged.	
2-27	Same target 2d attack by 8 to 10 ME 109s.	Intercepted by P 38s RR bridge reported hit.	Damaged 2 probably destroyed 1.
2-28	Over Area Mateur-Tebourba-Goubellat-Bija flew successfully: 5 Spitfires; 18 Spitfires with 11 Harribombers; 17 Spitfires with 6 Harribombers; 18 Spitfires with 8 Harribombers; 24 Spitfires with 12 Mitchells; 14 Spitfires alone; 18 Spitfires with 12 Harribombers; all on ground support missions.	Several AA and MGs silenced and 3 transports destroyed.	1 ME 109 damaged.
2-28 3-1	Enemy reconnaissance active over Bone, Balearies, and convoy routes.		
2-28	11 torpedo bomber aircraft attacked convoy that had been shadowed earlier in day east of Algiers; also attacked 2d convoy in same area.	No hits reported.	
2-28	15 B-25s attacked bridges at La Hencha- Bombs dropped: 18 1000-lb bombs 26 20-lb frag bombs 36 500-lb bombs.	Direct hits were scored on RR bridge and highway north of bridge.	Destroyed: 1 ME 109 Damaged: 2 ME 109s.

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2-26	9 B 26s Marauders attacked shipping-24 500-lb bombs dropped.	No direct hits	1 ME 109 destroyed.
2-28	Weather and field conditions prevented fighter operations in Tebessa Area.		
2-28	(From 9th AF) 5 tons of bombs dropped on Tozeur.	Heavy AA encountered	
2-27	(From Malta) Spitfire Bombers sunk a 200 Ton steamer in Syracuse.		
3-1	(From Malta) Photo reconnaissance flights over Sardinia.		
3-1	(From Malta) Specially equipped Wellingtons on patrol reported nothing.		
3-1	(From Malta) 7 Mosquitos intruded over Sicily.		1 enemy plane destroyed-2 planes damaged.
3-1	11 Spitfires bombers and 8 Spitfire fighters attacked Comiso Air-drome.	Results not observed.	
2-28	80 to 100 JU 52s with some 6 motor transports landed Tunis.		
2-28	30 enemy aircraft active over Mateur-Cape Serrat Area, un-numbered Axis aircraft attack Beja-Cued Zarga road.		1 enemy destroyed. 1 " damaged.
2-28	Enemy formation approach Souk El Khemis Airfield.		1 ME-109 destroyed. 1 " " probable. 3 " " damaged.
2-28	38 B-17s with P-38s attacked Palermo. 213-500 lb bombs and 40-2000 lb bombs dropped.	Fires observed on 5 vessels and docks.	2 ME-109 destroyed. 1 FW-200 " 3 PE-2001 " 2 H-200 " Probables - 2. Damaged - 3.

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3-1	9 Mitchells on shipping search.	No contacts.
3-1	10 Wellingtons attacked Bizerte. Dropped 2-4000 lb, 4-1000 lb, 44-500 lb, and 96-30 lb bombs.	Hits in town and harbor area.
3-1	13 Spitfires and 9 Hurricanes executed ground support missions northeast of Beja.	Hits on or near tanks and transports.
3-1	24 Spitfires and 12 Mitchells bombed rail and road junction east of Missions.	
3-1	5 Mosquitos patrolled over Sicily.	
3-2	4 Spitfire bombers dropped 250 lb bombs on Lampedusa Aerodrome while other Spitfires patrolled area.	

AIR SCORE

Planes Shot Down Since Last Report

<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
8	2

Accumulated Report of Aircraft Lost since January 1, 1943.

300	578
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Statistics for March 1 Operations

Sorties: B-17, 3; B-25, 9; B-26, 15; US Spitfires, 17; P-38, 79; P-39, 23; Mitchells, 12; Hurricane bombers, 18; Beaufighter, 1; Hudson and Swordfish, 20; British Spitfires, 85; Hurricanes, 13.

Losses: Allied: B-26, 2
Spitfire, 1

Axis: ME-109, 12
FW-190, 2
B-2001, 3
Yacchi-200, 2
Cant-Z, 1

CM-IN-561	748	1047	1146
	612	809	1076
	718	915	1129
			1065
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NAVAL

2 merchant vessels torpedoed off Algiers on February 27th & 28th while in an eastbound convoy were safely towed into Algiers.

An Allied submarine sank a merchant vessel off Tunisian Coast.

Another submarine scored successes against a tug towing a dredge, 2 schooners, a minesweeper, and a train on a RR bridge.

2 enemy merchant vessels torpedoed by submarine on February 17th off Sicily.

A small enemy tanker torpedoed and exploded on February 24th.

GROUND

II CORPS FRONT:

Patrols advanced 3 miles east of Sbeitla without gaining contact with enemy.

An Allied observation post on Djebel Selloun could observe no enemy activity.

Gafsa was thought to be occupied by the enemy.

The French occupied Bir El Ater.

XIX CORPS FRONT:

Nothing to report.

V CORPS FRONT:

Local attacks were made along much of the front.

Along the Medjez-El-Aroussa road a strong patrol of the 1st Guards Brigade advancing north and one of the 78th Division advancing south met about 5 miles north of El-Aroussa, capturing much enemy equipment to include 2 tanks. The enemy, formerly along this road, withdrew into the hills.

Enemy infantry attacked Hunts' Gap repeatedly without success.

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An enemy force, estimated at 1 battalion, was still active near Bou Arada.

Enemy tanks were believed to be concentrating near Heidona.

30 tanks, including 1 Mark VI, have been destroyed in this area since the battle began.

The enemy evacuated Toukabour.

On the North flank, enemy forces reached Tenel.

11th Brigade reported 300 enemy dead on its front. 97 additional wounded enemy prisoners of war were reported by the Fifth Army.

Estimated that enemy has committed 17 battalions on Fifth Army Front since February 26th.

Tunnel 5 miles east of El Aouana shelled.

Attacks made toward Beja from Northeast thereof, on March 1st, were stopped and repulsed 10 miles northeast of that town. Enemy here abandoned 6 tanks.

EIGHTH ARMY FRONT:

Patrols of 51st Division encountered enemy in position and mines west of the marsh 15 miles north-northwest of Medenine.

Armed natives were spying on our troops from the vicinity of Chott Djérid and Chott El Rharsa.

No further activity of importance. Activity was limited due to poor visibility.

Arran reported to be wired with enemy here digging in.

MOVEMENTS:

9th Division (US) relieved the 1st Division (US) on February 27th. Command Post of the 1st Division was established at Djebel Bou Kadra.

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47th Infantry (US) relieved the 26th Infantry (US) at El Abiod.

French Light Mechanized Brigade regrouped between Rohia and Ksour.

1st Battalion, 9th Algerian Infantry moved to Maktar.

2d Battalion, 9th Algerian Infantry relieved 2d Battalion, 1st Algerian Infantry 10 miles southeast of Maktar.

16th Infantry (US) took over the defense of Dernaia Pass.

2d Battalion, 36th Brigade was moving to come under the command of the 78th Division.

1 Regimental Group of 6th Armored Division moved to Teboursouk under command of 5th Corps. The remainder of Division moved to Le Krib under command of 78th Division.

3d Welsh Guards were assigned under the command of 1st Guards Brigade.

178th Field Artillery Regiment left Oran for Constantine.

1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion arrived at Constantine from Oran and was assigned to Eighteenth Army Group.

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Feb. 27	18 Spitfires and 9 Hurri-bombers attacked transport southwest of Mateur.	Bursts on transport.	
	27 Spitfires offensive over Goubellat-Testour-Cape Serrat-Pont Du Fahs area.	1 ME-109 damaged.	
	30 Spitfires and 9 Hurribombers attacked vehicles Sidi Nsir.	Burst in target area. 1 Spitfire damaged.	
	16 Spitfires 12 Hurri-bombers attacked tanks on road southwest of Mateur.	Bursts on roads.	1 Hurribomber destroyed.
	8 Spitfires swept Pont Du Fahs area		1 Spitfire missing.
	18 Spitfires and 9 Hurri-bombers attacked transport northeast Beja.	Direct hits observed.	
	11 Mitchells attacked enemy concentrations Sidi Nsir	Results unobserved.	
	Western Desert Force bombed Gabes west landing ground.	Two enemy set on fire. 11 enemy destroyed, 5 probables, 8 damaged.	
Feb. 27-28	Wellingtons on shipping search.	Found no suitable target.	
	5 Beauforts on shipping search northwest Marettimo.	Torpedo aimed at merchant vessel, 2,000 tons; results not observed.	
	6 Mosquitoes on intruder patrols Pantellaria-Sicily.	Searchlights and gun position strafed. 2 merchant vessels off Marsala attacked and damaged.	
	6 Spitfires bombed power station at Cassabile.		
	6 Mosquitoeson intruder patrols Pantellaria-Sicily.		
	6 Spitfires bombed Comiso.	Hits on hangers and building. Fires started.	

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Spitfires strafed surface submarine off Avola
Many hits.

Feb. 28 11 Spitfires bombed Pozzallo 2 hits on factory building.

Feb. 28 49 B-17's, in two waves, attacked Cagliari docks and shipping with 538 500-lb. bombs. Bursts on jetty, ware- 3 enemy destroyed, house, railway yards, 3 damaged. and town. Direct hits on vessel.

Feb. 28 Unidentified aircraft made reconnaissance over Reykjavik.

Feb. 28 - 14 JU-88's made unsuccessful attack on Allied convoy No ships damaged.
March 1 120 miles north northeast North Cape.

437 RAF Bombers dispatched Weather good.
St. Nazaire. Smoke screen laid by enemy

Feb. 27 17 enemy E-Boats attacked No hits claimed.
by Hudsons 45 miles east of Oxfordness.

2 FW-200's operated from Norway and Bordeaux.

B-17's and B-24's, supported 155 tons HE dropped.
by Spitfires, bombed Port Several hits in target
Militaire at Brest. area. 1 engagement - no results.

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<u>Allied</u>	<u>Axis</u>
2	14

Accumulated Reported Aircraft Lost from January 1, 1943

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GROUND

Northern Tunisia: Series of uncoordinated attacks continued along V Corps front.

Attacking from north, 78th Division recaptured high ground 2 miles north of Goubellat.

Y Division moving north from El Aroussa.

Enemy strength estimated 1 battalion on Medjez El Bab - El Aroussa road. From a point 8 miles northeast of El Aroussa, road cleared for a distance of 4 miles.

At Sidi Nsir, 5th Hampshires overrun and contact was lost with enemy. Six Officers and 250 enlisted men have rejoined 128th Brigade and are in action again.

Mateur - Beja road mined by 46th Division at Sidi Nsir, but some tanks passed south along road and were successfully engaged by 46th Division area 14 miles northwest of Beja. Enemy infantry strength in area estimated 2 battalions. One battalion holding 4 miles north of Munchar with second battalion moving southeast and southwest from area 6 miles west of Heidous.

100 motor transport including 30 tanks concentrated between Sidi Nsir and area 8 miles northwest Heidous and on road south. 18 tanks, including 6 M-5's knocked out.

Hurribombers successfully attacked area northeast Sedjenane 3 times during morning. In counterattack, 16th Durham Light Infantry halted enemy advance 2 miles north of Sedjenane. Fighting continues. Area was to be reinforced night February 27-28.

Italian advance toward Cape Serrat met by RAF Regiment (Airdrome Defense Troops) and French African Corps, with enemy casualties.

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Enemy post 10 miles south of Bou Arada attacked by patrol.
4 prisoners taken.

Line just north of Toukebeur and Chaouach held by enemy.
Enemy forces Medjez El Bab - El Aroussa comprised 5 battalions infantry, 1 squad tanks, 2 battalions artillery, 1 battalion antisaircraft, 1 engineer battalion. No enemy troops west of road Medjez El Bab - El Aroussa.

Since February 26 - 1800 to 1900 prisoners of war taken.
Central Tunisia: Patrols night 26-27 began at a point 8 miles north of Sbeitla on approximately a 15-mile front, extending north between Sbiba and Kef El Ahmara.

French patrol ambushed and captured 7 enemy 6 miles southeast of Kesra. Kef El Ahmara still in enemy hands with their patrols active south and to south end of Ousseltia Valley.

Sbeitla reported clear of enemy.
Our patrols encountered mines but no enemy as they advanced through Djebel Goubeul Pass.

Southern Tunisia: Very little enemy activity. Patrols southeast of Arram were engaged by enemy. 5 enemy armored cars engaged approximately 5 miles northeast Ksar Rhilane. Forward troops 22nd Armored Brigade astride road 5 miles east of Medenine.

5 miles north to east Ghoumerassen is 2 Kings Royal Rifle Corps patrols.
Movements: 89th Tank Destroyer Battalion from Casablanca to Constantine. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 13th Field Artillery Brigade arrived Constantine. Headquarters and 1st Battalion 62nd Coast Artillery AA Regiment arrived Telergma.

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1 Guards Brigade less 1 unspecified Battalion arrived Gafour.
3rd Welsh Guards rail party arrives Ghardimaou.
Rail party less carriers arrives Ghardimaou 28 February.
1 Guards Brigade Group now consists of Grenadier Guards Cold-
stream Guards and Welsh Guards.
2 Hampshires arrives Beja.
8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will arrive Beja night
27-28 February.

All above under V Corps.

General Juins Forces - Nothing to report.

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