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OPERATIONS DIVISION
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF

Daily Allied Strength Report.  
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIED

U.S. Strength Landed or in Port  343,672 (Apr 17)
British " " 334,627 (May 4)
French " " 242,100 (May 12)

920,399 (May 12)

AIR STRENGTH

U.S. and British  2,281 (May 6)

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength

U.S.  92,000 (May 6)
British  233,651 (Apr 29)
French  54,660 (May 2)

385,311 (May 6)

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

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<td>May 10/11</td>
<td>46 B-7’s, 36 B-25’s, 48 A-20’s attacked and bombed Erfal bridge, Kalahib area, Imsel Temine and Imsel Hamamet, bombing grounds.</td>
<td>Bridge damaged, landing ground well covered by bursts.</td>
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<td>May 10/11</td>
<td>Spit bombers attacked road bridge at Kafra and Soliman areas.</td>
<td>Hits scored.</td>
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<td>May 9/10</td>
<td>Bismarck attacked motor trucks and truck concentrations from Imsel to Imsel Temine.</td>
<td>Fires and explosions observed.</td>
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<td>May 12</td>
<td>At least seven enemy bombs were over Algiers during the night.</td>
<td>One ship sunk in the harbor by bombs.</td>
<td>5 Bombers destroyed, 1 by night fighters and 4 by anti-aircraft, 2 damaged by Beaufighters over Sardinia.</td>
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2. Anti-Shipping:

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<td>May 11</td>
<td>3 Hudsons attacked a fully surfaced U Boat with depth charges, one of which was submerged within twenty-five feet of the whirl of the submarine.</td>
<td>Submarine submerged.</td>
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3. Reconnaissance:

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<td>An enemy aircraft contacted a small merchant ship convoy 20 miles northeast of Oran.</td>
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<td>May 12</td>
<td>An enemy bomber made a reconnaissance of Phillippeville, two enemy planes made a reconnaissance of the Spanish coast.</td>
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and one shadowed shipping between Bougie and Djidjelli.

b. 9th Air Force (8th Army)

1. Bomber:

**Allied:**

**May 12**
54 Bostons, Baltimores and Mitchells attacked enemy positions south of Ben Ficha. Ground troops report bombing was effective.

**May 12**
9 Bombers from the 12th Group dropped 18,000 lbs of bombs in the battle area.

**May 11**
22 bombers of the 376th Group dropped 110,500 lbs of bombs on Catania harbor. The bow of a tanker was hit.

**May 11**
Bombers from the 98th Group dropped 117,000 lbs of bombs and 92 boxes of incendiaries on Catania harbor. Demolition of mole and 3 ships tied up to the mole. Whole dock in flames. Ammunition ship exploded. A tanker destroyed: 1 Ju-88 was set on fire 1 Ju-290, we lost and a burning one plane. Ship was leaving the harbor.

**May 11**
Bombers of the 340th Group dropped 15,000 lbs of bombs on buildings on an unreported target.

**May 11**
23,500 lbs of bombs were dropped on the suspected German headquarters in the Cap Bon area.

**May 11**
The 79th Group dropped 22,460 lbs of bombs on motor transport, docks, jetties, buildings and on 4 guns of an ack-ack battery.

2. Fighters:

**Allied:**

**May 11/12**
Baufighters over Cap Bon (night) destroyed 1 Heinkel 111. No other aircraft sighted.

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a. Score:

Planes destroyed since last report:

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<tr>
<td>1 Bomber</td>
<td>6 JU-88's</td>
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<td>1 KG-200</td>
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<td>1 Hs-113</td>
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Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 8, 1942:

770

b. Sorties Flown:

1. North African Theater:

May 11 -- 106 B-17's, 36 B-25's, 54 B-26's, 48 A-20's, 56 Spitfires, American, 193 F-39's, 16 F-39's, 71 P-40's, 2 Photo recons, RAF: 8 Hudsons, 3 Lancers, 36 Spitbombers, 27 Beaufighters, 212 Spitfires, 20 Hurricanes, 23 F-39's, 12 P-40's, 3 P-51's.


c. European Theater:

1. Bomber:

Axis

May 12 a JU-88 was observed 5 miles south of Hofsnt. 

Interception was not made.

Allied

May 12/13 4/6 RAF Bombers and 73 Pathfinders bombed Duisberg. Searchlights numerous and some enemy aircraft encountered over the target. The Flak was not up to its usual standard.

35 planes missing.

2. Fighters:

Axis

May 12 13 Mi-190's made a low land 4 of 5 bombs 1 Mi-190 destroyed.

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bombing and machine gun attack on Lowestaff.

Dropped fell by anti-aircraft.

into the sea.

One caused some property damage, killed four people and injured eight.

Widespread damage to property, including the gas works and hospital. 23 people killed and many injured.

3. Anti-shipping:

**Allied**

**May 11** A plane attacked a submarine 325 miles South West of Kaidedarnes.

Some evidence of success.

4. Reconnaissance:

**Axis**

**May 13** Enemy planes made following reconnaissance flights:

7 - Over the Channel
5 - Over the North Sea
4 - Suspected of sea mining
1 - Ju 88 over Force Islands

**May 12** 6 - Off south coast of England

**Allied**

**May 10** Russian photo reconnaissance of Alten Fiord showed 1 large ship presumed to be the Scharnhorst together with Lutzen and 4 destroyers.

The same day a large ship which may have been the Tirpitz was observed at Lang Fiord.

III. Naval Action:

Naval losses since May 1, 1943:

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<th>Type of Ship</th>
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<td>Merchant Vessels</td>
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<td>Motor Torpedo Boats</td>
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<td>Siebel Ferries</td>
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<td>Others</td>
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IV. Ground Action:

General:

All resistance has ceased on the Cap Bon peninsula. Only small groups of prisoners remain to be collected.

General von Sponeck and the 90th Light Division finally gave in at 1500. Resistance was then confined to the 164th Division and some Italians. General Kessel is sending envoys to arrange terms of surrender for the remaining forces.

The total prisoners taken were 130,000 before the surrender on the southern front. It is estimated that there are 30,000 more to come in. Material so far accounted for includes 1200 guns of all types including 150, 88 mm and 200 tanks mostly German.

Among the prisoners taken are 19 Russians. Prisoners state that there are 34 Russians in Tunis and 30 in Jerryville. The Russians were employed as a labor platoon with an artillery battery.

4th Army:

All serious resistance has ceased on the 56th Division front. 1st Infantry Division mopping up some enemy still holding out.

Losses included in Summary:

8139 8470
8222 8472
8261 8476
8323 8599
8317 8599
8458 8699
8759

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<td>dinia were active in the Djad-</td>
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<td>Boriss attack additional in-</td>
<td>2 enemy aircraft</td>
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<td>formation: 46 B-17's escorted</td>
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<td>by 47 P-38's dropped 6,992 20-</td>
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<td>lb fragmentation bombs on air-</td>
<td>1 damaged. 1 B-17</td>
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<td>drone.</td>
<td>blew up over target.</td>
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<td>May 11</td>
<td>A Spit bombers attacked motor</td>
<td>Good results.</td>
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<td>trucks near Beni Oussane.</td>
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<td>26 Hurribombers attacked and</td>
<td>Fires were</td>
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<td>bombed motor trucks 10 miles</td>
<td>started.</td>
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<td>southwest of Zaculist El Krali and</td>
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<td>also at Zaculist El Ilgais.</td>
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<td>180 B-17's, 54 B-26's, and 36</td>
<td>Hits scored on</td>
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<td>B-25's escorted by 137 P-38's</td>
<td>warehouses,</td>
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<td>dropped 439 tons of bombs on</td>
<td>docks, rail-</td>
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<td>Marsala. Smoke from fires</td>
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<td>was visible from the Tunisian</td>
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<td>coast 90 miles away.</td>
<td>pair shops at</td>
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<td>Light and medium bombers</td>
<td>Destroyed: 13 B-</td>
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<td>carried out two attacks on</td>
<td>175's, 2 B-202's,</td>
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<td>gun positions south of St.</td>
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<td>1 P-38 is missing.</td>
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<td>May 11</td>
<td>21 P-40's dropped 21 500-lb</td>
<td>Area well covered.</td>
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<td>bombs on Kansura-Beni Elfjan road.</td>
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May 11 92 Spitfires in fighter sweeps over Cap Bon area attacked motor fires.

May 11 20 P-40's attacked Pantellaria harbor.

May 10/11 Beaufighters and Hurricanes (night) patrolled the north end of the Cap Bon peninsula. 1 Ju-52 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, 2 damaged.

May 11 Fighter bombers destroyed about 30 motor vehicles on the peninsula.

May 11 Fighters flew sea sweeps and patrols over Cap Bon area. 1 Ju-52 damaged.

3. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

May 11 Axis planes made reconnaissance flights:
1 - Between Oran and Algiers
1 - Between Bona and Bougie
1 - Over Tripoli
1 - Over Sicilian Channel

a. Score:

Planes destroyed since last report:

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<td>13 He-119</td>
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Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 8, 1942:

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b. Sorties flown:

1. North African Theater:

May 10 - 110 B-17s, 12 B-25's, 116 B-30's, 10 P-39's, 49 P-40's, 102 Wellingtons, 24 Spitbombers, 26 B-24's, 5 B-25's, 10 P-38's, 15 P-40's, 14 Swordfish, 3 Marauders, 13 Storks, 176 Spitfires, 10 Hurricanes, French: 23 Spitfires. May 11 - 103 B-17's, 84 B-25's, 55 B-26's, 116 A-20's, 60 DB-7's, 136 American Spitfires, 48 P-39's, 96 P-40's,
166 P-38’s, RAF: 321 Spitfires, 80 Hurricombers, 26 Spitzbombers, 4 Hudsons, 8 Albacores, 29 Beaufighters.

c. European Theater:

1. Fighters:

Axis:

May 11
18 FW-190’s dropped 13 High Explosive bombs on Yarmouth. Military headquarters and an ATS billet was hit and damaged considerably.

38 fatal military casualties including 36 women. 10 civilians killed, others injured.

Anti-aircraft shot down one enemy plane, P-47’s destroyed one and damaged another.

2. Anti-Shipping:

Axis:

May 11/12 (night)
18 Enemy planes suspected of engaging in sea mining between Harwich and Flamborough Head. Six came over land and dropped incendiary bombs.

Allied:

Planes sighted two submarines northwest of Cape Finisterre. One submarine attacked.

Believed sunk; surface craft was seen picking up survivors.

One submarine attacked in Iceland area, another sighted.

Results unknown.

3. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

May 11
Enemy made following reconnaissance:
1 - Over Oxfordshire
1 - Over the Atlantic off West 1 - Over the Straits.

IV. Naval Action:

May 11 -- Shipping sweeps were carried out along the coast. One enemy destroyer was blown up and another left in flames. Other ships were successfully attacked.

May 10 -- A motor torpedo boat mined in the approaches to Sousse succeeded in reaching the harbor, but is a total loss.
May 11 -- Destroyers off the eastern shore of Cap Bon took 77 prisoners from small boats. The Italian vessel Aurora painted as a hospital ship, but not registered as such was taken to Sousse for investigation. Destroyers took 126 prisoners from Zembra Island, which is now clear.

Night 11/12 -- Lotor torpedo boats established patrols off Pantelleria Island. A 500-ton schooner was sunk May 5 by one of our submarines.

The dockyard and all facilities at Sousse are completely out of action. At Bizerte the canal entrance at present is effectively blocked.

Naval Losses since May 1, 1943:

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V. Ground Action:

8th Corps:

May 11 -- Opposition north and south of Zaghouna continued during the morning, but later in the day all enemy forces from north of Zaghouna to Sousse surrendered unconditionally.

General Kitchener, Commander of the Moroccan Division, accepted the unconditional surrender of the entire enemy forces opposing him on his front consisting of Fehsen Division, 10,000 strong, and its equipment intact. Oman Division has pushed rapidly toward to a general line north of Zaghouna, taking 20,000 prisoners.

This affects principally the Italian Superga Division and a German battle group of the 21st Lancer Division.

General:

Enemy casualties and considerable prisoners are still coming in. The prisoner situation May 11 appears to American 17 Corps 37,998, of
which 33,498 are Germans; British V and IX Corps roughly 50,000; French XIX Corps at least 10,000; 8th Army about 350, all since May 6. Equipment taken by the Americans is estimated as sufficient to equip two divisions. Booty includes 1,000,000 rations.

Although veterans are evidently resisting to the last on the southern front, a general disintegration of the enemy positions has accelerated during the past 24 hours. Any enemy in the Cap Bon peninsula are now restricted to the central hills. The main group is rapidly shrinking as a result of the recent surrender in the Zaghouan area.

Enemy resistance is now south of Sou Fissa and from Sacuf to the coast.

Dispositions on southern front apparently unchanged. The commander of the 90th Light Division refused invitation to surrender. He declared his intention to resist until his ammunition was exhausted. This state of affairs apparently reached by many units. Others reported now firing at random. Italians of 1st Army have been apparently inspired by the Germans to resist with equal stubbornness. Fires reported throughout night in the center of Cap Bon peninsula.

On the 12th the 26th Armored Brigade continued to advance and gained contact with the 8th Army south of Sou Fissa. All gains have been firmly held. The 6th Armored Division is now located about three miles west of Hermos.

Many more prisoners have been taken, but the exact number is not yet known.

It is reported that all organized resistance except by isolated pockets of the enemy has ceased over the whole of the 13th Army Group Front. General von Armin, commander of the Axis Forces in Tunisia has been captured.
Appendix

8th Air Force summary combat claims and losses for week ending May 9, 1943:

Victories:                      AAF  RA
Destroyedy                11   17
Probably destroyed       9     3
Damaged                    2    15
Destroyed or damaged on ground 1    14

Losers:                      AAF  RA
                              1    74
                              75

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### Daily Allied Strength Report

Date: 0700 May 11 to 0700 May 12

#### Strength in North Africa

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#### Air Strength

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#### Strength in Tunisia

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### II. Air Action:

**a. North African Theater:**

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1. **Bomber:**

**Allied:**

- **May 9:** Palermo raid (previously reported) additional information:
  - 1 enemy aircraft destroyed, 7 damaged.
- **May 10:** 2 torpedo bombers attacked in the Cap Bon area after dark.
  - No damage to shipping.
- **May 10:** 6 Ju-88's approached Bjdjelli in the evening. Only one attacked.
  - Bursts were seen near railway yard and dock.
- **May 9/10:** 24 Wellingsons dropped 24 tons of bombs on Palermo.
  - Results not observed.
- **May 9/10:** 4,250 lbs of bombs were dropped on Milo airdrome.
  - 1 enemy plane destroyed. 1 of our planes is missing.
- **May 10:** B-17's escorted by P-38's dropped 36 500-lb bombs and 5,468 20-lb bombs on Milo airdrome.
  - Target was well covered. 8 to 12 planes on ground set on fire. Explosions and large fires seen.
  - 1 P-38 destroyed, 2 B-17's damaged by flak.
- **May 10:** 52 B-17's escorted by 48 P-38's and P-40's attacked Borizzo (Sicily)
  - Message incomplete; being serviced.
  - 1 P-40 missing.

2. **Fighters:**

**Axis:**

- **May 10:** 1 109-109 near Bougie
  - 1 enemy aircraft destroyed.

**Allied:**

- **May 10:** Attack on landing ground near Benzel Timme additional report. (previously reported)
  - 1 enemy aircraft destroyed.

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3. Anti-Shipping:

**Allied:**

May 9  Hudsons attacked a U-Boat with a depth charge.  U-Boat submerged slowly.

4. Reconnaissance:

**Axis:**

May 10  Following reconnaissance missions were flown by enemy planes:
- near Gibraltar
- Cran area
- vicinity of Barcelona
- west of Sardinia
- northwest of Fantelleria
- Cap Bon

b. 9th Air Force (8th Army)

1. Bomber:

**Allied:**

May 10  12A light and medium bombers attacked Fantelleria landing ground in the early morning.

May 10  100 bombers attacked Fantelleria harbor.

May 10  The 12th, 340th, 7th and 9th Groups dropped 138,680 lbs of bombs on Fantelleria landing ground.

May 10  57th Group dropped 29,880 lbs of bombs on Cap Bon peninsula.

Several fires started.  Direct hits on buildings and gas dump.

Two fires started.  Several near misses on ten landing craft.

Many hits and 2 JU-52's, 1 He-109, 1 Fi-190

Two hits on barracks.  The jetty, bridge and 5 motor transports were hit.

Two direct hits scored on motor transport.

2. Fighters:

**Allied:**

May 9/10  Patrols covered Cap Bon

Small amounts of motor transports attacked.  No other enemy aircraft seen.
a. Score:

Planes destroyed since last report:

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<td>2 JU-88</td>
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Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 8, 1942:

767

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c. European Theater:

1. June:

Axis:

May 10 1 Heinkel 111 dropped bombs at Haywards Heath and Lewes. Slight damage to houses.

2. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

May 10 2 enemy planes made a reconnaissance off southeast coast of England, 2 off south coast, and 1 off the Atlantic off Brest.

IV. Naval Action:

Motor torpedo boats intercepted two small craft near Cap Bon and took 36 German prisoners.

A destroyer attacked small craft near Kelibia and sank a small fishing vessel taking 17 prisoners, including the Chief of Staff of the 9th Panzer Army. Three small coastal vessels with Germans attempting to escape were sunk in the Gulf of Tunis. Personnel were taken prisoner. No other attempts to escape by surface craft have been observed.

Italian hospital ships Virgilio and Aquila were intercepted and released after search revealed only wounded aboard.
One destroyer engaged six E Boats in the vicinity of Zembra Island. After a lively engagement, the enemy retired northward under cover of smoke. One E Boat was probably damaged.

Naval Losses since May 1, 1943:

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V. Ground Action:

II Corps

35,000 prisoners have been taken, 30,000 of which are German. Clearing of the battlefields continues.

V Corps

The 1st British Infantry Division is concentrated in the Ain El Asker area.

VI Corps

The 6th Armored Division broke through the Axis forces at Gromballa and were within 7 miles of Hammamet, at 1800 hours on the 10th. Patrots of the Derby Yeomanry entered Nabeul. The 10th Infantry Brigade is located in the Lensel Bou Zelfa area and the 12th Brigade from the 4th Division are at Beni Khalled and are pushing north and east.

The 1st British Armored Division is at Gromballa. 6,600 prisoners have been counted so far today, and much abandoned equipment has been captured.

Hammamet and Nabeul have been abandoned by the enemy. An unconfirmed report states that we have occupied Korba.

The Axis has been pushed back 20 miles northeast of Soliman. 10,000 prisoners have been taken during the last two days. Fighting at the base of the Cap Bon Peninsula. The Centauro Division has surrendered and there is evidence that the

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that the enemy is destroying motor transport and other equipment.

Prisoners report that radio traffic is almost solely concerned with instructions for destroying papers and material. Hitler and Mussolini have sent a message of encouragement to all troops. Forces on the southern front are likely to remain in their present positions to the end.

Prisoners on all fronts by the end of the 10th of May totalled at least 60,000.

On the 11th the 26th Brigade continued to advance and met an anti-tank screen and some tanks on the road south of Bou Ficha. Further north some pockets of enemy resistance including some tanks remain to be cleared up in the hills west of Grombalia.

Patrols of the 10th Infantry Brigade have made a complete circuit of the Cap Bon Peninsula with little opposition and have met patrols of the 12th Brigade about a mile from Menzel Rueu. The position in the center of the peninsula is still obscure. Many prisoners continue to be brought in, but counting of them has not yet been completed.

The 201st Guards Brigade is now under command of the 4th British Division.

XIX Corps
Little progress was made in the XIX Corps area during the day.

On the 11th slight progress was made in the center of the Corps front.

8th Army
167th Brigade failed to capture objective night of May 9/10, and is now back on its original line after suffering considerable casualties from machine gun and mortar fire. 1st P.P. Division captured 14 prisoners 15 miles west of Yekroun.

5th New Zealand Brigade captured 75 prisoners and 12 small guns from 164th Division southeast of Sasaif.
European Theater

Shells from a German battery on the French coast demolished a house at Dover and killed one person May 9.

Messages included in Summary:

| 6802 | 7167 |
| 6817 | 7230 |
| 6821 | 7236 |
| 6844 | 7309 |
| 6856 | 7361 |
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# APPENDIX

Northwest African Air Force summary combat claims and losses for the week of May 1 to May 7, inclusive:

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<td>Damaged by anti-aircraft</td>
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D a i l y A l l i e d S t r e n g t h R e p o r t
(All messages paraphrased)

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<td>Approximately 25 enemy planes attacked shipping at Sone.</td>
<td>No casualties, fires started in town and in the hold of a ship.</td>
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Allied:

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<td>May 8</td>
<td>A-20’s dropped 10 100-lb, 23 300-lb, 2250 20-lb bombs on motor trucks near Soliman and road network south of Hammam Lif.</td>
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<td>May 8</td>
<td>A-20’s in another mission dropped 20 300-lb, 10 100-lb 264 20-lb fragments on tank concentrations in Fortville area.</td>
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<td>May 8</td>
<td>Hurribombers and Spits bombers attacked enemy troops emplacements, motor trucks, landing grounds over Cap Bon Peninsula and Fortville area.</td>
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<td>May 8/9</td>
<td>Wellingtons dropped 25 tons of bombs on Villacido, 3 tons on Elmas and 4 tons on Declonnamun airbases. One 1000-lb bomb was dropped on Konssrato airrane.</td>
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2. Fighter:

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Allied:

May 8
14 Spitfires missions attacked Cap Bon and Tunis area. Straffed enemy emplacements, roads, motor trucks, tanks, and ships.
17 trucks destroyed and many damaged.
12 enemy aircraft destroyed, 8 damaged on ground.

3. Anti-Shipping:

Allied:

May 8
12 P-40's carrying bombs, each by 12 P-40's dropped a 500-lb bomb on 2 motor vessels heading northeast in the Gulf of Tunis. A small launch bombed off Ras St. Ali El Bekki.
Scorched near misses.

May 8
French squadrons attacked a motor vessel off La Goulette.
Vessel damaged.

b. 9th Air Force (8th Army)

1. Bomber:

Allied:

May 9
126 light and medium bombers attacked aircraft on Pantelleria Island landing ground.
Fires started.

May 9
44 bombers from the 376th and 98th Group dropped 250,000 lbs of bombs, 49 boxes of incendiaries, and leaflets on the Messina ferry slip.
Direct hits on locomotive round houses, and two ferries in the ferry slip. Bursts were observed along the railway yard.
A ship was left smoking in the slip.

May 9
Bombers from the 12th and 3/6th Group dropped 65,400 lbs of bombs on Pantellaria Island landing ground.
Runways hit and fires reported.
Extent of damage unknown.

May 9
Fighter bombers on three missions dropped 43,700 lbs. of bombs on targets on Cap Bon and Libenra Island.
125 direct hits on boats, direct hits on bridges, and 40 direct hits on a destroyer. 8 motor vehicles destroyed. Explosions and fires observed on landing ground.
May 9 In four bomber escort - fighter bomber missions, 39,600 lbs. of bombs were dropped on Santellaria Island landing ground. Direct hits scored on motor vehicles and the bridge and jetty.

2. Fighters:

**Allied:**

May 9 Fighter bombers patrolling Cap Bon Peninsula attacked three convoys of motor vehicles. 30 vehicles destroyed by bombing and strafing.

3. Transports:

**Axis:**

May 8/9 (night) Beaufighters and Hurricanes attacked JU-52's attempting to land in the Cap Bon area. 3 JU-52's destroyed, 4 damaged.

May 9 9 JU-52's near Benzel Taxine were attacked. 3 JU-52's damaged.

a. Score:

Planes destroyed since last report:

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<td>12 enemy aircraft</td>
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<td>14 B-109's</td>
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<td>1 B-210</td>
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<td>3 JU-52's</td>
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Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 8, 1942:

765 1970*

*1/4 reported yesterday as wrecked near Tunis, subtracted from total.

b. Sorties flown:

May 8 -- 18 B-25's, 33 B-26's, 121 F-35's, 68 F-40's, 4 B-4 (Photo reconnaissance), 77 A-20's, 6 P-39's, RAP: 155 Spitfires, 67 Hurribombers, 12 Spitbombers.

c. European Theater:

1. Anti-Shipping:

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Allied:

May 9  A U.S. Navy Catalina based on Iceland attacked a submarine.  Results unknown.

May 9  An RAF Hudson from Iceland attacked a submarine.  No estimate of hits.

May 9  2 submarines attacked in Iceland area.  1 Submarine damaged.

May 9  2 submarines attacked northwest of Cape Finisterre and another sighted west southwest of Bishops Rocks.

May 9  3 submarines sighted west of Portugal. One attacked by two planes.

Reconnaissance:

May 9  Enemy aircraft made a reconnaissance of the following areas:
  1 - Shetland Islands.
  1 - East Faroes Islands.
  1 - Southwest approaches of United Kingdom.

IV. Naval Action:

Night of May 8/9 -- An enemy ship off Moss 28 Ferek was destroyed by our motor torpedo boats and a barge carrying oil, men and ammunition was sunk by a destroyer. One motor torpedo boat stranded off Kelifia had to be destroyed by our forces on May 9. Destroyers were relieved and redispersed closer to Gulf of Tunis. May 9 they successfully engaged a battery near Moss Bourdas and bombarded Sidi Bough. One of our destroyers received some damage but continued on patrol and returned to Malta. Our destroyers withdrew to seaward at dusk, and relief ships sailed from Moss and Malta to maintain patrols. Coastal craft have maintained continuously nightly patrols in the vicinity of Bizerte and Cap Bon Peninsula. There is practically no enemy shipping left on the coast, but there is some boating activity. The channel to Bizerte is now swept as far as Cape Blanc.
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V. Ground Action:

II Corps

All enemy resistance in the north ceased during the morning of May 9. The Germans negotiated an unconditional surrender, including an agreement to cease the destruction of material. The booty is considerable. Twelve thousand prisoners have already been counted by the Americans, of which only about four hundred are Italians. It is estimated that about an equal number are awaiting capture and evacuation. The negotiations were conducted by Major General Fritz Kreuse, Artillery Commander of the Afrika Korps. Other prisoners included Major General Von Vaerst, former commander of the 15th Panzer Division and possibly temporary commander of the 5th Panzer Army, Major General Willibald Horwitz, commander 15th Panzer Division, Major General Curt Engen, commander of the Luftwaffe at Bizerte, Major General George Heuser, Luftwaffe Flak division, and Lieut. General Karl Behovius, commander Koenig Division.

V Corps:

There has been no further report on the situation at Tunis, but the whole area is under control. Enemy resistance continued during the morning south of Rasim Lib. Cretaveille has been abandoned and much enemy equipment left behind. Total prisoners in all areas now total 50,000, with many still uncounted. The 7th Armored Division is concentrating in the area north of Tunis. The 4th Indian Division is concentrating in the Ain El Acker area.
IX Corps:

The 1st British Armored Division made slow progress and captured Creteville. Leading elements of the 2nd Brigade pushed forward about four miles, mopping up north and south on their axis of advance. The 1st Guards Brigade attacked and occupied the high ground south of Hamman Lif during the night of May 8/9. Anti-tank guns held up the advance of the 26th Armored Brigade during the morning. Artillery support was brought up and the 26th broke through. Soliman was captured at 1400 hours May 10 and Grombalia at 1700 hours. The advance continues to the south and east. Elements of the 2nd Armored Brigade southeast of Creteville have sent patrols to the southwest to link up with the XIX Corps. A total of 5,000 prisoners were taken on the 10th of May, including 600 from the German Goering Grenadier Regiment.

Remnants of the 10th and 21st Panzer Divisions oppose the advance south east of Hamman Lif, but resistance on the 1st and 6th Armored Division front appears to be disintegrating.

XIX Corps

Active artillery fire prevented further advance in the XIX Corps area. Patroli found heavy resistance at Sid Arara. Forward elements of the Khatibat Division reached Haf El Bnibah, but were held up by enemy fire from high ground ahead.

Pockets of enemy resistance are still holding out in Zaghcuam. An enemy counterattack was beaten off.

6th Army

On the 9th the 6th New Zealand Brigade relieved the 169th Brigade. The 169th Brigade was placed in reserve ready to be moved northward the morning of the 10th. There are no indications of a general withdrawal. The 90th Light Division is offering stubborn resistance south of Sou Ficha. It is estimated...
there remain about 70,000 troops to be mopped up.

The difficulty of supply for the enemy should result shortly in collapse of organized resistance.

General: Enemy capabilities on the Cap Bon Peninsula

1. Axis might withdraw 65,000 troops and five to seven days' supply there.
2. The peninsula will be extremely hazardous to supply by air, ship, lighter, Siebel ferry or submarine, due to nearly complete Allied control of the sea and air.
3. The enemy has suffered great losses in transport aircraft by day and is unlikely to attempt to operate except by night now. At a maximum effort the enemy might dispatch up to 250 tons for two or three nights. There are four airfields which might be used for night landings. The effort would fall after that, apart from losses in aircraft which should be heavy. Some 30 to 40 tons per night could be dropped by air by JU-88's. Supplies also could be dropped from transport aircraft if landings were to dangerous. 150 tons per day for the first week with a drop to 75 tons subsequently might be obtained. It is unlikely that this figure will be achieved due to losses which should be heavy.

4. Therefore apart from supplies possibly transferred from Tunis to the Peninsula, it is estimated the enemy might not in sufficient supplies to last one further week. No large scale evacuation is believed to be possible. Troop withdrawal could be carried out by X boats, submarines, and aircraft and possibly lighters and Siebel ferries. At the most, some 10,000 might leave, but by no means all arrive at their destination.

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<td>Enemy air activity on May 8 was of defensive nature and on low scale with the main effort concentrated over the Gulf of Tunis and the Cap Bon Peninsula. Most enemy aircraft apparently operated from the peninsula although some, with long range tanks, appeared to come from Pantelleria and Sicily. Generally, enemy fighters evaded combat.</td>
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<td>F-40's carrying bombs attacked the Quays and docks at Tunis Harbor.</td>
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May 9
A preliminary survey of the wreckages in the El Aouana airstrip area at Tunis shows:

6 B-26's, 5 B-129's
1 B-210, 1 FW-190
1 FW-196, 30 JU-52's,
and approximately
100 miscellaneous
aircraft.

May 8
B-25's with a P-40 escort
bombed the railroad and highways near Korbou.

May 8
P-40's bombed the docks near Thamara.

May 8
19 medium and light bombers
missions were carried out by
A-20's, P-40's, DB 7's, and
B-25's on enemy troop and motor
transports. Fighter bombers
attacked the few remaining
enemy landing grounds.

Good results.

Direct hits and
near misses
scored.

Heavy damage in-
flicted. Several
aircraft on the
ground destroyed
or damaged.

Destroyed on ground:
3 JU-52's, 1 FW-109
1 P-40 destroyed
by flak.

1 P-40 missing.

2. Fighter:

Allied:

May 7
Many fighter sweeps were flown
over the battle area.

May 6/7
Bombers patrolled
Sicilian Channel.

May 9
Air craft were over enemy bridge-
head all day without sighting any
enemy aircraft. Fighters and fighter
and medium bombers followed up night
harrassing attacks on the enemy by
strafing and bombing motor transports
on roads in support of mopping up
operations and our attacks southeast
of Tunis. Successful attacks were
made on enemy landing grounds and
small shipping off shore.

3. Anti-Shipping:

Axis:

May 7
Enemy bombers probably from Sicily
attacked destroyers northeast of
Ezerte.

Attacks were
unsuccesful.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44.
Allied:

May 8  B-26's flew shipping sweeps.  Low clouds prevented attacks.

May 8  P-40's carrying bombs flew shipping sweeps.  1 small motor launch strafed near misses on one motor vessel.

May 8  B-26's escorted by P-38's bombed a small motor vessel.  Vessel believed to have sunk.  Near misses scored on a tanker.

May 8  2 other B-26 forces with a P-38 escort flew shipping sweeps.  Targets sighted.

May 7  Medium, light, and fighter bombers made continuous attacks on enemy concentrations and shipping in the Tunis area.  Much damage caused.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

May 7  2 enemy bombers made a reconnaissance of the Algerian coast.  In the afternoon the Baleric Islands were patrolled and in the evening an aircraft shadowed allied destroyers near Bizerte.

b. 9th Air Force:

1. Bomber:

Allied:

May 7  13 Wellingtons dropped 2 4,000-lb, 56 500-lb and 540 4-lb incendiary bombs in Trapani, Marsala, Marsatino, and Favignana areas.  These were diversary attacks for Malta mine laying missions.  1 aircraft lost.

May 7  17 P-40's carrying bombs dropped 3 500-lb bombs on Korbous.

2. Fighters:

Allied:

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May 7/8  Beaufighters and Hurribombers
(night) damaged 1 JU-88 and 2 JU-52's
in the Cape Bon area.

3. Anti-Shipping:

Allied:

May 8  Shipping off Cape Bon was at-
tacked. Baltimore in a later
attack claimed another Vessel
damaged.

May 8  Fighters and fighter bombers
attacked shipping in the Gulf
of Tunis and Cape Bon area.
49,500 lbs of bombs were dropped.

a. Score:

Planes destroyed since last report:

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Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 6, 1942:

Allied: 763 Axis: 2083

6. European Theater:

1 Bomber:  

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44
Day 5  6 to 8 JU-52's raided the outskirts of London. Damage and casualties light.

Day 7/8, (night) 7 enemy planes raided Southampton, Salisbury, and Middle Wallop

2. Fighters:

**Allied:**

May 7  100 F-47's made an uneventful high altitude sweep over a section of occupied Holland and France.

Several enemy fighters were sighted, but disappeared into a cloud before contact could be made. All F-47's returned safely.

3. Anti-Shipping:

**Axis:**

May 7  Seven Fi-200's based on Bordeaux, operated west of Portugal.

Sighted a convoy.

**Allied:**

May 7  1 enemy submarine sighted 250 miles southwest of Iceland.

4. Reconnaissance:

**Axis:**

May 3  2 enemy planes made a coastal reconnaissance and three made a reconnaissance of the straits.

**Allied:**

May 7  2 F-5A's flew a mission to photograph Dieppe and Antwerp

Dieppe mission was successful. Antwerp mission abandoned due to adverse weather conditions.
IV. Naval Action:

The Greek ship Teknikas was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine 410 miles west by south of Cape Minisierre.

May 6/7 -- Nightly destroyers from Malta patrolled south of Marsa. Others from Bone operated further west and shot down one enemy aircraft and damaged one. Motor torpedo boats from Bone and Sousse operated in the vicinity of Tunis and Cape Bon.

May 7/8 -- All available craft sailed from Bone and Sousse to establish night patrols between Bizerte and Kelibia. Destroyers from Malta patrolled off Kelibia, while others from Malta and Bone operated off Marsa. One ship was damaged when attacked by an enemy plane.

May 8 -- Two groups of destroyers from Bone were west of Marsa and on patrol in the Gulf of Hammamet during daylight. Night patrol positions from north of Cape Bon to east of Kelibia were established in cooperation with destroyers from Malta. Kelibia was bombarded in the evening and again early in the morning of the 9th. Two small merchant vessels were sunk off Cape Bon.

Several wrecks were reported in Avant Fort Bizerte, but the entrance to Goulet Du Lao was not blocked.

Naval losses since May 1, 1943:

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V. Ground Action: II Corps

The 34th Division continued to advance and reached Djedida and is now swinging north.

Elements of the 1st Armored Division (US) are about 5 miles west of Utique.

Other elements are clearing out resistance southeast of Bizerte.
The 15th and 30th Combat Teams of the 3rd Division will pass through the 1st Armored Division the night of May 5/10 and complete mopping up to the east.

High casualties have been inflicted on the enemy and much equipment has been captured. Over 4,000 prisoners have been taken since the start of operations. The enemy is disorganized and is believed incapable of prolonged resistance.

Enemy troops in the Protville pocket are reported as surrendering unconditionally the morning of the 9th. During the recent fighting the 1st Battalion Panzer Grenadier Regiment attempted a traditional German fake surrender.

Transport shortage necessitates the retirement of bodies of enemy troops on foot. Large quantities of material has been abandoned.

The German General Klauser unconditionally surrendered to the 1st Armored Division all German forces in the area between Leò De Bizerte and Porto Farina. Firing in the peninsula east of Bizerte ceased at 1100. Elements surrendered include the 10th and 15th Panzer Divisions, two regiments of artillery and other elements not known at this time. It is impossible to estimate the number of prisoners and booty captured, but it is believed the total will run into the thousands with large amounts of material and equipment. Picking up continues in other areas. Much captured equipment and many stragglers are being picked up.

Troops in the Protville Pocket include remnants of the Von Lanteuffel (Formerly Von Brehic) 15th Panzer and 334th Divisions, 504th Heavy Battalion, and miscellaneous Karsch and tank battalions.

There has been no report concerning enemy forces cut off north of Garet Aokiel.

The 7th (Br.) Armored Division and the 1st (U.S.) Armored Division are now in contact.

V Corps:

The 7th Armored Division came under the command of the V Corps and struck north from Tunis and cleared the area south of the Medjerda River, taking large numbers of prisoners.
The 78th Division moved up to occupy Tunis which is entirely in our hands, all fighting having ceased the morning of the 8th.

The 1st Br. Infantry Division occupied Tebourba and Jedieda and cleared the area south of the Redjerdas up to Dj Aner where contact is being made with the 7th Armored Division.

**IX Corps:**

East of Tunis the 6th Armored Division was engaged all day in the area of Kassan Lit where the enemy rear guard was fighting hard to prevent our forces from cutting their line of retreat into the Cape Bon peninsula.

The 1st British Armored Division moved northeast without opposition from their position north of Bir Leberga and by the afternoon of the 8th were in contact with elements of the 6th Armored Division in the Crèteville area where confused fighting took place.

The 10th Division with the 201st Guards Brigade concentrated in the area south of Tunis.

The 10th Panzer Division is in the Crèteville area. The location of the 21st Panzer and Hermann Goering Divisions are unknown. K.O. 11652, Sec. 37/3 and 63/3 or (B)

**IX Corps:**

On the morning of May 8 the enemy held firm in front of the Algiers Division.

After more fighting took place the enemy was pushed back. The cracked Division advanced steadily to a general line south east and north west of Si Bedine. The 6th Division made a considerable advance and reached the line Depienne-Bir Aliane. The Le Couteaux Armored Regiment met heavy opposition but pushed forward strongly and has now occupied Zaghousen with the infantry following up rapidly.

There is a slow general retirement east of Zaghousen.

**8th Army:**

On the 8th Army front there still appears to be no sign of an enemy withdrawal. The 56th Division advanced the evening of May 8, secured some low hills and captured some Italians.
The 5th New Zealand Brigade on the left of the 8th Army Sector advanced
against slight opposition and captured some German prisoners.

**General:**

There have been 20,000 prisoners captured since the general offensive
May 6. There are many others still surrendering and large groups are not yet
counted.

The enemy situation has deteriorated in all sectors. There are consider-
able indications of a shortage of fuel and ammunition.Stubborn rearguard
fighting in the Hassoit area is intended to prevent penetration which would
jeopardize withdrawal of the southern forces to Cape Bon. The enemy's re-
mainng mobile elements are not considered adequate to cover any appreciable
retirement into the peninsulas. Anticipate that organized resistance on any
scale must shortly collapse.

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- May 6: The heaviest scale of air effort ever put out in Africa was made in support of 1st Army operations. From the first light, medium bombers attacked enemy targets continuously throughout the day. The day's bombing operations were believed to have been the most successful despite heavy flak and much smoke.

- May 6: Total of 2748 sorties of all types were flown, of which over 2000 were in direct support of ground troops. Total of 1,275,240 lbs of bombs were dropped, 2/3 of which were in direct support of the battle. During past month, approximately 12,000 wounded have been evacuated by air from front to rear areas.

- May 5: 12 Hurribombers and 12 Spit-bombers escorted by 12 Spit-fires bombed the landing ground near Froville.

- May 4/5: 28 Wellingtons bombed roads at Bir Meherga. 3 fires were started.

- May 4/5: 17 Bisleys bombed motor transport on roads between Yebouba and Cheylus and later machine gunned woods in which motor transport took refuge.

- May 6: Escorted B-17's attacked Marsala Harbour. Docks well, 1 P-38 missing covered with hits. Near misses on 6 Stehal ferries. Direct hits on 1 merchant vessel, probably sunk;
May 6  Trapani Harbour attacked by B-17's.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

May 6  Defensive patrols were flown over Tunis-Protville area.

May 6  Usual patrols were flown over Gulf of Tunis and Cape Bon area.

May 6  Some patrols operated from Pantelleria.

Allied:

May 6  Beaufighters flew defensive patrols and intruder missions over Sardinia and Marettimo Island.

Intercepted enemy aircraft.

Probably destroyed 1 enemy plane and damaged 5. 3 Spitfires were damaged.

1 enemy aircraft destroyed and 1 Ju-52 probably, 1 Beaufighter damaged.

3. Anti-Shipping:

Allied:

May 5  P-40's made a direct hit on one large vessel and sank one small vessel in the Gulf of Tunis.

May 5  Kittyhawks sank one small ship

May 6  Fighter bombers attacked shipping.

Sunk 3 Siebel Ferries, 4 small boats.

May 6  Bombers attacked convoy 20 miles west of Marettimo Island, 3 Siebels, many near misses on another vessel in convoy.

Another merchant vessel was left burning. Hits were scored on 2 medium merchant vessels at center of north docks.
May 6  Another anti-shipping mission swept coast from Cape Bon westward.  Bombed 2 beached ships at Cape Zebib, scoring 3 direct hits and several misses.

May 6  Escorted B-25's attacked part of Favignana (Island off eastern tip of Sicily)  Near misses on 1 P-38, 2 merchant vessels. 1 P-38's missing.

May 6  Escorted B-25's attacked convoy just west of Marettimo Island heading west.  1 Siebel Ferry blown up and near misses on others. 1 JU-87 and 1 HE-109 destroyed on ground. 2 P-38's lost.  Escort strafed airrome between last line and Ras El Djebel (Zebib)

4. Reconnaissance:

Allied:

May 6  Harriers flew armed reconnaissance to approaches to Naples. b. 9th Air Force:

1. Bomber:

Allied:

May 6  Light and medium RAF bombers attacked Puma and St. Cyrrien with 90 and 108 aircraft respectively. 22 fires counted after 2nd attack.

May 6  Fighter bombers attacked motor transport on roads to Tunis and Zaghounan.  Direct hits scored.

May 6  Bombers of 12th Group in 27 sorties dropped 92,000 lbs of bombs on targets in battle area.  Fires reported.

May 6  Bombers of 340 Group dropped 64,400 lbs of bombs on enemy ground installations in battle area.  Hits observed in 1 B-25 shot down, 1 lost with crew.  Fires started, saved.
2. Anti-Shipping:

**Allied:**

**May 6**

Anti-shipping sweep in Gulf of Tunis was made. Two destroyers were attacked. Interception by enemy aircraft. 94 sorties were flown and 50,000 lbs of bombs were dropped.

1 destroyer blown up and sunk; the other set on fire.

1 E-109 destroyed, 1 damaged.

1 B-25 and 1 A-20 (Baltimore) lost in total of 335 sorties.

**May 6**

In 27 sorties by 376th Group in single bombing mission, 25 bombers dropped 129,000 lbs of bombs on Reggio Di Calabrina harbor.

Direct hits on 2 merchant vessels, fires and explosions in harbors and merchant vessels.

1 Macchi 202 destroyed and 1 probably.

Crew of 1 bomber crash-landed in water but were picked up.

**May 6**

In total of 30 sorties in single bombing mission, 26 bombers of the 98th Group dropped 117,000 lbs of bombs and incendiaries on target shipping in Reggio Di Calabrina harbor.

Direct hits reported on large ships, resulting in large explosion and flames.

1 merchant vessel destroyed and 1 damaged.

**a. Score:**

Planes destroyed since last report:

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Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 8, 1942:

**Allied:**

746

**Axis:**

1916

b. Sorties Flown:

1. North African Theater:

42 P-17's, 42 B-25's, 30 B-24's, 74 A-20's, 93 P-39's, 26 P-39's, 60 F-40's, 2 F-51's, 113 American Spitfires, 6 P-39's, 22 F-4's, 17 Bisleys, 23 Bostons, 12 Hurrican Bombers, 235 British Spitfires, 12 Spit Bombers, 12 French Spitfires.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/44
Losses: 1 F-38 destroyed, 2 F-38's, 1 P-40 missing, 15 B-17's, 12 BE 7's, 2 A-20's, 7 B-25's, 3 Spitfires damaged.

Victories: 6 Bl-22's, 2 BE-109's, 1 HA-200 destroyed; 1 BE-109 probably destroyed, 3 BE-109's, 1 HA-190 damaged.

c. European Theater:

1. Bomber:

   Allied:

   May 7 Final claim on Antwerp bombing: 10 enemy fighters destroyed, 2 damaged.

2. Anti-Shipping:

   Allied:

   May 6 RAF planes based at Barks, Iceland, attacked 5 enemy submarines in vicinity of base. Results unknown.

   May 6 U.S. Navy Catalina based on Iceland attacked 2 submarines and sighted 1.

   May 6 U.S. Navy plane enroute to Iceland sighted 1 submarine.

3. Reconnaissance:

   Axis:

   May 6 Routine coastal reconnaissance off south England by 2 enemy aircraft, 1 off southwest approaches and 1 north.

IV. Naval Action:

   The USS Andrea picked up 31 survivors from the USAT Neira, a convoy straggler.

   Ship was foundering and sank May 4.

   Greek ship Adelfoa was torpedoed May 1.

   Our destroyers patrolled Sicilian Channel and were off Sarettimo on night of May 5/6.

   On same night motor torpedo boats from Bora operated in the Sicilian Channel.

   Other motor torpedo boats patrolled in Gulf of Tunis while boats from Sousse operated north of Cape Bon.

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Enemy light naval craft off Sussex coast were engaged by British coast artillery during night of May 5/6.

Following ships in UK bound convoy have been sunk:

- British North Britain
- British Harperly
- British Director
- British Wentworth
- British Bristol City
- U.S. West Laximus

In same convoy British ships Harbury and Soluis were torpedoed and abandoned as not being salvable; also, U.S. ship West Badak was attacked with unknown results.

**Naval Losses since May 1, 1943:**

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**V. Ground Action:**

**II Corps:**

Advance elements of the French reached Zoukar.

The 9th Division forward elements reached Ae Chegaga-Dover Cheniti.

Elements of the II Corps captured Ferrville on morning of May 7.

Advance on Bizerte continues and reconnaissance elements are now in the outskirts of the city.

**V Corps:**

Positions at Dj Bou Aouzous have been consolidated.

The 138th Infantry Brigade has relieved the 5th Indian Brigade in vicinity of Voië.

By 100 hours on May 6 the assault of the 4th British Infantry and 4th Indian Divisions had been successful with the 12th Infantry Brigade, covered by the 10th Infantry Brigade, on the high ground at Dj Zaloum. Horej Prendj was occupied and...
the 7th Indian Brigade established themselves on the high ground at Bd. Kl Ykoudi with the 5th Indian Brigade near Bdj Zioum. The armour then passed through the Infantry units as previously reported with the 5th Armored Division meeting increasing enemy resistance and engaging enemy armour near Bd. Kl Bey. After inflicting considerable loss, the 26 Armored Brigade forced the enemy to withdraw to the southeast. While the 201st Guards Brigade moved up to cover the exposed flank, the 26th Armored Brigade paused east to the south of the main Tunis road. Fura was cleared.

By 1800 hours the 201st Guards Brigade moved up to relieve the 26th Armored Brigade. The 22nd Armored Brigade passed Funa and advanced rapidly to the east. Some enemy opposition was overrun.

By 1900 hours the 22nd Armored Brigade reached Foudouk Kl Khala after having occupied Massinial at 1500 hours. The 131st Infantry Brigade moved forward to relieve the 22nd Armored Brigade.

This is more detailed information than was previously reported, concerning the same action:

Enemy forces believed opposing VII Corps include the following:

- 756 Inf. R.
- 764 Inf. R.
- 15th Panzer Division
- 9th Tank Regiment
- 8th Tank Regiment
- 504th Heavy Battalion (Tank)

Total runners in sector estimated at 35.

At 3 P.M. on May 7 troops of the 1st Army were reported in the outskirts of Tunis. Severe fighting occurred and many prisoners have been taken.

Enemy abandoned Funa and Massinial with apparent intention of forming on the general line south of Yebourba and St. Oupiron. KG. 17.54 (Sec. 3.3) and KG. 16 (Sec. 3.4)

VII Corps:

Artillery support was given Conne Division advancing on left of 2nd New Zealand Division. Patrols of the Conne Division reached vicinity of Saaouf.
Prisoners taken in action southeast of Port du Pahs were from 961 Infantry Regiment. (999th Division)

8th Army

On May 6 the 2nd New Zealand Division advanced to Ae Kl Hammers, encountering opposition and extensive minefields which delayed daylight movement. Further advance to high ground southeast of Scaum was being made during night of May 6/7.

Enemy positions facing the 56th Division were heavily shelled.

Tank Strength and Dispositions:

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Total: 120 Tank runners.

Troop Movements:

7th Regimental Combat Team rerouted from Constantine area arrived at Harissaou.

Miscellaneous:

Cable from Bern states that two complete infantry divisions, anti-aircraft detachments of about 7,000 men, 200 fighters, and 150 Stukas have arrived in Sicily.

Messages included in Summary:

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By KHP, NARS Docket AUG 7 1972
Daily Allied Strength Report  
(All messages paraphrased)

### STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

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### STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

| | Estimated Total Strength |
| | (Mar 30) TOTAL 1,360 |
| U. S. | 77,008 (May 2) |
| British | 238,651 (Apr 29) |
| 1st Army |  |
| 2nd Army |  |
| French | 54,660 (May 2) |
| | 370,319 (May 2) |

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a. North African Theater:

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1. Bomber:

**May 7**

General:

Enemy movement on roads in rear areas attacked throughout hours of darkness on night of May 6/7. Following up the 1st Army breakthrough, light and medium and fighter bombers maintained continuous pressure against the enemy withdrawing on roads in the Tunis area. Enemy opposition was negligible. Our attacks on enemy motor transport, concentrations, and landing grounds were carried at low level and with considerable success. Throughout the day continuous fighter sweeps made over forward areas. Attacks against small shipping in Gulf of Tunis were most successful.

**May 7**

Escorted bombers attacked naval base, magazine, railroad yards and oil storage.

Many hits leaving target area in flames.

1 LlE-109 destroyed, 1 probably, and 1 damaged. 1 P-38 missing.

**May 6**

Bisleys and French Leo's bombed:

El Aouina, La Sebala, and Ariana airfields.

All targets well covered.

1 Baltimore and 1 Mitchell missing.

7 A-20's and 11 DB 7's damaged.

**May 6**

Light and medium bombers attacked:

motor transport, troop concentrations, and gun positions over the battle area and especially in the Djedeida-St. Cyprien-Bassacult areas.

Bush damage, many fires and explosions.

1 LE-109 destroyed, 1 probably, 3 Hurri-destroyers, 1 destructor exploded and other left on fire.

2. Fighter:

**Allied:**

Many fighter sweeps flown during day in support of ground troops attacking enemy positions.

**3. Anti-Shipping:**

**Allied:**

**Day 7**

Escorted P-40's carried out shipping sweep.

Near misses scored on beached 2 JU-52's destroyed, 1 damaged. 1 LE-109 vessel near Cape Portos.
May 7 2nd identical mission carried out against a medium naval vessel near Cape Zebib.

4. Transports:

Axis:

May 5/6 40 JU-52's to Tunisia from Sardinia during night. No report of transport during daylight.

b. 9th Air Force:

1. Bomber:

Allied:

May 7 Bombers of 12th Group in a single mission dropped 27,000 lbs of bombs on Melibia.

2. Anti-Shipping:

Allied:

May 7 In 4 missions totalling 110 sorties, fighters of 57th Group dropped 62,640 lbs of bombs on targets in the Gulf of Tunis.

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Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 8, 1942:

751 | 1921
b. Sorties Flown:

1. North African Theater:

40 heavy bombers, 156 medium bombers, 141 light bombers, 614 day fighters, 3 photo reconnaissance. RAF: 217 light bombers, 331 day fighters. French: 7 light bombers, 24 day fighters.

Losses: May 6 -- 1 Leo, 4 P-39's, 1 Spitfire destroyed; 1 Mitchell 1 Baltimore, 5 P-39's missing, 3 A-20's, 13 DS 7's, 1 Spitfire, 3 Marribombers, 4 B-17's, 3 P-39's damaged.

Victories: 20 KE-109's, 2 Mi-190's, 1 LE-202 destroyed. 5 KE-109's 1 GW-190 probably destroyed, 8 KE-109's, 3 Mi-190's damaged.

c. European Theater:

1. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

May 7 Unidentified plane plotted on a course east 125 miles northeast of Skalar. No interception made.

IV. Naval Action:

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V. Ground Action:

II Corps:

During the morning of May 7, the enemy continued to resist weakly while his efforts north of Garzet Achkel was an attempt to deny to us the road to Bizerte.

The II U.S. Corps advanced eastward. The 34th U.S. Infantry Division captured the high ground west of Chevaliers, four miles north of Yeubourbe. The 1st Armored Division cleared D'Achkel and advanced northwest, taking Perryville and entered the outskirts of Bizerte at 1615 hours May 7. Infantry units are
now moving forward to the town.

Reconnaissance elements of the 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion entered Bizerte at 1615 hours May 7 and were followed rapidly by the remainder of the battalion.

The 81st Reconnaissance Battalion reached Ain Khedal.

The 1st Infantry Division remained in position and still was in contact with the enemy east of Oued Zine. The 15th Regimental Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry Division was ordered to move during the night of May 7/8 to an assembly area in rear of the 1st Division to relieve a regimental combat team of that division.

Many prisoners of war were taken in small groups at isolated localities. There were 492 taken in the vicinity of Merryville.

Forces at Bizerte were still receiving fire and some enemy resistance was encountered east and southeast of Bizerte.

34th Division is now located in area near Chouigui with patrols at Sidi Grib and Lea Romarin in contact with the V Corps.

1st U.S. Infantry Division reports no contact on high ground at Dj Senhidi.

Combat Command "B" moving east reached El Kerdja at 1115 hours on May 8.

V Corps:

Sidi Abdullah and the area east of Peters Corner was cleared by the 11th Infantry Brigade. Near Tyar has also been cleared. The battalions of the 1st Division supported by tanks and a reconnaissance regiment have advanced towards Tebboura. The town was evacuated during the morning of May 7; also St. Cyprien and Le Moragha. Enemy resistance beyond these points was local and disorganized.

The enemy was surprised at the Le Mardo entrance to Tunis. Confused street fighting was reported in the city. Large numbers of enemy troops were surrendering on May 7; other groups of enemy were reported moving south, presumably towards the Cape Bon Peninsula.
IX Corps

In the center, the hammer blow delivered by the IX Corps was on a 3000-yard front, with the most powerful air support which apparently took the enemy by surprise. Our two armored divisions made rapid progress through disorganized enemy resistance, and after severe fighting in the approaches to the town, Tunis was entered at 1540 hours May 7. Infantry followed up, but exact degree of penetration is not yet known owing to confused fighting.

6th Armored Division concentrated at Kriou preparatory to advancing southeast down coast road.

At 1540 hours May 7 armored cars of 1st Derby Yeomanry Hussars entered Tunis closely followed by tanks of 22nd Armored Brigade. The advance by the 6th and 7th Armored Divisions from their midway position south and north of the main road at St. Cyprian was made through disorganized and local enemy resistance. At La Harde, the entrance to Tunis, the enemy seemed unaware of the nearness of our troops. Large numbers of enemy are giving themselves up. Others had been ordered to go scout. Inhabitants state 30 ships filled with Germans left Tunis harbor May 7. One battalion from the 131st Brigade have moved up to Tunis to assist the 22nd Armored Brigade in mopping up. The remainder of the 131st Brigade is in the area of Dj Ael Arima. 1st British Armored Division has reached line about 9 miles south of St. Cyprian after being held up by mines and continues to fight an engagement with 31 enemy tanks. Total number of prisoners of war is not yet available.

South of the main breakthrough to Tunis approximately 40 tanks in groups were engaged in the Kelah area.

Forces elements of the 2nd Armored Brigade reached Ain El Anker, sending out patrols to east and southeast.

Headquarters of the 6th Armored Division is now located at Arret De La Ledeneine.
Headquarters of the 26th Armored Brigade is at Hamam Lif, with elements moving southeast of town.

1st Guards Brigade located near Abreupoir is moving southeast.

Elements of 7th Armored Division are clearing up Versa Peninsula with patrols in La Goulette.

Another force is southwest of Potville and is moving northeast.

4th Division is moving to Sidi Firid.

1 Brigade of 1st British Infantry Division is moving north opposite the Djedida-Levante Road and have reached area at Chicut.

XIX Corps:

The XIX Corps met strong opposition north of the Saoua-Font Du Paha road, but succeeded in occupying Font Du Paha May 7, which had been evacuated.

Enemy broke off engagements and made a general withdrawal to the vicinity of Bir Beharga.

After taking Font Du Paha, corps troops reached Dj Chagaga and elements are advancing northeast from Font Du Paha.

Patrols report no enemy contacted in vicinity of Stou de bir Beharga and Khecha.

8th Army:

German patrols were engaged south of Saoua, but withdrew. An Italian platoon advanced but was attacked and captured nearly intact. Patrols captured 18 Germans.

Two brigades from the 1st French Division relieved two brigades on the 51st Infantry Division sector during the night of last 6/7.

General:

The enemy forces are now split into three pockets. The main group is in the area Hamam-Lepleme-Bou Ficha. The enemy is determined to hold the southern flank in order to maintain a firm flank during the withdrawal to the Cape Bon
Peninsula, but the retirement on the southwestern front and the threat from the north is likely to precipitate a withdrawal of all forces in the south.

The second group is in the Laa De Bizerte-Djedeida-Bretville area and possibly consists of 20,000 men with 30 to 40 tanks.

There is another small group west of Bizerte which is unlikely to offer prolonged resistance.

Enemy supply difficulties are already evident. With communications in area Cheylus-Zaghounou-Neu Fissa running mainly north and south, it will make withdrawal from the southwest front extremely difficult.

Orders apparently given to destroy motor transport immobilized by lack of fuel.

No sign of a general evacuation yet, but consider efforts will be made to get troops away as opportunities occur. Movement of large forces into the peninsula is only possible while the enemy controls the coast road through Hassman Lif.

Approximately 15,000 prisoners have been taken by the II Corps and 1st Army.

Inhabitants of Tunis report 30 German laden ships left for Sidi Basset or northwards.

Troop movements:

30th Regimental Combat Team, recruned from the Constantine area arrived at Ghardimaou.

Incorporated in Summary:

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## Daily Allied Strength Report

(All messages paraphrased)

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**By RHP, NARA, Date 4/8/1944**
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May 5 B-26's attacked landing ground at Galat El Andeless in north Tunis.  
B-25's escorted by P-40's attacked landing ground east of Brouville.

25 aircraft destroyed or damaged on ground,  
3 P-40's missing.

May 5 DB 7's and B-25's escorted by A-20's attacked Dj Bou Aoukas.

12 DB 7's, 2 A-20's,  
and 7 B-25's damaged by flak.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

May 5 Interception patrols were flown frequently, especially near Tunis and Cape Bon areas.

Allied:

May 5 French Spitfires flew a sweep without incident.

May 4/5 A beaufighter on offensive patrol engaged 1 Ju-88.

3. Anti-Shipping:

Axis:

May 4/5 Off Cape Serrat 8 fighters and 7 bombers attacked a group of our motor torpedo boats and motor gun boats starting a sweep from Bone. (additional information to May 4 report)

Allied:

May 4 36 P-40's on a shipping sweep encountered 15 enemy aircraft.

May 5 6 B-25's attacked enemy ships. One small ship hit.  
Aft tank, one damaged, one left in flames.

Slight damage sustained by our coastal craft,  
1 returned to Tobarka.

1 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probably and 2 damaged.

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12 DB 7's, 2 A-20's,  
and 7 B-25's damaged by flak.

1 Ju-88 damaged.

1 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probably and 2 damaged.

3 enemy planes destroyed.
May 5  
B-25's escorted by P-38's flew sweep over Sicilian Straits, encountering strong fighter defensive patrol, including 6 SI-22's.  
Destroyed: 6 SI-22's,  
2 HE-109's, 1 HA-200,  
Our losses included  
1 P-38 destroyed and 1  
damaged.

May 5  
B-17's and P-38's escort flew a sweep over Sicilian Channel and North Sicily.  
1 large merchant vessel hit and sunk.

May 5  
B-26's with P-38 escort flew a sweep over the Sicilian Straits  
3 direct hits scored on a merchant vessel off shore east of Cape Zebib.

May 5  
Light and medium bombers attacked critical points in battle area.  
6 barges hit, several fires started, and 1 large explosion at Marsala. Large fires started at Trapani. Diesel ferries hit.  
3 ferries and 4 small boats sunk on shipping sweep. 1 merchant vessel exploded and disappeared and near misses were scored on another vessel in the Sicilian Straits.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

May 5  
1 enemy bomber on reconnaissance was reported between Bone and Algiers, with another performing a weather flight west from Sardinia, but well north of the African coast during the morning.

May 5  
Enemy midday reconnaissance was performed over the forward areas and of Kairouan. Planes escorted by HE-109's.

Allied:

Day 4  
1 P-39 destroyed.
5. Transports:

Axis:

May 4 No transports flights to Tunisia reported.

b. 9th Air Force:

1. Bomber:

Allied:

May 5 Light bombers attacked railroad trucks unloading in vicinity of Boula Temine.

May 5 Motor transport and jetties bombed in Cape Bon area. Interception by defensive patrols.

May 4/5 37th Group dropped 45,500 lbs of bombs on El Bibia docks and warehouse.

May 4/5 79th Group dropped 36,000 lbs of bombs on Habetin Harbour installations. Interception by enemy defensive patrol.

1 fire started.

Fires started. 2 ME-109s destroyed, and 2 damaged.

2 fires observed

1 small boat and jetty on fire after direct hits.

Targets included 1 ME-109 damaged.

Road, bridge and shore installations in area.

Near misses and 2 direct hits reported on ship.

2. Anti-Shipping:

Allied:

May 5 Fighter bombers attacked shipping.

a. Score:

Planes destroyed since last report:

Allied

2 P-39's

Axis

4 ME-109's

6 Sb-321s

1 RA-200

Enemy aircraft

2

- 5 -
Accumulated aircraft reported lost since Nov 8, 1942:

b. Sorties Flown:
1. North African Theater:
   May 3 -- RAF: 10 Hurricanes. May 4 -- 15 B-25's, 1 P-38, 59 F-39's, 4 P-51's, 65 American Spitfires, 5 Beaufighters, 36 Hurribombers, 26 Spitbombers, 10 Hudsons, 3 Libaders, 225 British Spitfires, 10 Mustangs, 3 Hurribombers, 12 French Spitfires.

c. U.S.A. Losses for Week ending May 4:
   Enemy aircraft destroyed 2 Spitfires and 6 P-39's; flak destroyed 1 B-17, 1 B-25, and 3 B-26's, damaged 12 B-25's and 11 A-20's; losses to cause unknown are, destroyed 1 B-25, 1 A-20.

(c) European Theater:
1. Anti-Shipping:
   Allied:
   May 5 An RAF Hudson based on Iceland attacked a submarine 50 miles southeast of Hafn.
   May 5 Sunderland sighted a submarine 85 miles northwest of Cape Ortegal.

2. Reconnaissance:
   Axis:
   May 4 1 RO-40 based on Trondheim was active over northern waters, and 4 from Bordeaux were active west of Portugal.
   May 5 Unidentified plane plotted on southeast course 25 miles east of Skalar, Iceland.
   May 5 8 enemy aircraft on reconnaissance over eastern end of channel, 5 off east coast of England and 1 over southwest approaches.

   Allied:
   May 4 3 F-5 A's penetrated enemy occupied coast to photograph Pecamp, Douvres, Dieppe, Le Havre, Caen, Cherbourg. All assigned areas successfully photographed. No enemy fighters or anti-aircraft encountered.
IV. Naval Action:

On night of May 4/5, 3 destroyers from Malta operated in the Sicilian Channel and afterwards proceeded to Bone.

2 other destroyers patrolled off Marittimo on same date.

Naval Losses since May 1, 1943:

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V. Ground Action:

II Corps:

1st Armored Division has now completely mopped up Dj Akhkel and has captured the high ground at Dj Hessefetine, capturing over 300 prisoners.

1st Infantry Division encountered heavy resistance along east bank of Qued Tire.

Forward elements of the 34th Division reached Dj Henda Zeid and are continuing the advance although slowed up by heavy machine gun and mortar fire.

The 9th Division is advancing along its front.

1st and 34th Infantry Divisions were regrouping on May 5.

Several counterattacks against the 34th Division were repelled.

V Corps:

After an intense aerial bombardment the 1st Division attacked the Bou feature at 1700 hours on May 5. Attack included concentrated artillery support. 3rd Infantry Brigade secured all objectives by nightfall. No enemy counterattack developed.

Dj Bou Aoukas was captured by the 1st Division.

Enemy motor transport north of the Bou feature were successfully engaged by bombers and artillery.

Patrols of the 78th Division found enemy occupying vicinity of Sfr El Quata and Argout es Sehrir.

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IX Corps

The 7th Armored Division was about 2 miles southwest of Hassicalt and still moving east by 1500 hours on May 6.

The 6th Armored Division during same period was 1 mile west of the Hassicalt Tebourba road and is continuing the advance.

Considerable enemy movement so through Tebourba is being shelled by our artillery.

Armored attack of 6th and 7th Armored Divisions was preceded by 4th Indian Division on left and 4th Division on right crossing line at 0300 hours. After meeting minor opposition, all initial objectives were captured. The 6th and 7th Armored Divisions then launched their attacks through the Infantry. With the 6th Armored Division on the left and the 7th on the right, and in the face of stiffening resistance, the attack was pressed as noted above.

Enemy suffered heavy casualties and many prisoners have been taken.

1st Armored Division Sector:

2nd Armored Brigade engaged 5 enemy tanks in vicinity of Hemahir. The tanks later withdrew to the northeast.

Concentration of the IX Corps is now completed with Corps Headquarters now at Dj Bau Bau.

XIX Corps

Enemy has heavily mined area west and south of Font Du Faha during past few nights. Enemy Infantry is noticeably thin on the ground of the Corps sector, but are holding well-sited positions.

Attack on May 6 by Corps directed towards Zaghouan is progressing, though it is meeting with stiff resistance.

8th Army

2nd New Zealand Division located strong enemy positions in vicinity of Dj Farch. Patrons penetrating into area withdrew M4 Sherman observation posts command the
whole area, which is extensively mined.

The 5th Infantry Brigade is now on a general line south and southwest of Dj Farch.

A patrol from the L Force killed 10 and captured 3 enemy south of Dj Farch. The prisoners identified the 433rd Panzer Gren. Regiment. (164th Light Infantry Division)

In the area of the 56th Division there was increased enemy artillery activity during the day of May 5. The plan is to carry out feint attacks with artillery support on night of May 5/6.

Troop Movements:
The 77th Field Artillery Regiment departed for the Constantine area.

15th Regimental Combat Team was rerouted from the Constantine area and arrived at Ghardimaou.

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### EUROPEAN-NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OPERATIONS DIVISION
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF

Daily Allied Strength Report
(All messages paraphrased)

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II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

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1. Bomber:

**Axis:**

May 4  
Large formation of fighter bombers flew usual defensive patrols in the Gulf of Tunis-Cape Bon area.

May 4  
Enemy air activity on a larger scale and a greater number of offensive sorties were flown, especially in the latter area, where our ground forces were attacked.

2. Anti-Shipping:

**Axis:**

May 4  
Fighter bombers attacked Allied motor gun boats off Tabarka.

May 4/5  
3 enemy aircraft searched triangle Sicily-Tunisia-Sardinia for Allied naval forces; also flight south from Sicily almost to Tripolitania coast.

3. Reconnaissance:

**Axis:**

May 4  
4 enemy aircraft reported on reconnaissance during day. 3 flew west of Algiers, 2 of which were reported off Oran. Remaining aircraft covered area south from Sardinia west towards Philippeville and Bougie.

4. Transports:

**Axis:**

May 2/3  
40 Ju52's made a night crossing to Tunisia. A few Li-2-343's were reported arriving in Tunisia during early morning.
May 3 Small formation of ME-323's were reported crossing to Tunis in late afternoon. (This is the first time transports have been reported on day flights to Tunis since April 22, when the large formation was shot down.

May 3/4 30-40 JU-52's and a few ME-323's again operated over the Sicilian channel.

b. 9th Air Force (8th Army)

1. Bomber: Allied:

May 4 Heavy concentrations of light and medium bombers of the Western Desert Air Force attacked land targets in the Zebibou area. 6 fighter bombers missions dispatched, but all returned with their bombs.

2. Fighters: Allied:

May 4 Fighters and fighter bombers continued sweeps and shipping reconnaissance through the day. Targets were few and poor.

a. Score:

Planes shot down since last report:

None

Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 8, 1942:

Allied: 730 Axis: 1369

b. Sorties Flown:

1. North African Theater:

55 B-17's, 39 B-25's, 29 B-26's, 2 P-38's, 24 P-39's, 13 F-35's, 44 P-40's, 2 P-51's, 100 American Spitfires. R.A.P: 8 Spitbombers, 230 Spitfires, 19 Hurribombers, 13 Beaufighters, 1 Walrus, 3 Hudsons,

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c. European Theater:

1. Bomber:

   Allied:

   May 1     Final results of encounters with enemy fighters during bomber raid against St. Nazaire.

   May 4/5   608 RAF bombers dispatched over Dortmund.

   May 4     65 B-17's dropped 162 1/2-ton bombs (HS) on Ford and General Motors plants at Antwerp. 69 F-47's provided withdrawal support for main attack.

   11 B-24's and 19 B-17's executed a diversionary sweep escorted by 49 P-47's in Abbeville area. (This is last occasion when P-47's have provided support for bombers)

   18 enemy planes destroyed, 6 probably destroyed, 3 damaged.

   6 enemy aircraft over North Norfolk with returning bombers. Later 3 other enemy aircraft flew over same area. Minor incidents in East Anglia include several small fires started.

   30 bombers missing, 5 crashed.

   Fighter opposition mediocre, slight anti-aircraft encountered. All bombers returned safely. Both plants heavily attacked.

   Bombing results good.

   6 enemy fighters destroyed, 4 probably, and 9 damaged.

   2 returning crew members seriously wounded.

2. Fighters:

   Allied:

   May 3     122 P-47's made an uneventful high altitude sweep of the Walcheren Island area.

   No enemy fighters or anti-aircraft fire were encountered.

3. Anti-Shipping:

   Allied: Catalina from Iceland attacked enemy submarine at 1600 hours.

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4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

May 4 2 JU88’s observed over Seydjakfjordur at 15,000 feet. Later 1 unidentified aircraft observed over Eikafjordur on eastern course at very high altitude.

May 4 4 enemy aircraft on reconnaissance off east coast of England, 2 off south coast, 2 in Shetland area and 1 off east coast of Scotland.

May 3 Photo reconnaissance showed Prinz Eugen and Exodus underway in Gulf of Danzig. The Gneisenau, Schlesien and Schleswig-Holstein are at Gdynia as was previously reported for latter ship.

May 4 9 Bordeaux based JW-200’s and a few heavy fighters operated in the sea lanes.

May 4 2 JW-200’s operated from Trondheim.

IV. Naval Action:

2 merchant vessels and 1 destroyer were sighted off Ras al Kairi.

1 7000-ton merchant vessel and 1 destroyer was sunk by H.M. destroyer.

Information from survivors indicates merchant vessel was carrying a cargo of bombs and land mines from Naples to Tunis.

Norwegian ship Schebel was attacked by a submarine south of Greenland on April 21 and the Swedish ship was overdue at Belfast on April 10. As of May 5, both ships are considered lost.

Naval Score:

Sinkings since last report: 2

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V. Ground Action

II Corps

May 5 D' Afrique Corps was counterattacked in vicinity of Bas St. Ameer but repulsed the attack.

The 47th Infantry concentrated in the area near Lou Coute.

The 60th Infantry concentrated in vicinity of St. Salah Sou Kabrine.

The 39th Infantry concentrated in the vicinity of Stou De Djilalta.

The 1st Armored Division established contact with the enemy 6 miles southeast of Kateur with no identifications reported.

The 1st U.S. Infantry Division concentrated in a new sector from Gue to Aj Zanita.

The 34th Division, less 169th Infantry, concentrated in the vicinity of Dj St. Neftah.

Patrols of 168th Infantry reached Dekkhila at 1100 hours with no contact.

North of Garset Achkez the enemy still holds Djebel Cheniti, but has been cleared from the lake and the road as far as the road junction at Douar Fersouey.

Small enemy forces are still believed to be in the Djebel Achkez area.

Kateur was bombed and shelled during the day. The enemy is on the high ground about three miles east and northeast of the town. Considerable enemy movement was reported in the pass west of Chougi.

V Corps:

May 5 - 1st Division inflicted tank losses on enemy confirmed as 2 Mark VII's, 9 Mark IV's, 1 Mark III, which were subsequently destroyed by sappers. Two other tanks and one tracked vehicle claimed subsequently.
Station De Borij Tourn reported clear of enemy by 46th Division.

**XIX Corps:**
The British 1st Armored Division engaged enemy forces in the area Edj Ben Naur with artillery to assist the advance of the XIX Corps.

**XIX Corps:**
May 3/4 -- Enemy resistance stiffened with considerable increase of artillery activity. Little progress since morning of May 4.
100 prisoners of war taken in the Dj Khefifa area.

**8th Army:**
Night May 3/4 the 4th Light Armored Brigade patrolled towards Sasauf, encountered minefields south of the village and suffered a few casualties. During the day the 2nd New Zealand Division moved to concentration area at Djelidina.

**Identifications:**
1. Infantry of the 15th Panzer Division are still in the line in the Seocuf-coast sector.
2. 154th Light Division is still on Dj Gari.
3. 90th Light Division is probably still responsible for the sector northwest of Tekrouna-coast.
4. Irbens group believed to include the following:
   - 8th Tank Regiment (had 9 runners on April 28)
   - 1st Battery 43rd Flak Regiment.
   - 1st Battery 6th Flak Regiment.
   - 2nd Battalion 47th Infantry Regiment.
   - Infantry from 21st Panzer Division
   - 504th Tank Battalion
   - 20 - 88 mm guns.
5. Hq. 15th Panzer Division remained unchanged in the Batria area early in
week but was identified May 3 on plain north of Zaghoun.
6. It is believed that Infantry and Artillery elements are concentrating
in area where armour of Division is operating.
7. Hq. 21st Panzer Division was located north of Pont Du Pahs in vicinity
of Si Hamid on May 2. Elements of Division are believed to be both in Pont Du Pahs
and Ain El Aker areas.
8. Hq. 10th Panzer Division is probably in the vicinity of Chetlou.
9. Hq. Army Group believed to be in vicinity of Gue.
10. 1st Superga Division is still not identified, but may be in reserve
in Pont Du Pahs area, where some Italian were believed moved through Kairouan
after evacuation of the Grand Borsale.
11. Hanteuffel Division and attached units believed to be in northern sector
from coast.
12. Elements of 334th Division believed to be north of Medjerda.

General:
1. Situation in Bizerte-Kateur areas is still fluid.
2. Strengthening of forces in the Tunis plain continues where the enemy
is maintaining offensive, defensive tactics.
3. It is possible that this reinforcement may continue at the expense of
the southern front in the area south of Medjerda since it is vital for the enemy
to block the approaches to Tunis.
4. Enemy situation has deteriorated considerably in extreme north during
week. Expulsion from Kateur on May 3 represents deep inroad into the enemy defense
line.
5. Although bulk enemy forces undoubtedly withdrawn behind Oued Tine some
troops probably cut off and remain to be mapped up.
6. Some enemy infantry are known to be withdrawing south and intention may be to hold line of hills east of Oued Tine. This probably only delaying position since forces available insufficient without weakening other parts of front.

7. The main bulk of German armoured forces are in sector Medjerda-Sebkret El Kouria where enemy probably appreciates the main thrust.

9. Consider enemy will exert utmost effort in defense open country west and southwest of Tunis.

10. It is possible that further formations from 8th Army front may be moved to this area as additional support.

11. When forced to withdraw from present positions, the enemy may attempt defense of outer perimeter of Tunis since this port is vital for his supplies. Perimeter consists of system weapon pits and presents no formidable obstacle to our armour.

12. Strong opposition is still likely in the Pont Du Pays-Baddegave sector. With Tunies and Bizerte lost, supply problem of any troops withdrawing into Cape Bon Peninsula becomes very difficult and sustained heavy fighting would seem to be out of the question.

13. No authenticated figures on number of German tanks blown up or captured since beginning of operations on April 21. Claims of 116 for period from April 21 to April 30 believed excessive. Estimated strength is 118, of which 65 are probable runners. Italian tank strength is still estimated at totalling 35, with 15 runners.

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Summary combat claims and losses for week ending May 2 -- London:

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**Losses**

| To enemy aircraft                  | 2      | 0      | 2     |
| To enemy anti-aircraft             | 3      | 0      | 3     |
| To unknown cause                   | 4      | 71     | 75    |
| Operational losses                 | 0      | 6      | 6     |
| No losses on ground                |        |        |       |

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U. S. and British 2,022 (May 1)

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength

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1. Bomber:

**Allied:**

- May 3: Fighter bombers bombed jetties at Benzal Mimine.
- May 3: 18 B-25's escorted by 24 P-40's dropped 72 100-lb bombs from 3500 feet on the Protville-Tabouha landing grounds. **Large fire started.** 12 aircraft in southwest corner of landing ground wall covered with bursts. Direct hits on 4 enemy aircraft were observed.

2. Fighters:

**Axis:**

- May 3: Normal patrol in Tunis-Tabourba areas by small patrols.

**Allied:**

- May 2: Beaufighters flew their usual patrols.
- May 3: 1 Beaufighter caught fire but crew bailed out safely.

3. Anti-Shipping:

**Axis:**

- May 2/3: At dusk enemy aircraft attacked 6 destroyers that were making a sweep south of Marsitano.
- May 3: Enemy bombers on reconnaissance off the Algerian coast; another off Balearics. Activity at night centered on Allied shipping north and west of Bizerte.
- May 3: 1 enemy aircraft shot down by destroyers.
May 3
Extremely bad weather conditions developing rapidly and with intensity dispersed 9th Bomb Group returning from shipping sweep in Bizerte Harbour.

May 3
B-25's, B-26's, and P-38's lightening bombers with escort carried out sea sweeps during day.

No results due to lack of targets and poor visibility.

May 3
B-17's bombed Bizerte shipping.

4. Reconnaissance:

Allied:

May 2
Spitfires, P-39's and Mustangs flew reconnaissance, artillery and photo missions throughout the day.

1 JU-88 destroyed.

May 2
B-26's and Beaufighters flew reconnaissance missions north of Bone.

May 3
Many tactical reconnaissance missions flown.

May 3
Hudson's and Hurricanes carried out routine patrols on convoy escort and defense.

a. Score:

Planes destroyed since last report:

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Accumulated reported aircraft lost from May 8, 1942:

730

1869

b. European Theater:

1. Bombers:

14 planes arrived safely at own or adjacent bases. 1 plane landed in sea; 1 crashed and burned; 8 force-landed in friendly territory, but extent of damage is not yet known. 3 planes unaccounted for. Known lost:

1 full crew, 4 men of another crew.
3. Anti-Shipping:

**Axis:**

**Day 2**

Airplanes reported an enemy submarine 240 miles southeast of Bishop’s Rock.

**Day 2**

Planes attacked submarines 160 miles west, northwest of Vange, 215 miles southwest of Bishop’s Rock, and 174 miles northwest of Cape Grizagel.

4. Reconnaissance:

**Allied:**

**Day 2**

1 enemy plane made a reconnaissance of the area 120 miles east of St. Abb’s Head, Scotland, 2 off the south coast of England and 1 off the Atlantic at Brest.

**Day 3**

Photo reconnaissance showed cruiser Bismark in company with 2 Sperrbrecher, an auxiliary and 2 destroyers in the Langelufi Belt, 44 miles northeast of Kiel.

**Apr 26**

Prinz Eugen, Endyn and Schleswig-Holstein reported at Olymbia by photo reconnaissance.

**Allied:**

**May 3**

12 Ventura bombers (B-24’s) with 3 squadrons of Spitfires as escort, 2 squadrons as rear cover were dispatched over Amsterdam.

**Bombers and escort attacked by 50-60 enemy fighters on reaching Dutch coast near Ijtemden. Support and rear cover were not engaged.**

**As a diversion, 6 Bostons with 8 Mustangs as escort attacked Ijtemden.**

**2nd diversion was carried out by 9 squadrons of F-47’s and 6 squadrons of Spitfires.**

**10 Venturas missing 1 returned early due to technical trouble 1 Spitfire lost 3 FI-190’s destroyed, 2 probably, and 2 damaged.**

**Bostons attacked by many FI-190’s and BE-109’s. Escort attacked by few BE-109’s.**

**Small number of enemy aircraft encountered.**

**2 small enemy aircraft destroyed by Spitfires.**

**1 Boston missing, 1 FI-190 damaged.**
May 2: Sunderland attacked 2 surfaced enemy submarines 78 miles northwest of Cape Ortegal. 1st submarine engaged plane. 2nd attack sub sunk leaving survivors in water.

IV. Naval Action:
   a. European Theater:
   British ship Fort Victor torpedoed April 30 has sunk.
   b. North African Theater:
   During night of May 1/2 destroyers operated off Garritsime in the Sicilian Channel.

   Two groups of motor torpedo boats made sweeps in western Gulf of Tunis, during which one motor torpedo boat was mined and sank.

   Also on night of May 2/3 two separate groups of motor torpedo boats carried out sweeps in the Bizerte roads and off Cape Bon.

   A submarine reports sinking a 450-ton schooner at anchor off Solanto Point in Northern Sicily on April 27.

   In an attack on a 6000-ton enemy merchant vessel on the same day a loud explosion was heard.

   Naval losses since last report:

   **Allies**
   1 motor torpedo boat
   1

   **Axis**
   1 merchant vessel -- 3000 tons
   1 merchant vessel -- 450 tons
   2

   Naval losses since May 1, 1943:
   2
V. Ground Action: II Corps

Forward elements reached:
18th Infantry -- Dj Zanit and siteb St. Feradj.
26th Infantry -- St. Abd El Racet and Ae Zamit
39th Infantry -- Initially met with no resistance and is now assembling in the area near B. Bellah.
47th Infantry -- Is now concentrating in the area near St. Rhones.
60th Infantry -- 2 miles southeast of Dj Hazemat.
Combat Command "B" -- Concentrating in the Mateur area.
C.F.A. -- Forward elements reached area south of Ben Centre.

After Mateur was evacuated and our units continued pressing forward they reported that no enemy were contacted south of Garaf Ashkel near Dj Herma.

To the south of Mateur enemy forces withdrew east of Ae Zamit.
About 200 prisoners of war were being mopped up near Dj Saidene.
No information as to the enemy's present dispositions, but it is probable that his main body of troops has withdrawn beyond Oued Tine where delaying action is possible.

V Corps

The 46th Reconnaissance Regiment has returned to the command of the 46th Division.

Eastern slope of Dj Soulahbunjob is reported clear of the enemy.

IX Corps

Concentration of the IX Corps continues.

XIX Corps

Artillery exchanges continued.

8th Army

There was very little activity on the 8th Army front May 3. Shelling decreased slightly except on the 4th Brigade front.

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The 1st Fighting French Division is moving to Spikha area.

General

1. Orders issued for movement of units to the area of the 1st Army.
   7th Armored Division
   4th Indian Division
   201st Guarda Brigade

   Movement began late on April 30.

2. Seriously depleted by casualties and exhausted by protracted front line fighting, enemy infantry in the northern sector has now given way and the situation around Kateur is very fluid at the present time. An acute shortage in personnel is demonstrated by the use of the 900 Engineer Battalion and medical corps as infantry.

3. It is not clear where the enemy expects to make a stand but part of his forces fell back southeast of Kateur and probably intend to hold the line of hills covering approaches to Tunis.

4. In the far north the enemy is likely to attempt to hold Bizerte from the heights north of Garret Ashkel and the strong natural defense line: Garret Ashkel -- Lac De Bizerte -- coast.

5. The gap at Ferryville is a weak line, but the enemy has prepared defenses in this area that may delay our penetration temporarily. However, there is insufficient evidence concerning the likely fate of Bizerte.

6. Reinforcement of the sector Medjerda -- Sebkret El Koursia indicates an enemy intention to employ the maximum effort to stem our advance over the plain to Tunis. When forced to fall back by superior forces he may fight an armoured battle over the open plain until the outer perimeter of the Tunis defenses are reached. A temporary stall is then possible on the line: Medjerda -- trench system running south to Sebkret Sekrourni -- Coud Hillane.
7. To the south there are reliable indications that Cape Bon may be held and that the last stand of the Afrika Korps may be fought in the mountains of this peninsula.

Artillery Action:

European Theater:

Night May 1/2 the enemy coastal artillery fired three rounds at Dover, 2 at Folkstone, and 1 at Deal in reply to British Coast Artillery fire on an enemy convoy.

Some houses were damaged and there were a few slight casualties.

Miscellaneous:

A Bern dispatch states that heavy bombers and fifty fighters left southern Germany for airfields near Lyon and Marseille.

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COMPOSITION OF COMBAT TROOPS IN NORTH AFRICA

5th Army (US)

1 (BR) Airborne Div
1 Para Bde
2 Para Bde
1 Glider Pilot Regt

II (US) Arm Corps

Hq 2 (US) Arm Div
66 Arm Regt
67 Arm Regt
11 Arm Inf Regt

VI (US) Corps

Hq 36 Inf Div
112 RCT
116 RCT
115 RCT

CM-IN-2095, May 4
18th Army Group

3 (US) Div
7 RCT
15 RCT
30th RCT

1st Army

Hq 1 Arm Div
2 Arm Div
7 Motor Bde
139 Inf Bde

V (Br) Corps

Hq 1 (Br) Inf Div
2 Inf Bde
3 Inf Bde
21st Guards Bde
25th Tank Bde

Hq 46 (Br) Inf Div
125 Inf Bde
138 Inf Bde

Hq 78 (Br) Inf Div
11 Inf Bde
36 Inf Bde
38 Inf Bde

IX (Br) Corps

201st Guards Bde

Hq 6 Arm Div
26 Arm Bde
1st (Guard) Bde

Hq 7 Arm Div
22 Arm Bde
131st Inf Bde

Hq 1 (Ind) Inf Div
5 Inf Bde
7 Inf Bde

Hq 1 (Br) Inf Div
10 Inf Bde
18 Inf Bde
21st Tank Bde

II (US) Corps

Hq 1 (US) Inf Div
16th RCT
18th RCT
26th RCT
6th Arm Inf Regt

Hq 34 (US) Inf Div
133rd RCT
135th RCT
168th RCT

Hq 9 (US) Inf Div
39th RCT
47th RCT
60th RCT

Hq 1 (US) Armored Div
13th Armored Regt

Corps Franc D' Afrique (attached)

XIX (Fr) Corps

1 Op De Tabour
2 Op De Tabour

Div Gren
1st REI
2nd RZA
6th Terrasse Reak
6th RZA
15th RZA

Div Maroc
23rd RZA
7th REM
3rd REI
315th RZA

1st Div Alger
1st RZA
9th RZA
3rd RZA

Le Cousteaux Armored Force

8th Army

X (Br) Corps

23rd Arm Bde

Hq 2 (WZ) Div
5th (WZ) Inf Bde
6th (WZ) Inf Bde
8th Arm Bde

Hq 56 (Ind) Inf Div
146th Inf Bde
167th Inf Bde

Hq 51 (1st) Inf Div
152nd Inf Bde
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154th Inf Bde

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EUROPEAN-NORTH AFRICAN THEATER
OPERATIONS DIVISION
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Daily Allied Strength Report
(All messages paraphrased)

STRENGTH IN NORTH AFRICA

ALLIED

U. S. Strength landed or in Port 343,672 (Apr 17)
British " " " " 234,617 (Mar 30)
French " " " " 150,000 (Jan 4)

728,289

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 2,022 (May 1)

AXIS

Estimated Total Strength of

In Sicily, Italy

German 725
Italian 635

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

(Lar 30) TOTAL 1,360

Estimated Total Strength

U. S. 77,008 (May 2)

British: 138,651 (Apr 29)
1st Army 100,000 (Mar 27)
8th Army 54,660 (May 2)

French: 370,319 (May 2)

NOTE: Date in paren is date that figures referred to were first reported.
II. Air:

a. North African Theater:

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<td>May 1</td>
<td>20 Bostons dropped 42 250-lb and 30 40-lb bombs from 7000 feet on enemy positions near Si Abdullah.</td>
<td>Target well covered.</td>
<td>1 B-25 belly landed at base.</td>
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<td>12 B-25's escorted by 12 Spitfires dropped 96 250-lb bombs from 8500 feet on troop concentrations at Hadour.</td>
<td>Area well covered. One large fire observed.</td>
<td>1 B-25 shot down by accurate intense flak.</td>
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<td>Apr 30</td>
<td>18 B-25's bombed junction of main Tunis-Bedj ez El Bab road.</td>
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Apr 29 12 A-20's dropped 32 300-lb, 69 100-lb, and 42 200-lb bombs from 8000 feet on Mateur defenses.

Apr 29 Derfouri attacked by following groups:
1. 12 B-25's dropped 96 250-lb bombs from 9000 feet.
2. 11 A-20's dropped 20 300-lb bombs and 50 100-lb bombs.

Two large fires seen.

May 2 Enemy tanks west of Massicault bombed by 12 A-20's.

Concentration of 1 enemy aircraft tanks well covered shot down by bursts, 4 explosions observed.

May 2 18 Hurribombers escorted by 23 Spitfires bombed enemy concentrations 3 miles west of Tebourba.

Fires started, bombs fell in target area.

Axis:

May 2 3 enemy aircraft probably on a bombing mission approached Bone.

No attack reported.

May 2 Enemy air activity on a very low scale.

2. Fighters:

Axis:

May 2 Small defensive patrols of between 4 to 6 ME-109's and FW-190's operated throughout day in Tunis-Tebourba-Beja-Zayhouan area.

May 2 Few Italian patrols over Tunis and off Pantelleria.

Allied:

May 1 Spitfires made sorties over Medjez El Bab, Tunis, Sidi Hakin, and Beja area.

Apr 29/30 Patrols intercepted enemy aircraft travelling northeast 30 miles south of Sardinia.

1 ME-109 damaged.

5 JU-52's destroyed, 4 of which exploded in air while 5th crashed into sea. 1 Bemufighter damaged.
3. Anti-Shipping:

**Axis:**

May 1 12 He-111's and Ju88's from Sicily bombed a convoy 40 miles north of Bizerte.

**Allied:**

May 2 Strategic air force flew 15 shipping sweeps.

Apr 30 14 B-26's escorted by 16 P-38's dropped 83 500-lb bombs from 7000 feet on a 150/200 foot ship.

Apr 30 2 P-38's dropped bombs on small merchant vessels 40 miles northeast of Bizerte.

Apr 30 18 B-25's dropped 60 500-lb bombs from 8000 feet on a light cruiser near Cape Bon. Formation attacked by enemy escort planes.

May 2 36 P-40's made shipping sweep.

May 2 12 Spitbombers escorted by 24 Spitfires scored near misses on beached destroyer in Gulf of Tunis

**Destroyed:** 2 Ju-88's, 2 He-111's, 1 other aircraft destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.

**Weather prevented sightings.**

**Direct hits scored on bow and stern.**

**1 near miss—no apparent damage.**

**Direct hits scored midship and on stern. Ship left burning and apparently sinking.**

**1 3000-ton merchant vessel sunk; 1 enemy aircraft destroyed; 1 Spit- another left burning. Fire crash landed.**

4. Reconnaissance:

**Axis:**

May 2 Enemy bomber on reconnaissance

May 2 Ju-88 from Sardinia made a reconnaissance of Coast between Gran and Algiers. In afternoon reconnaissance activity apparently centered over sea east and northeast of

**Shot down off Cape Serrat.**
Day 2
On either reconnaissance or anti-shipping missions at dusk and later, aircraft were reported north of Bizerte.

Day 2
Usual patrols in Balearics during day.

Day 2
12 Spitfires on shipping reconnaissance in Gulf of Tunis intercepted. 23 enemy aircraft destroyed, 5 damaged.

Allied:
Day 1
2 F-51’s made a reconnaissance of road northeast of Font Du Pahs. 1 P-51 destroyed by flak.

Day 2
Reconnaissance planes observed several naval vessels north of Bone.

Day 2
1 P-38 on weather reconnaissance. P-38 is missing.

5. Transports:

Axis:

Day 1
40-50 Ju-52’s reported between Sicily and Tunisia.

Scores:

Planed shot down since last report:

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c. European Theater:

1. Bomber:

**Allied:**

May 3

Additional information on St. Nazaire bombing:

57 tons of bombs dropped. Formation was attacked by 15-20 fighters over Brest Peninsula.

70 crew men missing from lost planes.

3 others missing after bailing out of 1 plane that ultimately returned safely. Of returning crew, 2 men were killed, 5 seriously wounded, and 13 slightly wounded.

2 B-17's damaged in landing, 18 fighters destroyed, 8 probably and 4 damaged.

2. Fighters:

**Allied:**

Apr 29

9 Squadrons of P-47's made 3 sweeps over Pas de Calais and Holland.

3 squadrons encountered enemy fighters.

1 P-47 shot down, 1 missing.

V. Ground Action:

**II Corps:**

The 4th Tabor Group (French) has come under command of the II Corps.

The 47th Infantry inflicted casualties on enemy south of Beld Hill while the 60th Infantry captured 12 Germans. The 9th Division Artillery fired harassing fire during night of May 1/2.

The 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion moved to vicinity of Dj Nihala.

Reconnaissance units of 1st Armored Division entered Mateur at 1100 hours and continued to advance northeast and northwest.

9th Division is now in control of road junctions 10 miles west of Sidi Ahmed and 2 miles east of Jefna. 200 German prisoners already taken by 9th Division.

Reconnaissance units of 1st Infantry Division are now 3 miles west of Bodekhila.
Units of the 18th Infantry have reached a point 4½ miles west of Eddekhila, while elements of the 126th Infantry are at Dj El Arkhines. The advance continues and little resistance has been encountered so far.

**V Corps:**

Active patrolling continued on the 4th Division front on May 2.

40 tanks and 100 motor transports were located in the vicinity of Dj El Asoud by reconnaissance. The tanks were engaged by bombers while the motor transport were taken under artillery fire.

The 46th Division less 1 Brigade relieved the 78th Division May 2.

4th Division passed from under command of V Corps to command of IX Corps.

1st Division is disposed as follows: 2nd Brigade in area southwest of Dj El Asoud, 3rd Brigade in reserve are near Orich El Oued. There is no change in disposition of 24th Guards Brigade.

There was considerable enemy activity on 7th Motorized Division front near Sidi Abdullah, which brought engagement by our artillery.

46th Division is disposed as follows: 128th Brigade in area near Heidous, 138th Brigade is in reserve area southwest of Heidous.

**IX Corps:**

About 40 tanks and 100 motor transport were located in Dj El Asoud area by our reconnaissance troops.

**XIX Corps:**

The XIX Corps has been reorganized into 3 divisions as follows:

Right -- Algerian Division under Conne, 101st Expeditionary Corps under XIX Corps.

Center -- Moroccan Division under Mathinet.

Left -- Crém Division under Boissoau.

In addition to the above there is a force under Le Culcans in army reserve.

On May 2 an enemy attack in vicinity of Hir El Kherba was repulsed.
A patrol from 7th RT captured 100 prisoners 4 miles west of Bred Ben Seidane on May 2.

8th Army:

Main headquarters of the 8th Army was located 3 miles south of Halk El Kensal on May 2.

General:

1. Enemy situation generally unchanged, but forces are believed very weak in the north, where period of sustained fighting will have reduced strength considerably. Possible withdrawal may be accelerated in this area. Remainder front no changes with enemy undertaking regrouping during present lull.

Troop Movements:

15th Regimental Combat Team (3rd Infantry Division) arrived in Constantine area from Oren.

VII. Messages included in Summary:

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**OPERATIONS DIVISION**  
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### AIR STRENGTH

| **U. S. and British** | 2,022 (May 1) |

### STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

**Estimated Total Strength**

| **U. S.** | 77,008 (May 2) |
| British | 138,461 (Apr 29) |
| 1st Army | 100,000 (Mar 27) |
| 8th Army | 54,660 (Apr 28) |
| French |  |

370,319 (May 2)

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
II. Air Action:

a. North African Theater:

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<td>May 1</td>
<td>Several JU-88's and 2 torpedo bombers operated from Sicily against shipping.</td>
<td>Considerable damage inflicted.</td>
<td>1 ME-109 damaged out of 4 encountered.</td>
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b. 9th Air Force (8th Army):

1. Bomber:

Allied:

May 1  Destroyer attacked by RAF on April 30 beached. Later information: attacked again.  Several near misses claimed.

RAF bombers attacked buildings and jetis at Kelibia and Sidi Bousaid.

10 bombers of 98th Group reached Reggio Di Calabria Harbor, 30 bombers of 376th Group failed due to weather.

38 fighters of 57th Group in 3 missions dropped 23,500 lbs of bombs on shipping and shore installations.  Objective obscured by clouds forcing return. 1 aircraft broke up in air and crashed into sea; 1 plane unreported.

c. Score:

Planes destroyed since last report:

**Allied** 1 Bomber

**Axis** 0

Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 8, 1942:

725
III. Air Action, European Theater:

1. Bomber:

**Axis:**
May 1  No enemy action over UK on this date.

**Allied:**
May 1  54 B-17's attacked submarine pens at St. Nazaire during daylight. Aerial bombing on B-17's 1 bomber damaged and lost formation. 7 B-17's failed to return.

20 B-24's with Spitfire escort flew diversion for main effort by flying along coast of Brest Peninsula. Anti-aircraft intense over Brest.

2. Reconnaissance:

**Axis:**
May 1  Reconnaissance by 1 aircraft off south coast, 1 over North Sea 110 miles east of Farne Islands, and 1 east of Orkneys.

Apr 30  8 Bordeaux based FW-200's operated over Atlantic west of Bay of Biscay from early morning to early afternoon. HMS Adventure engaged by 1 which was driven off.

Unidentified aircraft plotted 150 miles north-northeast of Salar, Iceland.

**Allied:**
May 1  Photo reconnaissance showed light cruiser Nurnberg together with 2 destroyers and 2 torpedo boats headed in southwest course south of Sogne Fjord.

7 Beaufighters missing of 18 torpedo planes escorted by 40 dispatched against this force.
IV. Naval Action:

British ship Vick bound from Buenos Aires was torpedoed 525 miles southwest of Cape Clear, Ireland, on April 30. Another ship was sent to render assistance.

V. Ground Action:

a. II Corps:

On May 1st 64.1 prisoners of war passed through the 9th Division Camp; only 66 of these were German.

PATROLs of 6 Tabor have advanced as far as Tella after forcing withdrawal east of enemy force.

Heavy machine gun and mortar fire was encountered near Kef En Naour.

There has been a general stiffening of enemy resistance north of the Jefna road and in vicinity of Dj. Chacouaf. Indication that enemy intends to hold in strength the range of hills running west of Gareet Achkel and pivoting on Dj. El Ajred which covers the Jefna road.

Dj. El Ajred is reported occupied by the enemy.

b. V Corps:

Headquarters 78th Division is now 3 miles northwest of Goubellat.

Determined counterattacks north and south of the Medjerda valley in which enemy has used 504th Tank Battalion in support of infantry indicates that there is appreciation of importance of defending this vital approach to the Tebourba-Tunis plain.

South of the Medjerda River there was little interference, however, with the improvement of our forward positions in the areas around Dj. Bou Aoukas and Sidi Mediane.
Area north of Sidi Abdullah is held by the enemy.

11th Infantry Brigade relieved the 12th Infantry Brigade in area around Peter Corner on May 1.

c. IX Corps:

The 1st British Armored Division with the 139th Infantry Brigade under command of the sector previously held by the IX Corps which reverts to Armored Reserve.

Headquarters 46th Division is now 2 miles west of Medjes El Bab with 138th Infantry Brigade in same area. Balance of division is moving to same area.

In this sector enemy is less aggressive than in V Corps Sector. However, skillful use of anti-tank screens indicates that a very stubborn defense will be maintained to ward off our armor from the open country southeast of Tunis.

d. XX Corps:

The enemy took a position north of the Sacuf road on May 1 but a successful counterattack retook the position and a subsequent enemy counterattack was repulsed.

e. 8th Army:

A small local counterattack on the 169th Brigade was repulsed.

On May 1 the sector was otherwise quiet except for artillery activity on both sides.

169th Infantry Brigade relieved the 201st Guards Brigade in the coastal sector.
f. **General:**

Enemy is regrouping forces on main battleground between Medjerda River and Pont Du Paha.

g. **Troop Movements:**

3d U. S. Infantry Division, consisting of the 7th, 15th, and 30th Regimental Combat Teams departed from Oran for the Constantine area.

VI. Messages included in Summary:

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ALLIED

U. S. Strength Landed or in Port 343,672 (Apr 17)
British 234,617 (Mar 30)
French 150,000 (Jan 4)

AIR STRENGTH

U. S. and British 2,022 (May 1)

STRENGTH IN TUNISIA

Estimated Total Strength

U. S. 77,843 (Apr 21)
British: 1st Army 138,651 (Apr 29)
8th Army 100,000 (May 27)
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371,154 (Apr 29)

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<td>3 P-38's bombed a railroad bridge Results unobserved.</td>
<td>90,000 leaflets were dropped.</td>
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<td>at Gagliari dropping 1 500 lb. bomb and 12 100 lb. bombs.</td>
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<td>Weather prevented completion of bombing attack on Bizerte by 28 B-17's.</td>
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<td>12 B-26's dropped 216 100 lb. bombs on a motor vessel previously reported beached east of Bizerte.</td>
<td>Hits and near misses scored on stern of the ship.</td>
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<td>Apr 28-29</td>
<td>19 Wallingtons dropped 3 4,000 lb. bombs, 73 500 lb bombs and 432 40 lb bombs and 1,080 incendiary bombs on El Acuna Airdrome.</td>
<td>Airdrome well covered, bombs burst among hangars; a burning ship 10 miles from Zembra Island was hit and blown up.</td>
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<td>17 B-26's escorted by 22 P-40's dropped 100 100 lb. bombs and 570 20 lb fragmentation bombs on the Jabtouga landing ground.</td>
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<td>12 P-38's bombed 2 Siebel Ferries 1 direct hit on a and 3 small vessels. The formation was attacked by enemy aircraft.</td>
<td>1 ME-109 destroyed, 1 ME-109 and 1 MC-202 damaged.</td>
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<td>Siebel Ferry and a near miss on another</td>
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<td>15 B-25's escorted by 22 P-38's on a shipping sweep intercepted 13 enemy aircraft.</td>
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<td>5 enemy destroyed, 4 P-38's destroyed by the enemy and 1 by unknown cause.</td>
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Apr 29 36 P-40's dropped 12 250 lb bombs on 2 small motor vessels southeast of Hammamet.
Both vessels hit and left burning.

Apr 28 18 B-26's escorted by 24 P-40's attacked a vessel dropping 288 100 lb bombs.
Results unobserved. 3 B-26's crash landed due to flak.

Apr 27 11 B-25's dropped 48 100 lb and 56 300 lb bombs on 5 vessels in the harbor on the south side of Zembra Island.
Bombs fell among buildings on shore.

3. Transports:

Axis:

Night 40 to 50 Ju-52's landed at
Apr 28-29 Tunis and Bizerte.

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

1. Bomber:

Allied:

Apr 30 21 bombers of the 376th Group dropped 122,000 lbs of bombs on the Messina Ferry slip.

2. Anti-Shipping:

Allied:

Apr 30 RAF fighter bombers claim sunk:

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3. Transports:

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

1. Bomber:

Allied:

Apr 30 21 bombers of the 376th Group dropped 122,000 lbs of bombs on the Messina Ferry slip.
Large explosions and fires noted.

2. Anti-Shipping:

Allied:

Apr 30 RAF fighter bombers claim sunk:

144 fighters from the 57th Group flew 3 fighter bomber missions and dropped 43,000 lbs of bombs.

1 ship sunk, 1 vessel heavily damaged, 2 additional boats damaged.

1 destroyer and 1 ferry destroyed.

RAF fighter bombers claim sunk:

144 fighters of the 79th Group flew 3 fighter bomber missions dropping 40,000 lbs of bombs.

1 destroyer and 1 ferry destroyed.

4 vessels including 1 destroyer, damaged 1 destroyer and 1 motor vessel set on fire.

7 fighters destroyed, 10 damaged; 5 of our pilots are missing.

1 He-109 destroyed, 1 He-109 probably destroyed.

We lost 3 aircraft.
a. Score:

Planes destroyed since last report:

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<td>8 Fighters</td>
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Accumulated reported aircraft lost since Nov 8, 1942:

724 Allied
1843 Axis

b. Sorties Flown:

1. North African Theater:

Apr 29 - 28 B-17's, 21 B-26's, 12 B-26's, 84 F-38's, 41 P-39's, 108 P-40's, 108 American Spitfires, 4 P-38 Y4's.

RAF: 19 Wellingsons, 9 Hurribombers, 14 Hudsons, 4 Marauders, 1 Swordfish, 288 British Spitfires, 45 Hurricanes, 16 Beaufighters.

Apr 28 - RAF: 24 Bostons, 13 Beaufighters, 12 Hurricanes, 2 British Spitfires USAF, 12 B-26's, 35 B-26's, 34 A-20's, 28 F-38's, 6 F-39's, 46 P-40's.

Apr 27 - USA: 11 B-25's.

c. European Theater:

1. Bomber:

Allied: 305 RAF bombers were sent against Essen.

Night Apr 30 15 missing.

2. Fighters:

Allied: 13 P-39's lead by 9 B-17's were dispatched from Fortreath Cornwall to Fort Iautey. 1 aircraft turned back one hour out. No information as to pilot or aircraft. I left the formation and

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landed at Lisbon. It left the formation opposite Cape Vincent and it is reported from Gibraltar that they landed on the West coast of Portugal one mile northwest of Lagos.

3. Anti-Shipping:

Axis:

Apr 29 10 P-200's based on Bordeaux No attacks. operated in the Bay of Biscay, Allied convoys were shadowed.

Allied:

Apr 30 A RAP plane based on the UK attacked a sub in the Iceland Area. Results unknown.

A surfaced submarine was attacked by depth charges 145 miles north of Vaggar Faroe Islands. During the 1st attack sub fired on plane. 2d attack sank sub leaving about 40 men in the water. Wellington attacked sub 155 miles northwest of Cape Finisterre.

4. Reconnaissance:

Axis:

Apr 30 7 enemy planes made the reconnaissance off the south coast of England, 1 off the east coast and 2 in the Shetland Area.

III. Naval Action:

The U.S. Ship McKeansport in a convoy bound from the UK to New York was torpedoed and sank 225 miles east by north of Cape Farwell the 29th of April.

The Hipper last located at Wilhelmshaven 5th of April is reported to have passed through the canal April 7.
April 28th. Motor torpedo boats from Sousse operating in daylight off Cap Bon sank a 3,000 ton merchant vessel and damaged 2 minesweepers and 1 R boat. Motor torpedo boats were attacked by shore batteries and aircraft. One motor torpedo boat sustained damage and had to be sunk by our own forces. 1 enemy fighter was shot down and 2 damaged.

Night, April 29/30. Two destroyers carried out a sweep to Marittimo and sank a 2,000 ton merchant vessel off the south coast of Sicily. Same night motor torpedo boats from Bone operated off the Gulf of Tunis and American motor torpedo boats in the approaches to Bizerte. Motor torpedo boats from Sousse were active off Cap Bon Peninsula.

In spite of fact that major portion of enemy air effort has been concentrated to cover shipping, on April 29 and 30 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers, 6 merchant vessels, 3 Seibel ferries, 4 E boats, 1 F boat and several smaller vessels were sunk or severely damaged. Of above shipping, 2 destroyers, 2 merchant vessels, 1 Seibel ferry, 2 E boats, and 1 F boat definitely sunk. Light cruiser hit in bow, amidships, and on stern, and left burning.

This summary includes ships previously reported in individual reports of air action.

IV. Ground action:

a. The 12th Brigade was forced to withdraw to the area of Peter's Corner after bitter fighting which resulted in heavy losses to both sides.

In the 1st Division area all enemy attacks were held.

At least 12 enemy tanks were destroyed on the V Corps front during the 29th and 30th of April.

b. 8th Army: On April 30 a further attack by our troops in the night re-

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gained all the ground lost through enemy infiltration on the 29th.

c. General:

It is reported that the 8th Tank Regiment of the 15th Panzer Division had nine tanks operational on the 28th of April. The 1st Battery of the 43d Anti-aircraft Regiment has moved with the 8th Tank Regiment and is now under the command of the 10th Panzer Division.

Tanks on the 1st Army front April 30 did not exceed 30 in both Dj El Asoud and Sidi Abdullah Area.

Again on high scale enemy air activity was largely devoted to protecting shipping in the Gulf of Tunis - Cape Bon area. With only 1 report of enemy fighters engaging our, in general the enemy is apparently unwilling to attack. Small formations were observed in the Medjez El Bab - Kaar Tyr area with several air patrols form Pantellaria. Enemy fighter formations occasionally mixed with FW-190's, ME-109's and ME-202's were operating together. On southern front there was no enemy activity reported.

d. Troop Movements:

62d CA Regiment (less 2d and 3d Battalions) arrived at Algiers from Telerma.

VI. Messages included in Summary.

CH-IN-336 704
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